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EDUCATION

École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France

2006 - 2010

Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France

PhD candidate, Computational and cognitive neuroscience

Advisor: Dr. E. Koechlin, Laboratoire de neurosciences cognitives, INSERM U742.

Behavioral experiments with healthy adult subjects in areas of reinforcement learning and cognitive control.

Computational modeling (reinforcement learning, Bayesian inference).

Federation of European Neuroscience, Arcachon, France

August 2007

Computational neuroscience summer school

ENS, EHESS, Paris, France

2005 - 2006

Master's degree in Cognitive Science Advisor: Dr. E. Koechlin

Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France

2002-2006

Engineering diploma. Equivalent to a Master's in engineering.

2006

Bachelors of science, major in theoretical mathematics.

2005

Research rotation (one semester) in algebraic topology at the Centre de Mathématiques Laurent Schwartz, supervision Dr H. Abbaspour.

Professional activities

Post-doctoral research associate

2010-present

Laboratory for Neural Computation and Cognition, Brown University, RI. Advisor: Dr M.J. Frank.

Computational modeling (Bayesian inference, reinforcement learning, neural network models) in the domains of learning and cognitive control.

Development and implementation of computerized experimental paradigms for probing model mechanisms in reinforcement learning, cognitive control and structured learning. Electro-encephalography experiments and data analysis, including machine learning meth-

ods for decoding latent brain states.

Genetic and patient studies probing relevant variants impacting above processes.

Project coordinator

2013-2014

Coordination of a neural decoding competition as part of the new initiative for computation in brain and mind at Brown.

Consultant 2013-2014

Consulting for Roche. Experimental design, data analysis and computational modeling for drug effect testing.

Publications

Eight-Month-Old Infants Spontaneously Learn and Generalize Hierarchical Rules. Werchan, DM; Collins, AGE; Frank, MJ; Amso, D. Psychological Science. 2015

Working memory contributions to reinforcement learning impairments in Schizophrenia. Collins, AGE; Brown, J; Gold, J; Waltz, J; Frank, MJ. Journal of Neuroscience. 2014

A Reinforcement Learning Mechanism Responsible for the Valuation of Free Choice. Cockburn, J, Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. Neuron. 2014.

Human EEG uncovers latent generalizable rule structure during learning. Collins, AGE, Cavanagh, JF, Frank, MJ. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 2014.

Opponent Actor Learning (OpAL): Modeling interactive effect of striatal dopamine on reinforcement learning and choice incentive. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. *Psychological Review.* 2014.

Foundations of human reasoning in the prefrontal cortex. Donoso, M, Collins, AGE, Koechlin, E; Science, 2014

Cognitive control over learning: Creating, clustering and Generalizing task-set structure. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. *Psychological Review.* 2013.

Negative Symptoms and the Failure to Represent the Expected Reward Value of Actions: Behavioral and Computational Modeling Evidence. Gold JM; Waltz JA; Matveeva TM, Kasanova, Z; Strauss, GP; Herbener, EH; Collins, AGE; Frank, MJ. Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2012.

Reasoning, Learning and Creativity: Frontal lobe functions and human decision-making. Collins, AGE, Koechlin, E; *PLoS Biology*, 2012

How much of reinforcement Learning is working Memory, not reinforcement Learning? Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ; European Journal of Neuroscience, 2012.

A computational theory of prefrontal executive function. Collins, AGE, Koechlin, E; Proceedings of the 2009 COSYNE conference, Frontiers in Neuroscience, 2009.

SUBMITTED PAPERS

Neural signature of latent structure learning predicts hierarchical clustering and transfer of rule sets. Collins, AGE; Frank, MJ.

Motor demands constrain cognitive rule structures. Collins, AGE; Frank, MJ.

Teaching

Teaching assistant.

2006 - 2009

Universite Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France. 192 hours teaching mathematics for undergraduate biology students (statistics, linear algebra, dynamical systems).

Guest lecturer. 2009 - 2010

Master in Cognitive Science, École Normale Supérieure, Paris. Computational models for cognitive control.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Constraints and priors in human structure learning.

2015/10

Society for Neuroscience, Chicago, IL

Disentangling multiple contributions to human learning.

2015/10

Harvard McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA.

Working memory contribution to learning impairments in schizophrenia. 2015/09 ECSR conference, Berlin.

Creating structure and generalizing in learning. 2015/05 ESCONS conference, San Francisco.

The hidden players in reinforcement learning.

2015/01-02

Lyon; Boston University; Stanford; University of Michigan; Columbia; Berkeley.

