

Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences
Army Research Laboratory Technical Assessment Board

**Panel on Assessment of Humans in Complex Systems (HCxS) Meeting
HCxS Competency Compound, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland**

**November 2– 4, 2022
Agenda**

Wednesday, 2 November 2022

DATA GATHERING SESSION: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Location: Building 459, Auditorium, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Tel: 410-278-5801

- 9:15 - 9:30 Welcome: Administrative Remarks and Introductions, **Dr. William B. Rouse, Panel Chair**, and **Dr. Gaston & Dr. Gregory, ARL HCxS Competency Co-Leads**
- 9:30 - 9:45 ARL Overview and Question and Answer Session, **Dr. Patrick J. Baker, ARL Director**
- 9:45 - 10:15 ARL HCxS Overview, **Dr. Gaston & Dr. Gregory, ARL HCxS Competency Co-Leads**
- 10:15 - 11:25 Neuroscience and Neurotechnologies Core Competency: Talks
- 10:15-10:25 Introduction, **Dr. Fred Gregory, ARL**
10:25-10:45 The Elastic Brain in Complex Ecosystems, **Dr. Javier Garcia, ARL**
10:45-11:05 Brain Dynamics: Avalanches and Chimeras, **Dr. Kanika Bansal, ARL**
11:05-11:25 Brain-body Measurements Augment Human-Agent Teaming **Dr. Paul Sajda, University of Columbia**
- 11:25 - 11:40 *Break* - Obtain Lunch
- 11:45 - 12:30 *Working Lunch* - Neuroscience and Neurotechnologies Core Competency: Talks Continued
- 11:40-11:50 ARL as part of a Neuroscientist's Early Career, **Dr. Nuttida Rungratsameetaweemana, Salk Institute (EC)**
11:50-12:10 Training a Spiking Neural Network via Reinforcement, **Dr. Sam Neymotin, Nathan Kline Institute**
12:10-12:30 Spatial Reasoning Manifolds and Simplicial Complexes, **Dr. Vasileos Maroulas, University of Tennessee Knoxville**
- 12:30 - 12:45 *Break* - Transition
- Location: Building 459, Collaboration Commons, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Tel: 410-278-5801*
- 12:45 - 13:45 Neuroscience and Neurotechnologies Core Competency: Interactive A

1. Physiological Correlates on Complex Decisions in Teams (Demo), **Ms. Xiaojue Zhou, UC Irvine (EC) / Mr. Paul Groves, DCS Corp**
2. Augmenting the Brain via Subcortical Stimulation (Demo,) **Mr. Shane Nguyen, UC Irvine (EC) / Dr. Javier Garcia, ARL**
3. Investigating Probabilistic Learning Across Species and Spatiotemporal Scales (Poster), **Ms. Shruti Kumar, Columbia University (EC)**
4. Improving Working Memory in Recurrent Neural Networks via Optimal Noise Control (Poster), **Dr. Nuttida Rungratsameetaweemana, Salk Institute (EC)**
5. Changes in Brain Network States While Switching Tasks after Abrupt Awakening (Poster), **Dr. Luis Jimenez, ARL (EC)**
6. Behavioral and Neural Underpinnings for Heterogenous Human-Autonomy Teams (Poster), **Ms. Alexa Harris, Northwestern University (EC)**
7. Automating Dynamic Community Detection Via Scale-Free Behavior (Poster), **Dr. Italo Pinto, ARL**

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12:45 - 13:45 Neuroscience and Neurotechnologies Core Competency: Interactive B

1. In-Ear EEG and Phantom Head (Demo), **Dr. Dave Hairston, ARL**
2. Complexity Synchronization: Implications for Rehabilitation, Training, and Decision Support (Poster), **Dr. Scott Kerick, ARL**
3. Deep Simplicial Manifold Learning for Neural Spike Train (Poster), **Mr. Eddie Cameron, University of Tennessee Knoxville (EC)**
4. Bayesian Topological Signal Processing (Poster), **Ms. Brittany Story, University of Tennessee Knoxville (EC)**
5. Impact of Simulated Asymmetric Interregional Cortical Connectivity on the Local Field Potential (Poster), **Dr. David Boothe, ARL**
6. Manifold Discovery in the Spatial Reasoning System (Poster), **Mr. Patrick Gillespie, University of Tennessee Knoxville (EC)**
7. Enabling Large-Scale Simulations with the GENESIS Neuronal Simulator (Poster), **Mr. Josh Crone, ARL (EC)**

13:45 - 14:00 *Break – Transition to Building 520*

Location: Building 520, Conference Room, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Tel: 410-278-5801

