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### Education

Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2022	PhD Applied Mathematics	University of Colorado Boulder (UCB)
Aug. 2017 - July 2019	MS Applied Mathematics	Simon Fraser University (SFU)
Sept. 2011 - May 2015	<b>BS</b> Mathematics, <b>BA</b> Physics	University of Puget Sound (UPS)

## Research Experience

10/2024 - (current)	Director's Postdoctoral Fellow., T-5 Division; LANL
08/2023 - 10/2024	Research Associate, Applied Math, UCB; Bortz lab
08/2022 - 08/2023	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Applied Math, UCB; Bortz lab
08/2020 - 08/2022	Research Assistant, Applied Math, UCB; Advisor: Dr. Bortz
Summers 2018, 2019	Research Assistant, Math, SFU; Advisors: R. Fetecau, R. Wittenberg

### **Publications**

- SM, DAM, VD, and DMB. Learning weather models from data with WSINDy. arXiv:2501.00738, 2025
- JW, IAM, MR, and **DAM**. The non-perturbative adiabatic invariant is all you need. arXiv:2410.02175, 2024
- RRWW and DAM. Physics-guided weak-form discovery of reduced-order models for trapped ultracold hydrodynamics. arXiv:2406.07519, 2024
- CB, XH, AT, JSR, WF, **DAM**, SWC, SY, DMB, DG, et al. A comprehensive review of latent space dynamics identification algorithms. arXiv:2403.10748, 2024
- [1] GV, **DAM**, DMB, AC, and BOS. Influence of initial conditions on data-driven model identification and information entropy for ideal MHD problems. JCP, 2025
- [2] **DAM**, GD, and VD. Weak-form inference for hybrid dynamical systems in ecology. JRSI, 21(221), 2024
- [3] **DAM** and DMB. Asymptotic consistency of the WSINDy algorithm in the limit of continuum data. IMA-JNA, Dec. 2024
- [4] BPR, **DAM**, DMB, and JAR. Weighted composition operators for learning nonlinear dynamics. <u>IFAC</u>, 58(17):97–102, 2024. MTNS 2024
- [5] DAM, JWB, and DMB. Coarse-graining Hamiltonian systems using WSINDy. Sci. Rep., 14(1):14457, 2024
- [6] DMB, **DAM**, and AT. Weak form-based data-driven modeling. In <u>Numerical Analysis Meets Machine</u> Learning, volume 25 of <u>Handbook of Numerical Analysis</u>. 2024
- [7] AT, XH, **DAM**, YC, and DMB. Weak-form latent space dynamics identification. <u>CMAME</u>, 427:116998, 2024
- [8] DMB, **DAM**, and VD. Direct estimation of parameters in ODE models using WENDy: Weak-form estimation of nonlinear dynamics. Bulletin of Math. Bio., 80, October 2023
- [9] **DAM**, GEW, XL, and DMB. Learning anisotropic interaction rules from individual trajectories in a heterogeneous cellular population. JRSI, 19, October 2022
- [10] RCF, HH, **DAM**, and WS. Zero-diffusion limit for aggregation equations over bounded domains. DCDS, Oct. 2022
- [11] **DAM**, EDA, and DMB. Online weak-form sparse identification of partial differential equations. In <u>PMLR</u>, 15–17 Aug 2022
- [12] **DAM** and DMB. Learning mean-field equations from particle data using WSINDy. Phys. D, page 133406, July 2022

- [13] **DAM** and DMB. Weak SINDy For Partial Differential Equations. JCP, 443:110525, October 2021
- [14] DAM and DMB. Weak SINDy: Galerkin-Based Data-Driven Model Selection. <u>SIAM MMS</u>, 19(3):1474–1497, Sept. 2021
- [15] **DAM** and RCF. Equilibria of an aggregation model with linear diffusion in domains with boundaries. M3AS, 30(04):805–845, April 2020

# Awards & Scholarships

- [1] (2024) LANL Director's Postdoctoral Fellowship
- [2] (2024) NSF MSPRF (Declined)
- [3] (2023) HLFF 10th Heidelberg Laureate Forum Young Researcher
- [4] (2022) SIAM Graduate Student Travel Award (MDS22)
- [5] (2019) UCB Special Entrance Scholarship
- [6] (2019) SFU MSc Thesis Certificate with Distinction

## Press

- [1] "The Weak Form is Stronger than you Think", DAM et al., Oct. 1, 2024. SIAM News. www.siam.org/publications/siam-news/articles/the-weak-form-is-stronger-than-you-think/.
- [2] "On Data-Driven Equation Discovery", George Miloshevich, Dec. 1, 2023. Towards Data Science. https://towardsdatascience.com/on-data-driven-equation-discovery-5069795d239d.
- [3] "Researchers strive to help models learn from 'noisy' data". Oct. 23, 2023. University of Colorado Boulder Arts & Sciences Magazine.
  - https://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2023/10/23/researchers-strive-help-models-learn-noisy-data.
- [4] "APPM Research Associate Daniel Messenger selected for Heidelberg Laureate Forum", Patrick McCreery, July 24, 2023. Applied Mathematics News, CU Boulder. https://www.colorado.edu/amath/2023/07/24/appm-research-associate-daniel-messenger-selected-heidelberg-laureate-forum.
- [5] "New study shows how to learn the equations of cell migration", Daniel Strain. Oct 26, 2022. CU Boulder Today. https://www.colorado.edu/today/2022/10/26/new-study-shows-how-learn-equations-cell-migration.
- [6] "CU Boulder joins national effort to advance nuclear fusion research". Oct 19, 2022. University of Colorado Boulder Arts & Sciences Magazine. https: //www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2022/10/19/cu-boulder-joins-national-effort-advance-nuclear-fusion-research.

