

Brain-machine interfaces and advances in  
neural stimulation technologies



Time	Day 1 (Thursday February 20th 2025)
8:00 - 8:50	Coach pickup from Hotel Rotonde (15 avenue des Belges), Aix-en-Provence
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome message
9:10 - 9:50	<i>Reading from and writing to the human brain: A Bidirectional Cortical Interface for Vision Restoration</i> <b>Prof. Eduardo Fernandez</b> – Institute of Bioengineering, Universidad Miguel Hernandez De Elche – invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
9:50 - 10:10	<i>The Utah Optrode Array, a neural interface for optogenetics in large animal models.</i> <b>Dr. Niall McAlinden</b> - University of Strathclyde - (15 minutes + Q+A)
10:10 - 10:30	<i>Neural mechanisms of operating an intracranial brain-computer interface for imagined speech decoding</i> <b>Dr. Silvia Marchesotti</b> – Institut de l'audition/University of Geneva - (15 minutes + Q+A)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:40	<i>Implantable chronic Brain Machine Interface for movement compensation of patients with motor disabilities</i> <b>Dr. Guillaume Charvet</b> – CEA/Neurotechnology Biomedical Research Unit - invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
11:40 - 12:00	<i>Towards auditory cortical implants for hearing impaired</i> <b>Dr. Charly Lamothe</b> – Institut de l'Audition - (15 minutes + Q+A)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch buffet
13:00 - 14:30	Posters & workshop for companies
14:30 - 15:10	<i>Micro-LED-based optical cochlear implants for hearing restoration</i> <b>Dr. Patrick Ruther</b> - Institut für Mikrosystemtechnik – IMTEK - invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
15:10 - 15:50	<i>Probing Perception with Optogenetics</i> <b>Prof. Dmitry Rinberg</b> - Department of Neuroscience and Physiology/NYU- invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
15:50 - 16:00	Florence Granger - EMSE international development
16:00 - 16:20	Coffee break
16:20 - 17:00	<i>Strategies Towards Chronic and Multimodal Neural Interface Technologies</i> <b>Prof. Tracy Cui</b> – University of Pittsburgh- invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
17:00 - 17:20	<i>Providing artificial tactile feedback at different latencies in a brain-machine interface</i> <b>Alexandre Tolboom</b> - Institut des Neurosciences Paris-Saclay - (15 minutes + Q+A)
17:20 - 17:40	<i>Multi-layer organic cortical implants for chronic stimulation and recording</i> <b>Dr. Amélie Albon</b> – Ecole des Mines de Saint-Etienne - (15 minutes + Q+A)
17:40 - 18:00	<i>Spike inference from calcium imaging data with GCaMP8</i> <b>Dr. Peter Rupprecht</b> – University of Zurich - (15 minutes + Q+A)
18:00 - 21:00	Gala Dinner
21:00 - 21:30	Coach return to Gare SNCF, Aix-en-Provence

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Time	Day 2 (Friday February 21st 2025)
8:00 - 8:50	Coach pickup from Hotel Rotonde (15 avenue des Belges), Aix-en-Provence
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome message
9:10 - 9:50	<i>Upper limb bidirectional neuroprosthetics in the mouse model.</i> <b>Dr. Luc Estebanez</b> - Institut des Neurosciences Paris-Saclay - invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
9:50 - 10:10	<i>Kirigami-based soft electrode arrays for long-term recording of motor intention in Non-Human Primates</i> <b>Dr. Laurine Kolly</b> - Laboratory for Soft Bioelectronic Interfaces /EPFL - (15 minutes + Q+A)
10:10 - 10:30	<i>Development of an olfactory neural interface for non-recovering anosmia – DOLFINA</i> <b>Dr. Victor Druet</b> – Laboratory of Soft Bioelectronic Interfaces/EPFL - (15 minutes + Q+A)
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:40	<i>Cortical implants for hearing restoration</i> <b>Prof. Tania Barkat</b> – University of Basel - invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
11:40 - 12:00	<i>Neuronal response patterns in the auditory cortex: a comparison of cortical and cochlear stimulation to sounds.</i> <b>Dr. James Taylor</b> – University of Basel - (15 minutes + Q+A)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch buffet
13:00 - 14:30	Posters & workshop for companies
14:30 - 15:10	<i>TBC</i> <b>Mickael Tanter</b> – ESPCI Paris/INSERM invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
15:10 - 15:30	<i>Chronically implantable <math>\mu</math>LED arrays for optogenetic stimulation of the mouse cortex</i> <b>Ryan Greer</b> - Institute of Photonics, University of Strathclyde - (15 minutes + Q+A)
15:30 - 15:50	<i>Functional ultrasound imaging of primate visual cortex: a prelude for sonogenetics as a possible therapeutic strategy for visual restoration</i> <b>Erwan Dessailly</b> – Institut de la Vision - (15 minutes + Q+A)
15:50 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:10	<i>TBC</i> <b>Prof. Keith Mathieson</b> - Institute of Photonics, University of Strathclyde - invited talk (30 minutes + Q+A)
17:10 - 17:30	<i>Inkjet-printed transparent electrodes: design, characterization, and initial in vivo evaluation for brain stimulation</i> <b>Dr. Davide Reato</b> - Institut de Neurosciences de la Timone, Aix Marseille Université, (15 minutes + Q+A)
17:30 - 18:00	Concluding remarks
18:00 - 18:30	Coach return to Gare SNCF, Aix-en-Provence