Samson Koelle

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I am a researcher and engineer working on artificial intelligence, interpretable machine learning, and computational biology. I have published several first author machine learning papers and products I have worked on have been used by millions of people.

Skills

Methods:	Python		PyTorch	GitHub	Modeling	Kubernetes	AWS
Domains:	Generative AI	TTS	Neuro.	Unsup. learning	Mol. dynamics	Hematology	

Experience

Uberduck, Inc. Cofounder/Head of ML Seattle, WA 08/2021 – 03/2024
AI science and engineering for text-to-speech; headed R&D (up to 3 person team) for startup
Allen Institute for Brain Science Contractor Seattle, WA 01/2020 – 12/2020
Data science for brain connectivity; published first author paper
Amazon SCOT Forecasting Sci. Research Intern Seattle, WA 06/2017 – 09/2017
AI science for sales forecasting; online training of fine-tuned models
Fred Hutchinson Graduate assistant Seattle, WA 09/2015 – 06/2017
Data science for single cell RNA sequencing
Nat. Heart, Lung, & Blood Inst. IRTA Bethesda, MD 07/2013 – 05/2015
Data and experimental science for hematopoietic stem cells; published first author paper

Education

Y Combinator San Francisco, CA 01/2022 – 03/2022
Ph.D. Statistics University of Washington, Seattle, WA 09/2015 – 03/2022
Thesis: *Geometric algorithms for interpretable manifold learning.*
Committee: Marina Meila (advisor), Yen-Chi Chen, Zaid Harchaoui, John Lee
B.A. Mathematics Columbia University, New York, NY 09/2009 – 05/2013

References

Zach Ocean	Uberduck, Inc.	z@uberduck.ai
Marina Meila	University of Washington Department of Statistics	mmp@uw.edu
Stefan Mihalas	Allen Institute for Brain Science	stefanm@alleninstitute.org
Cynthia Dunbar	National Heart Lung and Blood Institute	dunbarc@nhlbi.nih.gov

Publications

Koelle, Samson J et al. (2024). "Consistency of Dictionary-Based Manifold Learning". In: *Proceedings of The 27th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*. Ed. by Sanjoy Dasgupta et al. Vol. 238. Proceedings of Machine Learning Research. PMLR, pp. 4348–4356.

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Buenfil, James et al. (2021). "Tangent Space Least Adaptive Clustering". en. In: *2021 ICML Unsupervised Learning for Reinforcement Learning Workshop*.

Espinoza, Diego A et al. (Apr. 2021). "Interrogation of clonal tracking data using barcodetrackR". en. In: *Nat Comput Sci* 1.4, pp. 280–289.

Koelle, Samson and Zhang, Hanyu and Meila, Marina and Chen, Yu-Chia (2019). "Manifold coordinates with physical meaning". In: *NeuRIPs Machine Learning for Physical Sciences Workshop*.

Xu, Jason et al. (2019). "Statistical inference for partially observed branching processes with application to cell lineage tracking of in vivo hematopoiesis". In: *Ann. Appl. Stat.* 13.4, pp. 2091–2119.

Meila, Marina et al. (Nov. 2018). "A regression approach for explaining manifold embedding coordinates".

Paulson, K G et al. (Sept. 2018). "Acquired cancer resistance to combination immunotherapy from transcriptional loss of class I HLA". en. In: *Nat. Commun.* 9.1, p. 3868.

Wu, Chuanfeng et al. (Nov. 2018a). "Clonal expansion and compartmentalized maintenance of rhesus macaque NK cell subsets". en. In: *Sci Immunol* 3.29.

Wu, Chuanfeng et al. (Jan. 2018b). "Geographic clonal tracking in macaques provides insights into HSPC migration and differentiation". en. In: *J. Exp. Med.* 215.1, pp. 217–232.

Yabe, Idalia M et al. (Dec. 2018). "Barcoding of Macaque Hematopoietic Stem and Progenitor Cells: A Robust Platform to Assess Vector Genotoxicity". en. In: *Mol Ther Methods Clin Dev* 11, pp. 143–154.

Yu, Kyung-Rok et al. (Mar. 2018). "The impact of aging on primate hematopoiesis as interrogated by clonal tracking". en. In: *Blood* 131.11, pp. 1195–1205.

Koelle, Samson J et al. (Mar. 2017). "Quantitative stability of hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell clonal output in rhesus macaques receiving transplants". en. In: *Blood* 129.11, pp. 1448–1457.

Wu, Chuanfeng et al. (Apr. 2014). "Clonal tracking of rhesus macaque hematopoiesis highlights a distinct lineage origin for natural killer cells". In: *Cell Stem Cell* 14.4, pp. 486–499.

Service

Reviewer	AISTAT	2023
Reviewer	JMLR	2021
Reviewer	UAI	2020-2021
Organizer	UW Geometric Data Analysis reading group (uwgeometry.github.io)	2017-2021

Software

https://github.com/uberduck-ai/uberduck-ml-dev	Audio ML models	378 stars
https://github.com/sjkoelle/montlake	Geometric data analysis	11 stars

Support/Awards

IPAM ML for Physics & the Physics of Learning	UCLA	2019
IGERT Big Data Fellowship	University of Washington	2017-2019
Chateaubriand Fellowship	Embassy of France	2016
GRFP Honorable Mention	NSF	2016

Presentations

Manifold Coord. w/ Phys. Meaning	ITA Workshop	San Diego, CA	2/2020
Manifold Coord. w/ Phys. Meaning	NeuRIPs ML4PhysicalSci	Vancouver, CA	12/2019
Manifold Coord. w/ Phys. Meaning	BIDS	Berkley, CA	12/2019
Manifold Coord. w/ Phys. Meaning	UCLA IPAM	Los Angeles, CA	9/2019
Manifold Coord. w/ Phys. Meaning	Moore Sloan Foundation	Park City, Utah	9/2019
Wasserstein Distance Optimization	JSM	Baltimore, MD	7/2017
Stability of Hematopoiesis	ASH	San Francisco, CA	12/2014