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Chromatin organization, Nucleosome positioning, Gene regulation, Chromatin remodeling factors, Statistical Mechanics, Biophysics

EDUCATION

2007 - 2013

Ph.D.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, NJ, U.S.A.

Physics Department

Adviser: Professor Alexandre V. Morozov Thesis: Statistical Mechanics of Nucleosomes

Cumulative GPA: 3.90 / 4

2002 - 2007 B.Eng.

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania

Faculty of Physics

Graduated as valedictorian Adviser: Professor Emil Vinteler

Thesis: Differential Geometry in General Relativity and Yang-Mills Theory

Thesis GPA: 10 / 10 Cumulative GPA: 9.83 / 10

POSTDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

2013 - Present Post-Doctoral Fellow

David Clark's Lab

NICHD, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, U.S.A.

AWARDS

2009 Richard J. Plano Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
2002 Silver Medal at the International Physics Olympiad, Indonesia
2001, 2002 Excellency Diploma awarded by the President of Romania
2001 Bronze Medal at "Tuymaada" International Olympiad, Russia

1999, 2000, 2002 First Prize at Romanian National Physics Olympiad

SCHOLARSHIPS

2010 - 2013	Graduate Assistantship, Rutgers University
2008 - 2010	Teaching Assistantship, Rutgers University
2007 - 2008	Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University
2002 - 2007	University Merit Scholarship, Babeş-Bolyai University
2002 - 2007	Romanian Ministry of Education Scholarship
2002 - 2007	"Petrom" Scholarship, OMV Petrom S.A.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Chereji RV, Tolkunov D, Locke G & Morozov AV Statistical mechanics of nucleosome ordering by chromatin-structure-induced two-body interactions, Phys. Rev. E 83, 050903 (2011)
- [2] Chereji RV & Morozov AV Statistical mechanics of nucleosomes constrained by higher-order chromatin structure, J. Stat. Phys. 144, 379-404 (2011)
- [3] Petrenko N, Chereji RV, McClean MN, Morozov AV & Broach JR Noise and interlocking signaling pathways promote distinct transcription factor dynamics in response to different stresses, Mol. Biol. Cell 24, 2045-2057 (2013)
- [4] Elfving N*, Chereji RV*, Bharatula V, Björklund S, Morozov AV & Broach JR A dynamic interplay of nucleosome and Msn2 binding regulates kinetics of gene activation and repression following stress, Nucl. Acids Res. 42 (9), 5468-5482 (2014)
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- [5] Chereji RV & Morozov AV Ubiquitous nucleosome crowding and unwrapping in the yeast genome, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 111 (14), 5236-5241 (2014)
- [6] Ganguli D*, Chereji RV*, Iben JR, Cole HA & Clark DJ RSC-dependent Constructive and Destructive Interference between Opposing Arrays of Phased Nucleosomes in Yeast, Genome Res. 24, 1637-1649 (2014)
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- [7] Cole HA, Ocampo J, Iben JR, Chereji RV & Clark DJ Transcription of Induced Genes in Yeast Correlates with Differential Loss of Histone H2A-H2B Dimers from Coding Regions, Nucl. Acids Res. 42 (20), 12512-12522 (2014)
- [8] Chereji RV & Morozov AV Functional roles of nucleosome stability and dynamics, Brief. Funct. Genomics 14 (1), 50-60 (2015)

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

[9] Elfving N*, Chereji RV*, Larsson M, Morozov AV, Broach JR & Björklund S – Mediator exists in multiple forms and is predominantly associated to promoters with low nucleosome density (Submitted)

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[10] Chereji RV*, Kan T-W*, Grudniewska MK, Romashchenko AV, Berezikov E, Zhimulev IF, Guryev V, Morozov AV & Moshkin YM – Genome-wide profiling of nucleosome sensitivity and chromatin accessibility to MNase in Drosophila melanogaster (Submitted)

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PRESENTATIONS

September, 2012 Biophysical Society Pennsylvania Network Meeting, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA (poster) November, 2012 The 8th Gotham-Metro Condensed Matter Meeting, The New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY (poster) December, 2012 108th Statistical Mechanics Conference, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ (contributed talk) Biophysical Society 57th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (poster) February, 2013 March, 2013 APS March Meeting, Baltimore, MD (contributed talk) June, 2013 University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA (invited talk) June, 2013 National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD (invited talk) September, 2013 BioMaPS Institute for Quantitative Biology Student Seminar, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ (invited talk) February, 2014 Biophysical Society 58th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (poster) March, 2014 APS March Meeting, Denver, CO (contributed talk) April, 2014 10th Annual NICHD Fellows Meeting, Washington, DC (poster) June, 2014 NICHD Scientific Retreat, NIH, Bethesda, MD (poster) June, 2014 PGD Monday Morning Seminar, NIH, Bethesda, MD (seminar) September, 2014 CSHL Epigenetics & Chromatin Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor, NY (poster) Biophysical Society 59th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (poster) February, 2015 March, 2015 APS March Meeting, San Antonio, TX (invited talk + contributed talk) March, 2015 Keystone Symposia: DNA Methylation / Epigenomics, Keystone, CO (poster) April, 2015 NCI Symposium on Chromosome Biology, NIH, Bethesda, MD (poster) Chromatin-DECODE Seminar, NIH, Bethesda, MD (invited talk) April, 2015 May, 2015 11th Annual NICHD Fellows Meeting, Washington, DC (poster) May, 2015 PGD Monday Morning Seminar, NIH, Bethesda, MD (seminar) June, 2015 FASEB conference: Transcription, Chromatin, and Epigenetics, Palm Beach, FL (poster)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer, 2012 General Physics II Summer, 2010 General Physics II

Spring, 2010 Extended Analytical Physics II Fall, 2009 Extended Analytical Physics I

Summer, 2009 General Physics II

Spring, 2009 Extended Analytical Physics II Fall, 2008 Extended Analytical Physics I

TEST SCORES

August, 2008 Ph.D. Candidacy Examination, overall percentage: 89.1%

November, 2006 GRE Subject: Physics, score: 990 / 990

OTHER SKILLS

MATLAB, R, Bash, LaTeX, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Dreamweaver

MEMBERSHIPS

American Physical Society, Biophysical Society

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