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- RESEARCH** I study machine learning and its application to science and industry, including in particular how neurons give rise to the remarkable computational sophistication of our brains.
- ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE** **Columbia University**, New York, NY, USA, 2013-present
 Associate Professor, Department of Statistics
 Member: Data Science Institute, Grossman Center for the Statistics of Mind, Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior, Neurobiology and Behavior Program, Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, NeuroTechnology Center
- Washington University**, St. Louis, MO, USA, 2012-2013
 Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering
 Assistant Professor (by courtesy), Department of Computer Science
- University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK, 2010-2012
 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Engineering
 Research Fellow, Christ's College, University of Cambridge
 Advisors: Zoubin Ghahramani and Carl Rasmussen
- Stanford University**, Stanford, CA, USA, 2004-2009
 Postdoctoral Fellow, Electrical Engineering, 2009
 Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, 2004-2009
 M.S., Electrical Engineering, 2004-2006
 Advisor: Krishna Shenoy
- Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH, USA, 1998-2002
 A.B., Computer Science
- HONORS AND AWARDS** • McKnight Foundation Scholar, 2016-2019
 • Honorable Mention, Columbia University President's Teaching Award, 2016
 • Sloan Research Fellow, 2015-2017
 • Sackler Foundation Research Fellow, Christ's College, Cambridge, 2010-2013
 • 8th place (of 160) in the Stanford E.E. Ph.D. Qualifying Exams, 2006
 • Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College, 2002
 • Phi Beta Kappa, 2002-present
- PUBLICATIONS** [61] Lara AH, Elsayed GF, Cunningham JP, Churchland MM (2017) "Conservation of cortical events across different classes of voluntary movement." In Review.
- [60] Mena G, Grosberg L, Cunningham JP, Chichilnisky EJ, Paninski L (2017) "Removing Stimulation Artifacts From Neural Recordings Using Structured Gaussian Processes." In Review. Preprint: <http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2016/11/27/089912>
- [59] Elsayed GF and Cunningham JP (2017) "Structure in neural population recordings: an expected byproduct of simpler phenomena?" *Nature Neuroscience*. 20:1310-1318.