# Presentations, Posters, Workshops - 2024

- [1] Weak-Form Equation Learning: Future Directions. CHaRMNET Annual Meeting, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VI. Dec. 3, 2024.
- [2] Weak-form Inference of Hybrid Dynamics in Ecology: Coding Tutorial (Workshop leader). U. Colorado Boulder & U. Chicago (virtual). Aug. 21st, 2024.
- [3] Recent advances in weak-form equation learning with applications to multiscale phenomena. WCCM 2024, Vancouver, Canada. July. 23rd, 2024.
- [4] Recent Advances in Weak-form Equation Learning. SIAM Annual Meeting 2024, Spokane, WA. July. 10th, 2024.
- [5] Adventures of an Applied Mathematician (Workshop leader). Calculus A/B, Peak-to-Peak High School. Lafayette, CO. May 17, 2024.
- [6] Interacting Particle Systems: Analysis, Control, Learning and Computation (Workshop participant). ICERM, Providence, RI. May 6-10, 2024.
- [7] Weak-form equation learning with applications to cell migration and general multiscale phenomena. Applied Mathematics Seminar, University of Waterloo, Ontario, CA. Feb. 1st, 2024.

## Presentations (< 2024)

- 1. (Contributed) Recent advances in Weak-Form Equation Learning with applications to collective cell migration. Mathematical Biology Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Oct. 31, 2023.
- 2. (Invited) Weak-form equation learning using WSINDy. Presentation for T-5 Group, Theoretical Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM. Sept. 1st, 2023.
- 3. (Invited) Weak Form Equation Learning for Interacting Particle System Models of Collective Motion. ICIAM 2023, Tokyo. Aug. 23, 2023.
- 4. (Invited) Recovery guarantees and statistical efficiency in weak-form system identification. Center for Stochastic Dynamics Summer Seminar, Illinois Institute of Technology, July 26, 2023.
- 5. (Invited) Weak-Form Equation Learning for Interacting Particle System Models of Collective Motion. SIAM Dynamical Systems 2023, Portland, OR. May 17, 2023.
- (Invited) A Crash Course in Differential Geometry, Hamiltonian Systems, and Adiabatic Invariants in the Context of Data-Driven Modeling. SIAM Graduate Student Chapter Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. April 20, 2023.
- 7. (Invited) Towards recovery guarantees and statistical efficiency in weak-form system identification. Computational Mathematics Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. April 17, 2023.
- 8. (Contributed) Weak-form System Identification: Computational Efficiency and Applications to MHD. SIAM CSE23, Amsterdam, NL. Mar. 1st, 2023.
- 9. (Invited) Weak-Form Sparse Identification of Models for Cell Biology at Single-Cell and Population Level Descriptions. Joint Mathematics Meetings, Boston, MA. Jan. 6, 2023.
- 10. (Invited) Weak-form sparse identification of differential equations from noisy measurements. SFU Applied and Computational Math Seminar, Burnaby, BC. Oct. 7, 2022.
- 11. (Invited) Using WSINDy to Learn Anisotropic Interaction Rules from Individual Trajectories in a Heterogeneous Cellular Population. SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science (MDS22), San Diego, CA. Sept. 28, 2022.
- 12. (Contributed) Online Weak-form Sparse Identification of Partial Differential Equations. Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning 2022 (MSML2022), Beijing, China. Aug. 16, 2022.
- 13. (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy**. T-5 Reading Group, Theoretical Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM. Aug. 6, 2021.
- 14. (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy**. APPM Recruitment Symposium, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. March 5, 2021.
- 15. (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy**. Mathematical Biology Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Sept. 21, 2020.
- 16. (Contributed) **Aggregation-Diffusion Phenomena in Domains with Boundaries**. SIAM Front Range Student Conference, University of Colorado, Denver, CO. March 7, 2020.
- 17. (Invited) **Aggregation-Diffusion Phenomena in Domains with Boundaries**. Mathematical Biology Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Dec. 10, 2019.
- 18. (Contributed) **Aggregation-Diffusion Phenomena in Domains with Boundaries**. Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society (CAIMS), Annual Meeting, Whistler, BC. June 10, 2019.
- 19. (Invited) **Self-Organization in Domains with Boundaries**. Math Graduate Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC. July 12, 2018.

