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Institute Affiliation

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Education

Ph.D. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Mathematics (Aug 2011)
M.S. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Aeronautical Engineering (Aug 2006)
B.S. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Applied Physics and Applied Math (Dec 2004)

Advisors

Eric Vanden-Eijnden, Postdoc mentor; Peter Kramer, Gregor Kovačič and David Cai, Ph.D. co-advisors; Luciano Castillo, M.S. advisor

Employment

July 2014 - Present, Assistant Professor
Department of Mathematics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Sept 2011 - June 2014, Courant Instructor/Assistant Research Professor
Courant Institute for Mathematical Sciences, New York University
June 2011 - Sept 2011, Assistant Research Professor
Department of Physics, New York University, under the direction of Jasna Brujić

Visiting Positions

- September to December of 2009: Visiting graduate student actively participating in the year long Stochastic Dynamics workshop at the Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI), Durham, NC.
- July of 2005: Visiting graduate student designing an experiment for measuring turbulent boundary layers over rough surfaces at the Chalmers Institute of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden in the Turbulence Research Laboratory.

Honors and Awards

2013 Cathleen S. Morawetz postdoctoral fellowship

2012 SIAM Postdoc Travel Award

- 2011 SIAM Student Travel Award; Joaquin B. Diaz Prize; Karen and Lester Gerhardt Prize
- 2010 SIAM Student Travel Award; Joint SIAM/RSME-SCM-SEMA DSPDE Travel Award; CIRM Travel Award
- 2009 SIAM Student Travel Award
- 2005 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2004 Founders Award of Excellence; Undergraduate student presentation award TREND REU program
- 2003 Academic Achievement Award for Foundations in Applied Mathematics; Inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society; Inducted into the Order of Omega, Greek Honor Society

Refereed Publications

- M. Erdogan, J. Marzuola, K. Newhall, N. Tzirakis (preprint) *The Structure of Global Attractors for Dissipative Zakharov Systems with Forcing on the Torus*. ArXiv:1304.1596
- K. Newhall, M. Shkarayev, P. Kramer, G. Kovačič, D. Cai (2015) *Synchrony in stochastically driven neuronal networks with complex topologies*, accepted Phys. Rev. E
- J. Zhang, K. Newhall, D. Zhou, A. Rangan (2013) *Distribution of correlated spiking events in a population-based approach for Integrate-and-Fire networks*, J. Comput. Neurosci., Vol. 36, No. 2, pp. 279-295 (17 pages)
- K. Newhall, E. Vanden-Eijnden (2013) *Averaged equation for energy diffusion on a graph reveals bifurcation diagram and thermally assisted reversal times in spin-torque driven nanomagnets*, J. Appl. Phys., Vol. 113, No. 18, 184105 (12 pages)
- K. Newhall, E. Atkins, P. Kramer, G. Kovačič, I. Gabitov (2013) *Random polarization dynamics in a resonant optical medium*, Optics Letters, Vol. 38, No. 6, pp. 893-895
- K. Newhall, L. L. Pontani, I. Jorjadze, S. Hilgenfeldt, J. Brujić (2012) *Size-topology relations in Packings of Grains, Emulsions, Foams, and Biological Cells*, Phys Rev Lett, Vol. 108, 268001 (5 pages)
- K. Newhall, I. Jorjadze, E. Vanden-Eijnden, and J. Brujić (2011) *A statistical mechanics framework captures the packing of monodisperse particles*, Soft Matter, Vol. 7, pp. 11518-11525
- I. Jorjadze, L. Pontani, K. Newhall, and J. Brujić (2011) *Attractive emulsion droplets probe the phase diagram of jammed granular matter*, PNAS, Vol. 108, No. 11, pp. 4286-4291
- K. Newhall, G. Kovačič, P. Kramer, A. Rangan, and D. Cai (2010) *Cascade-induced synchrony in stochastically-driven neuronal networks*, Phys Rev E, Vol. 82, 041903 (17 pages)
- K. Newhall, G. Kovačič, P. Kramer, D. Zhou, A. Rangan, and D. Cai (2010) *Dynamics of Current-Based, Poisson Driven, Integrate-and-Fire Neuronal Networks*, Comm in Math Sci, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 541-600

