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EDUCATION

2016–2021 Ph.D. in Neurosciences, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Cambridge, MA, USA
2014–2015 M.Sc. in Space Engineering, *California Institute of Technology*, Pasadena, CA, USA
2012–2016 Ingénieur, *ISAE-SUPAERO*, Toulouse, FR
2009–2012 Classes préparatoires (MPSI/MP*), *Lycée Faidherbe*, Lille, FR

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Nov 2021 Postdoctoral fellow, *Institut de Neurosciences de la Timone*, Marseille, FR
– Present Team head: Thomas Brochier, CNRS Researcher (DR) in Neurosciences

Sep 2016 Doctoral student, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Cambridge, USA
– Jun 2021 Advisor: Mehrdad Jazayeri, Professor of Neurosciences
PhD Thesis: “Neural encoding of prior experience in sensorimotor behavior”

Oct 2015 Research intern, *Centre National d’Etudes Spatiales (CNES)*, Toulouse, FR
– Mar 2016 Advisor: Claudine Mélan, Professor of Neurosciences
Master Thesis: “Role of gravity in mental cognitive abilities”

Jul 2015 Research assistant, *California Institute of Technology*, Pasadena, USA
– Aug 2015 Advisor: Shin Shimojo, Professor of Psychology

Jul 2014 Research assistant, *MIT Kavli Institute for Astrophysics*, Cambridge, USA
– Aug 2014 Advisor: Roland K. Vanderspek, Research Scientist

Apr 2014 Research intern, *ISAE-SUPAERO*, Toulouse, FR
– Jun 2014 Advisor: Frédéric Dehais, Professor of Neuroergonomics

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

2023 Undergraduate student supervision: Camille Uldry Lavergne, *MIT-France Program*
Since 2022 Co-organizer, computational neurosci. project, *CENTURI summer school*, Marseille, FR
2019 Master’s student supervision: Shadi T. Kalat, *Worcester Polytechnic Institute*, USA
2015 Teaching assistant (“colleur”) in mathematics (MPSI), *Lycée Bellevue*, Toulouse, FR
2013 Volunteer summer school teacher, *Trinity International School*, Tirunelveli, India

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Since 2023 Editorial Fellow, *Current Research in Neurobiology*
Since 2021 Board of Directors, *Friends of ISAE* (alumni association of ISAE-SUPAERO)
Since 2021 Examiner, *Simon’s Foundation Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program*
2021 Examiner, PhD selection committee, Harvard-MIT Dept. *Health Science & Technology*
Since 2020 Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Science Advances*, *PLOS Computational Biology*

SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

- 2023 “DECLIC” outreach program for high schoolers (Lycée ND de France, Marseille, FR)
2021 Interviewed for science outreach, YouTube channel Space Y Chile
2019–2021 Editor, writer, workshop organizer, MIT Graduate Blog
2019 Co-instructor, MIT Splash Course (pK-12 High-school Action Group)
2016 Interviewed by the Consulate of France as “Boston’s French student of the Month”

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Subintern (cardiology and neurology, 3 months), *Mt. Auburn Hospital*, Boston, USA

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023–2025 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (211k€)
2023 CIVIS3i MSCA-H2020-COFUND Postdoctoral Fellowship (invited but *declined*)
2022 Fondation pour la Recherche Médicale Postdoctoral Fellowship (107k€ – *declined*)
2022 New Researcher Welcome Award (“allocation d’accueil” de la ville de Marseille)
2021 Brain Sciences Best PhD Thesis Award
2021–2023 European Molecular Biology Organization Postdoctoral Fellowship (140k€)
Jun 2021 Fondation Fyssen Postdoctoral Fellowship (80k€ – *declined*)
Jul 2020 MIT McGovern Institute for Brain Research “20 Rising Stars” Award
2020–2021 Whitaker Health Sciences Fund Doctoral Fellowship (90k\$)
2019–2020 MathWorks Engineering Doctoral Fellowship (70k\$)
Jan 2018 New Attendee Award, COSYNE conference
Nov 2016 Selected for parabolic flight experimentation, Centre National d’Etudes Spatiales
2016–2017 NASA National Space Biomedical Research Institute Doctoral Fellowship (70k\$)
Aug 2016 European Space Agency Scholarship, International Space University (14k€)
2014–2015 Fondation ISAE-Supaéro Scholarship (12k€)
2014–2015 Friends of ISAE-Supaéro Scholarship (10k€)

PUBLICATIONS (*denotes equal contribution)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

[7] Meirhaeghe N, Riehle A, Brochier T (2023) Parallel movement planning is achieved via an optimal preparatory state in motor cortex. *Cell Reports* 42(2), 112136;
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2023.112136>

[6] Beiran M*, Meirhaeghe N*, Sohn H, Jazayeri M, Ostojic S (2023) Parametric control of flexible timing through low-dimensional neural manifolds. *Neuron* 111(5):739-753.e8;
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuron.2022.12.016>

