

Bharath Chandra Talluri

Postdoctoral/Visiting fellow

Laboratory of Sensorimotor Research, National Eye Institute

Center on Compulsive Behaviors

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Academic Positions

2023- Fellow at the Center on Compulsive Behaviors [*with fellowship award*]

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA

Advisors: Hendrikje Nienborg, Bruno Averbeck

2021- Visiting fellow at Laboratory of Sensorimotor Research

National Eye Institute, **National Institutes of Health**, Bethesda, USA

with: Hendrikje Nienborg

Education

2015-21 Ph.D. *summa cum laude*

University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany

Advisor: Tobias H. Donner

2012-13 M.Sc. in Cognitive Science

University of Edinburgh, UK

Master's thesis supervised by: James Bednar

2008-12 B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology (I.I.T) Roorkee, India

Bachelor's thesis supervised by: Gopinath Pillai

Short courses

2024 Computational Neuroscience of Vision, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

2019 Neurohackademy, University of Washington in Seattle

2015 Computational approaches to Memory and Plasticity, National Center for Biological Sciences
at Bengaluru

Awards & Honors

2024 Director's award for Administrative/Technical excellence, National Eye Institute

2023- Fellowship from the Center on Compulsive Behaviors, National Institutes of Health

2023 Trainee Professional Development Award, Society for Neuroscience

2022 Second place, Three Minute Talk (TmT) competition, National Eye Institute

2019-20 Postdoc transition grant, Deanery for Research, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf

2019 People's Choice award, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition, Hamburg Research Academy

2010-11 Student Affairs Council award, I.I.T Roorkee

2009-10 Merit-cum-Means scholarship, I.I.T Roorkee

2008-12 A.P.P. Meritorious scholarship, India

2008-09 T.I.M.E scholarship for best performance in entrance examination, India

2008 All India Rank 965 (99.7 percentile) in the Indian Institutes of Technology Joint Entrance
Examination

Travel Awards

- 2019 eScience Institute, University of Washington in Seattle [participation in Neurohackademy]
- 2018 German Neuroscience Society [participation in FENS Forum]
- 2016 Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds foundation for basic research in medicine [research visit to Berlin]
- 2015 School of Neuroscience (Ecole des Neurosciences) Paris

Research

Preprints

- Linton, P., Heeger, D., Movshon, T., Muckli, L., Nienborg, H., Papale, P., Parker, A., Petro, L., Roelfsema, P., **Talluri, B. C.**, Vetter, P., Xue, C., Zhaoping, L., Kriegeskorte, N. (2024). Is V1 a Cognitive Map? OSF preprints. doi: 10.31219/osf.io/guf93.

Journal Articles

- Park, H.*, Arazi, A.*, **Talluri, B. C.***, Celotto, M., Panzeri, S., Stocker, A. A., Donner, T. H. (2025). Confirmation bias through selective readout of information encoded in human parietal cortex. Nature Communications. doi: 10.1038/s41467-025-61010-x.
- Kang, I.*, **Talluri, B. C.***, Yates, J. L., Niell, C. M., Nienborg, H. (2025). Is the impact of spontaneous movements on early visual cortex species specific? Trends in Neurosciences. 48(1), 7-21. doi: 10.1016/j.tins.2024.11.006.
- **Talluri, B. C.***, Kang, I.*, Lazere, A., Quinn, K. R., Kaliss, N., Yates, J. L., Butts, D. A., Nienborg, H. (2023). Activity in primate visual cortex is minimally driven by spontaneous movements. Nature Neuroscience. 26(11), 1953-1959. doi: 10.1038/s41593-023-01459-5.
- **Talluri, B. C.**, Urai, A. E., Bronfman, Z. Z., Brezis, N., Tsetsos, K., Usher, M., Donner, T. H. (2021). Choices change the temporal weighting of decision evidence. Journal of Neurophysiology. 125(4), 1468-1481. doi: 10.1152/jn.00462.2020.
- **Talluri, B. C.***, Urai, A. E.*, Tsetsos, K., Usher, M., Donner, T. H. (2018). Confirmation bias through selective overweighting of choice-consistent evidence. Current Biology. 28(19), 3128-3135. doi: 10.1016/j.cub.2018.07.052.
- **Talluri, B. C.**, Hung, S.-C., Seitz A. R., Seriès, P. (2015). Confidence-based integrated reweighting model of task-difficulty explains location-based specificity in perceptual learning. Journal of Vision. 15(10):17, 1-12. doi: 10.1167/15.10.17.

* equal contribution

Commentaries

- **Talluri, B. C.**, Nienborg, H. (2024). Decisions: Tracking the evolution of a single choice. eLife. 13, e103059. doi: 10.7554/eLife.103059.
- **Talluri, B. C.**, Braun, A., Donner, T. H. (2021). Decision making: How the past guides the future in frontal cortex. Current Biology. 31(6), R303-R306. doi: 10.1016/j.cub.2021.01.020.
- **Talluri, B. C.**, Urai, A. E., Donner, T. H. (2019). Our own choices generate biases for subsequent decisions. The Science Breaker. doi: 10.25250/thescbr.brk203.

