Yuhong Liu

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EDUCATION

Jun. 2026 (expected)

May 2019

Dr. rer. nat., Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

University of Bonn

Advised by Prof. Tatjana Tchumatchenko

Jun. 2021 M.S., Department of Applied Mathematics

University of Washington

Advised by Prof. Douglas Martin

B.S. Magna Cum Laude, Department of Mathematics

BARUCH COLLEGE, CUNY

RESEARCH INTEREST

I am broadly interested in developing models and theories to understand the biophysics of single neurons and how network dynamics is shaped by individual neuronal dynamics. My research is driven by questions such as: (1) How does temporal and spatial protein dynamics support synaptic events? (2) How is information encoded at synaptic and neuronal levels? (3) How does the activity of individual neurons shape network dynamics?

PUBLICATION

Conference Paper

[C1] Christopher R. Hayner, Timothy Zhou, Neil Gupta, Yuhong Liu, Parker Mayhew, and Juris Vagners. "Real-time Human Detection with Integration of Visual and Thermal Data from High Altitude sUAS," AIAA 2021-0397. AIAA Scitech 2021 Forum. January 2021

Poster

- [P4] Yuhong Liu, Jennifer Krummeich, Susann Schweiger-Seemann, Tatjana Tchumatchenko. "Data-Driven Model of Multi-Protein Activity Quantitatively Links Mutations to Synaptic Pathophysiology", Society for Neuroscience Conference 2022
- [P3] Yuhong Liu, Jennifer Krummeich, Susann Schweiger-Seemann, Tatjana Tchumatchenko. "A Multi-Protein Activity Model Pinpoints the Cause of Change in Synaptic Protein Composition", Bernstein Conference 2022
- [P2] Yuhong Liu, Jennifer Krummeich, Susann Schweiger-Seemann, Tatjana Tchumatchenko. "A Protein Network Model of mTOR Signaling Pathway under Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Condition", FENS Forum 2022
- [P1] Christopher R. Hayner, Yuhong Liu, Howard Peng, Parker Mayhew, Neil Gupta, Helen Kuni, Juris Vagners, "An Autonomous Machine Learning Approach to Search and Locate Operations", AIAA PNW Symposium 2020

In Preparation

JOURNAL PAPER

- [J2-I] Yuhong Liu, Sybille Krauss, Tatjana Tchumatchenko. "A Biochemecial Model Reveals Reduced mRNA Level in Huntington's Disease"
- [J1-I] Damien Depannemaecker, Federico Tesler, Pierre Houzelstein, Chloe Duprat, Yuhong Liu, Christoffer Alexandersen, Jerome Emonet, Ambre Ledoux, Sandra Saghir, Aitakin Ezzati. "A Mean-Field to Capture Asynchronous Irregular Dynamics of Spiking Networks of Quadratic Neuron Models with Adaptation"

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POSTER

[P5-I] Yuhong Liu, Sybille Krauß, Tatjana Tchumatchenko. "Mutant Huntington Reduces mRNA Level in In-vivo Mice Model of Huntintong's Disease", Dendrites: Molecules, Structure and Function, Gordon Research Conference 2023, Barga, Italy

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Sep. 2023 - Nov. 2023

Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford - Visiting Researcher (40 Hrs/Week)

Alain Goriely Group

will work on a model describing how protein aggregates in Huntington's Disease modify network topology and how the network dynamics is affected

Oct. 2022 - Current

University of Bonn Medical Center - Research Assistant (26 Hrs/Week)

Collaboration with Sybille Krauß Group

built a mathematical model implementing MID1-complex formation mechanism that links CAG repeat length to translation rate in Huntington's Disease model. Together with measurements from previous studies, I used this translation rate model to determine the steady-state Huntington protein level in neurons and predict mRNA level in mutant neurons

Oct. 2021 - Current

University of Mainz Medical Center - Research Assistant (26 Hrs/Week)

Collaboration with Michael Schmeißer Group

helped design a new ongoing experiment to measure temporal dynamics of 6 synaptic proteins that are downstream of mTOR signaling pathway

Collaboration with Susann Schweiger Group

constructed protein network that is critical for the function of mTOR signal pathway and built a mathematical model to study the affected protein synthesis dynamics under disease condition

Nov. 2019 - Jun. 2021

University of Washington - Research Assistant (20 Hrs/Week)

Autonomous Flight Systems Lab (AFSL)

helped build visual and thermal data sets to train computer vision models for spotting humans in wilderness environment and design algorithms to fuse the visual and thermal data

Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020

Google Summer of Code (GSoC) - Contributor (40 Hrs/Week)

developed a package in R-language for estimating GARCH process model parameters that addresses the issue of robustness toward additive outliers. Two approaches are implemented: 1) the basic approach obtains parameters using a modified likelihood function based on a bounded loss function, 2) the second approach improves on the first by using a filter that limits the effect of additive outliers on subsequent predictors of conditional variance. The package exposes interfaces to a C++ library, which speeds up the total computation when estimating the likelihood function

Jan. 2020 - Mar. 2020

University of Washington - Teaching Assistant (20 Hrs/Week)

CFRM 425 B: R Programming for Quantitative Finance

worked with the instructor to develop homework assignments and exam problems for a class of >50 students

MENTORSHIP

Undergraduates

Sabrina Zerrade (Now applying for graduate school in Computational Biology)

Karen Ji (Master's student in Applied Mathematics at Columbia University)

Samuel Bouiss (Master's student in Applied Mathematics at Columbia University)

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Award

2020 Stipend - Google Summer of Code Program

2019 Travel Award - 50 Years of Applied Mathematics at University of Washington

2019 Fifth Place - City University of New York Math Challenge

2018, 2019 Dean's List - City University of New York, Baruch College

Public Outreach

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Jan. 2022 - Current Women in Network Science (WiNS) Society

Feb. 2023 - Current Mentorship Program - Founder

initiated and currently launching the women mentorship program to advocate opportunities for women and increase their visibility in the network science community

Jan. 2022 - Current Seminar - Co-organizer

currently helping organize weekly seminar promoting the influence of female network science

researchers

Sep. 2022 Bernstein Conference 2022 - Photographer

May 2022 12th German Neuroscience Olympiads - Backyard Brain Experiment Demonstrator

Mar. 2022 Cosyne 2022 Tutorial on Spiking Neural Networks - Teaching Assistant

Mar. 2021 - Jun. 2021 UW Women in Applied Mathematics Mentorship Program - Mentor

RESEARCH FEATURE

"Hide and Seek: Training a drone to save lives"

Skill

PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT

developed an R package, robGarch

PROGRAMMING

competent with Python (NEST, Pytorch, Brian2, NEURON), MATLAB, C++ (Eigen, Boost), Linux, Git. Working knowledge in Julia

Language

fluent in Mandarin and English. Conversational in German

Professional Activity

TRAINING PROGRAM

Sep. 2022 EITN Fall School in Computational Neuroscience 2022 - Student

Jul. 2022 First Italian Summer School in Geometric Deep Learning 2022 - Student

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Membership

Bernstein Network Student Member SfN Student Member

Reference

TATJANA TCHUMATCHENKO

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- Position: Professor, Institute of Biology, University of Siegen
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JURIS VAGNERS

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- Relationship: Autonomous Flight Systems Lab PI
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Douglas Martin

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