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Current position

Research fellow

Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research 2018 - now

Group leader: Andreas Lüthi

Education

Ph.D. candidate in Neuroscience

2013 - 2018 Faculty of Medicine, Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich

Thesis Mechanisms of memory consolidation across hippocampal and cortical circuits

Advisor Prof. Dr. Anton Sirota

M.Sc. **Neurasmus Joint Master in Neuroscience**

2011-2012 Charité University Medicine, Berlin - Medical Neuroscience

2012-2013 University Bordeaux II – Neuroscience and Neuropsychopharmacology Grade 18/20

Neuronal signatures of fear memory -Thesis

> Oscillatory synchronization underlying fear memory expression Ranking 1/5

B.Sc. & M.Sc. **School of Applied Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) 2004 - 2011Grade 7.42/10

Majors Computational Mathematics, Statistics

Thesis EEG signal analysis methods for characterization of meditative states Grade 10/10

Research methods

in vivo electrophysiology, high-dimensional data analysis, closed-loop optogenetics

Selected Publications (Citations: 315; h-index: 5; *: equal contribution) ORCID: 0000-0002-1804-9756

Neuron, 2018

Nature, 2013

Nature Neuroscience, 2016

1. Prefrontal-Periaqueductal Gray-Projecting Neurons Mediate Context Fear Discrimination Rozeske R, Jercog D, Karalis N, Chaudun F, Khoder S, Girard D, Winke N, Herry C

2. Prefrontal neuronal assemblies temporally control fear behavior. Nature, 2016

Dejean C*, Courtin J*, Karalis N*, Chaudun F, Wurtz H, Thomas Bienvenu, Herry C

3. 4 Hz oscillations synchronize prefrontal - amygdala circuits during fear behaviour. Karalis N, Dejean C, Chaudun F, Khoder S, Rozeske R, Wurtz H, Bagur S, Benchenane K, Sirota A, Courtin J, Herry C

4. Prefrontal parvalbumin interneurons shape neuronal activity to drive fear expression. Courtin J, Chaudun F, Rozeske R, Karalis N, Gonzalez-Campo C, Wurtz H, Abdi A, Baufreton J, Bienvenu T, Herry C

5. Persistence of amygdala gamma oscillations during extinction learning **Neurobiology of Learning** predicts spontaneous fear recovery. and Memory, 2013

Courtin J, Karalis N, Gonzalez-Campo C, Wurtz H, Herry C

6. Effects of Himalayan tradition meditation during a SSVEP study. **Neuroscience Letters, 2011**

Karalis N, Karanasiou I, Uzunoglu N, & Braboszcz C

Invited Talks

2017	Neuronal synchrony and oscillatory coupling	Coupling & Causality in Complex Systems
	Neuronal correlates of breathing	Bernstein Conference PhD Symposium
	Respiratory entrainment of memory circuits	Harvard-LMU Young Scientists' Forum
	Respiratory entrainment of prefrontal circuits	Japan Neuroscience Society meeting
	Prefrontal oscillatory mechanisms of fear behavior	British Neuroscience Association meeting
2016	Oscillatory circuit organization during fear behavior	LMU lecture series
	Neuronal signatures of fear behavior	Neurizons – Young Investigator Talks
2015	High-density characterization of network activity	German Neuroscience Society
2014	Neurophysiological correlates of rodent communication	Animal Communication Workshop
2013	Neuronal signatures of fear memory	Neurasmus Workshop
	Neuronal signatures of fear memory	Neurasmus Orientation Week
2011	SSVEP effects of Himalayan tradition meditation	Breaking Convention
2007	Novel graph invariants for fast graph isomorphism	Mitacs Industrial Math Summer School
	Combinatorial and statistical analysis of keno game	Canadian Undergraduate Mathematics Conference

Research Experience

2013 – 2018		Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München ry consolidation across hippocampal and cortical circuits Dr. Anton Sirota	Faculty of Medicine
2012 – 2013	M.Sc. Thesis Neuronal signatures of Supervisor Dr. C	Neurocenter Magendie, Bordeaux fear memory yril Herry	INSERM
2009 – 2011	-	National Technical University of Athens europhysiological effects of meditation on visual evoked ene Karanasiou & Dr. Nikolaos Uzunoglou	Electrical Engineering Dept. I potentials
2005 – 2009		National Technical University of Athens g infrastructure - Network development and administrat	High Energy Physics Dept.

