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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Aug. 2014 **Doctor of Philosophy**, *Applied Physics, Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
Ion interactions with single- and double-stranded DNA measured using solution X-ray scattering.
Advisor - Lois Pollack
- May 2007 **Bachelor of Arts**, *Physics, Carleton College*, Northfield, Minnesota.
Summa cum laude

Grants and Awards

- 2016-2018 **NIH NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship**: “Allosteric motions of B₁₂ enzymes”,
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.
Advisor - Nozomi Ando (Chemistry). F32-GM117757.
- May 2017 **Best Poster: Technical Achievement**, *CHESS Users' Meeting*.
For “Unmixing Enzyme Allostery”.
- May 2017 **Travel Award**, *American Crystallographic Association*.
To attend annual meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- Apr. 2017 **Travel and Professional Development Award**, *American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*.
To attend annual meeting in Chicago, IL.
- 2008-2011 **NIH Predoctoral Training Grant in Molecular Biophysics**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
Advisor - Lois Pollack (Applied & Engineering Physics). T32-GM008267.
- May 2007 **Distinction awarded for Senior Integrative Exercise (Thesis)**, *Carleton College*, Northfield, Minnesota.

Research Experience

- 2018-present **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
Advisor - Nozomi Ando (Chemistry and Chemical Biology).
- 2016-2018 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Princeton University*, Princeton, New Jersey.
Advisor - Nozomi Ando (Chemistry).
- Investigated the dynamics of highly flexible multi-domain metalloenzymes using solution small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) and X-ray diffuse scattering from crystals.
 - Trained in biophysical chemistry of metalloproteins, including anaerobic technique, expression, purification, and crystallization.
- 2014-2016 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *Princeton University*, Princeton, New Jersey.
Advisor - Nozomi Ando (Chemistry).
- Established equilibrium model for allosteric regulation of liver Phenylalanine Hydroxylase by combining chromatography-coupled SAXS with mathematical deconvolution.
- 2008-2014 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
Advisor - Lois Pollack (Applied & Engineering Physics)
- Microfabricated rapid mixers at the Cornell NanoScale Science & Technology Facility.
 - Performed time-resolved and anomalous SAXS experiments at Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS) and the Advanced Photon Source (APS).

- Transcribed, purified, and characterized RNA using biophysical techniques including fluorescence, UV melting, and atomic emission spectroscopy.
 - Thesis combined theory and experiment to understand the interplay of electrostatics and flexibility in the processes of RNA folding and DNA compaction.
- Summer 2006 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *REU at the Santa Fe Institute*, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Advisor - Alfred Hubler
- Summer 2005 **Undergraduate Researcher**, *NNIN REU at Stanford University*, Palo Alto, California.
Advisor - Fabian Pease

