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General information

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Research Fellow at the [Silver Lab](#),
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Education

October 2014–2020 (viva pending)

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD):
 - Structural plasticity and associative memory in balanced neural networks with spike time dependent inhibitory plasticity: computational modelling of homeostatic structural plasticity and homeostatic inhibitory synaptic plasticity to investigate mechanisms underlying the restoration of activity to deafferented neurons, and the effects of network rewiring on associative memories stored in the network.
 - Supervisor: [Dr Volker Steuber](#).
 - UH Biocomputation group,
School of Engineering and Computer Science,
University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, UK.
 - Funded by a PhD scholarship provided by the University of Hertfordshire.

July 2012–June 2014:

- Master of Engineering (research) (ME):
 - Biomimetic navigation in robots: computational modelling of head direction and grid cells for use in navigation of robots running the [ROS](#) platform.
 - Supervisor: [Dr Jack Wang](#).
 - Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology (FEIT),
University of Technology, Sydney.

July 2007–June 2011:

- Bachelor of Engineering (BE) (GPA: 8.67):
 - Computer Science & Engineering.
 - Manipal University, India

- Interests: structural, synaptic, homeostatic plasticity; excitatory-inhibitory balance; associative memory; tools and software for computational neuroscience research.
- Experience with [NEST](#), [Auryn](#), [PyNN](#), and [NEURON](#).
- Knowledge of C, C++, Java, Python, Bash, \LaTeX , HTML/CSS/Javascript, GNUPlot, MPI, Linux, Git, and related software development tools.

Journal papers (pre-prints)

- **Ankur Sinha**, Christoph Metzner, Neil Davey, Roderick Adams, Michael Schmuker, and Volker Steuber. "Growth Rules for the Repair of Asynchronous Irregular Neuronal Networks after Peripheral Lesions". In: *bioRxiv* (2019). doi: [10.1101/810846](https://doi.org/10.1101/810846). eprint: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2019/10/21/810846.full.pdf>. url: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2019/10/21/810846>

Oral presentations

- University of Hertfordshire Engineering and Computer Science Conference, 2019: **Ankur Sinha**. *Investigating activity dependent dynamics of synaptic structures using biologically plausible models of post-deafferentation network repair*. Apr. 17, 2019. doi: [10.18745/PB.21692](https://doi.org/10.18745/PB.21692). url: <https://uhra.herts.ac.uk/handle/2299/21692>

Conference posters

- CNS 2019: **Ankur Sinha**, Luis Bazan, Luis M. Segundo, Zbigniew Jędrzejewski-Szmek, Christian J. Kellner, Sergio Pascual, Antonio Trande, Manas Mangaonkar, Tereza Hlaváčková, Morgan Hough, Ilya Gradina, and Igor Gnatenko. "NeuroFedora: a ready to use Free/Open Source platform for Neuroscientists". In: *BMC Neuroscience* 20 (2019). issn: 1471-2202. url: <https://neuro.fedoraproject.org>
- CNS 2019: **Ankur Sinha**, Christoph Metzner, Neil Davey, Roderick Adams, Michael Schmuker, and Volker Steuber. "Growth rules for repair of asynchronous irregular network models following peripheral lesions". In: *BMC Neuroscience* 20 (2019). issn: 1471-2202

- **CNS 2018: Ankur Sinha**, Christoph Metzner, Roderick Adams, Neil Davey, Michael Schmuker, and Volker Steuber. "The combined effect of homeostatic structural and inhibitory synaptic plasticity during the repair of balanced networks following deafferentation". In: *BMC Neuroscience* 19.2 (2018), pp. 129–130. issn: 1471-2202. doi: [10.1186/s12868-018-0451-y](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12868-018-0451-y)
- **CNS 2017: Ankur Sinha**, C. Metzner, R. Adams, M. Schmuker, N. Davey, and V. Steuber. "The effect of homeostatic structural plasticity on associative memory in a network with spike-time dependent inhibitory synaptic plasticity." In: *BMC Neuroscience*, 18(Suppl.1). 2017. doi: [10.1186/s12868-017-0370-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12868-017-0370-3)
- **CNS 2015: Ankur Sinha**, Neil Davey, Rod Adams, and Volker Steuber. "Structural plasticity and associative memory in balanced neural networks with spike-time dependent inhibitory plasticity". In: *BMC Neuroscience* 16.1 (2015), p. 1. url: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2202/16/S1/P235>

