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Work Experience

Allen Institute for Brain Science, Seattle, WA

Scientist I, December 2017-present

- Developing data-driven, hierarchical models of visual processing
- Integrating Bayesian computation into deep learning models

Education

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering, October 2017

- Thesis: *Grouping mechanisms for object-based vision and attention*
- Advisor: Ernst Niebur, PhD

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

B.S., Bioengineering (Minor in Chemistry), *summa cum laude*, May 2011

GPA: 3.99/4.0

- Swanson School of Engineering Outstanding Senior Award
- Department of Bioengineering Outstanding Student of the Year Award

Skills

Programming: Python, MATLAB, familiar with C/C++, JAVA, LabVIEW

Other Tools: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Git, L^AT_EX, HTCondor, NEST, Neuron

Operating Systems: Linux, Windows, Mac OS

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Hu, B.**, von der Heydt, R., and Niebur, E. Figure-ground organization in natural scenes: Performance of a recurrent neural model compared with neurons of area v2. *eNeuro*, 6(3), 2019. doi: 10.1523/ENEURO.0479-18.2019
2. **Hu, B.** and Niebur, E. A recurrent neural model for proto-object based contour integration and figure-ground segregation. *Journal of computational neuroscience*, 43(3):227–242, 2017. doi: 10.1007/s10827-017-0659-3
3. **Hu, B.**, Kane-Jackson, R., and Niebur, E. A proto-object based saliency model in three-dimensional space. *Vision Research*, 119:42–49, 2016. doi: 10.1016/j.visres.2015.12.004

Conference Proceedings

4. **Hu, B.**, Iyer, R., and Mihalas, S. Convolutional neural networks with extra-classical receptive fields. In *Thirty-third Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, Neuro AI Workshop, Vancouver, Canada, To appear. URL <https://openreview.net/forum?id=rkxSEQtLUS>
5. **Hu, B.**, Shang, J., Iyer, R., Siegle, J., and Mihalas, S. Does the neuronal noise in cortex help generalization? In *Thirty-third Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, Neuro AI Workshop, Vancouver, Canada, To appear. URL <https://openreview.net/forum?id=S1gc4XF8Lr>
6. **Hu, B.**, Khan, S., Niebur, E., and Tripp, B. Figure-ground representation in deep neural networks. In *IEEE CISS-2019 53rd Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems*, pages 1–6, Baltimore, MD, 2019. IEEE Information Theory Society. doi: 10.1109/CISS.2019.8693039

7. **Hu, B.**, Johnson-Bey, I., Sharma, M., and Niebur, E. Head movements are correlated with other measures of visual attention at smaller spatial scales. In *IEEE CISS-2018 52nd Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems*, pages 1–6, Princeton, NJ, 2018. IEEE Information Theory Society. doi: 10.1109/CISS.2018.8362264
8. **Hu, B.**, Johnson-Bey, I., Sharma, M., and Niebur, E. Head movements during visual exploration of natural images in virtual reality. In *IEEE CISS-2017 51st Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems*, pages 1–6, Baltimore, MD, 2017. IEEE Information Theory Society. doi: 10.1109/CISS.2017.7926138
9. **Hu, B.**, von der Heydt, R., and Niebur, E. A neural model for perceptual organization of 3D surfaces. In *IEEE CISS-2015 49th Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems*, pages 1–6, Baltimore, MD, 2015. IEEE Information Theory Society. doi: 10.1109/CISS.2015.7086906

Working Papers

10. Siegle, J. H., Jia, X., ..., **Hu, B.**, ..., Olsen, S. R., and Koch, C. A survey of spiking activity reveals a functional hierarchy of mouse corticothalamic visual areas. Submitted to *Nature*. URL <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/805010v1>
11. **Hu, B.**, Garrett, M., Valley, M. T., Groblewski, P. A., Ollerenshaw, D., Shang, J., Roll, K., Manavi, S., Javadi, P., Waters, J., Koch, C., Olsen, S. R., and Mihalas, S. Uncovering the mechanisms of short-term memory in a visual change detection task. In preparation
12. Wagatsuma, N., **Hu, B.**, von der Heydt, R., and Niebur, E. Interactions between spatial and object-based attention modulate spike synchrony in the visual cortex for figure-ground organization. In preparation

Honors and Awards

Computational and Systems Neuroscience (Cosyne) Travel Award, 2017
 OIST Computational Neuroscience Course (OCNC) Travel Award, 2014
 Visual Neuroscience Training Program Fellowship, 2012–2013
 Neural Engineering Training Initiative Fellowship, 2011–2012
 University Honors College Full Tuition Scholarship, 2007–2011

Professional Service and Activities

Project Mentor, High School/Undergraduate Students, 2014–2016
 Teaching Assistant, Modeling and Design (Fall 2013) and Networks (Fall 2014)
 Reviewer for *Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience*, *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*
 Member, Society for Neuroscience, 2013–present
 Member, Organization for Computational Neuroscience, 2018–present