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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	BS Mathematics, BA Physics	University of Puget Sound (UPS)

Research Experience

10/2024 - (current)	Director's Postdoc Fellow. , T-5 Division; LANL
08/2023 - 10/2024	Research Assoc. , Applied Math, UCB; Bortz lab
08/2022 - 08/2023	Postdoc Research Assoc. , 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
Summer 2014	Research Intern , Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL)

Publications

- Seth Minor, Daniel A Messenger, Vanja Dukic, and David M Bortz. Learning weather models from data with WSINDy. (*Accepted*) arXiv preprint arXiv:2501.00738, 2025
 - Nic Rummel, Daniel A Messenger, Stephen Becker, Vanja Dukic, and David M Bortz. WENDy for nonlinear-in-parameter odes. arXiv preprint arXiv:2502.08881, 2025
 - Daniel A Messenger, April Tran, Vanja Dukic, and David M Bortz. The weak form is stronger than you think. (*Accepted*) arXiv preprint arXiv:2409.06751, 2024
 - Christophe Bonneville, Xiaolong He, April Tran, Jun Sur Park, William Fries, Daniel A Messenger, Siu Wun Cheung, Yeonjong Shin, David M Bortz, Debojyoti Ghosh, et al. A comprehensive review of latent space dynamics identification algorithms for intrusive and non-intrusive reduced-order-modeling. (*In review*) arXiv preprint arXiv:2403.10748, 2024
1. Reuben RW Wang and Daniel A Messenger. Physics-guided weak-form discovery of reduced-order models for trapped ultracold hydrodynamics. *Physical Review A*, 111(3):033311, 2025
 2. JW Burby, IA Maldonado, M Ruth, DA Messenger, and L Carbajal. Nonperturbative guiding center model for magnetized plasmas. *Physical Review Letters*, 134(17):175101, 2025
 3. Gina Vasey, Daniel Messenger, David Bortz, Andrew Christlieb, and Brian O'Shea. Influence of initial conditions on data-driven model identification and information entropy for ideal mhd problems. *Journal of Computational Physics*, page 113719, 2025
 4. Daniel Messenger, Greg Dwyer, and Vanja Dukic. Weak-form inference for hybrid dynamical systems in ecology. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 21(221):20240376, 2024
 5. Daniel A Messenger and David M Bortz. Asymptotic consistency of the WSINDy algorithm in the limit of continuum data. *IMA Journal of Numerical Analysis*, Dec. 2024

6. Benjamin P. Russo, Daniel A. Messenger, David Bortz, and Joel A. Rosenfeld. Weighted composition operators for learning nonlinear dynamics. IFAC-PapersOnLine, 58(17):97–102, 2024. 26th International Symposium on Mathematical Theory of Networks and Systems MTNS 2024
7. Daniel A Messenger, Joshua W Burby, and David M Bortz. Coarse-graining Hamiltonian systems using WSINDy. Scientific Reports, 14(1):14457, 2024
8. David M. Bortz, Daniel A. Messenger, and April Tran. Weak form-based data-driven modeling: Computationally Efficient and Noise Robust Equation Learning and Parameter Inference. In Siddhartha Mishra and Alex Townsend, editors, Numerical Analysis Meets Machine Learning, volume 25 of Handbook of Numerical Analysis, pages 54–82. Elsevier, 2024
9. April Tran, Xiaolong He, Daniel A Messenger, Youngsoo Choi, and David M Bortz. Weak-form latent space dynamics identification. Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering, 427:116998, 2024
10. David M Bortz, Daniel A Messenger, and Vanja Dukic. Direct estimation of parameters in ODE models using WENDy: Weak-form estimation of nonlinear dynamics. Bulletin of Math. Bio., 80, October 2023
11. Daniel A Messenger, Graycen E Wheeler, Xuedong Liu, and David M Bortz. Learning anisotropic interaction rules from individual trajectories in a heterogeneous cellular population. Journal of the Royal Society Interface, 19, October 2022
12. Razvan C. Fetecau, Hui Huang, Daniel Messenger, and Weiran Sun. Zero-diffusion limit for aggregation equations over bounded domains. Discrete & Continuous Dynamical Systems, Oct. 2022
13. Daniel A. Messenger, Emiliano Dall’Anese, and David Bortz. Online weak-form sparse identification of partial differential equations. In PMLR, 15–17 Aug 2022
14. Daniel A. Messenger and David M. Bortz. Learning mean-field equations from particle data using WSINDy. Physica D: Nonlinear Phenomena, page 133406, July 2022
15. Daniel A. Messenger and David M. Bortz. Weak SINDy For Partial Differential Equations. Journal of Computational Physics, 443:110525, October 2021
16. Daniel A. Messenger and David M. Bortz. Weak SINDy: Galerkin-Based Data-Driven Model Selection. SIAM Multiscale Modeling & Simulation, 19(3):1474–1497, Sept. 2021
17. Daniel Messenger and Razvan C. Fetecau. Equilibria of an aggregation model with linear diffusion in domains with boundaries. Mathematical Models and Methods in Applied Sciences, 30(04):805–845, April 2020

