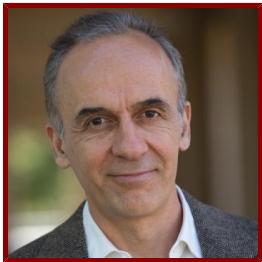


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BIO

E.J. Chichilnisky is the John R. Adler Professor of Neurosurgery, and Professor of Ophthalmology, at Stanford University, where he has worked since 2013. Previously, he worked at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies for 15 years. He received his B.A. in Mathematics from Princeton University, and his M.S. in mathematics and Ph.D. in neuroscience from Stanford University. His research has focused on understanding the spatiotemporal patterns of electrical activity in the retina that convey visual information to the brain, and their origins in retinal circuitry, using large-scale multi-electrode recordings. His ongoing work now focuses on using basic science knowledge along with electrical stimulation to develop a novel high-fidelity artificial retina for treating incurable blindness.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Neurosurgery
- Professor, Ophthalmology
- Professor (By courtesy), Electrical Engineering
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Stein Innovation Award, Research to Prevent Blindness (2018)
- Sayer Vision Research Award, Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (2014)
- John R. Adler Endowed Chair, Department of Neurosurgery, Stanford University (2014)
- Ralph & Becky O'Connor Endowed Chair, Salk Institute for Biological Studies (2012)
- McKnight Technological Innovation in Neuroscience Award, McKnight Foundation (2004)
- Basic Sciences Teaching Award, UCSD School of Medicine (2001)
- McKnight Scholar's Award, McKnight Foundation (2001)
- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (2000)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- A.B., Princeton University , Mathematics (1985)
- M.Sc., Stanford University , Mathematics (1992)
- Ph.D., Stanford University , Neuroscience (1995)

PATENTS

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LINKS

- Lab Site: <http://neurosurgery.stanford.edu/research/chichilnisky/>
- Stanford Artificial Retina Project: <http://artificial-retina.stanford.edu>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

The goal of our research is to develop an artificial retina -- an electronic implant that will restore vision to people blinded by retinal degeneration. We focus on a combination of basic and applied research to develop an implant that can reproduce the electrical signals that the retina normally transmits to the brain. To accomplish this goal, we work closely with collaborators in fields spanning neurophysiology, electrical engineering, materials science, retinal surgery, visual behavior, and computational neuroscience. This collaboration constitutes the Stanford Artificial Retina Project, funded in part by the Stanford Neurotechnology Initiative.

The design of the implant is based on knowledge acquired in our unique laboratory setting. We use large-scale multi-electrode recording from the retina to study normal light-evoked activity in hundreds of retinal ganglion cells of multiple types simultaneously, and then evoke similar patterns of activity by electrical stimulation. This approach provides a laboratory prototype for the artificial retina. We focus on several questions:

- what visual signals are transmitted by the diverse ganglion cell types to the brain?
- what computational models can accurately reproduce these diverse retinal signals?
- how can we precisely electrically stimulate retinal ganglion cells using an implant?
- how can retinal cell types be recognized and separately targeted by the implant?
- what are the constraints and algorithms for the electronic circuitry in the implant?
- how faithfully can the implant reproduce normal visual sensations in blind patients?

We anticipate that in addition to restoring vision, the artificial retina will allow us to transmit visual information to the brain in ways that are not possible with light stimulation, opening the door to visual augmentation -- creating visual sensations that were never before possible. It will also provide a unique and powerful research instrument for studying the diverse retinal pathways and how they contribute to vision. In the long run, our understanding of the retinal circuitry and how to interface to it effectively will be relevant for developing other interfaces to the brain – for treating disease, and for augmenting human capabilities.

PROJECTS

- retinal circuitry - Stanford University
- retinal prostheses - Stanford University

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Experimental Immersion in Neuroscience: NSUR 249, STATS 249 (Aut)
- NeuroTech Training Seminar: NSUR 239, STATS 242 (Aut)

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- Neurosciences (Phd Program)

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