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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Electronic Engineering (focus on bioinformatics and computational biology), 2013

City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Advisor: Prof. Hong Yan

Thesis: Alpha shape based methods for analysis and prediction of biomolecular

interactions.

B.E. Information Engineering (Talented student program), 2008

South China University of Technology, China

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Biostatistics

(11/2013-present) Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Advisor: Prof. Hongkai Ji

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Genomics; Single-cell genomics; High-dimensional data; Linear models;

Computational biology;

My primary research interest is developing statistical and computational methods for integrative analysis of various types of large-scale genomic data.

PUBLICATIONS

Paper in progress

- 1. **Zhou, W.** et al. Genome-wide Prediction of DNase I Hypersensitivity Using Gene Expression. bioRxiv, 035808. Under revision. (2016).
- 2. **Zhou, W.**, Ji, Z. & Ji, H. Global Prediction of Chromatin Accessibility Using RNA-seq from Small Number of Cells. bioRxiv, 035816. Submitted. (2016).
- 3. Ji, Z.*, **Zhou, W.*** & Ji, H. Single-cell regulome data analysis by SCRAT. Submitted. (2016). (*joint first authors)
- 4. Zhu, J.*, Xu, J.*, Yin, X.*, **Zhou, W.**, Andrabi, S., Fan, J., Chen, R., Chen, L., Guan, I., Ji, H., Liu, X., Dawson, T. & Dawson, V. Botch improves neuronal maturation of human stem cell-derived transplants into cortex and functional recovery following stroke. Manuscript in submission. (*equal contribution) [contribution: analyze RNA-seq data and perform functional annotation analysis]
- 5. **Zhou, W.**, Sherwood, B., Ji, Z. & Ji, H. PDDB: Predicted DNase I Hypersensitivity Database. Manuscript in preparation.
- 6. Sherwood, B., **Zhou, W.** & Ji, H. Clustering Covariates in High-dimensional Multivariate Linear Regression. Manuscript in preparation.
- 7. Du, F., Sherwood, B., **Zhou, W.** & Ji, H. Big Data K-means clustering. Manuscript in preparation.

Refereed Journal Articles

- 1. **Zhou, W.**, Sherwood, B. & Ji, H. Computational Prediction of the Global Functional Genomic Landscape: Applications, Methods and Challenges. *Human Heredity*. (2016). (in press)
- 2. Jin, K. et al. (including **Zhou**, **W**.) HOXB7 Is an ERα Cofactor in the Activation of HER2 and Multiple ER Target Genes Leading to Endocrine Resistance. *Cancer. Discov.* **5**, 944-959 (2015). [contribution: perform statistical and computational analysis of genomic data]
- 3. Wang, D., **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. Mining of protein-protein interfacial residues from massive protein sequential and spatial data. *Fuzzy Sets Syst.* **258**, 101-116 (2015).
- 4. Fan, T. et al. (including **Zhou, W.**) Antagonistic effects of MYC and hypoxia in channeling glucose and glutamine into de novo nucleotide biosynthesis. *Cancer & Metabolism* **2** (Suppl 1), O10 (2014). [contribution: perform statistical and computational analysis of genomic data]
- 5. Wang, D. D., **Zhou, W.**, Yan, H., Wong, M. & Lee, V. Personalized prediction of EGFR mutation-induced drug resistance in lung cancer. *Scientific Reports* **3** (2013).

