

# RAYMOND CHEONG

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## EDUCATION

- M.D.** Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine 2014  
Medical Scientist Training Program
- Ph.D.** Johns Hopkins University, Biomedical Engineering Defended 2010  
Advisor: Prof. Andre Levchenko, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering  
Dissertation: *Information processing in the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) signaling pathway: a systems biology approach*
- B.S.** University of Maryland, Chemical Engineering 2002  
Summa cum laude  
Certificate in biochemical engineering  
University Honors Citation

## RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- (Unnamed) Biotech Investment Fund**, New York City, NY 2013-present  
• Perform diligence on companies spanning a range of stages and therapeutic areas  
• Vice President 2017-present, Associate 2013-2017
- Co-Founder & President, Euveda Biosciences, Inc.**, Baltimore, MD 2011-2012  
• Lead development and commercialization of microfluidics-based platform for high content analysis and cell-based assays for drug discovery  
• Raised \$240,000 of non-dilutive seed funding for research and development
- Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD 2004-2010  
• Advisor: Dr. Andre Levchenko, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering  
• Applied systems biology approaches to understand information processing by the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) signaling network in single cells  
• Extensive experience in mathematical modeling/quantitative analysis of cell signaling, microfluidic-based experimentation, and fluorescence microscopy  
• Mentored 2 graduate and 2 undergraduate students
- Undergraduate Research Fellow, University of Maryland**, College Park, MD 1999-2002  
• Advisor: Dr. Jason Kahn, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry  
• Modeled effect of protein interactions on DNA topology using Monte Carlo methods
- Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD Summers 1996-1998  
• Advisor: Dr. Gary Pasternack, Dept. of Pathology  
• Studied interactions between the oncogene myc and the cancer-related protein pp32 (research during high school)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD 2006-2007

- Teaching assistant for Biological Models and Simulation with Matlab (580.223) and Physical Chemistry of Materials I: Thermodynamics (510.312)

**Founder, Baltimore County Math League** 2005-2008

- Created, piloted, and expanded a new extracurricular mathematics activity for public high schools in Baltimore County, MD
- Taught mathematics problem solving skills to dozens of gifted & talented students
- Head Coach of Baltimore County ARML Team and Owings Mills HS Math Team

**Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland**, College Park, MD 2000-2001

- Sole teaching assistant for Computer Methods in Chemical Engineering (ENCH250) and Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics (ENCH300)

**PUBLICATIONS****Papers, peer-reviewed**

1. I Habibi, R Cheong, T Lipniacki, A Levchenko, ES Emamian, A Abdi. "Computation and measurement of cell decision making errors using single cell data." *PLoS Computational Biology*. 13(4):e1005436 (2017).
2. A Rhee\*, R Cheong\*, A Levchenko. "Noise decomposition of intracellular biochemical signaling networks using nonequivalent reporters." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)*. 111(48):17330-5 (2014).
3. M Brennan, R Cheong, A Levchenko. "How information theory handles cell signaling and uncertainty." *Science*. 338(6105):334-5 (2012).
4. A Rhee, R Cheong\*, A Levchenko\*. "The application of information theory to biochemical signaling systems." *Physical Biology*. 9(4):045011 (2012). (\* Co-corresponding author)
5. R Cheong, A Rhee, CJ Wang, I Nemenman, A Levchenko. "Information transduction capacity of noisy biochemical signaling networks." *Science*. 334(6054):354-8 (2011). **(Featured in Science's Perspectives and Biopolymers' Research highlights.)**
6. EM Hur, IH Yang, DH Kim, J Byun, Saijilafu, WL Xu, PR Nicovich, R Cheong, A Levchenko, N Thakor, FQ Zhou. "Engineering neuronal growth cones to promote axon regeneration over inhibitory molecules." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)*. 108(12):5057-62 (2011).
7. MJ Stine, CJ Wang, WF Moriarty, B Ryu, R Cheong, WH Westra, A Levchenko, RM Alani. "Integration of genotypic and phenotypic screening reveals molecular mediators of melanoma-stromal interaction." *Cancer Research*. 71(7):2433-44 (2011).
8. R Cheong, A Levchenko. "Oscillatory signaling processes: the how, the why and the where." *Current Opinion in Genetics and Development*. 20(6):665-9 (2010).
9. B Compani, T Su, I Chang, J Cheng, KH Shah, T Whisenant, Y Dou, A Bergmann, R Cheong, B Wold, L Bardwell, A Levchenko, P Baldi, E Mjolsness. "A scalable and integrative system for pathway bioinformatics and systems biology." *Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology*. 680:525-34 (2010).

