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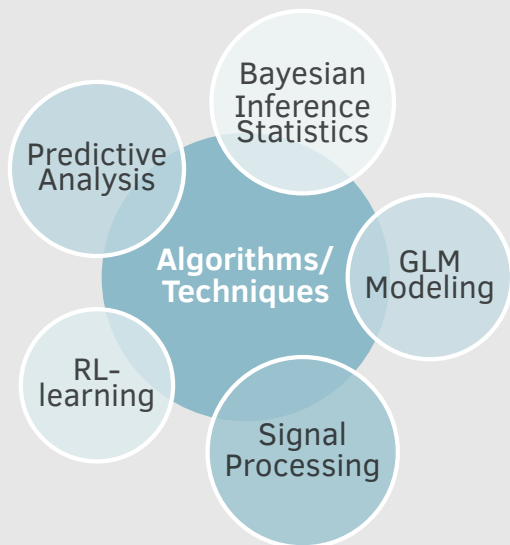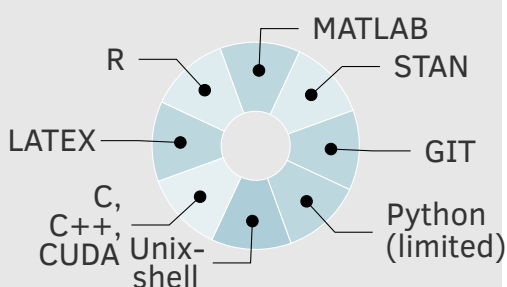
Researcher, Data Science, Computational Modeling, Bayesian Statistics

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- Bayern, Germany
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- German

Skills ──────────

Algorithms/Techniques: Bayesian Inference Statistics, Predictive Analysis, GLM Modeling, RL-learning, Signal Processing

Coding/Scripting ─

MATLAB, R, STAN, LATEX, GIT, C, C++, CUDA, Unix-shell, Python (limited)

Working Experience

Mar 2017 – Present

University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf — Hamburg, HH

Data Science, Mathematical modeling, Bayesian Inference statistics, Social decision making, Hyper-scanning, Systems neuroscience. Based on the theory of mind and the social decision-making framework, my current research project looks at the mental models that we form of others and the decisions that we make. Additionally, understanding the robot-human interaction forms an essential piece of this puzzle. Bayesian-inference modeling and reinforcement-learning where decisions are formulated under uncertainty are scrutinized to carry out this undertaking. We employ the EEG hyper-scanning technique to identify the neuronal signatures and the linked interactions in the brain.

April 2021 – Present

University Hamburg — Hamburg, HH

Teaching. Discussing with students the basics of psychological behavioral science, statistics, and human-machine interaction.

Apr 2014 –– Feb 2017

Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences — Leipzig, Saxony

A project to develop a therapeutic treatment for obesity. The project compared lean and obese volunteers in their mental makeup towards high and low caloric food. EEG was recorded and various statistical routines and signal processing techniques were performed to highlight the relevant findings. The results are published and can be found in the publications section.

Oct 2013 – Apr 2014

University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein — Kiel, Schleswig-Holstein

The project involved forming a simplistic simulation of a human brain. The challenge was to simulate the brain potentials on the surface of the scalp with differently located and oriented dipoles. These scalp potentials were then used to find an inverse solution to identify the brain sources. A new algorithm based on the phase differences of the scalp potentials was developed and tested for its accuracy and speed.

Feb 2013 – Aug 2013

EADS Eurocopters (Airbus Helicopter) — Donauwoerth, Bavaria & Munich, Bavaria

Health Usage Monitoring Systems (HUMS): During a helicopter flight, vibrations in the gearbox are a dangerous sign that can lead to fatal accidents. Therefore, it is imperative to stop such a scenario from taking place. Using signal processing algorithms one can predict the life expectancy of the shafts and other parts in the gearbox. The project simulated a virtual gearbox to understand these vibrations and identify the causes in time and frequency domains.

Oct 2011 – May 2012

EADS Astrium Space Transportation (Airbus Space and Defence) — Friedrichshafen, Baden-Württemberg

Project RUBY: Bubble formation is different in microgravity, demystifying it takes capturing multiply images of every moment in its creation. The project used various image processing tools and techniques to sort them and report the missing links.

