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## **EDUCATION**

#### Elite Master of Science in Neuroengineering

Technical University of Munich

• Tentative overall grade: 1.3\*

• Student representative

• Deutschlandstipendium (German scholarship) recipient

# Elite Master of Science in Neuro-Cognitive Psychology

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

• Tentative overall grade: 1.7

 Thesis topic: Closed-Loop Amplitude-Modulated Transcranial Alternating Current Stimulation (CLAM-tACS) on Motor Cortical Oscillations

## Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Technical University of Munich

• Tentative overall grade: 1.7

**Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering** 

Technical University of Munich

• Overall grade: 2.2

• Thesis topic: Eye Blink Detection and Motor Imagery Using A Wireless EEG: An Investigation, Grade: 1.3

# **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

#### Prof. Dr. Saad Jbabdi & Hossein Rafipoor

Wellcome Centre for Integrative Neuroimaging, University of Oxford

• Modeled fMRI data using **Dynamic Causal Modeling**.

- Identified failure points in parameter estimation using model inversion.
- Applied BENCH (Bayesian EstimatioN of CHange) to improve model inversion.

# Prof. Surjo R. Soekadar & Annalisa Colucci 🛚

Clinical Neurotechnology Lab, Charité

• Optimized the CLAM-tACS system for targeting sensorimotor beta oscillations.

- Compared various spatial filters for EEG source extraction.
- Developed an automatic algorithm for individualized frequency range detection.
- **Developed a new spatial filter** leveraging mu and beta co-information, termed Joint Spatio-Spectral Decomposition (JSSD).

#### Prof. Surjo R. Soekadar & Jan Zerfowski 🛚

Clinical Neurotechnology Lab, Charité

• Classified rock-paper-scissors gestures using optically pumped magnetometers.

• Performed **EEG source localization** using co-registered anatomical MRI.

#### Prof. Simon Jacob & Prof. Moritz Grosse-Wentrup

Translational NeuroTechnology Laboratory, Technical University of Munich

 Prepared experimental setup for the Brain-AI interface project involving an aphasia patient awaiting Utah array implantation.

• Explored **spike sorting pipelines** for future neural data processing.

09.2024 – present

10.2022 - present

Munich, Germany

10.2022 - 09.2024

Munich, Germany

04.2022 - present

Munich, Germany

10.2018 - 02.2022

Munich, Germany

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03.2024 - 09.2024

Berlin, Germany

08.2023 – 03.2024 Berlin, Germany

03.2022 - 04.2022

Munich, Germany

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<sup>\*</sup> In the German grading system, grades range from 1.0 (very good) to 5.0 (fail).

# Prof. Gordon Cheng & Nicolas Berberich 05.2021 - 07.2021 Institute for Cognitive Systems, Technical University of Munich Munich, Germany • Designed and tested assistive home appliances for a spinal cord injury patient. • Conducted motor imagery recordings and data analysis. • Implemented real-time eye blink detection for peripheral device control using EEG. • Developed an automatic pipeline to assess EEG signal quality. Prof. Ata Akın 🗹 10.2020 Acıbadem University Istanbul, Turkey • Performed statistical analysis of **Stroop test** results. Prof. Moritz Grosse-Wentrup 10.2019 Research Group Neuroinformatics, University of Vienna Vienna, Austria • Set up research-grade wet EEG systems newly arrived to the lab. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **UX** Designer 12.2023 - present Q4U 🖸 Remote • **Designed client-focused websites** optimized for user experience. • Built recommendation systems for large websites using machine learning. • Developed cross-platform **mobile apps** using Flutter. • Investigated the role of EEG as a tool for measuring user engagement. **Teaching Assistant** 04.2021 - 08.2024Technical University of Munich Munich, Germany • Taught various courses including Human-Centered Neuroengineering, Neuroprosthetics, Biosignal Processing, Python and C++ Workshops, and more. **COMPETITIONS BrainAge Prediction Challenge** 11.2022 NeurotechX Hackathon Remote • Predicted brain age from resting-state EEG data. • Achieved 1st and 3rd place as part of a collaborative team. BCI & Neurotechnology Spring School 04.2021 g.tec medical engineering GmbH Remote • Developed a two-person motor imagery-based EEG-BCI for video game control. • Awarded 3rd place in the BR41N.IO Hackathon. **PUBLICATIONS** Grip Force Dynamics during Exoskeleton-Assisted and Virtual Grasping 09.2023 International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR) 04.2023

Investigating the relationship between cue immersion and the strength of motor imagery during hand and wrist movements [2]

11th International IEEE/EMBS Conference on Neural Engineering (NER)

#### LANGUAGES & SKILLS

#### Turkish (Native) English (C1) German (C1) Norwegian (A2) **Programming** Neuroengineering **Machine Learning Creative Skills** Python • EEG Analysis (MNE, • Scikit-Learn • 3D modeling • MATLAB PyTorch - Blender EEGLAB) TensorFlow - Fusion 360 • C++ LabStreamingLayer • Experimental design Recommendation • Figma Flutter (PsychoPy) Photography systems Microcontroller GitHub programming

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