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EDUCATION

- 2020** **Ph.D in Computer Science**, Iowa State University (ISU)
Dissertation: Phylogenetic metrics and their application towards the large-scale inference of evolutionary histories
- 2015** **B.Sc. in Computer Science**
National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2024 – present** **Computational Research Biologist, National Animal Disease Center, USDA-ARS**
Staff Scientist at USDA. I develop genomic epidemiology and machine learning methods to predict and prevent future pandemics.
- 2020 – 2024** **Postdoc Research Associate, National Animal Disease Center, USDA-ARS**
Developed (i) methods to parse large genomic datasets using phylogenetics and (ii) phylogenomic and machine learning tools to identify influenza A viruses with pandemic potential.
- 2016 – 2020** **Research Assistant, Iowa State University**
Developed algorithms and theory for large-scale phylogenomic inference.
- 2018** **PhD Intern, Google**, Mountain View, California
Developed augmented reality communication protocols based on machine learning.
- 2015 – 2017** **Teaching Assistant, Iowa State University**, 3 Computer Science Courses
Conducted recitations, substitute lectures, labs, and office hours; grading;
Developed software to assist the instructor in grading.

FUNDING

- 2024 – 2026** Co-PI on “Evolutionary algorithms for prioritizing influenza A viruses for pandemic risk assessment”. Funding agency: **NIH Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response (NIH-CEIRR)**. *\$412,000*.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023** **Postdoctoral Research Excellence Award**, Iowa State University.
- 2022** Travel Fellowship, ISMB 2022, International Society for Computational Biology.
- 2022** Travel Fellowship, Evolution 2022, Society of Systematic Biologists.
- 2019** NSF Travel Fellowship, ACM Conference on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
- 2017** **Research excellence Award**, Iowa State University.
- 2017** **Teaching excellence Award**, Iowa State University.
- 2016** **Robert Stewart Early Research Recognition Award**, Iowa State University.
- 2016** NSF Travel Fellowship, ACM Conference on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.
- 2012** Higher School of Economics Scholarship.
- 2011 – 2015** State Academic Scholarship for students. Awarded for excellent academic performance.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* *indicates co-first authors*

† *In Computer Science, peer-reviewed full-length conference proceedings are equivalent to journal publications*

(P25) Nguyen, T.Q., Hutter, C., **Markin, A.**, Thomas, et al., 2024 Emergence and interstate spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) in dairy cattle. *Under review in Science*.

