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Experience

Professional, Research & Teaching



Kernel (kernel.co)

Science Lead

October 2015 - August 2017 (includes activity prior to official founding)
Los Angeles

Founding science lead. Directed technical strategy, technical hiring and managed technical team activities before & during founding and early stage of the neurotechnology company.



OS Fund

Venture Modeling & Due Diligence Consulting

February 2014 - September 2015
Los Angeles / San Francisco

Developed the OS Playbook VC modeling method for the fund's due diligence on science-heavy tech ventures. Venture Capital consulting, applying Decision Analysis modeling method to individual investments and portfolios. Carried out due diligence on candidate investments for the fund in scientific/technical fields (synthetic biology, neurotechnology, etc).

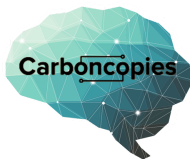


2045 Initiative

Science Director

May 2012 - present
San Francisco / New York

Directed scientific strategy and scientific collaborations of the initiative, architect and lead of scientific component of Global Futures 2045 Congress.



Carboncopies Foundation

Founder & Chairman

May 2010 - present
San Francisco

Carboncopies is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organisation with the goal to advance the reverse engineering of neural tissue and complete brains, whole brain emulation, and development of neural prostheses that reproduce functions of mind in a substrate-independent manner.



Halcyon Molecular
Director of Analysis
May 2010 - March 2012
Redwood City, CA

Directed early-stage analysis department. Computer modeling, machine learning and artificial vision for the identification of DNA base markers in electron microscope images.



Tecnalia Research and Innovation
Director of Department of Neuroengineering
September 2008 - May 2010
San Sebastian, Spain

Architected, hired and directed the department of neuroengineering at Fatronik-Tecnalia. Managed research projects.



Boston University, Center for Memory and Brain
Research Assistant Professor
2007 - 2008
Postdoctoral Researcher
2001 - 2006
Boston

Computational neuroscience, modeling of mechanisms and neurophysiology responsible for memory function (short-term, working memory, LTP/LTD, long-term) in hippocampus, medial temporal lobes and reinforcement learning in the prefrontal cortex.



*VU University Medical Center - Neuroscience Campus Amsterdam
& Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience of the Royal Netherlands
Academy of Arts and Sciences*
Research Scientist
2004 - 2008
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Computational neuroscience research, modeling the outgrowth of neurons and the formation of neuronal networks, as part of the EU project CASPAN.



Boston University
Lecturer CAS PS336 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
Fall 2007, Spring 2008
Lecturer Neural Models of Memory and Spatial Navigation (series)
December 2003, April 2006
Boston



McGill University, Department of Psychology
Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Experimental Design
1996 - 1997, 2000 - 2001
Montreal, Canada



Delft University of Technology, Electrical Engineering Department
Teaching Assistant, Software Engineering in Scheme/LISP
1994 - 1995
Teaching/Lab Assistant, Introductory Electronics Lab Course
1994
Delft, The Netherlands

Advising & Consulting



NeuroMem, Inc.
Scientific Advisor
August 2017 - present

Scientific advice and consultation to the neuromorphic chip company.



General Vision, Inc.
Scientific Advisor
April 2015 - present
San Francisco Bay Area

Scientific advice and consultation to the artificial intelligence company.



Brain Preservation Foundation
Scientific Advisor

Scientific advice and consultation to the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization administering the Brain Preservation Prizes for the perfection of human brain preservation techniques.

Innerspace Foundation
Scientific Advisor
2008 - 2009

Education



McGill University
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Computational Neuroscience
1996-2001

Thesis: Functional requirements determine relevant ingredients to model for on-line acquisition of context dependent memory



Delft University of Technology
Master's Degree, Electrical Engineering (Information Theory, AI)
1991-1996

Thesis: Extracting Knowledge in terms of Rules from Trained Neural Networks



University of Amsterdam
Physics
1989-1991

Publications

Peer Reviewed Publications

Neuroscience and Neural Engineering

Wiley, K.B. and Koene, R.A. (2015). [The Fallacy of Favoring Gradual Replacement Mind Uploading Over Scan-and-Copy](#). *Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies*. May 2, 2015.

