Curriculum Vitae (October 2018)

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Education

Ph.D., Computer Science and Computational Biology, Brown University

2013-2016

Thesis: Methods for Identifying Combinations of Driver Mutations in Cancer

Advisor: Benjamin J. Raphael.

M.Sc., Computer Science, Brown University

2011-2013

B.Sc. (cum laude), Computer Science, Tufts University

2007-2011

Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & UMIACS, University of Maryland

2017-

Post-doctoral researcher, Microsoft Research

2016-2017

Publications

Preprints and in-press

- Huang, X., Sason, I., Wojtowicz, D., Kim, Y-A., **Leiserson, M.D.M.^**, Przytycka, T.M.^, Sharan, R.^ (2018) Hidden Markov Models Lead to Higher Resolution Maps of Mutation Signature Activity in Cancer. *bioRxiv* https://doi.org/10.1101/392639
- Persi, E., Wolf, Y.I., **Leiserson, M.D.M.**, Koonin, E.V., Ruppin, E. (2018) Criticality in Tumor Evolution and Clinical Outcome. *bioRxiv* https://doi.org/10.1101/314021
- Sinha, S., Cheng, K., **Leiserson, M.D.M.**, Wilson, D.M., Ryan, B.M., Lee, J.S., Ruppin, E. (2018) A systematic genome-wide mapping of the oncogenic risks associated with CRISPR-Cas9 editing. *bioRxiv* https://doi.org/10.1101/407767
- Fan, J., Cannistra, A., Fried, I., Lim, T., Schaffner, T., Crovella, M., Hescott, B.^, Leiserson, M.D.M.^ (2018) A Multi-Species Functional Embedding Integrating Sequence and Network Structure. *RE-COMB 2018* (to appear). [bioRxiv preprint]
- **Leiserson, M.D.M.**, Syrgkanis, V., Gilson, A., Dudik, M., Bajorin, D.F., Rosenberg, J., Funt, S., Snyder, A., Mackey, L. (2018) A Multifactorial Model of T Cell Expansion and Durable Clinical Benefit in Response to a PD-L1 Inhibitor. *bioRxiv* https://doi.org/10.1101/231316

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Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Reyna, M.R., Leiserson, M.D.M., Raphael, B.J. (2018) Hierarchical HotNet: identifying hierarchies of altered subnetworks. *ECCB/Bioinformatics* 34(17), i972-i980. [Publisher link.]