Awards & Scholarships

2024	Director’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, T-5 Division	Los Alamos National Labs
2024	(Declined) Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship	NSF
2023	10th Heidelberg Laureate Forum Young Researcher	HLFF
2022	Graduate Student Travel Award (MDS22)	SIAM
2019	Special Entrance Scholarship	UCB
2019	MSc Thesis Certificate with Distinction	SFU
2018	Best Poster Award	SFU Summer Symposium
2018	Graduate Fellowship	SFU
2017	Special Entrance Scholarship	SFU

Press

- [1] “Preventing particle leaks in fusion reactors”, Ryan Dahn. *Physics Today*. 1 July 2025; 78 (7): 56. <https://doi.org/10.1063/pt.aevh.ckzt>
- [2] “The Weak Form is Stronger than you Think”, DAM et al. *SIAM News*. Oct. 1, 2024. www.siam.org/publications/siam-news/articles/the-weak-form-is-stronger-than-you-think/.
- [3] “On Data-Driven Equation Discovery”, George Miloshevich. *Towards Data Science*. Dec. 1, 2023. <https://towardsdatascience.com/on-data-driven-equation-discovery-5069795d239d>.
- [4] “Researchers strive to help models learn from ‘noisy’ data”. University of Colorado Boulder *Arts & Sciences Magazine*. Oct. 23, 2023. <https://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2023/10/23/researchers-strive-help-models-learn-noisy-data>.
- [5] “APPM Research Associate Daniel Messenger selected for Heidelberg Laureate Forum”, Patrick McCreery. University of Colorado Boulder *Applied Mathematics News*. July 24, 2023. <https://www.colorado.edu/amath/2023/07/24/appm-research-associate-daniel-messenger-selected-heidelberg-laureate-forum>.
- [6] “New study shows how to learn the equations of cell migration”, Daniel Strain. *CU Boulder Today*. Oct 26, 2022. <https://www.colorado.edu/today/2022/10/26/new-study-shows-how-learn-equations-cell-migration>.
- [7] “CU Boulder joins national effort to advance nuclear fusion research”. University of Colorado Boulder *Arts & Sciences Magazine*. Oct 19, 2022. <https://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2022/10/19/cu-boulder-joins-national-effort-advance-nuclear-fusion-research>.

Presentations

- [1] (Contributed) **Using weak-form equation learning to find interpretable closures for optically-thin thermal radiation transport**. ICDDPS-6, Santa Fe, NM. Aug. 7, 2025.
- [2] (Invited) **Weak-form Equation Learning and WSINDy**. LLNL Mesoscale LDRD Meeting. July 22, 2025.
- [3] (Invited) **Learning and Discerning Multiple Cell Sub-Populations in Wound Healing Experiments Using Weak-Form Equation Learning**. SIAM Dynamical Systems 2025, Denver, CO. May 11, 2025.
- [4] (Invited) **The Weak Form Is Stronger Than You Think**. Data Science Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. Apr. 23, 2025.
- [5] (Invited) **Learning PDE Dynamics: Strengths of a Weak Form**. AI for Science in T, LANL, Los Alamos, NM. Mar. 25, 2025.
- [6] (Invited) **The Weak Form Is Stronger Than You Think**. Elaine Hubbard Applied and Computational Math Seminar, Georgia T, Atlanta, GA. Feb. 24, 2025.
- [7] (Invited) **Weak-Form Equation Learning: Future Directions**. CHaRMNET Annual Meeting, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VI. Dec. 3, 2024.
- [8] (Invited) **Recent advances in weak-form equation learning with applications to multiscale phenomena**. WCCM 2024, Vancouver, Canada. July. 23rd, 2024.
- [9] (Invited) **Recent Advances in Weak-form Equation Learning**. SIAM Annual Meeting 2024, Spokane, WA. July. 10th, 2024.

