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## Current Research Interests

Efficient and Scalable Algorithms for analysing bulk/single-cell RNA-seq data  
Uncertainty Aware Graphical Models for Transcriptomic data

## Education

- 2014–2019 **Ph.D.**, *Department of Computer Science*, Stony Brook University, New York, USA.  
Advisor: Prof. Rob Patro, Research Area: Computational Biology, Machine Learning, (bio)Statistics.
- 2008–2012 **B.Tech.**, *Department of Computer Science*, College of Engineering Roorkee, Roorkee, India.  
Advisor: Prof. Ankush Mittal, Research Area: Medical Imaging (CBIR), Parallel Computing.

## Employment

- New York Genome Center**, *Manhattan, New York, USA*.
- 2020–Present *Postdoctoral Research Associate*.  
**10x Genomics**, *Pleasanton, California, USA*.
- 2018(Summer) *Computational Biology Research Intern*.  
**Roche Sequencing Solutions**, *Pleasanton, California, USA*.
- 2016(Summer) *Research Intern, Infectious Diseases Unit*.  
**Stony Brook university**, *Stony Brook, New York, USA*.
- 2015–2019 *Research Assistant, Department of Computer Science*.
- 2014–2015 *Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Science*.  
**Accenture Services Pvt Ltd.**, *Pune, India*.
- 2013–2014 *Software Engineer, Service-Oriented Architecture Development Group*.

## Publications

### Papers ([Google Scholar](#))

- 2020 [Avi Srivastava](#), Laraib Malik, Hirak Sarkar and Robert Patro, "A Bayesian framework for inter-cellular information sharing improves dscRNA-seq quantification", ISMB-2020.
- 2020 Hirak Sarkar, [Avi Srivastava](#), Hector Corrada Bravo, Michael I. Love and Rob Patro, "Terminus enables the discovery of data-driven, robust transcript groups from RNA-seq data", ISMB-2020.
- 2020 Charlotte Soneson, [Avi Srivastava](#), Rob Patro, Michael B Stadler, "Preprocessing choices affect RNA velocity results for droplet-based scRNA-seq data", (Under Peer Review-2020).
- 2020 [Avi Srivastava](#), Laraib Malik, Hirak Sarkar, Mohsen Zakeri, Charlotte Soneson, Michael I. Love, Carl Kingsford and Rob Patro, "Alignment and mapping methodology impact transcript abundance estimation", [Genome Biology](#) (Accepted with Revision-2020).
- 2019 Hirak Sarkar, [Avi Srivastava](#), Rob Patro, "Minnow: A principled framework for rapid simulation of dscRNA-seq data at the read level", *Proceedings of ISMB-19*, Oxford Bioinformatics, 2019.
- 2019 Anqi Zhu, [Avi Srivastava](#), Joseph Ibrahim, Robert Patro, Michael Love, "Nonparametric expression analysis using inferential replicate counts", [NAR](#), 2019.
- 2019 [Avi Srivastava](#), Laraib Malik, Tom Sean Smith, Ian Sudbery, Rob Patro, "Alevin efficiently estimates accurate gene abundances from dscRNA-seq data", [Genome Biology](#), 20:65, 2019.

- 2018 B Gruning et. al., *Bioconda: sustainable and comprehensive software distribution for the life sciences*, *Nature methods*, 15, pages 475 - 476 (2018).
- 2018 Fatemeh Almodaresi, Hirak Sarkar, [Avi Srivastava](#), Rob Patro, "A space and time-efficient index for the compacted colored de Bruijn graph", *Proceedings of ISMB-18*, Oxford Bioinformatics, Volume 34, Issue 13, 1 July 2018.
- 2017 Mohsen Zakeri, [Avi Srivastava](#), Fatemehalsadat Almodarresi TS, and Rob Patro, "Improved data-driven likelihood factorizations for transcript abundance estimation", *Proceedings of ISMB-17*, Oxford Bioinformatics, Volume 33, Issue 14, 15 July 2017.
- 2016 [Avi Srivastava](#), Hirak Sarkar, Nitish Gupta, and Rob Patro, "RapMap: A Rapid, Sensitive and Accurate Tool for Mapping RNA-seq Reads to Transcriptomes", *Proceedings of ISMB-16*, Oxford Bioinformatics, Volume 32, Issue 12, 15 June 2016.
- 2016 [Avi Srivastava](#), Hirak Sarkar, Laraib Malik, Rob Patro, "Accurate, Fast and Lightweight Clustering of de novo Transcriptomes using Fragment Equivalence Classes", *Proceedings of Recomb-seq-16*, arXiv, 2016.
- 2014 K Yadav, [Avi Srivastava](#), A Mittal, MA Ansari, "Texture-based medical image retrieval in compressed domain using compressive sensing", *International journal of bioinformatics research and applications IJBRA*, Vol.10, No.2, 2014.
- 2013 K Yadav, [Avi Srivastava](#), A Mittal, MA Ansari, "GPU parallel implementation of B-spline non-rigid grid registration using free-form deformations", *International Journal of Biomedical Engineering and Technology IJBET*, Vol.11, No.2, 2013.
- 2011 K Yadav, A Mittal, MA Ansari, [Avi Srivastava](#), "Parallel Implementation of Compressed Sensing Algorithm on CUDA- GPU", *International Journal of Computer Science and Information Security IJCSIS*, Vol. 9 No. 3, 2011.