14:00 - 15:00 Human-Guided System Adaptation Core Competency Talks

- 14:00-14:10 Introduction, **Dr. Kaleb McDowell, ARL**
- 14:10-14:30 Cycle-of-Learning, **Dr. Nick Waytowich, ARL**
- 14:30-14:45 Human-Guided Machine Learning for Future Human-Machine Teams, **Dr. Christopher MacLellan, Georgia Institute of Technology**
- 14:45-15:00 Closing the Performance Gap: Understanding How to Prompt Foundational Models, **Dr. Laurel Orr, Stanford University (EC)**

15:00 Quick Transition to Building 520, INFORMS Computation Lab

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15:00 - 16:00 Human-Guided System Adaptation Core Competency Posters A

1. 2021 and 2022 MineRL Competition (Multimedia), **Dr. Ellen Novoseller, ARL (EC)**
2. Army Vision Versus Human-Artificial Intelligence Experimentation. (Poster), **Dr. Kaleb McDowell, ARL**
3. Experimental Platform Workshop (Poster), **Dr. Christopher MacLellan, Georgia Institute of Technology**
4. Co-Evolution of Human-Artificial Intelligence Adaptation (Poster), **Dr. Ying Choon Wu, University of California – San Diego**
5. ARL/U. Columbia Human-Guided System Adaptation (HSA) Science Challenge and Hackathon Week (Multimedia), **Dr. Paul Sajda, Columbia University**
 - i. Super-Mega Tetris (Demo), **Mr. Bryce Bartlett, DCS Corp**
6. Meerkat: Intelligent and Interactive Data Structures for Complex Data Types (Demo), **Mr. Sabri Eyuboglu, Stanford University (EC)**
7. A Continuously Adaptive Human-in-the-Loop Exoboot (Poster), **Dr. Courtney Bradford, ARL**
8. Human-guided Hierarchical Reinforcement Learning for Partially Observed Environments (Futures Poster), **Mr. David Slayback, ARL (EC)**

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15:00 - 16:00 Human-Guided System Adaptation Core Competency Posters B

1. Cycle-of-Learning Drone Control (Demo), **Mr. Joshua Miller, ARL (EC) & Dr. Nick Waytowich, ARL**
2. Hardware Accelerator for Language-Guided Reinforcement Learning (Poster), **Mr. Aidin Shiri, University of Maryland - Baltimore County (EC)**
3. Improving Autonomous Navigation with Imitation Learning (Poster), **Mr. Brian Cèsar-Tondreau, ARL (EC)**
4. Combining Human Demo and Interventions (Poster), **Dr. Nick Waytowich, ARL**
5. Beyond Preferences; Learning from Human Feedback Using Ratings (Poster), **Mr. Devin White, University of Texas – San Antonio**
6. Achieving Sim2Real Transfer with Large Scale foundation Models and Behavior (Poster), **Mr. Nazmus Sunbeam, Texas A&M University (EC)**
7. Curriculum Learning from Human Demo (Poster), **Dr. Zack Hare, ARL**
8. Human-Guided Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (Futures Poster), **Dr. Ellen Novoseller, ARL (EC)**

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18:00 *Joint Working Dinner: Panel and ARL Engage in Discussion/Question and Answer Session*

20:00 Adjourn

Thursday, 3 November 2022

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- 08:30 - 08:45 Day 1 Feedback Session: Neuroscience and Neurotechnologies and Human-Guided System Adaptation Core Competencies
- 08:45 - 10:15 Human-System Team Interactions Core Competency: Talks
- 08:45 - 08:55 Introduction, **Dr. Katherine Cox, ARL**
- 08:55 - 09:15 Trust: From Dyadic Interactions to Multi-Human, Multi-Agent Teams, **Dr. Andrea Krausman, ARL**
- 09:15 - 09:35 Cohesion Metrics for Human Autonomy Teaming, **Dr. Shan Lakhmani, ARL (EC)**
- 09:35 - 09:55 Adaptation for Human Agent Teams, **Dr. Katia Sycara, Carnegie Mellon University**
- 09:55 - 10:15 Neurophysiology and Human-Agent Teams: From Measurement of Emergent Team States to Neuro-inspired AI, **Dr. Leanne Hirshfield, University of Colorado - Boulder**

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- 12:15 - 13:15 Bi-Directional Human-System Communication Core Competencies: Talks
- 12:15 - 12:20 Introduction, **Dr. Jonathan Touryan, ARL**
- 12:20 - 12:40 Multisensory Neural Information Processing for Direct Brain-Computer Communications, **Dr. Maryam Shanechi, University of Southern California (virtual)**
- 12:40 - 13:00 Psycho-Social Dynamics of Human Agent Teaming, **Dr. Noshir Contractor, Northwestern University**
- 13:00 - 13:15 Aided Target Recognition Approaches that Complement Rather than Conflict with Human Visual Processing, **Dr. Chloe Callahan-Flintoft, ARL (EC)**
- 13:15 - 13:25 *Break - Transition to INFORMS Computation Lab*