Publications

- [23] **Meisburger SP**, Case DA, Ando N. *Diffuse X-ray Scattering from Correlated Motions in a Protein Crystal*. **Nat. Comm.** 11: 1271 (2020).
- [22] Khan CA, **Meisburger SP**, Ando N, Fitzpatrick PF. *The phenylketonuria-associated substitution R68S converts phenylalanine hydroxylase to a constitutively active enzyme but reduces its stability*. **J. Biol. Chem.** 294(12): 4359-67 (2019).
- [21] Parker MJ, Maggiolo AO, Thomas WC, Kim A, **Meisburger SP**, Ando N, Boal AK, Stubbe J. *An endogenous dAMP ligand in Bacillus subtilis class Ib RNR promotes assembly of a noncanonical dimer for regulation by dATP*. **PNAS** 115: E4594–E4603 (2018).
- [20] **Meisburger SP***, Thomas WC*, Watkins MB*, and Ando N. *X-ray scattering studies of protein structural dynamics*. **Chem. Rev.** 117(12): 7615–72 (2017).
*equal contribution
- [19] **Meisburger SP** & Ando N. *Correlated motions from crystallography beyond diffraction*. **Acc. Chem. Res** 50: 580–583 (2017).
- [18] Plumridge A, **Meisburger SP**, Andresen K, and Pollack L. *The impact of base stacking on the conformations and electrostatics of single-stranded DNA*. **Nucl. Acids Res.** 45: 3932-3943 (2017).
- [17] Plumridge A*, **Meisburger SP***, Pollack L. *Visualizing single-stranded nucleic acids in solution*. **Nucl. Acids Res.** gkw1297 (2017).
*equal contribution
- [16] **Meisburger SP**, Taylor AB, Khan CA, Zhang S, Fitzpatrick PF, Ando N. *Domain movements upon activation of phenylalanine hydroxylase characterized by crystallography and chromatography-coupled small-angle X-ray scattering*. **JACS** 138(20): 6506–16 (2016).
- [15] Chen Y, Tokuda JM, Topping T, **Meisburger SP**, Pabit SA, Gloss LM, Pollack L. *Asymmetric unwrapping of nucleosomal DNA propagates asymmetric opening and dissociation of the histone core*. **PNAS** 114: 334-339 (2016).
- [14] Rustiguel JK, Soares ROS, **Meisburger SP**, Davis KM, Malzbender KL, Ando N, Dias-Baruffi M, Nonato MC. *Full-length model of the human galectin-4 and insights into dynamics of inter-domain communication*. **Sci. Rep.** 6: 33633 (2016).
- [13] **Meisburger SP**, Pabit SA, Pollack L. *Determining the locations of ions and water around DNA from X-ray scattering measurements*. **Biophys. J.** 108: 2886-95 (2015).
- [12] Hopkins JB, Katz AM, **Meisburger SP**, Warkentin MA, Thorne RE, Pollack L. *A microfabricated fixed path length silicon sample holder enables robust background subtraction for cryoSAXS*. **J. Appl. Cryst.** 48: 227-37 (2015).
- [11] Chen Y, Tokuda JM, Topping T, Sutton JL, **Meisburger SP**, Pabit SA, Gloss LM, Pollack L. *Revealing transient structures of nucleosomes as DNA unwinds*. **Nucl. Acids Res.** 42: 8767-76 (2014).
- [10] Nguyen HT, Pabit SA, **Meisburger SP**, Pollack L, Case DA. *Accurate small and wide angle x-ray scattering profiles from atomic models of proteins and nucleic acids*. **J. Chem. Phys.** 141: 22D508 (2014).

- [9] **Meisburger SP**, Sutton JL, Chen H, Pabit SA, Kirmizialtin S, Elber R, Pollack L. *Polyelectrolyte properties of single stranded DNA measured using SAXS and single-molecule FRET: beyond the wormlike chain model.* **Biopolymers** 99: 1032-45 (2013).
- [8] **Meisburger SP**, Warkentin M, Chen H, Hopkins JB, Gillilan RE, Pollack L, Thorne RE. *Breaking the radiation damage limit with Cryo-SAXS.* **Biophys. J.** 104(1): 227-36 (2013).
- [7] Chen H*, **Meisburger SP***, Pabit SA, Sutton JL, Webb WW, Pollack L. *Ionic strength-dependent persistence lengths of single-stranded RNA and DNA.* **PNAS** 109(3): 799-804 (2012).
*equal contribution
- [6] Yoo TY*, **Meisburger SP***, Hinshaw J*, Pollack L, Haran G, Sosnick TR, Plaxco K. *Small-angle X-ray scattering and single-molecule FRET spectroscopy produce highly divergent views of the low-denaturant unfolded state.* **J. Mol. Biol.** 418(3-4): 226-36 (2012).
*equal contribution
- [5] Kirmizialtin S, Pabit SA, **Meisburger SP**, Pollack L, Elber R. *RNA and its ionic cloud: solution scattering experiments and atomically detailed simulations.* **Biophys. J.** 102(4): 819-28 (2012).
- [4] Blose JM, Pabit SA, **Meisburger SP**, Li L, Jones CD, Pollack L. *Effects of a protecting osmolyte on the ion atmosphere surrounding DNA duplexes.* **Biochemistry** 50(40): 8540-7 (2011).
- [3] Li L, Pabit SA, **Meisburger SP**, Pollack L. *Double-stranded RNA resists condensation.* **Phys. Rev. Lett.** 106: 108101 (2011).
- [2] Pabit SA, **Meisburger SP**, Li L, Blose JM, Jones CD, Pollack L. *Counting ions around DNA with anomalous small-angle X-ray scattering.* **JACS** 132(46): 16334-6 (2010).
- [1] Pabit SA, Qiu X, Lamb JS, Li L, **Meisburger SP**, Pollack L. *Both helix topology and counterion distribution contribute to the more effective charge screening in dsRNA compared with dsDNA.* **Nucl. Acids Res.** 37: 3887-96 (2009).

