- Senior Research Scientist and Clinical Systems Director, National Center for Adaptive Neurotechnologies (NCAN), Stratton VA Medical Center, Albany, NY, USA.
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Education and Training

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	END DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	B. A.	06/1995	Experimental Psychology
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	M. A.	03/2002	Experimental Psychology
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	D. Phil.	03/2002	Experimental Psychology; Statistics
Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Tübingen, Germany	Postdoctoral Fellow	12/2004	Machine Learning

Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

Positions and Employment

2021 -	Affiliate Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering Dept., State University of New York at Albany
2020 -	Senior Research Scientist, National Center for Adaptive Neurotechnologies, Albany, NY
2015 - 2020	Director of Neurotechnology, Blythedale Children's Hospital, Valhalla, NY
2014 - 2020	Research Scientist, Burke Medical Research Institute, White Plains, NY
2013 - 2016	Founding Editor-in-Chief (jointly with C.S. Nam), Taylor Francis journal "Brain Computer Interfaces"
2010 - 2014	Research Scientist II, Wadsworth Center, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, NY
2010 - 2014	Project Coordinator for the BCI2000 Project, Wadsworth Center, New York State Dept. of Health, Albany, NY
2005 - 2010	Senior Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Tübingen
2002 - 2004	Research Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Tübingen
1996 - 2002	Doctoral student, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford
1995 - 2002	Research Assistant, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

- 2016 Founder member, BCI Society
- 2016 Invited Lecturer on 2016, 2017 and 2019 NCAN Short Course in Adaptive Neurotechnologies, National Center for Adaptive Neurotechnologies
- 2013 2013 External reviewer for grant application, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)
- 2012 2012 External reviewer for grant application, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
- 2011 2011 Invited guest lecturer on the course "Introduction to Brain-Computer Interfacing" for Bachelor

and Masters students, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands

2011 - Member, Society for Neuroscience

- 2010 2013 Program Committee Member, Fourth International Brain-Computer Interface Meeting (Pacific Grove, CA, 2010)—also, workshop coordinator at both the fourth (2010) and fifth (2013) meetings
- 2009 2013 Invited lecturer, 5th, 7th, 8th and 10th BCI2000 Workshops (also co-organizer of the 8th Workshop)
- 2007 2008 Manager of a project involving 20 scientists and clinicians, implementing brain-computer interface technology for communication in a completely-locked-in patient using implanted (ECoG) electrodes, MPI Tübingen and University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2005 2005 Co-devised and delivered a week-long practical course "Machine Learning in Neuroscience" to undergraduates on the "Bioinformatik" (Computational Biology) course, University of Tübingen
- 2004 2013 Supervisor of one Ph.D. student, three German Diplom (Masters) research students, one Bachelor's-thesis and several undergraduate interns, MPI Tübingen and Wadsworth Center
- 2002 Invited reviewer of journal article submissions, Science: Translational Medicine, Neuroimage, Frontiers in Neuroscience, PLoS ONE, Attention, Perception and Psychophysics, the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, the Journal of Neural Engineering, IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering, IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering, Neurocomputing, Neural Networks and the Journal of Machine Learning Research, as well as for the machine-learning conferences NIPS and DAGM, and two books on brain-computer interfacing (MIT Press 2007, OUP 2012)
- 1999 2000 Tutor for first-year undergraduates on the course "Sensory Processes and Perception", Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, UK

Honors

- 2018 "Doctors of Distinction" award ("Biomedical Breakthrough" category), Westfair Communications, Westchester County, NY
- 2015 Invited speaker, Burke Centennial Research Symposium
- 2013 Research featured in New Scientist magazine: http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn24553
- 2013 Platform presentation, Society for Neuroscience meeting
- 2010 Invited speaker at the plenary symposium, "Non-Invasive Brain-Computer Interfaces: Current Developments and Applications", BIOMAG Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia
- 2009 Invited keynote speaker at the mini-symposium "Assistive Machine Learning for People with Disabilities", NIPS
- 2008 "Spotlight" for outstanding contributed paper, Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)
- 2007 Invited speaker at launch event, BrainGain, the Dutch brain-computer interfacing research consortium, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- 1996 Maplethorpe Scholarship, St. Hugh's College, Oxford, UK
- 1996 Christopher Welch Scholarship in Biological Sciences, University of Oxford, UK
- 1995 George Humphrey prize for best research project, Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford, UK