- [58] Mandt S, Wenzel F, Nakajima S, Cunningham JP, Lippert C, Kloft M (2017) “Sparse probit linear mixed model” *Machine Learning*. DOI 10.1007/s10994-017-5652-6.
- [57] Miri A, Warriner CL, Seely JS, Elsayed GF, Cunningham JP, Churchland MM, Jessell TM (2017) “Behaviorally selective engagement of short-latency effector pathways by motor cortex” *Neuron*. 95:683-696.
- [56] Loaiza-Ganem G*, Gao Y*, Cunningham JP (2017) “Maximum Entropy Flow Networks.” *ICLR* 2017.
- [55] Fagan F, Bhandari J, Cunningham JP (2017) “Annular Augmentation Sampling.” *AISTATS* 2017.
- [54] Buesing L, Calabrese A, Cunningham JP, Woolley S, Paninski L (2017) “A Statistical Model of Shared Variability in the Songbird Auditory System.” Technical Report, *bioRxiv*.
- [53] Gao Y*, Archer E*, Paninski L, Cunningham JP (2016) “Linear dynamical neural population models through nonlinear embeddings.” *NIPS* 2016.
- [52] Elsayed GF*, Lara AH*, Churchland MM, Cunningham JP (2016) “Reorganization between preparatory and movement population responses in motor cortex.” *Nature Communications*. 7:13239.
- [51] Sumbul U, Roossien D, Chen F, Barry N, Boyden ES, Cai D, Cunningham JP, Paninski L (2016) “Automated scalable segmentation of neurons from multispectral images.” *NIPS* 2016.
- [50] Seely JS, Kaufman MT, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV, Cunningham JP, Churchland MM (2016) “Tensor Analysis Reveals Distinct Population Structure that Parallels the Different Computational Roles of Areas M1 and V1.” *PLOS Computational Biology*. 12(11): e1005164.
- [49] Bloem-Reddy B, Cunningham JP (2016) “Slice sampling on Hamiltonian trajectories.” *ICML* 2016.
- [48] Cutajar K, Osborne MA, Cunningham JP, Filippone M (2016) “Preconditioning kernel matrices.” *ICML* 2016.
- [47] Merel J, Carlson D, Paninski L, Cunningham JP (2016) “Neuroprosthetic decoder training as imitation learning.” *PLOS Computational Biology*. 12(5): e1004948.
- [46] Fagan F, Bhandari J, Cunningham JP (2016) “Elliptical slice sampling with expectation propagation.” *UAI* 2016.
- [45] Flaxman S, Sejdinovic D, Cunningham JP, Fillipi S (2016) “Bayesian learning of kernel embeddings.” *UAI* 2016.
- [44] Gao Y, Buesing L, Shenoy KV, Cunningham JP (2015) High-dimensional neural spike train analysis with generalized count linear dynamical systems. *NIPS* 2015.
- [43] Gardner JR, Malkomes G, Garnett R, Weinberger K, Barbour DL, Cunningham JP (2015) Bayesian Active Model Selection with an Application to Automated Audiometry. *NIPS* 2015.
- [42] Cunningham JP, Ghahramani Z (2015) Linear dimensionality reduction: survey, insights, and generalizations. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*.
- [41] Gardner JR, Song XD, Barbour DL, Weinberger KQ, Cunningham JP (2015) Psychophysical testing with Bayesian active learning. *UAI* 2015.
- [40] Merel J, Pianto DM, Cunningham JP, Paninski L (2015) Encoder-decoder optimization for brain-computer interfaces. *PLOS Computational Biology*. 11(6): e1004288.

- [39] Mandt S, Wenzel F, Nakajima S, Cunningham JP, Lippert C, Kloft M (2015) “Sparse Estimation in a Correlated Probit Model.” Technical Report, arXiv.
- [38] Archer E, Park M, Buesing L, Cunningham JP, Paninski L (2015) Black-box variational inference for state-space models. International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2016, Workshops.
- [37] Kao JC, Nuyujukian P, Ryu SI, Churchland MM, Cunningham JP, Shenoy KV (2015) Incorporating neural population dynamics increases brain-machine interface performance. *Nature Communications*. 6:7759.
- [36] Churchland MM, Cunningham JP (2015) A dynamical basis set for generating reaches. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press. doi: 10.1101/sqb.2014.79.024703. vol LXXIX.
- [35] Gilboa E, Saatci Y, Cunningham JP (2015) Scaling multidimensional inference for structured Gaussian Processes. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*. 37:424-436.
- [34] Cunningham JP (2014) Analyzing neural data at huge scale. *Nature Methods*. 11:911-912.
- [33] Cunningham JP, Yu BM (2014) Dimensionality reduction for large-scale neural recordings. *Nature Neuroscience*. 17:1500-1509.
- [32] Buesing L, Machado T, Cunningham JP, Paninski L (2014) Clustered factor analysis of multineuronal spike data. *NIPS 2014*.
- [31] Wilson AG*, Gilboa E*, Nehorai A, Cunningham JP (2014) Fast kernel learning for multidimensional pattern extrapolation. *NIPS 2014*.
- [30] Gilboa E, Cunningham JP, Nehorai A, Gruev V (2014) Image interpolation and denoising for division of focal plane sensors using Gaussian Processes. *Optics Express*. 22:15277-15291.
- [29] Gardner JR, Kusner MJ, Xu Z, Weinberger KQ, Cunningham JP (2014) Bayesian optimization with inequality constraints. *ICML 2014: JMLR W+CP*.
- [28] Gelman A, Vehtari A, Jylanki P, Robert C, Chopin C, Cunningham JP (2014) Expectation propagation as a way of life. Technical Report, arXiv.
- [27] Gilboa E, Saatci Y, Cunningham JP (2013) Scaling multidimensional Gaussian Processes using projected additive approximations. *ICML 2013: JMLR W+CP*.
- [26] Leuthardt EC, Cunningham JP, Barbour D (2013) Towards a Speech BCI Using ECoG. In *Brain-computer Interface Research: Springer*, pp93-100. ISBN: 978-3-642-36082-4.
- [25] Churchland MM*, Cunningham JP*, Kaufman MT, Foster JD, Nuyujukian P, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2012) Neural population dynamics during reaching. *Nature*, 487: 51-56.
- [24] Gilja V, Nuyujukian P, Chestek CA, Cunningham JP, Fan JM, Yu BM, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2012) A high-performance continuous cortically-controlled prosthesis enabled by feedback control design. *Nature Neuroscience*, 15: 1752-1758.
- [23] Cunningham JP, Rasmussen CE, Ghahramani Z (2012) Gaussian Processes for time-marked time-series data. *AISTATS 2012: JMLR W+CP*.
- [22] Zhao M, Batista AP, Cunningham JP, Chestek CA, Rivera-Alvidrez Z, Kalmar R, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV, Iyengar S (2012) An L1-regularized logistic model for detecting short-term neuronal interactions. *J Computational Neuroscience*. 32(3):479-97. PMID: 22038503
- [21] Macke JH, Busing L, Cunningham JP, Yu BM, Shenoy KV, Sahani M (2012) Empirical models of spiking in neural populations. *NIPS 2012*.

