

Madineh Sedigh-Sarvestani

POST-DOC FELLOW · MAX PLANCK FLORIDA INSTITUTE FOR NEUROSCIENCE

✉ msarvestani@gmail.com | 🏠 msarvestani.com

Education

Summer Workshop on Dynamic Brain

Friday Harbor

Aug 2016

Computational Neuroscience in Vision

CSHL Labs

July 2014

PhD Biomedical Engineering

Penn State University

Aug 2013

BS Engineering

Harvey Mudd College

May 2005

Research Experience

Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience

PI: David Fitzpatrick

POST-DOC FELLOW

2018 - present

- Chronic calcium imaging in awake tree shrews to study the functional organization of visual cortex.

University of Pennsylvania

PI: Diego Contreras

POST-DOC FELLOW

2014 - 2017

- Electrophysiology in anesthetized cats to study thalamocortical circuits in the visual system.
- Evolution of epileptiform activity in the cat visual cortex.

Penn State University

PI: Bruce Gluckman

GRADUATE STUDENT

2008-2014

- Modeling of sleep and epilepsy circuits, algorithm development for automated sleep and seizure classification.
- Chronic recordings in freely moving rodents to study sleep and seizure relationship.

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

RESEARCH ENGINEER I

2007-2008

- Algorithm development for automated seizure classification.

Biostar West

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

2005-2007

- Hydrogel design for functional differentiation of stem cells.

Awards & Funding

NIH-NEI Small Conference Grant (R13)

2020-22

NIH-NEI Post-doctoral training fellowship (F32)

2015-19

COSYNE Travel grant

2015,2016

Travel grant for Gordon Conference on Thalamocortical Interactions

2016

NIH-NINDS Pre-doctoral training fellowship (F31)

2010-2013

Best Poster Award at 6th International Workshop on Seizure Prediction

2013

Best Poster Award at 4th International Workshop on Seizure Prediction

2009

Publications

What & Where: Location-dependent feature sensitivity as a canonical organizing principle of the visual system.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, D FITZPATRICK.

Under review, 2021

DeBruyn and Casagrande manuscripts on tree shrew retinal ganglion cells as a basis for cross-species retina research.

T NORTON, E SAVIER, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI.

Visual Neuroscience

In Press, 2021

Sinusoidal transformation of the visual field is the basis for periodic maps in V2.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, KS LEE, R SATTERFIELD, N SHULTZ, D FITZPATRICK.

Neuron

109 (24): 4068-4079.e6, 2021

A bright future for the tree shrew in neuroscience research: Summary from the inaugural Tree Shrew Meeting.

E SAVIER, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, R WIMMER, D FITZPATRICK.

Zoological Research

42(4): 478-81, 2021

Neuromatch Academy: Teaching Computational Neuroscience with global accessibility.

T VAN VIEGEN, A AKRAMI, K BONNEN, E DEWITT, A HYAFIL, H LEDMYR, GW LINDSAY, P MINEAULT, JD MURRAY, XPITKOW, A PUCE, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, C STRINGER, T ACHAKULVISUT, E ALIKARAMI, MS ATAY, E BATTY, JC ERLICH, BV GALBRAITH, Y GUO, AL JUAVINETT, MR KRAUSE, S LI, M PACHITARIU, E STRALEY, D VALERIANI, E VAUGHAN, M VAZIRI-PASHKAM, ML WASKOM, G BLOHM, K KORDING, P SCHRATER, B WYBLE, S ESCOLA, MAK PETERS

TICS

25(7):535-538, 2021

Thalamocortical synapses in the cat visual system are weak and unreliable.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, LA PALMER, D CONTRERAS.

eLife

e41925, 2019.

Inhibition in simple cell receptive fields is broad and OFF-subregion biased.

M.M. TAYLOR, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, LA PALMER, D CONTRERAS.

J Neurosci

38(3):595-612, 2018.

Spatiotemporal evolution of focal epileptiform activity from surface and laminar field recordings in cat neocortex.

H. BINK, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, I FERNANDEZ-LAMO, L KINI, H UNG, D KUZUM, F VITALE, B LITT, D CONTRERAS.

J Neurophysiol

119(6):2068-81, 2018.

Intracellular, in vivo, dynamics of thalamocortical synapses in visual cortex.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, L VIGELAND, I FERNANDEZ-LAMO, MM TAYLOR, LA PALMER, D CONTRERAS.

J Neurosci

37(21):5250-5262, 2017.

Seizures and brain regulatory systems: Consciousness, sleep, and autonomic systems.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, H BLUMENFELD, T LODDENKEMPER, LM BATEMAN.