Contribution to Science

- 1. Real-time decoding of brain signals that reflect auditory stimulus processing: In 2005 I was the first to publish on the feasibility of basing a brain-computer interface (BCI) on selective attention to auditory stimuli. I refined and explored this system in a subsequent series of publications. In this way, I invented a system by which the act of selective *listening* can be detected from a few seconds of EEG signal. This has applications in communication systems for people who are completely "locked in" (especially since such users often have trouble seeing visual stimuli clearly) and also in real-time neurofeedback applications that have the potential to improve the important cognitive function of selective auditory attention.
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 - b. Hill NJ, Moinuddin A, Häuser AK, Kienzle S, Schalk G. Communication and control by listening: toward optimal design of a two-class auditory streaming brain-computer interface. Front Neurosci. 2012;6:181. PubMed PMID: <u>23267312</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC3525941</u>.
 - c. Hill NJ, Schölkopf B. An online brain-computer interface based on shifting attention to concurrent streams of auditory stimuli. J Neural Eng. 2012 Apr;9(2):026011. PubMed PMID: <u>22333135</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC3366495</u>.
 - d. Hill NJ, Ricci E, Haider S, McCane LM, Heckman S, Wolpaw JR, Vaughan TM. A practical, intuitive brain-computer interface for communicating 'yes' or 'no' by listening. J Neural Eng. 2014 Jun;11(3):035003. PubMed PMID: <u>24838278</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC4096243</u>.
- 2. Development and validation of non-verbal systems for neurological assessment and visuomotor reinforcement: The following publications used quantitative and objective methods for assessing neurological function, and adapted them for use outside laboratory settings, hardening them into robust systems that can be used in field applications such as bedside testing. The principal focus was vision testing. Our first system, OptokineSys (described in Suner et al 2017) was unprecedented in its ability to measure visual psychophysical thresholds from non-communicative subjects, and opened the door to objective quantification of cerebral visual impairment. Its successors, Curveball and Gradiate (Mooney et al. 2018, 2020), are unprecedented in the speed with which they can measure contrast sensitivity functions. The technical infrastructure that allows Curveball and Gradiate to present research-quality visual stimuli and to manipulate them in real time, even on low-cost portable hardware, has been made publicly available under the name "Shady" (Hill et al. 2019).
 - Mooney SWJ, Alam NM, Hill NJ, Prusky GT. Gradiate: A radial sweep approach to measuring detailed contrast sensitivity functions from eye movements. J Vis. 2020 Dec 2;20(13):17. PubMed PMID: <u>33369613</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC7774112</u>.
 - b. Hill NJ, Mooney SWJ, Ryklin EB, Prusky GT. Shady: A software engine for real-time visual stimulus manipulation. J Neurosci Methods. 2019 May 15;320:79-86. PubMed PMID: <u>30946876</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC6524778</u>.
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 - Suner M, Prusky GT, Carmel JB, Hill NJ. Longitudinal Quantification of Eye-Movement Impairments after Pontine Hemorrhage. Front Neurol. 2017;8:165. PubMed PMID: <u>28512444</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC5411421</u>.

- 3. Advancement of signal-processing and machine-learning methods for brain-computer interfacing: In these publications and others, I developed and validated custom analysis methods and signal processing pipelines for the essential problem of brain-computer interfacing: extracting useful information from short brain signal segments. It is in the translation from lab to bedside, where data-sets tend to be smaller and noisier, that BCI systems stand to benefit most from the increased robustness of state-of-theart machine-learning techniques.
 - a. Hill NJ, Lal TN, Tangermann MW, Hinterberger T, Widman G, Elger CE, Schölkopf B, Birbaumer N. Toward Brain-Computer Interfacing. Dornhege G, Millán J, Hinterberger T, McFarland DJ, Müller K, editors. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press; 2007. Chapter 14, Classifying Event-Related Desynchronization in EEG, ECoG and MEG signals; p.235-260.
 - b. Hill J, Farquhar J, Martens S, Biessmann F, Schölkopf B. Effects of Stimulus Type and of Error-Correcting Code Design on BCI Speller Performance. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems. 2009; 21:665-672.
 - c. Farquhar J, Hill NJ. Interactions between pre-processing and classification methods for event-relatedpotential classification: best-practice guidelines for brain-computer interfacing. Neuroinformatics. 2013 Apr;11(2):175-92. PubMed PMID: <u>23250668</u>.
 - Hill NJ, Häuser AK, Schalk G. A general method for assessing brain-computer interface performance and its limitations. J Neural Eng. 2014 Apr;11(2):026018. PubMed PMID: <u>24658406</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC4113089</u>.
- 4. **Development of brain-computer interface communication methods for completely paralyzed users:** My publications in this section address the algorithmic, practical, and ethical challenges of bringing BCI systems out of the laboratory (where they are typically tested only on healthy subjects) and into homes and hospitals where the target users can use them. Another important aspect of this general endeavor has been the development of BCIs driven by auditory stimuli (see above).
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 - Haselager P, Vlek R, Hill J, Nijboer F. A note on ethical aspects of BCI. Neural Netw. 2009 Nov;22(9):1352-7. PubMed PMID: <u>19616405</u>.
 - c. Martens S, Bensch M, Halder S, Hill J, Nijboer F, Ramos-Murguialday A, Schoelkopf B, Birbaumer N, Gharabaghi A. Epidural electrocorticography for monitoring of arousal in locked-in state. Front Hum Neurosci. 2014;8:861. PubMed PMID: <u>25374532</u>; PubMed Central PMCID: <u>PMC4204459</u>.
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- 5. Estimation and hypothesis testing in psychophysics: My doctoral thesis, and the two associated 2001 papers, introduced statistical techniques for estimating thresholds and slopes of psychometric functions, and for accurate hypothesis testing using these measures. My software toolbox psignifit, introduced and validated in these publications, was adopted by many psychophysicists around the world for the purpose of fitting curves to psychometric functions and obtaining confidence intervals on the resulting parameters. In contrast to previous approaches, psignifit achieved more accurate results by taking account of nuisance parameters in fitting, and by using a resampling method instead of asymptotic approximations to predictive distributions. Worldwide adoption of my software resulted in more than 2,000 citations for the two papers according to Web Of Science. This demonstrates my capability and experience in building software tools that other scientists find usable and which empower them to advance their research.

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- b. Wichmann FA, Hill NJ. The psychometric function: II. Bootstrap-based confidence intervals and sampling. Percept Psychophys. 2001 Nov;63(8):1314-29. PubMed PMID: <u>11800459</u>.
- c. Wichmann FA, Hill NJ. The psychometric function: I. Fitting, sampling, and goodness of fit. Percept Psychophys. 2001 Nov;63(8):1293-313. PubMed PMID: <u>11800458</u>.

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