- (P24) Baker, A.L., Arruda, B., Palmer, M.V., Boggiatto, P., Sarlo Davila, K., Buckley, A., Ciacci Zanella, G., Snyder, C.A., Anderson, T.K., Hutter, C. and Nguyen, T.Q., **Markin, A.**, et al., 2024. Experimental reproduction of viral replication and disease in dairy calves and lactating cows inoculated with highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 clade 2.3.4.4b. *Nature*.
- (P23) Wagle, S., **Markin, A.**, Górecki, P., Anderson, T.K. and Eulenstein, O., 2024. Asymmetric Cluster-Based Measures for Comparative Phylogenetics. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 31(4), pp.312-327.
- (P22) **Markin, A.**, Zanella, G.C., Arendsee, Z.W., Zhang, J., Krueger, K.M., Gauger, P.C., Vincent Baker, A.L. and Anderson, T.K., 2023. Reverse-zoonoses of 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza A viruses and evolution in United States swine results in viruses with zoonotic potential. *PLOS Pathogens* 19(7), pp. e1011476. [[press release](#)]
- (P21) Grover, S.*, **Markin, A.***, Anderson, T.K. and Eulenstein, O., 2023. Phylogenetic Diversity Statistics for All Clades in a Phylogeny. In proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB) 2023. *Bioinformatics* 39(Supplement 1), pp.i177-i184.
- (P20) **Markin, A.**, Wagle, S., Grover, S., Vincent Baker, A.L., Eulenstein, O. and Anderson, T.K., 2023. PARNAS: Objectively Selecting the Most Representative Taxa on a Phylogeny. *Systematic Biology*, 72(5), pp.1052-1063.
- (P19) † Wagle, S., **Markin, A.**, Gorecki, P., Anderson, T.K. and Eulenstein, O., 2023. The Asymmetric Cluster Affinity Cost. In *RECOMB International Workshop on Comparative Genomics* (pp. 131-145). Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics.
- (P18) **Markin, A.**, Wagle, S., Anderson, T.K. and Eulenstein, O., 2022. RF-Net 2: Fast Inference of Virus Reassortment and Hybridization Networks. *Bioinformatics* 38(8), pp.2144-2152.
- (P17) † Kulkarni, A., Sabetpour, N., **Markin, A.**, Eulenstein, O. and Li, Q., 2022. CPTAM: Constituency Parse Tree Aggregation Method. In *Proceedings of the 2022 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)* (pp. 630-638). Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.
- (P16) Arendsee, Z.W., Chang, J., Hufnagel, D.E., **Markin, A.**, Janas-Martindale, A., Vincent, A.L., and Anderson, T.K., 2021. octoFLUshow: an interactive tool describing spatial and temporal trends in the genetic diversity of influenza A virus in U.S. swine. *Microbiology Resource Announcements*, 10(50), pp.e01081-21.
- (P15) **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2021. Quartet-based inference is statistically consistent under the unified duplication-loss-coalescence model. *Bioinformatics*, 37(22), pp.4064-4074. [[Faculty Opinions recommended \(Siavash Mirarab\)](#)]
- (P14) Paszek, J.*, **Markin, A.***, Górecki, P. and Eulenstein, O., 2021. Taming the Duplication-Loss-Coalescence Model with Integer Linear Programming. *Journal of Computational Biology*, 28(8), pp.758-773.
- (P13) Nguyen, H.N., **Markin, A.**, Friedberg, I. and Eulenstein, O., 2020. Finding orthologous gene blocks in bacteria: the computational hardness of the problem and novel methods to address it. *Bioinformatics*, 36(Supplement 2), pp.i668-i674.
- (P12) **Markin, A.**, 2020. On the Extremal Maximum Agreement Subtree Problem. *Discrete Applied Mathematics*, 285, pp.612-620.
- (P11) Górecki, P., **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2019. Exact Median-tree Inference for Unrooted Reconciliation Costs. *BMC Evolutionary Biology*, 20(1), pp.1-15.
- (P10) Tabaszewski, P., Górecki, P., **Markin, A.**, Anderson, T.K. and Eulenstein, O., 2019. Consensus of all Solutions for Intractable Phylogenetic Tree Inference. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics*, 18(1), pp.149-161. (Invited paper.)
- (P9) † **Markin, A.**, Anderson, T.K., Vadali, V.K.S.T. and Eulenstein, O., 2019. Robinson-Foulds Reticulation Networks. In *proceedings of the 10th ACM International Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology and Health Informatics* (pp. 77-86).
- (P8) † **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2019. Consensus Clusters in Robinson-Foulds Reticulation Networks. In *19th International Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI'2019)*. Schloss Dagstuhl-Leibniz-Zentrum fuer Informatik.
- (P7) † Górecki, P., **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2019. Feasibility Algorithms for the Duplication-Loss Cost. In *International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON'19)* (pp. 206-218).

- (P6) † Górecki, P., **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2018. Cophenetic Distances: A Near-Linear Time Algorithmic Framework. *In International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON'18)* (pp. 168-179).
- (P5) † **Markin, A.**, Vadali, V.S.K.T. and Eulenstein, O., 2018. Solving the Gene Duplication Feasibility Problem in Linear Time. *In International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON'18)* (pp. 378-390).
- (P4) **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2018. Cophenetic Median Trees. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics*, 16(5), pp.1459-1470. (Invited paper.)
- (P3) **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2017. Computing Manhattan Path-Difference Median Trees: a Practical Local Search Approach. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics*, 16(4), pp.1063-1076. (Invited paper.)
- (P2) **Markin, A.** and Eulenstein, O., 2017. Efficient Local Search for Euclidean Path-Difference Median Trees. *IEEE/ACM transactions on computational biology and bioinformatics*, 16(4), pp.1374-1385. (Invited paper.)
- (P1) † Górecki, P., **Markin, A.**, Mykowiecka, A., Paszek, J. and Eulenstein, O., 2017. *Phylogenetic Tree Reconciliation: Mean Values for Fixed Gene Trees*. *In International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA'17)* (pp. 234-245).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- **Markin, A.**, Macken, C.A., Vincent Baker, A.L., and Anderson, T.K. *Disentangling reassortment in influenza A viruses with TreeSort*. To be submitted to PNAS.
- Zanella, G.C., **Markin, A.**, Snyder, C., Neveau, M., Souza, C.K., Arruda, B., Anderson, T.K. and Vincent Baker, A.L. *Pathogenesis and Transmission of Persistent Clades of Human Seasonal H1N1pdm09 Influenza A Viruses in Pigs*.
- **Markin, A.** *Scaling Phylogenetic Placement to Very Large Genomic Datasets*. In preparation for ISMB 2025.

