

Patrick Beukema

Education

- 2013 – 2018 **Ph.D.**, *Neuroscience*, University of Pittsburgh.
Thesis: Algorithms supporting skill consolidation
- 2009 – 2011 **M.S.**, *Logic*, Carnegie Mellon University.
Thesis: Causal inference with a recurrent neural network
- 2006 – 2009 **B.A.**, McGill University.

Experience

- 2013 – 2017 **Predoctoral fellow**, *University of Pittsburgh & Carnegie Mellon*.
Sample projects:
- "Amyloid Beta Peptides Block New Synapse Assembly..."
 - Wrote Ca^{2+} signal detection software to enable automatic imaging analysis.
 - "Parcellating the internal and external globus pallidus using diffusion based clustering"
 - Developed high-resolution visualization of pathway critical to Parkinson's disease.
 - "Stable cortical representations of individual effectors"
 - Dissociated uni-variate and multi-variate brain responses for decoding plasticity.
 - Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition student representative
 - Led machine learning seminar for neuroscientists at CMU and U. Pitt
- 2017 – **Data Science consultant**, *Penda Health*.
Provide statistics consulting for longitudinal data analysis of healthcare delivery systems for Kenyan healthcare startup.
- Summer 2016 **Neuroscience consultant**, *Pittsburgh Pirates*.
Designed [this experiment](#) to evaluate dynamic speed vision.
- Summer 2015 **Project manager**, *4th River Solutions*.
Managed team of three Ph.D. student consultants to conduct cost analysis on a novel drug delivery mechanism to improve women's reproductive health in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 2012 – 2013 **Research assistant**, *Carnegie Mellon University*.
Wrote signal detection software to quantify immunoreactivity in large sections of neural tissue, increasing throughput by many factors.

Technical Skills

- Languages Python, Bash, R, Java
Expertise Multimodal neural data analysis using statistical and machine learning methods

Publications

- 2017 **Stable cortical representations of individual effectors following long-term sequence learning**, P. Beukema, J. Diedrichsen, T. Verstynen, (in prep).

- 2017 **TrpM8-mediated somatosensation in mouse neocortex**, P. Beukema, K. Cecil, E. Peterson, V. Mann, M. Matsushita, Y. Takashima, S. Navlakha, and A. Barth, (in review).
- 2017 **Predicting and binding: algorithms supporting the consolidation of sequential motor skills**, P. Beukema, T. Verstynen, *Co*, 20:98–103 [pdf](#).
- 2017 **Differentiating visual from response sequencing during long-term skill learning**, B. Lynch, P. Beukema, T. Verstynen, *J. Cog Neuro*, 2017 29:1, 125-136.
- 2017 **Amyloid Beta Peptides Block New Synapse Assembly by Nogo Receptor Mediated Inhibition of T-Type Calcium Channels**, Y. Zhao, S. Sivaji, M.C. Chiang, H. Ali, M. Zukowski, S. Ali, B. Kennedy, A. Sklyar, A. Cheng, Z. Guo, A. K. Reed, R. Kodali, J. Borowski, G. Frost, P. Beukema, Z. P. Wills, *Neuron* 96(2).
- 2015 **In vivo characterization of the connectivity and subcomponents of the human globus pallidus**, P. Beukema, T. Verstynen, *NeuroImage*, 120(15), 382–393.
- 2011 **Multiple links between species diversity and temporal stability in bird communities across North America**, G. M. Mikkelsen, B. J. McGill, S. Beaulieu, P. Beukema, *Evolutionary Ecology Research*, 2011, 13: 361–372.

Projects

- [NeuroHack](#) Team leader, machine learning meets neuroscience hackathon at CMU
- [LabHacks](#) Curated repository of software and educational resources for neuroscientists
- [DeadSalmon](#) Talk on neuroscience's low power and what to do about it
- [SayAlphaAgain](#) Replication of [loannidis](#) simulations with $\alpha = 0.005$ instead of $\alpha = 0.05$
- [VRBrainJam](#) Codesigned winning virtual reality neuro research with GameTheory
- [LabTv](#) Science outreach to get highschoolers excited about biomedical research

Conference Presentations

- 2017 **Decoding single finger movements versus movement sequences**, *University of Pittsburgh Brain Institute*, Pittsburgh, PA [pdf](#).
- 2017 **Dissociable local and global plasticity resulting from motor sequence learning**, *Center for Neuroscience Retreat*, West Virginia [pdf](#).
- 2016 **Reorganization of cortical motor representations after long term sequential skill learning**, *Organization for Human Brain Mapping*, Geneva, Switzerland [pdf](#).
- 2016 **Long-term sequence training alters movement representations in primary motor cortex**, *Society for Neuroscience*, San Diego, [pdf](#).
- 2015 **Long-term skill learning is associated with a reorganization of cortical motor representations**, *MR Community Imaging Retreat*, Pittsburgh.
- 2014 **Parcellating the internal and external globus pallidus using diffusion based clustering**, *Society for Neuroscience*, Washington, D.C. [pdf](#).

Honors

- MNTP Multimodal neuroimaging training program, full tuition & stipend

NIH National Institute of Health training grant, full tuition & stipend
CMU Carnegie Scholar, awarded half-tuition
Lewis & Clark Trustee Scholar, awarded half-tuition