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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Biology
- Associate Professor, Applied Physics
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Stanford Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- United States Physics Team, International Physics Olympiad, Bad Ischl, Austria (1988)
- Detur Scholar, Harvard University (1989)
- John Harvard Scholarships, John Harvard Scholarships (1989-1991)
- Barry Goldwater Fellowship for Excellence in Science, United States, Barry Goldwater Fellowship for Excellence in Science, United States (1990)
- Junior Phi Beta Kappa for top 12 Junior men, Harvard University (1991)
- Winston Churchill Fellowship, Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States (1992-1993)
- Predoctoral Fellowship, NSF (1993-1996)
- Predoctoral Fellowship, American Heart Association (1996-1998)
- Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honoric Fellowship, Princeton University (1997-1998)
- Burroughs Wellcome Fellowship, Program in Mathematics and Molecular Biology (1998-1999)
- McKnight Technological Innovations in Neuroscience Award, McKnight Foundation (2000)
- Young Investigator Award (with #1 world ranking), Human Frontiers in Science Program (2002)
- Cutting Edge Basic Research Award (CEBRA) Science, National Institutes of Health (2003)
- Member of TR100, World's Top 100 Innovators under age 35, Technology Review Magazine (2003)
- Young Investigator Award, Office of Naval Research, Cognitive & Neural Division (2004)
- Klingenstein Fellowship in the Neurosciences, Klingenstein Foundation (2004)
- Young Investigator Award, Beckman Foundation (2004)
- Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering 2004, Presented at the White House on June 13, 2005 (2004)

- Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellow, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (2005)
- Fellowship in Science & Engineering, David & Lucille Packard Foundation (2005)
- Beckman Interdisciplinary Translational Research Program Award, Stanford University (2005)
- Terman Fellow, Stanford University (2006)
- NIH Director's Pioneer Award, National Institutes of Health (2007)
- The Brilliant 10, Top ten brilliant scientists under age 40, Popular Science Magazine (2007)
- W.M. Keck Foundation, Medical Research Program grant, W.M. Keck Foundation (2007)
- Best Techniques Paper, Co-Author, American Society of Biomechanics (2007)
- HHMI Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute (2008)
- Michael & Kate Bárány Young Investigator Award, Biophysical Society (2010)
- Allen Distinguished Investigator Award, Paul G. Allen Family Foundation (2010)
- National Academy Keck Futures Initiative Award, W.M. Keck Foundation (2011)
- Ellison Senior Scholar Award, Ellison Foundation (2012)

LINKS

- Schnitzer Lab Web Site: <http://pyramidal.stanford.edu/>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

The long-term goal of our research is to advance experimental paradigms for understanding normal cognitive and disease processes at the level of neural circuits, with emphasis on learning and memory processes. By contrast, much current research on learning and memory concentrates on levels of organization in the nervous system that are either more macroscopic (e.g. in cognitive psychology) or more microscopic (e.g. in synaptic physiology).

Our approach combines behavioral, electrophysiological, and computational methodologies with high-resolution fluorescence optical imaging that is capable of resolving individual neurons and dendrites. By necessity, we aim to advance imaging methods so that we can examine dynamics of neuronal populations or of dendritic compartments in behaving animals. En route, we are also performing experiments on circuit properties in anesthetized animals, such as the studies that use our newly invented fluorescence endoscopes for examining hippocampal cells and dendrites in vivo.

We seek explanations that span different levels of organization, from cells to entire circuits. We work with both genetic model organisms, mice and fruit flies, and human subjects. Our research emphasizes understanding the control and learning of motor behaviors, as well as the potential application of our newly developed imaging techniques to clinical use in humans.

Teaching

COURSES

2016-17

- Advanced Imaging Lab in Biophysics: APPPHYS 232, BIO 132, BIO 232, BIOPHYS 232, GENE 232 (Spr)
- Introduction to Biophysics: APPPHYS 205, BIO 126, BIO 226 (Win)

2015-16

- Advanced Imaging Lab in Biophysics: APPPHYS 232, BIO 132, BIO 232, BIOPHYS 232, GENE 232 (Spr)
- Introduction to Biophysics: APPPHYS 205, BIO 126, BIO 226 (Win)

2014-15

- Advanced Imaging Lab in Biophysics: APPPHYS 232, BIO 132, BIO 232, BIOPHYS 232, GENE 232 (Spr)
- Introduction to Biophysics: APPPHYS 205, BIO 126, BIO 226 (Win)