RESEARCH TALKS

- 2024-11** **Invited lecture.** ICERM semester program on Theory, Methods, and Applications of Quantitative Phylogenomics at Brown. “Curbing the complexity of phylogenetic network inference and analysis.”
- 2024-07** Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response (NIH-CEIRR 2024) annual meeting. “Inferring influenza reassortment with TreeSort.”
- 2024-06** American Society for Virology annual meeting (ASV 2024). “Inferring Reassortment Patterns for Influenza A Viruses in Different Hosts with TreeSort.”
- 2024-04** **Invited seminar.** University of Maryland School of Medicine. “Real-time tracking of genomic and antigenic evolution of zoonotic influenza A viruses.”
- 2023-10** **Invited talk.** SIAM-NPP Mathematics of Evolution Minisymposium, New Jersey Institute of Technology.
- 2023-09** **Invited talk.** Allen D. Leman Swine Conference (Leman 2023). “New insights to control and understand influenza and other respiratory diseases.”
- 2023-08** Tutorial. Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response (NIH-CEIRR 2023) annual meeting. “PARNAS: an objective way to select strains for your analysis.”
- 2023-07** Intelligent Systems in Molecular Biology (ISMB 2023). “Phylogenetic Diversity Statistics for All Clades in a Phylogeny.”
- 2023-06** American Society for Virology (ASV 2023) annual meeting. Evolution, Ecology and Reservoirs.
- 2022-08** Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response (NIH-CEIRR) annual meeting.
Topic: Viruses with pandemic potential resulting from reverse-zoonoses of the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza A viruses and rapid evolution in United States swine.

- 2022-07** Intelligent Systems in Molecular Biology (ISMB 2022). Evolution & Comparative Genomics track. [[video recording](#)]
- 2022-06** **Invited talk.** Evolution 2022, Towards the Phylogenetic Network of Life symposium.
- 2021-09** **Invited talk.** Allen D. Lemman Swine Conference (Leman 2021). [[video recording](#)]
- 2020-05** **Invited seminar.** Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Adam Siepel lab.
- 2019-09** Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI 2019).
- 2019-09** ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics (ACM-BCB 2019). Topic: Robinson-Foulds Reticulation Networks.
- 2017-08** ACM-BCB 2017. Topic: Manhattan Path-Difference Median Trees.
- 2016-10** ACM-BCB 2016. Topic: Cophenetic Median Trees under the Manhattan Distance.
- 2016-06** International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA 2016).

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

- 2023 – present** Program Committee member – Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)
- 2023 – present** Webinar organizer for the Evolution & Comparative Genomics community of the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB).
- 2021 – present** I mentor two Computer Science PhD students and one Master’s student.
- 2023** Contributed to a Natural Science Foundation scoping session “LIFE: Leveraging Innovations from Evolution” to identify the priority research directions in inter-disciplinary research focused on Evolution.
- 2020 – present** I contribute phylogenetic analyses to bi-annual assessment of zoonotic influenza diversity reports presented at WHO vaccine consultation meetings (see Government Reports).

