SPENCER GUO

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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

9/2020 – present

Ph.D in Chemistry

ADVISORS: Prof. Aaron Dinner and Prof. Benoît Roux

ACADEMIC Interests: Theoretical and computational chemistry/biophysics, protein dynamics, mechanism of voltage-sensitive phosphatase

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

9/2016 - 6/2020

B.S. in Biological Chemistry, minor in Computer Science

GPA: 3.949

Relevant Coursework: Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Biochemistry, ODEs, PDEs, Computer Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Probability, Quantum Mechanics, Classical Mechanics, Statistical Mechanics

EXPERIENCE

Markland Lab

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Stanford University

9/2018 - 6/2020

Simulated of IR spectra of bulk water using DFTB (density functional tight binding) Benchmarked DFTB calculations against results from DFT

Investigated a neural network method to calculate molecular dipoles

Schrödinger

Python Development Intern

New York, NY

6/2019 - 9/2019

Developed tool to identify critical residue/ligand interactions for drug development Extended multiple sequence viewer (MSV) to analyze similarity at binding sites Added ability to quickly visualize protein domains in MSV

Genentech

Protein Engineering Intern

South San Francisco, CA

6/2018 - 9/2018

Synthesized novel peptide library for cellular assays (~20 compounds) Analyzed protein crystal structures to direct rational macrocycle design Analyzed instrumental purity and spectral data (LC-MS, HPLC, NMR)

Chen Lab

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Stanford University

2/2017 - 6/2018

Developed novel near-IR activated caged morpholinos (cMOs) Designed and executed synthesis of cyanine dye-based probe

Presented work at Developmental Biology seminar

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Department of Chemistry

Teaching Assistant

University of Chicago

9/2020 - 6/2021

Led weekly recitation sections, held office hours, and graded assignments for 3-quarter general chemistry sequence

Vice Provost for Teaching and

Chemistry Tutor

Learning

9/2018 - 6/2020

Tutored general chemistry, organic chemistry, and biochemistry classes

Stanford Collaborative Orchestra

Co-Producer

Stanford University

6/2017 - 6/2018

Organized over 25 rehearsals and 3 concerts with more than 100 attendees Increased membership by 20% through coordinated recruitment efforts

Promoted collaborative musical environment

AWARDS NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Eckhardt Fellowship

2020 - 2024 2020 - 2025

Physical Sciences Division, The University of Chicago

Stanford Department of Developmental Biology Grant

2017

Provided through the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education (\$7000). For development of a cyanine dye-based caged morpholino

POSTERS

Unsupervised Learning on scRNA-seq Data

12/2019

Final project for CS 221 (Artificial Intelligence). Analyzed single-cell RNA-sequencing data from zebrafish development to identify and reconstruct developmental states, trajectories, and cell types. Employed unsupervised learning methods including nonnegative matrix factorization and latent Dirichlet allocation. Report available here.

Development of photoactivable morpholinos with greater dynamic and

spectral range

8/2017

Sankha Pattanayak, Spencer C Guo, Sayumi Yamazoe, James K Chen. Presented at 2nd Northern California Fish Research Symposium.

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING: Python (NumPy/SciPy), Unix/Bash, C/C++, MATLAB, Java, LATEX

SOFTWARE: GROMACS, PyMOL, VMD, CP2K, DFTB+, Git

LANGUAGE: Spanish (proficient), French (proficient), Chinese (conversational)

INTERESTS

Cooking, classical music, piano, violin

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