2013-14

- Advanced Imaging Lab in Biophysics: APPPHYS 232, BIO 132, BIO 232, BIOPHYS 232, GENE 232 (Spr)
- Introduction to Biophysics: APPPHYS 205, BIO 126, BIO 226 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Radoslaw Chrapkiewicz, Simon Haziza, Oscar Ruben Hernandez Cubero, Elizabeth Otto Hamel, Thomas Rogerson, Claudia Schmucker, Adam Shai, Albert Tsao, Peng Yuan, Bin Zhang

Doctoral (Program)

Biafra Ahanonu

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Mazen Asaad

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Biafra Ahanonu

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Biology (School of Humanities and Sciences) (Phd Program)
- Biophysics (Phd Program)
- Neurosciences (Phd Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **The neural representation of taste quality at the periphery** *NATURE*
Barretto, R. P., Gillis-Smith, S., Chandrashekar, J., Yarmolinsky, D. A., Schnitzer, M. J., Ryba, N. J., Zuker, C. S.
2015; 517 (7534): 373-U511
- **Visualizing mammalian brain area interactions by dual-axis two-photon calcium imaging** *NATURE NEUROSCIENCE*
Lecoq, J., Savall, J., Vucinic, D., Grewe, B. F., Kim, H., Li, T. Z., Kitch, L. J., Schnitzer, M. J.
2014; 17 (12): 1825-1829
- **High-fidelity optical reporting of neuronal electrical activity with an ultrafast fluorescent voltage sensor.** *Nature neuroscience*
St-Pierre, F., Marshall, J. D., Yang, Y., Gong, Y., Schnitzer, M. J., Lin, M. Z.
2014; 17 (6): 884-889
- **Imaging neural spiking in brain tissue using FRET-opsin protein voltage sensors** *NATURE COMMUNICATIONS*
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Wetmore, D. Z., Jirenhed, D., Rasmussen, A., Johansson, F., Schnitzer, M. J., Hessel, G.
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- **Imaging neural spiking in brain tissue using FRET-opsin protein voltage sensors.** *Nature communications*
Gong, Y., Wagner, M. J., Zhong Li, J., Schnitzer, M. J.

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- **High-speed laser microsurgery of alert fruit flies for fluorescence imaging of neural activity** *PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*
Sinha, S., Liang, L., Ho, E. T., Urbanek, K. E., Luo, L., Baer, T. M., Schnitzer, M. J.
2013; 110 (46): 18374-18379
- **Engineering Approaches to Illuminating Brain Structure and Dynamics** *NEURON*
Deisseroth, K., Schnitzer, M. J.
2013; 80 (3): 568-577
- **Sarcomere lengths in human extensor carpi radialis brevis measured by microendoscopy** *MUSCLE & NERVE*
Cromie, M. J., Sanchez, G. N., Schnitzer, M. J., Delp, S. L.
2013; 48 (2): 286-292
- **GABAergic Lateral Interactions Tune the Early Stages of Visual Processing in Drosophila** *NEURON*
Freifeld, L., Clark, D. A., Schnitzer, M. J., Horowitz, M. A., Clandinin, T. R.
2013; 78 (6): 1075-1089
- **Enhanced Archaelhodopsin Fluorescent Protein Voltage Indicators** *PLOS ONE*
Gong, Y., Li, J. Z., Schnitzer, M. J.
2013; 8 (6)
- **Optical Strategies for Sensing Neuronal Voltage Using Quantum Dots and Other Semiconductor Nanocrystals** *ACS NANO*
Marshall, J. D., Schnitzer, M. J.
2013; 7 (5): 4601-4609
- **Long-term dynamics of CA1 hippocampal place codes** *NATURE NEUROSCIENCE*
Ziv, Y., Burns, L. D., Cocker, E. D., Hamel, E. O., Ghosh, K. K., Kitch, L. J., El Gamal, A., Schnitzer, M. J.
2013; 16 (3): 264-266
- **Nanotools for Neuroscience and Brain Activity Mapping** *ACS NANO*
Alivisatos, A. P., Andrews, A. M., Boyden, E. S., Chun, M., Church, G. M., Deisseroth, K., Donoghue, J. P., Fraser, S. E., Lippincott-Schwartz, J., Looger, L. L., Masmanidis, S., McEuen, P. L., Nurmikko, et al
2013; 7 (3): 1850-1866
- **Improving FRET Dynamic Range with Bright Green and Red Fluorescent Proteins** *57th Annual Meeting of the Biophysical-Society*
Lam, A. J., St-Pierre, F., Gong, Y., Marshall, J. D., McKeown, M. R., Schnitzer, M. J., Tsien, R. Y., Lin, M. Z.
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- **Photon Shot Noise Limits on Optical Detection of Neuronal Spikes and Estimation of Spike Timing** *BIOPHYSICAL JOURNAL*
Wilt, B. A., Fitzgerald, J. E., Schnitzer, M. J.
2013; 104 (1): 51-62
- **Enhanced Archaelhodopsin Fluorescent Protein Voltage Indicators.** *PloS one*
2013; 8 (6): e66959
- **Towards a Photonic Crystal Mode-Locked Laser** *Conference on Novel In-Plane Semiconductor Lasers XII*
Leedle, K., Janjua, A., Paik, S., Schnitzer, M. J., Harris, J. S.
SPIE-INT SOC OPTICAL ENGINEERING.2013
- **Two-photon optogenetic toolbox for fast inhibition, excitation and bistable modulation** *NATURE METHODS*
Prakash, R., Yizhar, O., Grewe, B., Ramakrishnan, C., Wang, N., Goshen, I., Packer, A. M., Peterka, D. S., Yuste, R., Schnitzer, M. J., Deisseroth, K.
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Mukamel, E. A., Schnitzer, M. J.
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- **Improving FRET dynamic range with bright green and red fluorescent proteins** *NATURE METHODS*

