# Sam Foreman's Résumé

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## **About**

Computational Scientist at Argonne National Laboratory. Scaling AI for science on supercomputers. samforeman.me GitHub • Google Scholar • ORCID • Twitter

## **Education**

- Ph.D., Physics University of Iowa | 2015–2019
  - Learning Better Physics: A Machine Learning Approach to Lattice Gauge Theory
- B.S. in Engineering Physics
  University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | 2010–2015
  - Energy Storage in Quantum Resonators (US Patent #US9741492B2)
- B.S. in Applied Mathematics University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | 2010–2015

## **Professional Experience**

## • Assistant Computational Scientist

- Argonne National Laboratory, Leadership Computing Facility (ALCF) Lemont, IL | 2022-Present
  - \* Research lead on scaling large language models (LLMs) and generative AI for science on supercomputers (Aurora, Frontier, LUMI, Leonardo, ...).
    - · Co-lead the Models and Pretraining team of the AuroraGPT project
  - \* Optimize large-scale training of foundation models and language models for scientific applications.
  - \* Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to enhance simulation efficiency and scalability
  - \* Focus on AI and HPC for scientific applications, including:
    - · Training large language models on supercomputers
    - · Genome scale language models (GenSLMs) for studying SARS-CoV-2 evolutionary dynamics
    - Direct Preference Optimization (DPO) for multimodal protein design workflows
    - · Climate modeling and weather forecasting using foundation models
    - · Developing improved sampling algorithms for lattice quantum chromodynamics (QCD)
  - \* https://www.alcf.anl.gov/about/people/sam-foreman

## • Postdoctoral Researcher

- Argonne National Laboratory, Leadership Computing Facility (ALCF) Lemont, IL  $\mid 2019-2022$ 
  - \* Applied deep learning to lattice gauge theory and quantum field simulations.
  - \* Developed ML-enhanced Monte Carlo methods for QCD (12hmc-qcd).
  - \* Engaged in AI-for-Science collaborations with national labs and university partners.

# • Graduate Researcher (DOE SCGSR Fellowship)

- Argonne National Laboratory, Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division (MCS)
   Lemont, IL | 2018 2019
  - \* Development of l2hmc-qcd in collaboration with ALCF for my PhD Thesis research

#### **Publications**

Note

You can find a full list of my publications on my Google Scholar

- AERIS: Argonne Earth Systems Model for Reliable and Skillful Predictions (Hatanpää et al. (2025))
  - 2025 ACM Gordon Bell Prize for Climate Modeling Finalist
- 2. Aurora: Architecting Argonne's First Exascale Supercomputer for Accelerated Scientific Discovery (Allen et al. (2025))
- 3. HiPerRAG: High-Performance Retrieval Augmented Generation for Scientific Insights (Gokdemir et al. (2025))
- 4. Automated Tuning for HMC Mass Ratios (Torsiello et al. (2025))
- 5. MOFA: Discovering Materials for Carbon Capture with a GenAI and Simulation-Based Workflow (Yan et al. (2025))
- 6. MProt-DPO: Breaking the ExaFLOPS Barrier for Multimodal Protein Design with DPO (Dharuman et al. (2024))
  - 2024 ACM Gordon Bell Finalist
- 7. Intro to HPC Bootcamp: Engaging New Communities Through Energy Justice Projects (Leung et al. (2024))
- 8. Thorough Characterization and Analysis of Large Transformer Model Training At-Scale (Cheng et al. (2024))
- 9. MLMC: Machine Learning Monte Carlo for Lattice Gauge Theory (Sam Foreman, Jin, and Osborn (2023))
- 10. Protein Generation via Genome-scale Language Models with Bio-physical Scoring (Dharuman et al. (2023))
- 11. DeepSpeed4Science Initiative: Enabling Large-Scale Scientific Discovery (Song et al. (2023))
  - DeepSpeed4Science.ai Blog Post
  - Looooooong Sequence Lengths
- 12. Comprehensive Performance Study of LLMs on Novel AI Accelerators (Emani et al. (2023))
- 13. Exploratory Analysis of Climate Data with ClimRR, Intro to HPC Bootcamp @ NERSC (Sam Foreman (2023))
- 14. GenSLMs: Genome-scale language models reveal SARS-Cov-2 evolutionary dynamics (Zvyagin et al. (2023))
  - Winner of the ACM Gordon Bell Special Prize for High Performance Computing-Based COVID-19 Research

- 15. Lattice QCD and Particle Physics (Kronfeld et al. (2022))
- 16. Applications of ML to Lattice QFT (Boyda et al. (2022))
- 17. LeapFrogLayers: Trainable Framework for Effective Sampling (Sam Foreman et al. (2021))
- 18. HMC with Normalizing Flows [slides] (Sam Foreman et al. (2021))
- 19. Deep Learning Hamiltonian Monte Carlo [+ poster] (Sam Foreman, Jin, and C. (2021))
- 20. Machine Learning and Neural Networks for Field Theory (Sam Foreman, Jin, and Osborn (2020))
- 21. Examples of renormalization group transformations for image sets (Samuel Foreman et al. (2018))
- 22. RG inspired Machine Learning for lattice field theory (Sam Foreman et al. (2018))
- 23. Large Energy Density in Three-Plate Nanocapacitors due to Coulomb Blockade (Hubler et al. (2018))
- 24. Superconductivity of In and Sn Samples (Deamont and Foreman (2014))

