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#### **EMPLOYMENT** Flatiron Research Fellow

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Flatiron Institute, Simons Foundation, NY, USA

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Psychological and Brain Sciences

9/2014-8/2019

Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Dartmouth College, NH, USA

Summer Workshop on the Dynamic Brain Friday Harbor Laboratory, WA, USA 8/2019-9/2019

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7/2018-8/2018

Marine Biology Laboratory, MA, USA

M.S. in Biomedical Engineering

9/2011-6/2013

School of ECE, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

Methods in Computational Neuroscience course

B.S. in Control systems Engineering

9/2007-9/2011

Department of EE, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Khorasan, Iran

# PUBLICATIONS Manuscripts under Review and in Preparation

- 2. Farashahi S<sup>†</sup>, Nomof J, Aslami Z, Soltani A<sup>†</sup>(in preparation). Emergence of distributed value representations and learning in naturalist environments.
- 1. Soltani A†, **Farashahi S**, Izquierdo A (in preparation). A circuit level model of reward learning under uncertainty.

#### Peer-reviewed Publications

- 8. Farashahi S\*, Xu J\*, Wu SW, Soltani A†(2020). Learning arbitrary stimulus-reward associations for naturalistic stimuli involves transition from learning about features to learning about objects. Cognition, 205, 104425.
- 7. Farashahi S, Donahue C, Hayden B, Lee D, Soltani A†(2019) Flexible combination of reward information across primates. *Nature human behaviour*, 3(11), 1215-1224.
- 6. **Farashahi S**, Azab H, Hayden B, Soltani A†(2018). On the flexibility of basic risk attitudes in monkeys. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 38(18), 4383-4398.
- 5. Farashahi S, Ting CC, Kao CH, Wu SW, Soltani A†(2018) Dynamic combination of sensory and reward information under time pressure. *PLOS Computational Biology*, 14(3):e1006070.
- 4. **Farashahi S**, Rowe K, Aslami Z, Gobbini MI, Soltani A†(2018). Influence of learning strategy on response time during complex value-based learning and choice. *PLOS ONE*, 13(5):e0197263.
- 3. Farashahi S\*, Rowe K\*, Aslami Z, Lee D, Soltani A†(2017). Feature-based learning improves adaptability without compromising precision. *Nature Communications*, 8(1), 1-16.
- 2. **Farashahi S**, Seo H, Donahue C, Khorsand P, Lee D, Soltani A†(2017). Metaplasticity as a neural substrate for adaptive learning and choice under uncertainty. *Neuron*, 94(2), 401-414.
- 1. Soltani A†, Khorsand P, Guo CZ, **Farashahi S**, Liu J (2016). Neural Substrates of Cognitive Biases during Probabilistic Inference. *Nature Communications*, 7(1), 1-14.
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## **Book Chapters**

1. Bahrami F, Farashahi S (2017), How Do We Navigate Our Way to Places?. Computational Models of Brain and Behavior, 357-372.