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- **In vivo optical microendoscopy for imaging cells lying deep within live tissue.** *Cold Spring Harbor protocols*
Barretto, R. P., Schnitzer, M. J.
2012; 2012 (10): 1029-1034
 - **In vivo microendoscopy of the hippocampus.** *Cold Spring Harbor protocols*
Barretto, R. P., Schnitzer, M. J.
2012; 2012 (10): 1092-1099
 - **Estimation Theoretic Measure of Resolution for Stochastic Localization Microscopy** *PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS*
Fitzgerald, J. E., Lu, J., Schnitzer, M. J.
2012; 109 (4)
 - **Miniaturized integration of a fluorescence microscope** *NATURE METHODS*
Ghosh, K. K., Burns, L. D., Cocker, E. D., Nimmerjahn, A., Ziv, Y., El Gamal, A., Schnitzer, M. J.
2011; 8 (10): 871-U147
 - **Symmetries in stimulus statistics shape the form of visual motion estimators** *PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*
Fitzgerald, J. E., Katsov, A. Y., Clandinin, T. R., Schnitzer, M. J.
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 - **An infrared fluorescent protein for deeper imaging** *NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY*
Lecoq, J., Schnitzer, M. J.
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 - **Defining the Computational Structure of the Motion Detector in Drosophila** *NEURON*
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Schnitzer, M. J.
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 - **Automated Analysis of Cellular Signals from Large-Scale Calcium Imaging Data** *NEURON*
Mukamel, E. A., Nimmerjahn, A., Schnitzer, M. J.
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 - **In vivo brain imaging using a portable 2.9 g two-photon microscope based on a microelectromechanical systems scanning mirror** *OPTICS LETTERS*
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 - **In vivo fluorescence imaging with high-resolution microlenses** *NATURE METHODS*
Barretto, R. P., Messerschmidt, B., Schnitzer, M. J.
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 - **Motor Behavior Activates Bergmann Glial Networks** *NEURON*
Nimmerjahn, A., Mukamel, E. A., Schnitzer, M. J.
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- **High-speed, miniaturized fluorescence microscopy in freely moving mice** *NATURE METHODS*
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- **Long-term cellular level imaging of deep brain areas using one- and two-photon fluorescence microendoscopy** *51st Annual Meeting of the Biophysical Society*
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- **Next-generation optical technologies for illuminating genetically targeted brain circuits** *JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE*
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- **In vivo brain imaging using a portable 3.9 gram two-photon fluorescence microendoscope** *OPTICS LETTERS*
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- **Retinal coding of visual scenes - Repetitive and redundant too?** *NEURON*
Mukamel, E. A., Schnitzer, M. J.
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Visscher, K., Schnitzer, M. J., Block, S. M.
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