10. Z Yin, SC Tao, R Cheong, H Zhu, A Levchenko. “An integrated micro-electro-fluidic and protein arraying system for parallel analysis of cell responses to controlled microenvironments.” *Integrative Biology*. 2(9):416-23 (2010).
11. R Cheong, S Paliwal, A Levchenko. “High content screening in microfluidic devices.” *Expert Opinion on Drug Discovery*. 5(8): 715-20 (2010).
12. D Fan, Z Yin, FQ Zhu, R Cheong, R Cammarata, CL Chien, A Levchenko. “Subcellular-resolution delivery of a cytokine through precisely manipulated nanowires.” *Nature Nanotechnology*. 5(7):545-51 (2010). **(Featured in News and Views.)**
13. M Fosbrink, NN Aye-Han, R Cheong, A Levchenko, J Zhang. “Visualization of JNK activity dynamics with a genetically encoded fluorescent biosensor.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)*. 107(12):5459-5464 (2010).
14. DH Kim, EA Lipke, P Kim, R Cheong, S Thompson, M Delannoy, KY Suh, L Tung, A Levchenko. “Nanoscale cues regulate the structure and function of macroscopic cardiac tissue constructs.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)*. 107(2):565-570 (2010).
15. R Cheong\*, Paliwal S\*, A Levchenko. “Models at the single cell level.” *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Systems Biology and Medicine*. 2(1):34-48 (2010). (\* Co-first author)
16. R Cheong, CJ Wang, A Levchenko. “Using a microfluidic device for high-content analysis of cell signaling.” *Science Signaling*. 2(75):pl2 (2009). **(Featured on cover.)**
17. R Cheong\*, CJ Wang\*, A Levchenko. “High-content cell screening in a microfluidic device.” *Molecular and Cellular Proteomics*. 8(3):433-42 (2009). (\* Co-first author) **(Featured in Science Signaling.)**
18. R Cheong, A Hoffmann, A Levchenko. “Understanding NF-kappaB signaling via mathematical modeling.” *Molecular Systems Biology*. 4:192 (2008).
19. R Cheong, A Levchenko. “Wires in the soup: quantitative models of cell signaling.” *Trends in Cell Biology*. 18(3):112-8 (2008).
20. A Kaneda, CJ Wang, R Cheong, W Timp, P Onyango, B Wen, CA Iacobuzio-Donahue, R Ohlsson, R Andraos, MA Pearson, AA Sharov, DL Longo, MS Ko, A Levchenko, AP Feinberg. “Enhanced sensitivity to IGF-II signaling links loss of imprinting of IGF2 to increased cell proliferation and tumor risk.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)*. 104(52):20926-31 (2007).
21. R Cheong, RK Wilson, I Cortese, DE Newman-Toker. “Mothball withdrawal encephalopathy: case report and review of paradichlorobenzene neurotoxicity.” *Substance Abuse*. 27(4):63-7 (2006).
22. R Cheong, A Bergmann, S Werner, A Hoffmann, A Levchenko. “Transient IkappaB kinase activity mediates temporal NF-kappaB dynamics in response to a wide range of tumor necrosis factor-alpha doses.” *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. 281(5):2945-50 (2006).
23. JD Kahn, R Cheong, RA Mehta, LM Edelman, MA Morgan. “Flexibility and control of protein-DNA loops.” *Biophysical Reviews and Letters*. 1(4):327-41 (2006).
24. D Barken, CJ Wang, J Kearns, R Cheong, A Hoffmann, A Levchenko. “Comment on ‘Oscillations in NF-kappaB signaling control the dynamics of gene expression’.” *Science*. 308(5718):52 (2005).
25. LM Edelman, R Cheong, JD Kahn. “Fluorescence resonance energy transfer over approximately 130 basepairs in hyperstable lac repressor-DNA loops.” *Biophysical Journal*. 84(2 Pt 1):1131-1145 (2003).

