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Education

[University of Cambridge](#)

PhD in Mathematics of Information

Supervised by: Prof Carola-Bibiane Schönlieb
Awarded the *Trinity Henry Barlow Scholarship* (£81,000) at Christs College.
Funded by Christs College Bursary (£15,000) and CCIMI (£50,000).

CAMBRIDGE, UK
2022 – 2026

[University of Cambridge](#)

Mathematics BA/MMath (1st Class/Distinction)

Awarded the *Cambridge Trust Scholarship* (£40,000) to read Mathematics at Churchill College.
Courses included: Quantum Field Theory, General Relativity, Statistical Field Theory, Black Holes, Cosmology.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
2018 – 2022

[Brighton College](#)

A-Level(5A*) STEP 2,3 (S,S)

BRIGHTON, UK
2016 – 2018

[Governor's Physics and Mathematics Lyceum 30](#)

Year 9 - Year 11 (4.53/5)

ST-PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
2013 – 2016

Publications and Preprints

Z. Shumaylov*, P. Zaika*, J. Rowbottom, F. Sherry, M. Weber, C. Schönlieb (2024).
Lie Algebra Canonicalization: Equivariant Neural Operators under arbitrary Lie Groups
Under review; [arxiv](#)

W. Diepeveen*, G. Batzolis*, **Z. Shumaylov**, C. Schönlieb (2024).
Score-based pullback Riemannian geometry
Under review; [arxiv](#)

D. Murari, **Z. Shumaylov**, F. Sherry, P. Canizares, C. Schönlieb (2024).
Hamiltonian Matching for Symplectic Neural Integrators
Under review;

M. Kiss, A. Biguri, **Z. Shumaylov**, F. Sherry, J. Batenburg, C. Schönlieb, F. Lucka (2024).
Benchmarking Learned Algorithms for Computed Tomography Image Reconstruction Tasks
Under review;

Z. Shumaylov*, I. Shumailov*, Y. Zhao, Y. Gal, N. Papernot, R. Anderson (2023).
AI models collapse when trained on recursively generated data.
Nature (2024); [Nature](#)

PUBLICITY: [NEW SCIENTIST](#); [INDEPENDENT](#); [THE ATLANTIC](#); [MIT TECH](#); [FINANCIAL TIMES](#); [NEW YORK TIMES](#); [WALL STREET JOURNAL](#);
[BLOOMBERG](#); [THE REGISTER](#); [AI MAGAZINE](#); [COSMOS](#);

Z. Shumaylov, J. Budd, S. Mukherjee, C. Schönlieb (2024).
Weakly Convex Regularisers for Inverse Problems: Convergence of Critical Points & Primal-Dual Optimisation.
ICML (2024); [arxiv](#)

Z. Shumaylov*, M. Letey*, F. Agocs, W. Handley, M. Hobson, A. Lasenby (2022).
Quantum Initial Conditions for Curved Inflating Universes.
Physical Review D (2024); [arxiv](#)

S. Mukherjee, S. Dittmer, **Z. Shumaylov**, S. Lunz, O. Öktem, C. Schönlieb (2020).
Data-Driven Convex Regularizers for Inverse Problems.
Oral at IEEE ICASSP (2024); [arxiv](#)

Z. Shumaylov, J. Budd, S. Mukherjee, C. Schönlieb (2023).
Provably Convergent Data-Driven Convex-Nonconvex Regularization.
Oral at NeurIPS Workshop on Deep Learning and Inverse Problems (2023); [arxiv](#)

Z. Shumaylov, W. Handley (2021).
Primordial power spectra from k -inflation with curvature.
Physical Review D (2022); [arxiv](#)

I. Shumailov, **Z. Shumaylov**, D. Kazhdan, Y. Zhao, N. Papernot, M. Erdogdu, R. Anderson (2021).
Manipulating SGD with data ordering attacks.
NeurIPS (2021); [arxiv](#)

Work Experience

Apple

ML Research Intern

ML research on model compression using tensor networks.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
June 2024 - Sept 2024

GSK

Project collaboration

Project collaboration on 'Self-discovery of mechanistic equations for a data-driven smart simulator' as part of CMI programme with Dr Matthieu Duvinage.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
June 2022 - Sept 2022

University of Cambridge

Supervisor for University of Cambridge Undergraduates

Supervising undergraduate students in a variety of courses.
(2022/2023): Part IA Vectors and Matrices: 18 students (48h)
(2023/2024): Summer Project Supervision: 2 students

CAMBRIDGE, UK
Oct 2022 - Now

Ryff AI

Summer Research Intern

Work under supervision of Dr Mike Roberts. During the internship I worked on the problem of unsupervised video motion segmentation. During the project, I used variational and learned methods from the optical flow literature for foreground-background separation using motion signals.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
July 2022 - Sept 2022

University of Cambridge: Institute of Astronomy

Summer Internship Programme

Work under supervision of Dr Amy Bonsor (IoA): "Gas disk imaging around white dwarves"
During the internship I investigated gas disk light curve imaging around white dwarves, by modelling gas geometry. Funded by the Institute of Astronomy.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
August 2021 - Sept 2021

University of Cambridge: Kavli Institute for Cosmology

Summer Research Intern

Work under supervision of Dr Will Handley (KICC): "Primordial power spectra from k-inflation with curvature"
During the internship I investigated the problem of interplay between inflationary sound speed and primordial curvature using analytical approximations. Funded by the CMP.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
June 2021 - August 2021

