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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz

Ph.D. Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics

Platforms for In Vitro Electrophysiology Experiments on the Internet of Things

Advisors: David Haussler, Mircea Teodorescu

University of California, Santa Cruz

B.A. Network and Digital Technology

Graduated with Highest Honors in the major

University Honors: Magna Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

Open Culture Science, Inc.

2024 - Present

Chief Technology Officer, Cofounder

Product development of a cloud-connected microfluidic platform for tissue culture

Braingeneers (Haussler, Salama, Teodorescu Labs), UC Santa Cruz

2024 - Present

Postdoctoral Researcher

Designing microfluidics for compound delivery to multi-electrode arrays

Braingeneers (Haussler, Salama, Teodorescu Labs), UC Santa Cruz

2019 - 2024

Graduate Researcher

Developed custom electrophysiology, optogenetics, microfluidic devices and hardware Developed generalized IoT device software and influenced the design of lab cloud infrastructure

Braingeneers (Haussler, Salama, Teodorescu Labs), UC Santa Cruz

2017 - 2019

Undergraduate Researcher

Created mechanical components for automated biological imaging platform

Designed and manufactured plastic and ceramic 3D printed fluidic devices for organoid culture

Riedel-Kruse Lab, Stanford University

June - July 2015

Robotics Research Intern

Created Lego pipetting robot designs with automated experiments for STEM curriculum Demonstrated dilution gradient, fluid density, and droplet generation using Lego robot

PUBLICATIONS

Voitiuk, K., Seiler, S.T., de Melo, M.P., Geng, J., van der Molen, T., Hernandez, S., Schweiger, H.E., Sevetson, J.L., Parks, D.F., Robbins, A., Torres-Montoya, S., Ehrlich, D., Elliott, M.A.T., Sharf, T., Haussler, D., Mostajo-Radji, M.A., Salama, S.R., Teodorescu, M., 2025. A feedback-driven brain organoid platform enables automated maintenance and high-resolution neural activity monitoring. Internet of Things 33, 101671. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.iot.2025.101671

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Ly, V.T., Baudin, P.V., Pansodtee, P., Jung, E.A., **Voitiuk, K.**, Rosen, Y., Willsey, H.R., Mantalas, G.L., Seiler, S.T., Selberg, J.A., Cordero, S.A., Ross, J.M., Pollen, A.A., Nowakowski, T.J., Haussler, D., Mostajo-Radji, M.A., Salama, S., Teodorescu, M., 2021. Picroscope: Low-Cost System for Simultaneous Longitudinal Biological Imaging. Communications Biology.

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PATENT APPLICATIONS

K. Voitiuk, M. Teodorescu, J. Sevetson, "System and method for optogenetics stimulation of neural tissues on microelectrode arrays," US20250198982A1, Jun. 19, 2025

K. Voitiuk, D. H. Haussler, and M. Teodorescu, "System and method for biological and hybrid neural networks communication," US20230104995A1, Apr. 06, 2023

K. Voitiuk, J. Geng, R. Currie, and M. Teodorescu, "Electrophysiology system and method for neural recording," US20220361802A1, Nov. 17, 2022

V. Ly et al., "System and method for simultaneous longitudinal biological imaging," US20220357566A1, Nov. 10, 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages Python, C, C++, Java, Bash, MATLAB

Approaches Machine Learning, Networks Programming, Concurrent Programming

Web/Markup LATFX, Markdown, HTML, CSS

Tools/Platforms UNIX, Git, Jupyter, Docker, Kubernetes, AWS Electronics FPGA (Verilog), Printed Circuit Board Design

Mechanical 3D Modeling (Autodesk Inventor, Fusion), 3D Printing/Rapid Prototyping, CNC

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Cruz

Alisal High School AP Biology, Mentor/Guest Lecturer, Fall/Winter 2021-22; Winter/Spring 2022-23 Scientific Principles of Life (BME 18), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2021

Robot Automation (ECE 8), Guest Lecture, Fall 2021

Genomics Institute Research Mentoring Internship (RMI) program, Mentor, Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 NeuroTechSC, Technical and Research Advisor, Spring 2020 - Spring 2021

Scientific Principles of Life (BME 18), Course Developer & Course Assistant, Summer 2018 - Fall 2018

Computer Systems and C Programming (CMPE 13/L), Tutor/Grader, Winter 2017

Computer Systems and Assembly Language (CMPE 12/L), Tutor/Grader, Fall 2016

Graham Middle School

Robotics Team Mentor, September - November 2014

POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 TU Wien MEA2025 (Poster)
- 2024 NHGRI Centers of Excellence in Genomics Science, Annual Grantee Meeting (Flashtalk, Poster)
- 2024 SfN Annual Conference (Poster)
- 2024 20th Annual Graduate Research Symposium (Poster)
- 2024 MaxWell Biosystems 3rd In-Vitro 2D & 3D Neuronal Networks Summit (Invited Speaker)
- 2023 NHGRI Centers of Excellence in Genomics Science, Annual Grantee Meeting (Flashtalk, Poster)
- 2023 MaxWell Biosystems 3rd In-Vitro 2D & 3D Neuronal Networks Summit (Invited Speaker)
- 2023 ARCS Supernova Scholar Celebration & Symposium (Poster and Video)
- 2023 NHGRI Research Training and Career Development Annual Meeting (Poster)
- 2022 CSHL Meeting: Development and 3D Modeling of the Human Brain (Poster)
- 2022 SfN Annual Conference (Poster)
- 2022 Asilomar Bioelectronics Symposium (Poster)
- 2022 PBSE Annual Conference (Poster)
- 2022 18th Annual Graduate Research Symposium (Talk)
- 2021 NHGRI Centers of Excellence in Genomics Science, Annual Grantee Meeting (Flashtalk)
- 2021 PBSE Annual Conference (Poster)
- 2021 NHGRI Research Training and Career Development Annual Meeting (Poster)
- 2020 PBSE Annual Conference (Poster)
- 2019 UCSC Graduate Society of Women Engineers (Guest Talk)
- 2019 Braingeneers Presentation for UCSC Dean's Council
- 2019 Genomics Institute Open House Braingeneers Presentation
- 2018 Braingeneers UC San Francisco Retreat Presentation
- 2019 Genomics Institute Science Meeting Research Presentation
- 2018 Symposium for Undergraduate Research at UCSC (Poster)
- 2018 Braingeneers Schmidt Grant Kick-off Retreat Presentation
- 2018 Koret Research Slam (Poster)
- 2018 Braingeneers Presentation for NSF Visitor Jim Kurose
- 2018 UCSC Baskin School of Engineering Graduation Open House (Poster)
- 2018, 2019 UCSC Alumni Weekend (Poster)
- 2017, 2018, 2019 Braingeneers Presentation for Genomics Institute
- 2017 Braingeneers Presentation Talk for UCSF Visitors at UCSC
- 2017 Braingeneers Presentation Talk at UCSF

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2025-26 UC Innovation Catalyst Grant
- 2023-24 University of California President's Dissertation-Year Fellowship
- 2022-23 ARCS Foundation Award, Agilent Technologies Scholar
- 2020-21, 2022-23 UCSC Genome Sciences NHGRI T-32 Trainee
- 2018-19 Koret Scholarship
- 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 Dean's Honors List
- 2015 Impressive Participation in the 2015 US National Chemistry Olympiad Local Competition

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Russian (native), Ukrainian (native), French (limited working)