- [20] Petreska B, Yu BM, Cunningham JP, Santhanam G, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV, Sahani M (2012) Dynamical Segmentation of single trials from population neural data. NIPS 2012.
- [19] Cunningham JP, Nuyujukian P, Gilja V, Chestek CA, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2011) A closed-loop human simulator for investigating the role of feedback-control in brain-machine interfaces. *Journal of Neurophysiology*. 105:1932-1949. PMID: 20943945
- [18] Cunningham JP, Hennig P, Lacoste-Julien S (2011) Gaussian probabilities and expectation propagation. Technical Report, arXiv.
- [17] Chestek CA, Gilja V, Nuyujukian P, Foster JD, Fan JM, Kaufman MT, Churchland MM, Rivera-Alvidrez Z, Cunningham JP, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2011) Long-term stability of neural prosthetic control signals from silicon cortical arrays in rhesus macaque motor cortex. *Journal of Neural Engineering*. 8:045005.
- [16] Churchland MM, Cunningham JP, Kaufman MT, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2010) Cortical preparatory activity: Representation of movement or first cog in a dynamical machine? *Neuron*. 68:387-400.
- [15] Churchland MM*, Yu BM*, Cunningham JP, Sugrue LP, Cohen MR, Corrado GS, Newsome WT, Clark AM, Hosseini P, Scott BB, Bradley DC, Smith MA, Kohn A, Movshon JA, Armstrong KM, Moore T, Chang SW, Snyder LH, Lisberger SG, Priebe NJ, Finn IM, Ferster D, Ryu SI, Santhanam G, Sahani M, Shenoy KV (2010) Stimulus onset quenches neural variability: a widespread cortical phenomenon. *Nature Neuroscience*. 13:369-378.
- [14] Cunningham JP (2009) Algorithms for understanding motor cortical processing and neural prosthetic systems. Stanford University PhD Thesis.
- [13] Chestek CA*, Cunningham JP*, Gilja V, Nuyujukian P, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2009) Neural prosthetic systems: Current problems and future directions. *IEEE EMBS 2009*.
- [12] Cunningham JP, Gilja V, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2009) Methods for estimating neural firing rates and their application to brain-machine interfaces. *Neural Networks*, 22:1235-1246.
- [11] Chang C, Cunningham JP, Glover GH (2009) Influence of heart rate on the BOLD signal: The cardiac response function. *Neuroimage*, 44:857-869.
- [10] Yu BM, Cunningham JP, Santhanam G, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV, Sahani M (2009) Gaussian-process factor analysis for low-dimensional single-trial analysis of neural population activity. *NIPS 2009*.
- [9] Yu BM, Cunningham JP, Santhanam G, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV*, Sahani M* (2009) Gaussian-process factor analysis for low-dimensional single-trial analysis of neural population activity. *Journal of Neurophysiology*, 102:614-635.
- [8] Cunningham JP, Yu BM, Gilja V, Ryu SI, Shenoy KV (2008) Toward optimal target placement for neural prosthetic devices. *Journal of Neurophysiology*. 100:3445-3457.
- [7] Cunningham JP, Sahani M, Shenoy KV (2008) Fast gaussian process methods for point process intensity estimation. *ICML 2008*.
- [6] Cunningham JP (2008) Derivation of Expectation Propagation for "Fast Gaussian process methods for point process intensity estimation". Technical Report.
- [5] Cunningham JP, Yu BM, Shenoy KV, Sahani M (2008) Inferring neural firing rates from spike trains using Gaussian Processes. *NIPS 2008*.
- [4] Chestek CA*, Batista AP*, Santhanam G, Yu BM, Afshar A, Cunningham JP, Gilja V, Ryu SI, Churchland MM, Shenoy KV (2007) Single-neuron stability during repeated reaching in macaque premotor cortex. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 27:10742-10750.

