

PERSONAL DETAILS

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My work focuses on how noisy and sometimes conflicting sensory inputs are integrated and merged into a coherent and unique percept of our body. To address this issue, I combine behavioral experiments with computational approaches, electrophysiological measurements, and neuroimaging methods to investigate multiple sides of the question of self-body perception. More recently, I have also started to investigate how sensory uncertainty impacts metacognitive judgments of sensorimotor behavior.

Keywords: Multisensory integration, Self-body perception, Modelling, Neuroimaging fMRI, Psychophysics, Touch, Proprioception, Vision

WORK EXPERIENCE

01. 2022 – present Postdoctoral researcher on the MetAction projet (ERC), LPNC CNRS, Université Grenoble Alpes
- 09.2019 Visiting Researcher at Wei Ji Ma's Lab (*The computational study of decision-making*) - Center for Neural Science and Department of Psychology at New York University, USA
- 02.2017 – 12.2021 Postdoctoral research Fellowship, Brain, Body & Self Laboratory, Dept. of Neuroscience, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
10. 2016 – 12.2016 Engineer for biological data, NIA CNRS UMR 7260, Aix Marseille University, France
10. 2013 – 09.2016 PhD student, LPNC CNRS UMR 5105, Université Savoie Mont Blanc, France & LNIA CNRS UMR 7260, Aix Marseille University, France

EDUCATION & ACADEMIC DEGREE

- 2013-16 **PhD in Cognitive Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience** (*Defense: Dec 5th 2016*)
Grenoble Alpes University
Title: Rules of multisensory integration in kinaesthesia and their evolution with aging: Psychophysics & Bayesian approaches.
Lab: Laboratory of Integrative et Adaptive Neuroscience, NIA, UMR 7260, Marseille
Laboratory de Psychology and Neurocognition., LPNC, UMR 5105, Grenoble.
Supervisors: Prof. Anne Kavounoudias (LNIA) & Prof. Michel Guerraz (LPNC)
- 2012-13 **Master degree research in Cognitive Sciences** (distinction: very good, rank 1/13), Institut polytechnique (Phelma), Grenoble I, France
- 2011-12 Master (1st year) in Cognitive and Social Psychology (distinction: good, rank 4/50), Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble II, France
- 2009-11 **Bachelor degree in Psychology**, Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble II, France
Bachelor degree in Biology, Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble I, France
- 2007-09 1st years of Medical school Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble II, France
- 2006-07 Mathematics school (*Classe préparatoire en Math, Physique, Science de l'ingénieur*), La Martinière Monplaisir – Lyon, France

FUNDINGS & AWARDS

- 2018 Seal of excellence for project proposal, European commission, Horizon 2020 program
2-year post-doctoral fellowship awarded by the Wenner-Gren Foundations (70 000 USD)
Project: "My uncertain body: Sensory uncertainty in multisensory mechanisms involved in body ownership".
- 2017 1-year post-doctoral fellowship from the Karolinska Institute (35 000 USD).
- 2013 3-year Research grant from the French Ministry Research and Higher Education

