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## Posizione attuale

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## Aree di specializzazione

Sound and music computing, Affective computing, Computational creativity, Computing and cultural heritage, Serious games

## Educazione

Giu 2007 Ph.D in Audiovisual Studies at the University of Udine. Supervisor: Prof. Angelo Orcalli.  
Ott 1996 M.Sc. in Electronic Engineering at the University of Padova. Supervisor: Prof. Giovanni De Poli.  
Feb 2009 DEGREE in Music Composition at the Verona Conservatory of Music. Supervisor: Prof. Andrea Mannucci  
Giu 1994 DEGREE in Violin at the Padova Conservatory of Music. Supervisor: Prof. Pietro Juvarra

## Interessi di ricerca

I miei interessi di ricerca si collocano all'interno dell'ambito scientifico **Sound and Music Computing**, che secondo la tassonomia ACM Computing Classification System 2012 è incluso in **Human-centered computing - Interactive systems and tools** e in **Applied Computing - Arts and humanities**. In particolare, i miei lavori iniziali erano finalizzati allo studio di modelli e algoritmi per l'esecuzione automatica della musica [27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33]. I risultati dell'attività sperimentale si sono concretizzati nell'implementazione del sistema CaRo [14], un software che, seguendo un approccio *rule-based*, simula l'espressività musicale di un pianista umano. CaRo ha vinto la fase finale di Rencon 2011, il più importante *contest* internazionale tra algoritmi per l'esecuzione automatica della musica.

Questi studi mi hanno portato ad approfondire la relazione tra musica ed emozioni, che rappresenta un aspetto chiave nell'esecuzione della musica. In collaborazione con il Prof. Emery Schubert, psicologo della musica della University of New South Wales, ho lavorato a modelli computazionali per il riconoscimento e la simulazione delle emozioni in musica [4, 8, 15, 35, 55, 57], tematica appartenente all'ambito scientifico denominato **Affective Computing**. I lavori in questo campo sono stati, tra l'altro, pubblicati in tre articoli sulla IEEE Transaction on Affective Computing [11, 12, 17].

Altri interessi di ricerca riguardano l'ambito del **Computing and cultural heritage**, sia per beni musicali (in collaborazione con gli archivi sonori della Fondazione Arena di Verona, del Teatro Regio di Parma, dello Studio di Fonologia della RAI) [20, 18, 19, 26], che archeologici (in collaborazione con la Prof. Paola Zanovello, archeologa) [51, 52]. In particolare mi sono occupato di studiare modelli per l'interazione gesto-suono con simulazioni digitali di strumenti musicali dell'antichità, come ad esempio un flauto di Pan proveniente dall'antico Egitto, ora conservato presso il Museo di scienze archeologiche dell'Università di Padova, e una tromba di epoca imperiale Romana, conservato presso il Museo civico di Belriguardo [42].

Negli ultimi anni, ho infine condotto un'attività di studio e sperimentazione di tecnologie per il potenziamento di persone con deficit sensoriale (in collaborazione con il Dr. Marco Ricca, psicologo della Fondazione R. Hollman) [5], cognitivo (in collaborazione con la Prof. Maja Roch, psicologa), e fisico (in collaborazione con il Prof. Stefano Masiero, medico della riabilitazione) [21]. Risultati di questo lavoro sono un ambiente multimodale per l'apprendimento potenziato (denominato *aiLearn*) [22, 23], un framework multi-avatar per la terapia nei disturbi del linguaggio [3, 47, 50], e alcuni **serious games**, tra cui: *Parrot game*, per la diagnosi precoce dei disturbi nello sviluppo del linguaggio; *Parlaspesa* per l'apprendimento dell'italiano come L2; *Resonant memory*, per l'apprendimento nella scuola primaria; *Following the cuckoo sound*, per l'allenamento alla mobilità di persone con deficit visivo acuto; *Attenti al Poi*, per facilitare l'inserimento nel mondo del lavoro di persone con Sindrome di Down.

## Principali collaborazioni scientifiche

- Prof.ssa Emily Whiting, Dept. of Computer Science. Boston University, USA
- Prof. Emery Schubert, School of the Arts and Media. University of New South Wales, Australia
- Prof. Francesco Cutugno, Lab. of Intelligent Robotics and Advanced Cognitive Systems. University Federico II of Naples
- Dott. Claudio Zmarich, Institute of Cognitive Sciences and Technologies (ISTC) of the National Research Centre (CNR), Italy
- Prof. Gianluca Foresti, Artificial Vision and Real Time Systems Laboratory (AVIRES). University of Udine, Italy
- Prof. Anders Friberg, Music Acoustics Group. KTH of Stockholm, Sweden
- Prof. Marc Leman, Institute for Psychoacoustics and Electronic Music. University of Ghent, Belgium
- Prof. Antonio Camurri, InfoMus Lab. University of Genova, Italy
- Prof. Marco Cristani, Vision, Image Processing and Sound Group. University of Verona, Italy
- Prof. Giulio Rosati, Prof. Mechatronics Group. University of Padova, Italy

