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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I have a background in physics, statistics, and machine learning. Recently, I have researched variational inference with diffusion models. I also specialize in Bayesian modeling and the application of machine learning methods for time series analysis and generative modeling.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosopy, Physics

2024

Purdue University

Master of Science, Physics

2021

University of Chicago

Bachelor of Science, Physics, Magna Cum Laude

2019

Indiana University
Minor: Mathematics

Bachelor of Science, Informatics (Math Focus), Magna Cum Laude

Indiana University

2019

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Researcher

2021-2024

Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN

- Designed diffusion models/score-based generative models in PyTorch for modeling image datasets in super-resolution microscopy
- Developed analysis pipelines for high-throughput analysis of spatial point processes
- Applied general probabilistic models for high-dimensional imaging datasets and associated Bayesian methods for statistical inference tasks
- Developed Hidden Markov models of photoswitching dynamics and particle motion

Graduate Researcher

2020-2021

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Investigated fundamental learning mechanisms in recurrent neural networks (RNNs) using dynamical models, mean-field theory, and time-series analysis.
- Designed and ran Monte Carlo simulations of spiking neural networks

Research Assistant

2018-2020

Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN

- Developed a scientific package in Python for high-throughput object detection and tracking
- Managed the package lifecycle and user training throughout the laboratory

AWARDS

NIH Graduate Training Fellowship University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2020

Travel Award and Lightning Talk Invitation Physical Sciences in Oncology - Minneapolis, MN 2019

Hudson and Holland Scholarship for Diversity and Inclusion

2013-2017

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Founders Scholar

2013-2017

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Cigital Scholarship

2016-2017

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

PUBLICATIONS Clayton Seitz[†], Donghong Fu[†], Mengyuan Liu, Hailan Ma, and Jing Liu. BRD4 phosphorylation regulates the structure of chromatin nanodomains. Physical Review Letters (In Review). https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.09.03.611057. 2024

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> Clayton Seitz, Hailan Ma, and Jing Liu. Cytokine-induced transcriptional memory is evident in the kinetics of transcriptional bursts. Biophysical Society Annual Conference 2022

> Clayton Seitz, Hua Lin, Keith Bonin, Pierre-Alexandre Vidi, and Jing Liu. Quantifying the spatiotemporal dynamics of dUTP labeled chromatin during the DNA damage response. Biophysical Society Annual Conference 2020

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Programming Languages & Software: Linux, Bash, Python, R, PyTorch, C/C++, SQL, LaTeX, Git, Docker, SLURM, AWS