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Experience

Dec 2023 – Present
Berkely, CA

Sonera

Lead Neuroscientist

- Directing the neuroscience and software engineering teams in designing biomagnetic applications for the Sonera acoustic magnetic sensor
- Developing preprocessing techniques and machine learning models on complex, multimodal datasets for use in biomagnetic applications
- Enabling ambient operation of magnetic sensors through denoising

Nov 2022 – Dec 2023
Berkely, CA

Computational Neuroscientist

- First neuroscientist to join the team, tasked with building the neuroscience team as well as developing neuroscience tools from the ground up
- Testing and implementing various magnetic sensors for detecting heart, muscle, and brain activity in human subjects
- Designing and performing experiments to characterize biomagnetic signals and quantitatively compare magnetic signals to non-invasive electrical signals
- Investigating design parameters of magnetic sensors for biomagnetism and communicating decisions with the materials science and engineering teams

Jan 2017 – Sept 2022
*University of Washington
Seattle, WA*

Laboratory of Dr. Eberhard Fetz

Graduate Research Assistant

- Recording and processing of *in vivo* behavior, local field potentials, and single unit activity from the non-human primate motor cortex
- Delivering open- and closed- loop electrical microstimulation to measure stimulus response and induce synaptic plasticity
- Implementing unsupervised learning techniques including dimensionality reduction and clustering for behavioral brain state classification

Jan 2014 – May 2016
*Duke University
Durham, NC*

Laboratory of Dr. Miguel Nicolelis

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Training rats in a brain-computer interface task using a sensory neuroprosthesis
- Designing experiments to test temperature dependence of sensory evoked potentials

Technical Skills

Coding

Python, MATLAB, C/C++, Java

Data handled

Multimodal large-scale datasets including magnetic and electrical data, behavioral data, LFPs, and single-unit recordings – up to 24 hours of 32 channels at 20 kHz
Experience with rats, non-human primates, and human subjects

Computation

Time-frequency and state-space analysis, dimensionality reduction and clustering

Machine Learning

Spiking neural networks (integrate-and-fire), PyTorch, Tensorflow

Miscellaneous

CAD/CAM, 3D printing, digital and analog circuits, PCB design

Publications

- Mishler J., [Yun R.](#), Perlmutter S.I., Rao R.P., Fetz E.E. Manipulation of neural activity by an artificial spiking neural network implemented on a bidirectional brain-computer interface in macaque monkeys. [Manuscript in preparation, current version available on request]
- [Yun R.](#), Mishler J., Perlmutter S.I., Fetz E.E. (2022). Paired stimulation for spike-timing dependent plasticity quantified with single neuron responses in primate motor cortex. *bioRxiv*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.05.04.490684>
- [Yun R.](#), Mishler J., Rembado I., Rao R.P., Perlmutter S.I., Fetz E.E. (2022). Local field potentials and single unit dynamics in motor cortex of unconstrained macaques during different behavioral states. *Frontiers in Neuroscience* 2023 Nov 23; 17:1273627.
- [Yun R.](#), Mishler J., Perlmutter S.I., Rao R.P., Fetz E.E. (2022). Responses of cortical neurons to intracortical microstimulation in awake primates. *eNeuro*. 2023 Apr 26; 10(4):ENEURO.0336-22.2023.
- [Yun R.](#), Bogaard A.R., Richardson A.G., Zanos S., Perlmutter S.I. and Fetz E.E. (2021). Cortical stimulation paired with volitional unimanual movement affects interhemispheric communication. *Frontiers in Neuroscience* 15:782188.
- Fetz E.E., Shupe L., Miles F., Jones G., [Yun R.](#), Mishler J., Rembado I., Murphy L., Perlmutter S.I. (2021). Neurochip3: an autonomous multichannel bidirectional brain-computer interface for closed-loop activity-dependent stimulation, *Frontiers in Neuroscience* 15:718465.
- Hartmann K., Thomson E., Zea I., [Yun R.](#), Mullen P., & Canarick J. et al. (2016). Embedding a Panoramic Representation of Infrared Light in the Adult Rat Somatosensory Cortex through a Sensory Neuroprosthesis. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 36(8), 2406-2424.

Conference Abstracts

- [Yun R.](#), Mishler J., Perlmutter S.I., Rao R.P., Fetz E.E.. Excitatory single-unit responses to intracortical microstimulation in primate motor cortex suggest changes in cortico-cortical synaptic strength. Program No. 038.02. Chicago, IL: Society for Neuroscience, October 2019.
- Mishler J., [Yun R.](#), Perlmutter S.I., Rao R.P., Fetz E.E.. Implementing an integrate-and-fire neural network on a brain-computer interface. Program No. 314.10. Chicago, IL: Society for Neuroscience, October 2019.
- [Yun R.](#), Bogaard A.R., Richardson A.G., Zanos S., Fetz E.E.. Interhemispheric interactions modulate behavioral responses during a reaction time task in non-human primates. Program No. 152.04. Washington, DC: Society for Neuroscience, November 2017.

Education

Aug 2016 – Aug 2022
Seattle, WA

[University of Washington](#)

PhD in Bioengineering

Dissertation title: "Stimulus induced targeted plasticity of the macaque motor cortex using intracortical microstimulation "

Aug 2011 – May 2016
Durham, NC

[Duke University](#)

BS in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical & Computer Engineering

Minor in Computer Science

Cum Laude, Graduation with Departmental Distinction

Thesis title: "Embedding a panoramic representation of infrared light in the adult rat somatosensory cortex through a sensory neuroprosthesis"