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Deca, D. and Koene, R.A. (2014). [Experimental enhancement of neurophysiological function](#). *Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience*, vol.8, p.189. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fnsys.2014.00189>

Koene, R.A. (2014). [Feasible Mind Uploading](#). In *Intelligence Unbound: The Future of Uploaded and Machine Minds*. Eds. Blackford, R. and Broderick, D. Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, UK. [\[PDF \(149K\)\]](#)

Original title: System Identification: The foundation of modern science and the core of feasible mind uploading

Koene, R. A. (2014). [Methodical Support for Informational Analysis of Mind: A Review of Igor Aleksander's and Helen Morton's—"Aristotle's Laptop: The Discovery of Our Informational Mind"](#).

International Journal of Machine Consciousness, 6(01), 41-43.

Koene, R. A. (2014) [How should humanity steer the future? Humanity must benefit the thriving of its constituents!](#). *Future of Life Institute Essay Contest 2014*.

Koene, R.A. (2013). [Global Future 2045: Towards a New Strategy for Human Evolution](#). A Review of the 2013 Congress in New York City.

Koene, R.A., Eds. (2013). [Congress Proceedings & Transcripts of Global Future 2045: Towards a New Strategy for Human Evolution](#), Lincoln Center, New York City, June 2013.

Koene, R.A. (2013). [Whole Brain Emulation: Reverse Engineering a Mind](#). *Global Future 2045: Towards a New Strategy for Human Evolution, Congress Proceedings*. Lincoln Center, New York City, June 2013

Koene, R.A. and Deca, D., Eds. (2013). [Brain Emulation and Connectomics, a convergence of Neuroscience and Artificial General Intelligence](#). *Special Issue of the Journal of Artificial General Intelligence*. Vol. 4:3, Dec 2013.

- Koene, R.A. and Deca, D. (2013). [Editorial: Whole Brain Emulation seeks to Implement a Mind and its General Intelligence through System Identification](#). *Special Issue of the Journal of Artificial General Intelligence*. Vol. 4:3. <https://doi.org/10.2478/jagi-2013-0012>
- Koene, R. A. (2013). [Uploading to Substrate-Independent Minds](#). *The transhumanist reader: Classical and contemporary essays on the science, technology, and philosophy of the human future*, 146-156.
- More, M., Koene, R. A., Rothblatt, M., Andrews, W. H., Kekich, D., Armstrong, R., ... & Prisco, G. (2013). *Longevitize!: Essays on the Science, Philosophy & Politics of Longevity*. Center for Transhumanity.
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- Koene, R.A. (2012). [Experimental Research in Whole Brain Emulation: The Need for Innovative In-Vivo Measurement Techniques](#). *Special Issue of the International Journal on Machine Consciousness*. Vol.4(1), doi: 10.1142/S1793843012500047. [[PDF \(5700K\)](#)]
- Koene, R.A. (2012). [Mind transfer: human brains in different materials](#). *New Scientist*. 24 Oct., 2012. [[preprint PDF](#)]
French version: [Transférer l'esprit humain et le faire évoluer dans d'autres milieux](#)
- Koene, R. A. (2012). [How to copy a brain](#). *New Scientist*, 216(2888), 26-27.
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- Koene, R.A. (2012). [On Bray's "Brain versus Machine"](#). In *The Singularity Hypothesis: A Scientific and Philosophical Assessment*. Amnon Eden, Johnny Søraker, Jim Moor, and Eric Steinhart (Eds), Springer.
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- Oses, N., Hoffmann, M. and Koene, R.A. (2010). [Embodied moving target seeking with prediction and planning](#). In *Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Hybrid Artificial Intelligence Systems (HAIS2010)*. June, 2010. San Sebastian, Spain. [[PDF \(437K\)](#)]