Scholarships and Grants

2014 - 2017	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
2013 - 2014	Centre for Integrative Neuroscience (CIN) - University of Tübingen
2011 - 2013	Erasmus Mundus scholarship for the Neurasmus Joint Master degree program in Neuroscience
2010	University of Pennsylvania Grant
2009	Erasmus scholarship (Research exchange)
2007	MITACS scholarship

Awards

2010	"Thomaideio Award" for conference presentation from National Technical University of Athens for the
	presentation "Short term effects of Vipassanā meditation in a single subject SSVEP study"
2008	"Thomaideio Award" for best journal publication from National Technical University of Athens for the
	publication "Effect of meteorological variables on the incidence of lower urinary tract infections"

Experimental Techniques

Electrophysiology	in vivo extracellular recordings (tetrodes, silicon probes, ECoG) in freely behaving & head-fixed rodents
	high dimensional named data analysis human EEC assaudings

high-dimensional neural data analysis, human EEG recordings calcium imaging in freely-behaving mice (miniscope), fiber photometry

Imaging calcium imaging in freely-behaving mice (miniscope), fiber photor closed-loop optogenetics, pharmacogenetics & pharmacology

Programming Matlab, Python, Julia, Java, C++

Electronics circuit design and implementation, electrophysiology and behavioral equipment setup, 3D printing **Lab techniques** stereotaxic neurosurgeries, behavioral analysis, immunohistochemistry, microscopy, cell cultures

Workshops and summer schools

Junior Scientist Workshop on Neural Circuits and Behavior, Janelia Farm, Washington
 Mechanisms of Memory Consolidation, Reconsolidation and Extinction, Lausanne

Why trust a theory? – Modern Physics Scientific Methodology, LMU 3rd Baltic-Nordic Summer School on Neuroinformatics, University of Tartu

Optogenetics Workshop SPP1665, Ruhr University Bochum 7th G-Node Winter Course in Neural Data Analysis, LMU

NIN Interneuron Summer School, Amsterdam

Understanding Sleep: Novel Perspectives in Neurosciences, European Sleep Research Society, Milan

Optogenetics: controlling the brain with light, University of Oxford International Course on Animal Communication, University of Tübingen Practical course optical imaging in Neuroscience, University of Tübingen Models of Synaptic Plasticity Doctoral Course, University of Tübingen

1st Live Cell Imaging and Electrophysiology Workshop, Pasteur Institute, Athens

11th Summer Course on Computational Neuroscience, Göttingen

Neurasmus Workshop, Coimbra

5th G-Node Winter Course in Neural Data Analysis, LMU

Brain-Computer Interface workshop and hands-on seminar, INRIA, Bordeaux Super Resolution Imaging Techniques Workshop, Bordeaux Imaging Center

Neurasmus Workshop, Barcelona

Mathematical Cell Biology Graduate Summer Course, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Cerebral Ischemia: in vivo and in vitro models (Methods Course), Dept. Of Exp. Neurology, Charité, Berlin

FELASA category B training (License for experimentation on living animals), Charité, Berlin

2010 5th International Summer School on Emerging Technologies in Biomedicine, Patras

Summer Program in Computational Neuroscience, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

Study Group Mathematics with Industry, Amsterdam

2009 8th EEGLAB Workshop, Aspet

2008 Modern Methods in Industrial Mathematics Ph.D. Course, Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen

66th European Study Group with Industry, Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen

Mathematics Summer School, University of Crete

Graduate Industrial Mathematics Modeling Camp, University of Regina

Industrial Problem Solving Workshop, University of Regina

2nd Workshop for Drug Design, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens MITACS Industrial Math Summer School, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