## Posizioni precedenti

1997-2000	Borse di studio per la durata complessiva di 30 mesi per attività di ricerca su “Interactive systems for expressive music performance” all’Università di Padova. Supervisor: Prof. Giovanni De Poli.
2000	Borsa di studio di 4 mesi per attività di ricerca su “Study of new musical timbre”. Supervisor: Prof. Giovanni De Poli.
2001-2002	Assegno di ricerca di 18 mesi per il progetto “Expressive audio for multimedia systems”. Supervisor: Prof. Giovanni De Poli.
2003-2006	PhD student all’Università di Udine.
2008	Assegno di ricerca di 6 mesi per il progetto “Integrated systems for motor rehabilitation” all’Università di Padova. Supervisor: Prof. Guido Rossi and Prof. Giulio Rosati.

- 2009 Assegno di ricerca di 6 mesi per il progetto “Analysis, design, and develop of new methodologies for the study and fruition of musical text” all’Università di Padova. Supervisor: Prof. Nicola Orio.
- 2009 Assegno di ricerca di 12 mesi per il progetto “Study and development of algorithm for the recognitions of complex sound events and the automatic managing of digital libraries” all’Università di Udine. Supervisor: Dr. Sergio Canazza.
- 2010 Assegno di ricerca di 12 mesi per il progetto “Study and development of algorithm for the integration of audio and video sensors into a system for smart monitoring” all’Università di Udine. Supervisor: Prof. Gian Luca Foresti.

## Attività di insegnamento

Ho tenuto corsi come docente ufficiale presso le università di Padova, Udine e Trieste, in dettaglio:

- 2020-2021 Fondamenti di informatica – Università di Padova (72 hours)
- 2020-2021 Sound design and music technology – Università di Padova (42 hours)
- 2019-2020 Principles of computational creativity – Scuola di dottorato in Mind, Brain, and Computer Science - Università di Padova (6 ore)
- 2019-2020 Fondamenti di informatica – Università di Padova (72 hours)
- 2018-2019 Informatica musicale – Università of Padova (48 hours)
- 2018-2019 Fondamenti di informatica – Università di Padova (72 hours)
- 2017-2018 Informatica musicale – Università of Padova (24 hours)
- dal 2011 al 2017 Architettura degli elaboratori – Università of Padova (72 hours)
- 2007-2008 Sistemi di elaborazione delle informazioni – Università di Padova (38 hours)
- 2006-2007 Technologies for the audio restoration in multimedia documents – University of Udine (20 hours)
- 2006-2007 Acoustics and audio signal processing – University of Udine (30 hours)
- 2006-2007 Laboratory of sound and music computing – University of Udine (30 hours)
- 2003-2006 Laboratory of sound and music computin – University of Trieste. (20 hours)
- 2003-2004 Laboratory of sound and music computing – University of Udine (40 hours)

## Partecipazione a dottorati

- 2017-2019 supervisore del dottorando Edoardo Micheloni presso il Dottorato in Information Engineering dell’Università di Padova
- 2018-today supervisore del dottorando Filippo Carnovalini presso il Dottorato in Brain Mind and Computer Science, Università di Padova
- 2019-today co-supervisore della dottoranda Sofia Russo presso il Dottorato in Brain Mind and Computer Science, Università di Padova
- 2019-today Membro del Collegio di Dottorato in Brain Mind and Computer Science, Università di Padova
- 2019 Membro della commissione di dottorato in Informatica presso l’Università degli Studi di Milano del candidato Axel Chemla Romeu Santos

## Attività di servizio

- 2016-today Membro del Comitato scientifico per il corso in “General Course - Diritti umani e inclusione” dell’Università di Padova
- 2011-2019 Membro della commissione didattica della LM in Ingegneria Informatica e referente per i piani di studio

## Progetti di ricerca

Sono stato responsabile scientifico dei seguenti progetti di ricerca, portati avanti con fondi pubblici o con partner industriali:

- 2020-2021 ArTracker (IoT per il tracciamento il monitoraggio di opere d'arte). 2105-0051-1463-2019 - POR FSE 2014-2020 Regione Veneto.
- 2017-2018 Design and development of an algorithm for multi-pitch detection. Funded by Musa s.r.l.
- 2016 Design and development of algorithms for the sonorisation of images. Funded by Microtec s.r.l.
- 2015-2016 AVATAR (Smart avatar for the interactive access to literacy cultural heritage) 2105-90-2121-2015 - ESF Veneto Region dgr 1148.
- 2014-2015 SAMIP (Systems for the mobility aid of people with visual impairment) 2105/201/13/1148/2013 - ESF Veneto Region dgr 1148.
- 2014-2015 TABLE (Technological Augmented Bilingual Learning Environments) 2105/201/29/1148/2013 - ESF Veneto Region dgr 1148.
- 2012 Design and development of a system based on advanced acoustic feedback and movement tracking. Funded by Rittmeyer Institute for the Blind.
- 2002-2003 Hierarchical model for extracting high level information from multimedia contents. Funded by the University of Padova.