Patents

Meisburger SP, Warkentin MA, Hopkins JB, Katz AM, Pollack L, and Thorne RE. (2018). *Apparatus and methods for low temperature small angle x-ray scattering.* US 9,927,336 (June 4, 2012).

Presentations

Talks

REGALS: data analysis at the SAS frontier. Meisburger SP, Xu D, Ando N. **ACA Annual Meeting**: Session 2.1.4 Frontiers in SAS. August 13, 2020. *Invited.*

On the origin of diffuse X-ray scattering from protein crystals. Meisburger SP, Ando N. **ACS Northeast Regional Meeting**. June 25, 2019. *Invited.*

Correlated Motions from Protein Crystallography. Meisburger SP, Case DA, Ando N. **Seminar at the Center for Nonlinear Studies, Los Alamos National Lab.** October 16, 2018. *Invited.*

Correlated Motions from Protein Crystallography. Meisburger SP, Case DA, Ando N. **ACA Annual Meeting**: Session 1.1.1 Closing the R-Factor Gap in Protein Crystallography. July 21, 2018.

A new method for computational purification of complex mixtures by chromatography-coupled SAXS. Meisburger SP, Taylor AB, Khan CA, Zhang S, Fitzpatrick PF, Ando N. **ACA Annual Meeting**: Hybrid Methods - BioSAXS Session. May 27, 2017.

Unmixing Enzyme Allostery. Meisburger SP, Taylor AB, Khan CA, Zhang S, Fitzpatrick PF, Ando N. **ASBMB Annual Meeting**: Structural Dynamics of Enzymes Spotlight Session. April 24, 2017. *Invited.*

X-ray imaging of enzymes in motion. Meisburger SP. **CHESS-U Workshops: Biomolecules in Motion.** June 8, 2016. *Invited.*

Sorting out the structure of single-stranded DNA. Meisburger SP, Sutton JL, Chen H, Andresen K, Pollack L. **58th Annual Biophysical Society Meeting.** Feb. 2014.

Introducing Cryo-SAXS: Solution structures from nanoliter volumes. Meisburger SP, Warkentin M, Chen H, Hopkins JB, Katz AM, Gillilan RE, Pollack L. **CHESS Users' Meeting.** June 2013. *Invited.*

Time-Resolved SAXS Reconstructions Reveal a Kinetic Intermediate in RNA Folding. Meisburger SP, Pabit SA, Li L, Blose JM, Brooks K, Hampel K, Pollack L. **RNA-UNY Conference.** Oct. 2010.

Posters (selected)

*Unmixing Enzyme Allostery.** Meisburger SP, Taylor AB, Khan CA, Zhang S, Fitzpatrick PF, Ando N. **CHESS Users' Meeting.** June 2017.

*Awarded best poster: technical achievement

Introducing Cryo-SAXS for measuring low resolution macromolecular structure without radiation damage. Meisburger SP, Warkentin M, Chen H, Hopkins JB, Katz AM, Gillilan RE, Thorne RE, Pollack L. **57th Annual Biophysical Society Meeting.** Feb. 2013.

A semi-transparent beamstop for accurate normalization of millisecond time-resolved SAXS profiles. Meisburger SP, Gillilan RE, Woll A, Pollack L. **Chess Users' Meeting.** June 2012.

Solution structures of flexible RNA molecules in mono- and divalent salt. Meisburger SP, Chen H, Pabit SA, Sutton JL, Webb WW, Pollack L. **56th Annual Biophysical Society Meeting.** Feb 2012.

