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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – present PhD student in Cognitive Computational Neuroscience at NeuroSpin**  
supervised by Florent Meyniel  
Cognitive Neuroimaging Unit, NeuroSpin, CEA, Gif/Yvette, France  
& Sorbonne University, Paris, France
- 2018 – 2020 M.S. of Research in Cognitive Science (CogMaster)**  
highest honors (mention très bien)  
École Normale Supérieure de Paris & University of Paris, France
- 2019 – 2020 **M.S. Research Intern at NeuroSpin**  
supervised by Florent Meyniel  
Cognitive Neuroimaging Unit, NeuroSpin, CEA, Gif/Yvette, France
- 2018 – 2019 **M.S. Research Intern at Integrative Neuroscience & Cognition Center**  
supervised by Claire Sergent  
Integrative Neuroscience & Cognition Center, Paris, France
- 2015 – 2018 iOS Software Engineer at Apple**  
Core User Interface Team  
Apple, Cupertino, California, USA
- 2012 – 2014 M.S. of Research in Computer Science & Human-Computer Interaction**  
highest honors (mention très bien)  
École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay & University Paris-Saclay, France
- 2014 (7 mos) **M.S. Research Intern at Siemens Corporate Research**  
supervised by Sam Zheng  
User Experience Group, Siemens Corporate Research, Princeton, USA
- 2013 (5 mos) **M.S. Research Intern at UC Santa Cruz**  
supervised by Sri Kurniawan  
ASSIST Lab, University of California Santa Cruz, USA
- 2011 – 2012 B.S. in Computer Science**  
highest honors (mention très bien)  
École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay & University of Paris, France
- 2012 (3 mos) **B.S. Research Intern at Inria Grenoble**  
supervised by Radu Patrice Horaud  
Perception Group, Inria Grenoble, France
- 2010 – 2011 B.S. in Electrical & Telecommunications Engineering**  
highest honors (mention très bien)  
École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay & University Paris-Saclay, France
- 2008 – 2010 Classes Préparatoires: MPSI, PSI\***  
Lycée Fénélon Sainte-Marie, Paris, France  
*2 years of intensive Maths/Physics preparing the competitive entrance to top French “Grandes Écoles”*

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024 – 2027	Junior Research Fellowship, Christ Church, University of Oxford <i>Highly competitive research position that allows early-career researchers to undertake independent research and establish themselves as scholars.</i>
2022	CEA PACE mobility award (grant for a visit of a few weeks to support PhD student mobility for a post-doctoral research in Europe)
2020 – 2023	PhD fellowship from École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay (Contrat Doctoral Spécifique Normalien, 3 years)
2010 – 2014	École Normale Supérieure Paris-Saclay (Normalien, 4 years)

## PUBLICATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS AND CONFERENCES

**Foucault, C.**, & Meyniel, F. (2021). “Gated recurrence enables simple and accurate sequence prediction in stochastic, changing, and structured environments”. *eLife*. doi: [10.7554/eLife.71801](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.71801).  
code: [github.com/cedricfoucault/networks\\_for\\_sequence\\_prediction](https://github.com/cedricfoucault/networks_for_sequence_prediction)

Zheng, X. S., **Foucault, C.**, Matos da Silva, P., Dasari, S., Yang, T., & Goose, S. (2015). “Eye-wearable technology for machine maintenance: Effects of display position and hands-free operation”. In *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (pp. 2125-2134).

Zheng, X. S., Matos da Silva, P., **Foucault, C.**, Dasari, S., Yuan, M., & Goose, S. (2015). “Wearable solution for industrial maintenance”. In *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (pp. 311-314).

**Foucault, C.**, Micau, M., Bonnet, D., & Beaudouin-Lafon, M. (2014). “SPad: a bimanual interaction technique for productivity applications on multi-touch tablets”. In *CHI'14 Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (pp. 1879-1884).

### In preparation, planned for submission by the end of the thesis (mid-late 2023):

[fMRI project] **Foucault C.\***, Bounmy T.\*, Demortain S., Thirion B., Eger E., Meyniel F. “A neural code for probabilities”. \*co-first authors.

[Behavioral study] **Foucault C.**, Meyniel F. “Two determinants of adaptability in learning magnitudes and probabilities” (working title).

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

**Foucault C.\***, Bounmy T.\*, Demortain S., Thirion B., Eger E., Meyniel F. “A neural code for probabilities”. *Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience* (San Francisco, USA), August 2022. \*co-first authors. doi [conference abstract]: [10.32470/CCN.2022.1033-0](https://doi.org/10.32470/CCN.2022.1033-0)

**Foucault C.** & Meyniel F. “Learning to make Bayes-optimal predictions with recurrent neural networks” [Poster, Video, and Conference abstract]. *Bernstein Conference* (online), September 2020. doi [conference abstract]: [10.12751/nncn.bc2020.0101](https://doi.org/10.12751/nncn.bc2020.0101)

## INVITED TALKS

Invited speaker at the laboratory seminar of Professor Laurence Hunt and Professor Jill X O'Reilly, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, November 2022.

Seminar on neural networks and how to characterize their function with Jean Daunizeau's team at the Motivation Brain Behavior group, ICM (Brain & Spine Institute), Paris, France, September 2022.

Invited seminar speaker at the Parietal team, NeuroSpin, Inria-CEA, Gif/Yvette, & Université Paris-Saclay, France, February 2022.

Invited seminar speaker at the Halassa Lab (online), MIT Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Cambridge, MA, USA, October 2021.

## TEACHING

2021 – 2022     Teaching assistant for the “Programming for Cognitive and Brain Sciences” graduate course at the CogMaster (ENS). Lectures+Tutorials: 42h.

2020 – 2021     Teaching assistant for the “Programming for Cognitive and Brain Sciences” graduate course at the CogMaster (ENS). Lectures+Tutorials: 39h.

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2022 – present     Weekly meeting organizer for the Computational Brain team at NeuroSpin (define agenda, date and time for the meeting, coordinate with speakers and attendees, send announcements, set up room/equipment, propose and schedule activities for upcoming meetings...).

2020 – present     Management of computer systems and devices for the Computational Brain team at NeuroSpin (research and purchase new equipment, track inventory, set up equipment for access to internal network and computing resources, provide instructions to facilitate team members' use...)

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

08-2021 (3 wks) Neuromatch Academy Deep Learning Summer School.

07-2020 (3 wks) Neuromatch Academy Computational Neuroscience Summer School.