**Book Chapters, peer-reviewed**

1. R Cheong, A Levchenko. “Survey of the NF-kappaB Transcription Factor: Function, Structure, Regulation, Pathways, and Applications.” *Encyclopedia of Molecular Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine, 2nd edition*. Wiley-VCH: New York, 2005.

**Patents**

1. A Levchenko, R Cheong, CJ Wang. “Device for high-throughput stimulation, immunostaining, and visualization of single cells.” US 8,822,206 B2 (Issued Sep 2, 2014).

**Conference Abstracts and Presentations**

1. MD Brennan, B Lim, R Cheong, SY Shvartsman, A Levchenko. “Noise sources and accuracy of Drosophila dorsoventral patterning.” 6th q-bio Conference on Cellular Information Processing. Santa Fe, NM, USA (Aug 8 2012 – Aug 12 2012).
2. R Cheong. “Methods to reverse engineer sports rating formulas applied to the Sagarin ratings.” New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports. Cambridge, MA, USA (Sep 24 2011).
3. R Cheong, A Rhee, CJ Wang, I Nemenman, A Levchenko. “Information transduction capacity of noisy biochemical signaling networks.” Mathematical Biosciences Institute Workshop 2: Stochastic Processes in Cell and Population Biology. Columbus, OH, USA (Oct 24 2011 – Oct 28 2011).
4. R Cheong, A Rhee, CJ Wang, I Nemenman, A Levchenko. “Advantages and limitations of network-based information processing in biological signaling systems.” 5th q-bio Conference on Cellular Information Processing. **Selected for oral presentation**. Santa Fe, NM, USA (Aug 10 2011 – Aug 13 2011).
5. R Cheong, A Rhee, I Nemenman, A Levchenko. “Information processing in the TNF-stimulated NF- $\kappa$ B signaling pathway in fibroblasts: what thousands of little cells can tell you?” 3rd q-bio Conference on Cellular Information Processing. Santa Fe, NM, USA (Aug 5 2009 – Aug 9 2009).
6. R Cheong, A Levchenko. “A consensus model for the TNF-NF-kappaB signaling pathway.” Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing. Kamuela, Big Island, Hawaii, USA (Jan 5 2009 – Jan 9 2009).
7. CJ Wang\*, R Cheong\*, A Levchenko. “Microfluidic device for high-throughput immunofluorescent staining of signaling proteins in attachment-dependent cells.” 10th International Conference on Miniaturized Systems for Chemistry and Life Sciences ( $\mu$ TAS2006). **Selected for oral presentation** (session 4A2, given by CJW). Tokyo, Japan (Nov 5 2006 – Nov 9 2006). (\* Co-first author)
8. R Cheong, CJ Wang, A Levchenko. “Towards systems-level understanding of NF- $\kappa$ B signaling through integrated modeling and experimentation.” Keystone Symposia, NF- $\kappa$ B: 20 Years on the Road from Biochemistry to Pathology. **Selected for oral presentation**. Banff, Canada. (Mar 23 2006 – Mar 28 2006).
9. R Cheong, A Bergmann, A Hoffmann, A Levchenko. “The IkappaB-NFkappaB Signaling Module: Signal Downregulation Is Required for Initial Response to TNFalpha.” Foundations of Systems Biology in Engineering. Santa Barbara, CA, USA (Aug 7 2005 – Aug 10 2005).
10. R Cheong, A Bergmann, A Levchenko. “Using similarity metrics in robustness analysis of a NF-kappaB model.” Workshop on Genomic Signal Processing and Statistics (GENSIPS). Baltimore, MD, USA (May 26 2004 – May 27 2004).

