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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Department of Chemical Pathology 2014  
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University of Science and Technology of China

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**Research Assistant Professor (faculty),** 2017-2019  
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Department of Chemical Pathology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
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**Doctoral thesis,** Department of Chemical Pathology, 2010-2014  
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**Bachelor thesis,** Department of Electric Engineering, 2006-2010  
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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Cancer liquid biopsy and Noninvasive prenatal testing**
- **Computational biology/Bioinformatics**
- **Mechanisms of cancer metastasis**

- LncRNA identification and functional investigation
- Biomarkers in cancers and diseases
- Data mining and visualization
- Functional genomics

## **FEATURED PUBLICATIONS**

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4. An Y, Zhao X, Zhang Z, Xia Z, Yang M, Ma L, Zhao Y, Xu G, Du S, Wu X, Zhang S, Hong X, Jin X<sup>\*</sup>, **Sun K**<sup>\*</sup>. DNA methylation analysis explores the molecular basis of plasma cell-free DNA fragmentation. *Nat Commun* 2023 Jan 18; 14(1):287. (Citation: 25+)
5. **Sun K**, Jiang P, Wong AIC, Cheng YKY, Cheng SH, Zhang H, Chan KCA, Leung TY, Chiu RWK, Lo YMD. Size-tagged preferred ends in maternal plasma DNA shed light on production mechanism and show utility in noninvasive prenatal testing. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 2018 May 29; 115(22):E5106-E5114. (Citation: 130+)

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8. **孙坤**、胡丁雪、刘晓懿。一种肿瘤恶性程度评估方法、电子设备和存储介质。中国发明专利 202310370089.X, 优先权日期 2023 年 3 月 31 日; 公开日期 2023 年 6 月 23 日。
9. **孙坤**、胡丁雪、刘晓懿、杨梦琦。肝细胞癌预后评估以及分子分型的方法、标志物及其应用。中国发明专利 202310362560.0, 优先权日期 2023 年 3 月 31 日; 公开日期 2023 年 7

月 11 日。

10. 孙坤、鞠佳、王琦。一种无创产前检测胎儿染色体拷贝数异常的优化方法。中国发明专利 202311138167.X, 优先权日期 2023 年 9 月 1 日; 公开日期 2023 年 12 月 15 日。
11. 孙坤。基于谷氨酰胺代谢模式的癌症风险评估方法及其应用。中国发明专利 202310642438.9, 优先权日期 2023 年 6 月 1 日; 公开日期 2023 年 12 月 26 日。
12. 孙坤、鞠佳。一种泛癌种血液诊断标志物及其应用。中国发明专利 202211361261.7, 优先权日期 2022 年 11 月 2 日; 公开日期 2024 年 5 月 14 日, PCT 申请号 PCT/CN2023/093013。
13. 孙坤、郭腾飞。游离 DNA 标志物的筛选方法、DNA 标志物及其应用。中国发明专利 202311712915.0, 优先权日期 2022 年 12 月 13 日; 公开日期 2024 年 6 月 14 日。

### COMPETITIVE GRANTS

1. 国家重点研发计划, 合成生物学专项 (青年科学家项目), 2022YFA0912700, 多模态、无创疾病诊断系统的研发与应用, 2022-11 至 2027-10, 人民币 400 万元, 在研, 首席科学家。  
(National Key Research and Development Program, serving as PI)
2. 国家自然科学基金委员会, 优秀青年基金 (海外), 癌症液体活检, 2022-01 至 2024-12, 人民币 300 万元, 在研, 主持。  
(National Talents Program, serving as PI)
3. 国家自然科学基金委员会, 青年基金, 82101763, 胎盘中的融合基因以及与妊娠期疾病的关联, 2022-01 至 2024-12, 人民币 30 万元, 在研, 主持。  
(National Natural Science Foundation, as PI)
4. 广东省基础与应用基础研究基金委员会, 省市联合基金, 重点项目, 2023B1515120073, 基于液体活检的乳腺癌精准诊疗技术开发及应用, 2023-11 至 2026-10, 人民币 100 万元, 主持。  
(Provincial Key Research Program, as PI)
5. 广东省基础与应用基础研究基金委员会, 青年基金, 2019A1515110173, 一种基于机器学习技术的快速、方便的肿瘤组织纯度评估方法, 2020-01 至 2021-12, 人民币 10 万元, 已结题, 主持。  
(Provincial Natural Science Foundation, as PI)
6. 深圳湾实验室, 重大项目 (培育), S241101004, 阿尔茨海默病无创早期诊断技术开发及应用, 2024-05 至 2026-05, 人民币 1000 万元, 在研, 主持。
7. 深圳湾实验室, 概念验证基金, S231802002, 液体活检技术在癌症实时监控与指导精准治疗中的应用, 2024-01 至 2024-12, 人民币 100 万元, 在研, 主持。
8. 深圳华大生命科学研究院, 开放基金, BGIRSZ2020007, 血浆游离 DNA 的组织溯源以及在癌症诊断中的应用, 2020-11 至 2022-12, 人民币 50 万元, 已结题, 主持。

9. 深圳市医学科医学院，医学研究专项资金，染色质上互作蛋白的靶基因鉴定新技术，2024-01 至 2025-12，人民币 100 万元，在研，参与。

### **SOFTWARE COPYRIGHTS**

1. 高速无偏 cfDNA 片段组学分析软件，登记号 2024SR0586811，2024 年 4 月 29 日
2. DNA 甲基化测序大数据分析软件，登记号 2021SR0279962，2021 年 2 月 23 日
3. 高通量测序大数据预处理软件，登记号 2021SR0279963，2021 年 2 月 23 日
4. 植物转录本编码潜力评估及功能注释软件，登记号 2022SR1530495，2022 年 11 月 17 日
5. 三维基因组数据分析软件，登记号 2022SR1530496，2022 年 11 月 17 日

