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RESEARCH INTERESTS I work in mathematical biology, specifically, developing and analyzing mathematical models in neuroscience and psychology. Using asymptotic methods, numerical simulations, bifurcation theory, and deterministic and stochastic dynamical systems, I seek to illuminate underlying mechanisms, and motivate and guide further experimentation.

EDUCATION University of California-Davis, Davis, California, USA

Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, August 2010 Adviser: Professor Timothy J. Lewis Area of Study: Mathematical Neuroscience

Queens College, CUNY, Flushing, New York, USA

B.A., Mathematics, June 2005

Magna cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS Postdoctoral Fellow

September 2012 to Present

Mathematical Biosciences Institute, The Ohio State University

Postdoctoral Research Fellow September 2010 to August 2012

Program in Applied and Computational Mathematics,

Princeton Neuroscience Institute,

Princeton University

NSF VIGRE Research Fellow

September 2005 to August 2010

Department of Mathematics, University of California, Davis

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES Schwemmer MA, Fairhall AL, Denéve S, and Shea-Brown E. Constructing precisely computing networks with biophysical spiking neurons. *J. Neurosci.* 2015. doi: 10.1523/JNEUROSCI.4951-14.2015

Davison P, Leonard NE, Olshevsky A, and Schwemmer MA. Nonuniform Line Coverage from Noisy Scalar Measurements. *IEEE T. Automat. Contr.* 2015. doi: 10.1109/TAC.2014.2375732

Newby JM and Schwemmer MA. Effects of moderate noise on a limit cycle oscillator: Counterroation and bistability. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 2014. doi: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.112.114101

Feng SF, Schwemmer MA, Gershman SJ, and Cohen JD. Multitasking vs. multiplexing: Toward a normative account of capacity constraints in cognitive control. *Cogn. Affect. Behav. Ne.* 2014. doi: 10.3758/s13415-013-0236-9

- Schwemmer MA and Lewis TJ. The Robustness of Phase-Locking In Neurons with Dendro-Dendritic Electrical Coupling *J. Math. Biol.* 2014. doi: 10.1007/s00285-012-0635-5
- Goldfarb S, Wong-Lin K, Schwemmer M, Leonard NE and Holmes P. Can post-error dynamics explain sequential reaction time patterns? *Front. Psychology* 2012. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2012.00213
- Schwemmer MA and Lewis TJ. Bistability in a Leaky Integrate-and-Fire Neuron with a Passive Dendrite. SIAM J. Appl. Dyn. Syst. 2012. doi: 10.1137/110847354
- Schraiber JG, Silverstein R, Kaczmarczyk AN, Rutaganira RU, Aggarwal T, Schwemmer MA, Hom CL, Grossberg RK and Schreiber SJ. Constraints on the use of lifespan shortening Wolbachia to control dengue fever. *J. Theor. Biol.* 2012. doi: 10.1016/j.jtbi.2011.12.006
- Schwemmer MA and Lewis TJ. Effects of Dendritic Load on the Firing Frequency of Oscillating Neurons. *Phys. Rev. E*, 83:031906. 2011. doi: 10.1103/PhysRevE.83.031906

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Lewis TJ and Schwemmer MA. Weak Coupling Theory. In: *Encyclopedia of Computational Neuroscience*. (Jaeger D and Jung R eds.), Springer. 2014. doi: 10.1007/978-1-4614-7320-6\_271-1
- Netoff T, Schwemmer MA, and Lewis TJ. Experimentally Estimating Phase Response Curves of Neurons: Theoretical and Practical Issues. In: *Phase Response Curves in Neuroscience: Theory, Experiment, and Analysis.* (Schultheiss N, Butera R, and Prinz A eds.), Springer. 2012. doi: 10.1007/978-1-4614-0739-3\_5
- Schwemmer MA and Lewis TJ. The Theory of Weakly Coupled Oscillators. In: *Phase Response Curves in Neuroscience: Theory, Experiment, and Analysis.* (Schultheiss N, Butera R, and Prinz A eds.), Springer. 2012. doi: 10.1007/978-1-4614-0739-3\_1

## Conference Papers

Davison P, Schwemmer M, and Leonard NE. Distributed nonuniform coverage with limited scalar measurements. *Proc. Allerton Conf. Communication, Control and Computing.* 2012. doi: 10.1109/Allerton.2012.6483390

## Submitted Papers

- Schwemmer MA and Newby JM. The dynamics of bistable switching behavior in limit cycle systems with additive noise.
- Schwemmer MA, Feng SF, Holmes PJ, Cohen JD, and Gottlieb J. A multi-area stochastic model for a covert visual search task.
- Saparov A and Schwemmer MA. Effects of passive dendritic tree properties on the firing dynamics of a leaky-integrate-and-fire neuron.