Project FOAM: The need to study the formation of foam in the microgravity of space is essential in order to enhance the food structures. Therefore this project, part of the collaboration with ESA (European space agency) and the ISS (International space station) Columbus module had to design a lab box for experimentation. The prototype involved testing hardware and software on a parabolic flight. The challenge was to create software to operate in extreme conditions. Different correlators, multiple cameras monitoring the experiment box, and various motor components were controlled simultaneously.

The success story can be found at this link :

http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Human_Spaceflight/Space_for_dessert

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About Me

Excited by the technological possibilities in the contemporary world, while driven by scrutinizing its stimulating scientific significance.

Social Networks

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Hands-on

LABVIEW   Automation   EEG/MEG
Secure shell   GIT   prediction
tDCS/tACS   time-series

Languages

🇬🇧 English ● ● ● ● ● ●
🇩🇪 German ● ● ● ● ○ ○
🇮🇳 Hindi ● ● ● ● ● ●
🇮🇳 Gujarati ● ● ● ● ● ●

Hobbies

Webspace

SCAN ME

Education

2014 – 2017 **Doctorate/PhD** Max Planck Institute & Leipzig University
Focus: Neuroscience, signal processing, statistics
2010 – 2014 **MSc Digital communications** Christian Albrechts University (Kiel University)
Focus: Digital communications, encryption, signal processing.
2006 – 2010 **BTech Electronics and Communications** Ganpat University
Focus: Electronics, coding, digital signal processing

Selected Publications

2022 **Humans depart from optimal computational models of interactive decision-making during competition under partial information**
Saurabh Steixner-Kumar, Tessa Rusch, Prashant Doshi, Michael Spezio, Jan Gläscher
Nature scientific reports

2020 **Strategies for navigating a dynamic world**
Saurabh Steixner-Kumar, Jan Gläscher
Science

2020 **Theory of mind and decision science: Towards a typology of tasks and computational models**
*Tessa Rusch, **Saurabh Steixner-Kumar**, Prashant Doshi, Michael Spezio, Jan Gläscher*
Neuropsychologia

2019 **Modeling cooperative and competitive decision-making in the Tiger Task & Modeling Cooperation and Competition in the Tiger Task**
Saurabh Kumar, Tessa Rusch, Prashant Doshi, Michael Spezio, Jan Gläscher
4th Multi-disciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM 2019) & 2019 Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience

2018 **Satiety-induced enhanced neuronal activity in the frontal operculum relates to the desire for food in the obese female brain**
Saurabh Kumar, Felicitas Grundeis, Cristin Brand, Han-Jeong Hwang, Jan Mehnert, Burkhard Pleger
Experimental Brain Research

2017 **Establishing and validating a new source analysis method using phase**
*V. Chirumamilla, G. Gonzalez-Escamilla, **S. Kumar**, X. Longfei, S. Groppa, M. Muthuraman*
39th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)

2017 **Non-invasive Prefrontal/Frontal Brain Stimulation Is Not Effective in Modulating Food Reappraisal Abilities or Calorie Consumption in Obese Females**
*Felicitas Grundeis, Cristin Brand, **Saurabh Kumar**, Michael Rullmann, Jan Mehnert, Burkhard Pleger*
Frontiers in Neuroscience

2017 **EEG study on the differences between lean and obese individuals during regulation of food desire**
Saurabh Kumar
Universität Leipzig, Leipzig

2016 **Differences in Insula and Pre-/Frontal Responses during Reappraisal of Food in Lean and Obese Humans**
Saurabh Kumar, Felicitas Grundeis, Cristin Brand, Han-Jeong Hwang, Jan Mehnert, Burkhard Pleger
Frontiers in Human Neuroscience & SAN2016 Meeting, Corfu, Greece, 6 Oct - 9 Oct, 2016

2015 **Introduction to scientific research approaches: Brain Computer Interfaces-The Hexa Speller**
*Norman Forschack, **Saurabh Kumar**, Jan Mehnert*
MPI Leipzig, Girls Day