11. JD Kahn, LM Edelman, R Cheong, RA Mehta. "Analysis and control of protein-DNA loops." American Chemical Society, 226th Annual Meeting. New York, NY, USA (Sep 07 2003 – Sep 11 2003).
12. M Morgan, L Edelman, R Cheong, R Mehta, J Kahn. "Design and analysis of hyperstable protein-DNA loops and nanostructures." Greater Washington Area Nanoscience Open House, University of Maryland. College Park, MD, USA. (Oct 25 2001).
13. R Cheong, JR Brody, L Lee, GR Pasternack. "Phosphoprotein 32 (pp32) inhibits c-myc transactivation and transformation." American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), 90th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, USA. (Apr 10 1999 – Apr 14 1999).
14. J Bai, SS Kadkol, R Cheong, JR Brody, M Chamberlin, GR Pasternack. "Cell-type specific suppression of human prostate carcinoma cell proliferation by a novel tumor suppressor, pp32." American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), 90th Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, USA. (Apr 10 1999 – Apr 14 1999).

## GRANTS

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), Phase I National Science Foundation	\$150,000	2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title: Microfluidic platform for high throughput drug screening using primary cells</li> <li>• Goals: Development of an ultraminiaturized cell-based assay</li> <li>• Role: PI</li> </ul>		
Maryland Tech Transfer & Commercialization Award (MTTCF) Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)	\$75,000	2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title: Microfluidic cell-based assays</li> <li>• Goals: Refinement of microfluidic technology into high content screening products</li> <li>• Role: PI</li> </ul>		
TechStart Award Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)	\$15,000	2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title: Microfluidic cell-based assays: applications in drug discovery and personalized medicine</li> <li>• Goals: Business plan development and freedom-to-operate analysis</li> <li>• Role: PI</li> </ul>		
Mathematics Education Partnership Program (MEPP) National Security Agency (NSA)	\$12,500 (total)	2008, 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title: Baltimore County Math League and Baltimore County Math Team</li> <li>• Goals: Expand extracurricular math activities for Baltimore County (MD) public high schools</li> <li>• Role: Primary grant author, Director of BCML, Head Coach of BCMT</li> </ul>		

## HONORS & AWARDS

Michael A. Shanoff Young Investigator Award (most outstanding JHU thesis research)	2012
Siebel Scholar	2010
North American Winner, Biotechnology Young Entrepreneurs Scheme	2004
Medical Scientist Training Program appointment at Johns Hopkins University	2002-present
A. James Clark School of Engineering Dean's Award	2002
American Institute of Chemical Engineers Othmer National Scholarship	2001

Winner, International Obfuscated C Code Contest	2000, 2001
Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research Fellowship	2000-2002
Ranked among top 300 students nationwide, Putnam Mathematical Exam	1999
University of Maryland Banneker/Key Scholarship (highest academic scholarship)	1998-2002
Fourth Place Grand Award, Biochemistry, Intel International Science & Engineering Fair	1998
Semifinalist, Westinghouse Science Talent Search	1998

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Ad-hoc reviewer (e.g., <i>Biophysical Journal</i> , <i>Physical Biology</i> )	2011-2013
Member, Advisory Board, Siebel Scholars Foundation	2010-present
Member, Board of Directors, New York City Interscholastic Math League	2008-present
Author, Annual ARML Scrimmage	2006-2013
Founder and Head Coach, Baltimore County Math League and ARML Team	2005-2008
Online archivist, Student-authored Hopkins medical school notes	2002-2009
Online publisher, Men's college basketball computer rankings	1999-present