Personal data

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Research interests

My main research interests aim to achieve an understanding of neuronal systems and processes at different levels of description (conceptual and qualitative) through the development and application of computational models. I want to investigate how the interaction between the dynamics of single neurons give rise to neuronal assemblies and what the roles of these cell assemblies are in perception, memory, cognition and processing in the brain. I am particularly interested in the occurrence and functions of correlated activity in -and between- neural networks, the formation and role of synchronous and a-synchronous states in the brain and the self-organising principles underlying these phenomena. Ultimately, I wish to discover how these principles and processes of the brain self-organise and give rise to behavior, memory and consciousness.

Keywords: - Computational & systems neuroscience

- Neuronal dynamics, oscillations, plasticity, adaptation and organisation

Formation and role of synchronous and a-synchronous neuronal groupsDynamics of assembly formation and their functions

- How interactions at different scales give rise to consciousness

Education & training

Dates: 2017-present

TITLE: Mres in Behavior and Cognition (60ECTs)

MAIN SUBJECTS: - Computational modeling of neurons, networks, behavior and cognition

Neuroscience, cognition and brain functioning
Neuroimaging & neuronal data analysis

- Data analysis & research methodologies

Institute: Faculty of Psychology

University of Barcelona

Barcelona, Spain

Level: EQF level 7

Dates: 2013-2017

TITLE: Ba in Music and Technology (240ECTs)

Main subjects: - Programming

(Digital) signal processingSystem design & analysis

Institute: Faculty of Music and Technology

University of the Arts Utrecht Utrecht, The Netherlands

LEVEL: EQF level 6 (with Honours)

Dates: 2016-2017

TITLE: **Honours program Ba** (10ECTs)
INSTITUTE: Faculty of Music and Technology

University of the Arts Utrecht Utrecht, The Netherlands

LEVEL: EQF level 6

Dates: April-July 2017

TITLE: Extracurricular: Neural Noise and Neural Signals

MAIN SUBJECTS: - Models and measures of neural noise

- Nonlinear dynamics, stochastic processes and information theory

Institute: Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience

Humboldt University Berlin, Germany

Level: EQF level 7

Dates: April-July 2017

TITLE: Extracurricular: Machine Intelligence II

Main subjects: - Unsupervised machine learning methods

- Analysis of machine intelligence algorithms

Institute: Technical University of Berlin

Berlin, Germany

Level: EQF level 7

Dates: November-December 2016

TITLE: Extracurricular: Bayesian Statistics

Main subjects: - Conditional probabilities & bayesian inference

- Data analysis

Institute: Coursera (Duke University)

 $https://www.\ coursera.\ org/learn/bayesian$

Level: Course course

Dates: September-November 2016

TITLE: Extracurricular: Machine learning

Main subjects: - Bias-variance analysis of algorithms

- Bayesian learning, regression models & neural networks

- Java implementations

Institute: Utrecht University

Utrecht, The Netherlands

Level: EQF level 6

Dates: September-November 2016
Title: Extracurricular: Logic

Main subjects: - Set theory, predicate logic & propositional logic

- Proof by induction & natural deduction

 ${\tt INSTITUTE:} \quad \textit{Utrecht University}$

Utrecht, The Netherlands

Level: EQF level 6

Dates: 2014-2015

TITLE: Extracurricular: Audio signal processing for music applications

Main subjects: - Fourier-based signal processing & analysis

Institute: Coursera (Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Stanford University)

https://www.coursera.org/learn/audio-signal-processing

Level: Coursera course

Dates: 2012-2013

TITLE: Preparatory course Music and Technology

Institute: University of the Arts Utrecht

 $Utrecht,\ The\ Netherlands$

Dates: 2011-2012

TITLE: Several courses of Ba Science

Main subjects: - Mathematics, programming, physics, organic chemistry

 ${\tt Institute:} \quad \textit{Radboud University Nijmegen}$

Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Level: EQF level 6

Dates: 2011-2012

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{TITLE:} & \textbf{Extracurricular: Biology} \\ \text{INSTITUTE:} & ROC\ \textit{Midden\ Nederland} \end{array}$

Utrecht, The Netherlands

Level: EQF level 4

Dates: 2009-2010

TITLE: Several courses of Ba Psychology

Main subjects: - Neuronal anatomy, neurophysiology & research methodologies

Institute: Tilburg University

Tilburg, The Netherlands

Level: EQF level 6

Dates: 2003-2009

TITLE: Preparatory scientific education (VWO)

Institute: College de Heemlanden

Houten, The Netherlands

Level: EQF level 4

Student awards & grants

Dates: April-july 2017

GRANT: Jan van Scorel exchange grant GRANTED BY: University of the Arts Utrecht

Dates: November-May 2015

GRANT: Erasmus+ traineeship grant
GRANTED BY: University of the Arts Utrecht

Teaching experience

Dates: 2014-2015

Subject(s): - Second-year programming classes (C++)

- First-year programming classes (LISP & java)

Institute: University of the Arts Utrecht

PO-BOX 2471

1200CL Hilversum, The Netherlands

Working experience

Dates: 2016-2017

Position: Junior software developer

Main activities: - Database management

- GUI/UI & UX development

- Python & SQL

Employer: DDL Diagnostics Laboratory BV

Visseringlaan 25

2288ER Rijswijk, The Netherlands

SECTOR: Bio-informatics & ICT

Dates: 2015-2016

Position: Research intern

Main activities: - Individual research project

- Corpus analysis & programming

Employer: Music Technology Group

Universitat Pompeu Fabra c/Roc Boronat, 138 08018 Barcelona, Spain

SECTOR: Research

Dates: 2014-2015

Position: Student delegate at participation councol Main activities: - Representation of students to executive board

Employer: University of the Arts Utrecht

PO-BOX 2471

1200CL Hilversum, The Netherlands

SECTOR: Education

Dates: 2012-2013

Position: Administrative assistant

Main activities: - Data entry and customer service

Employer: $RHC \ Dealer groep \ BV$

Reactorweg 160

3542AD Utrecht, The Netherlands

SECTOR: Medical equipment

Skills & competencies

MOTHER TONGUE: Dutch

OTHER LANGUAGES: English (C2), German (B1) & Spanish (A1)

Programming C++ advanced

Python advanced Matlab/GNU Octave advanced Bash/shell scripting advanced LateX advanced \mathbf{R} advanced Java intermediate SQLintermediateCLisp beginner Fortran beginner

RESEARCH: - Trained in neuroscience research methods

- Experience in computational modeling of neurons & networks

- Skilled in investigation, understanding and implementation of algorithms

- Used to perform (independent) research

- Creative and resourceful

Driving licence: B