- 6. Yang, X., **Zhou, W.**, Wang, D. D., Wu, Q. & Yan, H. A Survey on Structural Analysis of Nucleosome Core Particles. *Current Bioinformatics* **8**, 112-132 (2013).
- 7. **Zhou, W.**, Yan, H., Fan, X. & Hao, Q. Prediction of Protein-Protein Interactions Based on Molecular Interface Features and the Support Vector Machine. *Current Bioinformatics* **8**, 3-8 (2013).
- 8. Zhu, Y., **Zhou, W.**, Dai, D. & Yan, H. Identification of DNA-Binding and Protein-Binding Proteins Using Enhanced Graph Wavelet Features. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (TCBB)* **10**, 1017-1031 (2013).
- 9. Guan, P. P., **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. The relationship between geometric patterns of hydrogen bonds and periodic dinucleotides in nucleosome structures. *J. Theor. Biol.* **313**, 136-141 (2012).
- 10. **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. Alpha shape and Delaunay triangulation in studies of protein-related interactions. *Briefings in Bioinformatics* **15**(1), 54-64 (2012).
- 11. **Zhou, W.**, Yan, H. & Hao, Q. Analysis of surface structures of hydrogen bonding in protein-ligand interactions using the alpha shape model. *Chemical Physics Letters* **545**, 125-131 (2012).
- 12. Wu, Q., **Zhou, W.**, Wang, J. & Yan, H. Correlation between the flexibility and periodic dinucleotide patterns in yeast nucleosomal DNA sequences. *J. Theor. Biol.* **284**, 92-98 (2011).
- 13. **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. Prediction of DNA-binding protein based on statistical and geometric features and support vector machines. *Proteome science* **9**, 1-6 (2011).
- 14. **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. Relationship between periodic dinucleotides and the nucleosome structure revealed by alpha shape modeling. *Chemical Physics Letters* **489**, 225-228 (2010).
- 15. **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. A discriminatory function for prediction of protein-DNA interactions based on alpha shape modeling. *Bioinformatics* **26**, 2541-2548 (2010).

Refereed Conference Papers

- 1. **Zhou, W.**, Wang, D. & Yan, H. Prediction of anti-EGFR drug resistance base on binding free energy and hydrogen bond analysis. *2013 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*, Singapore, April 2013.
- 2. **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. Analysis of Ligand Binding Sites Using Alpha Shapes. 2012 IEEE International Conference on System, Man, and Cybernetics, Seoul, Korea, October 2012.
- 3. **Zhou, W.**, Yan, H., Fan, X. & Hao, Q. Prediction of protein-protein interactions using alpha shape modeling. *2011 International Symposium on Computational Models for Life Sciences*, Toyama City, Japan, October 2011, pp 244-252.

- 4. **Zhou, W.** & Yan, H. Prediction of DNA-binding protein based on alpha shape modeling. 2010 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), Hong Kong, December 2010, pp 23-28.
- 5. **Zhou, W.**, Xu, X. & Huang, W. Shape and Boundary Analysis for Classification of Breast Masses. 2008 International Symposium on Computational Intelligence and Design, Wuhan, China, October 2008, Vol. 2, pp 42-46.
- 6. Tang, X., Xu, X., **Zhou, W.** & Mao, Y. A Novel Semantic based CAD System for Mammography. 2008 International Conference on Computer Science and Information Technology, Singapore, August 2008, pp 97-101.

Posters

1. **Zhou, W.**, Du, F., Bai, J., Ying M., Laterra J. & Ji, H. Computational prediction of cistrome with application to stem cells. *The 7th Annual Maryland Stem Cell Research Symposium*, Silver Spring, MD, USA, December 2014.

Conference presentations

- 1. **Zhou, W.** & Ji, H. Big Data Regression and Prediction in Functional Genomics. *The 2015 INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, USA, November 2015.
- 2. **Zhou, W.** et al. Big data regression and prediction for high-throughput genomic data, *Joint Statistical Meetings*, Chicago, IL, July 2016.

Patent Applications

1. **Zhou, W.**, & Yan, H. METHODS FOR MODELING AND ANALYSIS OF INTERFACE BETWEEN POINT PATTERNS. US Patent Application 20130024175, publication date: January 24, 2013.

SOFTWARE AND DATABASE

- 1. BIRD: Big data Regression for predicting DNase I hypersensitivity.
- 2. PDDB: Predicted DNase I Hypersensitivity Database.
- 3. SCRAT: single-cell regulome analysis toolbox.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer Nature Methods, Nature Communications, Nucleic Acid Research,

BMC Bioinformatics, Proteome Science, IEEE Transactions on NanoBioscience,

The Eleventh Asia Pacific Bioinformatics Conference 2013, The Tenth Asia Pacific Bioinformatics Conference 2012.

Session chair Joint Statistical Meetings, 2016

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

2012	Teaching assistant in EE5806: Topics in Image Processing City University of Hong Kong
2010- 2011	Teaching assistant in EE2000: Logic Circuit Design City University of Hong Kong
2010	Teaching assistant in EE3206: Java Programming & Applications City University of Hong Kong

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Research Tuition Scholarships (2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012), Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

Outstanding Academic Performance Award for Research Degree Students (2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012), Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

Postgraduate Studentship (2009-2013), University Grants Committee, Hong Kong.