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## Work Experience

- Associate Professor**, International Academic Center of Complex Systems, 2021.08 -  
Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai, Guangdong, China.  
Topics: Complexity, Chemical evolution, Origin of life, AI, Network modules.
- Research Associate**, School of Chemistry, University of Glasgow, UK. 2019.07 - 2021.07  
Topics: Chemical space, Molecular complexity, Theory development.  
With Prof. Leroy Cronin (Regius Chair of Chemistry)
- Junior Fellow**, Institut Mittag-Leffler, Sweden. 2018.09 - 2018.12  
Topics: Mathematical biology, Self-replicating systems, Autocatalysis.  
With Prof. Philip Maini, Prof. Maria D'Orsogna, Prof. Torbjörn Lundh
- Researcher**, Molecular Systems Biology, University of Groningen, Netherlands. 2018.06 - 2019.06  
Topics: Build synthetic cells, Mechanism of cell division, Mathematical model.  
With Prof. Matthias Heinemann

## Education

- PhD in Applied Mathematics and Statistics**, with Prof. David J. T. Sumpter 2013.08 - 2018.04  
Department of Mathematics, Uppsala University, Sweden  
• Thesis: *Modelling Evolution: from non-life, to life, to a variety of life*
- Master of Science in Plasma Physics, College of Physical Science and 2010.09 - 2013.07  
Technology (C. Phy.), Sichuan University (SU), China
- Bachelor of Science in Physics, C. Phy., SU, China 2006.09 - 2010.06
- Double degree of Bachelor of Economics, School of Economics, SU, China 2008.03 - 2010.01

## Honor & Scholarship

- Travel funding, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford 2019.06
- Lundström-Åman Scholarship, Uppsala University (UU) 2017.05
- Liljewalch travel scholarships, UU 2017.05
- Tullberg Scholarship for biological research, UU 2016.05
- Lundström-Åman Scholarship, UU 2015.10
- **Lotus Scholarship**, Erasmus Mundus Action 2, European Commission 2013.08 - 2016.08
- Outstanding Graduate of Sichuan University (SU) 2009.12
- The First-class Scholarship of SU for good academic record 2008.11
- The First Prize in the 14<sup>th</sup> General Physics Competition of SU 2007.04

- The Second Prize in Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics 2004.12

## Publication ( \* corresponding author )

### Mathematical biology / Mathematical modelling / Complex systems

- [12] **Y Liu**, C Mathis, M Bajczyk, S Marshall, L Wilbraham, L Cronin\*, *Exploring and mapping chemical space with molecular assembly trees*, Science Advances, 7, eabj2465, 2021.
- [-] **Y Liu\***, QG Lin, BB Hong, D Hjerpe, XF Liu\*, *Resonance algorithm: a new look at the shortest path problem*, Under review, 2021.
- [11] **Y Liu\***, *On the definition of self-sustaining chemical reaction system and its role in heredity*, Biology Direct, 15(15), 2020.
- [10] **Y Liu\***, D Hjerpe, T Lundh, *Side reactions do not completely disrupt linear self-replicating chemical reaction systems?* Artificial Life, 26(3): 327-337, 2020.
- [9] D Gruenewald\*, R Mehta, **Y Liu**, M Denny, *Sensory perception plays a larger role in foraging efficiency than heavy-tailed movement strategies*, Ecological Modelling, 404: 69-82, 2019.
- [8] **Y Liu\***, D Sumpter, *Mathematical modeling reveals spontaneous emergence of self-replication in chemical reaction systems*, J. Biological Chemistry, 293(49): 18854-18863, 2018.
- [7] **Y Liu\***, D Sumpter, *Is the golden ratio a universal constant for self-replication?* PLOS ONE, 13(7): e0200601, 2018.
- [-] **Y Liu\***, *The artificial ecosystem: number soup (part II)*, arXiv:1801.04916, 2018.
- [6] **Y Liu\***, D Sumpter, *Insights into resource consumption, cross-feeding, system collapse, stability and biodiversity from an artificial ecosystem*, J. R. Soc. Interface, 14(126): 20160816, 2017.

