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### Education

Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles

2003–2009 Theoretical Biophysics and Condensed Matter Physics

Advisors: Robijn F. Bruinsma and Sudip Chakravarty

**B.S.** Cornell University

1999–2003 Cum laude in Physics and Mathematics

# Fellowships and Awards

Living Systems, Fall 2017–Fall 2022

**Graduate Research Mentorship** University of California, Los Angeles, 2007–2008

Fellowship .....

Outstanding TA Award ...... University of California, Los Angeles, Dept. of Physics

2006, 2007

Vice-Provost's Recognition Award University of California, Los Angeles, 2006

**Edwin F. Pauley Fellowship** . . . . . University of California, Los Angeles, 2003–2007

**Physics Bowl National Champion** Sponsored by AAPT and Metrologic, 1999

### Research Positions

Sept. '17–present	Assistant Professor
	CUNY Graduate Center Initiativ

CUNY, Graduate Center, Initiative for the Theoretical Sciences

and Depts. of Biology and Physics

Sept. '17-present Visiting Associate Research Scholar

Princeton University, Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics

Sept. '14–Sept. '17 Assistant Professor

Northwestern University, Department of Physics and Astronomy

Sept. '15–Aug. '17 Visiting Assistant Professor

CUNY, Graduate Center, Initiative for the Theoretical Sciences

Sept. '09–Aug. '14 Postdoctoral Research Scholar and Lecturer in Physics ('11-'12)

Princeton University, Departments of Physics, Molecular Biology,

and Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics

Supervisor: Ned S. Wingreen

Sept. '04–Aug. '09 Graduate Research Fellow

University of California, Los Angeles, Dept. of Physics

May-Sept. '02 Summer Research Fellow

& May–Aug. '03 California Institute of Technology, Institute for Quantum Information,

Supervisors: Barbara Terhal and Dave Bacon

Aug. '00–Aug. '02 Database Developer

National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of ECSED

## Publications (h-index: 21, Google Scholar September, 2018)

• 40. *Mean-field theory of batch normalization* Mingwei Wei, James Stokes, **David J. Schwab** in prep, for submission to ICLR 2019

39. Learning to share and hide intentions using information regularization
DJ Strouse, M Kleiman-Weiner, J Tenenbaum, M Botvinick, D Schwab
http://arxiv.org/abs/1808.02093
NIPS (2018)

- 38. A high-bias, low-variance introduction to machine learning for physicists
   P Mehta, M Bukov, CH Wang, A Day, C Richardson, CK Fisher, DJ Schwab
   http://arxiv.org/abs/1803.08823
- 37. Nonequilibrium cooperative sensing
   Vudtiwat Ngampruetikorn, David J. Schwab\*, Greg J. Stephens\*
   http://arxiv.org/abs/1809.04095
   \* co-corresponding author
- 36. The information bottleneck and geometric clustering DJ Strouse, David J. Schwab http://arxiv.org/abs/1712.09657 Neural Computation (2018)
- 35. Coordination of size-control, reproduction and memory in freshwater planarians Xingbo Yang, Kelson J. Kaj, **David J. Schwab\***, and Eva-Maria S. Collins\* Physical Biology 14 (3), 036003 (2017)

  \* co-corresponding author
- 34. Associative pattern recognition through macro-molecular self-assembly Weishun Zhong, David J. Schwab, Arvind Murugan Journal of Statistical Physics 167 (3-4), 806-826 (2017)
- 33. Supervised learning with quantum-inspired tensor networks
   Miles Stoudenmire, David J. Schwab
   http://arxiv.org/abs/1605.05775
   NIPS (2016)
- 32. The deterministic information bottleneck DJ Strouse, **David J. Schwab**

AISTATS (2016) Neural Computation (2017) http://arxiv.org/abs/1604.00268

- 31. A central role for mixed ACh/GABA transmission in direction coding in the retina S Sethuramanujam, AJ McLaughlin, G deRosenroll, A Hoggarth, **DJ Schwab**, GB Awatramani Neuron 90 (6), 1243-1256 (2016)
- 30. Landauer in the age of synthetic biology: energy consumption and information processing in biochemical networks