Inoltre, sono stato collaboratore di ricerca nei seguenti progetti nazionali e internazionali:

- 2014-2015 Archaeology & Virtual Acoustics. A pan flute from ancient Egypt. CPDA133925.
- 2011-2013 OPENSoundS - Peer Education on the internet for social sounds. EU-LLP Leonardo da Vinci Program.
- 2010-2012 DREAM - Digital Reworking/reappropriation of ElectroAcoustic Music. EA-CEA 2010-1174/001-001
- 2009-2012 SRSnet: Smart Resource-Aware Multi-Sensor Network. Interreg IV research project funded by the European Community
- 2009-2010 ADVISOR II. National project PRN 47-07
- 2009-2010 REVIVAL: REStauro dell'archivio VIcentini di Verona e sua accessibilità come Audio e-Library. National project
- 2005-2006 Preservation and On-line Fruition of the Audio Documents from the European Archives of Ethnic Music. Culture 2000 (Agreement No 2005 - 0737/001-001 CLT CA12)
- 2006 ARCHIMEDES - ARCHIvazione e Modelli per l'Editoria, per i Documenti musicali E Sonori. National project
- 2004-2007 Preservation and restoration of the magnetic tapes of electro-acoustic music by Luigi Nono. National project funded by BMG-Ricordi
- 2004-2008 Enactive Interface. FP6-EU Network of Excellence IST-1-002114
- 2000-2003 MEGA – “Multisensory Expressive Gesture Analysis”. IST-1999-20410

## Premi, riconoscimenti e incarichi in associazioni scientifiche

- 2020 Best paper award at the 22nd International conference on Human-Computer Interaction (HCII2020), July 19-24, 2020.
- dal 2018 Membro del comitato direttivo del Kansei Engineering European Group
- 2017 Best paper award a Goodtechs 2017 - - 3rd EAI International Conference on Smart Objects and Technologies for Social Good, Nov. 29-30 - Pisa, Italy
- 2012 Start Cup Veneto 2012. Finalista (terzo posto)
- 2011 Vincitore della fase finale (stage II) di Rencon 2011. Rencon (“Rendering contest”), il più importante contest internazionale tra algoritmi per l'esecuzione automatica della musica

2006 Start Cup FVG 2006. Vincitore del premio Innovation award con il progetto ARCHIMEDES

## Organizzazione di conferenze e attività di referaggio

Sono stato chair o co-chair dei seguenti eventi scientifici:

- 2021 Audio Mostly 2021. Trento, Italy (paper chair)  
2020 Special session on Serious Games to improve the quality of life – Goodtechs 2020. Antwerp, Belgium  
2019 Special session on Serious Games to improve the quality of life – Goodtechs 2019. Valencia, Spain  
2018 Special session on Serious Games to improve the quality of life – Goodtechs 2018. Bologna, Italy  
2014 International Workshop on Computer and Robotic Systems for Automatic Music Performance (SAMP14). Venice, Italy  
2013 New technologies for the diagnosis and intervention in language disorders. Piazzola sul Brenta, Italy  
2012 From musical automa to computers that play music expressively. Piazzola sul Brenta, Italy

Sono stato nei comitati scientifici o di programma di:

- 2021 9th Int. Conf on Culture and computing.  
2020 8th Int. Conf on Culture and computing.  
2016 13th Int. Conf. on Advances in Computer Entertainment Technology (ACE2016). Osaka, Japan.  
2012-today XIX Colloquio di Informatica Musicale. Trieste, Italy  
2011 Musical Performance Rendering Competition for computer systems (Rencon 2011). Padova, Italy  
International Conference on Sound and Music Computing. Padova, Italy

Ho effettuato attività di editor e reviewer per:

- Entertainment Computing (Elsevier) - guest editor,
- IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing - reviewer,
- IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing - reviewer,
- IEEE Transactions on Multimedia - reviewer,
- Signal Processing - reviewer,
- International Journal on Digital Libraries - reviewer,
- Journal of New Music Research - reviewer,
- Human Movement Science - reviewer,
- ACM/IEEE International Conference on Distributed Smart Cameras - reviewer,
- IEEE International Conference on Advanced Video and Signal Based Surveillance - reviewer,
- International Computer Music Conference - reviewer,
- Sound and Music Computing Conference - reviewer,
- Int. Symposium on Music Information Retrieval - reviewer,
- Int. Conf. on Advances in Computer Entertainment Technology - reviewer.

## Trasferimento tecnologico

- 2013-today - Fondatore e vice-presidente di Audio Innova s.r.l., spin-off dell'Università di Padova  
2016 - International patent: Method and device for the structural control of wooden poles. (Pub. No.: WO/2016/120774, International Application No.: PCT/IB2016/050352, Publication Date: 04.08.2016, International Filing Date: 25.01.2016)

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