

# BLAKE BORDELON

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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**

Program: PhD in Applied Mathematics Advisor: Cengiz Pehlevan

**Washington University in St. Louis**

Majors: Systems Engineering and Physics. Minor: Computer Science

*July 2019 - Present*

GPA: 4.0/4.0

*August 2015 - May 2019*

GPA: 4.0/4.0

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PRECEEDINGS

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**Self-Consistent Dynamical Field Theory of Kernel Evolution in Wide Neural Networks**

*Bordelon, Pehlevan, 2022. Accepted at Neurips 2022.*

**Neural Networks as Kernel Learners: The Silent Alignment Effect** Atanasov\* *Bordelon\**, Pehlevan *International Conference of Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2022

**Capacity of Group-invariant Linear Readouts from Equivariant Representations**, Farrell\*, *Bordelon\**, Trivedi, Pehlevan, *ICLR*, 2022

**Learning Curves for SGD on Structured Features**, *Bordelon, Pehlevan, ICLR*, 2022

**Out-of-Distribution Generalization for Kernels**, Canatar, *Bordelon, Pehlevan, Neurips* 2021

**Efficient Online Inference for Nonparametric Mixture Models**, Shaeffer, *Bordelon, Khona, Pan, Fiete Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence* 2021

**Spectrum Dependent Learning Curves in Kernel Regression and Wide Neural Networks**, *Bordelon, Canatar, and Pehlevan, International Conference of Machine Learning*, 2020.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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**Spectral Bias and Task-Model Alignment Explain Generalization in Kernel Regression and Infinitely Wide Neural Networks**, Canatar, *Bordelon, Pehlevan, Nature Comms.* 2021.

**Dispersive optical model of Pb-208 generating a neutron-skin prediction beyond the mean field**, Atkinson, Mahzoon, Keim, *Bordelon, Pruitt, Charity, and Dickhoff, Phys. Rev. C*, 2020

**Pre-Synaptic Pool Modification (PSPM): A supervised learning procedure for recurrent spiking neural networks**, Bagley, *Bordelon, Moseley, Wessel, PLOS ONE*, 2020

## UNDER REVIEW

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**Population Codes Enable Learning from Few Examples By Shaping Inductive Bias** *Bordelon, Pehlevan*, 2021. Under Review at *eLife*.

**A Theory of NTK Alignment and Its Influence on Training**, Shan\*, *Bordelon\**, 2021. Preparing submission.

**Integration of flexible nanoelectronics with artificial intelligence-driven circuits for long-term stable and self-programmable brain decoding**, Guo, Zhao, Tang, *Bordelon, Partarrieu, Lee, Pehlevan, Liu*, 2021. Under Review at *Nature Machine Intelligence*.

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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**Field Theory of Deep Feature Learning** Two Sigma Research Symposium 2022 (Invited Talk)

**Infinite Neural Networks: Lazy and Rich Regimes** Google Brain 2022 (Invited Talk)

**Statistical Mechanics of Kernel Regression and Wide Neural Networks**, APS 2022

**When are Neural Networks Kernel Learners?**, APS 2022.

**Structured Neural Codes Enable Generalization Through Code-Task Alignment**, APS 2022.

**How many objects can be classified under all possible views?**, Cosyne 2022  
**Learning Curves for SGD on Structured Features**, Deepmath 2021 (Invited Talk)  
**Neural Populations Learn from Few Examples through Code-Task Alignment**, Cosyne 2021.  
**Statistical Mechanics of Generalization in Kernel Regression** Deepmath 2020

## AWARDS

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NSF Simons Harvard Center Quantitative Biology Fellowship	<i>June 2021-2022</i>
McKelvey School of Engineering Valedictorian	<i>May 2019</i>
Nishi Luthra Senior Prize in Physics	<i>May 2019</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Fellow for Introduction to Applied Math	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Teaching Fellow for Neural Computation (Certificate of Distinction)	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Teaching Assistant for Engineering Math	<i>August 2017-May 2018</i>

## PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

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Strong Proficiency in Python (numpy, scipy, JAX, Pytorch, etc). Proficient in Matlab and C++.