

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYMENT

since June 2019 **Associate professor** at University of Verona, Italy.

Nov. 2011 – May 2019 **Assistant professor (Ricercatore)**, at University of Verona, Italy.

Aug – Oct. 2011 **PostDoc** at University of Salerno, Italy, with Marie Curie IEF individual fellowship for 24 months (interrupted for taking up position in Verona).

July – Aug. 2010 & Aug – Nov 2009 **Visiting researcher** within the EU-FP6-ToK project HUBI (*Hungarian Bioinformatics*) at A. Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary (6 months).

July 2005 – Aug. 2009 **Research associate** (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) at AG Genominformatik, Technische Fakultät, Universität Bielefeld, Germany.
maternity leave: Sept. 2006 – Sept. 2007

April 2003 – July 2005 **Research assistant** (Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin) and **PhD student** at AG Genominformatik, Technische Fakultät, Universität Bielefeld, Germany.
maternity leave: Nov. 2004 – Oct. 2005

May – Aug 2002 & Feb. 2003 **Visiting researcher** at South African National Bioinformatics Institute (SANBI), University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, and the School of Computer Science, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, both South Africa (total 4 months).

June 1999 – Mar 2003 **Research assistant and PhD student** at the Institute of Theoretical Comp. Science at ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), Switzerland.

HIGHER EDUCATION

July 2005 **PhD degree** (grade 1, with distinction¹) in Computer Science, Universität Bielefeld, Germany; thesis *Strings in Proteomics and Transcriptomics: Algorithmic and Combinatorial Questions in Mass Spectrometry and EST Clustering*. PhD advisor: Sebastian Böcker.

May 1999 **Diplom** (German Masters degree) in Mathematics (major) and Linguistics (minor) at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany (grade 1); thesis *On Algebraic Characterizations of Regular Term Languages* (in German). Thesis advisor: Dieter Hofbauer / Dirk Siefkes.

INTERNATIONAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

Aug 2011 **Marie Curie IEF (Intra-European Fellowship for career development) within the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union** for a period of 24 months, at University of Salerno, Italy (total: Euro 244,000).

¹ German grades on scale 1 to 6, where 1 is the top grade and 4 the lowest pass.

SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**a. Program Committee Chair (PC Chair) of international conferences:**

- 31st International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2024), Sept. 23-25, 2024, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (with Edleno Silva de Moura).
- 34th Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2023), June 26-28, 2023, Marne-la-Vallée, France (with Laurent Bulteau).
- 26th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2015), 5-7 Oct. 2015, Verona, Italy (with Bill Smyth).

b. Member of the Steering Committee (SC) of international conferences:

- International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE), since 2024

c. Member of the Program Committee (PC) of international conferences:

- 17th Latin American Theoretical Informatics Symposium (LATIN 2026), April 13-17, 2026, Florianópolis, Brazil
- 32nd International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2025), Sept. 8-11, London, UK
- SIAM Conference on Applied and Computational Discrete Algorithms (ACDA25), July 30-Aug. 1, 2025, Montréal, Quebec, Canada
- 21st Symposium on Computability in Europe (CiE 2025), July 14-18, 2025, Lisbon, Portugal
- 32nd Annual European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA 2024), Track B, Sept. 2-4, 2024, Royal Holloway, UK
- 28th International Conference on Developments in Language Theory (DLT 2024), 12-16 Aug. 2024, Göttingen, Germany
- 30th International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2023), Sept. 26-28, 2023, Pisa, Italy
- 24th Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science (ICTCS 2023), Sept. 13-15, 2023, Palermo, Italy
- 29th International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2022), Nov. 8-10, 2022, Concepción, Chile
- 23rd Italian Conference on Theoretical Computer Science (ICTCS 2022), Sept. 7-9, 2022, Rome, Italy
- 23rd International Symposium on Fundamentals of Computation Theory (FCT 2021), Sept. 12-15, 2021, Athens, Greece
- 28th International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2021), Oct. 4-6, 2021, Lille, France
- 32nd International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2021), July 5-7, 2021, Ottawa, Canada
- 47th International Conference on Current Trends in Theory and Practice of Computer Science (SOFSEM 2021), Jan. 25-18, 2021, Bolzano, Italy
- 27th International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2020), 13-15 Oct. 2020, Orlando, FL, USA
- 21st Italian Conf. on Theoretical Computer Science (ICTCS 2020), Sept. 14-16, 2020, Ischia, Italy
- 31st Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2020), June 17-19, 2020, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 46th International Conference on Current Trends in Theory & Practice of Computer Science (SOFSEM 2020), Jan. 20-24, 2020, Limassol, Cyprus

