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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cambridge MA, US
PhD Candidate, Department of Physics	2016 – 2022 (Expected)
Peking University	Beijing, China
Bachelor of Science in Physics	2012 – 2016

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

• Rising Star Award in Soft and Biological Matter, UChicago Materials Research Center	Oct. 2020
• Student Speaker Award Finalist , GSNP (Topical Group on Statistical and Nonlinear Physics), APS	Mar. 2020
• Grand Poster Prize, MIT Biophysics Retreat	Oct. 2019
• Morton E. Goulder Presidential Fellowship , Department of Physics, MIT	2016 – 2017
• Wusi Scholarship (Annual), Peking University	2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016
• Weiming Scholarship for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, Peking University	2013 – 2014
• Ke-chi Shen Scholarship (Annual), Peking University	2012 – 2013

PUBLICATIONS

- **Liu J**, Totz J F, Miller P W, Hastewell A D, Dunkel J, Fakhri N. Topological braiding and virtual particles on the cell membrane. In revision.
Arxiv preprint (tbd)
- Wigbers M C*, Tan T H*, Brauns F, **Liu J**, Swartz S Z, Frey E, Fakhri N. (2021). A hierarchy of protein patterns robustly decodes cell shape information. Nature Physics, 1-7. [[pdf](#)]
[LMU News](#) | [PHYS.org](#)
- Tan T H*, **Liu J***, Miller P W*, Tekant M, Dunkel J, Fakhri N. (2020). Topological turbulence on the membrane of a living cell. Nature Physics, 1-6. [[pdf](#)]
[Cover Article](#) | [Nature Research Highlights](#) | [Physics World Frontier](#) | [MIT News](#) | [PHYS.org](#)
- Hoek T A, Axelrod K, Biancalani T, **Liu J**, Gore J. (2016). Resource availability modulates the cooperative and competitive nature of a microbial cross-feeding mutualism[J]. PLoS biology, 14(8). [[pdf](#)]

* Authors contribute equally to the publication

INVITED TALKS

2020 UChicago Rising Stars in Soft and Biological Matter Symposium	Virtual
2019 Universality: Turbulence Across Vast Scales , Flatiron Institute [video]	New York, NY
2019 Gordon Research Seminar on Soft Condensed Matter Physics , Colby-Sawyer College	New London, NH
2019 Theory of Living Systems Meeting , Boston University [video]	Boston, MA

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

2021 APS March Meeting (Virtual)	Virtual
2020 MIT Physics Departmental Special Tuesday Lunch Talk Series	Virtual
2020 APS March Meeting (Virtual)	Virtual
2019 APS March Meeting	Boston, MA
2018 Annual Biophysics Retreat, MIT	Provincetown, MA
2018 APS March Meeting	Los Angeles, CA
2015 Undergraduate Physics Research Seminar, Weiming Scholar Program, Peking University	Beijing, China

POSTERS

2019 Annual Biophysics Retreat, MIT	Provincetown, MA
2019 Gordon Research Conference on Soft Condensed Matter Physics, Colby-Sawyer College	New London, NH
2015 Annual Biophysics Retreat, MIT	Provincetown, MA
2014 – 2015 Annual Undergraduate Research Honor Program in Biology Retreat, Peking University	Beijing, China

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Graduate Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (MIT UROP)

Amel Elawad (May 2021 – present) | Ariana Park (Feb. 2020 – Sep. 2020)

Rotation Mentor, G1 Graduate Research Projects

Yu-Chen Chao (Harvard SEAS) | Hugh Higinbotham (MIT Physics) | Sebastian T. Coupe (MIT Biology)

Laboratory EHS representative

Dec. 2019 – present

Teaching Assistant, MIT course 8.13, “Junior Lab in Experimental Physics”

Feb. 2021 – May. 2021

Cambridge, MA

Teaching Assistant, MIT course 8.241, “Introduction to Biological Physics”

Feb. 2020 – May. 2020

Cambridge, MA

PROJECTS

MIT PLS Center, Fakhri Lab, Summer 2017 – present. Dissertation research on topological organization of protein signaling waves during starfish egg cell development. Wet-lab experiments and theory-driven analyses.

MIT IMES, Mirny Lab, Spring 2017 (rotation). Algorithm development and data analyses of lacunarity metric in yeast chromosome organization.

MIT PLS Center, Fakhri Lab, Winter 2016 (rotation). Numerical simulations and analyses of semiflexible polymer e.g. carbon nanotube motions when positioned under motor-like stochastic active forces.

Rice University, Visiting scholar, Fall 2015. Generalize NK model for microbial antibiotic resistance on the account of verified mutagenesis site statistics. *Selected by Peking University departmental exchange program and hosted by Bioscience Research Collaborative Center in Rice University.

MIT PLS Center, Gore Lab. Visiting Research Assistant, Summer 2015. Modeling multi-species bacterial communities with cross-feeding nutrients, in exploration of nutrient-constrained limits in terms of species diversity. *Supported by Undergraduate Research Honor Program in School of Biology, Peking University.

Peking University, Center of Quantitative Biology, Ouyang Group. Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2014 – 2016. Numerical work on cancerous epithelial-to-mesenchymal signaling networks. Bifurcation and parameter sensitivity analyses based on ODE models of network set up from available molecular evidences.

ACTIVITIES

Departmental **Advising Resources for Easing Friction and Stress** (REFS), MIT Physics

2019 – present

Cambridge, MA

Environmental Chair, Edgerton Graduate Housing Committee

2018 – 2019

Cambridge, MA

Athletics Chair, Edgerton Graduate Housing Committee

2017 – 2018

Cambridge, MA

Vice President, Science and Technology Leadership Association (STeLA), Peking University Branch

2014 – 2016

Beijing, China

Academics and Performance Departmental Chair, Students' Union, School of Physics, Peking University

2013 – 2014

Beijing, China

Volunteer Service Team Leader, School of Physics, Peking University

Jan. 2013 – Oct. 2013 (*Volunteer Service Award in Dec. 2013)

Beijing, China

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Language:** TOEFL 111 (Reading 30 + Listening 29 + Speaking 26 + Writing 26)
- **Programming:** C, Matlab, Mathematica, Python