- Grasso, C., Giannakis, M., Wells, D., Hamada, T., Mu, X.J., Quist, M., Nowak, J., Nishihara, R., Qian, Z.R., Inamura, K., Morikawa, T., Nosho, K., Abril-Rodriguez, G., Connolly, C., Escuin-Ordinas, H., Geybels, M., Grady, W., Hsu, L., Hu-Lieskovan, S., Huyghe, J., Kim, Y.J., Krystofinski, P., Leiserson, M.D.M., Montoya, D., Nadel, B., Pellegrini, M., Pritchard, C., Puig-Saus, C., Quist, E., Raphael, B., Stanford, J., Sun, W., Tsoi, J., Upfill-Brown, A., Wheeler, D., Wu, C., Yu, M., Zaidi, S., Zaretsky, J., Gabriel, S., Lander, E., Garraway, L., Hudson, T., Fuchs, C., Ribas, A., Ogino, S., Peters, U. (2018) Genetic mechanisms of immune evasion in colorectal cancer. *Cancer Discovery*, 10.1158/2159-8290.CD-17-1327. [Publisher link.]
- Radovich, M., Pickering, C.R., Felau, I., Ha, G., Zhang, H., Jo, H., Hoadley, K.A., Anur, P., Zhang, J., McLellan, M., Bowlby, R., Matthew, T., Danilova, L., Hegde, A.M., Kim, J., Leiserson, M.D.M., Sethi, G., Lu, C., Ryan, M., Su, X., Cherniack, A.D., Robertson, G., Akbani, R., Spellman, P., Weinstein, J.N., Hayes, D.N., Raphael, B., Lichtenberg, T., Leraas, K., Zenklusen, J.C., TCGA Research Network, Fujimoto, J., Scapulatempo-Neto, C., Moreira, A.L., Hwang, D., Huang, J., Marino, M., Korst, R., Giaccone, G., Gokmen-Polar, G., Badve, S., Rajan, A., Strobel, P., Girard, N., Tsao, M.S., Marx, A., Tsao, A.S., Loehrer, P.J. (2018) The Integrated Genomic Landscape of Thymic Epithelial Tumors. Cancer Cell, 33(2):244-2458.e1o. [Publisher link.]
- Dwork, C., Immorlica, N., Kalai, A.T., **Leiserson, M.D.M.**^(A) (2018) Decoupled classifiers for fair and efficient machine learning. *Proceedings of the 1st Conference on Fairness, Accountability and Transparency (FAT 2018)*, PMLR 81:119-133. [Publisher link.] [arXiv preprint.]
- Senft, D., **Leiserson, M.D.M.**, Ruppin. E., Ze'ev, A.R. (2017) Precision Oncology: The Road Ahead. *Trends in Molecular Medicine*, 23(10):874-898. [Publisher link.]
- The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network. (2017) Integrated Genomic Characterization of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma. *Cancer Cell*, 32(2):185-203. [Publisher link.]
- **Leiserson, M.D.M.**, Reyna, M., Raphael, B.J. (2016) A weighted exact test for mutually exclusive mutations in cancer. *Bioinformatics/ECCB*, 32(17): i736-i745. [Publisher link.]
- Lu, C.*, Xie, M.*, Wendl, M.C.*, Wang, J.*, McLellan, M.D.*, Leiserson, M.D.M.*, Huang, K.L, Wyczalkowski, M.A., Jayasinghe, R., Banerjee, T., Ning, J., Tripathi, P., Zhang, Q., Niu, B., Ye, K., Schmidt, H.K., Fulton, R.S., McMichael, J.F., Batra, P., Kandoth, C., Bharadwaj, M., Koboldt, D.C., Miller, C.A., Kanchi, K.L., Eldred, J.M., Larson, D.E., Welch, J.S., You, M., Ozenberger, B.A., Govindan, R., Walter, M.J., Ellis, M.J., Mardis, E.R., Graubert, T.A., Dipersio, J.F., Ley, T.J., Wilson, R.K., Goodfellow, P.A., Raphael, B.J., Chen, F., Johnson, K.J., Parvin, J.D., Ding, L. (2015). Patterns and Functional Implications of Rare Germline Variants across 12 Cancer Types. *Nature Communications*, 6:10086. [Publisher link.]
- The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network Group. (2015) Comprehensive Molecular Characterization of Papillary Renal Cell Carcinoma. *New England Journal of Medicine*, doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1505917. [Publisher link].
- **M.D.M.** Leiserson*, H-T. Wu*, F. Vandin, B.J. Raphael. (2015) CoMEt: a statistical approach to identify combinations of mutually exclusive alterations in cancer. *Genome Biology*, 16:160. [Publisher link].
- M.D.M. Leiserson, C.C. Gramazio, J. Hu, H-T. Wu, D.H. Laidlaw, B.J. Raphael. (2015) MAGI: visualization and collaborative annotation of genomic aberrations. *Nature Methods*, 12(6):483-484. [Publisher link].

M.D.M. Leiserson*, F. Vandin*, H-T. Wu, J.R. Dobson, J.V. Eldridge, J.L. Thomas, A. Papoutsaki, Y. Kim, B. Niu, M. McLellan, M.S. Lawrence, A. Gonzalez-Perez, D. Tamborero, Y. Cheng, G.A. Ryslik, N. Lopez-Bigas, G. Getz, L. Ding, B.J. Raphael. (2015) Pan-cancer network analysis identifies combinations of rare somatic mutations across pathways and protein complexes. *Nature Genetics*, 47(2):106-114. [Publisher link].