### **INVITED TALKS**

1. 2023/02/23 P4China 第六届国际肿瘤精准医疗大会
2. 2021/07/28 2021 GCOG Annual Meeting/2021 全球抗癌协作组年会
3. 2021/04/23 深圳微生物与生命健康产业沙龙
4. 2020/11/06 广东省恶性肿瘤表观遗传与基因调控重点实验室
5. 2019/12/31 香港中文大学（深圳）第一附属医院
6. 2019/12/04 中国科学院深圳先进技术研究院

### **PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER SESSIONS**

1. Accelerating 3D genomics data analysis with Microrocket. *Poster presented at: The 10th international conference on 3D genomics, Jul 15-18, 2023; Hangzhou, China.*
2. Fragmentation patterns of cell-free DNA and applications in cancer liquid biopsy. *Presented at: The 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Jul 22-25, 2022; Guangzhou, China.*
3. Msuite2: all-in-one DNA methylation data analysis toolkit with enhanced usability and performance. *Poster presented at: The 10<sup>th</sup> National Annual Conference on Bioinformatics and System Biology, Oct 26-28, 2021; Chengdu, China.*
4. Orientation-aware plasma cell-free DNA fragmentation analysis in open chromatin regions informs tissue of origin. *Presented at: 11th International Symposium on Circulating Nucleic Acids in Plasma and Serum (CNAPS), Sep 23-25, 2019; Jerusalem, Israel.*
5. Noninvasive reconstruction of fetal methylome by sequencing of maternal plasma DNA. *Poster presented at: The American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting, Oct 17-21, 2017; Orlando, Florida, U. S. A. (Reviewers' Choice Abstract)*
6. Sebnif: an integrated bioinformatics pipeline for the identification of novel large intergenic noncoding RNAs (lincRNAs). *Poster presented at: Long Noncoding RNAs: Marching toward Mechanism, Feb 27-Mar 4, 2014; Santa Fe, New Mexico, U. S. A.*
7. iSeeRNA: identification of long intergenic non-coding RNA transcripts from transcriptome sequencing data. *Paper presented at: ISCB-Asia/SCCG 2012, Dec 17-19, 2012; Shenzhen, China.*

**ACADEMIC SERVICES**

1. Reviewer, Ministry of Science and Technology (talents program), 2024
2. Reviewer, *Guangdong Basic and Applied Basic Research Foundation*, 2020, 2021, 2022
3. Associate editor, *BMC Cancer*, since 2022
4. Guest editor, *Frontiers in Genetics*, 2021
5. *Ad hoc* reviewer, *Nature Biotechnology*, *Nature Communications*, *eLife*, *Cell Reports Medicine*, *Clinical Chemistry*, *Clinical and Translational Medicine*, etc.

**OTHER SERVICES**

1. 2022/11/18 – 2022/11/20 深圳湾实验室肿瘤研究所，第一届 ICR Symposium，大会主席
2. 2022/03/08 – 2022/03/31 深圳市疾病预防控制中心，抗击新冠疫情

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

深圳湾实验室宣传之星	2020
Postdoc Research Fellowship (Rank <b>1st</b> in 50+ applicants) The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2016-2017
Postgraduate studentship The Chinese University of Hong Kong	2010-2014
Outstanding student scholarship University of Science and Technology of China	2007-2009

**STUDENTS/POST-DOCS (CO-)MENTORED**

Dr. Lishi Li, Dr. Yunyun An, Dr. Jia Ju, Dr. Dingxue Hu, Dr. Wanqiu Wang, Dr. Yunxia Bai  
Miss. Chuhan Li, Mr. Chuan Gao, Miss. Yuqi Pan, Miss. Xiaoxiao Wei, Mr. Zheqi Yan

**COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS**

- **Highly proficient in GNU/Linux operating system**
- **Highly skilled in C/C++, Java, Perl, and R programming languages**
- Highly skilled in HTML, PHP, and SQL programming languages
- Familiar with Photoshop, Illustrator and GUI development

**PUBLIC SOFTWARE AND RESOURCES**

*Long noncoding RNA analysis*

1. **iSeeRNA**: accurate and extra-fast lincRNA/mRNA classifier (**citation: 192**)
2. **Sebnif**: comprehensive novel lincRNA filter pipeline for RNA-seq data (**citation: 28**)
3. **NAMS webserver**: coding potential classifier and functional annotation for plants

#### *DNA methylation data analysis*

4. **Methy-Pipe**: integrated, multi-functional data analysis pipeline (**citation: 80**)
5. **BSviewer**: lightweight, genotype-aware, nucleotide-level visualizer
6. **Msuite/Msuite2**: high-performance and versatile toolkit for various protocols

#### *Noninvasive prenatal testing (NIPT)*

7. **COFFEE**: control-free and cross-platform algorithm for T21 test (**citation: 23**)
8. **FEMER**: high resolution and accuracy fetal methylome reconstruction (**citation: 22**)

#### *Others*

9. **Microcket**: rapid and versatile toolkit for 3D genome data analysis
10. **Ktrim**: extra-fast and accurate sequencing data preprocessor (**citation: 31**)
11. **GeneCT**: generalizable pan-cancer cancerous status/tissue origin classifier (**citation: 19**)
12. **ODS**: integrated data analysis platform for Sanger-based genetic testing
13. **mTFkb**: functional annotation of mouse transcription factors (**citation: 14**)