

# Jordi Abante

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RESEARCH INTERESTS      Machine Learning, Computational Genomics, Epigenetics.

LANGUAGES      Catalan (native), Spanish (native), English (proficient), French (basic).

PROGRAMMING      julia, python, R, bash, perl, C++, Matlab,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .

EDUCATION & TRAINING      **Stanford University**      9/2021 - Present  
Stanford, California, U.S.

- Postdoctoral research fellow at the Salzman lab
- Department of Biomedical Data Science
- Center for Computational, Evolutionary & Human Genomics

## **Johns Hopkins University**

Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.

- Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering      8/2016 - 8/2021
- M.S.E., Applied Mathematics and Statistics      8/2016 - 12/2018
- Teaching Institute Certificate      6/2020 - 3/2021

## **Texas A&M University**

College Station, TX, U.S.

- M.S., Electrical and Computer Engineering      8/2014 - 5/2016
- Business Management Certificate      5/2015 - 6/2015

## **Polytechnic University of Catalonia**

Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

- B.S., Industrial Engineering      9/2008 - 5/2014
- Major: Signal Processing

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant**

9/2016 - 6/2021

Whitaker Biomedical Engineering Institute (CIS)  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD, U.S.

- Computational biology
- Genomics & epigenetics data modeling & analysis
- Statistical inference & machine learning

**Research Assistant**

9/2014 - 1/2015, 6/2015 - 5/2016

Center for Bioinformatics and Genomic Systems Engineering  
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, U.S.

- Computational biology
- Genome & transcriptome data modeling & analysis
- Statistical inference & machine learning

**Team Captain & Member**

8/2012 - 8/2014

ETSEIB Motorsport Formula Student Team  
Polytechnic University of Catalonia  
Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

- Power electronics R&D
- Electric vehicle R&D

PEER  
REVIEWED  
JOURNAL  
ARTICLES

Y. Fang, Z. Jic, W. Zhouc, **J. Abante**, M.A. Koldobskiy, H. Ji, and A.P. Feinberg. “DNA methylation entropy is associated with DNA sequence features and developmental epigenetic divergence”. *PNAS* (under review).

**J. Abante**, S. Kambhampati, A.P. Feinberg, J. Goutsias. “Estimating DNA methylation potential energy landscapes from nanopore sequencing data”. *Scientific Reports* (2021), 11-21619.

M.A. Koldobskiy, G. Jenkinson, **J. Abante**, V.A. Rodriguez DiBlasi, W. Zhou, E. Pujadas, A. Idrizi, R. Tryggvadottir, C. Callahan, C. Bonifant, K. Rabin, P.A. Brown, H. Ji, J. Goutsias, and A.P. Feinberg.. “Converging genetic and epigenetic drivers of paediatric acute lymphoblastic leukaemia identified by an information-theoretic analysis”. *Nature Biomedical Engineering* 5.4 (2021), 360-376.

**J. Abante**, Y. Fang, A.P. Feinberg, J. Goutsias. “Detection of haplotype-dependent allele-specific DNA methylation in WGBS data”. *Nature Communications* 11, 5238 (2020). **Nature Comms Editors’ Highlights**.

C. Qiu, H. Jin, I. Vvedenskaya, **J. Abante**, T. Zhao, I. Malik, S. Schwartz, P. Cui, P. Cabart, K. Hoo, R.P. Metz, C.D. Johnson, S. Sze, B.F. Pugh, B.E. Nickels, C.D. Kaplan. “Universal promoter scanning by Pol II during transcription initiation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*”. *Genome Biology* (2020), 21:132.

M. Koldobskiy, **J. Abante**, G. Jenkinson, E. Pujadas, A. Tetens, F. Zhao, R. Tryggvadottir, A. Idrizi, A. Reinisch, R. Majeti, J. Goutsias, and A. P. Feinberg. “A Dysregulated DNA Methylation Landscape Linked to Gene Expression in MLL-Rearranged AML”. *Epigenetics* (2020), 1-18.

M. P. Menden, D. Wang, M. J. Mason, B. Szalai, K. C. Bulusu, Y. Guan, J. Kang, M. Jeon, R. Wolfinger, T. Nguyen, M. Zaslavskiy, **J. Abante**, et al. “Community assessment to advance computational prediction of cancer drug combinations in a pharmacogenomic screen.” *Nature Communications* 10, 2674 (2019).

G. Jenkinson, **J. Abante**, M. Koldobskiy, A. P. Feinberg, J. Goutsias. “Ranking genomic features using an information-theoretic measure of epigenetic discordance”. *BMC Bioinformatics* (2019), 20:175.

G. Jenkinson, **J. Abante**, A. P. Feinberg, J. Goutsias. “An information-theoretic approach to the modeling and analysis of whole-genome bisulfite sequencing data”. *BMC Bioinformatics* (2018), 19:87.

**J. Abante**, N. Ghaffari, C.D. Johnson, A. Datta. “HiMMe: using genetic patterns as a proxy for genome assembly reliability assessment.” *BMC Genomics* (2017), 18:694.

PREPRINT  
PAPERS

**J. Abante**, S. Kambhampati, A.P. Feinberg, J. Goutsias. “Estimating DNA methylation potential energy landscapes from nanopore sequencing data”. *bioRxiv* (2021), 431480.

**J. Abante**, J. Goutsias. “CpelTdm.jl: a Julia package for targeted differential DNA methylation analysis”. *bioRxiv* (2020), 343020.

