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EDUCATION	Indiana University (Bloomington, IN, USA), 2015 Ph.D. in Informatics (focus in Complex Systems), Minor in Cognitive Science Thesis: “Measuring Scales: Integration and Modularity in Complex Systems” Committee: Luis M. Rocha (chair), Yong-Yeol Ahn, Randall Beer, Alessandro Flammini, Olaf Sporns New York University (New York, NY, USA), 2004 B.A. Magna Cum Laude, Individualized Study (concentration in Complex Systems)	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	University of Tokyo (Tokyo, Japan), Jan 2022-Present Project researcher at the Universal Biology Institute Santa Fe Institute (Santa Fe, NM, USA), Dec 2015-Dec 2021 Postdoctoral fellow with postdoctoral advisor David H. Wolpert Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência (Oeiras, Portugal), 2009-2010 and Summer 2008/2011/2012 Visiting researcher at FLAD Computational Biology Collaboratorium Indiana University (Bloomington, IN, USA), Sep 2011-May 2015 Research assistant with Ph.D. advisor Luis M. Rocha	
INDUSTRY	LinkedIn Corporation (Mountain View, CA, USA), Summer 2014 Data science internship. Supervisor: Mathieu Bastian	
PUBLICATIONS	A. Kolchinsky , “A Novel Approach to the Partial Information Decomposition”, <i>Entropy</i> , 2022. pdf code A. Kolchinsky and D.H. Wolpert, “Dependence of integrated, instantaneous, and fluctuating entropy production on the initial state in quantum and classical processes”, <i>Physical Review E</i> , 2021. pdf A. Kolchinsky , D.H. Wolpert, “Work, entropy production, and thermodynamics of information under protocol constraints”, <i>Physical Review X</i> , 2021. pdf A. Kolchinsky and D.H. Wolpert, “Entropy production given constraints on the energy functions”, <i>Physical Review E</i> , 2021. pdf A. Kolchinsky , D.H. Wolpert, “Thermodynamic costs of Turing Machines”, <i>Physical Review Research</i> , 2020. pdf D.H. Wolpert and A. Kolchinsky , “The thermodynamics of computing with circuits”, <i>New Journal of Physics</i> , 2020. pdf A. Kolchinsky and B. Corominas-Murtra, “Decomposing information into copying versus transformation”, <i>Royal Society Interface</i> , 2020. pdf A.M. Saxe, Y. Bansal, J. Dapello, M. Advani, A. Kolchinsky , B.D. Tracey, D.D. Cox, “On the information bottleneck theory of deep learning”, <i>Journal of Statistical Mechanics</i> , 2019. pdf code A. Kolchinsky , B.D. Tracey, D.H. Wolpert, “Nonlinear information bottleneck”, <i>Entropy</i> , 2019. pdf (<i>Entropy</i> 2021 Best Paper Award) A. Berdahl, C. Brelsford, C. De Bacco, M. Dumas, V. Ferdinand, J.A. Grochow, L. Hébert-Dufresne, Y. Kallus, C.P. Kempes, A. Kolchinsky , D. B. Larremore, E. Libby, E.A. Power, C.A. Stern, B.D. Tracey, “Dynamics of beneficial epidemics”, <i>Scientific Reports</i> , 2019. pdf E.A. Hobson, V. Ferdinand, A. Kolchinsky , J. Garland, “Rethinking animal social complexity measures with the help of complex systems concepts”, <i>Animal Behaviour</i> , 2019. pdf	

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PREPRINTS

- A. Kolchinsky**, “A thermodynamic threshold for Darwinian evolution”, arXiv:2112.02809, 2021. [arxiv](#)
- F.C. Sheldon, **A. Kolchinsky**, F. Caravelli, “The computational capacity of memristor reservoirs”, arXiv:2009.00112, 2020. [arxiv](#)
- C. Gokler, **A. Kolchinsky**, Z. Liu, I. Marvian, P. Shor, O. Shtanko, K. Thompson, D. Wolpert, S. Lloyd, “When is a bit worth much more than $kT \ln 2$?”, arXiv:1705.09598, 2017. [arxiv](#)
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TALKS

Invited

- 5/2022 - *Workshop on Stochastic Thermodynamics III*, University of Tokyo (virtual)
T.B.D.
- 4/2022 - *Cross Labs Workshop: Is AI Extending the Mind?*, Cross Labs, Japan (virtual)
“Autonomous Agents and Semantic Information”

2/2022 - *Physics Department Colloquium Series*, University of Rochester (virtual)
 “A thermodynamic threshold for Darwinian evolution”

12/2021 - *Universal Biology Institute Seminar Series*, University of Tokyo (virtual)
 “A thermodynamic threshold for Darwinian evolution”

02/2021 - *Origins of Life: The Possible and the Actual* workshop, Santa Fe Institute
 “Fundamental thermodynamic constraints and trade-offs in origin of life”

7/2020 - *ICTP Seminar Series*, Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics (virtual)
 “Bounds on entropy production and thermodynamics of information under protocol constraints”