Koene, R.A. and Hasselmo, M.E. (2009). [Hippocampus: Computational models](#). In the *New Encyclopedia of Neuroscience*, Academic Press, pp.1137-1142. DOI: 10.1016/B978-008045046-9.00768-3 [[preprint PDF \(348K\)](#)]

Koene, R.A., Tijms, B., van Hees, P., Postma, F., de Ridder, S., Ramakers, G., van Pelt, J. and van Ooyen, A. (2009). [NETMORPH: A framework for the stochastic generation of large scale neuronal networks with realistic neuron morphologies](#). *Neuroinformatics*. Vol.7(3), pp.195-210. Neuroinformatics Advanced Access published on August 12, 2009, doi: 10.1007/s12021-009-9052-3. [[PDF \(978K\)](#)]

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Koene, R.A. and Hasselmo, M.E. (2005). An integrate and fire model of prefrontal cortex provides a biological implementation of action selection in reinforcement learning theory that reuses known representations. In *Proceedings of the International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN2005)*. [[preprint PDF \(601K\)](#), [Powerpoint \(1116K\)](#), [presentation notes PDF \(129K\)](#), [AVI movie \(102K\)](#), [AVI movie \(121K\)](#)]

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Koene, R.A. and Hasselmo, M.E. (2005). [An integrate and fire model of prefrontal cortex neuronal activity during performance of goal-directed decision making](#). *Cerebral Cortex*. Vol.15:12, pp.1964-1981. (Cerebral Cortex Advanced Access published April 27, 2005.) [[preprint PDF \(875K\)](#)]

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Hasselmo, M.E., Cannon, R.C. and Koene, R.A. (2002). A simulation of parahippocampal and hippocampal structures guiding spatial navigation of a virtual rat in a virtual environment: A functional framework for theta theory. In: Witter, M P. and Wouterlood, F.G. (eds.) *The Parahippocampal Region: Organization and Role of Cognitive Functions*. Oxford University Press: Oxford. Pp.139-161. [[compressed postscript \(246K\)](#)]

Artificial Intelligence

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Koene, R. and Takane, Y. (1999). [Discriminant component pruning. Regularization and interpretation of multi-layered back-propagation networks](#). *Neural Computation*. Vol. 11, pp. 783-802. [[PDF \(346K\)](#)]

Venture Capital

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Dissertations

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Koene, R.A. (1995). *Extracting Knowledge in Terms of Rules from Trained Neural Networks*. M.Sc. thesis, Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands. [[compressed postscript \(315K\)](#)]

Invited Talks

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Koene, R.A. (2010). [Whole Brain Emulation: Issues of scope and resolution, and the need for new methods of in-vivo recording](#). Presented at the Third Conference on Artificial General Intelligence (AGI2010). March, 2010. Lugano, Switzerland. [[Presentation PDF \(1425K\)](#)]

Koene, R.A. (2010). [Neural mechanisms of reinforcement learning: How spreading activity in the prefrontal cortex can implement RL for goal-directed tasks](#). Presented at the Third Conference on Artificial General Intelligence (AGI2010). March, 2010. Lugano, Switzerland. [[Presentation PDF \(1281K\)](#)]

Koene, R.A. (2009). [The time is now: As a species and as individuals we need whole brain emulation](#). Presented at the Singularity Summit 2009. October, 2009. New York, NY. [[abstract PDF \(64K\)](#), [Powerpoint \(24541K\)](#), [PDF \(8654K\)](#), [video stream](#)]

Koene, R.A. (2009). [From Wheelchairs to Neural Interfaces in a Virtual Brain Laboratory](#). Presented at the Center for Adaptive Neural Systems Symposium on *Co-Adaptive Learning: Adaptive Technology for the Aging* (ANS2009). January, 2009. Tempe, AZ. [[Powerpoint presentation \(56532K\)](#), [PDF presentation \(3110K\)](#)]

