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CURRENT POSITIONS

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering

The Dieter Schwarz Foundation SDS Faculty Fellow, Stanford Data Science

2024-Present

Arc Institute, Palo Alto, CA

Innovation Investigator

2024-Present

- ♦ Aligning biological machine learning with human good.

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Doctor of Philosophy

2017-2021

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Master of Science

- ♦ Areas of concentration: Computational biology, machine learning, statistics.

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Computer Science, Bachelor of Science with Honors and Distinction

2012-2016

English Literature, Academic Minor

- ♦ Areas of concentration: Computational biology, computer systems, machine learning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA

Stanford Science Fellow

2021-2023

- ♦ Machine learning at the host-pathogen interface.

Meta Platforms, Inc., Menlo Park, CA

Visiting Researcher, Meta AI FAIR

2022-2023

- ♦ Machine learning for protein biology.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Graduate Researcher, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

2017-2021

- ♦ Neural language modeling of viral evolution.
- ♦ Machine learning for biological discovery and design under uncertainty.
- ♦ Efficient geometric algorithms for single-cell biology.
- ♦ Cryptographically secure neural network training.

Google LLC, Mountain View, CA

Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning Resident, X – The Moonshot Factory

2019

- ♦ Machine learning for early-pipeline moonshots.

Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA

Machine Learning Intern, Bioinformatics

2018

- ♦ Statistical signal processing for genomics-based health monitoring.

Salesforce.com, Inc. , San Francisco, CA	
Software Engineer, Cloud Infrastructure	2016-2017
♦ Robust performance monitoring of globally distributed core application infrastructure.	
Stanford University , Palo Alto, CA	
Undergraduate Researcher, Biology	2013-2016
♦ Statistics and machine learning for computational genomics.	
Stanford University , Palo Alto, CA	
Undergraduate Researcher, Digital Humanities, Stanford Humanities Center	2016
♦ Graph-theoretic analysis of the social network of early modern authors and publishers.	
Microsoft Corporation , Redmond, WA	
Software Engineering Intern, Azure Compute and Microsoft Research	2015
♦ Distributed scheduling algorithms and their impact on data center utilization and availability.	
Synaptics, Inc. , San Jose, CA	
Systems Architecture/Algorithms Intern	2014
♦ Algorithm design and implementation for embedded touchscreen firmware.	

PUBLICATIONS

*Equal contribution. †Co-corresponding author.

Journal articles

E. Nguyen*, M. Poli*, M. Durrant*, B. Kang*, D. Katrekar*, D. Li*, L. Bartie, A. Thomas, S. King, G. Brixi, J. Sullivan, M. Ng, A. Lewis, A. Lou, S. Ermon, S. Baccus, T. Hernandez-Boussard, C. Ré, P. Hsu [†] , and B. Hie[†] . <i>"Sequence modeling and design from molecular to genome scale with Evo."</i> <i>Science</i> , 386:6723 (cover article, featured with a Perspective by Theodoris).	2024
V. Shanker, T. Bruun, B. Hie[†] , and P. Kim [†] . <i>"Unsupervised evolution of protein and antibody complexes with a structure-informed language model."</i> <i>Science</i> , 385:6704.	2024
B. Hie[†] , S. Kim, T. Rando, B. Bryson [†] , and B. Berger [†] . <i>"Scanorama: integrating large and diverse single-cell transcriptomic datasets."</i> <i>Nature Protocols</i> , DOI: 10.1038/s41596-024-00991-3.	2024
S. Hendrix, Y. Mreyoud, M. McNelan, A. Smirnov, S. Chavez, B. Hie , M. Chamberland, T. Bradstreet, A. Webber, D. Kreamalmeyer, R. Taneja, B. Bryson, B. Edelson, and C. Stallings. <i>"BHLHE40 regulates myeloid cell polarization through IL-10-dependent and -independent mechanisms."</i> <i>Journal of Immunology</i> , 212:11.	2024
A. Winniffrith, C. Outeiral [†] , and B. Hie[†] . <i>"Generative artificial intelligence for de novo protein design."</i> <i>Current Opinion in Structural Biology</i> , 86: June 2024.	2024

