**Thesis Project Form**

**Title (tentative):** Approximated entropy & dynamical states  
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### Description

**Motivation and application domain**
The spontaneous activity of cortical networks is characterized by the emergence of different dynamic states.

**General objectives and main activities**
The aim of this thesis is to use information theory methods (namely a recently developed version of approximated entropy) to characterize different network dynamics characterized by a mixture of bursting and spiking activity. Goal of this work is to apply and adapt a new algorithm to evaluate the level of entropy of the network (approximated entropy) developed at Politecnico di Torino to classify the different network dynamics and compare with the results achieved by means of the Self-Organized Criticality (SOC).

**Training Objectives (technical/analytical tools, experimental methodologies)**
Within this thesis, the master student will analyze experimental recordings by using data analysis algorithms developed in the group led by Luca Mesin of Politecnico di Torino.

**Place(s) where the thesis work will be carried out:** Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

### Additional information

**Pre-requisite abilities/skills:** Computational Neuroscience, Neuroengineering  
**Curriculum:** Bioengineering  
**Maximum number of students:** 1  
**Financial support/scholarship:** -