Pankaj Mehta, Alex Lang, **David J. Schwab** Journal of Statistical Physics, 1-14 (2016)

• 29. I Presynaptic inhibition in the striatum of the basal ganglia improves pattern classification and promotes superior goal selection

David J. Schwab, James Houk

Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience, 9, 152 (2015)

28. Multiscale modeling of oscillations and spiral waves in Dictyostelium populations
Javad Noorbakhsh, David J. Schwab, Allyson Sgro, Thomas Gregor, Pankaj Mehta
Phys. Rev. E 91, 062711 (2015)

• 27. Specific wiring of distinct amacrine cells in the directionally selective circuit of the mouse retina permits independent coding of direction and size

A Hoggarth, K Ronellenfitch, S Trenholm, A McLaughlin, R Vasandani, **D Schwab**, KL Briggman, GB Awatramani

Neuron 86 (1), 276-291 (2015)

• 26. From intracellular signaling to population oscillations: bridging size and time scales in collective behavior

A Sgro, **DJ Schwab**, J Noorbakhsh, T Mestler, P Mehta, T Gregor Molecular Systems Biology 11: 799 (2015)

• 25. Constant growth rate can be supported by decreasing energy flux and increasing aerobic glycolysis

Nikolai Slavov, Bogdan Budnik, **David Schwab**, Edoardo Airoldi, Alexander van Oudenaarden Cell Reports, Volume 7, Issue 3, 705-714 (2014)

Highlighted by: Cell Press.

• 24. Quantifying the role of population subdivision in evolution on rugged fitness landscapes Anne-Florence Bitbol, **David J. Schwab** 

PLoS Computational Biology **10** (8), e1003778 (2014)

• 23. Zipf's law and criticality in multivariate data without fine-tuning

David J. Schwab, Ilya Nemenman, Pankaj Mehta

Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 068102 (2014)

Highlighted by: eScience Commons and Science Daily.

• 22. Nonlinear dendritic integration of electrical and chemical synaptic inputs drives fine-scale correlations

S Trenholm, AJ McLaughlin, **DJ Schwab**, MH Turner, RG Smith, F Rieke, G Awatramani Nature Neuroscience **17** (12), 1759-1766 (2014)

• 21. A binary Hopfield network with  $1/\log(n)$  info. rate and applications to grid cell decoding Ila Fiete, **David J. Schwab**, Ngoc M Tran http://arxiv.org/abs/1407.6029 (2014)

 20. An exact mapping between the variational renormalization group and deep learning Pankaj Mehta, David J. Schwab

http://arxiv.org/abs/1410.3831 (2014)

Highlighted by: Quanta and Wired magazines.

• 19. Dynamic tuning of electrical and chemical synaptic transmission in a network of motion coding retinal neurons

Stuart Trenholm, Amanda McLaughlin, **David J. Schwab**, and Gautam Awatramani The Journal of Neuroscience, **11**, 33(37): 14927-14938 (2013)

• 18. Spatial lag normalization in the retina

Stuart Trenholm, **David J. Schwab**, Vijay Balasubramanian, Gautam Awatramani

Nature Neuroscience 16, 154-156 (2013)

Recommended by Faculty of 1000.

• 17. Kuramoto model with coupling through an external medium

David J. Schwab, Gabriel Plunk, Pankaj Mehta

Chaos **22**, 043139 (2012)

• 16. Energetic costs of cellular computation

Pankaj Mehta, David J. Schwab

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 109, 41 (2012)

Highlighted by: MIT Technology Review and Genome Web.

