Dr. Marcin Pawel Joachimiak

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Chicago	B.A.	06/96	Mathematics
University of California, San Francisco	Ph.D.	03/02	Biophysics
University of California, Berkeley	Postdoctoral	06/2006	Human and Microbial Genomics

Personal Statement

My background is in the areas of functional genomics, systems biology, data science, knowledge and standards modeling, and algorithm and machine learning method development in computational biology. From early on in my career I worked extensively with data from multiple experimental technologies to functionally characterize cells including gene expression profiling, high throughput phenotyping, mass spectrometry of small molecules and proteins, both in method development and data science applications which often involved interpreting results. I also developed methods for and analyzed large integrated data compendia such as from transcriptomics, gene and cell fitness assays, biological entity associations, and protein interactions, a theme that I have continued throughout my career.

Thanks to my work with KBase (the DOE Systems Biology Knowledgebase) starting in 2011, I have become an expert in data modeling and standardization as well as algorithm development in an integrated method development and user-facing platform with a rich collection of structured data types. More recently I have been co-leading the KBase Knowledge Engine prototype project, where our team developed a classification model for metagenomics samples as well as other critical machine learning components. At LBNL I am also involved with the Mungall group, which maintains the Gene Ontology and are core contributors to the Monarch Initiative, NCATS Biomedical Data Translator, and NIH Bridge2AI projects. These projects have deepened my expertise in knowledge modeling and semantic technologies and given me valuable insight into human biomedical data in the context of semantic harmonization and related methods. My earlier work at LBNL with large experimental projects has given me deep experience in omics method development and data science across many genomic and multi-omic data types. I led the development of a scalable biclustering method that outperforms the state of the art. Biclustering methods are directly relevant to our current proposal because they lead to discovery of data patterns which associate different types of features (for example genes and sample metadata in transcriptomics) in a dataset.

During my career I have successfully recruited, taught, mentored, and managed undergraduate, graduate students, research assistants, software developers, and postdocs. In addition to leading the LBNL project for microbial growth predictions, I have led or currently lead team efforts in functional genomics analysis (ENIGMA, KBase, NCATS Translator), knowledge modeling (KBase, Bridge2AI), and machine learning algorithm development (ENIGMA, KBase, NCATS Translator). Crucially for this proposal, I have developed, led, and contributed to multiple open source projects, both standalone applications as well as large computational systems with open access for the community.

Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

2017-   Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Mungall group, Environmental Genomics and Systems Biology Division, Berkeley, CA
2011-   Scientist and Software Developer, U.S. Department of Energy Knowledgebase, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA
2006-2012   Scientist and Software Developer, Virtual Institute for Microbial Stress and Survival, ESPP, ESPP2, and ENIGMA Department of Energy Scientific Focus Areas, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA
2006-   Staff Researcher and Software Developer, Environmental Genomics and Systems Biology

	Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Prof. Adam P. Arkin Laboratory, Berkeley, CA
2003-2006	Postdoctoral Researcher, Dept. of Plant and Microbial Biology, Computational Genomics Group, Prof. Steven E. Brenner, University of California, Berkeley, CA
2002-2003	Scientist, Five Prime Therapeutics, South San Francisco, CA
1997-2002	Bioinformatics Scientific Consultant, DoubleTwist (Pangea Systems), Oakland, CA
1994-1996	Research Assistant, Dept. of Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology, Prof. Robert Haselkorn, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

C. Contributions to Science

1. Integrated Computational Analysis Systems and Systems Biology

My contributions to systems biology are highlighted by my system and method design as well as software development contributions to integrated computational systems, such as KBase, the NCATS Biomedical Data Translator, and MicrobesOnline. These platforms integrate and standardize immense amounts of genomic and functional data, along with the implementing methods that can analyze and model this data. By contributing to multiple large integrated computational systems, I have directly contributed to democratizing access to computing and data for the scientific community.

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2. Genomic Data for Disease Understanding and Drug Discovery

Harnessing genomic data for disease understanding and drug discovery is another significant area of my research. By integrating and analyzing genomic and phenotypic data, such as in the study of malaria and COVID-19, we aim to uncover novel therapeutic targets and deepen our understanding of disease mechanisms. This interdisciplinary approach bridges genomics, pharmacology, and clinical research, contributing to the development of new treatments and precision medicine strategies.

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- Bozdech Z, Zhu J, Joachimiak M, Cohen FE, DeRisi J. Expression Profiling the Schizont and Trophozoite Stages of Plasmodium falciparum with a Long Oligonucleotide Microarray. (2003) Genome Biol. 4:R9. PMCID: PMC151308. Cited by 483.
- Joachimiak MP, Chang C, Rosenthal PJ, Cohen FE. The impact of whole genome sequence data on drug discovery: a malaria case study. Mol Med. 2001 Oct;7(10):698-710. PMCID: PMC1949995. Cited by 35.

3. Open Source Software for Biological Research: AI/ML, Algorithms, Visualization

I am deeply committed to the development of open-source software, exemplified by tools like JEvtrace, JColorGrid, and MAK which facilitate genomics and multi-omics research. This dedication to creating and sharing tools reflects a broader commitment to advancing scientific research through collaborative and accessible resources. By lowering barriers to making predictions, analyzing data, and generating visualizations, we empower researchers across disciplines to generate new insights and discoveries.

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4. Biomedical Data Integration and Knowledge Graphs

My work in biomedical data integration and knowledge graph development, such as the KG-Hub infrastructure, KG-COVID-19 and KG-Microbe, aims to synthesize disparate data sources into coherent, structured formats that facilitate complex analyses. These efforts are crucial for understanding the multifaceted nature of diseases and for advancing precision medicine by connecting phenotypes to genotypes across species. I applied these concepts accepted in the biomedical domain to another research domains, namely microbiology and specifically microbial traits (see KG-Microbe).

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5. Metagenomics and Environmental Genomics

Exploring the vast diversity of microbial life, my work in metagenomics and environmental genomics has significantly contributed to expanding our understanding of the microbial universe. Through large-scale sequencing efforts like the Sorcerer II Global Ocean Sampling Expedition, we have uncovered a tremendous variety of protein families, revealing the complexity and richness of microbial communities across different environments. This research not only enhances our knowledge of microbial ecology but also opens new avenues for biomedical and biotechnological applications.

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