- 26th Int. Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2019), Oct. 7-9, 2019, Segovia, Spain
- 19th Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2019), Sept. 8-10, 2019, Niagara Falls, NY, USA
- 18th Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2018), Aug. 20-24, 2018, Helsinki, Finland
- 29th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2018), July 16-19, 2018, Singapore
- 17th Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2017), Aug. 21-23, 2017, Boston, MA, USA
- 24th International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2017), Sep 26-29, 2017, Palermo, Italy
- 28th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2017), July 17-21, 2017, Newcastle, Australia
- 16th Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2016), Aug. 22-24, 2016, Aarhus, Denmark
- 27th Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2016), June 27-29, 2016, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 27th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2016), Aug. 17-19, 2016, Helsinki, Finland
- 22nd International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2015), Aug 31-Sep 4, 2015, London, UK
- 14th Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2014), Sept. 8-10, 2014, Wrocław, Poland
- 25th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2014), Oct. 15-17, 2014, Duluth, MN, USA
- 13th Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2013), Sept. 2-4, 2013, Sophia Antipolis, France
- 24th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2013), July 10-12, 2013, Rouen, France

d. Member of the organizing committee (OC) of international conferences, and similar duties:

- Organizer of **StringMasters 2024**, International Workshop on Open Problems on Strings, June 16 and 20, 2025, Milano, Italy (with Golnaz Badkobeh and Dominik Köppl).
- 31st International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2024), Sept. 23-25, 2024, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: **OC-member**.
- 26th Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2015), 28 June-1 July 2015, Ischia Island, Italy: **OC-member**.
- 26th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2015), Oct. 5-7, 2015, Verona, Italy: **OC-chair**.
- **Organizer** of the **11th edition of StringMasters** (with Giuditta Franco), a series of international workshops on string algorithms, at University of Verona, Feb. 20-23, 2013 (27 participants from 11 countries), see <http://stringmasters.di.univr.it>
- **Co-chair of Problems Section** for the International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA): collection and maintenance of open problems, organisation of Open Problems Session at the conferences, maintenance of webpages (Jan. 2011 - 2015).

e. Refereeing and reviewing

- **Referee** for the international journals (in alphabetical order): Algorithmica, Algorithms, Bioinformatics, The Computer Journal, Chemometrics and Intelligent Laboratory Systems, Discrete Applied Mathematics, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Bioinformatics and Computational

Biology, Information Processing Letters, Information Retrieval Journal, Journal of Combinatorial Optimization, Journal of Computer and System Sciences, Journal of Discrete Algorithms, Journal of Experimental Algorithmics, Mathematical Structures in Computer Science, Mathematics of Operations Research, RAIRO ITA (Theoretical Informatics and Applications), Theoretical Computer Science, Theory of Computing Systems.

- **Referee** for the international conferences WG 2000-2002, CIAC 2000, MFCS 2001, WADS 2001, SIROCCO 2002, TCS 2002, FOCS 2002, RECOMB 2004, STACS 2004, WABI 2004, CompLife 2006, RECOMB2006, LATIN 2007, WADS 2009, CPM 2010, BICoB 2011, CPM 2011, SPIRE 2012, ICCABS 2012, SODA 2013, BICoB 2013, WADS 2013, IWOCA 2013, WABI 2013, ESA 2013, ICCABS 2014, SEA 2014, WABI 2014, IWOCA 2014, IWOCA 2015, RECOMB-CG 2015, WADS 2015, SPIRE 2015, IWOCA 2016, CPM 2016, WABI 2016, IWOCA 2017, SPIRE 2017, WABI 2017, RECOMB 2018, IWOCA 2018, WABI 2018, WABI 2019, SPIRE 2019, WORDS 2019, SOFSEM 2020, ICTCS 2020, SPIRE 2020, CPM 2020, MFCS 2020, LATA 2020, SPIRE 2021, FCT 2021, IWOCA 2021, SOFSEM 2021, CPM 2021, DLT 2021, WADS 2021, ICTCS 2022, SPIRE 2022, ICTCS 2023, SPIRE 2023, MFCS 2024, DLT 2024, ESA2024-Track B, SPIRE 2024, DCFS 2025, SIAM-ACDA 2025, CiE 2025, DLT 2025, SPIRE 2025.
- **Reviewer** for: Israel Science Foundation (ISF), 2018; the Italian Ministry for Education, University, and Research (MIUR), 2012; the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa, 2009; tenure review for a US university, 2021.