- [3] Yu BM, Cunningham JP, Shenoy KV, Sahani M (2007) Neural decoding of movements: From linear to nonlinear trajectory models. *Neural Information Processing*, M. Ishikawa et al. (Eds.): ICONIP 2007, Part I, LNCS. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg. ISBN 978-3-540-69154-9. 4984:586-595.
- [2] Cunningham JP, Yu BM, Shenoy KV (2006) Optimal target placement for neural communication prostheses. *IEEE EMBS*.
- [1] Shenoy KV, Santhanam G, Ryu SI, Afshar A, Yu BM, Gilja V, Linderman MD, Kalmar RS, Cunningham JP, Kemere CT, Batista AP, Churchland MM, Meng TH (2006) Increasing the performance of cortically-controlled prostheses. *IEEE EMBS*.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

- Editorial Board: *Journal of Machine Learning Research*
- Organizing Committee: ICML (2016 and 2017 finance co-chair)
- Conference Program Committee: NIPS, ICML
- Study Section/Grant Reviewer: NSF (2015), NIH (2016), EC FP7 (2012)
- Journal Reviewer: *Nature Methods*, *IEEE PAMI*, *ICML*, *NIPS*, *ICLR*, *J Neurosci*, *J Neurophysiol*, *PLOS CB*, *IEEE TNSRE*, *Network*, *J Comp Neurosci*, *J Neural Eng*
- Co-author: American Statistical Association working group letter re: the NIH BRAIN Initiative, “Statistical Research and Training Under the BRAIN Initiative”.
- Workshop Co-organizer: “Automated Analyses of Behavior and High-Dimensional Neurobehavioral Analysis” (COSYNE 2017), “Probabilistic Numerics” (NIPS 2012), “Numerical Mathematics in Machine Learning,” (ICML 2009), “Dimensionality reduction for multi-channel neural recordings” (COSYNE 2009).
- Invited Instructor, “Gaussian Processes for Machine Learning”, Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS), 2012

