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Research Interests

machine learning, bioinformatics, and medical informatics

Education

PhD in Computer Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 07/2014
Thesis: Statistical Methods for Genome-wide Association Studies and Personalized Medicine
Master in Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 05/2011
Master in Computer Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 05/2009
Master in Signal and Information Processing, Peking University, 07/2007
Bachelor in Info. Management & Info. Systems, Beijing Univ. of Posts and Telecom, 07/2004

Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, UM Comprehensive Cancer Center, Michigan Institute for Data Science, University of Michigan, 01/2019-present

Research Associate, Department of Genome Sciences, University of Washington,
09/2014-12/2018

Peer-reviewed Publications

Machine Learning and Statistics

- Sinong Geng*, Zhaobin Kuang*, **Jie Liu**, Stephen Wright, and David Page. Stochastic Learning for Sparse Discrete Markov Random Fields with Controlled Gradient Approximation Error. *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)*, 2018. (* indicates equal contribution)
- **Jie Liu**, Chunming Zhang, and David Page. Multiple Testing under Dependence via Graphical Models. *Annals of Applied Statistics*, 2016.
- Jun Fan, Yirong Wu, Ming Yuan, David Page, **Jie Liu**, Irene Ong, Peggy Peissig and Elizabeth Burnside. Structure-leveraged Methods in Breast Cancer Risk Prediction. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 17, 1-15, 2016.
- **Jie Liu**, Chunming Zhang, Elizabeth Burnside and David Page. Learning a Semiparametric Graphical Model for Multiple Testing under Dependence. *The 31st International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2014.
- **Jie Liu**, Chunming Zhang, Elizabeth Burnside and David Page. Learning Heterogeneous Hidden Markov Random Fields. *The 17th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2014.

- **Jie Liu** and David Page. Bayesian Estimation of Latently-grouped Parameters in Undirected Graphical Models. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2013.
- **Jie Liu**, Chunming Zhang, Catherine McCarty, Peggy Peissig, Elizabeth Burnside and David Page. Graphical-model Based Multiple Testing under Dependence, with Applications to Genome-wide Association Studies. *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)* (oral presentation), 2012.
- **Jie Liu**, Chunming Zhang, Catherine McCarty, Peggy Peissig, Elizabeth Burnside and David Page. High-Dimensional Structured Feature Screening Using Binary Markov Random Fields. *The 15th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2012.

Medical Informatics, Bioinformatics and Other Machine Learning Applications

- Qiang Li, Fengbiao Mao, Bo Zhou, Yuanhao Huang, Zhenhua Zou, Aaron D. DenDekker, Jing Xu, Sean Hou, **Jie Liu**, Yali Dou, and Rajesh C. Rao. p53 Integrates Temporal WDR5 Inputs during Neuroectoderm and Mesoderm Differentiation of Mouse Embryonic Stem Cells. *Cell Reports*, 2020
- **Jie Liu**, Yuanhao Huang, Ritambhara Singh, Jean-Philippe Vert and William Stafford Noble. Jointly embedding multiple single-cell omics measurements. *The Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI)*, 2019.
- Jung-Sik Kim, Xiaoyuan He, **Jie Liu**, Zhijun Duan, Taeyeon Kim, Julia Gerard, Brian Kim, Manoj M. Pillai, William S. Lane, William S. Noble, Bogdan Budnik, Todd Waldman. Systematic proteomics of endogenous human cohesin reveals an interaction with diverse splicing factors and RNA binding proteins required for mitotic progression. *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 2019.
- **Jie Liu**, Dejun Lin, Gurkan Yardimci, and William S. Noble. Unsupervised embedding of single-cell Hi-C data. *The 26th Annual Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)*, 2018.
- Shara I. Feld, Kaitlin M. Woo, Roxana Alexandridis, Yirong Wu, **Jie Liu**, Peggy Peissig, Adedayo A. Onitilo, Jennifer Cox, C. David Page, Elizabeth S. Burnside. Improving breast cancer risk prediction by using demographic risk factors, abnormality features on mammograms and genetic variants. *AML Annual Symposium*, 2018.
- **Jie Liu**, John T. Halloran, Jeffrey A. Bilmes, Riza M. Daza, Choli Lee, Elisabeth M. Mahen, Donna Prunkard, Chaozhong Song, Sibel Blau, Michael O. Dorschner, Vijayakrishna K. Gadi, Jay Shendure, C. Anthony Blau, and William S. Noble. Comprehensive statistical inference of the clonal structure of cancer from multiple biopsies. *Scientific Reports*, 2017.
- Yirong Wu, Craig K. Abbey, **Jie Liu**, Irene Ong, Peggy Peissig, Adedayo A. Onitilo, Jun Fan, Ming Yuan and Elizabeth S. Burnside. Discriminatory Power of Common Genetic Variants in Personalized Breast Cancer Diagnosis. *SPIE Medical Imaging conference* (oral presentation), 2016.
- Elizabeth S. Burnside, **Jie Liu**, Yirong Wu, Adedayo A. Onitilo, Catherine A. McCarty, C. David Page, Peggy L. Peissig, Amy Trentham-Dietz, Terrie Kitchner, Jun Fan and Ming Yuan. Comparing Mammography Abnormality Features and Genetic Variants in the Prediction of Breast Cancer in Women Recommended for Breast Biopsy. *Academic Radiology* 23(1), 2016.
- Yirong Wu, Craig K. Abbey, Xianqiao Chen, **Jie Liu**, David C. Page, Oguzhan Alagoz, Peggy Peissig, Adedayo A. Onitilo, Elizabeth S. Burnside. Developing a Utility Decision Framework to Evaluate Predictive Models in Breast Cancer Risk Estimation. *Journal of Medical Imaging*, 2015.