- K.A. Hoadley, C. Yau, D.M. Wolf, A.D. Cherniack, D. Tamborero, S. Ng, M.D.M. Leiserson, B. Niu, M.D. McLellan, V. Uzunangelov, J. Zhang, C. Kandoth, R. Akbani, H. Shen, L. Omberg, A. Chu, A.A. Margolin, L.J. van't Veer, N. Lopez-Bigas, P.W. Laird, B.J. Raphael, L. Ding, A.G. Robertson, L.A. Byers, G.B. Mills, J.N. Weinstein, C. Van Waes, Z. Chen, E.A. Collisson, The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network, C.C. Benze, C.M. Peroue, J.M. Stuart.. (2014) Multiplatform Analysis of 12 Cancer Types Reveals Molecular Classification within and across Tissues of Origin. Cell, 158(4):929-944. [Publisher link].
- K.L. Kanchi, K.J. Johnson, C. Lu, M.D. McLellan, M.D.M. Leiserson, M.C. Wendl, Q. Zhang, D.C. Koboldt, M. Xie, C. Kandoth, J.F. McMichael, M.A. Wyczalkowski, D.E. Larson, H.K. Schmidt, C.A. Miller, R.S. Fulton, P.T. Spellman, E.R. Mardis, T.E. Druley, T.A Graubert, P.J. Goodfellow, B.J. Raphael, R. K. Wilson, L. Ding. (2014) Integrated analysis of germline and somatic variants in ovarian cancer. *Nature Communications*, 5:3156. [Publisher link].
- C. Kandoth, M.D. McLellan, F. Vandin, K. Ye, B. Niu, C. Lu, M. Xie, Q. Zhang, J.F. McMichael, M.A. Wyczalkowski, M.D.M. Leiserson, C.A. Miller, J.S. Welch, M.J. Walter, M.C. Wendl, T.J. Ley, R.K. Wilson, B.J. Raphael, L. Ding (2013) Mutational landscape and significance across 12 major cancer types. *Nature*, 502(7471):333-339. [Publisher link].
- The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network, J.N. Weinstein, E.A. Collisson, G.B. Mills, K.R. Mills Shaw, B.A. Ozenberger, K. Ellrott, I. Shmulevich, C. Sander, J.M. Stuart (2013) The Cancer Genome Atlas Pan-Cancer analysis project. *Nature Genetics*, 45(10):1113-1120. [Publisher link].
- **M.D.M.** Leiserson, D. Blokh, R. Sharan*, B. Raphael*. (2013) Simultaneous Identification of Multiple Driver Pathways in Cancer. *PLoS Comp Biol*, 9(5):e1003054. [Publisher link].
- The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network. (2013) Genomic and Epigenomic Landscapes of Adult De Novo Acute Myeloid Leukemia. *New England Journal of Medicine*. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa1301689. [Publisher link].
- A. Gallant, **M.D.M. Leiserson**, M. Kachalov, L. Cowen, B. Hescott. (2013) Genecentric: a package to uncover graph-theoretic structure in high-throughput epistasis data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, **14**:23. doi:10.1186/1471-2105-14-23. [Publisher link].
- **M.D.M. Leiserson**, D. Tatar, L. Cowen, B. Hescott. (2011) Inferring Mechanisms of Compensation from E-MAP and SGA Data Using Local Search Algorithms for Max Cut. *Journal of Computational Biology*, **18**(11):1399-1409. [Publisher link].
- B. Hescott, **M.D.M. Leiserson**, D. Slonim, L. Cowen. (2009) Evaluating Between-Pathway Models with Expression Data. *Journal of Computational Biology* **17**(3):443-457. [Publisher link].

Proceedings

M.D.M. Leiserson*, H-T. Wu*, F. Vandin, B.J. Raphael. (2015) CoMEt: A Statistical Approach to Identify Combinations of Mutually Exclusive Alterations in Cancer. *Proceedings of the 19th Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB 2015)*. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Volume 9029, 202-204. [Publisher link] [arXiv preprint link].

M.D.M. Leiserson, D. Tatar, L. Cowen, B. Hescott. (2011) Inferring Mechanisms of Compensation from E-MAP and SGA Data Using Local Search Algorithms for Max Cut. *Proceedings of the 15th Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB 2011)*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Volume 6577, 154-167. [Publisher link].

B. Hescott, **M.D.M. Leiserson**, D. Slonim, L. Cowen. (2009) Evaluating Between-Pathway Models with Expression Data. *Proceedings of the 13th Annual International Conference on Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB 2009)*. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Volume 5541, 372-385. [Publisher link].

Invited Articles and Book Chapters

- **M.D.M. Leiserson**, B.J. Raphael. (2015). Analyzing combinations of somatic mutations in cancer genomes. In G.C. Tseng, D. Ghosh, X. J. Zhou (Eds.), *Integrating Omics Data*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. [Publisher link].
- **M.D.M. Leiserson**, J.V. Eldridge, S. Ramachandran, B.J. Raphael (2013) Network analysis of GWAS data. *Current Opinion in Genetics & Development*, 23(6):602-610. [Publisher link].

Honors & Awards

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 2012-2016.

Selected to attend Heidelberg Laureate Forum (one of 200 students), 2014.

NSF Travel Award (RECOMB 2013, 2015) and ISCB Travel Award (ISMB 2015).

Tufts University Senior Thesis in Computer Science completed with Highest Honors, 2011.

Runner-up for Computing Research Association Outstanding Undergraduate Award, 2011.

Tufts University Senior Award: Benjamin G. Brown Scholarship for Promise in Scientific Research, 2011.

Teaching Experience

2018	Primary instructor		CMSC 423	Bioinformatic Algorithms, Databases, and Tools
2017-2018	Primary instructor	UMD	CMSC 828P	Algorithms & Machine Learning for Analyzing
	•			Mutations in Cancer
2015	Guest lecturer (1)	Brown	CSCI 1810	Computational Molecular Biology
2014	Guest lecturer (2)	Brown	CSCI 1810	Computational Molecular Biology

Teaching Certificate I, Sheridan Center, Brown University, 2015.

