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OptoRoboRat Project





Functional heterogeneity in the rat prefrontal cortex supports correctly timed responses

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Our approach: A response preparation/inhibition task

Two error types: early and late respones

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The no tone control

Post error slowing

Optogenetic manipulations

What is the causal impact of the PFC subsection in the task?

Recording the effective spread of optical inhibition

Effect of optical inhibition on behavior

The traffic light in the PFC

PL plays are very clear role in this task

PL inhibition versus excitation have opposing effects

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Optogenetic excitation results in similar effects in all three structures

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Direct comparison of PL, IL , and VO stimulation

Common response of PL, VO, IL stimulation

Take home message from opto-fMRI

- Optogenetic activation leads to far spread increase in neuronal activity with highly overlapping activation patterns
- We are currently running additional experiments including a PPI analysis

Outlook: Establish correlation between behavior and network effect

Optogenetic dissection of cortico-subcortical interactions during movement control in rodents

Optogenetic modulation

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LFP-burst based real-time neurofeedback in rats

Influence on beta bursts on vibrotactile perception - the task

Beta indicates a dynamic state that competes with detection of external stimuli

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Karvat, , ..., Diester, **PNAS** (2021)

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3D pose estimation enables virtual head fixation in freely moving rats

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3D tracking of movements

Neuronal tuning to paw trajectories

Virtual head-fixation unmasked a large fraction of paw-tuned neurons

Outlook: Dynamic foraging task

Reinforcement learning to extract individual strategies & link behavior to neuronal activity

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The role of OFC and motor cortex in reversal learning

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In vitro slice work: IMBIT // **Combination of patch-clamping and 2-Photon-**Intelligent Machine-Brain Interfacing Technology **Calcium-Imaging**

Subgroup Cellular Neurophysiology

Optogenetically stimulated Ca2+-transients in organotypical brain slice cultures

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