- Jeremy Weiss, Finn Kuusisto, Kendrick Boyd, **Jie Liu**, David Page. Machine Learning for Treatment Assignment: Improving Individualized Risk Attribution. *American Medical Informatics Association Symposium (AMIA)*, 2015.
- **Jie Liu**, Yirong Wu, Irene Ong, David Page, Peggy Peissig, Catherine McCarty, Adedayo A. Onitilo and Elizabeth Burnside. Leveraging Interaction between Genetic Variants and Mammographic Findings for Personalized Breast Cancer Diagnosis. *AMIA Joint Summits on Translational Science* (regular paper, podium presentation), 2015.
- Yirong Wu, **Jie Liu**, Alejandro Munoz del Rio, David C. Page, Oguzhan Alagoz, Peggy Peissig, Adedayo A. Onitilo and Elizabeth S. Burnside. Developing a Clinical Utility Framework to Evaluate Prediction Models in Radiogenomics. *SPIE Medical Imaging conference* (oral presentation), 2015.
- Yirong Wu, **Jie Liu**, David Page, Peggy Peissig, Catherine McCarty, Adedayo A. Onitilo and Elizabeth S. Burnside. Comparing the Value of Mammographic Features and Genetic Variants in Breast Cancer Risk Prediction. *American Medical Informatics Association Symposium (AMIA)* (regular paper, podium presentation), 2014.
- **Jie Liu**, David Page, Peggy Peissig, Catherine McCarty, Adedayo A. Onitilo, Amy Trentham-Dietz and Elizabeth Burnside. New Genetic Variants Improve Personalized Breast Cancer Diagnosis. *AMIA Joint Summits on Translational Science* (regular paper, podium presentation, **Marco Ramoni Distinguished Paper Award**), 2014.
- **Jie Liu**, David Page, Houssam Nassif, Jude Shavlik, Peggy Peissig, Catherine McCarty, Adedayo A. Onitilo and Elizabeth Burnside. Genetic Variants Improve Breast Cancer Risk Prediction on Mammograms. *American Medical Informatics Association Symposium (AMIA)* (regular paper, podium presentation), 2013.
- **Jie Liu**, Elizabeth Burnside and David Page. Predicting Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer Susceptibility from Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms. *ICML 2013 Workshop on Role of Machine Learning in Transforming Healthcare*, 2013.
- **Jie Liu** and David Page. Structure Learning of Undirected Graphical Models with Contrastive Divergence. *ICML 2013 Workshop on Structured Learning: Inferring Graphs from Structured and Unstructured Inputs*, 2013.
- **Jie Liu**, Humberto Vidaillet, Elizabeth Burnside and David Page. A Collective Ranking Method for Genome-wide Association Studies. *ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology and Biomedicine (ACM BCB)*, 2012.
- **Jie Liu***, Zaixia Hu* and Shaohua Tan. Cross-Sectional Stock Return Analysis Using Support Vector Regression. *Applied Economics Letters* 17(1), 2009. (* indicates equal contribution)
- Ji Wan, Shuli Kang, Chuanning Tang, Jianhua Yan, Yongliang Ren, **Jie Liu**, Xiaolian Gao, Arindam Banerjee, Lynda B.M. Ellis and Tongbin Li. Meta-prediction of Phosphorylation Sites with Weighted Voting and Restricted Grid Search Parameter Selection. *Nucleic Acids Research* 36(4), 2008.
- **Jie Liu**, Shuli Kang, Chuanning Tang, Lynda B.M. Ellis and Tongbin Li. Meta-prediction of Protein Subcellular Localization with Reduced Voting. *Nucleic Acids Research* 35(15), 2007.

Preprints

- Hyeon-Jin Kim, Galip Gurkan Yardimici, Giancarlo Bonora, Vijay Ramani, **Jie Liu**, Ruolan Qiu, Choli Lee, Jennifer Hesson, Carol B Ware, Jay Shendure, Zhijun Duan, William Stafford Noble. Capturing cell type-specific chromatin structural patterns by applying topic modeling to single-cell Hi-C data. *Biorxiv*, 2019.
- Nao Hiranuma, **Jie Liu**, Chaozhong Song, Jacob Goldsmith, Michael Dorschner, Colin Pritchard, Kimberly Burton, Elisabeth Mahen, Sibel Blau, Francis Senecal, Wayne Monsky, Stephanie Parker, Stephen Schmechel, Stephen Allison, VK Gadi, Sofie Salama, Amie Radenbaugh, Mary Goldman, Jill Johnsen, Shelly Heimfeld, Vitalina Komashko, Marissa LaMadrid-Hermannsfeldt, Zhijun Duan, Steven Benz, Patrick Soon-Shiong, David Haussler, Jingchun Zhu, Walter Ruzzo, William Noble, and C. Anthony Blau. Cis-compound mutations are prevalent in triple negative breast cancer and can drive tumor progression. *Biorxiv*, 2016.
- Yirong Wu, **Jie Liu**, Peggy Peissig, Adedayo A. Onitilo, Jun Fan, Ming Yuan, Jennifer Cox and Elizabeth S. Burnside. Improving Breast Cancer Risk Prediction in Women Recommended for Biopsy using Abnormality Features on Mammograms. *Under Review*.