- K. Newhall and D. Durian (2003) *Projectile-shape Dependence of Impact Craters in Loose Granular Material*, Phys Rev E, 68, 060301(R) (3 pages)

Non-Refereed Publications

- B. Brzek, R. B. Cal, K. Newhall, G. Johansson, and L. Castillo (2006) *LDA Measurements in Rough Surface ZPG Turbulent Boundary Layers*, Proceedings of 2006 ASME Joint US-European Fluids Engineering Summer Meeting, FEDSM2006-98508, (10 pages) July 17-20 Miami, FL
- K. Newhall, R. B. Cal, B. Brzek, G. Johansson, L. Castillo (2006) *Smooth and Rough Turbulent Boundary Layers: A look at Skin Friction, Pressure Gradient and Roughness*, Proceedings of 2006 ASME Joint US-European Fluids Engineering Summer Meeting, FEDSM2006-98517, pp. 1013-1021, July 17-20 Miami, FL
- K. Newhall, B. Brzek, R. B. Cal, G. Johansson, and L. Castillo (2006) *Skin Friction and the Inner Flow in Pressure Gradient Turbulent Boundary Layers*, 36th AIAA (11 pages) Fluid Dynamics Conference and Exhibit, AIAA-2006-2887, June 5-8 San Francisco, CA

Invited University Talks Given

- Probability Seminar (Apr 2015) Cornell University, NY, The Causes of Metastability and Their Effects on Transition Times
- Applied Math Seminar (Sept 2014) Duke University, NC, The Causes of Metastability and Their Effects on Transition Times
- Mathematical Science Colloquium (Apr 2014) RPI, NY, Dynamics of Ferromagnets: averaging methods, bifurcation diagrams, and thermal noise effects
- Applied Math Seminar (Apr 2014) Courant Institute NYU, NY, The Causes of Metastability and Their Effects on Transition Times
- Applied Math Colloquium (Dec 2013) U Arizona, AZ, Synchronous Firing Events in Stochastic Neuronal Network Models
- Dynamical Systems Seminar (Jan 2013) RPI, NY, Dynamics of Nanomagnets with Spin-Transfer Torques
- Mathematical Biology Seminar (Jan 2013) NJIT, NJ, Synchronous Firing Events in Stochastic Neuronal Network Models
- Applied Mathematics Seminar (Oct 5, 2012) UNC Chapel Hill, NC, Dynamics of Nanomagnets with Spin-Transfer Torques
- Grad Student/Postdoc Seminar (Apr 2012) Courant Institute NYU, NY, Why go Random?
- O'Hern Group Meeting (Mar 2012) Yale, CT, Granular Matter, Foams, and Beyond: Applications of the Granocentric Model

- Applied Math Seminar (Nov 2011) Courant Institute NYU, NY, Investigating Jammed Matter from the Granocentric Point of View
- Mathematical Biology Colloquium Seminar (Jan 2011) Duke University, NC, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- Applied Math Lab Seminar (Oct 2009) Courant Institute NYU, NY, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- Neurodynamics Group Seminar (July 2009) Boston University, MA, Synchronous Dynamics of a Current-Based Integrate-and-Fire Neuronal Network

Conference Talks Given

- IMACS Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomena: Computation and Theory (Apr 2015) Athens, GA, Low-Damping Transition Times in a Ferromagnetic Model System
- SIAM Annual Meeting (July 2014) Chicago, IL, Dynamics of Ferromagnets
- AMS Western Spring Sectional Meeting (April 2014) Albuquerque, NM, Transitions and Recurrence in a Nonlinear Wave Equation and Their Application to Magnetization Reversals
- APS March Meeting (March 2014) Denver, CO, Universality in Size-Topology Relationships of Packings, Despite their History Dependence
- SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (May 2013) Snowbird, UT, Dynamics of Nanomagnets with Spin-Transfer Torques
- SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (Feb 2013) Boston, MA, Thermally Induced Magnetization Reversals
- SIAM Conference on the Life Sciences (Aug 2012) San Diego, CA, Synchronous Firing Events in Stochastic Model Neuron Systems
- AIMS 9th Conference on Dynamical Systems (July 2012) Orlando, FL, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-Coupled Neuronal Network Models, and also Magnetization Reversal in Thin Film Magnetic Elements
- SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves (June 2012) Seattle, WA, Monte-Carlo Simulations of a Stochastic Maxwell-Bloch System
- SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification (Apr 2012) Raleigh, NC, Size of Synchronous Firing Events in Model Neuron Systems
- APS March Meeting (Feb 2012) Granular Matter, Foams, and Beyond: Applications of the Granocentric Model
- SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (May 2011) Snowbird UT, Dynamical regimes of integrate-and-fire neuronal network models, Invited Speaker in Mini Symposium

