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Education

PhD (2020) – University of Vermont: Complex Systems and Data Science

- 100% funded: DARPA #W56KGU-17-C-0010 (2018 – 2019); MassMutual (2019 – 2020)

MS (2018) – University of Vermont: Mathematics

- 100% funded: GTA (2017), DARPA #W56KGU-17-C-0010 (2017 - 2018)

Séminaire de Mathématiques Supérieures (2017) –MSRI/University of Montreal

- 100% funded: MSRI scholarship

BA (2016) - University of Vermont: Economics, Mathematics, and Political Science

Professional Experience

Scientist, Charles River Analytics: August 2020 – present

- PI on DARPA I2O ECoSystemic (eventual consistency in federated financial systems)
- Co-PI on DARPA DSO EDGE (enhanced situational awareness in autonomous systems control)
- Modeling team lead on DARPA STO LogX (joint logistics enterprise forecasting) and DARPA MTO SHEATH (hardware trojan horse detection)
- Lead scientist on DEVCOM CANDID (CAN bus cybersecurity) and NAVSEA DAAMS (stack memory cybersecurity)
- Lead capture efforts across multiple business initiatives (supply chain/logistics and sustainment; deployment of probabilistic programming) and government partners (DARPA I2O, STO, BTO; AFLCMC)
- Designed/implemented three universal probabilistic programming languages and probabilistic graphical model library; designed/implemented corporate financial forecasting toolkit

Lead Data Scientist, MassMutual: February 2020 – August 2020

- Designed/implemented automated economic capital risk management system
- Architect and develop comprehensive Bayesian structural time series software

Computer Science Graduate Fellow, MITRE Corporation: June 2017 – September 2019

- Design and implement digital signal processing algorithms for petabyte-scale financial transaction analysis
- Author empirical studies of US equities market microstructure
- Facilitate financial resilience tabletop exercises (joint with DARPA and NY Fed)
- Received Trailblazer award for establishing new company initiative in computational finance

Interests

Critical infrastructure resilience

 financial systems: automated cross-subsystem failure mode identification, resilient trading and settlement mechanisms, pure financial strategies to counter financial attacks

- supply networks: multi-resolution structure inference, automated failure mode identification, distributed state estimation
- logistics: enabling reliable demand signals in austere/low-resource environments

Distributed statistical edge computing

- asynchronous inference of system-wide latent state using many small local models (e.g., as applied to demand estimation or cyberattack detection and characterization)
- scaling down open-world probabilistic programming to low-resource environments
- Unconventional sensing and forecasting using financial market, commercial logistics, and social media data

Knowledge representation

- creating consistent, adaptive, useful, and human-oriented typologies from extremely limited data (e.g., human conversation or email exchange with minimal background information)

Papers

(Time ordering is first appearance on arXiv.org, descending order. C- at Charles River; M- at MassMutual; U- at university.)

- Inman, J., Wright, J., Martino, R., Gale, M., Rogers, C., Dora, R., Mitchell, D., Gupta, N., Dewhurst, D., Summerville, D., 2021. FALCHION: Fuzzing Automatically to Locate Compromised Hardware with Isolation to Omit Noise. In Proceedings of GOMACTech 2021, Virtual. 2021. (C)
- 2. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, 2020. Structural time series grammar over variable blocks. arXiv preprint arXiv:2009.06865. Presented at ProbProg 2020. **(C)**
- 3. Dodds, P.S., Minot, J.R., Arnold, M.V., Alshaabi, T., Adams, J.L., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Reagan, A.J., and Danforth, C.M., 2020. Probability-turbulence divergence: A tunable allotaxonometric instrument for comparing heavy-tailed categorical distributions. arXiv preprint arXiv:2008.13078. (Submitted for publication.) **(M)**
- 4. Dodds, P.S., Minot, J.R., Arnold, M.V., Alshaabi, T., Adams, J.L., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Reagan, A.J., and Danforth, C.M., 2020. Long-term word frequency dynamics derived from Twitter are corrupted: A bespoke approach to detecting and removing pathologies in ensembles of time series. arXiv preprint arXiv:2008.11305. **(M)**
- 5. Alshaabi, T., Adams, J.L., Arnold, M.V., Minot, J.R., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Reagan, A.J., Danforth, C.M. and Dodds, P.S., 2021. Storywrangler: A massive exploratorium for sociolinguistic, cultural, socioeconomic, and political timelines using Twitter. Science advances, 7(29), p.eabe6534. **(M)**
- 6. Alshaabi, T., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Bagrow, J.P., Dodds, P.S. and Danforth, C.M., 2021. The sociospatial factors of death: Analyzing effects of geospatially-distributed variables in a Bayesian mortality model for Hong Kong. Plos one, 16(3), p.e0247795. **(M)**
- 7. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Alshaabi, T., Arnold, M.V., Minot, J.R., Danforth, C.M. and Dodds, P.S., 2020. Divergent modes of online collective attention to the COVID-19 pandemic are associated with future caseload variance. arXiv preprint arXiv:2004.03516. **(M)**

