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Degrees

2013 - 2019	Ph.D. in Neuroscience, McGill University, Canada
	Advisor: Sylvain Baillet
2012-2013	Ph.D. rotations in Neuroscience, McGill University, Canada
	Advisors: Alain Dagher, Sylvain Baillet, Alan C. Evans
2011-2012	M.Sc. Brain Imaging Methods, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom
	Advisor: Pascal Belin
2008-2011	B.Sc. Psychology, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, Ger-
	many
	Advisor: Oliver C. Schultheiss

Academic history

2021-pres	Postdoctoral fellow (David Poeppel lab), Ernst Strüngmann Institute, Frank-
	furt, Germany
2020 - 2021	Scientific consultant, self-employed
2019-2020	Postdoctoral fellow (Denise Klein lab), McGill University, Canada
2009-2011	Student research assistant (Oliver Schultheiss lab), Friedrich-Alexander Univer-
	sity Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

Journal Articles

submitted	Moore, C.*, Donhauser, P. W.*, Klein, D., and Byers-Heinlein, K. Efficient neural encoding as revealed by bilingualism
2024	Degano, G., Donhauser, P. W., Gwilliams, L., Merlo, P., and Golestani, N. (2024). Speech prosody enhances the neural processing of syntax. <i>Communications Biology</i> , 7:748
2023	Wiesman, A. I., Donhauser, P. W., Degroot, C., Diab, S., Kousaie, S., Fon, E. A., Klein, D., Baillet, S., 6, PA. R. G. V. S., and Network, Q. P. (2023). Aberrant neurophysiological signaling associated with speech impairments in parkinson's disease. <i>npj Parkinson's Disease</i> , 9(1):61

Donhauser, P. W. and Klein, D. (2023). Audio-tokens: a toolbox for rating, sorting and comparing audio samples in the browser. Behavior research methods, 55(2):508-515

- Donhauser, P. W. and Baillet, S. (2020). Two distinct neural timescales for predictive speech processing. *Neuron*, 105(2):385–393
- Donhauser, P. W., Florin, E., and Baillet, S. (2018). Imaging of neural oscillations with embedded inferential and group prevalence statistics. *PLOS Computational Biology*, 14(2):1–33
- Donhauser, P. W., Rösch, A. G., and Schultheiss, O. C. (2015). The implicit need for power predicts recognition speed for dynamic changes in facial expressions of emotion. *Motivation and Emotion*, 39(5):714–721
- Donhauser, P. W., Belin, P., and Grosbras, M.-H. (2014). Biasing the perception of ambiguous vocal affect: a TMS study on frontal asymmetry. *Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience*, 9(7):1046–1051

Conference abstracts & Presentations

- Donhauser, P. W., Schaworonkow, N., Poeppel, D. I can't believe it's not German: Characterizing context-dependent neural activity with pseudo-speech.
 - Schaworonkow, N., Donhauser, P. W., Poeppel, D. *Electrophysiological variability in MEG evoked responses during auditory word processing.*
- Degano, G., Rampinini, A., Donhauser, P. W., Merlo, P., Golestani, N. Cortical signatures of the interaction between prosody and syntax during naturalistic language processing. Society for the Neurobiology of Language.
- Donhauser, P. W., Baillet, S. A neural signature of predictive coding during natural speech listening. International Conference on Biomagnetism, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- Donhauser, P. W., Thomas, M, Morillon, B, Gracco, V, Baillet, S. *Predictive coding during natural speech listening studied using MEG and recurrent neural networks* Montreal Artificial Intelligence and Neuroscience Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Speech entrainment across time scales: differential effects on low-frequency and beta oscillations. Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 2017.

Mapping of distinct oscillatory sources in MEG despite imbalances in source power. Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 2017.

- 2016 Parametric modelling of oscillatory sources in MEG. 10th Annual CAN Meeting Canadian Association for Neuroscience, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 2016.
- Donhauser, P. W., Florin, E. & Baillet, S. Spontaneous and stimulus-entrained cross-frequency coupling: spiking-neuron modelling and experimental results from human visual gamma oscillations. QBIN scientific day, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Donhauser, P. W., Florin, E. & Baillet, S. Spontaneous and stimulus-entrained cross-frequency coupling: spiking-neuron modelling and experimental results from human visual gamma oscillations. IPN retreat, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Donhauser, P. W. & Baillet, S. Local and long-range phase-amplitude coupling in a cortical spiking network model. BMC Neuroscience 15.Suppl 1 (2014): P222.

- Donhauser, P. W., Coull, J., Leyton, M., He, Y., & Dagher, A. Dopamine Precursor Depletion Alters Flexibility of Dynamic Network Structure in Resting-State fMRI. 19th Annual Meeting of the Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Seattle, WA, USA, May 2013.
- Donhauser, P. W., Belin, P., Grosbras, M.-H. Biasing the perception of ambiguous vocal affect: a TMS study on frontal asymmetry. Magstim Neuroscience Conference, Oxford, United Kingdom, May 2012.