Conference papers

- **Ankur Sinha** and Jack Wang. "An implementation of the path integrator mechanism of head direction cells for bio-mimetic navigation". In: *2014 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*,. Ieee, 2014, pp. 1984–1991
- **Ankur Sinha** and Jack Jianguo Wang. "Bio-mimetic Path Integration Using a Self Organizing Population of Grid Cells". In: *Artificial Neural Networks and Machine Learning-ICANN 2014*. Springer, 2014, p. 675

Software for computational neuroscience

- Jakob Jordan, Håkon Mørk, Stine Brekke Vennemo, Dennis Terhorst, Alexander Peyser, Tammo Ippen, Rajalekshmi Deepu, Jochen Martin Eppler, Alexander van Meegen, Susanne Kunkel, **Ankur Sinha**, Tanguy Fardet, Sandra Diaz, Abigail Morrison, Wolfram Schenck, et al. *NEST 2.18.0*. 2019. doi: [10.5281/zenodo.2605422](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.2605422). url: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.2605422>
- Charl Linssen, Mikkel Elle Lepperød, Jessica Mitchell, Jari Pronold, Jochen Martin Eppler, Chrisitan Keup, Alexander Peyser, Susanne Kunkel, Philipp Weidel, Yannick Nodem, Dennis Terhorst, Rajalekshmi Deepu, Moritz Deger, Jan Hahne, **Ankur Sinha**, et al. *NEST 2.16.0*. 2018. doi: [10.5281/zenodo.1400175](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1400175)
- Alexander Peyser, **Ankur Sinha**, Stine Brekke Vennemo, Tammo Ippen, Jakob Jordan, Steffen Graber, Abigail Morrison, Guido Trensch, Tanguy Fardet, Håkon Mørk, Jan Hahne, Jannis Schuecker,

Maximilian Schmidt, Susanne Kunkel, David Dahmen, et al. *NEST* 2.14.0. 2017. doi: [10.5281/zenodo.882971](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.882971)

- Susanne Kunkel, Abigail Morrison, Philipp Weidel, Jochen Martin Eppler, **Ankur Sinha**, Wolfram Schenck, Maximilian Schmidt, Stine Brekke Vennemo, Jakob Jordan, Alexander Peyser, Dimitri Plotnikov, Steffen Graber, Tanguy Fardet, Dennis Terhorst, Håkon Mørk, et al. *NEST* 2.12.0. 2017. doi: [10.5281/zenodo.259534](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.259534)

Workshops

- July 2019: Co-organiser of the [CNS*2019 student and post-doc career development workshop](#).

Experience

Research

- April 2020–: Research Fellow at the [Silver Lab](#) at University College London, London.
- 2019–: on the Board of Directors of the [Organization for Computational Neuroscience](#) as the OCNS webmaster.
- 2018–: core team member of the [NeuroFedora](#) initiative.
- January 2011–June 2011: research intern at Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bangalore.
- May 2010–July 2010: research intern at Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bangalore.

Teaching

- January 2015–: visiting lecturer at the School of Computer Science, University of Hertfordshire.
 - Lecturing/Tutorials/Practicals/Lab work/Grading: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Databases, Contemporary issues, Algorithms and data structures.
 - Project supervision: on-campus and online undergraduate, post-graduate projects.

Volunteering

- 2008–: volunteer at the Free and Open Source Software [Fedora Linux project](#):

- [software package maintainer](#); also [sponsor](#) to the package maintainers team, “[proven packager](#)” with permissions to aid other package maintainers with their tasks.
- [Join SIG](#) team member.
- 2015–2017: seminar manager and webmaster for the [UH Bio-computation group](#).

Industry

- June 2011–June 2012: Business Technology Analyst (BTA) at Deloitte Consulting India Pvt. Limited.
- 2011: [Google Summer of Code](#): granted stipend by Google to work on the [Fedora Medical](#) project.

Awards and achievements

- 2019: CNS 2019 conference travel funding award.
- 2019: UH Post graduate researcher conference funding award.
- 2018: CNS 2018 conference travel funding award.
- 2018: 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) competition finalist.
- 2016: UH Post graduate researcher conference funding award.
- 2014: UH PhD scholarship.
- 2014: UTS Vice Chancellor’s conference fund grant.
- 2014: UTS FEIT travel grant.

Referees

Available on request.