

# Stephen Huan

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## Education

- 2021–present **Undergraduate**, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, Atlanta, GA  
Bachelor of science in computer science, minor in mathematics, expected graduation 05/2024.  
○ Courses taken: algorithms, machine learning, numerical linear algebra, analysis
- 2017–2021 **High School**, *Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology*, Alexandria, VA

## Experience

- Florian Schäfer  
fall 2021–present **Undergraduate researcher**, *School of Computational Science and Engineering*, Atlanta, GA  
Improve state of the art algorithms for sparse Cholesky factorization of dense covariance matrices by using ideas from optimal experimental design and compressive sensing. The resulting algorithm extends  $k$ -nearest neighbors to maximize conditional mutual information instead of proximity [1].
- SURF  
summer 2023 **Research fellowship**, *California Institute of Technology*, Pasadena, CA  
Improved existing Gaussian process earthquake models by implementing new kernel functions and accelerating inference with sparse approximate Cholesky factors while advised by Houman Owhadi.
- Algorithms  
spring 2023 **Teaching assistant**, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, Atlanta, GA  
Teaching assistant for the upper level undergraduate class Design & Analysis of Algorithms (CS 3510).

## Papers

- [1] S. Huan, J. Guinness, M. Katzfuss, H. Owhadi, and F. Schäfer, *Sparse Cholesky factorization by greedy conditional selection*, Jul. 2023. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2307.11648. arXiv: 2307.11648 [cs, math, stat].

## Awards

- \$1500, 2023-07 Georgia Tech's President's Undergraduate Research Award (PURA).  
\$1500, 2022-11 PURA Salary Award, turned down due to a conflict with teaching assistant.  
\$1000, 2022-08 PURA Travel Award to present at SIAM Conference Mathematics of Data Science (MDS22).  
\$150, 2022-04 2nd place poster in College of Computing at the Undergraduate Research Spring Symposium.

## Talks

- 2022-10-07 Talk at the Algorithms, Combinatorics and Optimization student seminar at Georgia Tech.  
2022-09-28 Talk at the SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science (MDS22).  
2022-04-12 Poster session at Georgia Tech's Undergraduate Research Spring Symposium.  
2022-02-19 Lightning talk at the Georgia Scientific Computing Symposium.

## Interests

- Big O Theory Club  
fall 2022–present Officer of Georgia Tech's official theoretical computer science club in the College of Computing. Responsibilities include preparing lectures, problem sets, and events for weekly meetings.
- Rubik's cubing  
7.76 seconds to solve a Rubik's cube and 11.54 seconds one-handed in official competitions.
- Technical skills  
Python, Julia,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Nix/NixOS, Cython *decreasing familiarity*