d. Committees and other service

Scientific Committees:

- Member of the **Final Selection Committee 2025** of the program “Borse di studio - Corsi di laurea magistrale per tutte le discipline” for the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (**DAAD**), May 2025.
- Member of the **CPM Test-of-Time Award Committee** (Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching), 2024.
- Member of the **Selection Committee for a ricercatore** a tempo determinato (RTd-A, assistant professor) for the University of Bergamo, Italy, Oct. 2023.
- Member of the **EATCS (Italy) Committee for the Selection of the best Italian PhD thesis in Theoretical Computer Science**, 2021.
- Member of the **PhD Thesis Advisory Committee** (3rd supervisor) for Ana Stolnicu, International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine Ulm, Germany (2020-2025).
- **External reviewer** and member of **defense committee** for Thomas Büchler, Ulm University, Germany (defense on 10 Feb. 2024).
- Member of the **PhD committees** of Mauro Zucchelli (2013-2016), Massimiliano Rossi (2016-2019), Andrea Caucchiolo (2020-2022), Davide Cenzato (2019-2022), Sara Giuliani (2019-2022), Francesco Masillo (2020-2025), University of Verona.
- Member of the **PhD committee** of Constantin Bannert, Bielefeld University (defense 03/2009).

Service at University of Verona:

- Referente for **Sustainability**, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Verona (July 2024-).
- Member of the **Committee for the Selection of Teaching Assistants** at the Department of Computer Science, University of Verona (since Nov. 2015).
- Member of the **Selection Committee for Erasmus** of the Faculty of Sciences, University of Verona (2014-2022).
- **Referente per l'Internazionalizzazione del Collegio Didattico di Informatica** (2019-2021, informally since 2014).
- Member of the **Commissione Pratiche Studenti del Collegio Didattico di Informatica** (2019-2021).

- Responsible for setting up **Erasmus Exchanges** between University of Verona and Bielefeld University (Germany), Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (Hungary), King's College London (UK), University of Primorska Koper (Slovenia), Univ. of Jena (Germany), Univ. of Dortmund (Germany), Univ. of Helsinki (Finland): **scientific coordinator** 2012-2021 for all of these; at present scientific coordinator for Bielefeld and Jena (Germany).

Service at ETH Zurich:

- Member of **Committee for Equal Opportunities** for Women and Men at ETH Zurich, as assistant representative (Febr 2001–Mar 2002). Wrote new chapter “Equal Opportunities for Women and Men” of the “Survival Guide for PhD Students at ETH Zurich”.
- Co-head of Forum for Women in Computer Science at ETH Zurich**, a body that aims at increasing the number of female students at the Department of Computer Science. We won two out of four prizes awarded by the Swiss Ministries of Communication and Culture for efficiently and successfully bridging the IT-gap (Nov. 2001). My responsibilities included organizing one-week intensive courses for female high school students, press work, lobbying, fundraising, introducing mentoring programs and other events, leading a team, presentation at international conferences, etc. (winter 1999–Mar 2003).

Memberships:

- Member **INdAM (Gruppo GNCS)**: Istituto Nazionale di Alta Matematica “Francesco Severi”.
- Member of the **Center for Biomedical Computing** (CBMC), Verona, since 2012.
- Member of the **Centre for Combinatorics on Words & Applications** (CCWA) at Murdoch University, Perth, Australia (since 2014).

