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SUMMARY

I am a computational and statistical investigator with strong interests in biomedical data, particularly brain imaging and genetics. My research begins with developing pipelines that transform raw, large-scale datasets into reliable resources for scientific discovery. Building on these resources, I design statistical and machine learning methodologies to address complex data challenges, including high dimensionality, spatial correlation, and intricate structures. Reproducibility and accessibility are central to my work: each paper is accompanied by well-documented Python/R/C/C++ code and software (https://github.com/lanzhouBWH), enabling others to apply and extend my methods. My work has been published in leading statistical journals (Technometrics, Biometrics, Bayesian Analysis, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A, Data Science in Science), neuroimaging, genetics, and bioinformatics journals (Imaging Neuroscience, NeuroImage: Clinical, Bioinformatics), and medical journals (JAMIA Open, The New England Journal of Medicine), in collaboration with multidisciplinary colleagues. Currently, I am also expanding my research interests to include artificial intelligence (AI).

Work Experience

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

Investigator; Instructor in Medicine

Oct, 2022 - present

Yale Medical School, New Haven, Connecticut

Statistician Consultant

July, 2020 - Sep, 2022

Department of Statistics, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania

Bruce Lindsay Visiting Assistant Professor

August, 2019 - July, 2020

Global Statistical Sciences, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, Indiana

Ph.D. Statistics Intern

May, 2018 - August, 2018

Ventana Medical Systems, Inc., part of Roche Tissues Diagnostics, Mountain View, California

Imaging Scientist Intern

May, 2016 - July, 2016

EDUCATION

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

Ph.D. in Statistics, July 2019

- Dissertation Topic: Spatial Modeling of Positive Definite Matrices and Its Applications to Diffusion Tensor Imaging
 - Thesis Advisor: Brian J Reich
 - Committee Members: Ana-Maria Staicu, Ryan Martin, Luo Xiao
- Paige Plagge Award Laureate: Given for good citizenship to "a graduate student with an outstanding academic record." who in the judgment of the committee has especially enhanced the life of fellow students with encouragement, generosity and/or humor."

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia

M.S., Statistics (Mathematics), May 2015

Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

B.S., Biology, May 2012

EXPERTISE

Computation

Programming

Statistics & Machine Learning

Python, R, C/C++, Bash, Slurm Workload Manager

Bayesian Modeling, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Quantile Regression, Spatial

Statistics, Matrix-Variate Methods, High-Dimensional Data Analysis

High-Performance Computing, Parallel Computing, Algorithm Development

Biomedical Applications Radiology, Genetics, Neuroimaging, Diffusion MRI, Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

Innovative Method Development for Diffusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

• Background: The structural connections within the brain's white matter are essential for its function. Diffusion MRI tractography allows for the in vivo reconstruction of white matter fiber pathways. Diffusion MRI poses significant challenges due to its high dimensionality, spatial correlation, and complex signal structures.

• Research Focus:

- I collaborated with colleagues to develop a nonparametric modeling pipeline for diffusion MRI harmonization and led the evaluation of its performance.
- Using the established imaging processing pipelines (*UKFTractography*: https://github.com/pnlbwh/ukftractography and *whitematteranalysis*: https://github.com/SlicerDMRI/whitematteranalysis), I led development of statistical and computational methods for analyzing diffusion MRI tractography to address high dimensionality, spatial correlation, and complex signal structures inherent to such data.
- Data: Human Connectome Project (HCP), Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study, Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI).
- Collaborators: Lauren J. O'Donnell (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School), Brian J. Reich (North Carolina State University), Arkaprava Roy (University of Florida), Zhengwu Zhang (UNC, Chapel Hill).

