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WORK EXPERIENCE

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Data Analyst I (5/2022 - 5/2024) Data Analyst II (5/2024 - Now)	New York, United States
INFOTECHSoft Biological Data Analyst (1/2018 - 7/2018)	Miami, FL, United States

EDUCATION

Florida International University MS in Data Science (1/2017–8/2018)	Miami, FL, United States transferred to MS in Computer Science (8/2018-5/2019)
Wenzhou Medical University Bachelor in Preventive Medicine	Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China 9/2011–7/2016

PROJECTS

Maternal PFAS mixture exposures and SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody levels: mediation analysis of maternal metabolic profile 11/2023-12/2024

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, United States

- This study includes 59 pregnant participants in the NYC-based Generation C cohort, which was created to explore the impact of SARS-Cov-2 infection on birth outcomes in pregnant individuals from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The aim is to explore the potential indirect effect of maternal plasma untargeted metabolic profile on the relationship between maternal targeted PFAS mixture exposures and SARS-CoV-2 IgG antibody levels.
- A PFAS mixture index was developed using Weighted Quantile Sum (WQS) based on nine legacy PFAS exposures, adjusted for a set of covariates. Two metabolite mixture indices were then constructed using WQS, each conditioned on the SARS-Cov-2 IgG levels and adjusted for the same covariates, with constraints in positive and negative directions, respectively. Mediation analyses were conducted to assess the mediating effect of the two metabolites-indices on the relationship between the PFAS-index and IgG levels.
- The weights estimated from the WQS models were interpreted as the contributions of each PFAS or metabolite to their respective mixture indices. Enrichment analysis was conducted using the key contributors to explore potential metabolic pathways involved in the relationship between the PFAS mixture and IgG levels.

Comparison of maternal venous blood metabolomics collected as dried blood spots, dried blood microsamplers, and plasma for integrative environmental health research 04/2023-05/2024

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, United States

- We measured 309 maternal metabolites in dried blood microsamplers (DBM) and spots (DBS), and plasma for 54 participants.
- By comparing the participant-quantiled intraclass correlation coefficients and spearman correlation, we found a moderate metabolite correlation and rank level agreement across the 3 matrices. In particular, metabolite levels measured in DBS and DBM were more similar than to plasma.
- the MetaboAnalyst pathway enrichment analysis, Over representation Analysis (ORA) precisely, showed that highly concordant metabolite levels in caffeine enrichment and bile acid biosynthesis pathways.

General Metabolomics Data Preprocessing Workflow

02/2023-01/2024

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- Several existing methods for correcting intra-batch and inter-batch effects in metabolomics data were explored, implemented, and compared. These included both data-driven approaches such as EigenMS, Combat, SVA, WaveICA, and WaveICA2, as well as QC-based approaches like TIGERr, QC-RSC, QC-RFSC, QC-SVRC, and PQN. Additionally, IS-based normalization methods like RUV, CRMN, and NOMIS were also applied.
- Implemented several imputation methods to overcome the missing values in untargeted metabolomics data, such as Probability PCA, Bayesian PCA, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors and 2-step mechanism aware imputation approach. The performance of different imputation methods on the same dataset was compared before choosing a specific method.

- Generalized/customized the data preprocessing report for the well-designed workflow includes the several filtering steps: non-detect filtering based on desired missingness threshold, blank filtering based on desired SNR threshold, and quality filtering based on desired CV threshold; selected optimal batch correction method; logarithmic transformation; and imputation algorithm. Visualization tools such as barplot, scatter plot and PCA plots, and hierarchical clustering dendrograms were utilized at each step to demonstrate the processed data.

PFAS Exposure and Thyroid Cancer Risk

10/2022-03/2023

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, United States

- A study involving 176 case-control pairs from BioMe bank at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai was conducted to explore the potential association between PFAS exposures measured in plasma using liquid chromatography-high resolution mass spectrometry and Thyroid Cancer.
- Created a pre-processing workflow to improve the accuracy and reliability of downstream analyses, which includes removing compounds with a large portion of missing values, Batch Effect correction, excluding compounds with low Signal Noise Ratio, and normalization.
- Used Logistic Regression and Cox Proportional-Hazards model with covariates adjusted to estimate the association between Thyroid Cancer and PFAS exposures. Additionally, a statistical technique such as Inverse Probability Weights was employed to adjust for potential selection bias.