2006 Arizona Winter School "Computational Aspects of Algebra and Arithmetic", Tucson, Arizona

Introduction to Grid Computing, Athens

Next Generation Computing Systems - AIT Summer School, Athens

BEST Robotics Summer School, Athens

2001 – 2004 Participation in national mathematical competitions

Travel grants

2013

2012

2007

2018 Onassis Foundation nomination and grant to attend Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting

FENS-IBRO/PERC travel grant to attend FENS Forum 2018

2017 BCCN travel grant to attend Bernstein Conference

Janelia Farm travel grant to attend Junior Scientist Workshop on Neural Circuits and Behavior

FENS travel grant to attend JNS Annual Meeting

Travel grant to attend EMBL Symposium on Neural Circuits

Travel grant to attend 37th Blankenese Conference

2015 University of Tartu – INCF travel grant
 2014 British Neuroscience Association travel grant
 2013 Hellenic Pasteur Institute travel grant

2013 Tieneme i asteur institute traver grant

Thomaideio grant (NTUA) for active participation in conference.

2010 COST Grant (5th International Summer School on Emerging Technologies in Biomedicine)

Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI) (Study group Mathematics with Industry)

2009 Centre de Recherche Cerveau et Cognition

2008 Danish Center for Applied Mathematics and Mechanics (DCAMM)

University of Crete

Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) grant

2006 FORTH scholarship

Athens Information Technology (AIT) National Science Foundation (NSF)

Student supervision

2016 - 2017	Jialiang Lu	M.Sc. Thesis	Currently: Graduate student at Caltech
2017	Auguste Schulz	Research Internship	Currently: M.Sc. student at TUM
2016	Sandra Reinert	Research Internship	Currently: Graduate student at LMU
2015 - 2016	Elena Itzcovich	Research Internship	Currently: Graduate student at LMU
2015 - 2016	Amar Roy	M.Sc. Thesis	Currently: Industry
2015 - 2016	Felix Brechtmann	Research Internship	Currently: Industry

Scientific outreach

2016 – today	Administrator of Systems Neuroscience mailing list
2016 – today	Peer reviewer
2015 – today	Organizer of Neurophysiology Nights seminar series, LMU
2012 - 2015	Writer & editorial board of the "CNS Charité Neuroscience Newsletter"
2012 - 2013	Neurasmus course representative at the Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA)
2012 – today	Scholarpedia Assistant Editor
2011 – 2014	TED talks translator
2008 - 2010	American Mathematical Society's (AMS) poster series "Mathematical Moments" translator
2004 - 2006	Organizer and invigilator - National mathematical competitions - Hellenic Mathematical Society (HMS)
2004	Coordinator, guide and invigilator at the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2004
2004	Coordinator, guide and invigilator at the International Informatics Olympiad (IOI) 2004

Teaching experience

2017	Assistance at Miniscope Workshop Munich
2015 - 2017	Student supervision
2015	Tutor at the 7th G-Node Winter Course in Neural Data Analysis
2012	"Speaking to the public" (M.Sc. course), Charité University Hospital, Berlin
2004 - 2012	Private and group tutor (university and high school students), Athens

Internships

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2011 – 2012	Lab Rotations - Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin "Comparison of cell counting techniques for the assessment of cell death in tissue slices" "Effects of PEDF on primary neuronal cells after oxygen-glucose deprivation" Departments of Experimental Neurosurgery & Experimental Neurology Supervisors: Dr. Ana Luisa Piña – Dr. Marietta Zille
2010	Summer research scholar - University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry, Supervisor: Dr. Ruben Gur
2009	M.Sc. Thesis - Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse Centre de Recherche Cerveau et Cognition (CERCO), Supervisor: Dr. Arnaud Delorme
2008	Internship on Biostatistics - Alfa Institute of Biomedical Sciences (AIBS) Supervisors: Dr. Matthew E. Falagas - Dr. Dimitrios Matthaiou
2007	Graph theory research for MapleSoft – Simon Fraser University (SFU) "Algorithmic graph isomorphism determination" Centre for Experimental and Constructive Mathematics (CECM)

Supervisors: Dr. Michael Monagan - Mohammad Ghebleh

Other publications

7. Combinatorial and statistical analysis of keno game.	CUMC Annual, 2007
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Karalis N, Aliaga R, Arnold R, Wu W