RESEARCH
SUPPORT

- [9] Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, Grant 542963, 2017-2022. Role: PI (sole investigator award). Title: “Understanding the computational structure of neural populations”. Support: \$625,000 over 5 years (direct costs).
- [8] NSF NeuroNex Theory Team: Columbia University Theoretical Neuroscience Hub. Role: Co-I (team award). Support: \$3,800,000 over 4 years (direct costs)
- [7] McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience: McKnight Scholar Award, 2016-2019. Role: PI (sole investigator award). Support: \$225,000 over 3 years (direct costs)
- [6] NIH CRCNS R01 NS100066-01, 2016-2019. Role: PI. Title: “Understanding flexible neural computations in the motor cortex”. Support \$618,000 over 3 years (direct costs).
- [5] Sloan Foundation: Sloan Research Fellowship, 2015-2017. Role: PI (sole investigator award). Support: \$50,000 over 2 years (direct costs).
- [4] Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, Grant 325233, 2014-2017. Role: PI. Title: “Spatiotemporal structure of neural population dynamics in the motor system”. Support: \$600,000 over 3 years (direct costs).
- [3] Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, Grant 325171, 2014-2017. Role: Co-I. Title: “Understanding neural computations across the global brain”. Support. \$360,000 over 3 years (direct costs).
- [2] UK EPSRC EP/H019472/1, 2010-2013. Role: Co-I. Title: “Advanced Algorithms for Neural Prosthetic Systems”. Support £407,559 (total costs).
- [1] Michael Flynn Stanford Graduate Fellowship, 2004-2009. Role: Fellow. Support: 5 years of Ph.D. support.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

- [16] 2017 Fall: Advanced Machine Learning; Columbia (STAT GR5242, grad, Section 002)
- [15] 2017 Fall: Advanced Machine Learning; Columbia (STAT GR5242, grad, Section 001)
- [14] 2016 Fall: Introduction to Probability and Statistics with Calculus; Columbia (STAT UN1201, undergrad, Section 003)
- [13] 2016 Fall: Introduction to Probability and Statistics with Calculus; Columbia (STAT UN1201, undergrad, Section 001)
- [12] 2016 Spring: Statistical Machine Learning; Columbia (STAT W4400, grad)
- [11] 2015 Fall: Gaussian Processes and Kernel Methods; Columbia (STAT G8325, grad)
- [10] 2015 Fall: Statistical Machine Learning; Columbia (STAT W4400, grad)
- [9] 2015 Spring: Statistical Machine Learning; Columbia (STAT W4400, grad)
- [8] 2014 Fall: Statistical Machine Learning; Columbia (STAT W4400, grad)
- [7] 2014 Fall: Probability and Statistics; Columbia (STAT W4700, grad)
- [6] 2014 Spring: Data Mining; Columbia (STAT W4240, grad)
- [5] 2013 Fall: Probability and Statistics; Columbia (STAT W4700, grad)
- [4] 2011 Easter Term: Probability; Cambridge (Eng Maths IB, undergrad)
- [3] 2011 Lent Term: Linear Algebra; Cambridge (Eng Maths IB, undergrad)
- [2] 2011 Michaelmas Term: Vector Calculus; Cambridge (Eng Maths IB, undergrad)
- [1] 2007-2009: Math/Physics; Foundation for a College Ed. (Tutor, high school)

WORK
EXPERIENCE

- Technical consultant for private companies and investors, 2006-present
- Morgan Stanley, Investment Banking, Tech. Mergers and Acquisitions, 2002-2004
- Cisco Systems, Customer Support Engineer and Programmer, 2000-2002
- Edgartown Police Department, Special Officer, 1999

MEDIA

- 2016/05/17: Announcement of Honorable Mention President's Teaching Award. ([link](#))
- 2016/05/16: McKnight Foundation Announcement. ([link](#))
- 2016/05/09: Columbia News Story. ([link](#))
- 2016/03/22: Zuckerman Institute News. ([link](#))
- 2015/10/08: Columbia Data Science Hackathon. ([link](#))
- 2015/09/10: Simons Foundation News. ([link](#))
- 2015/03/03: Columbia Medicine Story. ([link](#))
- 2015/02/27: Columbia Data Science Institute Story. ([link](#))
- 2015/02/23: NY Times Advertisement of Sloan Award ([link](#))
- 2014/07/01: Simons Foundation Collaboration on the Global Brain Award. ([link](#))
- 2014/07/01: AMSTAT News Article. ([link](#))
- 2014/04/04: ASA working group letter. ([link](#))

