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I am a computational biologist interested in developing novel analytical methods for emerging molecular biology technologies. My PhD focused on applying innovative implementations of statistical modeling, machine learning, and bioinformatics approaches to Chromosome Conformation Capture (3C) data (in particular, 3C Carbon-Copy [5C] and high-throughput [Hi-C]). The resulting analyses provide insight into the regulation of genomes through the organization of chromatin's higher-order structures (e.g., Topologically Associating Domains [TAD]).

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Education

2019-Now	Postdoctoral Researcher Yale University, New Haven, USA <i>Advisors:</i> Mark Gerstein and Yong Xiong
2013-2019	PhD in Computer Science, concentration in Bioinformatics (October 2019) McGill University, Montréal, Canada <i>Thesis:</i> High-resolution computational analysis of chromatin architecture and function <i>Advisors:</i> Mathieu Blanchette and Josée Dostie
2012-2013	MSc in Bioinformatics (February 2014) University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada <i>Thesis:</i> Tissue-to-plasma partition coefficient prediction by a multi-channel restricted boltzmann machine <i>Advisors:</i> Andrea Edginton, Ronald Johnson, and Stefan Kremer
2006-2011	BSc in Biomedical Toxicology, minor in Computer Science (February 2012) University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada <i>Thesis:</i> Molecular graph neural networks for toxicology <i>Advisor:</i> Stefan Kremer

Positions held

2019-Now	Postdoctoral Associate <i>Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Yale University</i>
2013-2019	Research Assistant <i>School of Computer Science, McGill University</i>
2017	Course Lecturer <i>School of Computer Science, McGill University</i>
2013-2017	Teaching Assistant <i>School of Computer Science, McGill University</i>
2012-2013	Graduate Service Assistant <i>School of Computer Science, University of Guelph</i>
2012-2013	Java Developer <i>School of Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph</i>
2008-2013	Research Assistant <i>School of Computer Science, University of Guelph</i>

Journal publications

[†] co-first authors

11. Prost JA, Cameron CJF, and Blanchette M. **Identifying sequence-based determinants of chromosomal compartments**. *In preparation for submission to Genome Biol.*
10. Cameron CJF, Wang XQD, Dostie J, and Blanchette M. **LAMPS: an analysis pipeline for sequence-specific ligation-mediated amplification reads**. *In submission at GPB.*
9. Leng J, Cameron CJF, Oh S, Khurana E, Noonan JP, and Gerstein MB. **LESSeq: Local event-based analysis of alternative splicing using RNA-Seq data**. *In submission at PLoS One*. doi:10.1101/841494
8. Ramilowski J, Yip CW, Agrawal S, Chang J, Ciani Y, Kulakovskiy IV, Mendez M, Ching Ooi JL, Ouyang JF, Parkinson N, Petri A, Roos L, Severin J, Yasuzawa K, Abugessaisa I, Akalin A, Antonov I, Arner E, Bonetti A, Bono H, Borsari B, Brombacher F, Cannistraci CV, Cameron CJF et al. **Functional Annotation of Human Long Non-Coding RNAs via Molecular Phenotyping**. *In submission at Genome Res*. doi:10.1101/700864
7. Bonetti A, Agostini F, Suzuki AM, Hashimoto K, Pascarella G, Gimenez J, Ross L, Nash A, Ghilotti M, Arner E, Cameron CJF et al. **RADICL-seq identifies general and cell type-specific principles of genome-wide RNA-chromatin interactions**. *In submission at Nat Commun*. doi:10.1101/681924
6. Cameron CJF, Dostie J, and Blanchette M. **Estimating DNA-DNA interaction frequency from Hi-C data at restriction-fragment resolution**. *In review at Genome Biol*. doi:10.1101/377523
5. Wang XQD, Cameron CJF, Segal D, Paquette D, Blanchette M, and Dostie J. **Profiling chromatin landscape at high-throughput and throughput with 2C-ChIP**. *In press at Methods Mol Biol*.
4. Wang XQD[†], Cameron CJF[†], Paquette D, Segal D, Warsaba R, Blanchette M, and Dostie J (2019) **2C-ChIP: measuring chromatin immunoprecipitation signal from defined genomic regions with deep sequencing**. *BMC Genomics*, **20**:162. doi:10.1186/s12864-019-5532-5
3. Roche PJR, Gytz H, Hussain F, Cameron CJF, Paquette D, Blanchette M, Dostie J, Nagar B, and Akavia UD (2018) **Double-Stranded Biotinylated Donor Enhances Homology-Directed Repair in Combination with Cas9 Monoavidin in Mammalian Cells**. *CRISPR J*, **1**(6). doi:10.1089/crispr.2018.0045
2. Malina A, Cameron CJF, Robert F, Blanchette M, Dostie J, and Pelletier J (2015) **PAM multiplicity marks genomic target sites as inhibitory to CRISPR/Cas9 editing**. *Nat Commun*, **6**:10124. doi:10.1038/ncomms10124
1. Ma EYT, Cameron CJF, and Kremer SC (2010) **Classifying and scoring of molecules with the NGN: new data sets, significance tests, and generalization**. *BMC Bioinformatics*, **11**(Suppl 8):S4. doi:10.1186/1471-2105-11-S8-S4

