

Charité - Movement Disorders & Neuromodulation Unit at the Neurology Department Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Campus Mitte)



Data Scientist / Tech Student For Neuroscience

Classification and prediction of hyperkinetic movement in Parkinson's disease patients with a novel magneto-encephalography method (OPM-MEG)

City: Berlin; Starting Date: At the earliest possible; Duration: 6 months; Renumeration: € 13 / hour; Closing date: 29/11/24

Working field

Neuroscience

Write your master thesis in combination with a student job at our new project:

- Collaborative project between the Movement Disorders & Neuromodulation Unit at the Neurology

Department Charité Campus Mitte and the MEG Research Group at the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB) Berlin

- Dyskinesia are abnormal, involuntary movements and are a common side effect of common

medication in Parkinson's disease

- Project aim 1: Understanding cortical neurophysiology within the development of treatment-

induced dyskinesia in Parkinson patients.

- Project aim 2: Predicting dyskinetic states in both movement absence and movement presence based on cortical features extracted from OPM-MEG data.

- Patients will be recorded with a novel magneto-encephalography method (optically-pumped

magnetometers, OPM-MEG), combined with kinematic analysis and clinical assessments.

Requirements

Your project tasks:

- Gain knowledge on neurophysiology (especially OPM-MEG) and Parkinson's disease

- Develop workflow to pre-process OPM-MEG data, using available open-source packages (i.e.,

MNE python)

- Develop workflow to combine OPM-MEG data with individual neuro-anatomy (MRI)

- Extract spectral features per cortical region and characterize and classify movements and

dyskinetic states using machine learning methods

- Code development preferably in Python

Requirements:

- At least basic experience in Python programming
- Interest in computational neuroscience
- Advanced English, as we are an international research group (but direct supervisors speak German)

What We Offer

- Dedicated post-doctoral supervision regarding neuroscience, neurophysiology, machine learning, programming, and project management
 - Flat hierarchies and a safe and supportive research atmosphere
 - Working space at Charité Campus Mitte
 - Being part of inter-regional Research Collaboration ReTune and its educational activities
 - Part-time appointment as "Hi-Wi" (€ 13 / hour, 40 – 60 hours per month) for 6 months
 - Results and Methods will be used for scientific publication(s)
- No guarantee on project finishing timelines, co-authorship possible.

Application

Send your questions or directly apply by sending your motivation letter and CV to both of us:

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