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Work Experience

IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY Research Staff Member (Head of the Theory Group, 2003-2015)	1994-Present
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA Division Prize Research Fellow	1991-1994

Education

- Undergraduate Education : 1983-1987, B.S., Physics, University of Science and Technology of China (the Gifted Young Class '83).
- Graduate Education : 1987-1991, Ph. D., Physics , University of California, San Diego (via the CUSPEA program).
- Postgraduate Training : 1991-1994, Division Prize Fellow, California Institute of Technology.

Honors and Awards

APS Lars Onsager Prize	2020
AAAS Fellow	2020
APS Fellow	2004
Division Prize Research Fellowship (California Institute of Technology)	1991-1994

Research Interests

Yuhai Tu has a diverse range of research interests from Physics, Biology, Material Science, to Machine Learning. His PhD and Postdoc work were on nonlinear dynamics and pattern formation in nonequilibrium systems. After joining IBM Research in 1994, he did pioneering work on collective phenomena in active systems (flocking dynamics), surface physics (Si-SiO₂ interface), and nonequilibrium phase transitions. Since 2000, his research interests shift to biological physics. He has made seminal contributions in many areas of biological physics including algorithm development and statistical analysis for high throughput transcriptome data (microarray analysis); quantitative modeling of signal transduction and motility in bacterial chemotaxis; and thermodynamics of nonequilibrium biochemical networks. His recent work focuses on three directions: (1) dynamics of biological networks -- biochemical networks for signal transduction and neural networks for coding and computation; (2) thermodynamics of information processing in biological systems; (3) statistical physics of machine learning.

Professional Activities

- Vice-Chair/Chair, APS Division of Biological Physics (DBIO), 2016-2018.

- Vice-Chair/Chair, Gordon Research Conference (GRC) “Stochastic Physics in Biology”, 2019/2021.

**Note: The 2021 GRC meeting on “Stochastic Physics in Biology” (Ventura, Oct. 10-15) I chaired was the first GRC meeting held in-person after the start of the covid pandemic.

- Associate editor for the Springer journal Quantitative Biology.
- Distinguished Visiting Chair Professor in Peking University (PKU) Department of Physics and Center for Quantitative Biology since 2007.
- Adjunct professor in the department of electrical engineering at Columbia University in the 2012 spring semester; visiting professor at École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in the 2013 spring semester.
- Invited speaker for colloquiums and seminars at many universities and research centers, e.g., Caltech, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, IAS, UCSF, Columbia, KITP, University of Chicago, etc.
- Invited speaker in major physics conferences, e.g., APS March meeting, and in major biology meetings, e.g., Signal Transduction in Microorganisms (STIM) GRC, Biophysical Society (BPS) meeting.
- Referee for Journals in Physics and Biophysics: Physical Review and Physical Review Letters and in Biology: Nature, Science, *PNAS*, etc.
- Review panelist for NSF and NIH.
- Organizer for symposium and special sessions in major conferences and workshops, e.g., APS March meeting, Aspen Center for Physics, KITP, KIPTC, ICBP, SIAM conference.

Publication List

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10. **“Scaling of Energy Dissipation in Nonequilibrium Reaction Networks”**, Qiwei Yu, D. Zhang, Y. Tu, **Phys. Rev. Lett. (PRL)**, 126, 080601, 2021.
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