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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study phase transitions of DNA-protein condensates during the immune response using super-resolution microscopy and simulations. In particular, I design deep generative models for reconstructing super-resolution fluorescence images of DNA-protein condensates and model their phase separation using Langevin dynamics. This involves an array of theoretical tools drawn from statistical physics, deep learning, information theory, and Bayesian statistics.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosopy, Physics
Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN, 2024
Thesis: *Untitled*

Master of Science, Biophysics
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2021
Thesis: *Stable cell assembly formation in excitatory-inhibitory neuronal networks*

Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, Physics
Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN, 2019
Minor: Mathematics

Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, Informatics
Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering, Indiana University Bloomington, 2019
Concentration: Mathematics

COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages & Software: Python, R, PyTorch, C, Git, LaTeX, Bash, Linux

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant 2019-2021
Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN
- Develop an image processing software pipeline for high-throughput quantification of images in fluorescence microscopy
- Utilize high performance computing clusters for image segmentation, single particle tracking, and image registration

Undergraduate Research Assistant 2019-2020
Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN
- Utilize time-correlated single photon counting (TCSPC) to characterize the sub-Poissonian emission of organic quantum dots dispersed in a thin film of poly-methyl methacrylate (PMMA)
- Design and utilize a 3-color imaging protocol to perform single-molecule imaging of mRNA transcripts in human epithelial kidney and osteosarcoma cells

Undergraduate Tutor 2018-2019
Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN
- Tutored undergraduate students in introductory physics courses covering classical mechanics, classical electromagnetism, circuit analysis, and modern physics

AWARDS

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

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

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 Maelle Locatelli[†], Josh Lawrimore[†], Hua Lin[†], Sarvath Sanaullah, **Clayton Seitz**, Dave Segall, Paul Kefer, Salvador Moreno Naike, Benton Lietz, Rebecca Anderson, Julia Holmes, Chongli Yuan, George Holzwarth, Bloom Kerry, Jing Liu, Keith D Bonin, Pierre-Alexandre Vidi. *DNA damage reduces heterogeneity and coherence of chromatin motions.* PNAS. 2022

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