STUDENT
ADVISING

- [12] 2017-Present: A. Nanda, undergraduate, Computer Science (project supervisor)
- [11] 2017-Present: T. Wang, M.S. student, Computer Science (project supervisor)
- [10] 2017-Present: S. Bittner, Ph.D. student, Neuroscience (primary advisor)
- [9] 2016-Present: G. Loaiza-Ganem, Ph.D. student, Statistics (primary advisor)

- [8] 2014-2017: Y. Gao, Ph.D., Statistics (primary advisor)
- [7] 2013-2017: G.F. Elsayed, Ph.D., Neuroscience (primary advisor)
- [6] 2015-2016: J. Bhandari, Ph.D. student, IEOR (project supervisor)
- [5] 2015-2016: F. Fagan, Ph.D. student, IEOR (project supervisor)
- [4] 2015-2016: B. Bloem-Reddy, Ph.D. student, Statistics (project supervisor)
- [3] 2016: S.K. Lee, M.S. student, Computer Science (project supervisor)
- [2] 2015: R. Sun, M.S. student, Statistics (project supervisor)
- [1] 2015: X. Ren, M.S. student, Statistics (project supervisor)

POSTDOCTORAL
ADVISING

- [5] 2016-Present: D. Hernandez-Diaz, postdoc (co-advised with L. Paninski), Statistics
- [4] 2014-Present: J. Friedrich, postdoc (co-advised with L. Paninski), Statistics
- [3] 2014-2016: E. Archer, postdoc (co-advised with L. Paninski), Statistics
- [2] 2014-2017: U. Sumbul, postdoc (co-advised with L. Paninski), Statistics
- [1] 2013-2015: L. Buesing, postdoc (co-advised with L. Paninski), Statistics

THESIS
COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP

- [11] S. Sahai, Ph.D. Student, Statistics (reader)
- [10] Y. Gao, Ph.D. Student, Statistics (primary advisor)
- [9] G. Elsayed, Ph.D. Student, Neuroscience (primary advisor)
- [8] B. Bloem-Reddy, Ph.D. Student, Statistics (reader)
- [7] W. Wang, Ph.D. Student, Statistics (reader)
- [6] Adjil Dieng, Ph.D. Student, Statistics (reader)
- [5] J. Seely, Ph.D. Student, Neuroscience (reader)
- [4] A. Russo, Ph.D. Student, Neuroscience (reader)
- [3] P. Stinson, Ph.D. Student, Neuroscience (reader)
- [2] J. Merel, Ph.D. Student, Neuroscience (reader)
- [1] B. dePasquale, Ph.D. Student, Neuroscience (reader)

INVITED TALKS

- [24] “Structure in multi-index tensor data: a trivial byproduct of simpler phenomena?”
CMU Statistics Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA, Sep. 25, 2017.
- [23] “Structure in multi-index tensor data: a trivial byproduct of simpler phenomena?”
MIT SDSC Seminar, Cambridge, MA, Sep. 14, 2017.
- [22] “Generative modeling with maximum entropy” Google Research, New York, NY,
May 31, 2017.
- [21] “Structure in multi-index tensor data: a trivial byproduct of simpler phenomena?”
Princeton CSML Seminar, Princeton, NJ, USA, Apr. 25, 2017.
- [20] “Statistical testing of epiphenomena for multi-index data” Intelligent Systems Col-
loquium, Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Tübingen, Germany, Mar.
07, 2017.