### Poster

- 2019 [Avi Srivastava](#), Laraib Malik, Tom Sean Smith, Ian Sudbery, Rob Patro, "Alevin efficiently estimates accurate gene abundances from dscRNA-seq data", BioC-2019, ISCB-2019 & RECOMB-2019, New York.
- 2016 [Avi Srivastava](#), Darya Filippova, Owen Solberg, Khai Luong, "Understanding PacBio SMRT Sequencing consensus algorithm and possible improvements", Roche Sequencing Solutions, Pleasanton, California.

### Invited Talks

- 2019 [Avi Srivastava](#), "Statistical Methods for Functional Genomics", Cold Spring Harbor Labs, New York, USA.
- 2019 [Avi Srivastava](#), "Alevin efficiently estimates accurate gene abundances from dscRNA-seq data", Basel, Switzerland, ISCB-student council meeting-2019.
- 2017 [Avi Srivastava](#) and Rob Patro, "Algorithmic Advancement in Transcriptome Analyses", Laufer Center for Physical and Quantitative Biology-Retreat, Stony Brook, New York.
- 2016 [Avi Srivastava](#), Hirak Sarkar, Nitish Gupta, and Rob Patro, "RapMap: A Rapid, Sensitive and Accurate Tool for Mapping RNA-seq Reads to Transcriptomes", ISMB, Orlando, Florida.

### Open Source Softwares

- Alevin (2018) **Alevin efficiently estimates accurate gene abundances from dscRNA-seq data.**  
[www.github.com/COMBINE-lab/salmon](http://www.github.com/COMBINE-lab/salmon)
- RapClust (2016) **Accurate, Fast and Lightweight Clustering of de novo Transcriptomes using Fragment Equivalence Classes.**  
[www.github.com/COMBINE-lab/RapClust](http://www.github.com/COMBINE-lab/RapClust)
- RapMap (2015) **A Rapid, Sensitive and Accurate Tool for Mapping RNA-seq Reads to Transcriptomes.**  
[www.github.com/COMBINE-lab/RapMap](http://www.github.com/COMBINE-lab/RapMap)

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## Grant Support

- 2018 **Efficient tools for quantifying and simulating transcript-level abundance in single-cell RNA-seq**,  
*PI: Robert Patro*, Agency: SVCF Award Number: 182752.  
Role: Lead Student Researcher
- 2018 **A Comprehensive and Lightweight Framework for Transcriptome Analysis**, *PI: Robert Patro*,  
Agency: NSF Award Number: 1750472.  
Role: Student Researcher

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## Honors

- 2020 Stony Brook President's Award to Distinguished Doctoral Students
- 2019 ISCB Travel Fellowship
- 2019 BioC Travel Fellowship
- 2016 ISMB Student Travel Fellowship
- 2016 Distinguished Travel Award
- 2015 Best Teaching Assistant Award
- 2014 CS Department Chair Fellowship
- 2012 Best undergraduate project award

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## Professional Activities

- 2019 **PeerJ**, Reviewer.
- 2018 **Bioinformatics**, Reviewer.
- 2018 **AMIA**, Reviewer.
- 2018 **RECOMB**, sub-reviewer.
- 2017 **ISMB**, sub-reviewer.

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## Skills

Expert Bash, C/C++(including C++11), CUDA,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python, Rust

Experience Git, Java, R, Snakemake, Spacemacs(Vim+Emacs)

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## Teaching Assistant

- 2015-Fall **CSE-537**, *Artificial Intelligence*, Department of Computer Science.  
Prof. I.V. Ramakrishnan
- 2015-Spring **CSE-320**, *System Fundamentals II*, Department of Computer Science.  
Prof. Jeniffer Wong
- 2014-Fall **CSE-220**, *System Fundamentals I*, Department of Computer Science.  
Prof. Jeniffer Wong

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## References

- Post Doc Advisor **Prof. Rahul Satija**, Assistant Professor, NYU Center for Genomics and Systems Biology, New York University & New York Genome Center.  
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- Ph.D. Advisor **Prof. Rob Patro**, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland.  
rob@cs.umd.edu
- Prof. Michael Love**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biostatistics, Department of Genetics, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.  
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- Mr. Patrick Marks**, Director, Computational Biology, 10x Genomics.  
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