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APPOINTMENTS **Princeton Neuroscience Institute**, Princeton, NJ, US, Jan 2023 to Present

- Associate Research Scholar , [Engel Lab](#)

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, US, Feb 2019 to Jan 2023

- Post Doctoral Research Fellow , [Engel Lab](#)

EDUCATION **University of California, Davis**, Davis, CA, US , Sep 2013 to Dec 2018

- PhD , Physics, under the supervision of Professor [James. P. Crutchfield](#)

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran Sep 2008 to 2013

↳ B.Sc., Electrical Engineering (Information and communication theory),

↳ B.Sc., Physics (Complex systems), (GPA of physics courses: 4/4)

Young Scholar Club, Tehran, Iran July 2007 to Jun 2008

1 Year Courses on Physics and Mathematics for International Physics Olympiad Preparation

Allame Helli High School, Tehran, Iran Sep 2004 to Jun 2007

National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents (NODET)¹

HONORS AND AWARDS

- [Swartz Fellowship](#), Princeton University, June 2023 to Present.
- [UCD & Humanities Graduate Research Award](#), [University of California, Davis](#), August 2018.
- [Information Engines Scholarship Award](#), [Telluride Science Research Center](#), August 2017.
- [Biruni 2017 Graduate Student Research Award](#), March 2017. *Recognize outstanding research by a physics graduate student.*
- **Gold Medalist** of 20th *National Physics Olympiad*, Tehran, Iran, Sep 2007
- **Bronze Medalist** of 39th [International Physics Olympiad](#), Hanoi, Vietnam, Jun 2008
- [Mahmoud Hessabi prize](#) in 2012, an annual award given by *The Physics Society of Iran* during the Annual Physics Conference awards ceremony.
- **Fellow of Iranian National Elites Foundation**; annul scholarship awarded 2009-2013.
- **Merit-based admission offer** to Physics graduate program at Sharif University, Iran; Awarded to 5 students during the course of undergraduate studies, May 2012.

PUBLICATIONS (PUBLISHED)

- Cina Aghamohammadi, & Amir Aghamohammadi; "Slipping and rolling on an inclined plane", *European Journal of Physics* **32** (2011) 1049-1057 <http://iopscience.iop.org/0143-0807/32/4/017>.

¹NODET stands for National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents. For entry to NODET's high schools, a few students are selected each year among tens of thousands of participants based on intelligence, mathematics knowledge and logical deduction.

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 “**Stochastic nature of series of waiting times**”,
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- Cina Aghamohammadi, Mehran Ebrahimian, & Hamed Tahmooresi;
 “**Permutation approach, high frequency trading and variety of micro patterns in financial time series**”,
Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications **413** (2014): 25-30.
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0378437114005020>.
- John. R. Mahoney, Cina Aghamohammadi & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**Occam’s Quantum Strop: Synchronizing and Compressing Classical Cryptic Processes via a Quantum Channel**”,
Nature Scientific reports **6** (2016)
<http://www.nature.com/articles/srep20495>
- Paul. M. Riechers, J. R. Mahoney, Cina Aghamohammadi & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**Minimized state complexity of quantum-encoded cryptic processes**”,
Physical Review A **93.5** (2016): 052317.
<http://journals.aps.org/prx/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevA.93.052317>.
- Cina Aghamohammadi, J. R. Mahoney & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**The ambiguity of simplicity in quantum and classical simulation**”,
Physics Letters A (2017).
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0375960116310507>.
- Cina Aghamohammadi & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**Minimum memory for generating rare events**”,
Physical Review E (2017)
<https://journals.aps.org/pre/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevE.95.032101>.
- Cina Aghamohammadi & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**Thermodynamics of Random Number Generation**”,
Physical Review E (2017)
<https://journals.aps.org/pre/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevE.95.062139>.
- Cina Aghamohammadi, J. R. Mahoney & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**Extreme Quantum Advantage when Simulating Classical Systems with Long-Range Interaction**”,
Nature Scientific reports (2017)
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-04928-7>.
- Cina Aghamohammadi, Samuel. P. Loomis, J. R. Mahoney & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**Extreme quantum memory advantage for rare-event sampling**”,
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<https://journals.aps.org/prx/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevX.8.011025>.
- Samuel. P. Loomis, John. R. Mahoney, Cina Aghamohammadi & James. P. Crutchfield;
 “**Optimizing Quantum Models of Classical Channels: The Reverse Holevo Problem**”,
Journal of Statistical Physics (2020)

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10955-020-02649-2>.