Professional Service

Journal Referee: Nature Communications, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, Machine Learning, Pattern Recognition Letters, Genome Research, Cell Systems, Bioinformatics, Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, Journal of Digital Imaging, Economic Modelling, PLOS ONE, Genomics Proteomics and Bioinformatics

Conference Program Committee: RECOMB 2020, AAAI 2020, ICLR 2020, NIPS 2019, RECOMB 2019, ICML 2019, ICLR 2019, AMIA Informatics Summit 2019, NIPS 2018, ISMB 2018, AMIA 2018, ICML 2018, RECOMB 2018, ICLR 2018, AMIA Informatics Summit 2018, NIPS-MLCB 2017, NIPS 2017, AMIA 2017, AMIA-TBI/CRI 2017, AAAI 2017, NIPS 2016, AMIA 2016, AAAI 2016, AMIA-TBI/CRI 2016, ACMBCB 2016, MLSB 2016, NIPS 2015, IJCAI 2015, AMIA 2015, AMIA-TBI/CRI 2015, AISTATS 2015, WABI2015, NIPS 2014, UAI 2014, AAAI 2014, AMIA 2014, IJCAI 2013, AMIA 2013, GENSIPS 2012

Honors and Awards

2015 Washington Research Foundation Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowship
2014 AMIA Marco Ramoni Distinguished Paper Award
2014 Moore/Sloan Data Science Postdoctoral Fellowship
2004-2007 PKU graduate student fellowship
2004 Merit Student of Beijing City (top 1%)
2001-2003 BUPT student fellowship (top 1%)

Teaching and Mentoring

Courses

Adjunct instructor, CS 760 Machine Learning, UW-Madison, 2014 Spring.
Guest instructor, STAT 992 Large-scale inference, UW-Madison, 2013 Spring.
Teaching assistant, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Peking University, 2005 Spring.

Mentees

Fan Feng, PhD student, DCMB, U Michigan
Shuze Wang, PhD student (co-advisor: Dr. Joerg Waldhaus), DCMB, U Michigan
Yuanhao Huang, PhD student, DCMB, U Michigan
Yufeng Zhang, master student, Biostatistics, U Michigan
Mingyu Du, master student, Biostatistics, U Michigan
Xinjun Li, master student, Statistics, U Michigan
Yujuan Fu, undergraduate student, EECS, U Michigan
Yijiao Qin, undergraduate student, EECS, U Michigan
Zheyu Zhang, visiting undergraduate student (2019 Summer), Statistics, CUHK Shenzhen
Kaishu Mason, undergraduate student, Statistics, Harvard University (NSF REU program)
Zijun Gao, PhD rotation student (2019 Winter), DCMB, U Michigan
Ziyan Wang, undergraduate student, EECS (2019 Winter), U Michigan
Charles Kwong, PhD student, Department of Computer Sciences, UW-Madison (currently a postdoc at Stanford University)
Sinong Geng, master student, Department of Statistics, UW-Madison (currently a PhD student at Princeton University)
John T Halloran, PhD student, Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Washington (currently a postdoc at UC-Davis)

Prelim/Thesis Committee

Shengcheng Dong, PhD student (advisor: Dr. Alan Boyle), DCMB, U Michigan, 01/2019
Stephen Lindsly, PhD student (advisor: Dr. Indika Rajapakse), DCMB, U Michigan, 05/2019
Vivek Rai, PhD student (advisor: Dr. Steve Parker), DCMB, U Michigan, 05/2019
Chen Sun, PhD student (advisor: Dr. Ryan Mills), DCMB, U Michigan, 06/2019

Invited Talks

“Computational approaches for understanding chromatin organization and cancer”
Cancer Center Basic Science Retreat, University of Michigan, June 2019
“Machine Learning for Understanding the Dynamics of Cell Populations”
Multiple US universities, Jan-March 2019
“Tumor heterogeneity analysis via an extensible modeling system”
eScience Institute, University of Washington, December 2016
“Genomic Medicine, from the Perspective of Data Science”
eScience Institute, University of Washington, January 2015

“The Promise and Computational Challenges of Personalized Medicine”

Lane Center for Computational Biology, Carnegie Mellon University, March 2014

Department of Computer Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 2014

IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, March 2014

“Multiple Testing under Dependence with Applications to Genome-wide Association Studies”

Department of Computer Science, Colorado State University, March 2013