

# Betteti Simone

University of Padua

### Education

- 2016–2019 **B.Sc. Psychological Science**, *University of Padua*, Padova, IT, Graduation mark: 110 Cum Laude/110; GPA: 28.15/30.

  Thesis: 'Structure Development in Dynamically Pruned ANNs'
- 2019–2022 M.Sc. Mathematical Engineering, University of Padua, Padova, IT, Graduation mark: 110 Cum Laude/110; GPA: 28.97/30.

  Thesis: 'The Relationship Between MSR and Network Properties in Simple Neural Networks of the Cortex'
- 2022-2025 **Ph.D. Information Engineering**, *University of Padua*, Padova, IT, Project: Mathematical Models for the Virtual Brain.

#### **Publications**

- 1 Betteti S.,Baggio G., and Zampieri S., On the capacity of continuous-time Hopfield models, 2024 63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (Accepted), 2024.
- 2 Betteti S., Baggio G., Bullo F., and Zampieri S., "Input-Driven Dynamics for Robust Memory Retrieval in Hopfield Networks", arXiv, 2024.

https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2411.05849

3 Betteti S., Baggio G., Bullo F., and Zampieri S., "Firing Rate Models as Associative Memory: Excitatory-Inhibitory Balance for Robust Retrieval", arXiv, 2024.

https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2411.07388

## Internships

February- Project/Thesis, Computational Cognitive Neuroscience Lab, Padova.

July Achievements:

2019 • Development of an evolutionary pruning process for a Deep Belief Network (DBN).

- Development of equally effective DBNs architectures with high sparsity (.15 active synaptic connections at the end of training).
- Assessment of topological similarities between synaptic explosion/pruning in biological neuronal development and DBNs.

Supervisors: Prof. Testolin A., Prof. Suweis S.S.

August- Thesis, Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience, NTNU, Trondheim.

December Achievements:

- Spike series analysis by means of Multiscale Relevance (MSR). 2021
  - Development of spiking neural networks exhibiting sustained chaotic activity.
  - Analysis of the dependence of MSR on topological network properties.

Supervisors: Prof. Suweis S.S., Prof. Roudi Y.

September Research visit, Center for Control, Dynamical Systems and Computa-2024, June tion, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA.

2025 Achievements (in progress):

- Study of classical rate models for associative memory and modern Hopfield architectures for the improvement of transformer models.
- Study of stochastic processes and their associated probability measure, with a close focus on its convergence properties.
- Study of the equilibrium tracking problem for systems with noise, where the equilibrium trajectory depends on the first moment of the stochastic process.

Supervisors: Prof. Zampieri S., Prof. Bullo F., Prof. Baggio G.

## Summer Schools

September Summer School, Computational and Theoretical Models in Neuro-2019 science, Venice, IT.

Achievements:

- Study of signaling in Neuronal populations.
- o Inference of functional and physiological connectivity from time series of neuronal clusters' signaling.

August 2021 Summer School, Mathematical Methods in Computational Neuroscience, Online.

Lectures on:

- Reinforcement Learning.
- Dimensionality Reduction techniques.
- Automata.
- Spiking Neural Networks.

September Fall School, EITN School In Computational Neuroscience, Paris, FR.

2023 Achievements:

- Comprehensive study of biophysical, mean field, and whole brain models.
- Simulation of synaptic dynamics for single neurons.

#### July 2024 Summer School, SIDRA, Bertinoro, IT.

Achievements:

- Study of nonlinear ordinary differential equations (ODEs) by means of Lyapunov theory.
- Application of suitable controls to steer the system towards the set of fixed points for the ODE dynamics.

# Computer Skills

Python: Full professional use Matlab: Full professional use

Java: Beginner

SLURM: Intermediate level user LaTex: Full professional use Office: Intermediate level user Linux, Intermediate level user

Windows:

# Language

Italian Mother tongue

English C2

French A1