

Profile

I analyze data, quantify what is known and deliver insights into that which is unknown. I build robust, efficient software systems that degrade gracefully when things don't go as planned. In terms of details, my github (<https://github.com/stucchio>) or blog (<https://chrisstucchio.com/blog/index.html>) will tell you far more than my resume can.

Experience

2012-Present **Patch**, *Senior Software Engineer*, NY, NY.

Technical lead on the *Chilaquiles* project, the data collection and statistical analysis framework used by Patch. Features include realtime monitoring of user behavior and site health, batch analysis of historical data and an A/B testing framework. System was built in Scala, with real-time components powered by Akka, and batch analysis powered by Hadoop. Strong emphasis on careful experiment design and correct inferences. Other responsibilities included improving performance and reliability of the site (I made most pages on the site 2-3x faster), managing a multi-data center deployment, migrating from a legacy MySQL system to Postgres, designing the instrumentation framework and logging infrastructure, and similar tasks.

- Designed realtime Bayesian recommendation system, generating a 30% increase in Click Through Rate.
- Built behavioral spam filtering system, blocking spammers based on user behavior on the site.
- Built A/B testing framework and supervised experiment design, resulting in numerous quantifiable improvements in user engagement.

2011-2012 **Stylot**, *CTO*, NY, NY and Pune, India.

Designed and built Stylot, a visual search engine for women's fashion. Users can create the visual representation with Stylot's create page or they can upload photographs with Stylot's iPhone app, and Stylot will find items of similar appearance in our catalog. Managed a technology team of 3 people and an oracle staff of 8.

- Designed a NoSQL in-memory data indexer (called Hobo) to handle search.
- Performed experiments on women's perception to determine what features are important in fashion search.
- Technologies used: Python/Django, C++, Java and Hadoop (all hosted on AWS). We also use a team of human oracles as an in-house version of Mechanical Turk.

2010-2011 **Mesh Capital**, *Quantitative Trader*, Jersey City, NJ.

Devised and implemented strategies for high frequency trading. Designed a global predictive strategy using activity in high volume stocks to predict price movements of low volume stocks. Micro-optimized various system components to reduce latency during high volume periods. Devised dynamic portfolio rebalancing strategy to reduce risk and increase profits. All work done in Java.

2009-2010 **Trading Games**, *Quantitative Developer (Consultant)*, NY, NY.

Designed and implemented alpha version of a prediction market platform for an early stage startup. Platform consists of a backend which acts as an exchange for binary event futures, a frontend which is a web-based user interface allowing users to buy and sell event futures, and a JSON API which allows external developers to interface with the system.

- Technologies used: Python/Django, C++, AMQP (RabbitMQ)

- 2007-2010 **Courant Institute, NYU**, *Postdoctoral Scholar*, NY, NY.
Developed a model-based reconstruction algorithm for MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) as well as a supporting library of computational geometry algorithms. This involves both image processing and computational geometry. Developed new numerical algorithms for solving wave equations (particularly electromagnetism and superfluids) and built a model of quantum decoherence to help understand the measurement problem.
- 2002-2007 **Rutgers University**, *Bevier Graduate Fellow*, Piscataway, NJ.
Developed a software package for solving the partial differential equations involved in modeling nanoscale quantum transport (written in Python and C). Managed a team of two undergraduate researchers for part of the project. In collaboration with experimentalists at the Technion/Israel Institute of Technology, I used the aforementioned software package to model optics experiments. I also taught courses ranging from Precalculus to Differential Equations.

Skills

Analytical Skills, Experience in high frequency trading, image processing, theoretical physics and machine learning.

Languages, Python, Scala, Java, C++, Haskell, Javascript, Emacs Lisp.

Education

- 2007–2010 **New York University**, *Postdoctoral Scholar, Mathematics*, NY, NY.
2002–2008 **Rutgers University**, *Ph.D., Mathematics*, Piscataway, NJ.
2000–2002 **Stevens Institute of Technology**, *B.S. Mathematics and Physics*, Hoboken, NJ.

Publications

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- A. Soffer and C. Stucchio. A stable absorbing boundary layer for anisotropic waves. (*Submitted*), 2008.

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Author of www.chrisstucchio.com, a widely read blog..

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Talks (Selected)

- 2012 **VIT Computer Science Seminar**, Pune, India.
- 2009 **Rutgers University Mathematical Physics Seminar**, Piscataway, NJ.
- 2008 **Wolfgang Pauli Institute**, Vienna, Austria.
- 2008 **SIAM Annual Meeting**, San Diego, CA.
- 2008 **Frontiers in Applied and Computational Mathematics**, Newark, NJ.
- 2007 **University of Chicago Applied Mathematics Seminar**, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 **SIAM Conference on Dynamical Systems**, Snowbird, UT.
- 2007 **Princeton Mathematical Physics Seminar**, Princeton, NJ.