Simone Betteti

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Education

2022-2025 **Ph.D. Information Engineering**, University of Padua, Padova, IT, Project: Mathematical Models for the Virtual Brain.

2019–2022 M.Sc. Mathematical Engineering, University of Padua, Padova, IT, Graduation mark: 110 Cum Laude/110; GPA: 28.97/30.

Thesis: 'The Relationship Between MSR and Network Properties in Simple Neural Networks of the Cortex'

B.Sc. Psychological Science, University of Padua, Padova, IT, Grad-2016-2019 uation mark: 110 Cum Laude/110; GPA: 28.15/30.

Thesis: 'Structure Development in Dynamically Pruned Artificial Neural Networks'

Language

Italian Native

English C2

French A1

Computer skills

Python Full professional use

Matlab Full professional use

Java Beginner

SLURM Intermediate level user

LaTex Full professional use

Soft skills

- Effective Communication: Clear, effective and concise exposition of ideas.
- **Learning**: Fast and adaptive learner.
- Problem-Solving & Critical Thinking: Careful analysis of the problem and precise design of solutions.
- Collaboration & Teamwork: Engaging and inclusive attitude.
- Leadership & Initiative: driven ownership of projects, with a focus on empowering team members to maximize their output.
- Time Management & Organization: Prioritize tasks efficiently to meet tight deadlines.

Publications

Journals and Proceedings

Betteti S., Baggio G., Bullo F., and Zampieri S., "Input-Driven Dynamics for Robust Memory Retrieval in Hopfield Networks", Science Advances 11(17), 2025.

doi: 10.1126/sciadv.adu6991

2 Betteti S., Baggio G., and Zampieri S., On the capacity of continuous-time Hopfield models, 2024 63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2024.

doi: 10.1109/CDC56724.2024.10886497

Pre-prints

1 Betteti S., and Bullo F., "Contraction and concentration of measures with applications to theoretical neuroscience, arXiv, 2025.

doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2504.05666

2 Betteti S., Baggio G., Bullo F., and Zampieri S., "Firing Rate Models as Associative Memory: Excitatory-Inhibitory Balance for Robust Retrieval", arXiv (under review), 2024.

doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2411.07388

Internships

September Research visit, Center for Control, Dynamical Systems and Computa-2024, June tion, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA.

2025 Achievements (in progress):

- Study of classical rate models for associative memory and modern Hopfield architectures for the improvement of transformer models.
- Study of stochastic processes and their associated probability measure, with a close focus on its convergence properties.
- Study of the equilibrium tracking problem for systems with noise, where the equilibrium trajectory depends on the first moment of the stochastic process.

Supervisors: Prof. Zampieri S., Prof. Bullo F., Prof. Baggio G.

August- Thesis, Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience, NTNU, Trondheim. December Achievements:

2021 • Spike series analysis by means of Multiscale Relevance (MSR).

- Development of spiking neural networks exhibiting sustained chaotic activ-
- Analysis of the dependence of MSR on topological network properties.

Supervisors: Prof. Suweis S.S., Prof. Roudi Y.

February- **Project/Thesis**, Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, Padova.

July Achievements:

- 2019 Development of an evolutionary pruning process for a Deep Belief Network (DBN).
 - Development of equally effective DBNs architectures with high sparsity (.15 active synaptic connections at the end of training).
 - Assessment of topological similarities between synaptic explosion/pruning in biological neuronal development and DBNs.

Supervisors: Prof. Testolin A., Prof. Suweis S.S.

Summer Schools

July 2024 Summer School, SIDRA, Bertinoro, IT.

Achievements:

- Study of nonlinear ordinary differential equations (ODEs) by means of Lyapunov theory.
- Application of suitable controls to steer the system towards the set of fixed points for the ODE dynamics.

September Fall School, EITN School In Computational Neuroscience, Paris, FR.

2023 Achievements:

- Comprehensive study of biophysical, mean field, and whole brain models.
- Simulation of synaptic dynamics for single neurons.

August 2021 **Summer School**, Mathematical Methods in Computational Neuro-science, Online.

Lectures on:

- Reinforcement Learning.
- Dimensionality Reduction techniques.
- Automata.
- Spiking Neural Networks.

September Summer School, Computational and Theoretical Models in Neuro-2019 science, Venice, IT.

Achievements:

- Study of signaling in Neuronal populations.
- Inference of functional and physiological connectivity from time series of neuronal clusters' signaling.