- [19] “Structure in neural population data: interesting or epiphenomenal?” Simons Foundation, Simons Collaboration on the Global Brain, New York, NY, Sep. 12, 2016.
- [18] “Finding and statistically validating hypothesized structure in high-dimensional data.” Cubist Systemic Strategies, New York, NY, May 23, 2016.
- [17] “Statistical testing for neural population data.” Neyman Seminar, Department of Statistics, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA, Feb. 17, 2016.
- [16] “Statistical testing for neural population recordings.” Keynote Speaker, Institute of Neuroscience, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA, Jan. 29, 2016.
- [15] “How the brain controls movement: a journey of neural and data science.” Zuckerman Institute Brain Trust, New York, NY, USA, Oct. 01, 2015.
- [14] “Neuroscience in the data era, data in the neuroscience era.” Zuckerman Institute Brain Series, New York, NY, USA, Apr. 22, 2015.
- [13] “Correlation structure of movement preparation and execution.” Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, NY, USA, Apr. 21, 2015.
- [12] “Hypothesis-guided dimensionality reduction and its application to large-scale neuroscience” Brown University, Division of Applied Mathematics, Providence, RI, USA, Dec. 03, 2014.
- [11] “Computation in populations of neurons,” Neurosurgery Grand Rounds, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA, Apr. 24, 2013.
- [10] “Computation in populations of neurons,” Electrical Engineering Department Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA, Mar. 05, 2013.
- [9] “From single neuron statistics to neural population analyses,” Neuroscience Department Seminar, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA, Jan. 08, 2013.
- [8] “Statistical analyses of populations of neurons,” Statistics Department Seminar, Columbia University, NY, NY, USA, Nov. 26, 2012.
- [7] “From single neuron statistics to neural population analyses,” Neurotheory Center Seminar, Columbia University, NY, NY, USA, Oct. 26, 2012.
- [6] “R-100 is a big place,” at Swartz/Gatsby/Janelia Dimensionality Reduction Meeting, HHMI/Janelia Farm, VA, USA, Jul. 26, 2012.
- [5] “Extracting Rotational Structure from Motor Cortical Data,” at Swartz/Gatsby/Janelia Dimensionality Reduction Meeting, HHMI/Janelia Farm, VA, USA, Jul. 25, 2012.
- [4] “Extracting Rotational Structure from Motor Cortical Data,” at Machine Learning and Neuroscience Meeting, HHMI/Janelia Farm, VA, May 07, 2012.
- [3] “Gaussian Processes for machine learning.” Machine Learning Summer School 2012, La Palma, Spain, Apr. 18, 2012.
- [2] “Single Neuron Thinking (and my hope that we end it by 2025).” at the New York Academy of Sciences, NY, NY, USA. Mar. 11, 2012.
- [1] “High performance neural prostheses: understanding and exploiting closed-loop feedback control” British Neuroscience Association Annual Meeting, Harrogate, UK, Apr. 19, 2011.

