

UNIVERSITY OF GENOA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATICS, BIOENGINEERING, ROBOTICS AND SYSTEMS ENGINEERING MASTER'S PROGRAM IN BIOENGINEERING

Thesis Project Form

Title (tentative): Development of algorithms for real-time seizure prediction

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Description

Motivation and application domain

The main goal of the thesis work consists of developing algorithm(s) based on the exploitation of Machine Learning tools (such as Spiking Neural Network -SNN) for predicting the presence of seizures in electrophysiological traces.

General objectives and main activities

The student will learn to design and optimize bioelectrical therapeutic solutions for health care, specifically consisting of a real-time interface between a computational device and a biological system. More specifically, the student will be involved in scientific and technical activities aimed at developing algorithms and then building software solutions for EEG signal analysis, specifically aimed at identifying aberrant electrophysiological patterns in the form of epileptic seizures. The algorithm(s) will be further implemented in a hardware-based SNN, to be used for implantable electroceutical solutions for epilepsy.

Training Objectives (technical/analytical tools, experimental methodologies)

The student will gain skills in developing algorithms for detecting epileptic patterns of activity. Moreover, the student will be trained to process and interpret neuronal data with appropriate tools and will learn the bases for designing and building a hardware-based SNN able to read and process in real time the incoming data.

Place(s) where the thesis work will be carried out: Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark

Additional information

Pre-requisite abilities/skills: MATLAB programming skills, signal processing, statistics, attitude to

computational work

Maximum number of students: 1

Financial support/scholarship: Erasmus grant