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Amedeo Bellunato was born in Turin, Italy on November 30th 1987.

He attended high-schools in Monza, Italy at Liceo Scientifico Paolo Frisi, where he graduated in 2007. In that year, he enrolled to the bachelor degree in Physics Engineering at Politecnico di Milano. He graduated in 2011 after a research internship on Scanning Probe Microscopy, focusing on Magnetic Force Microscopy.

Afterwards, he received a master degree in Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology at Politecnico di Milano in 2014 after a year spent as a technical student at CERN, the European Research Centre for Nuclear Research.

At CERN, he designed and implemented an innovative carbon coating system for the stainless-steel dipoles chambers of the Super Proton Synchrotron. This work was summarized in his master thesis: “Experimental Investigation on the Electron Multipacting and the Surface Conditioning”, and his first publication was published in IPAC2014 in 2014 “Implementation of Carbon Thin Film Coatings in the Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) for Electron Cloud Mitigation”.

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During his PhD he extensively collaborated with the Leiden Institute of Physics, particularly with the group of Prof. dr. Jan M. van Ruitenbeek, and with the Leiden University Medical center, particularly with Pr. Dr. Ir. Bram Koster. He also supervised two international bachelor students, respectively from France and Ukraine, and a master student from Leiden University.

He lectured Dutch high-school teachers about quantum mechanics in real world applications at the “quantum wereld” day organized by Leiden University. He has
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  The unconventional design of nanopore, nanogap, nanowire 2D sensors, invited talk.  
  Multilayered molecular nanogaps, poster.

  Dynamic single carbon tunnelling nanogaps for biomolecular detection, poster.

  Chemical tools for graphene nanotechnology, talk.  
  Dynamic single carbon-carbon tunnelling nanogaps for biomolecular detection, poster.

  Tunable Au nanogaps via Layer-by-Layer deposition of organic fillers and thiolated polyelectrolytes, talk.