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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Aug. 2015 - May 2019

B.S. Engineering Physics | GPA: 3.506

EXPERIENCE

#### University of California, Berkeley

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Undergraduate Researcher | Crommie Group | Physics

April 2016 - May 2019

- Microfabrication: Fabricated 2D devices using graphene and hexagonal boron nitride for STM studies
- 2D Material Transfer: Adapted a dual polymer transfer method to achieve atomically clean graphene surfaces
- Imaging Device: Fabricated graphene device for non-invasive, real-time imaging of electric fields from live cells
- Non-contact AFM: Revamped the assembly process of nc-AFM sensors for a 10-fold increase in quality factor
- CVD: Pioneered the effort to produce the first large (500 um<sup>2</sup>) single crystal monolayer CVD graphene in this lab
- Programming: Designed software to measure performance of cantilevers using lock-in detection

Projects

## Machine Learning Framework for Guiding Directed Evolution Experiments

May 2019 - Present

- Developing an accessible tool based on learning-to-rank models for guiding directed evolution experiments
- Designed the strategy to be adaptable to ongoing experiments without modifications to the experimental plan
- Utilized auto-encoders to learn compact representations of proteins specific to the target experiment

### A Monte Carlo method for Decomposition of Tryptophan Fluorescence Spectra

Sep. - Nov. 2018

- Proposed a Metropolis-Hastings Monte Carlo algorithm to decompose fluorescence spectrums
- Investigated the effect of noise and the number of components on the stability of the algorithm

#### Single Cell Trapping for Measuring Antibody Production in Hybridoma Cells

Jan. - May 2018

- Designed a micro-patterned agarose gel device that can trap and isolate single cells
- Streamlined a research plan to execute multiple approaches in parallel with limited lab time
- Worked closely with a small group to identify and overcome challenges in a resource limited teaching lab

#### Pacman Capture the Flag with AI

Jan. - May 2018

- Designed an algorithm to approximate the shortest path for pacman agents to collect all food pellets
- Cast the problem as a traveling salesman problem and approximated solutions with minimum spanning trees
- Implemented a k-means based partitioning algorithm to divide the work between multiple pacman agents

# Learning to Rank Protein Mutants for Guided Directed Evolution of Renilla Luciferase

Aug. - Dec. 2017

- Proposed a machine learning model to identify high performing mutation combinations
- Adapted the RankNet algorithm used for search engines to rank proteins
- Explored the use of weakly trained models to label unknown variants to augment the experimental dataset
- Succeeded in identifying the top protein mutants in a data set with just a fraction of the dataset

# Constructing a 5 cent smart phone microscope using PDMS Polymer Lenses

Aug. - Dec. 2017

- Fabricated lenses in a kitchen oven by curing PDMS upside down to generate curvature using gravity
- Achieved a magnification of 172x and a numerical aperture of 0.212 through Zemax optimization
- Explored a lift-off technique using a sacrificial PVA layer to detach PDMS cured in a 3D printed mold

SKILLS

Programming: Python, Pytorch, Keras, Numpy, Java, C#, SQL, Matlab, Labview

Research: Chemical vapor deposition, Dry/Wet transfer of 2D materials, Photolithography, Raman spectroscopy, AFM, STM, E-beam/Thermal evaporation, Sputtering, Cell culturing

#### Memorable Coursework

Machine Learning, Nonlinear Optics, Data structures, Artificial Intelligence, Probability and Random Processes, Optical Systems, Biophotonics, Thermal Physics, Quantum Mechanics, Linear Algebra