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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My work enables scientific researchers and other semi-technical analysts to use efficient computing resources. I am broadly interested in numerical methods and accessibility through programming.

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D, Computer Science

2013

M.S. Computer Science

2011

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

B.A., Physics, Mathematics, and Astronomy

May 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Anaconda Inc

Computational Scientist

2014 - Present

Parallel and distributed computation for the open source Python ecosystem

Sandia National Laboratory - Livermore, CA

Postdoctoral Researcher

2013 - 2014

Computation and analysis of large time evolving networks

Sandia National Laboratory - Livermore, CA

Summer researcher

Summer 2010

Complex networks, particularly with clustering and multiple metrics

Argonne National Laboratory - Chicago, IL

Givens Fellow

Summer 2009

Uncertainty quantification and sensitivity analysis of numerical weather prediction

UC Berkeley Physics Department - Berkeley, CA

Staff Research Assistant

2007 - 2008

Algorithms and software to probabilistically track intracellular movement of vesicles moving within the bodies of plant cells. Developed biophysics educational tools

Berkeley Engineering and Research/4D Imaging - Berkeley, CA

Developer

2003 - 2005

3d scanner based on structured light techniques. Began startup engineering company. Initial sole developer of a project which eventually grew to become an independent and profitable company

SOFTWARE

I contribute to and maintain several libraries within Python's numeric computing ecosystem, particularly around parallel and distributed computing. I am primarily known for my current work on Dask.

- [Dask](#) – *Parallel computing with dynamic task scheduling*: Dask combines a high-speed computational task scheduler with algorithms for parallel arrays, dataframes, machine learning, etc..

Historically I have been involved in the following projects:

- [SymPy](#) – *Symbolic mathematics in Python*: Core contributor. Maintains linear algebra, statistics, and logical assumptions.

- [Theano – Mathematical array compiler](#): Historically focused on concurrency, GPUs, scheduling, and interactions with SymPy.

A more complete list of software is available at github.com/mrocklin.

PUBLICATIONS

Theses

- M. Rocklin, [Modular Generation of Scientific Software](#), 2013, a PhD dissertation.
- M. Rocklin, [Uncertainty Quantification and Sensitivity Analysis in Dynamical Systems](#), 2011, a masters thesis

Papers

- Al-Rfou, Rami, et al [Theano: A Python framework for fast computation of mathematical expressions](#), arXiv preprint arXiv:1605.02688 (2016).
- A. Meurer et al [SymPy: symbolic computing in Python](#), PeerJ Computer Science 3 (2017): e103.
- M. Rocklin, A. Pinar [On Clustering on Graphs with Multiple Edge Types](#), Internet Mathematics, 2012
- E. Constantinescu, V. Zavala, M. Rocklin, S. Lee, and M. Anitescu, [A Computational Framework for Uncertainty Quantification and Stochastic Optimization in Unit Commitment with Wind Power Generation](#). IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 2010.

Conference Proceedings

- M. Rocklin, [Dask: Parallel computation with blocked algorithms and task scheduling](#), Proceedings of the 14th Python in Science Conference. 2015.
- M. Rocklin, [Uncertainty Modeling with SymPy Stats SciPy](#) 2012
- M. Rocklin, A. Pinar, [Computing an Aggregate Edge-Weight Function for Clustering Graphs with Multiple Edge Types](#). Algorithms and Models for the Web-Graph, 2010
- M. Rocklin, A. Pinar, [Latent Clustering on Graphs with Multiple Edge Types](#) Algorithms and Models for the Web-Graph, 2011

Other

- M. Rocklin, A Pinar, [Spectral Generation and Latent Community Structure of Multiweighted Networks](#), 2010
- M. Rocklin, E. Constantinescu, [Adjoint Sensitivity Analysis for Wind Power Generation](#), 2009
- US Patent 7620209: [Method and apparatus for dynamic space-time imaging system](#)