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Personal Statement

I approach biomedical and engineering problems from a fundamental and rigorous scientific perspective. Currently, I use data science to make discoveries from biomedical data that can inform patient treatment.

- Background in Mathematics, Physics, and Bioengineering
- Faces challenges with creativity
- Talent for troubleshooting
- Enjoys working with others

Education

University of Utah, Salt Lake City

Ph.D. in Bioengineering

Dec. 2017

M.S. in Bioengineering

Dec. 2014

University of Colorado, Boulder

B.A. in Physics (*summa cum laude*) and Mathematics

Dec. 2011

Data Science Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2012 – Present

University of Utah, Department of Bioengineering

Developed mathematical frameworks to comparatively decompose multiple tensors for pattern finding in large-scale genomic datasets. Mathematically defined novel tensor decompositions including proofs of properties and applied these methods to biomedical datasets resulting in new genomic prognostic indicators for cancer.

Biophysics Research Experience

Biophysics Research Intern

Apr. 2012 – Aug. 2012

U.S. Air Force Research Lab, 711th Human Performance Wing, Bioeffects Directorate at Fort Sam Houston, TX

Simulated interactions between infrared lasers and biological cells following a recent model of cell stimulation induced by change in temperature.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

May 2009 – Aug. 2009

Frank Barnes Lab, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Colorado

Built and tested an RF exposure system to kill pine beetles *in situ* without harming trees by selectively heating the sap layer to a precise temperature.

BioElectroMagnetics Research Experience

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2009 – Jan. 2012

Frank Barnes Lab, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Colorado

Showed that magnetic field variations in incubators are large enough to affect cell behavior. Designed, built, and calibrated an induction probe for precise measurement of low frequency magnetic fields. Developed protocol to measure static and AC magnetic fields and made readings at 600 locations in incubators.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2013

Department of Bioengineering, University of Utah

"Introduction to Statistics for Bioengineers" class of 70 graduate and undergraduate students

Volunteer Teaching Assistant	2010
<i>Partnerships for Informal Science Education in the Community (PISEC)</i>	
Taught electronics concepts to underprivileged middle-school students in an after school program to determine efficacy of novel teaching techniques.	
Math and Science Tutor	2007
<i>Kauai Community College</i>	

Skills		
Multi-Linear Algebra Teamwork	Macintosh/Linux/Windows Mathematica	Python Problem Solving

Awards and Honors	
Graduate Fellowship in Computational Systems Biology	Aug. 2012 – Present
Scientific Computing and Imaging (SCI) Institute, University of Utah	
Repperger Summer Intern Fellowship	Jun. 2012 – Aug. 2012
Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE)	
Summer Intern Fellowship	Apr. 2012 – Jun. 2012
Directed Energy Professionals Society (DEPS)	
<i>Summa cum laude</i>	Dec. 2011
University of Colorado Department of Physics	
3rd place Student Platform Presentation	Jun. 2011
Bioelectromagnetics Society Annual Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	

Publications
<i>Tensor GSVD of Patient- and Platform-Matched Tumor and Normal DNA Copy-Number Profiles Uncovers Chromosome Arm-Wide Patterns of Tumor-Exclusive Platform-Consistent Alterations Encoding for Cell Transformation and Predicting Ovarian Cancer Survival</i>
P. Sankaranarayanan*, T. Schomay*, K. Aiello, and O. Alter – <i>Public Library of Science (PLOS) One</i> 10 (4), 2015
<i>Inhomogeneous Background Magnetic Fields in Biological Incubators is a Potential Confounder for Experimental Variability and Irreproducibility</i>
L. Portelli, T. Schomay and F. Barnes – <i>Bioelectromagnetics</i> 34 (5), 2013
<i>Study of Static and Low Frequency Magnetic Fields in Cell Culture Incubators</i>
T. Schomay – University of Colorado Undergraduate Honors Thesis, 2011

Selected Presentations
<i>Cancer Diagnostics and Prognostics from Comparative Spectral Decompositions of Patient-Matched Genomic Profiles</i>
T. E. Schomay, K. A. Aiello, and O. Alter
20 th International Linear Algebra Society (ILAS) Conference (Leuven, Belgium, 2016).
<i>Tensor GSVD for Comparison of Two Large-Scale Multidimensional Datasets</i>
T. E. Schomay, P. Sankaranarayanan, K. A. Aiello, and O. Alter
Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers (Pacific Grove, CA, 2014).
<i>Model of Heat Transferred to Cell Culture from IR Laser for Excitation Purposes</i>
T. E. Schomay, H. T. Beier, J. E. Parker, J. D. Musick, I. L. Bennett, C. C. Roth and R. J. Thomas
Directed Energy Annual National Symposium (Albuquerque, NM, 2012).