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SUMMARY

I am a computational scientist with heavy math, modeling and simulation experience in engineering and life sciences domain. Post-PHD, I have 12+ years' experience in analyzing high-throughput -molecular data including, next-generation sequencing based genomics/transcriptomics as well as mass-spectrometry based proteomics/metabolomics data.

Recently, my focus is on using deep learning methods to analyze the high-dimensional -omics data to infer associations in the data. I usually program in Python/R using Git/Snakemake/Docker and tools specific to domain of interest.

Till date, my research work has resulted in ~20 peer-reviewed publications and numerous conference proceedings and poster presentations (google scholar citations: ~580, h-index=11).

EDUCATION

2003 - 2007, PhD, Electrical and Computer Engineering, ODU, Norfolk, VA
Dissertation: Molecular dynamics simulations to probe effects of ultra-short high-intensity electric pulses on biological suspensions.

2001 - 2003, MS, Electrical and Computer Engineering, ODU, Norfolk, VA
Thesis: Monte carlo analysis of millimeter-wave GaN Gunn diodes.

SKILLS

Python, R, MATLAB
Git, Snakemake, Docker

-OMICS TOOLS

GATK, BWA, Bowtie, Samtools, BEDtools
Byonic, PEAKS, Proteome Discoverer, OMSSA, MODa
BioCyc, MetaCyc, GROMACS, NAMD, VMD

EXPERIENCE

Consultant

Universities, Hospitals and Startups

Oct 2018 - Present

In my current role, I am working for a proteomics software company.

In previous roles as Independent Consultant (part of 2016, 2017 and 2018) for MGH, WRI and biofuel startup

- Improved primer design for a proof-of-principle assay to capture long genomic regions.
- Built NGS pipeline and developed new computational methods for downstream analyses.
- Helped different groups with their data science and bioinformatic needs.
- Whole genome sequence (WGS) analyses, including variant analyses, copy number variation and strain specific analyses for biofuel production.
- Set-up in-house Jbrowse genome browser and Sequenceserver (blast+ web server).
- Helped analyze diverse mass-spectrometry datasets (global proteomics, phosphoproteomics) of breast cancer tissue samples.
- Integrated proteogenomics data to identify markers in laser capture microdissected breast tumor samples (Preliminary work published in AACR).

Bioinformatics

Systems Developer

Booz Allen Hamilton

March 2018 - November 2018

- Helped in automating preprocessing of gene expression data (microarray and RNA-seq) for placental datasets using raw data stored in NCBI's GEO repository (PAT - Placental Atlas Tool).
- Improved analytics of differential expression, gene ontology and pathway analyses of the above preprocessed placental datasets (>20 RNA-seq and >300 microarray datasets).

Computational

Biologist

UT Southwestern Medical Center

August 2015 - April 2016

- Protein and post-translational modification identification using Proteome Discoverer, OMSSA, Sequest, MASCOT.
- Quantitative proteomics (SILAC, TMT) data analysis using MaxQuant, Proteome Discoverer.
- Bioinformatics proteomics consultant work with UT Southwestern investigators.

Research Eng/Sci

Associate V

The University of Texas at Austin

December 2012 - August 2015

- Built machine learning models using LASSO regression to predict bacterial growth conditions from in-silico metabolic fluxes generated from metabolic

network based flux balance analyses (FBA) methods.

- Proteomics and metabolic flux data analyses of mass-spectrometry based datasets. a. Proteomics data is analyzed using new unrestricted PTM search methods. b. Metabolic flux data is analyzed using FiatFlux software.
- Molecular dynamics (MD) simulations for Bio-electrics applications
 - a. Compute intense MD simulations to understand multiple nanopore formation in lipid bilayers using advanced high performance computing environment.
 - b. MD simulations to understand effects of sodium (Na) and calcium (Ca) effects in pore formation within the biological suspensions.
- Helped multiple labs with proteomics bioinformatics consulting and short-term contracts.
- Taught computational mass-spectrometry in Big Data Summer School organized by CCBB (Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics every summer – 4 day course)

Post-doc Fellow

National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)