- 8. Arnold, M.V., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Alshaabi, T., Minot, J.R., Adams, J.L., Danforth, C.M. and Dodds, P.S., 2021. Hurricanes and hashtags: Characterizing online collective attention for natural disasters. PLoS one, 16(5), p.e0251762. **(M)**
- 9. Alshaabi, T., Arnold, M.V., Minot, J.R., Adams, J.L., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Reagan, A.J., Muhamad, R., Danforth, C.M., and Dodds, P.S., 2020. How the world's collective attention is being paid to a pandemic: COVID-19 related 1-gram time series for 24 languages on Twitter. PLoS one 16, no. 1 (2021): e0244476. **(M)**
- 10. Alshaabi, T., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Minot, J.R., Arnold, M.V., Adams, J.L., Danforth, C.M. and Dodds, P.S., 2021. The growing amplification of social media: measuring temporal and social contagion dynamics for over 150 languages on Twitter for 2009–2020. EPJ data science, 10(1), pp.1-28. **(M)**
- 11. Dodds, P.S., Minot, J.R., Arnold, M.V., Alshaabi, T., Adams, J.L., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Gray, T.J., Frank, M.R., Reagan, A.J. and Danforth, C.M., 2020. Allotaxonometry and rank-turbulence divergence: A universal instrument for comparing complex systems. arXiv preprint arXiv:2002.09770. (Submitted for publication.) **(M)**
- 12. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Li, Y., Bogdan, A. and Geng, J., 2020, July. Evolving *ab initio* trading strategies in heterogeneous environments. In Proceedings of the 2020 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (pp. 76-84). **(M)**
- 13. Dodds, P.S., Minot, J.R., Arnold, M.V., Alshaabi, T., Adams, J.L., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Reagan, A.J. and Danforth, C.M., 2019. Fame and Ultrafame: Measuring and comparing daily levels of being "talked about" for United States' presidents, their rivals, God, countries, and K-pop. arXiv preprint arXiv:1910.00149. (Submitted for publication.) **(U)**
- 14. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Danforth, C.M. and Dodds, P.S., 2020. Noncooperative dynamics in election interference. Physical Review E, 101(2), p.022307. **(U)**
- 15. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Alshaabi, T., Kiley, D., Arnold, M.V., Minot, J.R., Danforth, C.M. and Dodds, P.S., 2020. The shocklet transform: a decomposition method for the identification of local, mechanism-driven dynamics in sociotechnical time series. EPJ Data Science, 9(1), p.3. **(U)**
- 16. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Arnold, M.V. and Van Oort, C.M., 2019, July. Selection mechanisms affect volatility in evolving markets. In Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (pp. 90-98). ACM. **(U)**
- 17. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Van Oort, C.M., Ring IV, J.H., Gray, T.J., Danforth, C.M. and Tivnan, B.F., 2019. Scaling of inefficiencies in the US equity markets: Evidence from three market indices and more than 2900 securities. arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.04691. (Submitted for publication.) **(U)**
- 18. Tivnan, B.F., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Van Oort, C.M., Ring IV, J.H., Gray, T.J., Tivnan, B.F., Koehler, M.T., McMahon, M.T., Slater, D.M., Veneman, J.G. and Danforth, C.M., 2020. Fragmentation and inefficiencies in US equity markets: Evidence from the Dow 30. PloS one, 15(1), p.e0226968. **(U)**
- 19. **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Danforth, C.M. and Dodds, P.S., 2018. Continuum rich-get-richer processes: Mean field analysis with an application to firm size. Physical Review E, 97(6), p.062317. **(U)**

20. Dodds, P.S., **Dewhurst, D.R.**, Hazlehurst, F.F., Van Oort, C.M., Mitchell, L., Reagan, A.J., Williams, J.R. and Danforth, C.M., 2017. Simon's fundamental rich-get-richer model entails a dominant first-mover advantage. Physical Review E, 95(5), p.052301. **(U)**

Talks

- 1. **Dewhurst, D.R.** (July, 2020). Evolving *ab initio* trading strategies in heterogeneous environments. Presented at the Genetic and Evolutionary Computational Conference (GECCO 2020), Remote.
- 2. **Dewhurst, D.R.** (January, 2020). The shocklet transform and STAR algorithm: A decomposition method for the identification of local, mechanism-driven dynamics in sociotechnical time series. Presented at Dynamics Days 2020, Hartford, CT, USA.
- 3. **Dewhurst, D.R.** (July, 2019). Selection mechanisms affect volatility in a market of evolving agents. Presented at the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO 2019), Prague, Czech Republic.
- 4. **Dewhurst, D.R.** (May, 2019). Fragmentation and inefficiencies in US equities markets: A network perspective. Presented at the 4th workshop on Statistical Physics for Financial and Economic Networks at NetSci 2019, Burlington, VT, USA.