Donhauser, P., Rösch, A., & Schultheiss, O. The implicit need for power predicts fast recognition of subtle facial expressions of emotion. 24th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL, USA, May 2012.

Donhauser, P. W., Grosbras, M.-H., Belin, P. rTMS-study of Frontal Asymmetry in the Perception of Ambiguous Affective Vocalizations. British Association of Cognitive Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Newcastle, United Kingdom, April 2012.

Invited talks

- 2019 Two distinct neural time scales for predictive speech processing. Max Planck Institute for Empirical Aesthetics, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2018 Predictive speech processing in the brain. Huawei Research, Montreal, QC, Canada.

Extraction of functionally defined spatial components: example from a natu- ral speech experiment. Biomagnetic signal analysis workshop, 21st Interna- tional Conference on Biomagnetism, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

- 2015 Optimal spatial filtering of MEG signals for studying neural oscillations. IPN retreat, Montreal, QC, Canada.
 - Oscillatory Hierarchies: stimulus-induced vs. intrinsic mechanisms. MEGM-cGill Comprehensive Training, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2014 Dynamics of cross-frequency coupling in the resting & active states. Resting-state functional MRI workshop, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2013 Effects of dopamine precursor depletion on dynamic network structure in resting-state fMRI. IPN retreat, Montreal, QC, Canada

Awards

2019-2020	Richard & Edith Strauss postdoctoral fellowship	CAD 37,000
	McGill Faculty of Medicine competition	
2017-2018	Graduate Student fellowship from the Healthy Brains for Healthy Lives initiative	CAD 15,000
	Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF)	
2017	QBIN Best Poster award	CAD 400
	Montreal Artificial Intelligence and Neuroscience meeting	
2016-2017	Jean Timmins Costello fellowship	CAD 10,000
	Montreal Neurological Institute competition	
2016	GREAT (Graduate research and training) travel award	CAD 500
	Integrated Program in Neuroscience	
2015-2016	Quebec Bioimaging Network (QBIN) fellowship	CAD 7,000
2015-2016	Gerald Clavet fellowship	CAD 12,000
	McGill Faculty of Medicine competition	
2014-2015	Max E. Binz fellowship	CAD 12,000
	McGill Faculty of Medicine competition	
2013-2014	IPN Graduate Excellence Award	CAD 20,000
	Integrated Program in Neuroscience	
2013	QBIN travel award	CAD 500
2012-2013	DAAD doctoral fellowship	EUR 22,000
	Deutscher Akademischer Auslandsdienst	
2012	IPN Recruitment Award	CAD 10,000
2012	Student/Young Scientist Bursary	GBP 150
	British Association of Cognitive Neuroscience	
2011	DAAD master fellowship	EUR 15,147

Supervision

Li-Yuan Chen	Correlating heart rate fluctuations with MEG and behaviour
	Honours research project (2014-2015)
Christine Cahaney	Imaging deep striatal structures with MEG
	Honours research project (2013-2014)

Ad-hoc Reviewer

PLoS Biology, PLoS Computational Biology, PNAS, Psychological Review, Human Brain Mapping, NeuroImage, Scientific Reports, Frontiers in Human Neuroscience, Motivation and Emotion, Cognition and Emotion, Developmental Neuropsychology

Teaching

Seminar Cognitive Psychology

Undergraduate course, Goethe university, Frankfurt, Germany

Lecture Computational Neuroscience (Oscillations & Connectivity)

Graduate course, McGill University, prepared and corrected coding assignments

Workshop Guided Ph.D & Post-doctoral researchers in a 1-week training of MEG

paradigm design and analysis

MEG@McGill Comprehensive Training, McGill, Canada (March & November

2015, November 2016)

Lecture Spectral analysis of neural signals, 1-hour lecture to Ph.D & Post-doctoral re-

searchers. Link to video

MEG@McGill Comprehensive Training, McGill, Canada (March & November

2015, November 2016)

Lecture Statistics and Research methods in behavioural sciences, 3-hour lecture to un-

dergraduate students

Psychology Summer School, University of Glasgow, UK (2012)

Programming skills

Python: 7 years of experience Matlab: 9 years of experience Javascript: 4 year of experience

Github profile

Languages

German (mother tongue)

English (fluent)

Bulgarian (conversational)

French (written understanding)

Clinical experience

2007-2008 12-month full-time assistant in a rehabilitation and integration centre for people with mental disabilities.

Regnitzwerkstätten gGmbH, Erlangen, Germany

2011 6-month part-time neuropsychological assistant in a stroke rehabilitation centre Klinikum am Europakanal, Erlangen, Germany

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