June 2007 - January 2012

- Part of NCBI OMSSA (Open Mass Spectrometry Search Algorithm) project:
 - a. Improved noise filtering routines/filters to accommodate high-resolution mass-spectrometry data.
 - b. Optimized algorithm for ETD data analysis (ion-types, precursor peak filtering).
 - c. User support by addition of requested enzymes, modifications, and other iontypes required for quantitative proteomics (iTRAQ, TMT 6-plex etc.).
 - d. Improved sensitivity by adjusting for mass offsets, precursor charge assignment for low-res data. Presented related mass-spectrometry work in ASMS '08, '09, '10 and '11.
- Integration of sequence data & high-throughput phosphoproteomics data:
 - a. Developed a new method (proof-of-principle) for PTM annotation on genomes (NCBI RefSeq) by using high-throughput proteomics data (PhosphoSite, PhosphoELM) and domain definitions of protein families within NCBI Conserved Domain Database (CDD).
 - b. Apart from the large-scale annotation of conserved PTM sites on genomes, this method could facilitate identification of novel evolutionarily conserved posttranslational modifications.
- Developed a prototype for new class of peptide identification search algorithm OMSSA-SIM.
 - a. Motivation is to remove most of the limitations faced by present generation sequence library search algorithms, for example, exact precursor mass match, unknown PTM's, mutations, different enzymatic cleavage etc.
 - b. Preliminary work in ASMS 2011 (oral presentation in computational mass-spectrometry).

Research Assistant

Old Dominion University - Aerospace Engineering

Summer '06 • Helped improve programming drives for a test bogie run on MAGLEV (train using magnetic levitation).

Intern

Siemens Limited. Siemens Vdo Automotive

Summer '04 • Finite element analyses (2D) to improve fuel injection solenoid models using Ansoft software.

TALKS

- Large-scale analysis of PTMs @ UT-Austin, Thermo Fisher Scientific, MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Using subspectral interval matches to make novel identifications of ETD tandem mass spectra @ ASMS 2011
- Predicting bacterial growth conditions from bacterial physiology @ Center for Systems and Synthetic Biology, UT-Austin
- Open Mass Spectrometry Search Algorithm @ George Washington University
- A comparative proteomics technique for large scale automatic annotation of posttranslational modifications on multiple genomes with reduced error rate @ NIH ProtIG Fellows seminar
- Evolutionary conservation of phosphorylation sites – A mass spectrometric perspective @ NHLBI
- Time Domain Dielectric Spectroscopy Study of Jurkat Cells and Mitochondria @ Frank Reidy Research Center for Bioelectronics
- Time Domain Dielectric Spectroscopy Study of HL-60 cells induced by Ultra-Short pulses @ Frank Reidy Research Center for Bioelectronics

PUBLICATIONS

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June 11-15, 2006.
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2005 Conference, Portland, OR, May 15-18, 2005.

POSTERS

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microdissected breast tumors", AACR 2017.
- Tchafa, A et. al., "High resolution diagnostic platform for breast cancer
therapy management", Proceedings of the AACR 2016.
- Sridhara V et. al., "Large-scale analysis of post-translational modifications in
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Heidelberg, Germany, Nov 8-11, 2014.
- Houser JR, et. al., "Controlled Measurements of Multiple Cellular Components
in E. coli As a Resource for Integrative Computational Modeling of Cellular
Subsystems", Synthetic Biology: Engineering, Evolution and Design
(SEED).
- Sridhara V et. al., "Analysis of metabolic fluxes in E. coli over time", AG3C
annual meeting, May 2014.
- Sridhara V et. al., "Predicting bacterial growth conditions from bacterial
physiology", 1st Annual symposium in Big Data in Biology, The University
of Texas at Austin, May 2013.
- Sridhara V et. al., "A Comparative Proteomics Technique for the Automatic
Annotation of PostTranslational Modifications on Multiple Genomes at
Reduced Error Rate." ASMS 2010
- Sridhara V et. al., "Decreasing Database Search Times in ETD MS/MS
Sequence Searching by Assignment of Parent Precursor Charge to MS/MS
Spectra." ASMS 2009
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Positive Rates in MS/MS Sequence Searching Algorithms by Incorporating
Corrections to Precursor Mass Calculations." ASMS 2008
- Sridhara, V., et al., "Molecular Dynamics Simulations to Probe Electric-Pulse
Induced Micelle Formation and Ion-Channel Regulation in Biological Cells",
ODU RD 2006 (Honorable mention)
- Hu, Q., et al., "Dynamical modeling studies of model membranes and cellular
response to nanosecond ultrashort pulses", ODU RD 2005(Poster awarded
3rd place)