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Education

Computational Neuroscience Center – University of Washington — Seattle, WA
Swartz Postdoctoral fellow at the Computational Neuroscience Center — October 2017–Current

Institute of Neuroscience – University of Oregon — Eugene, OR
Mazzucato lab. at the Neuroscience Department – Affiliate data science researcher — March 2020–Current

Neuroscience Dep. - Weizmann Institue of Science — Rehovot, Israel
PhD in Theoretical Neuroscience — March 2013–August 2017

- Thesis: "Neural mechanisms of memory retrieval", Advisor Prof. Misha Tsodyks

Center for Theoretical Neuroscience - Columbia University — New-York, NY
Visiting student — January–June 2016

Physics Dep. – Scuola Normale Superiore — Pisa, Italy
MSc degree in Theoretical Physics 110-110 cum laude — September 2010–June 2012

- Thesis: "B and K physics observables in split-family SUSY", Advisor Prof. Gino Isidori

Theoretical Physics Dep. – CERN — Geneva, Switzerland
Vising Student under the supervision of Prof. Gino Isidori — February 2012 –June 2012

Physics Dep. – University of Geneva — Geneva, Switzerland
Student Exchange Student, supervision of Prof. Michele Maggiore — February 2012 –June 2012

Physics Dep. – Ecole Normale Superieure — Paris, France
Student Exchange Program — November 2011 –December 2011

Physics Dep. – Scuola Normale Superiore — Pisa, Italy
BSc degree in Physics — September 2007 –June 2010

- Thesis: "Ricerca di Supersimmetria con particelle pesanti, cariche, a lunga vita media", grade 110/110 cum laude, advisor Gigi Rolandi

Scholarships & Awards

- Swartz Postdoctoral Fellowship — 2017–2020
- Feinberg Graduate School Full Scholarship — 2013–2017
- Cosyne Travel Award — 2017
- Best Poster Award (Israeli Conference for Neuroscience — 2016
- CNN Summer School fellowship — 2014–2014
- Visiting student fellowship – University of Geneva — 2012–2012

- Visiting student fellowship – Ecole Normale Superieure 2011
- HCPS Travel Award 2011
- CERN Internship fellowship 2010
- Italian governmental award for excellent students 2008
- Scuola Normale Superiore Full Graduate Scholarship 2010
- Scuola Normale Superiore Full Undergraduate Scholarship 2007
- Italian Math Olympiad Award - Gold Medal 2006
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Experience

CNN Summer School Shangai, China
Summer School student Summer 2016

– Research project: "A neural mechanism for confidence in decision making tasks", advisors Prof. Bill Newsome and Prof. Sophie Deneve

Cognitive Computing Group – IBM Watson Center Yorktown Heights, NY
Intership student under the supervision of Mattia Rigotti in Yurii Vlasov group August –October 2015

CERN Summer School Geneva, Switzerland
Intership program July –September 2020

– Research project: "J/$\Psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$*sidebandsubstraction*", *advisorSaraBolognesi*.

Publications

[1] **S. Recanatesi**, M. Katkov, S. Romani, and M. Tsodyks, "**Neural Network Model of Memory Retrieval**", *Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience, IF 2.5*, 2015.

[2] **S. Recanatesi***, M. Katkov*, and M. Tsodyks, "**Memory states and transitions between them in attractor neural networks**", *Neural computation, IF 2.21*, 2017.

[3] M. Naim*, M. Katkov*, **S. Recanatesi***, and M. Tsodyks, "**Emergence of hierarchical organization in memory for random material**", *Scientific Reports, IF 4.0, 2019.*

[4] **S. Recanatesi**, G. Ocker, M. Buice, and E. Shea-Brown, "**Dimensionality in recurrent spiking networks: global trends in activity and local origins in connectivity**", *Plos Computational Biology, IF 4.43, 2019.*

[5] **S. Recanatesi**, M. Farrell, G. Lajoie, S. Deneve, M. Rigotti, and E. Shea-Brown, "**Predictive learning as a network mechanism for extracting low-dimensional latent space representations**", *Nature Communications, IF 12.12*, 2021.

[6] **S. Recanatesi**, U. Pereira*, M. Murakami, Z. Mainen, and L. Mazzucato, "**Metastable attractors explain the variable timing of stable behavioral action sequences**", *bioRxiv | Under review in Nature Neuroscience (addressing 1st round of reviews)*, 2020.

[7] M. Farrell, **S. Recanatesi**, G. Lajoie, and E. Shea-Brown, "**Dynamic compression and expansion in a classifying recurrent neural network**", *bioRxiv | Under review in Nature Machine Intelligence*, 2020.

[8] M. Farrell, **S. Recanatesi**, C. Reid, S. Mihalas, and E. Shea-Brown, "**Autoencoder networks extract latent variables and encodethese variables in their connectomes**", *bioRxiv | Accepted in Neural Networks*, 2020.

