Bryan T. Weinstein

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Education

• Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

PhD in Applied Physics

Expected May 2018

- Working Thesis Title: Microbial Evolutionary Dynamics and Transport
- Applied stochastic, random-walk methods (spatial stochastic differential equations) to model the evolutionary dynamics of growing microbial colonies
- Utilized fluid and solid mechanics to simulate microbial colony morphology

• Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

PhD Secondary Field: Computational Science and Engineering (CSE)

Expected May 2018

- Completed advanced applied math and scientific computing courses
- Learned state-of-the-art computational methods used in scientific research and data science
- Capstone: Developed an OpenCL powered Lattice Boltzmann fluid mechanics simulation utilizing OpenGL for real-time visualization.

• Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

S.M. in Applied Physics

November 2014

- Completed 12 courses: 4 physics core courses, 4 CSE courses, and 4 soft-matter/biophysics electives
- GPA: 3.95/4.00

• Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, OH

Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Engineering Physics

May 2012

- GPA: 4.00/4.00, Summa Cum Laude, Valedictorian
- Engineering Concentration: Aerospace Engineering
- Senior Project: Simulating Interactions between Confined Spins and Ferromagnetic Vortices

Certifications

• Engineer in Training (EIT)

Ohio

Active

September 2012

 Successfully passed Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, the first step towards becoming a licensed Professional Engineer (PE)

Engineering Skills

Analytical

- Experience creating experiments, models, and simulations to understand the transport of mass, momentum, and energy/heat in complex fluids
- Ability to mesh and simulate fluid flows containing chemical reactions using standard open-source tools (OpenFOAM) or custom-built GPU-powered Lattice Boltzmann tools
- Experience simulating multicomponent-multiphase flows using the Lattice Boltzmann technique
- Expert knowledge of Applied Mathematics, especially stochastic modeling involving the Master equation, the Fokker-Planck equation (PDEs), and (spatial) stochastic differential equations

• Experimental

- Experienced at designing and conducting biological and soft matter experiments involving complex fluids; 4 years of research in a molecular biology laboratory

- Experienced at using rheometers to determine the rheology of fluids
- Significant experience using microscopy to image microbes

Computational Skills

- Developed over 30 GitHub repositories and wrote hundreds of Jupyter/IPython notebooks to create scientific simulations and analyze experimental data during my PhD (see my website above)
- Over 8 years of experience optimizing programs to run on multiple processors, graphics processing units (GPUs), and supercomputers
- Expert at using Jupyter/IPython Notebooks to explore, visualize, and analyze large tabular datasets and large collections of images
- Experienced at applying stochastic techniques to model and solve high-dimensional problems
- Languages for General Scientific Computing:
 - Python, Cython, OpenCL, CUDA, C, C++, Java, Mathematica, Matlab
- Selected Python Packages and Tools:
 - IPython/Jupyter Notebook, matplotlib, seaborn, numpy, scipy, pandas, scikit-image, pymc3, cython, cython_gsl, PyOpenCL, PyCuda
- Fluid and Solid Mechanics Simulations:
 - Lattice Boltzmann Method (custom-built code), OpenFOAM, SALOME, gmsh
- Image Analysis Tools
 - Python, OpenCL, ImageJ/Fiji

Fellowships and Awards

Institute for Applied Computational Science Scholarship Cambridge, MA Graduate Student September 2016 - September 2017

- Wrote proposal and won a \$25,000 student scholarship from Harvard's Institute for Applied Computational Science (IACS)
- Used funds to further develop my IACS capstone: an OpenCL-powered Lattice Boltzmann fluid mechanics simulator utilizing OpenGL for real-time visualization
- Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Fellowship Washington, D.C. September 2012 - September 2015 Graduate Student
 - Wrote proposal to win a competitive fellowship that supports students pursuing training in areas relevant to Department of Energy (DOE). Selected out of 1,300 applicants; 50 fellowships awarded
 - Attended yearly conferences at National Laboratories; presented posters on my active research, networked with other DOE fellows and government officials
- Harvard University Pierce Fellow

Cambridge, MA

Graduate Student

September 2012 - September 2015

- Won fellowship awarded to the highest caliber PhD students accepted into Harvard's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS). Selected out of 150 students; 8 fellowships awarded

Publications

Bryan T. Weinstein, Maxim O. Lavrentovich, et al. "Genetic Drift and Selection in Many-Allelle Range Expansions". Submitted. 2017. URL: http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/06/07/145631.

Professional Organizations

- Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
- American Physical Society