

Supplemental Figures

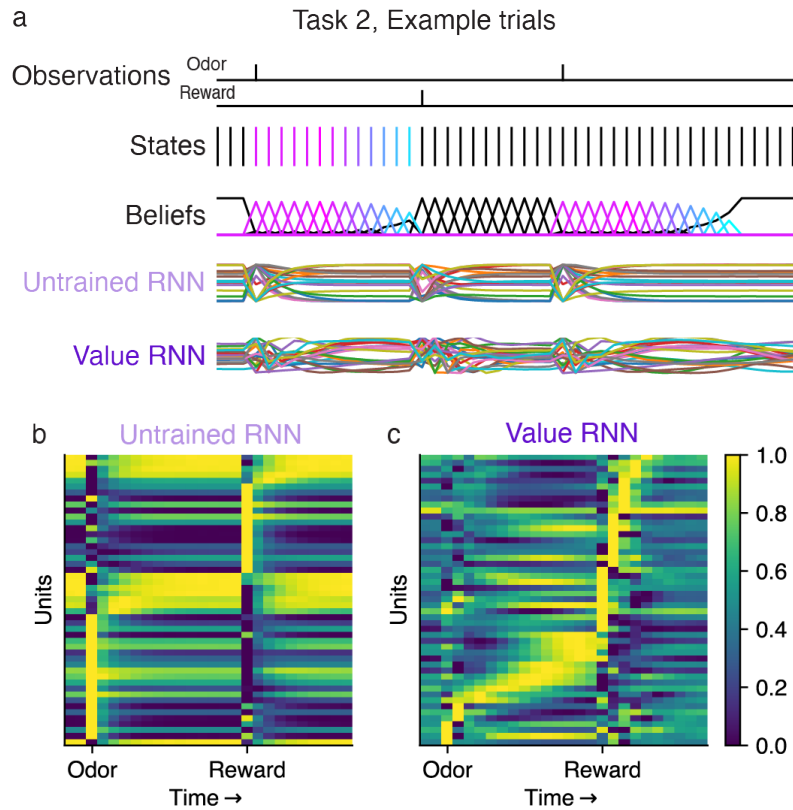


Fig S1. RNN activity before and after training on Starkweather Task 2. **a.** Observations, states, beliefs, and RNN activations on two example trials from Task 2. **b-c.** RNN unit activity (individually normalized to span between 0 and 1), with units sorted by time of peak activation on held-out trials, on an RNN before (panel **b**) and after (panel **c**) training. Both before and after after training, RNN units exhibited tuning to elapsed time following observations, with variance that scaled with elapsed time.

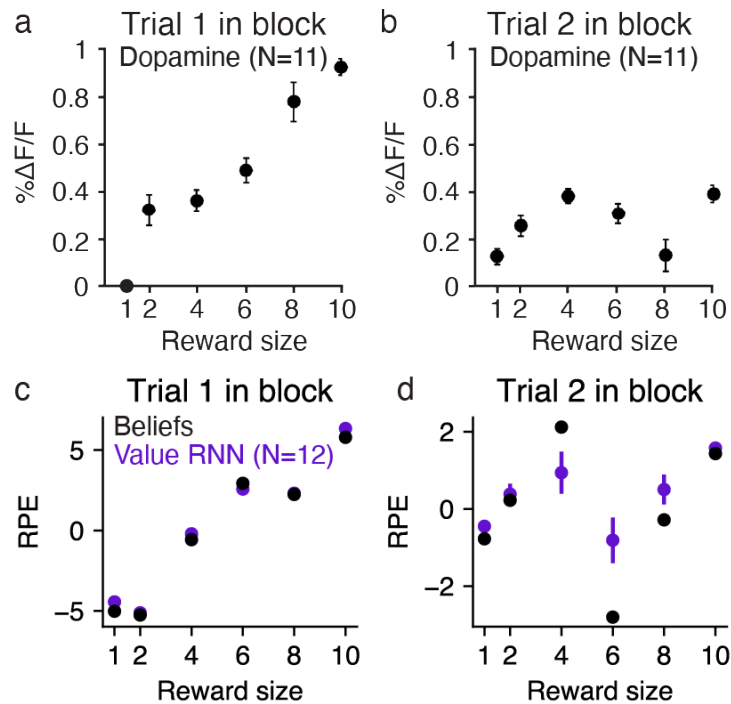


Fig S2. Value RNNs trained on the Babayan task recapitulate dopamine activity and belief RPEs in response to intermediate reward sizes. **a-b.** Average dopamine response on trial 1 (panel **a**) and trial 2 (panel **b**) during probe sessions including blocks with intermediate reward sizes. Circles and lines depict mean \pm SE across $N = 11$ animals. Reproduced from Babayan et al. [10]. **c-d.** Same as panels **a-b**, but for the RPEs of the Belief model (black) and Value RNNs (purple). Value RNNs were trained on sessions including only blocks with rewards $r_t \in \{1, 10\}$, as in the main text. Value weights for the Belief model and Value RNNs were fit using a test session including 39 blocks each with $r_t = 1$ and $r_t = 10$, and 3 blocks each with $r_t \in \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$, similar to the proportions used in Babayan et al. [10]. RPEs were then measured on a different test session. Purple circles and lines depict mean \pm SE across $N = 12$ models.

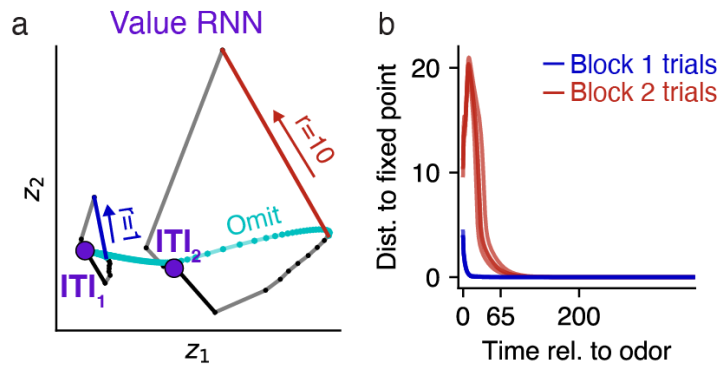


Fig S3. Value RNNs trained on the Babayan task exhibit one fixed point. **a.** RNN activity during two example trials, one during Block 1 (left) and the other during Block 2 (right). Same as Fig 7D. Here we also include RNN activity trajectories if each reward had been omitted. While activity for the Block 2 trial initially returns to the putative ITI_2 state, it eventually returns to the true fixed point at ITI_1 . **b.** Distance of RNN activity from the single fixed point (e.g., ITI_1 in panel **a**) following an odor observation (i.e., an omission trial). While the maximum ITI duration is theoretically infinite, the maximum ITI duration in the training data was at $t = 65$. RNN activity on Block 2 trials therefore remained separate from the activity on Block 1 trials for the range of experienced ITI durations.