TEACHING

a. at Verona University

from 2022/23 to present	Course <i>Modelli Biologici Discreti</i> , in the Bachelor program <i>Bioinformatics</i> (32 out of 56h).
from 2021/22 to present	Course <i>Computational analysis of genome-scale sequences</i> , in the Master <i>Medical Bioinformatics</i> (LM-18) (42 h).
from 2022/23 to present	Course <i>Fundamental Algorithms in Bioinformatics</i> (72h out of 96h total): module 1: <i>Algorithm Design</i> (6h out of 42h), module 2: <i>Bioinformatics Algorithms/Algorithms in Computational Biology</i> (42h), Master <i>Medical Bioinformatics</i> (LM-18) and Master <i>Molecular and Medical Biotechnology</i> (LM-9)
Jan. 2023, Sept. 2024	PhD course <i>Advanced Data Structures for Textual Data</i> (12 h).
year 2021/22	Course <i>Fundamental Algorithms in Bioinformatics</i> (84h total): module 1: <i>Algorithm Design</i> (42h), module 2: <i>Bioinformatics Algorithms/Algorithms in Computational Biology</i> (42h), Master <i>Medical Bioinformatics</i> (LM-18) and Master <i>Molecular and Medical Biotechnology</i> (LM-9)
years 2016/17 to 2020/21	Course <i>Computational analysis of genomic sequences</i> , in the Master <i>Medical Bioinformatics</i> (LM-18) (48 h).
year 2020/21	Course <i>Fundamental Algorithms in Bioinformatics</i> (72h out of 96h total): module 1: <i>Algorithm Design</i> (24h out of 48h), module 2: <i>Bioinformatics Algorithms/Algorithms in Computational Biology</i> (48h), Master <i>Medical Bioinformatics</i> (LM-18) and Master <i>Molecular and Medical Biotechnology</i> (LM-9)
Sept. 2020	PhD course <i>Advanced Data Structures for Textual Data</i> (20 h).
years 2016/17 to 2019/20	Course <i>Bioinformatics Algorithms/Algorithms in Computational Biology</i> (module 2 of <i>Fundamental Algorithms for Bioinformatics</i>), Master

Medical Bioinformatics (LM-18) and Master Molecular and Medical Biotechnology (LM-9) (48 h).

- March 2016 **PhD course *Computational methods for handling textual data*** (together with F. Cicalese and G. Franco), at Univ. Verona (8 hrs out of 20 hrs total).
- years 2015/2016 **Course *Algorithms in Computational Biology***, for students of the Master in *Molecular and Medical Biotechnology (LM-9)*, lectures (48h plus student presentations).
- year 2014/15 **Course *Modelli Biologici Discreti***, bachelor *Bioinformatics* (48 h).
- years 2011/12 to 2014/15 **Course *Algorithms in Bioinformatics***, for students of the Master *Bioinformatica e Biotechnologie Mediche (LM-9)*, lectures and student oral presentations (48h plus student presentations).

b. at Bielefeld University

- fall 2008/09 **Course *Selected Topics in Algorithmic Bioinformatics***, for bioinformatics and computer science bachelor/masters and PhD students.
- fall 2007/08 **Course *Advanced Algorithmic Techniques for Bioinformatics*** (together with Ferdinando Cicalese, 50-50%), for bioinformatics and computer science bachelor/masters and PhD students (lectures, exercises).
- fall 2005/06 **Course *Algorithms for Mass Spectrometry***, for bioinformatics and computer science bachelor/master students (lectures, exercise sessions).
- spring 2004 **Course *Analysis of Algorithms*** (together with Hans-Michael Kaltenbach, 50-50%), for computer science bachelor/master and PhD students.
- spring 2003/04 **Reading seminar *Algorithms for Mass Spectrometry (Genomics and Proteomics)***, for bioinformatics bachelor/masters.

