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Open Science Framework: https://osf.io/chav7/

EDUCATION

2018 (in progress)

| Basque Center on Cognition, Brain, and Language

P.h.D in Cognitive Neuroscience

2016

| New York University, New York, NY

M.A in Psychology (General)

2014

| Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

B.A. in Psychology (minor in Statistics)

2012

| Guangzhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Guangzhou, China

B.S. in Applied Psychology

PUBLICATIONS and CONFERENCE POSTERS

Posters

- Teng, X., Mei, N., Tian, X., & Poeppel, D. (2016). Auditory temporal windows revealed by locally reversing Mandarin speech. *Society for Neurobiology of Language,* Poster (co-first-author), Cognitive Neuroscience Society, 2016
- Kim, T., Mei, N., Poeppel, D., & Flinker, A. (2015). A new acoustic space for hemispheric asymmetries. *Society for Neurobiology of Language,* Poster (co-first-author), Society for Neuroscience, 2015
- Mei, N., Sheikh, U., Santana, R., & Soto, D. (2019, September). How the brain encodes meaning: Comparing word embedding and computer vision models to predict fMRI data during visual word recognition. Cognitive *Computational Neuroscience Conference*, Berline, Germany.
- Mei, N., & Soto, D. (2019, September). Predicting human prospective beliefs and decisions to engage using multivariate classification analyses of behavioural data. *Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Conference*, Berline, Germany.

Publication

- Ning Mei, Michael Grossberg, Kenneth Ng, Karen Navarro, and Timothy Ellmore. Identifying sleep spindle with multi-channel EEG and classification optimization. Biology and Medicine. (2017)

- Timothy Ellmore, Chelsea Reichert, Kenneth Ng, and Ning Mei, Visual continuous recognition reveals widespread cortical contributions to scene memory. (under review)

- Timothy Ellmore, Michael Grossberg, Karen Navarro, Kenneth Ng, and Ning MeiA high-density scalp EEG dataset acquired during brief naps after a visual working memory task. (2018)

- Mei, N., Flinker, A., Zhu, M., Cai, Q., and Tian, X. (2020). Lateralization in the dichotic listening of tones is influenced by the content of speech. *Neuropsychologia*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuropsychologia.2020.107389

- Mei, N., Grossberg, M., Navarro, K., Ng, K., and Ellmore, T. (2018), A high-density scalp EEG dataset acquired during brief naps after a visual working memory task. *Data Brief*. 18:1513-1519. doi: 10.1016/j.dib.2018.04.073

- Ning Mei, Sean Rankine, Einar Olafsson, David Soto. (2020). Similar history biases for distinct prospective decisions of self-performance. Scientific Report.

AWARDS

Arizona State University, Dean's list	2013, 2014
Data Science RoAD-Trip (fellowship awarded)	2016

Research and Internships

Spring 2018 – present

BCBL – David Soto group

- *Doctoral researcher*
  Running psychophysics experiments, fMRI experiments, data analysis
  Ongoing project:
  - Decoding semantic categories of nouns via fMRI
  - Decoding semantic categories of masked images via fMRI
  - Decoding semantic categories of masked images via EEG
  - Decoding serial dependency of confidence ratings using RNN
  - Decoding metacognition decisions from previous attributions
  - Encoding analysis of semantic categories of nouns and masked images
  - Properties of unconscious processing

Fall 2014 – Spring 2018

David Poeppel lab

- *MA research assistant*
  Running psychophysics experiments, MEG experiments, data analysis
  Ongoing project: Investigating hemispheric asymmetry in perceiving Mandarin Tones, in conditions of hums or lexical tones.
  github.com/nmningmei/Dichotic-Listening

Spring 2015 – Fall 2016

Catherine Good lab

- *MA research assistant*

Experimental subject testing, data collection, data analysis
Data analysis on how sense of belonging in math moderating self-estimation in different confidence levels Spring 2016 – Spring 2018

Timothy Ellmore lab

- *MA research assistant*
  Develop python/Matlab Input/Output interacting scripts/protocol for EEG data processing
  Selecting features to detect target brain wave patterns (i.e. spindles, k-complex, sleeping stages) in the signal
  Automatic pipeline of non-supervised models to detect spindles (https://osf.io/fc3u5/; github.com/nmningmei/modification-pipelines)

Fall 2016 – Fall 2018
Data Science RoAD-Trip (Fund awarded, $4000)

- The RoAD-Trip Joint Data Science Plan (Mentor: Gaurav Pandey)
- Implementing machine learning algorithms to detect target brain wave patterns (i.e. spindles, k-complex)
- Implementing machine learning algorithm to classify sleeping stages within subjects (github.com/nmningmei/Spindle_by_Graphical_Features)

Spring 2017 – Spring 2018

Denis Pelli lab

- *Research assistant*
  Study of noise dynamic in visual grouping effect

Spring 2014

American Cancer Society Cancer Prevention Study – 3

- *Volunteer, Research assistant*
  Recruiting subjects, social media research

Fall 2012-Summer 2014

ASU Changemaker center, Tempe, AZ

- *Volunteer*
  Creating communities of support around new solutions/ideas

Fall 2009, Spring 2010

Canton Life Hot Line, Guangzhou, China

- *Intern*
  Consulting, recording consulting results

Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Research team, prisoner emotional health, Guangzhou, China

- *Intern*
  Collecting data about prisoners' mental health

Working experience

Fall 2012 to present

Varsity Tutor

- *Tutor*
  Multivariate Calculus, Linear Algebra, Trigonometry (high school and college levels), Statistics (i.e. research methods, analysis methods, simulation, signal detection theory), Mandarin, Programming data analysis

March 2013 to present

Translator, MCC Translation, Phoenix, AZ

SKILLS and CERTIFICATIONS

Computer Skills:

Excellent – Microsoft Office

Word, Excel, Presentation, Poster Design

Excellent – Matlab

Parametric tests, Nonparametric tests, Factorial analysis, Principle Component Analysis, Psychophysics Toolbox, Signal Processing Toolbox, Data Visualization, Scripts of Functions.

Excellent – Python

Parametric tests, Nonparametric tests, Factorial analysis, Principle Component Analysis, Bayesian Modeling, Cross Validation Model Evaluation, Data Visualization, Lambda Functions, Extensions of Python such as MNE-python (specialize in EEG, MEG data analysis), Sci-kit learn, Pandas, Theano, Tensorflow (Keras), Pytorch, and PyMC3, Import and export excel, matlab, SPSS, and SAS files to Pythonic data frames. Extract, transform, and load datasets, Psychophysics experiment via PsycoPy, Deep Neural Network Modeling

Excellent – SPSS

Parametric tests, Nonparametric tests, Factorial Analysis, Principle Component Analysis, Independent Component Analysis

Excellent – R

Parametric tests, Nonparametric tests, Factorial Analysis, Principle Component Analysis, probabilistic computation Shiny – interactive graphs
ggplot, data visualization

Good – Letax Editor

Equations and special effects in presentation slides, posters

Beginner – Julia

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Skills:

- Courses taken: Calculus/Analytic Geometry I – III, Probability, Mathematical statistics, Simulation and Data Analysis, Mathematical Tools for Psychology and Neuroscience

Statistics Skills:

- Parametric statistics, Non-parametric statistics, Factorial Analysis, Principle Component Analysis, Independent Component Analysis, Least square regression, Multivariate regression, Step-wise hierarchical regression, Logistic regression, Bayesian Inference, Machine Learning Cassification(python sci-kit learn, Theano, tensorflow, pytorch).

Language:

- Mandarin
- Cantonese, mother tongue
- English