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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Santa Fe Institute starting 2021
Omidyar Postdoctoral Fellow

IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center 2015
Research Intern

EDUCATION

Northwestern University *exp.* 2020
Ph.D. Physics · Advisor: Adilson E. Motter

Northwestern University 2015
M.Sc. Applied Mathematics

Zhejiang University 2014
B.Sc. Mathematics (Honors)

PUBLICATIONS

- **Y. Zhang** and A. E. Motter, *Symmetry-independent stability analysis of synchronization patterns*, *arXiv*:2003.05461, to appear in *SIAM Rev.*

1. **Y. Zhang**, Z. G. Nicolaou, J. D. Hart, R. Roy, and A. E. Motter, *Critical switching in globally attractive chimeras*, *Phys. Rev. X* **10** 011044 (2020)
2. J. D. Hart*, **Y. Zhang***, R. Roy, and A. E. Motter, *Topological control of synchronization patterns: trading symmetry for stability*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **122** 058301 (2019) · Quanta Magazine story
3. **Y. Zhang** and A. E. Motter, *Identical synchronization of nonidentical oscillators: when only birds of different feathers flock together*, *Nonlinearity* **31** R1-R23 (2018)
4. **Y. Zhang**, T. Nishikawa and A. E. Motter, *Asymmetry-induced synchronization in oscillator networks*, *Phys. Rev. E* **95** 062215 (2017)
5. G. Duan*, **Y. Zhang***, B. Luan, J. K. Weber, R. W. Zhou, Z. Yang, L. Zhao, J. Xu, J. Luo and R. Zhou, *Graphene-induced pore formation on cell membranes*, *Sci. Rep.* **7** 42767 (2017)
6. **Y. Zhang**, J. K. Weber and R. Zhou, *Folding and stabilization of native-sequence-reversed proteins*, *Sci. Rep.* **6** 25138 (2016)
7. Z. Lin and **Y. Zhang**, *Stirring by multiple cylinders in potential flow*, *J. Fluid Mech.* **794** 552 (2016)
8. Z. Gu*, **Y. Zhang***, B. Luan and R. Zhou, *DNA translocation through single-layer boron nitride nanopores*, *Soft Matter* **12** 817 (2016)
9. **Y. Zhang***, C. A. Jimenez-Cruz*, J. Wang, Z. Yang, B. Zhou and R. Zhou, *Bio-mimicking of proline-rich motif applied to carbon nanotube reveals unexpected subtleties underlying nanoparticle functionalization*, *Sci. Rep.* **4** 7229 (2014)
10. Y. Tu, H. Lu, **Y. Zhang**, T. Huynh and R. Zhou, *Capability of charge signal conversion and transmission by water chains confined inside Y-shaped carbon nanotubes*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **138** 015104 (2013)

* equal contributions

TALKS (SELECTED)

SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems Snowbird 2019
Contributed talk · Critical switching behavior in globally attractive chimera states

Dynamics Days Evanston 2019
Contributed talk · Random beats design in network synchronization

Dynamics Days Denver 2018
Contributed talk · Identical synchronization of nonidentical oscillators

Network Frontier Workshop Evanston 2017
Invited talk · Identical synchronization of nonidentical oscillators

SIAM Network Science Workshop Pittsburgh 2017
Contributed talk · Asymmetry-induced synchronization in multilayer networks

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Physics of Magic Northwestern University · 2016 Fall
Student assistant · Helped design and teach part of this pilot course introducing counterintuitive phenomena in physics

General Physics Northwestern University · 2017 – 2019
Teaching assistant · Led weekly discussion sessions and weekly labs for undergrads in STEM majors

HONORS AND AWARDS

Schmidt Science Fellowship 2020
Funded by the Schmidt Science Fellows, in partnership with the Rhodes Trust · Press release from SSF and Northwestern

Complexity Postdoctoral Fellowship 2020
Independent postdoctoral fellowship awarded by the Santa Fe Institute

SIAM Student Chapter Certificate of Recognition 2020

First Place, Northwestern Science Images Contest 2018
Media coverage and the winning images

Presidential Fellowship finalist 2018

Dynamics Days Travel Award 2018

SIAM Student Travel Award 2017

Chu Kochen Innovation Scholarship 2013
Awarded to 6/20,000 undergrads at Zhejiang University each year for outstanding research

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) 2016 –
Activity Group on Dynamical Systems

American Physical Society (APS) 2017 –
Topical Group on Statistical & Nonlinear Physics

OUTREACH

To converge you must diverge (click to read) Helix Magazine · 2017
Nontechnical article on how diversity can promote consensus in society

Syncing up without sameness (click to watch) Regina Dominican High School · 2016
Dance piece developed with high school students at Regina Dominican explaining diversity-induced synchronization

SERVICE

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

President, Northwestern University Student Chapter of SIAM 2018 – 2020

Vice President, Northwestern University Student Chapter of SIAM 2017 – 2018
Co-organizer of a quarterly seminar series highlighting the broad applications of mathematics in diverse disciplines; co-organizer of the annual Chicago Area SIAM Student Conferences

REFEREEING FOR JOURNALS

Physical Review X, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review E, Physical Review Research, Physical Review A, Physical Review D, Nonlinearity, SIAM Journal on Applied Dynamical Systems, Chaos, The European Physical Journal B, Journal of Nonlinear Science, Journal of Physics A, Physica Scripta, Journal of Statistical Mechanics

MENTORING

Mentoring undergraduate student Fiona Brady on a research project extending stability analysis of cluster synchronization patterns to directed networks (2018 –)