c. other teaching

- March 2004 **Two modules** within the block course *Advanced courses in Bioinformatics*, Universität Greifswald, Germany; for bachelor/masters bioinformatics students: ***Exact and approximate pattern matching*** and ***Introduction to suffix trees***. (1 day each)
- Febr – Mar 2003 **2 one-week intensive courses *Introduction to Algorithms for Biologists*** and ***Introduction to Programming with Perl***, for bioinformatics masters students at the South African Bioinformatics Institute (SANBI), Cape Town, South Africa (5 days each).
- July 2002 **One-week intensive course *Introduction to Algorithms for Biologists*** for bioinformatics master students at the South African Bioinformatics Institute (SANBI), Cape Town, South Africa (5 days).
- fall 1999 – Mar 2003 Organization of and teaching/presentations during one-week **introductory computer science courses** for female high school students, ETH Zurich.
- 2001 – 2005 **Teaching Assistant (T.A.)** for courses *Algorithms for MS*, *Informatics I* and *II*, Bielefeld and ETH Zürich.
- 1995 – 1998 **Student T.A. for 8 courses** in mathematics and theoretical computer science: *calculus*, *linear algebra*, *logic*, *set theory*, *discrete mathematics*, *design and analysis of algorithms*, and three one-week intensive courses: *Mathematics for physicists*, *Linear algebra*, and *Logic and computability*. Freie Universität Berlin.

STUDENTS**PhD students:**

ongoing	Simone Lucà , since Oct. 2024.
2021-2025	Francesco Masillo , <i>On Data Structures for Texts and Permutations</i> . Selected for the EATCS Award for the Best Italian PhD Thesis in Theoretical Computer Science 2025 . External reviewers: Rajeev Raman (University of Leicester, UK) and Dominik Köppl (University of Yamanashi, Japan). Defended on June 26, 2025. Now Postdoc at the Technical University Dortmund , Germany, in Johannes Fischer's group.
2019-2023	Davide Cenzato , <i>Processing and indexing large biological datasets using the Burrows-Wheeler Transform of string collections</i> . External reviewers: Enno Ohlebusch (Ulm University, Germany) and Leena Salmela (University of Helsinki, Finland). Defended on 22 Sept. 2023. Now Postdoc at University Ca' Foscari , Venice, Italy, in Nicola Prezza's group.
2019-2023	Sara Giuliani , <i>Sensitivity of the Burrows-Wheeler Transform to Small Modifications, and Other Problems on String Compressors in Bioinformatics</i> . External reviewers: Johannes Fischer (Dortmund University, Germany) and Hideo Bannai (Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Japan). Defended on 18 Sept. 2023.
2016-2020	Massimiliano Rossi , <i>Algorithms and Data Structures for Coding, Indexing, and Mining of Sequential Data</i> . Co-supervision with Ferdinando Cicalese. External reviewers: Marinella Sciortino (Univ of Palermo, Italy), Péter Burcsi (Eötvös Loránd Univ. Budapest, Hungary). Defended on Feb. 27, 2020. From Mar 2020 to Mar 2022, Massimiliano was Postdoc at the University of Florida , Gainesville, USA, in Christina Boucher's lab. Since 2022, he has been at Illumina, San Diego .

Master students:

ongoing	Thomas Tosoni , Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics.
ongoing	Vincenzo Minolfi , Master thesis in Computer Science and Engineering.
March 2024	Martina Lucà , <i>Parameters for Prefix-Free Parsing: Analysis and Experimentation</i> . Master thesis in Molecular and Medical Biotechnology. Now PhD student at University of Verona.
March 2023	Simona Busiol , <i>On Powers of BWT Images</i> . Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics.
July 2022	Elena Biagi , <i>On comparing the Bijective Burrows-Wheeler-Transform of a word and its reverse</i> . Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics. Now PhD student at University of Helsinki, supervised by Simon Puglisi.
March 2022	Sonia Morasso , <i>From multisets to phylogenetic trees</i> . Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics.
July 2021	Francesco Masillo , <i>On data structures and algorithms for permutations and the Burrows-Wheeler-Transform</i> . Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics. Earned a PhD at University of Verona.
March 2021	Anna Toffanello , <i>Experiments on the runs-ratio of the Burrows-Wheeler-Transform</i> . Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics.