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Chancel, M.,** Ehrsson, H. H., & Ma, W. (2021, preprint). Uncertainty-based inference of a common cause for body ownership. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/yh2z7>
- Chancel, M.,** Hasenack, B., & Ehrsson, H. H. (2021). Integration of predictions and afferent signals in body ownership. *Cognition*, 212, 104722. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cognition.2021.104722>
- Landelle, C., **Chancel, M.,** Blanchard, C., Guerraz, M., & Kavounoudias, A. (2021). Contribution of muscle proprioception to limb movement perception and proprioceptive decline with ageing. *Current Opinion in Physiology*, 20, 180–185. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cophys.2021.01.016>
- Chancel M,** & Ehrsson H H (2020). Which hand is mine? Discriminating body ownership perception in a two-alternative forced-choice task. *Attention, Perception & Psychophysics*. doi.org/10.3758/s13414-020-02107-x
- Ehrsson H H, **Chancel M** (2019) Premotor cortex implements causal inference in multisensory own-body perception. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*. [doi: 10.1073/pnas.1914000116](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1914000116)
- Ackerley R, **Chancel M,** Aimonetti J-M, Ribot-Ciscar E, Kavounoudias A (2019). Seeing Your Foot Move Changes Muscle Proprioceptive Feedback. *ENeuro*, 6(2), ENEURO.0341-18.2019. [doi: 10.1523/ENEURO.0341-18.2019](https://doi.org/10.1523/ENEURO.0341-18.2019)
- Chancel M,** Landelle C, Blanchard C, Felician O, Guerraz M, Kavounoudias A. (2018). Hand movement illusions show changes in sensory reliance and preservation of multisensory integration with age for kinaesthesia. *Neuropsychologia*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuropsychologia.2018.07.027>
- Chancel, M,** Kavounoudias, A, Guerraz, M. (2017). What’s left of the mirror illusion when the mirror can no longer be seen? Bilateral integration of proprioceptive afferents! *Neuroscience*. [doi: 10.1016/j.neuroscience.2017.08.036](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroscience.2017.08.036)
- Chancel M,** Blanchard C, Guerraz M, Montagnini A, Kavounoudias A (2016). Optimal visuo-tactile integration for velocity discrimination of self-hand movements. *Journal of Neurophysiology*, [doi: 10.1152/jn.00883.2015](https://doi.org/10.1152/jn.00883.2015)
- Chancel M,** Brun C, Kavounoudias A, Guerraz M (2016) The kinaesthetic mirror illusion: How much does the mirror matter? *Exp Brain Res*. [doi: 10.1007/s00221-015-4549-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00221-015-4549-5)
- Brun C, Metral M, **Chancel M,** Kavounoudias A, Luyat M, Guerraz M. (2015). Passive or simulated displacement of one arm (but not its mirror reflection) modulates the involuntary motor behavior of the other arm. *Neuroscience*, 285, 343–355. [doi: 10.1016/j.neuroscience.2014.11.036](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuroscience.2014.11.036)
- Metral M, **Chancel M,** Brun C, Kavounoudias A, Luyat M, Guerraz M (2015) Kinaesthetic mirror illusion and spatial congruence. *Exp Brain Res* 233:1463–1470. [doi: 10.1007/s00221-015-4220-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00221-015-4220-1)
- Occasional reviewing:** *Cognition, Psychological Science, Nature Communications, i-Perception, scientific report, PNAS, Scientific Report, Attention perception, and psychophysics, Cortex, NeuroImage...*

TEACHING & SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- 2018 - 2021 **Lectures at the Karolinska Institute (1h per year).**
2nd year of Biomedicine Bachelor: **Cognitive neuroscience approach of language** (≈ 60 students)
Lecture at University of Arts, Crafts and Design (3h in 2019)
3rd years: **Consciousness and Perception** (≈ 40 students)
- 2016-17 **‘Approach through problematic’ (APP 1 day) in Aix-Marseille University**
Presenting psychophysics to three students, supervise them will they design and conduct a short psychophysical experiment to explore one aspect of tactile perception

2013-16 **Teacher at Savoie Mont Blanc University (128h)**
1st year of Psychology Bachelor: Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (≈ 300 students)
Fake memories, DRM paradigm. Working memory, double encoding. Origins of language.
2nd year of Psychology Bachelor: Movement & Perception (≈ 200 students)
Sensory role of muscles, muscle spindles and vibration method. Sensori-motor learning & Cerebellum. Physiology and histology of muscles, and surface electromyogram (EMG).

Supervision

2021 E. Sâge (90%, with Pr. Henrik Ehrsson), Bachelor Student, 3-month summer internship
2019 L. Pâvénius (80%, with Pr. Henrik Ehrsson), Bachelor Student, 3-month summer internship
2018 B. Hasenack (80%, with Pr. Henrik Ehrsson) Master Student, 9-month internship.
P. Kern (80%, with Pr. Henrik Ehrsson) Bachelor Student, 3-month summer internship.
2015 C. Landelle (30%, with Pr. Anne Kavounoudias) Master student, 3-month internship.

COMMUNICATIONS

Talks

Chancel M

Sensory uncertainty in multisensory mechanisms involved in body ownership
Invited seminar at the LICAE – UFR STAPS, Université Paris Nanterre – February 2022

Chancel M, Ehrsson H, Ma W

Body ownership as an uncertainty-based inference of a common cause.
BRnet 2021 – the third Body Representation Network workshop. Online – July 2021

Chancel M, Hasenack B, Ehrsson H

Integration of predictions and afferent signals in body ownership.
European Society for Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience. Online – June 2021

Chancel M, Ehrsson H, Ma W

Uncertainty-based inference of a common cause for body ownership.
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness. Online – June 2021

Chancel M, Ehrsson H

A new psychophysical paradigm to quantitatively assess body ownership in the rubber hand illusion paradigm.
International Multisensory Research Forum. Toronto – June 2018

Chancel M.