C. Qiu, H. Jin, I. Vvedenskaya, **J. Abante**, T. Zhao, I. Malik, A.M. Visbisky, S.L. Schwartz, P. Cui, P. Čabart, K.H. Han, W.K.M. Lai, R.P. Metz, C.D. Johnson, S.H. Sze, B.F. Pugh, B.E. Nickels, C.D. Kaplan. “Promoter scanning during transcription initiation in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*: Pol II in the “shooting gallery””. *bioRxiv* (2019), 810127.

N. Ghaffari, **J. Abante**, R. Singh, P. D. Blood, L. Pipes, C. Mason, C. D. Johnson. “What are the most influencing factors in reconstructing a reliable transcriptome assembly?”. *bioRxiv* (2017), 220269.

PEER  
REVIEWED  
CONFERENCE  
PROCEEDINGS

P. Blood, N. Ghaffari, A. S. Seetharam, L. Pipes, R. Singh, **J. Abante**, A. Severin, C. D. Johnson, C. Mason. “Fast, flexible, and free: enabling large-scale genome assembly and analysis with the Bridges supercomputer”. *In Plant and Animal Genome XXVI Conference*, San Diego, CA, U.S., 2018.

N. Ghaffari, **J. Abante**, R. Singh, P. D. Blood, C. D. Johnson. “Computational considerations in transcriptome assemblies and their evaluation, using high quality human RNA-Seq data”. *XSEDE16: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment 2016 Conference*, Miami, FL, U.S., 2016.

INVITED  
TALKS

*On the estimation of epigenetic energy landscapes from nanopore sequencing data* @ Machine Learning in Computational and Systems Biology, Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology and European Conference on Computational Biology 2021, 7/2021.

*An information-theoretic approach to allele-specific DNA methylation analysis*  
@ Salzman Lab, Stanford University, 11/2020

@ Yosef Lab, Berkeley University, 11/2020

@ Gerstein Lab, Yale University, 11/2020

@ Knowles Lab, Columbia University, 10/2020

@ Marks Lab, Harvard University, 10/2020

*Statistical modeling and analysis of allele-specific DNA methylation at the haplotype level* @ Electrical & Computer Engineering Departmental Seminars, Johns Hopkins University, 10/2019.

POSTER  
SESSIONS

**J. Abante**, S. Kambhampati, A.F. Feinberg, J. Goutsias. “On the estimation of epigenetic energy landscapes from nanopore sequencing data”. *Machine Learning in Computational and Systems Biology, Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology and European Conference on Computational Biology 2021*, July 2021.

**J. Abante**, N. Ghaffari, C.D. Johnson, A. Datta. “Using hidden Markov models to analyze next-generation sequencing data”. *ENG-LIFE 2016: At the Interface of Engineering and Life Sciences*, College Station, TX, U.S., 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS

**Stanford CEHG Postdoctoral Fellowship** 10/2021 - 9/2022

Center for Computational, Evolutionary and Human Genomics (CEHG)  
Stanford University, Stanford, California, U.S.

- Provided funds to launch my first year of postdoctoral research

**“la Caixa” Fellowship**

8/2016 - 8/2017

“la Caixa” Foundation, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

- Funded my Ph.D. at JHU

TEACHING

**Course Assistant & Guest Lecturer**

Fall 2018, 2019, 2020

EN.520.622. Principles of Complex Networked Systems

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, U.S.

- Graded assignments and exams
- Provided students with one-on-one tutoring and out of class assistance

**Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer**

Spring 2015

ENGR-112 Foundations of Engineering II

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, U.S.

- Tutored students and managed a team of grading assistants

MENTORING

**Stanford University**, Stanford, CA, U.S.

- Aasavari Kakne, MS student in ICME Fall 2021
- Angelika Hirsch, Ph.D Student in Biophysics Fall 2021
- Ayushi Tandel, MS Student in Computer Science Fall 2021
- Nathaniel Chien, MS Student in Computer Science Fall 2021

**Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD, U.S.

- Sandeep Kambhampati, UG Student in BME 2020-2021

AWARDS & HONORS	<b>Best Thesis Award</b>	5/2015
	Polytechnic University of Catalonia Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain	
	<b>Golden Key Honor Society</b>	5/2016
	Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, U.S.	
	<b>Phi Kappa Phi</b>	4/2016
	Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, U.S.	
	<b>IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society</b>	1/2016
	Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, U.S.	
INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE	<b>R&amp;D Engineer</b>	5/2016 - 8/2016
	Sensory Value Sant Cugat del Vallès, Catalonia, Spain • Machine learning applied to market research	
	<b>R&amp;D Engineer</b>	3/2013 - 5/2014
	Cinergia, Control Intel·ligent de l'Energia Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain • Power electronics R&D for EV applications	
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	<b>Biomedical Data Science JEDI committee</b>	2021-2022
	Department of Biomedical Data Science Stanford University, Stanford, CA, U.S. • Member of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) committee.	
	<b>ECE Department Head Search</b>	Spring 2021
	Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECE) Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S. • Collaborated in the hiring process of 8 candidates	
COMMUNITY SERVICE	<b>Voluntariat per la llengua</b>	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
	Baltimore, Maryland, U.S. • Language partner for people interested in learning Catalan	
	<b>Our Daily Bread Volunteer</b>	2020
	Baltimore, Maryland, U.S. • Cooked food for families in need during COVID 19 pandemic	

**Barclay Hopkins STEM Partnership** 2017

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.

- Worked with elementary school students to engage them in STEM

**The Big Event** 2015-2016

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, U.S.

- Provided yard work and window washing for elderly residents

**Grup de voluntariat ANTAR** 2006-2008

Àgora International School, Sant Cugat del Vallès, Catalonia, Spain

- Organized fundraising activities and food drives for people in need

REFERENCES Available upon request.

PROFESSIONAL International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB).

AFFILIATIONS