- March 2020 **Imane Ait Taleb**, *Promoter Prediction in Corynebacterium Glutamicum*, Master thesis in Molecular and Medical Biotechnology, co-supervised with Jörn Kalinowski, Bielefeld University, Germany.
- March 2020 **Giulia Pegoraro**, *Characterization of Leaderless Transcripts*, Master thesis in Molecular and Medical Biotechnology, co-supervised with Jörn Kalinowski, Bielefeld University, Germany.
- March 2019 **Elena Peretti**, *An experimental study of the threshold q-gram distance*. Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics.
- March 2019 **Sara Giuliani**, *When a Dollar Makes a BWT*, Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics. **Earned a PhD** at University of Verona.
- March 2018 **Ana Damatar**, *On Computing the DCJ Distance with Duplication, Insertions and Deletions*, Master thesis in Medical Bioinformatics, co-supervised with Jens Stoye and Daniel Dörr, Bielefeld University, Germany. **Now PhD student** at Ulm University, Germany.
- March 2017 **Giovanni Pasquini**, *A study of the error profile of genomic sequences sequenced with Oxford Nanopore technology*, Master thesis in Molecular and Medical Biotechnology. The thesis work was done in collaboration with the lab of Massimo Delledonne, Dept. of Biotechnology, U. Verona. **Earned a PhD at DIGS-BB** (Dresden International Graduate School for Biomedicine and Bioengineering), Germany.
- March 2015 Alessio Milanese, *On a new distance measure for genomic repeat discovery*, **Master thesis** in Bioinformatics and Medical Biotechnology. Earned **PhD from EMBL** (European Molecular Biology Lab), Heidelberg, Germany. Now **postdoc at ETH Zurich**, in Shinichi Sunagawa's lab.

Bachelor students:

- ongoing **Pietro Mosele**, Bachelor thesis in Bioinformatics.
- ongoing **Caterina Ambrosi**, Bachelor thesis in Bioinformatics, co-supervised with Scott Hazelhurst, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- ongoing **Muhammed Refati**, *Implementing the Nussinov algorithm for RNA-folding*, Bachelor thesis in Bioinformatics.
- March 2023 **Andrea Toffaletti**, *NYM protocol: A framework for enhancing anonymity on the web*. Bachelor thesis in Computer Science (Informatica), in co-supervision with ELTE Budapest (István Seres and Péter Burcsi).
- July 2019 **Paolo Pulcini**, *Experiments on abelian complexity*, Bachelor thesis in Bioinformatics. Went on to do a master at the University of Trieste, in the program "Data Science and Scientific Computing". Now Data Engineer at **Roche Inc.**

Recent master projects (tirocini):

Alessandro Macchiella (2025), Thomas Tosoni (2024), Alice Saleri (2024), Alessandra Sabato (2024), Martina Lucà (2023), Chiara Dani (2023), Elena Soriato (2023), Vincenzo Minolfi (2023), Elena Biagi (2022), Alberto Azzari (2022), Davide Canevazzi (2021), Lorenzo Mendo (2021), Francesco Masillo (2021), Luca Parmigiani (2020), Margherita De Riu (2020), Anna Toffanello (2020), Francesco Gualdi (2020), Imane Ait Taleb (2019), Davide Cenzato (2019).

SELECTED TALKS

a. Keynote talks:

Title tba, **keynote talk** at the First Workshop on Combinatorics and the Life Sciences, Lyon, France, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2025. (scheduled)

How to use the Burrows-Wheeler Transform to construct random de Bruijn sequences, **keynote talk** at the 18th SeqBIM (Annual Meeting of the working group Séquences en Bioinformatique, Informatique et Mathématiques), Rennes, 29/11/2024.

BWT everywhere, **keynote talk** at the 35th Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2024), Fukuoka, Japan, 26/6/2024.

Dollar or no dollar, that is the question (New combinatorial results on the Burrows-Wheeler Transform), **keynote talk** at the international conference 18th Mons Days on Theoretical Informatics (Journées Montoises), Prague, Czech Republic, 9/9/2022.

b. Contributed talks at international conferences or workshops or as invited speaker at scientific institutions (since 2010):

How to use the BWT to construct random de Bruijn sequences. Fakultät für Ingenieurwissenschaften, Informatik und Psychologie, Universität Ulm, Germany, 11/2/2025.

Generating random de Bruijn sequences. Workshop "Sequences in London (2025)", London, UK, 6/2/2025.

A BWT-based algorithm for construction of random de Bruijn sequences. Talk given at the Department of Computer Science (DCC), University of Chile, Santiago, 27/3/2024.

