



Pablo Villegas Góngora

Curriculum Vitae

Personal data

Date and place of birth: June 16, 1990 (El Ejido, Almería)

Research interests

Statistical physics, phase transitions and criticality, stochastic processes, collective phenomena, biological physics.

Education

- 2018-Today **Period of Postdoctoral Orientation (POP)**, *University of Granada*.
- 2014-2018 **PhD in physics**, *University of Granada*.
Dissertation: "*Phases and phase transitions in living matter.*"
Advisor: Miguel Á. Muñoz
- 2014-2015 **MSc in Teaching Compulsory and Pre-University Secondary Education, Vocational Training and Language Teaching**, *University of Granada*.
Thesis: "*Educational applications in Vpython employing cooperative learning.*"
Advisors: Pablo I. Hurtado, Francisco de los Santos
- 2013-2014 **MSc FisyMat: Biomathematics**, *University of Granada*.
Thesis: "*Synchronization: Study and applications of the Kuramoto model.*"
Advisors: Miguel Á. Muñoz, Paolo Moretti
- 2008-2013 **BSc+MSc in Physics (Licenciado en Física)**, *University of Granada*.

Research experience

- May-Aug 2017 **Mobility grant**, *University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, UK)*.
Advisor: J.A. Bonachela
MASTS Marine Population Modelling Group. Department of Mathematics and Statistics.
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- Apr 2015 - **Doctoral grant**, *University of Granada*.
 Today Advisor: Miguel Á. Muñoz.
 Grant (FPI programme) at the Dept. Electromagnetism and Matter Physics.
 Funded by MINECO
- 2013-2015 **Scientific collaboration in the Statistical Physics Group**, *Dept. Electromagnetism and Matter Physics*, University of Granada.
- [Participation in Funded Projects ...](#)
- Apr 2015 - **Statistical physics of complex systems: From basic principles to the frontiers of matter physics, ecology and neuroscience**, *FIS2013-43201-P*, National Plan of I+D+i (MINECO).
 Today
- [Teaching...](#)
- 2017-2018 **Computational physics (Degree in Physics)**, *University of Granada*, 1.5 credits.
- 2017-2018 **Physics of complex systems (Degree in Physics)**, *University of Granada*, 1.5 credits.
- 2016-2017 **Statistical physics (Degree in Physics)**, *University of Granada*, 1.5 credits.
- 2016-2017 **Computational physics (Degree in Physics)**, *University of Granada*, 2.2 credits.

Publications

- 2018 **S.di Santo, P.Villegas, R.Burioni & M.A.Muñoz**, *Self-organized bistability: is it a relevant concept for brain dynamics?*, In preparation.
- 2018 **S.di Santo, P.Villegas, R.Burioni & M.A.Muñoz**, *Non-normality, reactivity, and intrinsic stochasticity in neural dynamics: a non-equilibrium potential approach*, arXiv preprint arXiv:1803.07858.
- 2018 **S.di Santo*, P.Villegas*, R.Burioni & M.A.Muñoz**, *Landau-Ginzburg theory of cortex dynamics: scale-free avalanches emerge at the edge of synchronization*, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 115(7), E1356-E1365. (* Joint 1st authors).
- 2017 **S.di Santo, P.Villegas, R.Burioni & M.A.Muñoz**, *Simple unified view of branching process statistics: Random walks in balanced logarithmic potentials*, Phys. Rev. E, 95(3), 032115.
- 2016 **P.Villegas, J.M. Ruiz, J.Hidalgo & M.A.Muñoz**, *Intrinsic noise and deviations from criticality in Boolean gene-regulatory networks*, Sci. Rep. 6, 34743.
- 2014 **B.Moglia, E.Albano, P.Villegas & M.A.Muñoz**, *Interfacial depinning transitions in disordered media: revisiting an old puzzle*, J. Stat. Mech. Theory Exp., 2014(10), P10024.

2014 **P.Villegas, P.Moretti & M.A.Muñoz**, *Frustrated hierarchical synchronization and emergent complexity in the human connectome network*, *Sci. Rep.* 4, 5990.

[Proceedings ...](#)

2016 **P.Villegas, J.Hidalgo, P.Moretti & M.A.Muñoz**, *Complex synchronization patterns in the human connectome network*, *Proceedings of ECCS 2014: European Conference on Complex Systems* (pp. 69-80). Springer International Publishing.

Talks

- Jun 2016 **Kuramoto dynamics, glassy synchronization and rare regions in the human connectome**, *Quantitative Laws II: From physiology to ecology, from interaction structures to collective behavior*, Como (Italy).
- May 2016 **Neuronal avalanches: synchronization and criticality in the brain**, *I Conferences for young researchers: fostering the interdisciplinarity*, Granada (Spain).
- Oct 2015 **Complex synchronization patterns in the human connectome network**, *FISES 2015*, Badajoz (Spain).
- Jun 2015 **Hierarchical synchronization and complex patterns in the human connectome network**, *Granada Seminar on Computational and Statistical Physics*, La Herradura (Spain).
- Sep 2014 **Frustrated hierarchical synchronization and emergent complexity in the human connectome network**, *Summer School on Statistical Physics of Complex Systems*, IFISC (Palma de Mallorca, Spain).

Conferences and schools

- Nov 2016 **III Scientific Conferences of the “Carlos I” Institute of Theoretical and Computational Physics**, Granada (Spain). Attendant and poster contribution.
- Jun 2016 **Quantitative Laws II: From physiology to ecology, from interaction structures to collective behavior**, Como (Italy). Attendant and oral contribution.
- May 2016 **I Conferences for young researchers: fostering the interdisciplinarity**, Granada (Spain). Attendant and oral contribution.
- Oct 2015 **II Scientific Conferences of the “Carlos I” Institute of Theoretical and Computational Physics**, Granada (Spain). Attendant.
- Oct 2015 **FISES 2015**, Badajoz (Spain). Attendant and oral contribution.

- Sep 2015 **Net-Works 2015: Complex networks and their interdisciplinary applications**, Granada (Spain). Attendant and member of the local organizing committee.
- Jun 2015 **13th Granada Seminar on Computational and Statistical Physics**, La Herradura (Spain). Attendant, oral contribution and member of the local organizing committee.
- May 2015 **BIOMAT: Emergence and self-organization in social and biological systems**, Granada (Spain). Attendant.
- Sep 2014 **Summer School on Statistical Physics of Complex Systems**, *IFISC*, Palma de Mallorca (Spain). Attendant, oral contribution and poster.
- Apr 2014 **I Scientific Conferences of the “Carlos I” Institute of Theoretical and Computational Physics**, *Granada (Spain)*. Attendant.

Languages

Spanish **Mother tongue.**

- 2013 **Preliminary English Test (PET B1)**, *University of Cambridge*.
- 2013 **Intermediate English level (B1)**, *UGR*, Modern Language Centre (CLM).

Computer skills

- OS: GNU/Linux, Windows
- Document processing: LyX (\LaTeX), LibreOffice Writer, Word
- Programming: Fortran, C, Python, \LaTeX , R
- Parallel computing: OpenMP, PROTEUS (supercomputer center)
- Others: Octave (Matlab clone), Maxima (Computer algebra system), Mathematica (Computer algebra system)

Others

- Mar 2016 **Educational tools for peer production**, *20 hours*, Granada (Spain). Attendant.
- Sep 2016 **Training days: Initiation to University Teaching for FPU and FPI PhD students**, *20 hours*, Granada (Spain). Attendant.

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