Sensory integration for own body motion perception
Workshop "New perspectives on embodiment and self-location". Marseille - November 2016

Chancel M, Landelle C, Blanchard C, Félician O, Guerraz M, & Kavounoudias A.

Multisensory reweighting for kinesthesia in older adults
International workshop on aging in the neuro-musculo-skeletal system. Marseille - March 2016

Posters

Chancel M, Hasenack B, Ehrsson H

Vision-elicited tactile predictions contribute to body ownership: evidence from psychophysics and the rubber hand illusion.
Virtual-FENS – July 2020

Chancel M, Ehrsson H

A new psychophysical paradigm to directly quantify the perception of body ownership during the rubber hand illusion.
SfN neuroscience 2018. San Diego – November 2018

Chancel M, Blanchard C, Montagnini A, Guerraz M, & Kavounoudias A.

Does visuo-tactile integration for perception of self-hand movement follow Bayesian rules?
Somato-sensory club. FR 3C. Marseille - December 2016

Chancel M, Blanchard C, Montagnini A, Guerraz M, & Kavounoudias A.
Does visuo-tactile integration for perception of self-hand movement follow Bayesian rules?
Workshop Probabilistic Inference and the Brain. Collège de France. Paris - September 2015

Chancel M, Landelle C, Blanchard C, Félician O, Guerraz M, & Kavounoudias A.
Reshaping sensory reliance when multisensory systems decline: effect of Aging
16th International Multisensory Research Forum. Pisa - June 2015

Chancel M, Landelle C, Blanchard C, Félician O, Guerraz M, & Kavounoudias A.
Reshaping sensory reliance when multisensory systems decline: effect of Aging
12^{ème} colloque des neurosciences. Montpellier - May 2015

Chancel M, Blanchard C, Montagnini A, Guerraz M, & Kavounoudias A.
Does visuo-tactile integration for perception of self-hand movement follow Bayesian rules?
15th International Multisensory Research Forum. Amsterdam - June 2014

EVENT ORGANIZATION AND ASSOCIATIVE COMMITMENT

2021

Blogger for the Karolinska Institute Career Service.
Column for the Swedish Research Council blog

2020 – 2021

Vice chair for Community Building and Peer Support in KIPA (Karolinska Institute Post-doc Association).

2017 – 2019

Art-science collaboration with Maria Euler (<http://mariaeuler.com/>) on the project "Andra Handen"

Active member of KIPA (Karolinska Institute Post-doc Association).

In charge of the "Career Outside of Academia" event in 2018 and 2019.

Speaker for the event "What does a scientist look like?".

Public event organized in Stockholm by the Women in Science organization.

2013 – 2016:

Vice-president and founding member of the association for young researchers of the research federation in Marseille (AJC3C, FR 3512).

I actively participate to the organization of different events. First, monthly meetings between PhD student and postdoctoral fellows where each member had the opportunity to present his or her topic of research, a specific study, or a methodological issue. We also organized each first Wednesday lunch break a '*Neurolunch*', a video-conference projection (Collège de France, TedTalks,) followed by a debate. Finally, we offered rehearsal opportunities with active feedback for PhD defenses and conference talks.

Volunteer several years in a row during popular science events.

Animation and lab visits for middle and high school in Marseille ('La semaine du cerveau' - Brain's week - and 'La fête de la science' - science celebration - in 2014 and 2015).

SCIENTIFIC TRAINING

- Modern statistic with R (2020, 5-day course, Måns Thulin)
- fMRI Visiting fellowship course (2018, 5-day course, Martinos Center, Boston, USA)
- MR driving license course (2018, Karolinska MR center, Stockholm, Sweden)
- MathWorks seminar (2016, intern workshop, LNIA, Marseille, France)
- Statistic and programming on R (2015, PhD program, INT, Marseille, France)
- Signal processing on Python (2015, PhD program, INT, Marseille, France)

- Initiation to fMRI data processing on SPM (2014, PhD courses, LPNC, Grenoble, France)

OTHER SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (2021, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden)
- Scientific writing (2019, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden)
- Grant writing course (2017, Karolinska Grant Service course, Stockholm, Sweden)
- Career management courses (2013-2016).

I regularly work with the following softwares: MatLab, R, Codamotion, Adobe Photoshop

LANGUAGES

1. French: Native
2. English: Proficient in reading, writing, and speaking (Level C2, Grenoble Alpes Université)
3. Swedish, German, Spanish: Beginner (Level A1/A2)