- 20. (Invited) **Normal and Enhanced Vibrational Spectroscopy**. Fall Physics Research Symposium, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. Oct. 17, 2014.
- (Invited) Normal and Enhanced Vibrational Spectroscopy. Summer Intern Research Symposium, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA. July 28, 2014.
- Posters (< 2024) [1] Coarse-Graining Hamiltonian Systems Using WSINDy. APPM Graduate Student Recruitment Poster Session, CU Boulder. March. 13, 2024.
- [2] (Invited) Coarse-Graining Hamiltonian Systems Using WSINDy. ChaRMNET Annual Meeting, MSU, East Lansing, MI. Dec. 4, 2023.
- [3] (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy**. Inaugural Workshop: AI for Dynamic Systems, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. March. 16, 2022.
- [4] (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy**. APPM Recruitment Symposium, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. March. 11, 2022.
- [5] (Contributed) Weak SINDy: Galerkin-Based Data-Driven Model Selection. SAMM 2020, Max Planck Institute for Dynamics of Complex Systems, Magdeburg, GE. July 27, 2020.
- [6] (Contributed) Interacting Particle Systems: Numerics for the Zero-Diffusion Limit. Canadian Mathematical Society (CAS), Winter Meeting, Vancouver, BC. Dec. 7, 2018.
- [7] (Contributed) Random Interacting Particle Systems: Numerics for the Zero-Diffusion Limit. SFU Symposium on Mathematics and Computation, Burnaby, BC. Aug. 14, 2018.
- [8] (Contributed) **Normal and Enhanced Vibrational Spectroscopy**. Fall Research Poster Session, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. Sept. 11, 2014.

Workshops (< 2024)
[1] CHARMNET Annual Meeting. MSU, East Lansing, MI. Dec. 4-6, 2023.

- [2] Weak-form system identification and parameter estimation. Workshop organized by N. Mangan, virtual, Aug. 8, 2023.
- [3] Weak Derivatives and the real world (Workshop leader). Calculus A/B, Peak-to-Peak High School. Lafayette, CO. May 15, 2023.
- [4] WENDy tutorial in MATLAB. Guest lecture and workshop, APPM 4720 Data-Driven Modeling, UCB. Mar. 23 & April 4, 2023.
- [5] WSINDy\_PDE tutorial in MATLAB. Guest lecture and workshop, APPM 4720 Data-Driven Modeling, UCB. Feb. 16, 2023.
- [6] Mathematical modeling with differential equations (Workshop leader). Calculus A/B, Peak-to-Peak High School. Lafayette, CO. Dec 9, 2022.
- [7] WSINDy MATLAB tutorial: ODEs & PDEs. Guest lecture and workshop, APPM 4720 Data-Driven Modeling, UCB. April 5 & 7, 2022.
- [8] Learning Models from Data: Model Reduction, System Identification and Machine Learning, GAMM Juniors' Summer School on Applied Mathematics and Mechanics (SAMM 2020), Max Planck Institute for Dynamics of Complex Systems, Magdeburg, GE. July 27, 2020.

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Spring 2019

Fall 2019 - Spring 2019

Teaching		
2020–2021	Co-Instructor, Department of Applied Mathematics, UCB	
	APPM 7400 Teaching Excellence (Fall 2020)	
$2019 -\ 2020$	Teaching Assistant, Department of Applied Mathematics, UCB	
	APPM 1350 Calculus I (Fall 2020)	
	APPM 2360 Differential Equations (Spring 2020)	
	APPM 2350 Calculus III (Fall 2019)	
2017 – 2019	Teaching Assistant, Department of Mathematics, SFU	
	MACM 316 Numerical Analysis (Spring 2019)	
	MATH 303 Set Theory and Logic (Fall 2018)	
	Math 310 Differential Equations (Spring 2018)	
	Calculus I,II,III (Fall 2017)	
2015	Lab Assistant, Physics Department, UPS	
Professional Service	PHYS 110 College Physics 2 (Spring 2015)	
(ongoing)	Reviewer (10+ journals)	
May $10^{\text{th}}$ , $2023$	Calculus workshop leader, Peak to Peak High School, Colorado	
Dec. $9^{th}$ , $2022$	Calculus workshop leader, Peak to Peak High School, Colorado	
Fall 2021 - Spring 2022	President, SIAM graduate student chapter, UCB	
Fall $2021$ - Spring $2022$	Peer mentor, Department of Applied Mathematics, UCB	
Fall 2021	Organizer, Co-creator, APPM Graduate Student Seminar, Depart-	
	ment of Applied Mathematics, UCB	
Summer $2020$ - Spring $2021$	Lead Teaching Assistant, Center for Teaching and Learning & De-	
	partment of Applied Mathematics, UCB	
Spring 2020, Spring 2021,	Organizer, SIAM Front Range Student Conference	
Spring 2022		
Fall 2019	Secretary, SIAM graduate student chapter, UCB	
Fall 2018 - Summer 2019	Vice President, grill master, ski-trip organizer, Math Graduate Cau-	
	cus, SFU	

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