On the Burrows-Wheeler Transform of string collections. Primavera dell'Informatica Teorica, **invited talk** in the series of the Italian Chapter of the EATCS (online and recorded), 11/1/2024.

On the combinatorics of the BWT of string collections. Workshop "Sequences in London", London, UK, 11/5/2023.

Dollar or no dollar, that is the question (New combinatorial results on the Burrows-Wheeler Transform), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC Chile), Santiago, Chile, 4/11/2022.

On the Parikh-de-Bruijn grid. Workshop on Words & Complexity, Villeurbanne (Lyon), France, 21/3/2018.

Reconstruction of Trees from Jumbled and Weighted Subtrees. 27th Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2016), Tel Aviv, Israel, 27/6/2016.

Reconstruction of Trees from Jumbled and Weighted Subtrees. AxA Workshop in memoriam Alberto Apostolico (Workshop on Advanced Algorithms on Strings), Venice, Italy, 23/6/2016.

More on Prefix Normal Words. London Stringology Days/London Algorithmic Workshop (LSD/LAW 2015), King's College London, UK, 5/2/2015.

Jumbled Pattern Matching: Online, offline, binary, or not. McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada, 10/10/2014.

Normal, Abby Normal, Prefix Normal. Seventh International Conference on Fun with Algorithms (FUN 2014), Lipari Island, Italy, 1/7/2014.

Prefix Normal Words, Binary Jumbled Pattern Matching, and Bubble Languages. London Stringology Days/London Algorithmic Workshop (LSD/LAW 2014), King's College London, UK, 7/2/2014.

Jumbled String Matching: Motivations, Variants, Algorithms. Workshop "Combinatorial structures for sequence analysis in bioinformatics", Dip. di Informatica, Sistemistica e Comunicazione, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, 27/11/2013.

Algorithms on strings and other discrete problems in bioinformatics. Center for BioMedical Computing (CBMC), Verona, Italy, 30/10/2013.

Recent Advances on Prefix Normal Words. Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science of the University of Palermo, Italy, 24/10/2013.

Some Problems and Algorithms in Non-Standard String Matching. Workshop “Search Methodologies III”, Center for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF), Bielefeld, Germany, 6/9/2012.

Non-Standard String Matching: Some Problems and Algorithms. Université Nice Sophia-Antipolis, Nice, France, 25/4/2012.

KABOOM! A new suffix-array based algorithm for clustering expression data. SPIRE 2011 Workshop on the Algorithmic Analysis of Biological Data (WAABD 2011), Pisa, Italy, 21/10/2011.

On molecules, strings, and coins: Some applications of string combinatorics in computational biology. Dept. of Computer Science, University of Verona, Italy, 15/3/2011.

Efficient Reconstruction of RC-Equivalent Strings. 21st International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2010), London (UK), 28/7/2010.

Efficient Reconstruction of RC-Equivalent Strings. Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary, 23/7/2010.

On Table Arrangements, Scrabble Freaks, and Jumbled Pattern Matching. Fifth International Conference on Fun with Algorithms (FUN 2010), Ischia (Italy), 4/6/2010.

PUBLICATIONS (order of authors in publications is alphabetical)

a. Volumes edited

1. Zsuzsanna Lipták, Ricardo Baeza-Yates (eds.): Topical Collection “String Processing and Information Retrieval” of Theory of Computing Systems, Springer Nature, to appear in 2026.
2. Zsuzsanna Lipták, Edleno Silva de Moura, Karina Mariela Figueroa Mora, Ricardo Baeza-Yates (eds.): *Proceedings of the 31st International Symposium on String Processing and Information Retrieval (SPIRE 2024)*, Sept. 23-25, 2024, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS), Springer (2024).
3. Laurent Bulteau, Zsuzsanna Lipták (eds.): *Proc. of the 34th Annual Symposium on Combinatorial Pattern Matching (CPM 2023)*, June 26-28, 2023, Marne-la-Vallée, France. Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs) vol. 259, ISBN 978-3-95977-276-1 (2023).
4. Zsuzsanna Lipták, William F. Smyth (eds.): *Special issue of Discrete Applied Mathematics on “Combinatorial Algorithms”*, Journal of Discrete Mathematics 246:1-153 (2018).
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