

## Machine Learning in Complex Systems

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### Relevant expertise with possible foundational impact

Theory of networks, from ordinary to higher order topologies





The average fields show *global activity events*.



Stochastic population dynamics: role of exhogenous/endogenous noise Dynamics on networks. Mathematical modeling in neuroscience



#### Outline

- Foundational aspects of our research (few representative examples):
- (a) Spectral approach to learning: pruning and feature detection.
- (b) Stochastic Hopfield model: biomimetic classifiers and generative tools



• A list of selected applications.







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$$\Phi \Lambda \Phi^{-1} = A$$







 $\mathbf{w}_{ij} = \left(\boldsymbol{\lambda}_{j}^{start} - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{i}^{final}\right) \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{ij}$ 

λ<sub>j</sub><sup>start</sup> modulate the signal on node j
λ<sub>i</sub><sup>final</sup> modulate the signal on node i





L. Buffoni, et al. Scientific reports 12.1 (2022): 1-9.

Are the eigenvalues a proxy of the feature relevance?

Buffoni, Giambagli, Chicchi



## Example: the MNIST dataset

A simple real dataset: images of zeros and ones  $\rightarrow \vec{x}_0 \in R^{784}$ 





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By applying the mask to the input images, we see what the network is looking at:



To flag the input as "1", the network checks if the central pixels are turned active

L. Chicchi, et al. arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.01183 (2024)

Chicchi, Febbe



#### (b). Stochastic Hopfield Model

$$\tau \dot{x}_i(t) = -x_i(t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j A_{ij} f\left(x_j(t)\right) + \sum_j G_{ij} \eta_j$$

- $x_i$  stands for the activity on the neuron i
- *A* is the adjacency matrix of the network;
- *G* defines the covariance matrix of noise.

 $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{c + x^2}$ 

Firing rate

A biologically sensible model



Marino, Raffaele, et al. Machine Learning: Science and Technology 5.3 (2024): 035087; Chicchi, Lorenzo, et al. arXiv preprint arXiv:2409.13470 (2024).



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- Analytically characterize the stochastic attractors under the linear noise approximation (hint: solve associated Fokker-Planck, Langevin eqs. as a function of A and G)
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Generated digits

Chicchi, Febbe, Marino, Pacifico

### Application 1: Find new supeconductors



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Root mean square error 9.5 K,  $r^2=0.95$  for a latent space of d=300

**Predicted** vs. **measured critical temperature**,  $T_c$  (K). The blue circles refer to materials from the **SuperCon database**. A fraction of 20% of the total is randomly selected as part of the testset, while the remaining 80% is used for training. The operation is repeated 50 times and the collected temperatures from each independent run stored for further processing. The orange diamonds refer to the **39 superconducting materials** present in the Hosono database. This latter contains a total of 207 (superconducting and non-superconducting) compounds.

#### The experiment



Temperature dependence of the **real part of the susceptibility** measured in zero static field for the four investigated samples:  $Pd_3HgTe_3$  (blue and magenta for sample prepared at 350 and 500 °C, respectively), PdBiTe (red), and  $Pd_2NiTe_2$  (black). Measurement of a magnetic moment of a sample which is exposed to an oscillating external magnetic field. The detection of a diamagnetic signal that is proportional to the volume fraction is an indication of the presence of a superconducting phase.

Temagamite samples (blue and magenta) do not reveal any sizeable diamagnetic susceptibility, the while clear onset of diamagnetic shielding is visible at **T=2.10K** for michenerite (red) and, even more pronounced, at T=1.06 **K** for monchetundraite (black).

Predicted critical temperatures by the ML approach:

michenerite: 1.6(0.8) K monchetundraite: 1.18(0.7) K

C. Pereti, et al. npj Computational Materials 9 71 (2023)



L. Chicchi, et al. Earth and Planetary Science Letters 620 (2023)

Levare una scala x



# Application 3: Integrated spatially resolved whole transcriptomes of single cells



Integration of scRNA-seq data with spatial data

Integration of spatial data with histology





#### Application 4: time series analysis



Assimilation and prediction of chaotic system combining model equations and neural network



#### Forecasting and financial market