- B. Hie**[†], D. Xu, V. Shanker, T. Bruun, P. Weidenbacher, S. Tang, W. Wu., and J. Pak, and P. Kim[†].
"Efficient evolution of human antibodies from general protein language models and sequence information alone."
Nature Biotechnology, 42:275-283 (featured with a News and Views by Outeiral and Deane). 2023
- Z. Lin*, H. Akin*, R. Rao*, **B. Hie***, Z. Zhu, W. Lu, N. Smetanin, R. Verkuil, O. Kabeli, Y. Shmueli, A. dos Santos Costa, M. Fazel-Zarandi, T. Sercu, S. Candido, and A. Rives.
"Evolutionary-scale prediction of atomic level protein structure with a language model."
Science, 379:6637. 2023
- B. Hie**[†], K. Yang, and P. Kim[†].
"Evolutionary velocity with protein language models predicts evolutionary dynamics of diverse proteins."
Cell Systems, 13:4 (featured with a Preview by Sandhu et al.). 2022
- M. Maher, I. Bartha, S. Weaver, J. di Iulio, E. Ferri, L. Soriaga, F. Lempp, **B. Hie**, B. Bryson, B. Berger, D. Robertson, G. Snell, D. Corti, H. Virgin, S. Kosakovsky Pond, and A. Telenti.
"Predicting the mutational drivers of future SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern."
Science Translational Medicine, 14:633. 2022
- B. Hie** and K. Yang.
"Adaptive machine learning for protein engineering."
Current Opinion in Structural Biology, 72: February 2022. 2022
- R. Singh*, **B. Hie***, A. Narayan, and B. Berger.
"Schema: Metric learning enables interpretable synthesis of heterogeneous single-cell modalities."
Genome Biology, 22:131. 2021
- B. Hie**, E. Zhong, B. Berger, and B. Bryson.
"Learning the language of viral evolution and escape."
Science, 371:6526 (featured with a Perspective by Kim and Przytycka). 2021
- B. Hie**, B. Bryson, and B. Berger.
"Leveraging uncertainty in machine learning accelerates biological discovery and design."
Cell Systems, 11:5. 2020
- B. Hie***, J. Peters*, S. Nyquist*, A. Shalek, B. Berger, and B. Bryson.
"Computational methods for single-cell RNA sequencing."
Annual Review of Biomedical Data Science, 3:1. 2020
- B. Hie***, H. Cho*, B. DeMeo, B. Bryson, and B. Berger.
"Geometric sketching compactly summarizes the single-cell transcriptomic landscape."
Cell Systems, 8:6 (cover article). 2019
- B. Hie**, B. Bryson, and B. Berger.
"Efficient integration of heterogeneous single-cell transcriptomes using Scanorama."

Nature Biotechnology, 37:6. 2019

A. Tehranchi, **B. Hie**, M. Dacre, I. Kaplow, K. Pettie, P. Combs, and H. Fraser.
"Fine-mapping cis-regulatory variants in diverse human populations."
eLife, 8:e39595. 2019

B. Hie*, H. Cho*, and B. Berger.
"Realizing private and practical pharmacological collaboration."
Science, 362:6417. 2018

A. Tehranchi, M. Myrthil, T. Martin, **B. Hie**, D. Golan, and H. Fraser.
"Pooled ChIP-seq links variation in transcription factor binding to complex disease risk."
Cell, 165:3. 2016

Conference papers

M. Poli, A. Thomas, E. Nguyen, S. Massaroli, P. Ponnusamy, B. Deiseroth, K. Kersting, T. Suzuki, **B. Hie**, S. Ermon, C. Ré, and C. Zhang.
"Mechanistic design and scaling of hybrid architectures."
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML). 2024

C. Hsu, R. Verkuil, J. Liu, Z. Lin, **B. Hie**, T. Sercu, A. Lerer, and A. Rives.
"Learning inverse folding from millions of predicted structures."
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML). 2022

B. Hie, E. Zhong, B. Bryson, and B. Berger.
"Learning mutational semantics."
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS). 2020

B. Hie, H. Cho, B. DeMeo, B. Bryson, and B. Berger.
"Geometric sketching of single-cell data preserves transcriptional structure."
Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB). 2019

Book chapters

K. Johnston*, C. Fannjiang*, B. Wittmann*, **B. Hie***, K. Yang*, and Z. Wu*.
"Machine learning for protein engineering."
Machine Learning in Molecular Sciences, Challenges and Advances in Computational Chemistry and Physics. Springer Nature. 2023

Preprints

G. Brixi*, M. Durrant*, J. Ku*, M. Poli*, G. Brockman, D. Chang, G. Gonzalez, S. King, D. Li, A. Merchant, M. Naghipourfar, E. Nguyen, C. Ricci-Tam, D. Romero, G. Sun, A. Taghibakshi, A. Vorontsov, B. Yang, *et al.*, D. Burke, H. Goodarzi, P. Hsu[†], **B. Hie[†]**.
"Genome modeling and design across all domains of life with Evo 2."
bioRxiv, DOI: 10.1101/2025.02.18.638918. 2025

R. Shuai*, T. Widatalla*, P. Huang[†], **B. Hie[†]**.
"Sidechain conditioning and modeling for full-atom protein sequence design with FAMPNN."