Location: Building 520, INFORMS Computation Lab, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Tel: 410-278-5801

- 13:25 - 14:10 Bi-Directional Human-System Communication Core Competencies: Interactive
1. Opportunistic Sensing to Improve Aided Target Recognition Algorithms (Poster-Demo), **Dr. Courtney Haynes, ARL**
 2. Dynamic Information Representation in Complex Environments (Poster-Demo), **Dr. Laura Marusich-Cooper, ARL**
 3. Interpreting Gaze Behavior in Open-World Virtual Environment (Poster-Demo), **Dr. Leah Enders, DCS Corp, Ms. Heather Roy, ARL**
- 14:10 - 14:25 *Break - Transition to Building 459, Auditorium*

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- 14:25 - 15:25 Estimating and Predicting Humans in Complex Systems: Talks
- 14:25-14:35 Introduction, **Dr. Virginia Pasour, ARL**
- 14:35-14:55 Leveraging Individual Differences and Big Data to Inform Psychological Theory, **Dr. Stephen Mitroff, The George Washington University**
- 14:55-15:15 Modeling Collision Avoidance Decisions by a Simulated Human-AI Team with Inverse Reinforcement Learning, **Dr. Evan Carter, ARL (virtual)**
- 15:15-15:25 Mind-Body-Community Connections: Multiscale Integration of Neural, Social, and Network Theory, **Dr. Emily Falk, University of Pennsylvania**
- 15:25 Quick Transition to Collaboration Commons/Mind Lab
- 15:25 - 16:10 Estimating and Predicting Humans in Complex Systems: Interactive A
- 1.Highly Repeated Sampling for Characterizing Human-AI Collaboration Over Time and Between People (Demo), **Mx. Torin Adamson and Mr. Mohammad Rashid Yousefi, University of New Mexico (EC)**
 - 2.Decoding Neural Activity to Assess Individual Latent State in Ecologically Valid Context (Poster), **Dr. Stephen Gordon, DCS Corp**
 - 3.Visual Search for Beyond-Field-of-View Targets: Effects of Cue Modality, Eccentricity, and Distractor Presence on Speed and Precision (Poster), **Dr. Anthony Ries, ARL**
 - 4.Predicting Rapid Shifts in Cognitive Resource Allocation (Multimedia), **Dr. Justin Brooks, D-Prime and Mr. Jonroy Canady, ARL**
 - 5.Apps and Computational Tools for Understanding Cognitive Fatigue (Demo), **Dr. Daniel Forger, University of Michigan**

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- 15:25 - 16:10 Estimating and Predicting Humans in Complex Systems: Interactive B
- 1.Developing an Approach to Human-Centered Big Data (Linked Posters and Demo)
 - i. On the Utility and Use of "Bigger Data" in the Human Sciences, **Dr. Kelvin Oie, ARL**
 - ii. Leveraging Bigger Data to Predict Rare Outcomes in User Engagement, **Dr. Sean Fitzhugh, ARL**
 - iii. Leveraging Big Data to Disentangle Effects of Distractor Interference and Improve Prediction of Visual Search Performance, **Dr. Chloe Callahan-Flintoff, ARL (EC)**
 - 2.Leveraging Dynamic Tasking Networks to Estimate Team Performance (Poster), **Dr. Sean Fitzhugh, ARL**
 - 3.Technically Savvy Soldiers (Futures Poster), **Dr. Catherine Neubauer, ARL**

16:10 Quick Transition to Auditorium

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16:10 - 16:40 Hybrid Human-Technology Intelligence: Futures Talks

- 16:10-16:30 Scientific Background and Initial Hybrid Thinking Plans, **Dr. Javier Garcia, ARL**
- 16:30-16:40 Hybrid Intelligence and Command and Control in the Army's Projected Future Operating Environment, **Dr. Kaleb McDowell, ARL**

Friday, 4 November 2022

DATA GATHERING SESSION: OPEN TO THE WORKFORCE

Location: Building 459, Auditorium, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Tel: 410-278-5801

- 12:30 - 13:30 Panel Feedback Session with HCxS

***EC - Early Career presenter.**

Note: The data gathering sessions of this meeting to be held on November 3, 2022 from 10:15 am, EDT - 11:15 am, EDT, and 11:30 am – 12:15pm, EDT, and on November 4, 2022, from 12:30pm – 1:30 pm, EDT, and 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, EDT will not be open to the public under Subsection 15(b)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. The Academy has determined that to open these sessions to the public would disclose information described in 5 U.S.C. 552(b).