Presentations

Conference Presentations

M. Leiserson, M. Reyna, B. Raphael. A Weighted Exact Test for the Significance of Mutually Exclusive Mutations in Cancer. 24rd Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), 2016. [Late breaking research talk]

M. Leiserson, F. Vandin, H-T. Wu, J. Dobson, J. Eldridge, J. Thomas, A. Papoutsaki, Y. Kim, B. Niu, M. McLellan, M. Lawrence, A. Gonzalez-Perez, D. Tamborero, Y. Cheng, G. Ryslik, N. Lopez-Bigas, G. Getz, L. Ding, B. Raphael. Pan-cancer network analysis identifies combinations of rare somatic mutations across pathways and protein complexes. 23rd Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), 2015. [Highlight talk]

- M. Leiserson, F. Vandin, H-T. Wu, J. Dobson, J. Eldridge, J. Thomas, A. Papoutsaki, Y. Kim, B. Niu, M. McLellan, M. Lawrence, A. Gonzalez-Perez, D. Tamborero, Y. Cheng, G. Ryslik, N. Lopez-Bigas, G. Getz, L. Ding, B. Raphael. Pan-cancer network analysis identifies combinations of rare somatic mutations across pathways and protein complexes. 19th Annual Research in Computational Molecular Biology Conference (RECOMB), 2015. [Highlight talk]
- M. Leiserson, D. Blokh, R. Sharan, B. Raphael. Simultaneous Identification of Multiple Driver Pathways in Cancer. 22nd Annual International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), 2014. [Highlight talk]

Invited Talks

June 2018	SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics, Computational Biology Mini-
	symposium, Denver, CO
November 2017	Challenges and Synergies in the Analysis of Large-Scale Population-Based
	Biomedical Data, Banff International Research Station, Oaxaca, Mexico
November 2017	University of Maryland, Department of Computer Science, College Park, MD
October 2017	University of Maryland, Computational Biology, Bioinformatics, and Ge-
	nomics Program, College Park, MD
December 2016	Tufts University, Department of Computer Science, Medford, MA
February 2016	Computational Cancer Biology Workshop, Simons Institute, Berkeley, CA
April 2015	Bio-IT World Conference & Expo, Boston, MA

Advising Experience

Master's Students

Jeremy Watson* (M.Sc., Computer Science, 2016).

John Shen* (M.Sc., Computer Science, 2016).

Jonathan V. Eldridge* (M.Sc., Computer Science, 2014).

Co-advised Undergraduate Students

Sam Brebner* (Sc.B. Computer Science, expected 2016).

Adrien Deschamps* (Sc.B. Applied Math).

Vivian Hsiao* (Sc.B. Computer Science, 2014), now at Brown University Medical School.

Jason Hu* (Sc.B. Computer Science, 2015).

Alex Wong* (Sc.B. Computer Science, expected 2018).

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Service

Leadership

Program Committee ACM-BCB 2017

ISMB 2018 RECOMB 2017-2019

RECOMB-CCB 2017-2018, 2019 (PC co-chair)

Poster Committee RECOMB 2015

Referee

Conferences RECOMB 2013-2015

ISMB 2013

Journals Bioinformatics-Oxford Journals 2012, 2014-2015, 2018

Genome Medicine 2016 Nature Genetics 2016

PLoS Computational Biology 2012, 2014-2015, 2018

Scientific Reports 2018 PLoS ONE 2018

Professional Memberships

International Society of Computational Biology, 2012-present.

Association of Computing Machinery, 2014-present.

Source: http://github.com/raphael-group/gd3

IEEE, 2014-present.

Open-Source Software

SigMa: Signature Markov model
Source: http://github.com/lrgr/sigma

MUNK: Multi-species Network Kernel
Source: http://github.com/lrgr/munk

WExT: Weighted Exclusivity Test
Source: http://github.com/raphael-group/wext

CoMEt: Statistical Approach to Identify Combinations of Mutually Exclusive Alterations in Cancer 2015 Source: http://github.com/raphael-group/comet

GD3: Javascript library for visualizing genomics data with D3

MAGI: Interactive visualization and collaborative annotation of genetic aberrations 2014

Web application: http://magi.cs.brown.edu Source: http://github.com/raphael-group/magi

HotNet2: Identifying significantly altered subnetworks in a large gene interaction network Source: http://github.com/raphael-group/hotnet2

Multi-Dendrix: Rapid identification of multiple driver pathways in cancer Source: https://github.com/raphael-group/multi-dendrix

2013

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