- [42] “Structure in neural population data: interesting or epiphenomenal?” Stanford University, Stanford, CA, Jun. 16, 2016.
- [41] “Your brain and high-dimensional data.” Columbia University MA Student Seminar Series, New York, NY, Mar. 09, 2016.
- [40] “Statistical testing for neural population data, or, are population analyses all a bunch of nonsense?” Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE) Workshop, Snowbird, UT, USA, Feb. 29, 2016.
- [39] “Generalized count linear dynamical systems for single-trial analysis of neural populations.” Columbia University Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, New York, NY, USA, Jul. 27, 2015.
- [38] “Correlation structure of movement preparation and execution.” Gatsby Tri-Center meeting, New York, NY, USA, Jun. 04, 2015.
- [37] “Expectation propagation: factorization and entropy approximation.” Gaussian Process workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark, May 22, 2015.
- [36] “Hypothesis-guided dimensionality reduction and its application to large-scale neuroscience” Columbia University Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, New York, NY, USA, Nov. 24, 2014.
- [35] “Your brain and high-dimensional statistics” Columbia University Undergraduate Seminar, New York, NY, USA, Oct. 10, 2014.
- [34] “Generic linear dimensionality reduction for high-dimensional neural data,” Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE) Workshop, Snowbird, UT, USA, Mar. 03, 2014.
- [33] “The computational structure of neural population responses,” Center for Neural Engineering and Computation, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, Nov. 20, 2013.
- [32] “Fast multidimensional pattern extrapolation with Gaussian processes,” Department of Statistics Student Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, Nov. 13, 2013.
- [31] “Model testing with neural populations,” Grossman Center workshop on ‘Quantifying structure in large neural datasets’, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, Oct. 17, 2013.
- [30] “The wonderland of higher space,” Math Club, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA, Mar. 25, 2013.
- [29] “R-100 is a big place,” at Swartz/Gatsby/Janelia Dimensionality Reduction Meeting, HHMI/Janelia Farm, VA, USA, Jul. 26, 2012.
- [28] “Extracting Rotational Structure from Motor Cortical Data,” at Swartz/Gatsby/Janelia Dimensionality Reduction Meeting, HHMI/Janelia Farm, VA, USA, Jul. 25, 2012.
- [27] “Extracting Rotational Structure from Motor Cortical Data,” at Machine Learning and Neuroscience Meeting, HHMI/Janelia Farm, VA, May 07, 2012.
- [26] “Gaussian Processes for machine learning.” Machine Learning seminar, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA, Apr. 16, 2012.
- [25] “Approximate Inference.” Machine Learning RCC, Cambridge, UK, Dec. 08, 2011. With David Knowles.
- [24] “Nothing that is can pause or stay; The moon will wax, the moon will wane, The mist and cloud will turn to rain, The rain to mist and cloud again, To-morrow be to-day.” CBL Tea Talk, Cambridge, UK, Dec. 07, 2011.

- [23] “Extracting Rotational Structure from Motor Cortical Data,” at Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC, USA. Nov. 13, 2011.
- [22] “What is this that thou hast done? And the [developer] said, ”The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.” CBL Tea Talk, Cambridge, UK, Sep. 30, 2011.
- [21] “Gaussian Probabilities and Expectation Propagation,” CBL Research Talk, Cambridge, UK, Apr. 11, 2011.
- [20] “Cortical preparatory activity: representation of movement or first cog in a dynamical machine?” Computational Neuroscience Journal Club, Cambridge, UK, Feb. 01, 2011.
- [19] “A closed-loop human simulator for understanding feedback-control and its relevance for brain-machine interfaces,” at Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA, USA. Nov. 13, 2010.
- [18] “The jewel has facets, and it is possible that many [histories] are moderately true... But we are only moderately certain,” CBL Tea Talk, Cambridge, UK, Oct. 01, 2010.
- [17] “Analysing Time Marked Data,” CBL Research Talk, Cambridge, UK, Jul. 19, 2010.
- [16] “Numerical Linear Algebra,” Machine Learning RCC, Cambridge, UK, Apr. 29, 2010. With Peter Orbanz.
- [15] “Gravely the men turn [the matrix] - the wrong [matrix]. But no one knows [Heywood’s] name, and no one cares.” CBL Tea Talk, Cambridge, UK, Apr. 28, 2010.
- [14] “Neural Prosthetic Systems: Past, Present, and Future,” CBL Research Talk, Cambridge, UK, Feb. 8, 2010.
- [13] “Neural Prosthetic Systems: Current Problems and Future Directions,” at IEEE EMBC 2009, Minneapolis, MN, USA. Sep. 4, 2009.
- [12] “Numerical Mathematics in Machine Learning,” at ICML 2009, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Jun. 18, 2009. Organized with M. Seeger and S. Sra.
- [11] “Algorithms for Understanding Motor Cortical Processing and Neural Prosthetic Systems,” Faculty job talk and Ph.D. oral defense talk, given several times throughout 2009.
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