• 15. Dynamical quorum-sensing and synchronization of nonlinear oscillators coupled through an external medium

David J. Schwab, Ania Baetica, Pankaj Mehta

Physica D **241**, (21) 1782-1788 (2012)

- 14. Alpha-ketoglutarate coordinates carbon and nitrogen utilization via enzyme I inhibition Christopher D. Doucette, **David J. Schwab**, Ned S. Wingreen, Joshua D. Rabinowitz Nature Chemical Biology 7, 894-901 (2011)
- 13. Stat. mech. of transcription-factor binding site discovery using hidden Markov models Pankaj Mehta, David Schwab, Anirvan M. Sengupta Journal of Statistical Physics 142, 1187-1205 (2011)
- 12. Rhythmogenic neuronal networks, pacemakers, and k-cores

David J. Schwab, Robijn F. Bruinsma, Alex J. Levine

Physical Review E **82**, 051911 (2010)

• 11. A computational model for the robustness of transmembrane proteins Karim Wahba, **David J. Schwab**, Robijn Bruinsma Biophysical Journal **99**, 2217-2224 (2010)

• 10. Glassy states in fermioninc systems with strong disorder and interactions

David J. Schwab, Sudip Chakravarty

Physical Review B **79**, 125102 (2009)

• 9. Flory theory of the folding of designed RNA molecules

David J. Schwab, Robijn Bruinsma

J. Phys. Chem. B 113, 3880-3893 (2009)

• 8. How many species have mass M?

Aaron Clauset, **David J. Schwab**, Sidney Redner

American Naturalist 173, 256-263 (2009)

• 7. Endogenous versus exogenous origins of diseases

D. Sornette, V.I. Yukalov, E.P. Yukalova, J.Y. Henry, **D.J. Schwab**, J.P. Cobb Journal of Biological Systems **17**, 225-267 (2009)

• 6. Nucleosome switches

**David J. Schwab**, Robijn Bruinsma, Joseph Rudnick, Jonathan Widom Physical Review Letters **100**, 228105 (2008)

• 5. Rounding by disorder of 1st-order quantum phase transitions: emergence of quantum critical points

Pallab Goswami, **David J. Schwab**, Sudip Chakravarty Physical Review Letters **100**, 015703 (2008)

4. Local hidden variable theories for quantum states
 Barbara M. Terhal, Andrew C. Doherty, David Schwab
 Physical Review Letters 90, 157903 (2003)

• 3. Photoionization of CO2 (ARPES)

A.C. Parr, J.B. West, M.R.F. King, K. Ueda, P.M. Dehmer, J.L. Dehmer, **D.J. Schwab**, A.M. Sansonetti, K. Olsen, R.A. Dragoset http://www.nist.gov/pml/data/co2/index.cfm

• 2. X-ray transition energies

R.D. Deslattes, E.G. Kessler Jr, P. Indelicato, L. de Billy, E. Lindroth, J. Anton, J.S. Coursey, **D.J. Schwab**, J. Chang, R. Sukumar, K. Olsen, and R.A. Dragoset http://www.nist.gov/pml/data/xraytrans/index.cfm

1. Atomic weights and isotopic compositions
 Jack Coursey, David J. Schwab, Robert A. Dragoset
 http://www.nist.gov/pml/data/comp.cfm

### Other Activities

Jan April 2018	Visiting Professor
	Simons Institute for Computation, UC Berkeley
Sept. 2017- present	Academic Editor
	PLoS One and PNAS
August 2015-2018	q-bio Conference
	Program Committee Chair-line
Sept. 2014-present	q-bio Conference
	Member of organizing committee
May, Nov. 2015	Chicagoland Quantitative Biology meeting
	Co-founded and organized new biannual meeting
JanFeb. 2014	KITP, Santa Barbara, CA
	Participated in program on neurophysics of space, time, and learning
Summer '11, '12, '15	Aspen Center for Physics, Aspen, CO
	Participated in programs at the interface between Biology and Physics as
	well as a working group on statistical inference
Summer 2012	UCLA IPAM Summer School, Los Angeles, CA
	4-week program on machine learning with focus on deep learning
Sept. 2007	Biophysics Bootcamp, Pasadena, CA
	Experimental bootcamp organized by Rob Phillips' group at Caltech
July 2007	Boulder School in Condensed Matter Physics, Boulder, CO
	4-week summer school with focus on Biophysics