2/2020 - *AI Seminar Series*, Information Sciences Institute, Los Angeles, CA
 “Machine Learning through the information bottleneck”

7/2019 - *ISTI Seminar Series*, Los Alamos National Lab, Los Alamos, NM
 “Machine Learning through the information bottleneck”

6/2018 - *Connectomics Lecture Series*, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile
 “Machine learning, ‘deep neural networks’, and the brain”

4/2018 - *Meeting of the Society for the Neural Control of Movement*, Santa Fe, NM
 “Machine learning, ‘deep neural networks’, and the brain”

4/2018 - *SITE Santa Fe* (contemporary art museum)
 “Life, entropy, and the 2nd law of thermodynamics”

11/2017 - Seoul National University
 “Science at the Santa Fe Institute” (w/ V. Ferdinand)

8/2017 - *Thermodynamics & Computation: Towards a New Synthesis*, Santa Fe Institute
 “Statistical physics of Turing Machines” (w/ D.H. Wolpert)

10/2016 - *Statistical Physics, Information Processing and Biology*, Santa Fe Institute
 “Dependence of dissipation on the initial distribution” (w/ D.H. Wolpert)

2/2016 - Information Sciences Institute, Los Angeles, CA
 “Multi-scale integration & modularity in complex systems”

GRANTS

2019 - Foundational Questions Institute (FQXi-RFP-IPW-1912), \$118,100, Co-Investigator (PI: David Wolpert)
 “The role of constraints in the thermodynamics of intelligence”

2016 - Foundational Questions Institute (FQXi-RFP-1622), \$128,319, Co-Investigator (PI: David Wolpert)
 “Observers as self-maintaining non-equilibrium systems”

2016 - NSF INSPIRE (CHE-1648973), \$999,947, co-author (PI: David Wolpert)
 “Tradeoffs in the Thermodynamics of Computation: A New Paradigm for Biological Information-Processing”

2016 - NSF (1620462), \$770,000, co-author (PI: David Wolpert)
 “Information Networks and the Evolution of Social Organizations”

TEACHING

Online courses

2018 - “Fundamentals of machine learning” (w/ B.D. Tracey), Complexity Explorer from the Santa Fe Institute
 Designed and delivered a 12-part online course on basics of machine learning [\[link\]](#)

Workshops, lectures, and tutorials

6/2019 - Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe, NM
 Two lecture series on machine learning and its research frontiers

3/2019 - Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM
 Tutorial on “Machine learning with TensorFlow”

6/2017, 6/2018 - Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM
 Tutorial on introduction to programming and data analysis in Python (w/ V. Ferdinand)

11/2017 - Seoul National University, Seoul

Week-long workshop on “Thermodynamics, evolution, and inference through the lens of information theory” (w/ V. Ferdinand)

11/2017 - ACTioN/Trustee Meeting, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM

Lecture on “Machine learning: A guide for the perplexed” (w/ B. D. Tracey)

5/2010 - Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência, Oeiras, Portugal

Assisted with week-long “Bayesian brain” educational module

Teaching Assistant at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Spring 2014 - “I400 Large-scale Social Phenomena” [\[link\]](#)

Spring 2011 - “I201 Math and logic foundations of Informatics”

Fall 2010 - “I485 Biologically Inspired Computing” [\[link\]](#)

Developed and ran a 5-part computational lab series

Fall 2008-Spring 2009 - “I210 Information Infrastructure” (Python programming)

ADVISING

Nicolas Freitas, Santa Fe Institute REU Program, Santa Fe, NM, June-August, 2018

Project: “Scaling of information in biochemical systems”

Francis Cavanna, Santa Fe Institute REU Program, Santa Fe, NM, June-August, 2017

Project: “Investigating the relationship between criticality and Landauer costs using the Ising model”

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Guest editor: *Entropy* special issue on “Thermodynamics and Information Theory of Living Systems” [link](#)

Reviewer (physics): *New Journal of Physics*, *Physical Review Letters*, *Physical Review Research*, *Frontiers in Physics*, *Journal of Physics A*, *Physica A*.

Reviewer (biology): *J R Soc Proceedings B*, *PLoS Computational Biology*, *Theory in the Biosciences*.

Reviewer (information theory and machine learning): *Entropy*, *ICLR*, *Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, *Kybernetika*, *Applied Sciences*.

2008-2013 - Started and ran a weekly discussion group on complexity, dynamical systems, and embodiment in cognitive science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN [link](#)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2010-2015 - Affiliate of IGERT training program in “Dynamics of brain-body-environment interaction in behavior and cognition”

2012 - 2013 - Lilly Graduate Fellowship, Biocomplexity Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2007 - 2009 - Eli Lilly Fellowship, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN,

2004 - Dean’s List Gallatin School, New York University, NY

SKILLS

Programming: Python, MATLAB, C, C++, R, Java

Machine learning with Python + Keras, TensorFlow

Web programming, databases/SQL, scalable computing (Hadoop, PIG, Scala)

Languages: Fluency: English, Russian, Spanish / Basic: Portuguese