

Giovanni Palla

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Education

- 10/2019-present **PhD candidate**, *Prof Dr Fabian Theis's group*, Machine Learning and Single-Cell Genomics, Institute of Computational Biology, Helmholtz Center Munich, Munich, Germany.
Awarded Joachim Herz fellowship.
- 09/2016-11/2018 **MSc in Drug Innovation - 9.1/10 cum laude**, Graduate School of Life Sciences, *Utrecht University*, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
Awarded Erasmus+ scholarship and Otto Bayer - Bayer Foundation Fellowship, completed extra-curricular courses in Bioinformatics. Activities and societies: *Young Innovators Honour Programme*.
- 09/2013-07/2016 **BSc in Biomolecular Sciences and Technology - 110/110 cum laude**, *University of Trento*, Trento, Italy.
Merit award for outstanding results in undergraduate studies
- 06/2012 **High School Diploma-Scientific Field**, *Liceo Scientifico G.B. Quadri*, Vicenza, Italy.

Papers

- 2023 Mapping cells through time and space with Moscot, *Klein*, Palla*, Lange*, Klein*, Piran* et al.*, 10.1101/2023.05.11.540374.
bioRxiv
- 2023 SpatialData: an open and universal data framework for spatial omics, *Marconato*, Palla*, Yamauchi*, Virshup* et al.*, 10.1101/2023.05.05.539647.
bioRxiv
- 2022 Modeling Single-Cell Dynamics Using Unbalanced Parameterized Monge Maps, *Eyring*, Klein*, Palla* et al.*, Talk @ NeurIPS - LMRL Workshop 2022, 10.1101/2022.10.04.510766.
bioRxiv
- 2022 Uncertainty Quantification for Atlas-Level Cell Type Transfer, *Engelmann*, Hetzel*, Palla* et al.*, Poster @ ICML 2022 - Workshop on Computational Biology, arXiv:2211.03793.
arxiv
- 2022 Squidpy: a scalable framework for spatial omics analysis, *Palla*, Spitzer* et al.*, 10.1038/s41592-021-01358-2.
Nature Methods
- 2022 Spatial components of molecular tissue biology, *Palla*, Fischer* et al.*, 10.1038/s41587-021-01182-1.
Nature Biotechnology
- 2020 Latent Factor Modeling of scRNA-Seq Data Uncovers Dysregulated Pathways in Autoimmune Disease Patients, *Palla et al.*, 10.1016/j.isci.2020.101451.
iScience 2020

Talks and Posters

- 2023 **Poster**, *Mapping cells through time and space with Moscot*, Single Cell Genomics 2023.
Engelberg, Switzerland
- 2023 **Poster**, *SpatialData and Moscot for the integrative analysis of spatial omics data*, Human Cell Atlas General Meeting 2023.
Toronto, Canada
- 2022 **Poster**, *SpatialData: a FAIR framework for spatial multiomics data*, Single Cell Genomics 2022.
Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2022 **Invited talk**, *ECCB 2022 - Workshop on Spatial Transcriptomics and cell-cell communication modeling*.
Sitges, Spain - Virtual

- 2022 **Instructor**, *Spatial Omics Data Analysis*, SciLife Lab, 1-week course.
Stockholm, Sweden - Virtual
- 2022 **Instructor**, *Advanced topics in single-cell analysis*, Swiss Institute for Bioinformatics, 1-week course.
Basel, Switzerland

Internships

- 06/2023-08/2023 **Intern**, *BioML team*, Microsoft Research, Cambridge, MA, USA.
- 11/2018-08/2019 **Intern**, *Dr Enrico Ferrero's team*, Autoimmunity, Transplantation & Inflammation, Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research, Basel, Switzerland.
- 11/2017-08/2018 **Intern - Otto Bayer fellow**, *Dr Judith Zaugg's group*, Structural and Computational Biology Unit, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Heidelberg, Germany.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- 11/2019-12/2022 **Student representative**, MUNICH SCHOOL FOR DATA SCIENCE, Munich, Germany.
Interdisciplinary graduate program between Helmholtz Munich, TUM, LMU and DLR.
- 11/2016-09/2018 **Board Member**, CLUB ALPBACH TRENTO, Trento, Italy.
Part of the Forum Alpbach Network, European Forum Alpbach, Austria.
- 08/2016 **Scholarship holder**, EUROPEAN FORUM ALPBACH, Alpbach, Austria.
- 12/2015-12/2016 **Board member**, OWL OPEN WET LAB, MUSE (Science Museum), Trento, Italy.
First Biohacking association in Italy. Responsible for the joint-editorial staff with local newspapers.
- 01/2015-08/2016 **Science Communicator**, RAGIONEVOLMENTE, Trento.
Public events of science communication held in Trento and Bolzano.