[9] D. Voina, **S. Recanatesi**, B. Hu, E. Shea-Brown, and S. Mihalas, "**Single circuit in V1 capable of switching contexts during movement using VIP population as a switch**", *Under review in Neural Computation.*

[10] **S. Recanatesi***, S. Bradde*, V. Balasubramanian, N. Steinmetz^{+}, and E. Shea-Brown^{+}, "**A scale-dependent measure of system dimensionality**", *Under review in PRL.*

[11] D. Dahmen*, **S. Recanatesi***, G. Ocker, X. Jia, M. Helias^{+}, and E. Shea-Brown^{+}, "**Strong coupling and local control of dimensionality across brain areas**", *bioRxiv 2020.*

[12] **S. Recanatesi***, M. Farrell*, G. Lajoie, and E. Shea-Brown, "**Local and global dimensionality of deep neural networks**", *bioRxiv, 2019.*

[13] R. Pang* and **S. Recanatesi***, "**Harnessing existing cognitive sequences for flexible episodic memory**", *In preparation.*

[14] **S. Recanatesi*** and X. Jia*, "**Dynamical channels enable cross-area communication across the mouse brain**", *In preparation.*

* co-first authorship

Conferences & invited talks

Vision for action workshop (online) Julich, Germany
Invited Talk February 2021
- Title: : "Characterizing geometrical properties of action manifolds"

World wide theoretical neuroscience seminar Seattle, WA
Invited Talk December 2020
- Title: : "Linking dimensionality to computation in neural networks"

University of Oregon Eugene, OR
Invited Talk in Series "Brain and AI"
- Title: "Understanding the dimensionality of neural representations" April 2019

Neural Computation and Engineering Connection Seattle, WA
Invited Talk June –September 2018
- Title: "Signatures and mechanisms of low-dimensional neural predictive manifolds"

Computational Neuroscience Conference Seattle, WA
Invited Talk June –September 2018
- Title: : "Explaining the dimensionality of the activity in recurrent neural network through connectivity motifs"
- Poster: "Dimensionality in recurrent spiking networks"

Cosyne Salt Lake City – Lisbon
Conference in Computational Neuroscience 2016 –2020
- Poster: "Predictive learning model of hippocampal dynamics"
- Poster: "Signatures of low-dimensional neural predictive manifolds"
- Poster: "Metastable attractors explain the variable timing of stable behavioral action sequences"
- Poster: "Dimensionality control in the critical regime of balanced networks"

Israeli Conference for Neuroscience Eilat, Israel
Best Poster Award 2016

– Poster: "Memory States and transitions between them in attractor neural networks"

Winter School in Quantitative Systems Biology ICTP Trieste, Italy
2014

– Poster: "Neural network machinery of long term memory retrieval"

Teaching

- **Lesson "Attractor models of memory storage"** – Weizmann Institute of Science Spring 2017
  Neural models of Memory functions, Prof. Misha Tsodyks
- **Lesson "Echo State and Attractor Networks"** – University of Washington Spring 2019
  AMATH 422/522: Computational Modeling of Biological Systems, Prof. Eric Shea-Brown
- **Lesson "Machine learning models of information processing"** – University of Washington Spring 2018
  AMATH 534: Dynamics of Neurons and Networks

Mentoring

- **Matthew Farrell** – Graduate student in the Shea-Brown lab. 2017-2020
  Now PostDoc at Harvard, Cengiz lab. The projects aimed at characterizing neural represenations in multiple trained neural networks trained to solve specific tasks.
- **Doris Voina** – Graduate student in the Shea-Brown lab 2017-2020
  The project aimed at understanding how the visual circuit is able to switch between processing visual information with very different statistical properties. For example static and moving conditions.

Skills

– **Deep Learning:** Proficient in PyTorch, Torch, Keras, Theano

– **Professional software:** Proficienty in Python, Matlab, Mathematica, C++. Experience with R, Lua, Root.

– **Others:** Experience with Brian, XPP, Latex.

Languages

– **Italian:** native

– **English:** Full professional proficiency

– **TOEFL:** score of 112

– **Hebrew:** conversational level

– **ULPAN:** Dalet level

– **French and German:** elementary level

Extracurricular Activities

- Master degree in Piano 2001–2012
  Conservatorio di Musica L. Campiani, Mantova
- Team soccer playing in professional youth teams 1995–2007

- Volunteering in South Africa through international NGO September 2012-February 2013

Principal References

- **Prof. Eric Shea-Brown:** Postdoctoral mentor.
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- **Prof. Luca Mazzucato:** Postdoctoral mentor.
  University of Oregon – Neuroscience Institute
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- **Prof. Misha Tsodyks:** PhD advisor.
  Weizmann Institute of Science – Neuroscience
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- **Prof. Adrienne Farihall:** Senior collaborator.
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Additional references

- **Prof. Stefan Mihalas:** Senior collaborator.
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  stefanm@alleninstitute.org
- **Prof. Sandro Romani:** Senior collaborator.
  Janelia Research Campus
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- **Prof. Nick Steinmetz:** Senior collaborator.
  University of Washington – Biological structure Dept.
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