<i>bioRxiv</i> , DOI: 10.1101/2025.02.13.637498.	2025
J. Ku, E. Nguyen, D. Romero, G. Brix, B. Yang, A. Vorontsov, A. Taghibakhshi, A. Lu, D. Burke, G. Brockman, S. Massaroli, C. Ré, P. Hsu, B. Hie , S. Ermon, M. Poli. <i>"Systems and algorithms for convolutional multi-hybrid language models at scale."</i> <i>arXiv</i> , DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2503.01868.	2025
A. Merchant, S. King, E. Nguyen, B. Hie . <i>"Semantic mining of functional de novo genes from a genomic language model."</i> <i>bioRxiv</i> , DOI: 10.1101/2024.12.17.628962.	2024
B. Hie* , S. Candido*, Z. Lin, O. Kabeli, R. Rao, N. Smetanin, T. Sercu, and A. Rives. <i>"A high-level programming language for generative protein design."</i> <i>bioRxiv</i> , DOI: 10.1101/2022.12.21.521526.	2022
C. Itoh, C. Gunnarson, G. Babunovic, A. Nibasumba, Ngomu A., M. Wadsworth III, T. Hughes II, S. Solomon, B. Hie , B. Berger, A. Shalek, S. Fortune, and B. Bryson. <i>"GM-CSF differentiation of human monocytes stabilizes macrophage state via oxidative signaling."</i> <i>bioRxiv</i> , DOI: 10.1101/2020.09.29.318352.	2020

SOFTWARE

Evo 2, Primary Developer

<https://github.com/arcinstitute/evo2>

Evo, Primary Developer

<https://github.com/evo-design/evo>

Scanorama, Primary Developer

<https://github.com/brianhie/scanorama>

Geosketch, Primary Developer

<https://github.com/brianhie/geosketch>

Evolocity, Primary Developer

<https://github.com/brianhie/evolocity>

esm, Contributor

<https://github.com/facebookresearch/esm>

scverse, Contributor

<https://github.com/scverse>

TEACHING

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Lecturer, Data Science and Machine Learning Approaches in Chemical and Materials Engineering (CHEMENG 177/277, MATSCI 166/176)

2025

Applications of data science and machine learning approaches to modern problems in chemical, materials, and biological engineering. Responsible for all lectures, course assignments, and exams.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Assistant, Algorithms for Inference (6.438) 2019

Graduate-level course on statistical inference with probabilistic graphical models. Responsible for preparing exams/assignments, leading discussion sections, and holding office hours.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Mentorship

Stanford University, Doctoral thesis research 2021-Present

Stanford University, Undergraduate thesis research 2024-Present

Stanford University, ADVANCE Undergraduate Institute 2025-Present

University of Toronto, iGEM competition team 2021

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Masters of Engineering thesis research 2020-2021

Public Engagement and Science Communication

Press interviews for *Freethink*, *Ideas Roadshow*, *IEEE Spectrum*, *Inverse*, *Al Jazeera*, *MIT Technology Review*, *NSF The Discovery Files*, *Nature News*, *Nautilus*, *Quanta Magazine*, *Science News*, *Swiss Radio*, *Wall Street Journal*, *WebMD/Medscape*, and *Wired*

Policy and Ethics

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. *The Age of AI in the Life Sciences: Benefits and Biosecurity Considerations*, consultant. 2025

National Institutes of Health. *Toward an Ethical Framework for Artificial Intelligence in Biomedical and Behavioral Research*, workshop participant 2024

Peer Review

Contributed reviews to *Bioinformatics*, *BMC Bioinformatics*, *Cell*, *Cell Systems*, *Frontiers in Genetics*, *GigaScience*, *Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)*, *Journal of Molecular Biology*, *Nature*, *Nature Biotechnology*, *Nature Communications*, *Nature Methods*, *NeurIPS Workshop on Machine Learning in Structural Biology (MLSB)*, *Nucleic Acids Research*, *PLOS Computational Biology*, *PLOS ONE*, *PNAS*, *PNAS Nexus*, *Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB)*, *Science*, and *Science Translational Medicine*

PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

B. Hie, V. Shanker, and P.S. Kim.

"Antibody compositions and optimization methods."

US Patent App. PCT/US23/17977. 2023

A. Thugabere Jagadeesh and **B. Hie**.

"Hyperspectral scanning to determine skin health."

US Patent No. 11,532,400. 2022

B. Hie, B. Berger, and H. Cho.

"Realizing private and practical pharmacological collaboration using a neural network architecture configured for reduced computation overhead."

US Patent No. 11,450,439. 2022

B. Hie, B. Bryson, and B. Berger.

"Escape profiling for therapeutic and vaccine development."

US Patent No. 11,011,253.	2021
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AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Innovation Investigator, Arc Institute	2024-Present
STAT Wunderkinds	2022
Stanford Science Fellows Program	2021-2023
Department of Defense (DoD) National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship	2019-2021
RECOMB/National Science Foundation Travel Fellowship Award	2019
Hoefer Prize for Writing in the Major, Nominated, <i>Stanford University</i>	2016
Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society	2015-Present
Lunsford Award for Oral Presentation, Nominated, <i>Stanford University</i>	2014
Boothe Prize for Excellence in Writing, Honorable Mention, <i>Stanford University</i>	2013
President's Award for Academic Achievement, <i>Stanford University</i>	2013
National Merit Scholarship Finalist	2012