Conference abstracts

2018 Dynamic organization of limbic circuit dynamics by breathing Karalis N, Sirota A [FENS forum 2018] Oscillatory architecture of memory circuits **Karalis N**, Sirota A [68th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting]] 2017 Respiratory entrainment of memory circuits **Karalis** N, Sirota A [Junior Scientist Workshop on Neural Circuits and Behavior] Respiratory entrainment of memory circuits Karalis N, Sirota A [SfN Meeting 2017] Neuronal synchrony and oscillatory coupling - Functional role and implementation Karalis N, Sirota A [Coupling and Causality in Complex Systems Conference] Respiratory entrainment of prefrontal circuits Karalis N, Sirota A [Bernstein Conference 2017] Respiratory entrainment of prefrontal circuits **Karalis N**, Sirota A [40th Meeting of Japan Neuroscience Society] Respiratory entrainment of prefrontal circuits **Karalis N**, Sirota A [Causation, Explanation, Conditionals workshop] Respiratory entrainment of prefrontal circuits Karalis N, Sirota A [EMBL Symposium Neural Circuits in the Past, Present and Future] Respiratory entrainment of prefrontal circuits **Karalis N**, Sirota A [37th Blankenese Conference on Synaptic plasticity & stability] 2016 Manipulating and interpreting fast oscillatory dynamics using optogenetics Karalis N, Lu J, Sirota A [3rd Bordeaux Neurocampus Conference] Manipulating and interpreting network dynamics using optogenetics Karalis N, Lu J, Sirota A [Bernstein Retreat - 10th Sparks Workshop] Oscillatory circuit organization during fear behavior Karalis N, Courtin, J, Dejean C, Chaudun F, Rozeske R, Wurtz H, Herry C [Neurizons] 2015 High-density electrophysiological characterization of the hippocampal and cortical network activity Karalis N, Blanco-Hernandez E, Sirota A [11th Meeting of the German Neuroscience Society 2015] Multichannel extracellular recordings in freely behaving rodents Resnik E, Karalis N, Schwesig G, Sirota A [Center of Competence in Neuroengineering Meeting 2015] 2014 Synchronized prefrontal-amygdala 4Hz oscillations mediate fear behavior Karalis N, Courtin, J, Dejean C, Chaudun F, Rozeske R, Wurtz H, Herry C [SfN Meeting 2014] Prefrontal circuits of contextual fear discrimination and generalization Rozeske R, Khoder S, Chaudun F, Karalis N, Wurtz H, Herry C [SfN Meeting 2014] Towards the dissection of the olfactory sampling strategies during exploratory activity Blanco-Hernandez E, Graboski J, Karalis N, Sirota A [Olfaction SPP 5th Annual Meeting]. Long-range synchronization of prefrontal-amygdala neuronal circuits during fear behavior Karalis N, Courtin, J, Dejean C, Chaudun F, Rozeske R, Wurtz H, Herry C [FENS Meeting 2014] Prefrontal Circuits of Contextual Fear Discrimination Rozeske R, Chaudun F, Khoder S, Karalis N, Wurtz H, Herry C [FENS Meeting 2014] Medial prefrontal cortex neuronal ensembles encode conditioned fear behavior Dejean C, Courtin, J, Karalis N, Wurtz H, Herry C [FENS Meeting 2014] Synchronized prefrontal-amygdala 4Hz oscillations mediate fear behavior Karalis N, Courtin, J, Dejean C, Chaudun F, Rozeske R, Wurtz H, Herry C [NIN Interneurons Summer School] 2013 Increased prelimbic neuronal activity is associated with contextual fear discrimination Rozeske R, Karalis N, Khoder S, Herry C [4th GDR Congress] 2011 Effects of Himalayan tradition meditation during a SSVEP study Karalis N, Karanasiou I, Uzunoglu N [Meeting of the Society of Applied Neurosciences 2011] 2010 Short term effects of Vipassanā meditation in a single subject SSVEP study Karalis N, Karanasiou I, Uzunoglu N [4th Congress for Electr. Engin. Students] 2006 Grid Computing [TEE Research and Technology Days]