• Selected Publications:

- [1] Zhou Lan, Yuqian Chen, Jarrett Rushmore, Leo Zekelman, Nikos Makris, Yogesh Rathi, Alexandra J. Golby, Fan Zhang, and Lauren J. O'Donnell. Fiber Microstructure Quantile (FMQ) Regression: A Novel Statistical Approach for Analyzing White Matter Bundles from Periphery to Core. Imaging Neuroscience, 3, imag_a_00569 (2025). doi:10.1162/imag_a_00569.
- [2] Lei Yan, Xin Zhang, Zhou Lan, Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, and Yichao Wu. Variable Screening and Spatial Smoothing in Frechet Regression with Application to Diffusion Tensor Imaging. Annals of Applied Statistics, 19(1), 2025. doi:10.1214/24-AOAS1978.
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- [4] Zhou Lan, Brian J Reich, Joseph Guinness, Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, Liangsuo Ma, and F Gerard Moeller, "Geostatistical Modeling of Positive Definite Matrices and Its Applications to Diffusion Tensor Imaging", *Biometrics* 78, 2 (2021). (doi: 10.1111/biom.13445)

Innovative Method Development for Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)

• Background: MRS is a tool for exploring the neurometabolic underpinnings of brain function, providing unique insights into the biochemical composition of tissues.

• Research Focus:

- I mentored a student to develop an automatic MRS data processing pipeline that avoids the manual data quality control.
- I led the invention of NMetNet, which is a novel network-based statistical approach in analyzing the alteration of metabolites between functional neurological disorders (FND) and controls
- Data: Internal Data from Center for Clinical Spectroscopy, Department of Radiology, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Collaborators: Alexander Lin (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School), Kasia Kozlowska (University of Sydney)

• Selected Publications:

- [1] Beroukhim B, McComas S, Joyce JM, Schuhmacher LS, Koerte I, <u>Lan Z</u>, Lin A, "A novel automated pipeline to assess MR spectroscopy quality control: Comparing current standards and manual assessment.", *J Neuroimaging* **35**, 1 (2025). (DOI: doi.org/10.1080/26941899.2024.2412017)
- [2] Zhou Lan, Sheryl Foster, Molly Charney, Max van Grinsven, Katherine Breedlove, Kasia Kozlowska, Alexander Lin, "Neurometabolic Network (NMetNet) for Functional Neurological Disorder in Children and Adolescents", NeuroImage: Clinical 46, (2025).(doi.org/10.1016/j.nicl.2025.103767)

Innovative Method Development for Genetic Network Data

• Background: Network marker selection on genome-scale networks plays an important role in the understanding of biological mechanisms and disease pathologies. A unified approach for network-based feature selection on general large-scale networks and creating an easy-to-use software package is in demand.

• Research Focus:

- I led the development of an R package, the Bayesian network feature finder (BANFF), providing a package of posterior inference, model comparison, and graphical illustration of model fitting.
- The model was extended to a more general form, and a parallel computing algorithm for the Markov chain Monte Carlo-based posterior inference and an expectation maximization-based algorithm for posterior approximation were added.
- Data: Spellman yeast cell cycle microarray data
- Collaborators: Jian Kang (University of Michigan), Tianwei Yu (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Selected Publications:
 - Zhou Lan, Yize Zhao, Jian Kang, Tianwei Yu, "Bayesian network feature finder (BANFF): an R package for gene network feature selection", *Bioinformatics* 32, 23 (2016).
 (DOI: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btw522)

Statistical Contributions for Medical, Clinical and Epidemiological Studies

• Background: Complex biomedical data sources such as electronic health records, clinical trial data, and population-based studies need rigorous statistical approaches to draw reliable inferences and inform medical practice.

• Research Focus:

- Authored and reviewed high-quality statistical deliverables, including protocols, statistical analysis plans (SAPs), and reports for cross-functional collaborators and stakeholders for medical, clinical, and epidemiological Studies.

• Selected Publications:

- [1] Gregory Piazza, Behnood Bikdeli, Arvind K. Pandey, Darsiya Krishnathasan, Candrika D. Khairani, Antoine Bejjani, Ruth H. Morrison, Heather Hogan, Sina Rashedi, Mariana Pfeferman, Junyang Lou, John Fanikos, Nicole Porio, Lisa Rosenbaum, Piotr Sobieszczyk, Zhou Lan, Marie Gerhard-Herman, Umberto Campia, Samuel Z. Goldhaber, for the HI-PRO Trial Investigators, "Apixaban for Extended Treatment of Provoked Venous Thromboembolism (HI-PRO Trial)", New England Journal of Medicine, (2025). (DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2509426)
- [2] Zhou Lan, Alexander Turchin, "Impact of Possible Errors in NLP-Derived Data on Downstream Epidemiologic Analysis", JAMIA Open 6, 4 (2023). (DOI: 10.1093/jamiaopen/ooad111)
- [3] Zhou Lan, Le Bao, "Multivariate Spatial Modeling for Predicting Missing HIV Prevalence Rates Among Key Populations", Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A (Statistics in Society) 187, 2 (2024). (DOI: 10.1093/jrsssa/qnad113)

