


# ALEXEY MARKIN

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## EDUCATION

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- 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

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- 2020 – present**    **Postdoc Research Associate, National Animal Disease Center, USDA-ARS**  
I develop (i) methods to parse large genomic datasets using phylogenetics and (ii) phylogenomic and machine learning methodology 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.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 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

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\* indicates co-first authors

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

- (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. e10111476. [[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) <sup>†</sup> 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) <sup>†</sup> **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) <sup>†</sup> **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) <sup>†</sup> 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) <sup>†</sup> 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) <sup>†</sup> **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) <sup>†</sup> 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

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- **Markin, A.**, Vincent Baker, A.L., and Anderson, T.K. *TreeSort: Real-Time Tracking of Virus Reassortment via Hypothesis Testing*.
- 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*.

## RESEARCH TALKS

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| <b>2023-10</b> | <b>Invited talk.</b> <u>SIAM-NPP</u> Mathematics of Evolution Minisymposium, New Jersey Institute of Technology.   |
| <b>2023-9</b>  | <b>Invited talk.</b> Allen D. Leman Swine Conference ( <u>Leman 2023</u> ). “New insights to control and understand influenza and other respiratory diseases”.   |
| <b>2023-8</b>  | Tutorial. Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response ( <u>NIH-CEIRR 2023</u> ) annual meeting. “PARNAS: an objective way to select strains for your analysis”.  |
| <b>2023-07</b> | Intelligent Systems in Molecular Biology ( <u>ISMB 2023</u> ). “Phylogenetic Diversity Statistics for All Clades in a Phylogeny”   |
| <b>2023-06</b> | American Society for Virology ( <u>ASV 2023</u> ) annual meeting. Evolution, Ecology and Reservoirs.   |
| <b>2022-08</b> | Centers of Excellence for Influenza Research and Response ( <u>NIH-CEIRR</u> ) annual meeting.<br>Topic: Viruses with pandemic potential resulting from reverse-zoonoses of the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza A viruses and rapid evolution in United States swine. |
| <b>2022-07</b> | Intelligent Systems in Molecular Biology ( <u>ISMB 2022</u> ). Evolution & Comparative Genomics track. <a href="#">[video recording]</a>   |
| <b>2022-06</b> | <b>Invited talk.</b> <u>Evolution 2022</u> , Towards the Phylogenetic Network of Life symposium.   |
| <b>2021-09</b> | <b>Invited talk.</b> Allen D. Leman Swine Conference ( <u>Leman 2021</u> ). <a href="#">[video recording]</a>  |
| <b>2020-05</b> | <b>Seminar talk.</b> Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Adam Siepel lab.   |
| <b>2019-09</b> | Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics ( <u>WABI 2019</u> ).   |
| <b>2019-09</b> | ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics ( <u>ACM-BCB 2019</u> ). Topic: Robinson-Foulds Reticulation Networks.   |
| <b>2017-08</b> | ACM-BCB 2017. Topic: Manhattan Path-Difference Median Trees.   |
| <b>2016-10</b> | ACM-BCB 2016. Topic: Cophenetic Median Trees under the Manhattan Distance.   |
| <b>2016-06</b> | International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications ( <u>ISBRA 2016</u> ).   |

## OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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| <b>2023 – present</b> | Webinar organizer for the Evolution & Comparative Genomics community of the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB).   |
| <b>2021 – present</b> | I mentor three Computer Science PhD students and one Master’s student.  |
| <b>2023</b>           | Participated in a 3-day NSF scoping session “LIFE: Leveraging Innovations from Evolution” to identify the priority research directions in inter-disciplinary research focused on Evolution. |
| <b>2020 – present</b> | I contribute phylogenetic analyses to bi-annual assessment of zoonotic influenza diversity reports presented at WHO vaccine consultation meetings (see Government Reports).                 |
| <b>2019</b>           | Contributed a Computational Biology <a href="#">piece</a> to a science-pop magazine N+1 (in Russian).   |

## GOVERNMENT REPORTS

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- 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

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- **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

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### Journals

Bioinformatics Advances 2023  
Virus Evolution 2022 (x2)  
Briefings in Bioinformatics 2022 (co-reviewer)  
Transboundary and Emerging Diseases 2022 (co-reviewer)  
Systematic Biology 2021  
SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics 2021  
BMC Bioinformatics special issues 2019 & 2018

### Conferences

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

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- 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

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

## ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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**Postdoctoral Advisory Committee**    Tavis K. Anderson, Amy L. Vincent Baker, Tracy Heath

**Graduate Committee**    Oliver Eulenstein, Tavis K. Anderson, Bernard Lidický, Pavan Aduri, Giora Slutzki, Xiaoqiu Huang

**Undegraduate Advisor**    Boris G. Mirkin