# **POSTERS**

- CONFERENCE 18. Farashahi S, Donahue C, Hayden B, Lee D, Soltani A, Flexible combination of reward information during choice under uncertainty, SNE, Dublin, Ireland, Oct 4-6, 2019.
  - 17. Farashahi S, Nomof V, Aslami Z, Soltani A, Learning from reward feedback in highdimensional environments, SfN, San Diego, USA, Nov 3-7, 2018.
  - 16. Soltani A, Farashahi S, Izquierdo A, Circuit-level model of reward learning under uncertainty, SNE, Philadelphia, USA, Oct 5-7, 2018.
  - 15. Farashahi S, Nomof V, Aslami Z, Soltani A, Learning from reward feedback in highdimensional environments, SNE, Philadelphia, USA, Oct 5-7, 2018.
  - 14. Farashahi S, Rowe K, Aslami Z, Gobbini MI, Soltani A, Pattern of response time reveals the construction of reward value during adaptive learning and choice, SfN, Washington DC, USA, Nov 11-15, 2017.
  - 13. Farashahi S, Azab H, Hayden B, Soltani A, On the flexibility of basic risk attitudes in monkeys, SNE, Toronto, CA, Oct 6-8, 2017.
  - 12. Farashahi S, Rowe K, Aslami Z, Gobbini MI, Soltani A, Pattern of response time reveals the construction of reward value during adaptive learning and choice, SNE, Toronto, CA, Oct 6-8, 2017.
  - 11. Farashahi S, Rowe K, Aslami Z, Lee D, Soltani A, Removing the curse of dimensionality: a trade-off between adaptability and precision, SfN, San Diego, USA, Oct 12-16, 2016.
  - 10. P. Khorsand, Farashahi S, Soltani A, Adaptability-precision trade off: a metaplasticity study, SfN, San Diego, USA, Oct 12-16, 2016.
  - 9. Farashahi S, Rowe K, Aslami Z, Lee D, Soltani A, Removing the curse of dimensionality: a trade-off between adaptability and precision, SfN, San Diego, USA, Oct 12-16, 2016.
  - 8. Farashahi S, Rowe K, Aslami Z, Lee D, Soltani A, Hierarchical selection, reward-dependent metaplasticity, and choice under uncertainty, CoSyNe, Salt Lake City, USA, Feb 25-28, 2016.
  - 7. Chu E, Harris L, Lee V, Farashahi S, Soltani A, Influence of value-dependent endogenous signals on saccadic choice, SfN, Chicago, USA, Oct 17-21, 2015.
  - 6. Farashahi S, Seo H, Lee D, Soltani A, Metaplasticity and choice under uncertainty, CoSyNe, Salt Lake City, USA, Mar 4-8, 2015.
  - 5. Mohammadi M, Farashahi S, Mahdavi A, Bahrami F, Allocentric Spatial Navigation Impairment in Schizophrenic Subject: A Model-based Study, ICEE, Tehran, Iran, May 10-14, 2015.
  - 4. Ghaani S, Lienard J, Ingram S, Dimitrov A, Model of dynamics of intracellular chloride based on fluorescent imaging, CNS, Quebec City, Canada, Jul 26-31, 2014.
  - 3. Ghaani-Farashahi S, Bahrami F, Modeling Alzheimer's disease deficits in place field representation, ICIS, Tehran, Iran, Feb 26-28, 2013.
  - 2. Ghaani-Farashahi S, Bahrami F, Does Deficits in Place Field Formation Cause Spatial Navigation Impairment in Alzheimer's Disease?, ICBME, Tehran, Iran, Dec 18-20, 2013.
  - 1. Ghaani-Farashahi S, Bahrami F, Modeling place field formation considering recurrent connections in CA3 and STDP, ICEE, Mashhad, Iran, May 14-16, 2013.

INVITED TALKS	Shenhav Lab, Brown University, RI National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD Center for Neural Science, NYU, NY Center for Neural Science, NYU, NY Wang Lab, NYU, NY Methods in Neuroscience at Dartmouth, Dartmouth, NH Society for Neuroscience (SfN), Nano-Symposium, IL	$\begin{array}{c} 11/2020 \\ 10/2020 \\ 11/2019 \\ 11/2018 \\ 10/2018 \\ 10/2017 \\ 10/2015 \end{array}$
SERVICE	Reviewing service	
	Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B, Scientific Reports, PLOS One, NeuroImage, PLOS Computational Biology, CoSyNe conference	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Machine/Statistical Learning: Regression, Generalized Linear Mixed Effects, Bayesian Statistics, Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning, Clustering, Dimension Reduction  Optimization Methods: Genetic Algorithm, Particle Swarm Optimization, Ant Colony Optimization, Game theory, ANFIS	
	<b>Computational Neuroscience</b> : Biological neural modeling, Generalized linear models of neural spike data, fMRI data analysis, eye-tracking hardware and software (EyeLink)	
PROGRAM- MING SKILLS	C/C++, Python, R, MATLAB, Bash Neuron, XPPAUT psychtoolbox PSpice, LABVIEW, Protel, Proteus, ORCAD, CodeVision AVR, Bascom AVR	
HONORS AND AWARDS	William M. Smith Promise Award in the Brain Sciences, Dartmouth Coll Marie A. Center Award for Excellence in Research, Dartmouth College Neukom prize for outstanding graduate research, Dartmouth College Neukom travel grant to present at the SfN, Dartmouth College Graduate Fellowship grant, Dartmouth College Merit abstract award at 21st Iranian Conf. Electrical Engineering, ICEE	ege $6/2019$ 6/2018 6/2017 5/2015-2017 09/2014-09/2019 5/2013
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Teaching Assistant Experimental Design and Methodology (Dartmouth College) Systems Neuroscience with Laboratory (Dartmouth College) Introduction to Neuroscience (Dartmouth College) Probability and Statistics (Washington State University) Dynamical Systems in Neuroscience (University of Tehran)	Fall 2017 Spring 2016 Winter 2015 Spring 2014 Spring 2013
	Student Advising Jane Xu (WISP*, Dartmouth College) May Nguyen (Honors thesis, Dartmouth College) Zohra Aslami (WISP, Dartmouth College) Emily Chu (WISP, Dartmouth College) Katherine Payre (WISP, and Honors thesis, Dartmouth College)	Fall 2018 Spring 2018 Fall 2017 Fall 2016

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Katherine Rowe (WISP and Honors thesis, Dartmouth College)

Fall 2015-Spring 2016