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Education

Summer Workshop on Dynamic Brain

Friday Harbor

Aug 2016

Computational Neuroscience in Vision

CSHL Labs

July 2014

PhD Biomedical Engineering

Penn State University

Aug 2013

BS Engineering

Harvey Mudd College

May 2005

Research Experience

Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience

PI: David Fitzpatrick

POST-DOC FELLOW

2018 - present

- Chronic calcium imaging in awake tree shrews to study the functional organization of visual cortex.

University of Pennsylvania

PI: Diego Contreras

POST-DOC FELLOW

2014 - 2017

- Electrophysiology in anesthetized cats to study thalamocortical circuits in the visual system.
- Evolution of epileptiform activity in the cat visual cortex.

Penn State University

PI: Bruce Gluckman

GRADUATE STUDENT

2008-2014

- Modeling of sleep and epilepsy circuits, algorithm development for automated sleep and seizure classification.
- Chronic recordings in freely moving rodents to study sleep and seizure relationship.

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

RESEARCH ENGINEER I

2007-2008

- Algorithm development for automated seizure classification.

Biostar West

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

2005-2007

- Hydrogel design for functional differentiation of stem cells.

Awards & Funding

NIH-NEI Small Conference Grant (R13)

2020-21

NIH-NEI Post-doctoral training fellowship (F32)

2015-19

COSYNE Travel grant

2015,2016

Travel grant for Gordon Conference on Thalamocortical Interactions

2016

NIH-NINDS Pre-doctoral training fellowship (F31)

2010-2013

Best Poster Award at 6th International Workshop on Seizure Prediction

2013

Best Poster Award at 4th International Workshop on Seizure Prediction

2009

Publications

Sinusoidal transformation of the visual field is the basis for periodic maps in V2.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, KS LEE, R SATTERFIELD, N SHULTZ, D FITZPATRICK.

Neuron

In press, 2021

A bright future for the tree shrew in neuroscience research: Summary from the inaugural Tree Shrew Users Meeting.

E SAVIER, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, R WIMMER, D FITZPATRICK.

Zoological Research

42(4): 478-81, 2021

Neuromatch Academy: Teaching Computational Neuroscience with global accessibility.

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TICS

25(7):535-538, 2021

Thalamocortical synapses in the cat visual system are weak and unreliable.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, LA PALMER, D CONTRERAS.

eLife

e41925, 2019.

Inhibition in simple cell receptive fields is broad and OFF-subregion biased.

M.M. TAYLOR, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, LA PALMER, D CONTRERAS.

J Neurosci

38(3):595-612, 2018.

Spatiotemporal evolution of focal epileptiform activity from surface and laminar field recordings in cat neocortex.

H. BINK, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, I FERNANDEZ-LAMO, L KINI, H UNG, D KUZUM, F VITALE, B LITT, D CONTRERAS.

J Neurophysiol

119(6):2068-81, 2018.

Intracellular, in vivo, dynamics of thalamocortical synapses in visual cortex.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, L VIGELAND, I FERNANDEZ-LAMO, MM TAYLOR, LA PALMER, D CONTRERAS.

J Neurosci

37(21):5250-5262, 2017.

Seizures and brain regulatory systems: Consciousness, sleep, and autonomic systems.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, H BLUMENFELD, T LODDENKEMPER, LM BATEMAN.

J Clin Neurophysiol

32(3):188-93, 2015.

α 2-adrenergic stimulation of the VLPO destabilizes the anesthetic state.

HS MCCARREN, MR CHALIFOUX, B HAN, JT MOORE, QC MENG, N BARON-HIONIS, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, D CONTRERAS, SG BECK, MB KELZ.

J Neurosci

34(49): 16385-16396, 2014.

Second order receptive field properties of simple and complex cells support a new standard model of thalamocortical circuitry in V1.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, I FERNANDEZ-LAMO, A JAEGLE, MM TAYLOR.

J Neurosci

34(34):11177-9, 2014.

REM sleep precedes seizure onset in the TeTX model of temporal lobe epilepsy.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, GI THUKU, SJ SCHIFF, SL WEINSTEIN, BJ GLUCKMAN.

J Neurosci

34(4):1105-14, 2014.

Reconstructing mammalian sleep dynamics with data assimilation.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, SJ SCHIFF, BJ GLUCKMAN.

PLoS Comp Biol

8(11):e1002788, 2012.

Data assimilation of glucose dynamics for use in the intensive care unit.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, DJ ALBERS, BJ GLUCKMAN.

IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc

Conf Proceedings, 2012.

Analyzing large data sets acquired through telemetry from rats exposed to organophosphorous compounds.

M DE ARAUJO FURTADO, A ZHENG, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, L LUMLEY, S LICHTENSTEIN, D YOURICK.

J Neurosci Meth

184(1):176-83, 2009.

Teaching and Organizing

Lead organizer for Tree Shrew Users Meeting	2020-present
Chief Instructions Officer, Neuromatch Academy	2021
Executive Committee Member, Neuromatch Academy	2020
Co-Instructor, CSHL Neural Data Science Summer Course	2019
TA, CSHL Neural Data Science Summer Course	2015,17
SAT tutor: Summit Education (Maryland) and Ivy Tutoring (Los Angeles)	2005-2008

Mentoring and Outreach

Neuromatch Academy. NMA is a volunteer-run globally accessible virtual summer school in computational neuroscience that has served 5000+ students. In 2020, I contributed to content development. In 2021, I led the team responsible for hiring and training 400 TAs. Outside the summer school, I mentor several NMA students in Iran and Europe. 2020-present

Max Planck Florida. I'm involved in several institute and community based initiatives at MPFI. In 2018, I was the supervisor for Solana Liu, a post-bac student and Saige Drecksler, a high-school student and have served as the post-doc mentor for graduate students at the institute. I've also given several public science talks, including one at the local high school, and have participated in many outreach efforts in the community. 2018-present

Philadelphia Charter Schools. During the school year, I served as the science mentor for 6th and 7th grade students in Belmont Academy. During weekly class-room visit, I would work with the kids on their science fair projects. I also served as a science fair judge for the school district of Philadelphia. 2014-17

Invited Talks

Monash University (Virtual). Sensory and Systems Neuroscience Group Seminar. A sinusoidal transformation of the visual field is the basis for striped maps in V2. Mar 2021

Vanderbilt University (Virtual). Neuroscience Brown Bag Seminar. A sinusoidal transformation of the visual field is the basis for striped maps in V2. Feb 2021

Allen Institute (Virtual). Organization of higher order visual areas. Feb 2021

University College London (Virtual). BehavioNeuro Talks. Organization of higher order visual areas. Dec 2021

University of Miami (Virtual). 4th Annual Neural Engineering Symposium. A sinusoidal transformation of the visual field. Oct 2020

Weill Cornell Medicine (Virtual). Frontiers in Neuroscience Seminar Series. Rethinking maps in the visual system. Sept 2021

University of Alabama. Vision Science Research Center Visiting Scholars Program Seminar Series. Specialized visuotopic maps anchor the functional organization of higher visual areas. Jan 2020

University of Virginia. Cang Lab. Extrastriate visual system of the tree shrew. June 2019

Society for Neuroscience. Hosted by Thomas Recording. Characterizing the thalamocortical circuit in the cat visual cortex. Oct 2017

University of Pennsylvania. Small Circuits and Behavior Meeting. Understanding thalamocortical circuitry in the early visual pathway. Aug 2014