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- Snyder, C., **Markin, A.**, Hufnagel, D.E., Janzen, G., Janas-Martindale, A., Inderski, B., Brown, I., Coggon, A., James, J., Banyard, A., Lewis T., World Organization for Animal Health/Food and Agriculture Organization (WOAH/FAO/OFFLU) Swine Influenza Working Group, Lewis, N., Anderson, T.K., Vincent Baker, A.L., 2023. OFFLU animal influenza report: July 2022 to December 2022. World Health Organization. p. 62.
- Janzen, G., **Markin, A.**, Hufnagel, D.E., Snyder, C., Janas-Martindale, A., Inderski, B., Brown, I., Coggon, A., James, J., Lewis T., Banyard, A., World Organization for Animal Health/Food and Agriculture Organization (WOAH/FAO/OFFLU) Swine Influenza Working Group, Lewis, N., Anderson, T.K., Vincent Baker, A.L. (2022). OFFLU animal influenza report: January 2022 to June 2022. World Health Organization. p. 62.
- **Markin, A.**, Hufnagel, D., Arendsee, Z.W., Snyder, C., Janas-Martindale, A., World Organization for Animal Health/Food and Agriculture Organization (OIE/FAO/OFFLU) Swine Influenza Working Group, Brown, I., Lewis, N., Anderson, T.K., Vincent, A.L., 2022. OFFLU animal influenza report: July 2021 to December 2021. World Health Organization. p. 63.
- Hufnagel, D., **Markin, A.**, Arendsee, Z.W., Essen, S., Janas-Martindale, A., et al. Mollet, B., World Organization for Animal Health/Food and Agriculture Organization (OIE/FAO/OFFLU) Swine Influenza Working Group, Brown, I., Lewis, N., Anderson, T.K., Vincent, A.L., 2021. OFFLU animal influenza report: January 2021 to June 2021. World Health Organization. p. 79.
- Arendsee, Z.W., Young, K., Hufnagel, D., **Markin, A.**, Kimble, B., et al. Souza, C.K., Essen, S., Collins, S., Whittard, E., Torchetti, M.K., Tell, R., Janas-Martindale, A., World Organization for Animal Health/Food and Agriculture Organization (OIE/FAO/OFFLU) Swine Influenza Working Group, Brown, I., Lewis, N., Anderson, T.K., Vincent, A.L., 2021. OFFLU animal influenza report: July 2020 to December 2020. World Health Organization. p. 58.

DEVELOPED BIOINFORMATICS SOFTWARE

- **TreeSort:** Real-time detection of influenza reassortment with a rigorous hypothesis testing framework. <https://github.com/flu-crew/TreeSort>.

- **PARNAS**: Fast tool for sampling most representative taxa and virus strains on very large genomic datasets. Developed in collaboration with S. Wagle and S. Grover. <https://github.com/flu-crew/parnas>.
- **RF-Net**: Software for large-scale inference of entangled evolutionary histories of segmented viruses and species undergoing hybridization. Developed in collaboration with V. Vadali. <https://github.com/flu-crew/rf-net-2>.
- **PDC-Median**: Large-scale phylogenomic inference using supertrees. ([link](#))

REVIEWING SERVICE

Journals

Systematic Biology
Virus Evolution (x3)
Scientific Reports
Bioinformatics Advances
SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics
Briefings in Bioinformatics
Transboundary and Emerging Diseases
BMC Bioinformatics (x2)

Conferences

Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB) 2024 – PC member
Research in Computational Molecular Biology - Comparative Genomics (RECOMB-CG) 2022
Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI) 2021
Research in Computational Molecular Biology (RECOMB) 2020
Research in Computational Molecular Biology - Comparative Genomics (RECOMB-CG) 2019
International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA) 2023 & 2019 & 2018
International Conference on Computational Advances in Bio and medical Sciences (ICCABS) 2019 & 2017
International Conference on Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (BICOB) 2018

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Junior Java developer, half-time position | October 2013 – July 2014 | FORS, Moscow, Russia
- Software Engineering Intern | Summer 2014 | ROSA company, Moscow, Russia
- Software Engineering Intern | Summer 2013 | PMSOFT, Moscow, Russia
- Software Engineering Intern | Summer 2012 | ROSA company, Moscow, Russia

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Java ◊ Python ◊ R ◊ C/C++ ◊ SQL ◊ C# ◊ JavaScript