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PROFILE

- Scientific background at the cutting edge of physical and biochemical sciences in top institutions.
- **Advanced technical skills** - Time-series analysis, optimization, Monte Carlo simulation, algorithm development for the study of large noisy datasets, functional / object-oriented programming, optimization and statistics.
- **Broad experience** at Oxford (Physical Chemistry), Harvard (Medical School) and USC (Engineering).
- **Effective** and **efficient** research scientist. I like to work to deadlines and to set and achieve goals rapidly.

EDUCATION

University of Oxford, UK **2005-2009**
Doctor of Philosophy
Wadham College - *Physical and Theoretical Chemistry Laboratory*

University of York, UK **2002-2005**
B.Sc. (Hons) Biochemistry

EMPLOYMENT

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA USA **2012- Present**
Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Viterbi School of Engineering

- Fundamental biophysical research on lipid bilayer membranes.
- Developed software library for data visualization, optimization and large image dataset analysis.
- Project leader and postdoctoral mentor.

Harvard University, Boston, MA USA **2010- 2011**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Systems Biology at Harvard Medical School

- Researched and developed a nonlinear-imaging system for the study of zebrafish development.
- Conceptualized the design and developed simulations and software.

Oxford Cytologic, Oxford, UK **2009-2010**
Start-up Co-founder and IP holder

- Helped to raise £500k from the John Fell Fund, Oxford University Challenge Seed Fund and BBSRC
- Developed and marketed business plan to angels, venture capitalists and acquired experienced management.
- Established collaborative trials of technology with top pharmaceutical companies.
- Filed two patent applications (Co-inventor UKIPO - 0913823.1, *contributor* UKIPO - 0716264.7)

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK **2009-2010**
Postdoctoral Research Assistant in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry

- Sponsored by John Fell Fund for postdoctoral work in biophysics and technology development.
- Technologies patented and spun out into business venture.

EXPERIENCE

York Structural Biology Laboratory, York, UK **2004-2005**
Research Project Student - X-ray Crystallography

AstraZeneca UK Ltd., Alderley Edge, UK **July-Sept 2004**
Summer Internship - Analytical Chemistry

University of York - Department of Chemistry, York, UK **Aug-Sept 2003**
Summer Internship - Analytical Chemistry

Sun Microsystems Ltd., Sale, UK **July 1999**
Internship - Computer Systems Benchmarking

SKILLS

Major Scientific skills: Stochastic processes. Monte Carlo simulations. Image analysis. Noisy dataset analysis - optimization. Experimental design and engineering.

Computing: Unix/Linux, Mac OS X, Windows, MS Excel, Adobe CS, Mathematica, Matlab, Igor Pro, LaTeX typesetting.
Low-Level programming - C, parallel GPU programming with nVidia CUDA 4.
OO programming: Java 7, JavaFX 2 GUI development, Objective-C - Cocoa, C++
Functional programming: Scala, Haskell, (*Lisps* - Clojure), sbt, gradle, scalaz
Databases: MySQL, H2, JDBC, slick
Web: Play framework, Javascript, HTML5, CSS3, XML

Languages: English (Native), German (Conversational), French and Italian (Basic).

PUBLICATIONS

Constructing Droplet Interface Bilayers from the Contact of Aqueous Droplets in Oil. Sebastian Leptihn , Oliver K. Castell , Bríd Cronin , En-Hsin Lee , Linda C. M. Gross , David P. Marshall , James R. Thompson , Matthew Holden, Mark I. Wallace. ***Nat. Protocols.*** (Article) **2013** 8(6), 1048 (Front Cover)

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Rapid Assembly of a Multimeric Membrane Protein Pore. James R. Thompson, Bríd Cronin, Hagan Bayley and Mark I. Wallace. ***Biophys. J.*** (Article) **2011** 101**,** 2679

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In Vitro Reconstitution of Eukaryotic Ion Channels Using Droplet Interface Bilayers. Sebastian Leptihn, James R. Thompson, J. Clive Ellory, Stephen J. Tucker, Mark I. Wallace. ***J. Am. Chem. Soc***. (Article) **2011** 133, 9370

Simultaneous Measurement of Ionic Current and Fluorescence from Single Protein Pores. Andrew J. Heron, James R. Thompson, Bríd Cronin, Hagan Bayley and Mark I. Wallace. ***J. Am. Chem. Soc.*** (Communication); **2009** 131, 1652

Droplet Interface Bilayers. Hagan Bayley, Bríd Cronin, Andrew Heron, Matthew A. Holden, William L. Hwang, Ruhma Syeda, James Thompson and Mark Wallace. ***Mol. BioSystems.*** (Review) **2008** 4, 1191

Enhanced Stability and Fluidity in Droplet on Hydrogel Bilayers For Studying Membrane Protein Diffusion. James R. Thompson, Andrew J. Heron, Yusdi Santoso, Mark I. Wallace ***Nano Lett.*** (Letter) **2007** 12, 3875

Direct Detection of Membrane Channels in Gels Using Water-in-Oil Droplet Bilayers. Andrew J. Heron, James R. Thompson, Amy E. Mason, Mark I. Wallace. ***J. Am. Chem. Soc.*** (Article) **2007** 129, 16042

Hot off the Press. James R. Thompson ***Mol. Biosystems***. (Commentary) **2007** 3, 814