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Academic Background

Education: 1982-1992 University of Aachen (RWTH), Germany
Physics with computer science as subsidiary subject

Degrees: Vordiplom (1985) Physics
Dipl. Phys (1989) Physics (CS as subsidiary subject)
Dr. rer. Nat. (1992) Natural Sciences (with excellence)

Academic and Professional Experience

Positions held: 1986-1987: Teaching Assistant, Department of Experimental Physics,
Aachen University, Germany

(academic) 1987-1989: Teaching Assistant, Department of Theoretical Physics, Aachen
University, Germany

1989-1992: Research & Teaching Assistant
Department of Theoretical Physics Aachen University, and High
Performance Computer Centre HLRZ, Jülich, Germany

1992-1994: Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and
Computer Science, Dalhousie University, Canada

1994-1997: Part time Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics,
Statistics and Computer Science, Dalhousie University, Canada

1995-1999: Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology, Dalhousie
University, Canada

1997-1999: Research Scientist, RIKEN Brain Science Institute
Laboratory for Information Synthesis, Japan

2000-2001: Senior Research Officer, Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience &
Department of Experimental Psychology, Oxford University,
England

2001-2006: Associate Professor, Faculty of Computer Science
Dalhousie University, Canada

2003-2006: Director of Electronic Commerce, Dalhousie University
since 2006: Full Professor, Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie
University

Positions held: 1989-1992: Library Manager, High Performance Computer Centre HLRZ,
Jülich, Germany

(industrial) 1993-1995: Research Director, Optimax Software Inc., Canada
1995-1997: Director of Development, Salter Street Interactive Inc., Canada
2017-2018: CEO, Nexus Robotics
since 2022: Director of Research, Alentic Microscience Inc.

Positions held: since 2002: President, Hakodate-Halifax Friendship Association
(Voluntary) 2009-2020: Principal Instructor, Prospect Road Karate Dojo
2016-2021: Leader, Green Party of Nova Scotia

Editorial Board: Frontiers in Cognitive Science, Cognitive Neurodynamics, Brain Informatics

Awards

2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Award for community environmental causes
2020 Best Paper Award, IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern
2018 Winner, Weed and Feed Agbot competition, Indiana, USA
2014 Faculty Research Award
2013 Psychonomic Society Best Paper award for Connors, Lolordo, Trappenberg
1999 Best paper award, International Jointed Conference on Neural Networks, IJCNN'99,
Washington DC

Selected Recent Publications

Books:

T. Trappenberg, (2020) Fundamentals of Machine Learning, Oxford University Press

T. Trappenberg, (2022) Fundamentals of Computational Neuroscience, 3rd edition, Oxford University Press

Selected recent peer reviewed publications:

Conrad et al. (2023) Development of a portable platform technology for rapid simultaneous multiplexed immunocytometry, immunoassays, serology and hematology tests on a single pinprick of blood. International journal of laboratory hematology. 45.

Scott C Lowe, Robert Earle, Jason d'Eon, Thomas Trappenberg, Sageev Oore. (2022). Logical Activation Functions: Logit-space equivalents of Probabilistic Boolean Operators. NeurIPS,

Abraham Nunes, Martin Alda, Timothy Bardouille and Thomas Trappenberg. (2020). Representational Renyi Heterogeneity. Entropy. 22(417): 1-30.

Andre Pacheco, Chandramouli S. Sastry, Thomas Trappenberg, Sageev Oore, Renato A. Krohling. (2020). On Out-of-Distribution Detection Algorithms With Deep Neural Skin Cancer Classifiers (Best Paper Award). Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern.

F. Sheikhezahad Fard and T. Trappenberg. (2019). A novel model for arbitration between planning and habitual control systems. Frontiers in Neurorobotics. 13: 1-13.

Brian C Coe, Thomas Trappenberg, Douglas P Munoz. (2019). Modeling Saccadic Action Selection: Cortical and Basal Ganglia Signals Coalesce in the Superior Colliculus. Frontiers in systems neuroscience, 13: 1-22.