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CURRENT POSITION

Research Assistant at Sensation to Action Lab, Centre for Neuroscience

July 2024 - Present

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

1. Sensation To Action Lab - *India*Centre for Neuroscience, Indian Institute of Science

Project 1 - Role of Superior Colliculus in Head Orientation towards Noxious Stimulus

- Utilised transgenic mice and chemogenetic techniques to investigate the role of the Superior Colliculus (SC) in mediating head orientation towards noxious stimuli.
- Performed stereotaxic injections of Adeno-Associated Viruses (AAVs) to target and manipulate specific neuronal populations within the SC.
- Used viral tracers to decode the underlying neural circuit.

Project 2 - Understanding the Role of Edinger-Westphal Nucleus in Decision-Making under Stress

- Developed and constructed an automated behavioural assay to study decision-making under stress, focusing on the role of the Edinger-Westphal (EW) nucleus.
- Designed an electronic circuit and implemented Arduino code to enable automated assay control and reliable data collection for accurate behavioural analysis.
- Piloted and refined the experimental protocol, ensuring its reliability and validity.

SKILLS

Technical Toolkit: Python, MATLAB, DeepLabCut, Bonsai Visual Programming, Microcontrollers, ImageJ

Analytical Skills: Data Analysis (Python), Statistical Analysis (Python, GraphPad Prism)

Experimental Techniques: Stereotaxic Surgery, Transcardiac Perfusion, Cryosectioning

Others: Presentation of Research Findings, Purchase Order Management

EDUCATION

2018 – 2022 Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering,

Future Institute of Engineering and Management,

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal, India

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Technical Editor Oct 2023 - June 2024

Packt Publishing, India

- Executed code snippets and applied problem-solving skills along with research to ensure technical proficiency.
- Collaborated with authors, editors and reviewers to maintain the timely delivery of accurate content.
- Managed book repositories and addressed customer-reported issues for accuracy and clarity

2. Online Tutor - Mathematics

Nov 2022 - May 2023

Focus Edumatics, India

- Crafting lesson plans through in-depth exploration of mathematical concepts and utilising the Learning Management System.
- Employing problem-solving techniques to address students' inquiries.
- Strengthening teaching methodologies and abilities by assisting students in tackling homework assignments successfully.

VOLUNTEER WORK AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Volunteer for Department Outreach

Sept 2024 - Dec 2024

- Developed and delivered a talk on **Introduction to Neuroscience** for student audience
- 2. Neuromatch Academy 2023 | Computational Neuroscience Certificate

July 2023

• Collaborated in a group project where we explored the correlation between personality traits' and brain activation using fMRI decoding

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Member of the Neurophilosophy Club

2024