Peer-reviewed conference papers

1. Cameron CJF, Ma EYT, and Kremer SC (2010) **Neural Grammar Networks for Toxicology**. *2010 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology* (Montréal, Canada): 1-8. doi:10.1109/CIBCB.2010.5510322

Conferences with abstract submission

9. Cameron CJF, Dostie J, and Blanchette M (2018) **Prediction of complete Hi-C interaction matrices from sequence-based determinants**. *IRIC 2018 Annual Symposium*, Montréal, Canada
8. Cameron CJF, Dostie J, and Blanchette M (2018) **Prediction of complete Hi-C contact maps from genomic sequence**. *SCS and RegSys COSI at ISMB 2018*, Chicago, USA
7. Cameron CJF, Dostie J, and Blanchette M (2018) **Prediction of complete Hi-C contact maps from genomic sequence alone**. *RECOMB 2018*, Paris, France
6. Cameron CJF, Dostie J, and Blanchette M (2017) **High-resolution estimation of true DNA-DNA interaction frequency from Hi-C data**. *SCS and RegGen COSI at ISMB/ECCB 2017*, Prague, Czech Republic

5. Cameron CJE, Dostie J, and Blanchette M (2016) **Improved Hi-C Contact Maps by Adaptive Density Estimation**. *MRCCT - 1st International Symposium on Immunogenetics of Infectious and Inflammatory Diseases*, Montréal, Canada (PhD poster prize)
4. Cameron CJE, Blanchette M, De Hoon M, and Dostie J (2016) **Identifying ncRNA Drivers of Architectural Change in Chromatin**. *RNA2016*, Kyoto, Japan
3. Cameron CJE, Dostie J, and Blanchette M (2016) **Improved Hi-C Contact Maps by Adaptive Density Estimation**. *GLBIO/CCBC 2016*, Toronto, Canada
2. Cameron CJE, Kaplan M, Drouin A, and Blanchette M (2016) **Linking Transposable Elements to Chromatin Architecture in *Arabidopsis thaliana***. *GLBIO/CCBC 2016*, Toronto, Canada
1. Cameron CJE, Fraser J, Dostie J, and Blanchette M (2014) **Chromosome conformation capture data improves long-range eQTL prediction**. *2014 CSHL Conference on Epigenetics & Chromatin*, Huntington, USA

Book chapters, reviews, and non-refereed publications

2. Cameron CJE, Fraser J, Blanchette M, and Dostie J (2016) **Mapping and Visualizing Spatial Genome Organization**. In: **Bazett-Jones D, Dellaire G** (eds) *The Functional Nucleus*. Springer, Cham. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-38882-3_16
1. Marhon SA, Cameron CJE, and Kremer SC (2013) **Recurrent Neural Networks**. In: **Bianchini M, Maggini M, Jain L** (eds) *Handbook on Neural Information Processing*. *Intelligent Systems Reference Library*, vol 49. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-36657-4_2

Invited talks

3. (July 2017) **The future of Hi-C**. *Birds of a Feather panel discussion at ISMB/ECCB 2017*, Prague, Czech Republic
2. (April 2017) **High-resolution estimation of DNA-DNA contact frequency from Hi-C data**. *The Physical Basis of Functional Genome Organization: Genome organization as viewed by molecular and visual techniques*, Holetown, Barbados
1. (August 2016) **The 3D Genome**. *Beijing Institute of Genomics (BIG) at the Chinese Academy of Sciences*, Beijing, China

Awards and scholarships

2017-2019	Walter Sumner Fellowship, <i>Walter Sumner Foundation</i>
2018	Travel Fellowship Award for ISCB Student Council Symposium, <i>ISCB SCS</i>
2017	Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award, <i>McGill University</i>
2017	Graduate Mobility Award, <i>McGill University</i>
2016	Mitacs Globalink Research Award - Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), <i>Mitacs/JSPS</i>
2013-2014	Grad Excellence Award in Computer Science, <i>McGill University</i>
2013-2014	Walter Hitschfeld Award - Computer Science, <i>McGill University</i>

Summary of teaching activities

Fall 2017	COMP 364: Computer Tools for Life Sciences, <i>McGill University</i> (with Oliver CG)
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