Automated Untargeted Metabolomics Data Batch Report

05/2022-10/2023

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- An automated peak analysis workflow was modified and improved for untargeted metabolomics mass spectral data obtained from mass spectrometry (MS) instruments by using R-based tools such as XCMS and IPO (parameter optimization for XCMS). The workflow includes peak detection, retention time correction and alignment, peak grouping, and peak quality visualization tools (e.g. plot of the Total Useful Signal by injection orders to estimate the run order effect; PCA plot to visualize the potential outliers).
- The peak results from XCMS-IPO workflow were compared with the peak results generated from IDSL.IPA pipeline by analyzing the extracted ion chromatograms(EIC) for matched peaks with comparable m/z ranges and minimal retention time differences.

TRENDS Neuroimaging Kaggle Competition

4/2020-6/2020

Participant

Kaggle, United States

- Applied PCA on 2 sets of given preprocessed features: static FNC correlation features and sMRI SBM loadings to reduce the dimension.
- Trained and optimized 3 baseline regression models (SVR, KNN and ElasticNetCV) with the above top 500 PCA components to predict the corresponding age and assessment value.
- Added a simple blending model with optimized blending weights on top of those 3 models in the end of my ML pipeline boosted the performance (feature-weighted, normalized absolute errors on 10-fold CV) by 0.0127.
- The best model among my total 76 submissions got a final local CV of 0.15986 and a final LB of 0.15833. Ended up getting ranked 27/1047, a solo silver.

Metabolomics Data Integration System

1/2018-7/2018

Biomedical Data Analyst Intern

INFOTECHSoft, Miami, FL, United States

- Assisted in an NIH-funded research project aiming to develop a Metabolomics Data Integration System.
- Integrated multiple metabolite data across various laboratory platforms.
- Performed a complete QIIME 2 workflow including demultiplex, denoise/cluster, taxonomy classification, alignment, and diversity analysis with the FASTQ data.
- Worked collaboratively with the bioinformatics researcher and software engineers.

Multiple Myeloma DREAM Challenge

7/2017-12/2017

Participant

Biorg Lab, Florida International University

- Used an algorithm that creates datasets with balanced distributions by combining oversampling by SMOTE and undersampling by Tomek due to the given four training data sets in the competition being known to have distinct subject profiles. The R Bioconductor limma package was used for assessing differential gene expression and returned a ranking of the genes. Utilized SVM-RFECV and MRMR approaches to perform feature selection further.

- The selected genes were then used to train six baseline classifiers: Support Vector Machine (SVM), Neural Network (NN), Random Forest (RF), Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM), Learning Vector Quantization (LVQ), and Generalized Linear Model (GLM). Applied stacking strategy in the end by training ensemble classifiers to combine the results of the mentioned baseline classifiers (In the 2nd round of competition, this model achieved the first place out of 40 teams).

Modeling of influenza-like illness prediction based on Elman neural network

1/2016-6/2016

CDC Disease Surveillance Intern

Zhejiang Provincial CDC, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China

- 10 highly correlated weather factors were selected by examining the correlation between time series variables contemporaneously and at 7 lagged values in R.
- Generated a predictive model by implementing Elman Neural Network (a 3-layer RNN) in MATLAB to provide early detection of the influenza pandemic in Zhejiang Province (the optimal model with NN structure 10-15-1 obtained 10.58 % mean error rate and 0.8767 nonlinear correlation coefficient).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages:	R, Python, MATLAB, Linux, XML/HTML, D3.js, CSS, LaTeX, SPSS
Frameworks:	TensorFlow, PyTorch
Database:	MySQL, PostgreSQL
Bioinformatical analysis Tools:	QIIME2, CAMERA, PICRUST, Kraken, XCMS, GNPS

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

- **High-dimensional mediation analysis to elucidate the role of metabolites in the inverse association between PFAS exposure and SARS-CoV-2 IgG in pregnancy, MANA 2024 (Plenary Presentation), Tampa, FL, October 2024** <https://pwd.aa.ufl.edu/mana>.

APPLICATION

- **Worklists Generator:** This Shiny app is designed to help users generate worklists/sequences for Orbitrap instruments based on a provided SampleID file. It streamlines the process of preparing worklists, ensuring that all necessary parameters and configurations are accurately set. https://haibin-guan.shinyapps.io/worklists_generator/.
- **BatCheck:** This Shiny app is designed to help users assessing inter- and intra-batch effect in Mass Spectrometry (MS) data. Quickly visualize batch effects to ensure the quality of your workflow. <https://haibin-guan.shinyapps.io/BatCheck/>.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

MANA WomiX Mentorship Program	United States
Participant	4/2024-02/2025
Oxford Machine Learning Summer School	Oxford, United Kingdom
Participant	7/2023
YOUTH ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS	New York, United States
Youth Assembly Delegate	2/2016
Summer Work Travel Program	Estes Park, Colorado, United States
Exchange Visitor	6/2015-9/2015
International Study in Gachon University	Seoul, Korea
Exchange Visitor	1/2015-2/2015