Selected Conference Abstracts

- **Talluri, B. C.***, Kang, I.*, Yates, J. L., Butts, D. A., Nienborg, H. (2025). Pronounced modulation of activity in primate early visual cortex by internal state. Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society (VSS).
- Thothathri, S., **Talluri, B. C.**, Shushruth, S., Shadlen, M.N., Nienborg, H. (2024). Decoupling choice from motor response reduces choice-history effects. Program No. 281.24. Chicago, IL. : Society for Neuroscience.
- Arazi, A., Park, H., **Talluri, B. C.**, Stocker, A., Donner, T. H. (2023). Representation of a continuous decision variable in human extrastriate visual cortex. Program No. 413.15. Washington, D.C.: Society for Neuroscience.
- **Talluri, B. C.***, Kang, I.*, Lazere, A., Quinn, K. R., Kaliss, N., Yates, J. L., Butts, D. A., Nienborg, H. (2023). Do spontaneous movements drive activity in the primate visual cortex? Cosyne [*contributed talk; top 3.2% of submitted abstracts*].
- Hall, H., Hassan, M.H.M.O., Verma, A., Dutta, B., Pattisapu, S., Sharma, V., **Talluri, B. C.** (2022). Asymmetric functional connectivity is not specific to reward-related task activity in OFC. Neuromatch Conference.
- Wimmer, K., **Talluri, B. C.**, Donner, T., Roxin, A., Esnaola-Acebes, J. M. (2022). Neural network mechanisms underlying post-decision biases. Cosyne.
- **Talluri, B. C.***, Urai, A. E.*, Tsetsos, K., Usher, M., Donner, T. H. (2018). Confirmation bias in continuous decisions: Giving more weight to choice-consistent evidence. FENS Forum.
- Rudiger, P., Stevens, J.-L., **Talluri, B. C.**, Perrinet, L., Bednar, J. (2014). Relationship between natural image statistics and lateral connectivity in the primary visual cortex. Cosyne.

Visits

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| 2019 & 2016 | Guest Scientist, Prof. John-Dylan Haynes' lab, Berlin Center for Advanced Neuroimaging |
| 2014-15 | Research Intern, Prof. Stefan Treue's lab, German Primate Center, Goettingen |
| 2012-13 | Research Assistant, Institute of Perception, Action & Behaviour, University of Edinburgh |
| 2011 | Research Intern, Prof. Robert Fisher's lab, School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh |

Selected Talks

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| 2025 | Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society (VSS), St. Pete Beach, Florida |
| 2024 | CCN Seminar, University Medical Center Hamburg- Eppendorf |
| 2024 | Cognitive & Systems Neuroscience group, Swammerdam Institute for Life Sciences |
| 2023 | Computational and Systems Neuroscience (Cosyne) meeting, Montreal |
| 2021 | Symposium on Computational Neuroscience, University of Osnabrueck |
| 2020 | Seriès lab, School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh |
| 2020 | Laboratory of Sensorimotor Research, National Eye Institute, NIH |
| 2020 | Short talk at Monsoon Brain Meeting, India |
| 2019 | Gold Lab, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia |
| 2019 | Garrett group, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin |
| 2018 | de la Rocha lab, August Pi i Sunyer Biomedical Research Institute (IDIBAPS), Barcelona |
| 2015 | Glaescher lab, University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf |
| 2015 | Forstmann lab, University of Amsterdam |

Mentoring

Postbacc Researchers

- 2023-25 Sreeram Thothadri
- 2022 Leya Luo (now Postbacc at University of Maryland College Park)

Summer Interns

- 2021 Jonel Morris (now PhD candidate at University of Florida)

Volunteer Mentoring

- 2024-25 Program for Advancing the Health Sciences (PATHS), Prince George County Public Schools
- 2022 Neuromatch Academy

Teaching

- 2024 Lecturer at Summer Vision Course, National Eye Institute
- 2022-23 Journal club leader, NIH summer journal club

Organisational Roles

- 2022-24 Member of LSR Fellows council, NIH
- 2022 Member of Organising Committee, National Eye Institute's annual Focus on Fellows event
- 2012 Departmental Convener at Cognizance, the annual technical festival of I.I.T Roorkee
- 2011-12 Member in the Board of studies, I.I.T Roorkee
- 2011-12 Secretary, Himalayan Explorers' Club, I.I.T Roorkee

Professional Service

- Reviewer PLoS Biology, PLoS Computational Biology, Journal of Vision [*exceptional review*], Scientific Reports, PLoS One, Cosyne abstracts, CCN abstracts
- Co-reviewer Nature Neuroscience, Current Biology, eLife

Non-Academic achievements

- 2012 Black belt (first dan), awarded by World Taekwondo Federation
- 2010 Award of Excellence, Himalayan Explorers' Club, I.I.T Roorkee

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