[5] Meirhaeghe N, Sohn H, Jazayeri M (2021) A precise and adaptive neural mechanism for predictive temporal processing in the frontal cortex. *Neuron* 109(18):2995-3011.e5;
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuron.2021.08.025>

[4] Sohn H*, Meirhaeghe N*, Rajalingham R, Jazayeri M (2020) A network perspective on sensorimotor learning. *Trends in Neurosciences* 44(3):170-181; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tins.2020.11.007>

[3] Wang J, Hosseini E, Meirhaeghe N, Akkad A, Jazayeri M (2020) Reinforcement regulates timing variability in thalamus. *Elife* 9:e55872; <https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.55872>

[2] Meirhaeghe N, Bayet V, Paubel P-V, Mélan C (2020) Selective facilitation of egocentric mental transformations under short-term microgravity. *Acta Astronautica* 170, 375–385; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actaastro.2020.01.039>

[1] Sohn H*, Narain D*, Meirhaeghe N*, Jazayeri M (2019) Bayesian computation through cortical latent dynamics. *Neuron* 103(5), 934–947.e5; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuron.2019.06.012>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Duda, K R, Newman D J, Meirhaeghe N, Zhang J, Zhou H L (2021) The human side of space exploration and habitation. In *Handbook of Human Factors and Ergonomics, 5th Edition*; <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119636113.ch56>

INVITED TALKS

Jun 2023 Computation through Dynamics group meeting (MIT/Stanford/UCL/ETH consortium)
Mar 2023 Action, Timing, and Language Workshop, Marseille, FR
May 2022 Centre de Recherche Cerveau et Cognition (CERCO), Toulouse, FR
Feb 2022 Neuro Meetups Bern, Switzerland (online)
Dec 2021 Timing Research Forum Journal Club (online)
Mar 2021 Institut de Neurosciences des Systèmes, Theoretical neuroscience group, Marseille, FR
Mar 2021 Harvard Medical School, Jenks Vestibular Physiology Laboratory, Boston, USA
Jan 2021 Institut de Neurosciences de la Timone (INT), Marseille, FR
Jan 2021 World Wide NeuRise Seminar Series (online)

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS (selected)

[14] Meirhaeghe N, Riehle A, Brochier T (2023) Neural population dynamics underlying the planning of multiple movements in parallel, *NeuroFrance*, Lyon, FR (Talk)

[13] Meirhaeghe N, Riehle A, Brochier T (2023) Parallel movement planning achieved via an optimal preparatory state in motor cortex, *CORTICO BCI Conference*, Paris, FR (Talk)

[12] Meirhaeghe N, Riehle A, Brochier T (2022) Parallel planning through an optimal subspace in motor cortex, *GDR Neural Net*, Lyon, FR (Talk)

[11] Meirhaeghe N, Riehle A, Brochier T (2022) Parallel planning through an optimal subspace in motor cortex, *Neuromatch online conference* (Talk)

[10] Meirhaeghe N, Riehle A, Brochier T (2022) Planning of multiple actions in motor cortex, *Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS)*, Paris, FR (Poster)

- [9] Meirhaeghe N, Sohn H, Jazayeri M (2021) A neural signature of anticipation in the macaque frontal cortex, *Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE)*, virtual conference (Poster)
- [8] Meirhaeghe N*, Sohn H*, Jazayeri M (2020) Rapid sensorimotor adaptation through cortical input control, *Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE)*, Denver, CO, USA (Poster)
- [7] Meirhaeghe N*, Sohn H*, Jazayeri M (2019) Calibrating temporal expectations through flexible tuning of neural dynamics, *Society for Neuroscience (SfN)*, Chicago, IL, USA (Poster)
- [6] Meirhaeghe N*, Sohn H*, Jazayeri M (2019) Flexible cortical dynamics in adaptive control of sensorimotor behavior, *Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE)*, Lisbon, Portugal (Poster)
- [5] Meirhaeghe N*, Sohn H*, Jazayeri M (2018) Cortical dynamics associated with multiple timescales of sensorimotor adaptation, *Society for Neuroscience (SfN)*, San Diego, CA, USA (Poster)
- [4] Meirhaeghe N, Jazayeri M (2018) A diffusive forward model for error monitoring during motor planning, *Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE)*, Denver, CO, USA (Poster)
- [3] Meirhaeghe N, Mélan C (2017) Evaluating the effects of microgravity on crew cooperation in an ecological perspective-taking task: a preliminary study, *NASA Human Research Program Investigator Workshop (HRP IWS)*, Galveston, TX, USA (Poster)
- [2] Meirhaeghe N, Mélan C (2016) Impact of microgravity on mental imagery performances in ecological perspective-taking tasks: a preliminary study, *Human-Computer Interaction in Aerospace (HCI-Aero)*, Paris, France (Poster)
- [1] Meirhaeghe N, Mélan C (2016) The role of gravity in mental rotation and perspective-taking: a preliminary study, *European Workshop on Imagery and Cognition (EWIC)*, Paris, France (Talk)