Measuring the dimensions of a compact kinetic intermediate in the folding pathway of the GlmS Ribozyme. Meisburger SP, Pabit SA, Li L, Blose JM, Brooks K, Hampel K, Pollack L. **55th Annual Biophysical Society Meeting.** Feb 2011.

Visualizing the structure of the glmS riboswitch as it folds using time-resolved SAXS. Meisburger SP, Pabit SA, Li L, Blose JM, Hampel K, Pollack L. **54th Annual Biophysical Society Meeting.** Feb 2010.

Teaching & Mentoring

Workshops

August 2020 **Lecturer**, ACA Annual Meeting, (Online).

Applications of Small Angle Scattering to Structural Biology: An Introduction

October 2018 **Lecturer**, Advanced Light Source, Berkeley, California.

9th annual SIBYLS BioSAXS workshop

April 2018 **Lecturer**, Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source, Ithaca, New York.

BioSAXS Essentials 8: Getting Started in Biological Small-Angle X-ray Solution Scattering

May 2017 **Lecturer**, Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source, Ithaca, New York.

BioSAXS Essentials 7: Getting Started in Biological Small-Angle X-ray Solution Scattering

May 2016 **Lecturer**, Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source, Ithaca, New York.

BioSAXS Essentials 6: Getting Started in Biological Small-Angle X-ray Solution Scattering

Nov. 2014 **Lecturer**, Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source, Ithaca, New York.

BioSAXS Essentials 5: Getting Started in Biological Small-Angle X-ray Solution Scattering

Mentoring

2016 **Mentor**, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

Supervised an undergraduate thesis project in Chemistry on simulation of diffuse scattering from crystals (Brian Chang '16)

- 2012-2013 **Mentor**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
Supervised an undergraduate honors thesis project in Applied Physics on ion counting with ICP-AES (Peter Gu '13)
- 2012-2013 **Mentor**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
Supervised undergraduate honors thesis project in Applied Physics on measuring distances in DNA with gold nanoparticle labels (Mark Landy '13)
- University Teaching**
- Fall 2018 **Guest Lecturer**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
CHEM 2870: *Introductory Physical Chemistry*
- Fall 2015 **Teaching Assistant**, *Princeton University*, Princeton, New Jersey.
CHM 515: *Biophysical Chemistry I*
- Spring 2014 **Guest Lecturer**, *Princeton University*, Princeton, New Jersey.
CHM 516: *Biophysical Chemistry II*
- Fall 2013 **Guest Lecturer**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
ENGRD 2520: *Physics of Life*
- 2012-2013 **Teaching Assistant**, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, New York.
AEP 3630: *Electronic Circuits*

Professional Societies

- 2017-present **American Crystallographic Association.**
- Speaker at 2020 Annual Meeting: *REGALS: Data Analysis at the SAS Frontier*
 - Co-chair / organizer of *Structural Dynamics I: Protein Collective Motions Studied by X-ray Scattering and Diffraction* session at the 2020 annual meeting.
 - Co-chair / organizer of *Diffuse Scattering for Biological Structure and Dynamics* session at the 2019 annual meeting.
 - Speaker at 2018 Annual Meeting: *Correlated Motions from Protein Crystallography*
- 2009-2015 **Biophysical Society.**
- Co-chair of *Platform AR: DNA Structure & Dynamics* at the 58th Annual Meeting (Feb 2014), San Francisco, CA
 - Platform speaker at the 58th Annual Meeting (Feb 2014): *Sorting out the structure of single-stranded DNA*
 - Poster presenter at the 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 Annual Meetings

Committees and Service

- 2020 **Chair-elect of the Small Angle Scattering Scientific Interest Group**, *American Crystallographic Association.*
- 2016-2019 **Elected member of the User Executive Committee**, *Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source*, Ithaca, New York.
- 2020 **Reviewer**, *AIP.*
- 2017-present **Reviewer**, *IUCR.*
- 2015-present **Reviewer**, *ACS.*