- Invited Speaker, Biomathematics Conference (Mar 2011) University of Florida, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- SIAM Conference on Nonlinear Waves and Coherent Structures (Aug 2010) Philadelphia PA, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- SIAM Conference on Life Sciences (July 2010) Pittsburgh PA, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- Joint SIAM/RSME-SCM-SEMA DSPDE (June 2010) Barcelona Spain, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- Invited Speaker, Frontiers in Nonlinear Waves Conference (Mar 2010) University of Arizona, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- Applied Math Days (Mar 2010) RPI, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- Stochastic Models in Neuroscience (Jan 2010) CIRM Marseille France, Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- Invited Speaker, SAMSI Opening workshop on Stochastic Dynamics - Dynamics of Biological Networks Theme (Sep 2009) Synchrony in Stochastic Pulse-coupled Neuronal Network Models
- SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (May 2009) Snowbird UT, Synchronous Behavior in a Current-Based Neuronal Network Invited Speaker in Mini Symposium
- IMACS Nonlinear Evolution Equations and Wave Phenomenon (Mar 2009) Synchronous Behavior in a Current-Based Neuronal Network
- Applied Math Days (Oct 2008) Synchronous Behavior in Current-Based Neuronal Network
- APS 59th DFD (Nov 2006) Power Law for Rough Favorable Pressure Gradient Turbulent Boundary Layers
- AIAA 36th Fluid Dynamics (Jun 2006) Skin Friction and the Inner Flow in Pressure Gradient Turbulent Boundary Layers
- APS 58th DFD (Nov 2005) Favorable Pressure Gradient Turbulent Boundary Layers: part 1. Wall Shear Stress Calculations
- APS 57th DFD (Nov 2004) Particle Size Dependence in Granular Couette Flow

Teaching Experience

S 2014 Introduction to Mathematical Modeling - 36 students
F 2013 Mathematics of Finance - 40 students
S 2013 Ordinary Differential Equations - 40 students
F 2012 Calculus II - 35 students
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F 2011 Mathematics of Finance - 40 students

Conference Sessions Organized

- SIAM Life Sciences (Aug 2014) Charlotte, NC, mini-symposium co-organizer, “Mechanisms and Computation in Neuronal Networks”
- SIAM Annual Meeting (July 2014) Chicago, IL, mini-symposium co-organizer, “Dynamics of Large Stochastic Neuronal Networks”
- SIAM Dynamical Systems (May 2013) Snowbird, UT, mini-symposium co-organizer, “Emergent Dynamics of Large Neural Networks”
- SIAM Computational Science and Engineering (Feb 2013) Boston, MA, mini-symposium co-organizer, “Computations of Stochastic Dynamics”
- SIAM Life Science (July 2012) San Diego, CA, 3 part mini-symposium co-organizer, “Coherent Dynamics of Neuronal Networks”
- SIAM Uncertainty Quantification (Apr 2012) Raleigh, NC, mini-symposium organizer, “Modeling Networks in Dynamic Systems”

Miscellaneous Activities

Starting 2012: Reviewer for MEMOCS (Mathematics and Mechanics of Complex Systems) and SIADS (SIAM Journal on Applied Dynamical Systems)

Starting 2011: Reviewer for Physical Review Letters and Physical Review E

June 2009: Mathematical Problems in Industry (MPI) workshop participant