Prefrontal contributions to reinforcement learning. 2014/09 NYU, NY.

Computational models of structure learning in humans. 2014/07 Neuromorphic workshop, Telluride, CO.

Generalization and transfer in structure learning. 2014/05 Symposium for the Biology of Decision Making, Paris, France.

Explorations of structure learning 2014/02 Princeton, NJ.

Many actors in reinforcement learning 2014/02 Rochester, NY.

Many actors in reinforcement learning 2014/01 Irvine, CA.

Creating and generalizing task-set structure in corticostriatal circuits. 2013/03 COSYNE workshops.

Two levels of rule generalization in reinforcement learning with latent structure. 2012/12

MBI computational neuroscience workshop, Columbus (OH).

Posters

Structured learning and task-set transfer during reinforcement learning. 2012/05 Princeton, NJ.

Learning and cognitive control: neurobiologically explicit models fro inferring hidden structure. 2012/01 ICARUS workshop, Boston.

Working memory contributions to reinforcement learning. 2012/01 LNC, ENS, Paris.

Learning hidden structure for cognitive control. 2011/07 Mathematical Psychology annual meeting.

Invited student Gatsby, UCL, London (UK). 2009/06

Working memory contributions to reinforcement learning: an fMRI study. Collins, AGE; Ciullo, B; Frank, MJ; Badre, D. SfN, Chicago, 2015.

Antipsychotic medications induce sustained alterations in approach/avoidance learning. Vierling-Claassen, NE; Collins, AGE; Burke, D; Warwick, H; Rego, B; Hill, M; Bath, K; Frank, MJ; Moore, CI. SfN, Chicago, 2015.

Feature-based attention during sequential tasks. Desrochers, TM; Collins, AGE; Badre, D. *SfN*, Chicago, 2015.

Interaction between reinforcement learning and Working memory. Collins, AGE; Frank, MJ. SBDM, Paris, 2015.

Prefrontal cortex and uncertainty during sequential tasks. Desrochers, TM; Collins, AGE; Badre, D. CNS, San Francisco, 2015.

Neural signature of latent structure during learning predicts hierarchical clustering and transfer of rule sets. Collins, AGE; Frank, MJ. CNS, San Francisco, 2015.

Working memory contributions to reinforcement learning impairments in schizophrenia. Collins, AGE; Gold, J; Waltz, J; Frank, MJ. COSYNE, Salt Lake City, 2014.

Why do we structure knowledge? Two levels of rule generalization in reinforcement learning. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. SfN, 2013.

Motor patterns impose priors on abstract rule structure representations. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. *RLDM*, Princeton, NJ, october, 2013.

Interactive effects of learning and choice incentive in the striatal dopamine system: Computational model. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. *COSYNE*, Salt Lake City, 2013.

EEG predictors of structured learning and task-set transfer during reinforcement learning. Collins, AGE, Cavanagh, JF, Frank, MJ. *SfN*, New Orleans, 2012.

Why (and how much) do we value the freedom to choose? Decision enhances spatial credit assignment in reinforcement learning. Cockburn, J, Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. SfN, New Orleans, 2012.

Welcome to the machine: Pattern classifiers reveal latent cognitive states. Cavanagh, JF, Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. SPR, 2012.

Incidental structured learning and abstraction in cognitive reinforcement learning. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. COSYNE, Salt Lake City, 2012.

Working memory contributions to reinforcement learning: Computational and genetic analysis. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. SfN, 2011.

A bias to apply hierarchical structure in learning: a computational and behavioral study. Collins, AGE, Frank, MJ. CNS, 2011.

A computational theory of prefrontal executive function. Collins, AGE, Koechlin, E. COSYNE, 2009.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

How prefrontal cortex augments reinforcement learning. 2015-2018 NSF CompCog award 1460604 to Michael J Frank and Anne GE Collins.

Allocation Monitorat Polytechnicien (AMX). 2006 – 2009 Graduate studies and teaching assistant grant.

Undergraduate studies full grant. 2002–2006 Indemnité d'élève officier polytechnicien.

Skills Computer skills

Advanced: Matlab (including statistics toolbox and psychtoolbox), SPSS, LaTeX.

Intermediate: Python, R, Linux. Basic: java.

Languages

French(native), English (fluent), German (fluent), Japanese (intermediate), Russian (intermediate).

HOBBIES Music Proficient cello player, classical singer. Chamber music, choir.

Outdoors Hiking, biking, swimming, sailing.