University of Cambridge: Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics

Summer Research Assistant

Work under supervision of Prof Carola Schonlieb (DAMTP), Prof Ozan Oktem (KTH) and Prof Par Kurlberg (KTH): "3DEM: Representation of atomic models"
During the internship I investigated the problem of protein fitting inside of atomic volumes acquired via cryo electron microscopy. During the project I used learned techniques and variational methods to obtain protein reconstructions. Funded by the CSRIM.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
June 2020 - Sept 2020

University of Cambridge: Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics

Summer Research Assistant

Work under supervision of Prof Carola Schonlieb (DAMTP).
During the internship I worked primarily in the field of inverse problems. In particular, I researched how Deep Learning can be used to help solve physics-based inverse imaging problems. This led to a joint work "Learned convex regularizers for inverse problems". Funded by the CSRIM and the Tizard Fund.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
June 2019 - Sept 2019

Cambridge Coding Academy

Teaching Assistant

Supporting and leading coding sessions of the 'Coding++' course, covering the basics of AI using python and the pygame library.

CAMBRIDGE, UK
July 2018

Brighton College

After-school Teaching Assistant

Tutoring Year 9 - Year 13 students during after-school Mathematics classes.

BRIGHTON, UK
Sept 2017 - June 2018

University Of Sussex

Research Assistant to Professor Madzvamuse

I reviewed and extended the one-dimensional cell model of Shenoy(2016) by modelling cell contractility and strain with partial differential equations in Matlab.

UK
July 2017 - August 2017

Talks and Conferences

SIAM Imaging 2024

Invited to present on "Weakly convex regularizers in inverse problems"

ATLANTA, USA

KTH SciML workshop

Invited to present on "Weakly convex regularizers in inverse problems"

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

IEEE ICASSP 2024

Invited to present on "Data-Driven Convex Regularizers for Inverse Problems"

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

NeurIPS @ Cambridge

Presented on "The Curse Of Recursion: Generated Data Makes Models Forget"

CAMBRIDGE, UK

Workshop: Integrating acquisition and AI in tomography
Presented on "Learned reconstruction methods in inverse problems"

LEIDEN, NETHERLANDS

ICIAM 2023

TOKYO, JAPAN

Invited to present on "Learned weakly convex regularizers in inverse problems"

C.I.M.E. School on 'Machine Learning: From Data to Mathematical Understanding'

CETRARO, ITALY

Received full grant and prepared lecture notes to be published in the C.I.M.E. Springer series.

Subject Olympiads

British Physics Olympiad Round 2 Gold Award (Top 15). Invited to the University of Oxford Training Camp to compete for a spot on the UK IPhO team.	UK, 2018
British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad Gold Award.	UK, 2018
British Physics Olympiad Round I Gold Award (Top 50).	UK, 2017
British Mathematics Olympiad Round I Certificate of Distinction.	UK, 2017
British Physics Olympiad Round I & AS Physics Challenge Gold Awards.	UK, 2016
Senior Mathematics Challenge Gold Award (100%).	UK, 2016
School Mathematics Olympiad Winner of the inter-school team challenge.	RUSSIA, 2016
Russian Computer Science & Physics Olympiads Winner of the district challenges.	RUSSIA, 2015
Russian Computer Science Olympiad Winner of the district challenge.	RUSSIA, 2014

Positions of Responsibility

NeurIPS at Cambridge meetup Helped organise the NeurIPS 2023 at Cambridge meetup	CAMBRIDGE
Treasurer and Membership officer Keeping proper accounts of the income and expenditure of the Society.	CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
Deputy Head of School House Coordinating and overseeing the House Prefects, attending and ensuring smooth running of House events.	BRIGHTON COLLEGE
Founder and President of Brighton College STEM Society Promoting an active interest in natural sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics at Brighton College.	BRIGHTON COLLEGE
Leader of the House Chess Team I have been practicing chess for 7 years and became a part of the House Chess Team.	BRIGHTON COLLEGE

Awards

C.I.M.E. full grant Awarded 1,000 € grant to attend the C.I.M.E. School 'Machine Learning: From Data to Mathematical Understanding'.	ITALY, 2023
Trinity Henry Barlow Scholarship Awarded £81,000 scholarship to pursue PhD in Mathematics of Information at University of Cambridge.	UK, 2022
Cambridge Christs Bursary Awarded £15,000 to pursue PhD in Mathematics of Information at University of Cambridge.	UK, 2022
CCIMI Awarded £50,000 to pursue PhD in Mathematics of Information at University of Cambridge.	UK, 2022
Churchill College Prize Scholarship Awarded £120 in recognition of excellent academic performance.	UK, 2021
Churchill College Honorary Scholarship Awarded £100 in recognition of excellent academic performance.	UK, 2020
Churchill College Prize Scholarship Awarded £120 in recognition of excellent academic performance.	UK, 2019
Cambridge Trust Scholarship Awarded £40,000 to read Mathematics at University of Cambridge.	UK, 2018

Brighton College Governors Award for Independent Study Awarded £500 for a piece of work outside of the A-Level curriculum.	UK, 2018
Brighton College Physics Prize: Bayliss-Smith prize Prize to recognise sustained excellence and scientific endeavor.	UK, 2018
Brighton College Science Essay Competition 2018 Winning essay: "The Tale of Cell Modelling".	UK, 2018
Brighton College Science Prize: Newton's Cup Prize to recognise sustained excellence and scientific endeavor.	UK, 2017
Brighton College Science Essay Competition 2017 Winning essay: "Brief History of Exoplanets".	UK, 2017

Skills

Programming languages: Python . C

Software packages: pyTorch . odl . Matlab . Maple . Mathematica . LaTeX

OS & computing: Linux, MacOS, unix, bash, slurm, HPC, vim

Languages: English, Russian