## Papers in Preparation

- Newby JM, Schwemmer MA, and Thomas PJ. On the stochastic definition of phase in the limit of weak noise.
- Shen T, Schwemmer MA, Groten R, Feth D, Ludvig EA, and Leonard NE. Dynamics of human continuous-time shared decision-making.

## Conference Abstracts

Schwemmer MA, Denéve S, Fairhall A, and Shea-Brown E. How precise can we make a biophysical neural integrator? Poster Abstract. Computational and Systems Neuroscience (Cosyne) 2014.

Todd MT, Botvinick MM, Schwemmer MA, Cohen JD, and Dayan P. Rational Analysis of Task Switching. Program No. 194.21, 2011 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Washington, DC: Society for Neuroscience, 2011. Online. Poster Abstract.

Feng SF, Schwemmer MA, Gershman SJ, Holmes PJ, and Cohen JD. Computational Constraints on Cognitive Control. Program No. 930.27, 2011 Neuroscience Meeting Planner. Washington, DC: Society for Neuroscience, 2011. Online. Poster Abstract.

Schwemmer MA and Lewis TJ. Effects of Passive Dendritic Properties on the Dynamics of an Oscillating Neuron. *BMC Neuroscience*, 9:P120 2008. CNS 2008, July, 2008. Poster abstract.

## SUBMITTED GRANTS

## **NSF DMS-Mathematical Biology**

2013

Title: Topological Pressure and the Importance of Spatio-Temporal Interactions in Neural Decoding.

Principal Investigators: D. Koslicki and M.A. Schwemmer

Status: Declined

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sample student evaluations available upon request

## The Ohio State University

Department of Mathematics

Instructor MATH 1156: Calculus for the Biological Sciences Fall 2013

## Princeton University

Department of Mathematics

Instructor MAT 342: Numerical MethodsSpring 2012Instructor MAT 351: Mathematical NeuroscienceSpring 2011

## University of California-Davis

Department of Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior

Teaching Assistant NPB 267/167: Computational Neuroscience Fall 2009

#### Department of Evolution and Ecology

Teaching Assistant

2008-2009

Collaborative Learning at the Interface of Mathematics and Biology (CLIMB) Program

#### Department of Mathematics

Associate Instructor MAT 22B: Differential Equations

Summer 2008 2006 - 2010

Teaching Assistant

MAT 17A and 17C: Calculus for Biology and Medicine (Fall 2006 and Spring 2008), MAT 119A: Ordinary Differential Equations (Winter 2007), and MAT 124: Mathematical Biology (Spring 2008 and Spring 2010).

## Undergraduati Mentoring

#### UNDERGRADUATE The Ohio State University

#### MBI Summer Undergraduate REU Program

May 2013

Introduced students to programming in Matlab and XPP.

Lead several students in a group project on computational neuroscience.

## **Princeton University**

Abulhair Saparov, B.S.E. Computer Science

2011 - 2013

PACM Applied Math Certificate Work Awarded the PACM Certificate Prize.

Joel Shor, B.S. Mathematics Junior Independent Work 2011

Awards and Honors

## Best Graduate Student Poster Award

SIAM Conference on the Life Sciences (LS10) Pittsburgh, PA. 07/2010

## Alice Leung Scholarship in Mathematics

University of California, Davis, CA. 06/2010

# Floyd and Mary Schwall Dissertation Year Fellowship in Medical Research

University of California, Davis, CA. 09/2009-06/2010

#### Samuel Jacobs Award for Excellence in Mathematics

Queens College, CUNY, Flushing, NY. 05/2005

## **CUNY Honors College Scholar**

Queens College, CUNY, Flushing, NY. 08/2001-05/2005

#### INVITED TALKS

## Mathematical Life Sciences Seminar 11/24/2014

Case Western Reserve University

Effects of Moderate Noise on a Limit Cycle Oscillator: Counterrotation and Bistability

#### SIAM Life Sciences Minisymposium 8/6/2014

Mathematical questions in neuronal and neural network dynamics How Precise can we Make a Biophysical Neural Integrator?