- Amir Aghamohammadi, Cina Aghamohammadi & Saman Moghimi-Araghi; “**On swimmer’s strategies in various currents**”, *European Journal of Physics* (2023) <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6404/acdf2f>.
- Mohammad Khorrami, Amir Aghamohammadi, Cina Aghamohammadi; “**Slipping and rolling on a rough accelerating surface**”, *Indian Journal of Physics* (2024) <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12648-023-02878-7>.
- James P Crutchfield, Cina Aghamohammadi; “**Not All Fluctuations Are Created Equal: Spontaneous Variations in Thermodynamic Function**”, *Entropy* (2024) <https://www.mdpi.com/1099-4300/26/11/894>.
- Cina Aghamohammadi, Chandramouli Chandrasekaran, & Tatiana Engel; “**A doubly stochastic renewal framework for partitioning spiking variability**”, *bioRxiv* (2024) <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2024.02.21.581457v1.abstract>.
- Walter. Germán. Bast, Cina Aghamohammadi, Priyanka. Gupta, Tatiana Engel & Dinu. F. Albeanu; “**An optogenetic stimulation approach to quantify the contribution of individual glomeruli to olfactory percepts**”, *Chemical Senses* <https://repository.cshl.edu/id/eprint/41376/>.
- Cina Aghamohammadi, Jochem. van. Kempen, Molly. Stapleton, Alwin Gieselmann, Alexander. Thiele & Tatiana Engel; “**Decision making under working memory limitations**”, *In prepration*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Computational Neuroscience ➤ Theoretical Neuroscience ➤ Machine Learning
- Olfaction ➤ Decision making
- Simulation of Large Scale system ➤ Stochastic Systems ➤ Dynamical Systems ➤ Information Theory
- Statistical Physics ➤ Non equilibrium Thermodynamics ➤ Large Deviation Theory
- Quantum Computers ➤ Quantum Simulation ➤ Nano Computer

SKILLS

Computer Skills

↔ Proficient in Python, PyTorch, Matlab, L^AT_EX.

Language Skills:

✍ English (Full professional proficiency), Farsi (*native*)

INVITED TALKS

- “**Beyond the Typical Set: Fluctuations in Intrinsic Computation**”, **CCS’15**, Tempe, Arizona, September 30, 2015.
- “**Large deviation theory and fluctuations in intrinsic computation**”, Learning, Information Theory, and Non equilibrium Statistical Mechanics Seminar, **Redwood Center, UC Berkeley**, California, June 3, 2016.

- “**Thermodynamics of Random Number Generation**”, NEMS Information Engines and Networks, [California Institute of Technology](#), Pasadena, California, March, 2017.
- “**Thermodynamic Functionality at Finite Length**”, Information Engines at the Frontiers of Nanoscale Thermodynamics, [Telluride Science Research Center](#), Telluride, Colorado, August, 2017.
- “**Thermodynamic Versus Memory Resource for Simulation**”, NEMS Information Engines and Networks, [California Institute of Technology](#), Pasadena, California, December, 2017.
- “**Ambiguous Nature of Complexity in the Observation Process**”, Simple Observers, [Foundational Questions Institute](#), Scotts Valley, California, July, 2018.
- “**Large Deviations in Thermodynamic Computation**”, Information Engines at the Frontiers of Nanoscale Thermodynamics, [Telluride Science Research Center](#), Telluride, Colorado, July, 2018.
- “**Information Theoretic Approach to Complex Systems**”, [Cold Spring Harbor Lab](#), Cold Spring Harbor, New York, August, 2018.
- “**Deviations from optimality in sequential evidence accumulation due to temporal dependencies**”, [Swartz meeting](#), Aug, 2022.
- “**I Can’t Believe It’s Not an Inhomogeneous Poisson!**”, [Cosyne meeting](#), March, 2024.
- “**I Can’t Believe It’s Not an Inhomogeneous Poisson!**”, [Swartz meeting](#), August, 2024.

TALKS

- “**Extreme Quantum Advantage when Simulating Strongly Coupled Classical Systems**”, 2016 Annual [APS Meeting of the Far West Section](#), Volume 61, Number 17, Session: Condensed Matter Physics I, UC Davis, California, October 28, 2016.
- “**Unbiased Estimation of CV^2 of $ISIs$ VarCE For Renewal Processes**, [Cold Spring Harbor Lab](#), Cold Spring Harbor, New York, OCT, 2019.
- “**Unbiased estimation of firing-rate variance from spikes to reveal decision computations**, [SFN](#), Chicago, OCT, 2019.
- “**Partitioning the Variability of Doubly Stochastic Renewal Point Process**, [Cold Spring Harbor Lab Neuro-in-house](#), Jan, 2020.
- “**Deviations from optimality in sequential evidence accumulation due to temporal dependencies**”, [Neurobiology of Cognition Gordon Research Conference](#), Jul, 2022.
- “**Influence of working memory limitations and dopamine on evidence accumulation**’, [SFN meeting](#), Nov, 2023.
- “**Influence of working memory limitations and dopamine on evidence accumulation**”, [Cosyne meeting](#), March, 2024.

REFERENCES

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