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# CONTACT

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of British Columbia

- PhD in Statistics, 2013 Aug 2017 (Expected)
- *MSc* in *Statistics*, 2011 2013
- Thesis: Scalable sequential Monte Carlo methods and probabilistic approach to for combinatorial problems

# University of Waterloo

- Bachelor of Mathematics, Honours, Co-op, 2004 2009
- Major: Computer Science

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Sequential Monte Carlo methods
- Bayesian nonparametric
- Distributed algorithms for large scale inference problems
- Latent variable models
- Probabilistic programming
- Combinatorial problems
- Sports analytics

# **MANUSCRIPT** IN**PREPARATION**

- S-H. Jun, A. Bouchard-Côté, S. Wong, and J. Zidek. Sequential Graph Matching with Sequential Monte Carlo. International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS). Under Review.
- S-H. Jun, A. Bouchard-Côté, S. Wong, J. Zidek, and Z. Pirouz. Local Multinomial Model for Non-Regular Hypergraph Matching, with Application to Computational Forestry. In Preparation.

# REFEREED **PUBLICATION**

• S-H. Jun and A. Bouchard-Côté. (2014). Memory (and Time) Efficient Sequential Monte Carlo. International Conference in Machine Learning (ICML). 31: 514-522.

Acceptance rate: 310/1238.

• S-H. Jun, L. Wang and A. Bouchard-Côté. (2012). Entangled Monte Carlo. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS), 25: 2735-2743. Acceptance rate: 370/1467. Spotlight talk: 72/1467.

- PRESENTATIONS Y. Liu, D. Dinsdale, S-H. Jun, C. Briercliffe, and J. Bone. (2016). Statistical Learning of Basketball Strategy: The Potential Field Approach. The Cascadia Symposium on Statistics and Sports.
  - Exploring Spatial and Temporal Heterogeneity of Environmental Noise in Toronto. (2013). Winner of case study competition at 41st annual meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada. Joint work with C. Casquilho, N. Fishbane, Y. Nie.
  - S-H. Jun and A. Bouchard-Côté. (2013) Using a Stochastic Map View of Sequential Monte Carlo for Memory and Network Efficiency. Randomized Algorithm Workshop at Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 26. Poster presentation.

# COMPUTER **SKILLS**

**Programming Languages:** Java and R (expert), Python (intermediate), C/C++ and MATLAB (working knowledge)

Software: ImageJ, OpenCV-Python, LaTeX, RStudio, Jupyter Notebook, Eclipse Computing Platforms: Mac OS X, Ubuntu, Amazon Web Services

# **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES**

#### Research Assistant

Jan 2017 - Current

Project: Conditional streaming sequential Monte Carlo.

Supervisor: Prof. Alexandre Bouchard-Côté

#### Research Assistant

May 2014 - Dec 2016

Project: Autonomous strength grade system for lumber

Supervisors: Prof. Jim Zidek and Prof. Alexandre Bouchard-Côté

#### Research Assistant

Sep 2013 - Apr 2014

Project: Memory (and time) efficient SMC Supervisor: Prof. Alexandre Bouchard-Côté

#### Research Assistant

May 2011 - Aug 2011; May 2012 - Aug 2012

Project: Entangled Monte Carlo

Supervisor: Prof. Alexandre Bouchard-Côté

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

#### UBC Master of Data Science Academic Assistant

Aug 2016 - Dec 2016

Developed course contents:

- Web and cloud computing: Analyzing Google N-grams using Map-Reduce on Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Supervised learning II: Training Tensorflow using GPU instances on AWS
- Experimentation and causal inference: Designing an A/B testing using R Shiny

#### Teaching Assistant

 $Jul \ 2012 - Dec \ 2012$ 

STAT 447/547B: Methods for Statistical Learning, UBC

- Assisted in developing course contents
- Topics: boosting, generalized additive models, splines, regression trees and random forest, LASSO, K-NN classifier
- TA evaluation available upon request

# Teaching Assistant

Jan 2012 - Apr 2012

STAT 441: Multivariate Statistics, UBC

- Led weekly lab discussions
- TA evaluation available upon request

# INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES

# Software Developer and Co-founder

Jan 2009 - May 2011

Leadconstructor Inc, Toronto, ON

- Web software development with ASP .NET and C#
- Stand-alone software development with Java

# Software Engineering Intern

Jan 2008 - Apr 2008

Qualcomm, San Diego, CA

• Software development and debugging with C

# Software Development Intern

Apr 2007 - Aug 2007

Endeca Technologies, Cambridge, MA

- Web application design UX and HCI
- Web application development using Java web technologies

# Software Developer Co-op

Jan 2006 - Jun 2006

Cedara Software, Mississauga, ON

• Wrote regression testing scripts in Java

#### Software Tester Co-op

Sep 2004 - Dec 2004; May 2005 - Aug 2005

Ontario Ministry of Health, Toronto, ON

- Manual testing of stand-alone application for health professionals
- Wrote automated test suites

#### **SERVICES**

# Manager of UBC Short Term Consulting Services

Jul 2016 - Oct 2016

Statistics Department, UBC, Vancouver, BC

- Served in the committee to help reconstruct the student run consulting services
- Developed operating guidelines for the consulting services
- Recruited student consultants and managers

#### Graduate student seminar organizer

Aug 2014 - Apr 2016

Statistics Department, UBC, Vancouver, BC

- Invited speakers for the weekly graduate student seminar.
- Organized student run lecture series on various topics: parallel computing in R, statistical analysis of network data, and sports analytics.

#### AWARDS

2014	ICML Travel Award
2013-17	Faculty of Science Graduate Award (Ph.D)
2013	SSC Case Study Competition Winner
2012	NIPS Travel Award
2011-13	Faculty of Science Graduate Award (MSc.)
2011	NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award