Theoretical Frameworks for Matrix-Valued Data

• Background: Motivated by the complexities of real-world matrix-variate data (imaging data and genetic data), theoretical foundations are needed to accommodate challenges such as high dimensionality, spatial correlation, and intricate dependency structures, ensuring the developed methods are both robust and generalizable.

• Research Focus:

- I led the development of a novel generalized linear model to analyze 3D directional data using a von Mises Fisher (vMF) distributed error structure.
- I collaborated with colleagues to develop a novel spatial variable selection method for scalar on vector-valued image regression in a multi-group setting.
- Collaborators: Arkaprava Roy (University of Florida)

• Selected Publications:

- [1] Zhou Lan, Arkaprava Roy, "Spatial von-Mises Fisher Regression for Directional Data", Technometrics Accepted, (2025+).
- [2] Arkaprava Roy, Zhou Lan, "Double Soft-Thresholded Model for Multi-Group Scalar on Vector-Valued Image Regression", Bayesian Anal. Advance Publication, (2025).

PUBLICATIONS

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• Informatics/Computational/Statistical Methodology

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Zhou Lan, Le Bao, "Multivariate Spatial Modeling for Predicting Missing HIV Prevalence Rates Among Key Populations", Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A (Statistics in Society) 187, 2 (2024). (DOI: 10.1093/jrsssa/qnad113)

<u>Zhou Lan</u>, "Correlated Wishart Matrices Classification via an Expectation-Maximization Composite Likelihood-Based Algorithm", Statistics and Its Interface 17, 2 (2024). (DOI: 10.4310/22-SII770)

Zhou Lan, Brian J Reich, Joseph Guinness, Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, Liangsuo Ma, and F Gerard Moeller, "Geostatistical Modeling of Positive Definite Matrices and Its Applications to Diffusion Tensor Imaging", *Biometrics* **78**, 2 (2022). (This paper has won 2017 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) Statistical Significance Poster Competition Winners and 2019 Winner of ICSA 2019 Applied Statistics Symposium Student Paper Competition) (DOI: 10.1111/biom.13445)

Zhou Lan, Brian J Reich, and Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, "Probabilistic Diffusion MRI Fiber Tracking Using Directed Acyclic Graph Auto-Regression for Positive Definite Matrices", *Journal of Statistical Research* **55**, 1 (2021). (DOI: 10.47302/jsr.2021550110)

Zhou Lan, Brian J Reich, and Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, "A spatial Bayesian semiparametric mixture model of positive definite matrices for diffusion tensor imaging", *Canadian Journal of Statistics* **49**, 1 (2021). (This paper has won 2019 ASA Student Paper Competition of **both** Mental Health Statistics and Statistics in Imaging) (DOI: 10.1002/cjs.11601)

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• Biomedical/Clinical/Scientific Collaborations

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Patents

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Invited Talks

International Conference on Statistics and Data Science, Vancouver, Canada

Ferenc Jolesz First Monday Research Seminars, Boston, MA 2025

Ferenc Jolesz First Monday Research Seminars, Boston, MA 2023

ICSA 2022 Applied Statistics Symposium, Gainesville, FL 2022

ICSA 2019 Applied Statistics Symposium, Raleigh, NC 2019

Joint Statistical Meetings, Denver, CO 2019

Joint Statistical Meetings, Vancouver, BC Canada 2018

Professional Affiliations and Services

Member, American Statistical Association

Member, International Biometrics Society

Member, International Chinese Statistical Association

Referee for Statistics in Medicine , Journal of the American Statistical Association , PLoS ONE , The Annals of Applied Statistics , Biometrics, Statistics in Biosciences , Nature Cardiovascular Research

TEACHING

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Biostatistics Training for Radiologists

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STAT 415 Introduction of Mathematical Statistics

Fall 2019:

STAT 503 Design of Experiments