Koene, R.A. (2008). [Assessing the functional significance of errors and omissions by automated network reconstruction in phantom data generated with NETMORPH](#). Presented at the minisymposium *High-Throughput Microscopy and Computational/Theoretical Challenges in the Analysis of Neural Circuit Structure* of the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience. November, 2008. Washington, D.C. [[lay-language summary PDF \(53K\)](#), [Powerpoint \(53390K\)](#), [PDF \(2211K\)](#)]

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Interviews and Appearances

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Lectures

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Max Stern Recruitment Fellowship, 1996–1999

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Special Skills

Technology startup founding and early-stage sci-tech team leadership, management, talent acquisition (Kernel)

Special-purpose chip design for implantable neurotechnology (Kernel)

Software architecting and engineering, software team leadership (Kernel)

Venture Capital due diligence and fund modeling (OS Fund, The OS Playbook)

Congress organization and production (GF2045 New York)

Public speaking and lectures (TEDx, Carboncopies)

Founding an leadership of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Carboncopies Foundation)

Data Analysis (Halcyon Molecular)

Machine Learning for automated Image Labeling (Halcyon Molecular)

Electronmicroscopy imaging and evaluation (Halcyon Molecular)

Experience contributing to successful U.S. and European Union grant applications

Experience preparing course materials and giving lectures, CAS PS336 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology 2007

Creator of the NETMORPH modeling framework that is uniquely able to simulate realistic morphological development of neurons in large scale networks with subsequent simulations of neuronal and network activity

Electrophysiology recording and Data Analysis in Animal Model Behavioral Experiments

Experience preparing course syllabi (Intro.Cog.Psych., 2007; Stat. for Exp. Design, 2000)

Experience as reviewer of articles submitted to scientific journals (e.g. Journal of Neuroscience, Behaviormetrica) and conference proceedings (e.g. The International Joint Conference on Neural Networks)

Languages

English, German, Dutch, French

Research Skills

Directing scientists and engineers, project management and planning, executive scientific and technical leadership (Kernel, Tecnia)

Research Collaboration architecting and management (2045 Initiative, Kernel)

Directing teams of post-doctoral research scientists in R&D projects that focus on rehabilitation and support technologies for persons with cognitive deficits and in biorobotics, as well as for caregivers. Projects involving brain-machine interfaces utilize EEG, TMS and fNIRS, and in healthcare and research settings involve the use of fMRI and MEG. New projects that I head at the department of neuroengineering emphasize progress in neural interfaces (including novel technologies for deep brain stimulation) and neuroprosthetics.

Theoretical and computational modeling at cognitive, system and biophysical levels. Most of my human and animal models addressed learning, memory, spatial navigation or executive decision making, with specific attention paid to the roles of brain regions in the medial temporal lobes and in the prefrontal cortex.

Through the creation of the novel NETMORPH simulation framework, I combined modeling of morphogenesis based on growth cone activity, the resulting biophysics of specific neuron

morphology, and the effects of synapse location with the simulation of large-scale neuronal network dynamics.

I investigated modulatory effects and the effects of rhythmic activity and synchronization between neuronal networks in brain regions. In earlier work, I investigated learning from one-shot rapid acquisition, through working memory processes and episodic storage to long-term consolidation.

In addition to the statistical techniques of cognitive science and quantitative psychology (e.g. ANOVA, spline approximation, PCA), my experience in data analysis includes the signal analysis of multi-electrode recordings and reconstruction in serial images of neural tissue.

Computer Skills

Languages: Python, C, C++, Java, MATLAB, Scheme, LISP, Pascal, Fortran, Basic, Assembler, Databases, various shell scripting languages (e.g. NEURON)

Operating Systems: Linux/Unix, Windows, Macintosh

Internet: SGML/HTML, CSS, CGI, Plone/Zope, XML

Professional Associations

Member Society for Neuroscience (SFN)

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