#### Science Colloquium 2/6/2014

Ohio Wesleyan University

Rational Analysis in Task Switching

#### Undergraduate Mathematics Seminar 2/6/2014

Ohio Wesleyan University

Effects of Dendritic Properties on the Firing Dynamics of Neurons

#### Mathematical Life Sciences Seminar 4/22/2013

Case Western Reserve University

The Effects of Dendritic Properties on the Dynamics of Oscillatory Neurons

## Mathematical Biology Seminar 5/31/2011

University of California, Davis

Rational Analysis of Task Switching

## Mathematical Biology Seminar 4/5/2011

New Jersey Institute of Technology

The Effects of Dendritic Properties on the Dynamics of Oscillatory Neurons

#### Dynamical Systems and Nonlinear Science Seminar 2/19/2010

Princeton University

The Effects of Dendritic Properties on the Dynamics of Oscillatory Neurons

## **Colloquium** 2/15/2010

Rice University

The Effects of Dendritic Properties on the Dynamics of Oscillatory Neurons

## Poster Sessions

# Nonlinear dynamics and stochastic methods: from neuroscience to other biological applications

Pittsburgh, PA. 03/2014

Effects of moderate noise on a limit cycle oscillator: Counterrotation and bistability

## Computational and Systems Neuroscience (Cosyne) 2014

Salt Lake City, UT. 02/2014

How precise can we make a biophysical neural integrator?

## Society for Neuroscience (SfN), 41st Annual Meeting

Washington, DC. 10/2011

Computational Constraints on Cognitive Control

# SIAM Conference on the Life Sciences (LS10)

Pittsburgh, PA. 07/2010

Bistability in a Leaky-Integrate-and-Fire Neuron with a Passive Dendrite

# Conference in Honor of John Rinzel's $60^{th}$ Birthday

NYU, New York, NY. 06/2009

Effects of Dendritic Load on the Firing Frequency of Oscillating Neurons

## Seventeenth Annual Computational Neuroscience Conference CNS 2008

Portland, OR. 7/2008

Effects of passive dendritic properties on the dynamics of an oscillating neuron

#### Davis SIAM Student Research Conference (DSSRC 2008)

University of California, Davis, CA. 5/2008

Effects of passive dendritic properties on the dynamics of an oscillating neuron

#### Einsteins in the City

City College of New York, CUNY, New York, NY. 2005 Action potential dynamics in simulated and real axons

## Society for Neuroscience (SFN), 34th Annual Meeting

San Diego, CA. 10/2004

Action potential dynamics in simulated and real axons

#### Referee Service

SIAM Journal of Applied Math, PLOS Computational Biology, PLOS ONE, Journal of Mathematical Neuroscience, Nonlinearity, Journal of Mathematical Psychology, Physical Review Letters

## CONFERENCE SERVICE

## Co-Organizer for minisymposium:

"Understanding the Link Between Neuronal Dynamics and Neuronal Computation" SIAM Conference on the Life Sciences 2010 (LS10)

Pittsburgh, PA, July, 2010.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

# Co-Lead Organizer Workshop for Young Researchers in Mathematical Biology (WYRMB) 2013

Mathematical Biosciences Institute, 8/2013

### Co-Organizer Dynamical Systems and Nonlinear Science Seminar

Princeton University, 9/2010-5/2011

#### SIAM Club Executive Chairman

University of California, Davis, 6/2008–6/2009

Chaired the five member executive committee for the Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) club at UC Davis which promotes applied mathematics throughout the UC Davis campus and provides a forum for students interested in applied mathematics. Organized the second annual Davis SIAM Student Research Conference (DSSRC 2009). Successfully orchestrated SIAM funding grant and NSF VIGRE grant proposals to fund projects.

## Workshops Attended

## Methods in Computational Neuroscience

Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA Invited participant, 08/2009

## Math Biology Workshop on Building an Interdisciplinary Career

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT Invited Participant, 05/2009

## Computational Cell Biology

Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, Cold Springs Harbor, NY Invited participant, 06/2008

## Professional Memberships

American Mathematical Society, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, Society for Neuroscience