Languages

Language	Level		Certification
Greek	First language		
English	Fluent	C2	Cambridge First Certificate in English (2001)
German	Intermediate	C1	Zentrale Mittelstufenprufung (2002) Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache (2000)
Spanish	Intermediate	B2	
French	Intermediate	B2	

Soft skills courses

2017	Patent and IP workshop, Center for Nanoscience, Munich
2015	Project management workshop, LMU Graduate School, Munich
2015	Grant writing workshop, LMU Graduate School, Munich
2015	Academic presentation workshop, LMU Graduate School, Munich
2014	Educational course on manuscript and grant writing, Milan

Professional memberships

2017 – today	Japan Neuroscience Association
2014 – today	Society for Neuroscience
2013 – today	Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience
2013 – today	Neurasmus Alumni Association
2012 – today	Neuroscience in Bordeaux Association
2012 – today	Federation of European Neuroscience Societies
2012 – today	Hellenic Society for Neurosciences
2011 – today	"School of Applied Mathematics and Physics" Alumni Association
2004 – today	Hellenic Mathematical Society

Volunteering work

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2011	Volunteering for EDASA (Forest Wildfire Protection), Athens
2010	JeffHOPE student-run free clinics, Philadelphia, PA
2010	Books Through Bars, Philadelphia, PA
2009 - 2012	Photographer in various artistic events
2007	Teaching computer skills to immigrants at the Underground Free University, Athens
2005	European Youth Week 2005, Athens

Non-academic work experience

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2011 - 2012	Civic Consulting (Research assistance), Berlin, Germany
2011	Greek Population Census
2010 - 2012	Founder of tutoring and career counseling organization
2009 - 2011	Photographer (freelance, Demotix agency)
2007 - 2011	Animateur
2004 - 2012	Web development (PHP, HTML, CSS, Javascript, LaTeX, SQL)
2010	Hellenic Post
2004	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization (OTE)
2004	Athens Urban Transportation Organization (OASA)

Conference participation

2018 68th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting in Physiology & Medicine 11th FENS forum. Berlin Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, DC 2017 Bernstein Conference 2017, Göttingen Coupling & Causality in Complex Systems, Cologne Harvard-LMU Young Scientists' Forum, Munich Japan Neuroscience Society annual meeting, Tokyo Bernstein Retreat and Causation, Explanation, Conditionals Workshop, Tutzing EMBL Symposium Neural Circuits in the Past, Present and Future, Heidelberg 37th Blankenese Conference on Synaptic plasticity & stability, Hamburg British Neuroscience Association festival. Birmingham Swiss Society for Neuroscience annual Meeting, Basel 2016 Probing neuronal circuits during behavior, Bordeaux Neurizons, Göttingen Bernstein Retreat and Multichannel Electrophysiology Workshop, Tutzing 2015 Bernstein Conference, Heidelberg Cutting Edge Technologies, Munich Bernstein Retreat and Virtual Reality Workshop, Tutzing 11th Meeting of the German Neuroscience Society, Göttingen Center of Competence on Neuroengineering Meeting. Technical University of Munich 2014 Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Washington, DC 9th FENS Forum of Neuroscience, Milan 2013 Bernstein Conference, Tübingen 1st European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students, Bordeaux European Neuroscience Campus Annual Meeting, Bordeaux 2012 8th FENS Forum of Neuroscience, Barcelona ENC Network Annual Joint Meeting, Barcelona Erasmus Mundus Association General Assembly, Prague 7th International Symposium on Neuroprotection and Neurorepair, Potsdam Berlin Brain Days 2011 22nd European Students Conference on Regenerative Medicine, Berlin Society of Applied Neuroscience meeting, Thessaloniki Breaking Convention, University of Kent 34th European Conference on Visual Perception, Toulouse 25th Annual Hellenic Congress of Neurosurgery, Athens 25th Annual Hellenic Congress of Neurology, Athens 4th Congress for Electrical Engineering Students, Patras 2010 2009 The Brain: Function, Imaging and Repair, Athens 2007 Canadian Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver 2006 Which mathematics for biology?, FORTH, University of Crete

References

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