- [10] (Invited) **Weak-form equation learning with applications to cell migration and general multiscale phenomena.** Applied Mathematics Seminar, University of Waterloo, Ontario, CA. Feb. 1st, 2024.
- [11] (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.
- [12] (Invited) **Weak-form equation learning using WSINDy.** Presentation for T-5 Group, Theoretical Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM. Sept. 1st, 2023.
- [13] (Invited) **Weak Form Equation Learning for Interacting Particle System Models of Collective Motion.** ICIAM 2023, Tokyo. Aug. 23, 2023.
- [14] (Invited) **Recovery guarantees and statistical efficiency in weak-form system identification.** Center for Stochastic Dynamics Summer Seminar, Illinois Institute of Technology, July 26, 2023.
- [15] (Invited) **Weak-Form Equation Learning for Interacting Particle System Models of Collective Motion.** SIAM Dynamical Systems 2023, Portland, OR. May 17, 2023.
- [16] (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.
- [17] (Invited) **Towards recovery guarantees and statistical efficiency in weak-form system identification.** Computational Mathematics Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. April 17, 2023.
- [18] (Contributed) **Weak-form System Identification: Computational Efficiency and Applications to MHD.** SIAM CSE23, Amsterdam, NL. Mar. 1st, 2023.
- [19] (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.
- [20] (Invited) **Weak-form sparse identification of differential equations from noisy measurements.** SFU Applied and Computational Math Seminar, Burnaby, BC. Oct. 7, 2022.
- [21] (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.
- [22] (Contributed) **Online Weak-form Sparse Identification of Partial Differential Equations.** Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning 2022 (MSML2022), Beijing, China. Aug. 16, 2022.
- [23] (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy.** T-5 Reading Group, Theoretical Division, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM. Aug. 6, 2021.
- [24] (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy.** APPM Recruitment Symposium, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. March 5, 2021.
- [25] (Invited) **Data-Driven Model Selection using Weak SINDy.** Mathematical Biology Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Sept. 21, 2020.
- [26] (Contributed) **Aggregation-Diffusion Phenomena in Domains with Boundaries.** SIAM Front Range Student Conference, University of Colorado, Denver, CO. March 7, 2020.

- [27] (Invited) **Aggregation-Diffusion Phenomena in Domains with Boundaries**. Mathematical Biology Seminar, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Dec. 10, 2019.
- [28] (Contributed) **Aggregation-Diffusion Phenomena in Domains with Boundaries**. Canadian Applied and Industrial Mathematics Society (CAIMS), Annual Meeting, Whistler, BC. June 10, 2019.
- [29] (Invited) **Self-Organization in Domains with Boundaries**. Math Graduate Seminar, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC. July 12, 2018.
- [30] (Invited) **Normal and Enhanced Vibrational Spectroscopy**. Fall Physics Research Symposium, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. Oct. 17, 2014.
- [31] (Invited) **Normal and Enhanced Vibrational Spectroscopy**. Summer Intern Research Symposium, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA. July 28, 2014.

Posters

- [1] (Contributed) **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

- [1] (Contributed) **Weak-form Equation Learning**. Algorithms for Multihysics Models in the Post-Moore's Law Era, Los Alamos, NM. June 6, 2025.
- [2] **Adventures of an Applied Mathematician** (Workshop leader). Calculus A/B, Peak-to-Peak High School. Lafayette, CO. May 17, 2024.
- [3] **Interacting Particle Systems: Analysis, Control, Learning and Computation**. ICERM, Providence, RI. May 6-10, 2024.
- [4] **CHaRMNET Annual Meeting**. MSU, East Lansing, MI. Dec. 4-6, 2023.

- [5] **Weak-form system identification and parameter estimation.** Workshop organized by N. Mangan, virtual, Aug. 8, 2023.
- [6] **Weak Derivatives and the real world** (Workshop leader). Calculus A/B, Peak-to-Peak High School. Lafayette, CO. May 15, 2023.
- [7] **WENDy tutorial in MATLAB.** Guest lecture and workshop, APPM 4720 Data-Driven Modeling, UCB. Mar. 23 & April 4, 2023.
- [8] **WSINDy_PDE tutorial in MATLAB.** Guest lecture and workshop, APPM 4720 Data-Driven Modeling, UCB. Feb. 16, 2023.
- [9] **Mathematical modeling with differential equations** (Workshop leader). Calculus A/B, Peak-to-Peak High School. Lafayette, CO. Dec 9, 2022.
- [10] **WSINDy MATLAB tutorial: ODEs & PDEs.** Guest lecture and workshop, APPM 4720 Data-Driven Modeling, UCB. April 5 & 7, 2022.
- [11] **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.

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 PHYS 110 College Physics 2 (Spring 2015)

Professional Service

(ongoing)	Reviewer (10+ journals)
May 10 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, Department of Applied Mathematics, UCB
Summer 2020 - Spring 2021	Lead Teaching Assistant , Center for Teaching and Learning & Department of Applied Mathematics, UCB
Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022	Organizer , SIAM Front Range Student Conference
Fall 2019	Secretary , SIAM graduate student chapter, UCB
Fall 2018 - Summer 2019	Vice President , grill master, ski-trip organizer, Math Graduate Caucus, SFU
Spring 2019	Councilor , Graduate Student Society, SFU
Fall 2019 - Spring 2019	Committee Member , Internal Relations Committee, Teacher and Support Staff Union, SFU