# BLAKE BORDELON

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#### **EDUCATION**

Harvard University July 2019-Present

Program: PhD in Applied Mathematics Advisor: Cengiz Pehlevan GPA: 4.0/4.0 Washington University in St. Louis August 2015 - May 2019

Majors: Systems Engineering and Physics. Minor: Computer Science GPA: 4.0/4.0

# REFEREED CONFERENCE PRECEEDINGS

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

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

The Influence of Learning Rule on Representation Dynamics in Wide Neural Networks, *Bordelon*, Pehlevan 2022.

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

Dynamical Field Theory of Feature Learning in Wide NNs, DeepMath 2022 (Poster)
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**

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

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

# PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

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