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EDUCATION	University of California, San Francisco , San Francisco, CA Ph.D., Neuroscience, December 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thesis Topic: <i>Information processing and computation in prefrontal microcircuits</i>• Thesis Advisor: Vikaas S. Sohal, M.D., Ph.D Stanford University , Palo Alto, CA B.S., Biology, May 2008	
CURRENT POSITION	Postdoctoral Fellow California Institute of Technology Supervisor: Doris Y. Tsao, Ph.D	January 2016 to present
RESEARCH INTERESTS	neural computation, sensory encoding/decoding models, machine learning, neural networks, cortical microcircuits, network analysis, calcium imaging, ECoG time-series analysis, scientific computing	
PAST RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Doctoral Student University of California San Francisco Supervisor: Vikaas S. Sohal, M.D., Ph.D Research Assistant Stanford University Supervisor: Thomas Clandinin, Ph.D Undergraduate Researcher Stanford University Supervisor: Liqun Luo, Ph.D	June 2011 to December 2015 July 2008 to Aug 2010 Dec 2006 to June 2008
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lee AT, Cunniff MM, See JZ, Wilke SA, Luongo, FJ, Ellwood IT, Ponnaveolu S, and Sohal VS (2019) "VIP interneurons contribute to avoidance behavior by regulating information flow across hippocampal-prefrontal networks." 2019 <i>Neuron</i> link2. Kirkby L., Luongo, F., Rao, V., Dawes, H., Chang, E., and Sohal, V.S. "An amygdala-hippocampus subnetwork that encodes variation in human mood." November 2018 <i>Cell</i> link3. Marton, T., Seifkar, H., Luongo, F., and Sohal, V.S. "Roles of prefrontal cortex and mediodorsal thalamus in task engagement and behavioral flexibility." <i>Journal of Neuroscience</i>, February 2018 link4. Luongo, F., Zimmerman, C., Horn, M., and Sohal, V.S. "Correlations between prefrontal neurons form a small world network that optimizes the generation of multineuron sequences of activity." <i>Journal of Neurophysiology</i>, May 2016 link5. Luongo, F., Horn, M., and Sohal, V.S. "Putative microcircuit-level substrates for attention are disrupted in mouse models of autism." <i>Biological Psychiatry</i>, Apr 2016 link	

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7. Gohl D.M., Silies M.A., Gao X.J., Bhalerao S., **Luongo F.J.**, Potter C.J., and Clandinin T.R. "A versatile in-vivo system for directed genetic dissection of gene expression patterns." *Nature Methods*, March 2011. [link](#)

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

1. **Luongo F.**, Liu, L., Tsao, D. "A visual shortcut to figure ground perception in a low-acuity animal."
2. **Luongo, F.**, Kirkby, L., Lee, M., Dawes, H., Chang, E.C., Sohal, V.S. "Key interactions efficiently summarize distributed network activity within chronic, large-scale recordings in the human brain."

RELEVANT TALKS

1. **Luongo F.**, 'Identifying Object Representations in the Rodent Visual System.' *Chen Institute Workshop on Computational Approaches to Neuroscience*, [Pasadena, CA], 2017. [link](#)

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

1. **Luongo, F.**, Liu, L., and Tsao, D. "A fundamental difference between rodent and primate object vision" *COSYNE*, [Lisbon, Portugal], 2019 [link](#)
2. **Luongo, F.**, Liu, L., and Tsao, D. "Scene segmentation in the mouse" *Society for Neuroscience (SFN)*, [Washington D.C., USA], 2018 [link](#)
3. **Luongo, F.**, Liu, L., and Tsao, D. "Figure ground modulation in the mouse visual system" *Society for Neuroscience (SFN)*, [Washington D.C., USA], 2017 [link](#)
4. **Luongo, F.**, Liu, L., and Tsao, D. "Extra-classical receptive field effects on visual processing in the awake rodent" *Society for Neuroscience (SFN)*, [San Diego, USA], 2016 [link](#)
5. Kirkby, L., **Luongo, F.**, Nahum, M., Van Vleet, T., Lee, M., Dawes, H., Chang, E., and Sohal, V. "Intrinsic network for mood in the human " *Society for Neuroscience (SFN)*, [San Diego, USA], 2016 [link](#)
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7. **Luongo, F.**, Horn, M., and Sohal, V.S. "Changes in prefrontal microcircuit organization increase repetitive network activity in two mouse models of autism" *AREADNE: Research in encoding and decoding of neural ensembles*, [Santorini, Greece], 2014. [link](#)
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RELEVANT COURSEWORK	Methods in computational neuroscience, Bayesian inference, Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS), Linear algebra, Multi-variable calculus, Statistics	
TECHNIQUES AND SOFTWARE SKILLS	Techniques: 2-photon calcium imaging, electrophysiology, Optogenetics, calcium imaging, micro-endoscope imaging, histology, cloning, drosophila genetics Programming languages python, MATLAB, unix, git, bash	
REFERENCES	<p>Doris Y. Tsao Professor of Biology; Investigator, HHMI Biology and Biological Engineering California Institute of Technology</p> <p>Vikaas S. Sohal Associate Professor Department of Psychiatry University of California, San Francisco</p> <p>Michael P. Stryker W.F. Ganong Professor of Physiology Department of Physiology University of California, San Francisco</p>	<p>Phone: (415) 502-7377 E-mail: doristsao@caltech.edu</p> <p>Phone: (415) 502-7377 E-mail: vikaas.sohal@ucsf.edu</p> <p>Phone: (415) 502-7380 E-mail: stryker@ucsf.edu</p>