### Plasma Physics / Physics in general

- [5] **Y Liu\***, ZT Wang, YX Long, JQ Dong, CJ Tang, *Nonideal fishbone instability excited by trapped energetic electrons*, Phys. Plasmas, 20: 032507, 2013.
- [4] ML Mou, **Y Liu**, ZT Wang, SY Chen, CJ Tang\*, *Prompt loss of energetic ion in Tokamak*, Acta. Phys. Sin., 63(16): 165201, 2014. (in Chinese, with English abstract)
- [3] ZT Wang\*, L Wang, YX Long, JQ Dong, ZX He, **Y Liu**, CJ Tang, *Shaping effects of the e-fishbone in Tokamaks*, Plasma Sci. Technol., 15(1): 12-16, 2013.
- [2] ZT Wang\*, L Wang, LX Long, JQ Dong, ZX He, **Y Liu**, CJ Tang, *Gyrokinetics for high-frequency modes in tokamaks*, Phys. Plasmas, 19(7): 072110, 2012.
- [1] SY Chen, BB Hong, **Y Liu**, etc., *Numerical analysis on the synergy between electron cyclotron current drive and lower hybrid current drive in Tokamak*, Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion, 54: 11, 2012.
- [-] **Y Liu**, CJ Tang, *Rutherford scattering and its computer simulation*, Atomic Energy Science and Technology, 44(11): 1281-1286, 2010. (in Chinese, with English abstract)

## Selected Academic Activities

- Invited talk at Tianyuan Mathematical Center, Xiamen University 2021.09
- Invited talk at Center for Quantitative Biology, Peking University, Virtual 2021.03
- Interviewed by chemistryworld.com (Royal Society of Chemistry) to comment on the recent developments of self-replicating molecules / origin of life researches 2020.07
- Interdisciplinary Origin of Life workshop, Virtual 2020.05
- Workshop on growth and pattern formation - a celebration of Philip Maini's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, 2019.09

- Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford, UK
- **Invited speaker** (by Prof. Paul Rainey) at conference “Breathing life into chemistry”, **Max Planck Institute (MPI) for evolutionary biology**, Plön, Germany 2019.06
  - **Invited talk** (by Dr. Chaitanya Gokhale) at MPI for evolutionary biology, Plön, Germany 2019.02
  - Workshop 1010: The Maths of Biology, Stockholm, Sweden 2018.10
  - 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium on Building a Synthetic Cell, Delft, Netherlands 2018.08
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Swedish Meeting on Mathematics in Biology (talk), Västerås, Sweden 2017.12
  - Academic visit to Centre for Models of Life, **Niels Bohr Institute**, Copenhagen, Denmark, with Prof. Kim Sneppen 2017.10
  - Summer School on Statistical Physics of Complex Systems, IFISC, Mallorca, Spain 2017.06
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Swedish Meeting for Mathematical Biology (talk), Göteborg, Sweden 2016.11
  - Workshop on Applied Mathematics and Statistics (talk), Krusenberg, Sweden 2016.10
  - 10<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Mathematical and Theoretical Biology, Nottingham, UK 2016.07
  - Visiting PhD student, **Section for Science of Complex System** in Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, with Prof. Stefan Thurner - 12 2015.10
  - 2015 Congress of the European Society for Evolutionary Biology, Lausanne, Switzerland 2015.08
  - Summer School Dynamics of Multi-Level System, **MPI**, Dresden, Germany 2015.06
  - 2014 Complex Systems Summer School, **Santa Fe Institute**, New Mexico, USA 2014.06

## Supervision & Teaching

- Teaching assistant (TA), “Python Introduction” part in the bachelor course “Metabolism” (60 students), University of Groningen 2019.04
- **Supervisor** of Daniel Hjerpe for his **master thesis** “The destruction of life in a self-replicating system”, Uppsala University (UU) 2017.09 - 2017.12
- **Full lecturer, master course “Modelling Complex Systems” (10 credits course, 50 stud.)**, UU 2017.03
- TA, bachelor course “Linear Algebra II” (60 stud.), UU 2017.09
- TA, bachelor course “Linear Algebra II” (60 stud.), UU 2016.09
- TA, master course “Modelling Complex Systems” (60 stud.), UU 2016.04
- TA, master course “Modelling Complex Systems” (60 stud.), UU 2015.04
- TA, bachelor “Electromagnetic Field Theory” (100 stud.), Sichuan Univ. (SU) 2012.02
- TA, bachelor course “MATLAB Programming” (100 stud.), SU 2010.09