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#### **Awards and Honors**

- Nominated to serve on the US Coordinating Panel for Software and Computing by the Division of Particles and Fields of the American Physical Society (APS).
- Finalist, ACM Gordon Bell Prize in Climate Modeling, 2025
  - Recognized for our work on

**AERIS** (Hatanpää et al. (2025)): The first billion-parameter pixel-level diffusion model for global weather and subseasonal-to-seasonal forecasting. Trained efficiently at scales from 1.3–80B parameters with our sequence-window parallelism (SWiPe) strategy, we achieve a sustained mixed-precision performance of 10.21 ExaFLOPS and peak performance of 11.21 ExaFLOPS, scaling to 10,080 nodes (120,960 GPUs) on the Aurora supercomputer.

- Finalist, ACM Gordon Bell Prize, 2024
  - Acknowledged for the MProt-DPO (Dharuman et al. (2024)) project, which achieved over 4 ExaFLOP sustained performance in multimodal protein design workflows using Direct Preference Optimization.
    - \* Argonne team breaks new ground in AI-driven protein design Argonne @ SC
- ACM Gordon Bell Special Prize for High Performance Computing-Based COVID-19 Research, 2022
  - Recognized for contributions to the GenSLMs (Zvyagin et al. (2023)) project, which developed genome-scale language models to study SARS-CoV-2 evolutionary dynamics.
    - \* ACM Gordon Bell Special Prize for HPC-Based COVID-19 Research Awarded to Team for Modelling How Pandemic-Causing Viruses, Especially SARS-CoV-2, are Identified and Classified

### • DOE Office of Science Graduate Student Research Fellow, 2018

 Awarded by the Department of Energy for outstanding research contributions during graduate studies.

### **Talks**

#### Note

You can see all of my talks online at https://samforeman.me/talks/

#### • 2025-:

- 12: Training Foundation Models on Supercomputers @ Argonne National Laboratory
- 10: Training Foundation Models on Supercomputers @ University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 10: Training Foundation Models on Supercomputers @ Georgia Institute of Technology
- 10: AERIS: Argonne's Earth Systems Model @ 2025 ALCF Hands-On HPC Workshop
- 09: Scientific AI at Scale: AI for Science @ Open SkAI 2025
- 09: Scientific AI at Scale: Distributed Training @ Open SkAI 2025
- 07: Large Scale Training on Diverse Accelerators @ Scalable Deep Learning, SIAM AN2025
- 05: LLMs on Aurora: AuroraGPT @ 2025 ALCF INCITE GPU Hackathon
- 05: LLMs on Aurora: ezpz @ 2025 ALCF INCITE GPU Hackathon
- 02: AuroraGPT: Foundation Models for Science @ Foundation Models for the Electric Grid

### • 2024-:

- 11: Parallel Training Methods @ AI-for-Science on Supercomputers
- 10: AuroraGPT @ 2024 ALCF Hands-On HPC Workshop
- 10: Machine Learning and Foundation Models at Scale @ 2024 ALCF Hands-On HPC Workshop
- 09: AuroraGPT @ HPC User Forum, 2024
- 08: Training LLMs at Scale @ ATPESC, 2024
- 07: LLMs on Polaris @ Center for Scientific Foundation Models, Summer School 24'
- 03: Parallel Training Techniques @ AI-4-Science Training Series
- 02: LLMs from Scratch @ LLM Tutorial Workshop

#### 2023-:

- 11: Creating Small(-ish) LLMs @ LLM Tutorial Workshop (1)

- 10: Exascale Science on Aurora @ Intel oneAPI Workshop @ UIC
- 10: LLM Lunch Talk @ ALCF Hands On HPC Workshop
- 08: Scaling LLMs for Science @ Data-Intensive Computing + AI/ML at Scale
- 07: MLMC: Machine Learning Monte Carlo @ Lattice 2023
- 07: Generative Modeling and Efficient Sampling @ PASC23
- 04: Efficient Sampling for LGT @ Deep Fridays @ U. Bologna

#### 2022-:

- 11: Large Scale Training @ AI4Science on Supercomputers (ALCF)
- 10: Hyperparameter Management @ ALCF SDL Workshop
- 08: Statistical Learning @ ATPESC 2022
- 05: Scientific Data Science: An Emerging Symbiosis @ ANL (05/2022)
- 03: Machine Learning in HEP @ UNC Greensboro

#### • 2021-:

- 12: Accelerated Sampling Methods for LGT, @ DWQ @ 25 [BNL]
- 09: Training Topological Samplers for LGT @ ML4HEP, ECT\* Trento
- 05: Deep Learning HMC for Improved Gauge Generation @ ML in LQCD Workshop
   [2021]

## • 2020:

- 02: Machine Learning for Lattice QCD @ U. Iowa [2020]

#### **Events**

- Organizer for:
  - SC25 Workshop: High Performance Python for Science at Scale (HPPSS), November 2025
  - SC25 Tutorial: Accelerating and Scaling Python for HPC
  - SC24 Workshop: High Performance Python for Science at Scale (HPPSS), November 2024
  - SC23 Workshop: High Performance Python for Science at Scale (HPPSS), November 2023
  - Machine Learning and Quantum Computing for Earth Sciences at 17th U. S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, July 2023

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