J Clin Neurophysiol

32(3):188-93, 2015.

α 2-adrenergic stimulation of the VLPO destabilizes the anesthetic state.

HS MCCARREN, MR CHALIFOUX, B HAN, JT MOORE, QC MENG, N BARON-HIONIS, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, D CONTRERAS, SG BECK, MB KELZ.

J Neurosci

34(49): 16385-16396, 2014.

Second order receptive field properties of simple and complex cells support a new standard model of thalamocortical circuitry in V1.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, I FERNANDEZ-LAMO, A JAEGLE, MM TAYLOR.

J Neurosci

34(34):11177-9, 2014.

REM sleep precedes seizure onset in the TeTX model of temporal lobe epilepsy.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, GI THUKU, SJ SCHIFF, SL WEINSTEIN, BJ GLUCKMAN.

J Neurosci

34(4):1105-14, 2014.

Reconstructing mammalian sleep dynamics with data assimilation.

M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, SJ SCHIFF, BJ GLUCKMAN.

PLoS Comp Biol

8(11):e1002788, 2012.

Analyzing large data sets acquired through telemetry from rats exposed to organophosphorous compounds.

M DE ARAUJO FURTADO, A ZHENG, M SEDIGH-SARVESTANI, L LUMLEY, S LICHTENSTEIN, D YOURICK.

J Neurosci Meth

184(1):176-83, 2009.

Teaching and Organizing

Lead organizer for Tree Shrew Meeting

2020-present

Chief Instructions Officer, Neuromatch Academy

2021

Executive Committee Member, Neuromatch Academy

2020

Co-Instructor, CSHL Neural Data Science Summer Course

2019

TA, CSHL Neural Data Science Summer Course

2015,17

SAT tutor: Summit Education (Maryland) and Ivy Tutoring (Los Angeles)

2005-2008

Mentoring and Outreach

Neuromatch Academy. NMA is a volunteer-run globally accessible virtual summer school in computational neuroscience that has served 5000+ students. In 2020, I contributed to content development. In 2021, I led the team responsible for hiring and training 400 TAs. Outside the summer school, I mentor several NMA students in Iran and Europe.

2020-present

Max Planck Florida. I'm involved in several institute and community based initiatives at MPFI. In 2018, I was the supervisor for Solana Liu, a post-bac student and Saige Drecksler, a high-school student and have served as the post-doc mentor for graduate students at the institute. I've also given several public science talks, including one at the local high school, and have participated in many outreach efforts in the community.

2018-present

Philadelphia Charter Schools. During the school year, I served as the science mentor for 6th and 7th grade students in Belmont Academy. During weekly class-room visit, I would work with the kids on their science fair projects. I also served as a science fair judge for the school district of Philadelphia.

2014-17

Invited Talks

University of Rochester (Virtual). Briggs Lab. How embodied visual experience shapes visual circuits.

Jan 2022

University of Oxford/World-Wide Neuro (Virtual). Cortex Club. A novel form of retinotopy in area V2 highlights location-dependent feature selectivity in the visual system.

Jan 2022

University of Virginia (Virtual). Department of Psychology Journal Club. What and Where: Location-dependent feature sensitivity in the visual system.

Dec 2021

Monash University (Virtual). Sensory and Systems Neuroscience Group Seminar. A sinusoidal transformation of the visual field is the basis for striped maps in V2.

Mar 2021

Vanderbilt University (Virtual). Neuroscience Brown Bag Seminar. A sinusoidal transformation of the visual field is the basis for striped maps in V2.

Feb 2021

Allen Institute (Virtual). Organization of higher order visual areas.

Feb 2021

University College London (Virtual). BehavioNeuro Talks. Organization of higher order visual areas.	<i>Dec 2020</i>
University of Miami (Virtual). 4th Annual Neural Engineering Symposium. A sinusoidal transformation of the visual field.	<i>Oct 2020</i>
Weill Cornell Medicine (Virtual). Frontiers in Neuroscience Seminar Series. Rethinking maps in the visual system.	<i>Sept 2021</i>
University of Alabama. Vision Science Research Center Visiting Scholars Program Seminar . Specialized visuotopic maps anchor the functional organization of higher visual areas.	<i>Jan 2020</i>
University of Virginia. Cang Lab. Extrastriate visual system of the tree shrew.	<i>June 2019</i>
Society for Neuroscience. Hosted by Thomas Recording. Characterizing the thalamocortical circuit in the cat visual cortex.	<i>Oct 2017</i>
University of Pennsylvania. Small Circuits and Behavior Meeting. Understanding thalamocortical circuitry in the early visual pathway.	<i>Aug 2014</i>