#### *Teaching* Fall '18 Professor, Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos, CUNY Taught graduate course in nonlinear dynamics and applications. Summer '18 Professor, CPBF summer school for advanced undergraduates Lectured on statistical physics. Spring '15 Professor, Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos, Northwestern Taught undergraduate/graduate course in nonlinear dynamics. Fall '14, '15, '16 Professor, Methods of Theoretical Physics, Northwestern Taught graduate course in mathematical techniques for physicists. Nov. '14 Physics and Astronomy New Faculty Workshop, UMD Teaching expertise workshop sponsored by the AAPT, APS, and AAS. Summer '12 **Instructor, Princeton Computational Neuroscience Course** Taught the computational section of a summer school for graduate students with quantitative backgrounds transitioning into neuroscience. Sept. '11-May '12 **Precept instructor, Princeton Integrated Science Course** Taught freshman following the quantitative sciences track intended to provide a broad introduction to the natural sciences. Sept. '10-June '14 Organizer, Princeton Biophysics Journal Club Organized weekly discussions and presentations of current literature. Oct. '09-June '14 Student research supervision, Princeton University Co-supervised three undergraduate student theses, one resulting in a journal publication. Sept. '03-Jun. '09 Teaching assistant, University of California, Los Angeles Taught numerous Physics courses, including lectures and labs, for Physics, Engineering, and Biology majors.

### **Invited Talks**

2018 UC, Davis, Depts. of Computer Science, Physics, and Neurobiology

Institut Scientifiques de Cargèse, School on machine learning

Max Planck Institute, Dresden, Quantum machine learning conference

Max Planck Institute, Gottingen, Comp. neuro. conference Columbia University, Theoretical neuroscience seminar

CUNY, Advanced Science Research Center

UCLA, Neurophysics conference Princeton, Biophysics seminar

SAIFR Sao Paulo, Brazil, School on theoretical physics Champalimaud Center for the Unknown, School on behavior HKUST, Hong Kong, Conference on mathematics of deep learning

Wash. U, Department of Physics

APS March Meeting, Invited talk

Simons Center for Computational Biology

Institut Scientifiques de Cargèse, School on biophysics

CUNY, ITS Symposium on recent developments in condensed matter

U. Mass. Amherst, Workshop: work from noise

2016 UC, Davis, Department of Physics

Perimeter Institute, Quantum machine learning conference IST, Austria, Info., prob., and inference in systems biology

Caltech, Phillips group, 4 lectures

University of Chicago, Department of Statistics

IUPUI, Department of Physics

2015 ICAM Conference, University of Michigan

Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, ON

University of Texas, Austin, Center for Learning and Memory University of Chicago, Departments of Neurobiology and Statistics

University of California, San Diego, Department of Physics

University of Rochester, Department of Physics

Northwestern University, Institute on Complex Systems Northwestern University, CIERA Interdisciplinary Seminar

ICAM Annual Conference, Argonne National Lab Runde, Conference on inference in complex systems

2014 European Conference of mathematical and theoretical biology

Infometrics Conference, American University

Northwestern University, Department of Physics and Astronomy

Emory University, Department of Physics Purdue University, Department of Physics

University of Michigan, Department of Biophysics and CSCS

2013 University of Chicago, Institute for Genomics and Systems Biology

University of California, Irvine, Department of Physics

APS March Meeting, Invited talk

# Current Support

Sponsor: NSF

Award number: 7E126-00-01

Amount awarded: \$2,100,000 (Schwab portion)

Dates: 09/01/17 - 08/31/22

Role: co-PI

Title: Physics Frontiers Center: Center for the Physics of Biological Function

Sponsor: Simons Foundation

Award number: N/A

Amount awarded: \$620,000 Dates: 09/01/17 - 08/31/22

Role: PI

Title: Disentangling collective neural activity with hidden variables

Sponsor: NIH

Award number: R01 EB026943-01

Amount awarded: \$450,000 (Schwab portion, approx)

Dates: 09/01/18 - 08/31/21

Role: co-PI

Title: Coarse graining approaches to networks, learning, and behavior

# Past Support

• Sponsor: NIH

Award number: GM098875-05 Amount awarded: \$630,000 Dates: 09/01/12 - 05/31/17

Role: PI

Title: Excitability in *Dictyostelium* development

• Sponsor: Chicago Biomedical Consortium

Award number:

Amount awarded: \$200,000 Dates: 02/01/16 - 01/31/18

Role: co-PI

Title: Reading the cortical code for natural motion