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Professional experience

since 04/2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Brigham and Women's Hospital

Harvard Medical School

Development of machine learning algorithms for the analysis of biomedical data from modalities such as blood cytometry, electrocardiogram recordings, medical notes and wearable device sensors. Genetic association studies using novel phenotypes, such as blood cell perturbation responses and deep learning-derived cardiac traits in biobank-scale cohorts. Integrative analyses of sequencing, metabolomic and proteomic data in human and animal models, including metagenomic analyses of gut microbiome data.

09/2018-02/2019 Postd

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Troyanskaya Laboratory

Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics

Princeton University

Education

2018 PhD Computer Science, Princeton University

Thesis: "Network-Based Prioritization of Disease Genes, Animal Models, and Drug Targets"

Adviser: Dr. Olga Troyanskaya

2014 MA Computer Science, Princeton University

2011 MPhil Computational Biology, University of Cambridge

Thesis: "Bootstrap Aggregating for Phylogenetic Inference"

Adviser: Dr. Florian Markowetz

2009 BSc Bioinformatics, Free University of Berlin

Thesis: "Supertree Heuristics on Reduced Sets of Triplets"

Adviser: Dr. Oliver Eulenstein

Publications and presentations

Articles

Homilius M*, Zhu W*, Eddy S, Thompson P, Zheng H, Xuan L, Kim D, Nsubuga C, Strecker Z, Cho J, Evans C, Howie M, Thaler AA, Wilson E, Gupta P, Cupelo M, Smith C, Nascimben J, Sridaran S, Lunati G, Folks H, Rheinstein C, Pettit C, Ghosal A, Truslow J, Wollison B, Goto S, Warren C, Vandenwijngaert S, MacRae CA and Deo RC. "Perturbational phenotyping of human blood cells reveals genetically determined latent traits associated with subsets of common diseases". Nat Genet 10.1038/s41588-023-01600-x, 2023.

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- Bansal M, ..., **NCI-DREAM Community**. "A Community computational challenge to predict the activity of pairs of compounds.", *Nature Biotechnology* 32, 1213–1222, 2014.
- Yosef N, Zalckvar E, Rubinstein A, **Homilius M**, Atias N, Vardi L, Berman I, Zur H, Kimchi A, Ruppin E, Sharan R "ANAT: a tool for constructing and analyzing functional protein networks." *Science Signaling* 196, pl1, 2011.
- **Homilius M**, Wiedenhoeft J, Thieme S, Standfuß C, Kel I, Krause R. "Cocos: Constructing multi-domain protein phylogenies." *PLoS Currents* 3:RRN1240, 2011.

Manuscripts in preparation

- Saha K, **Homilius M**, MacRae CA. "Hypoxia pathway contributes to cyanide resistance in developing zebrafish embryos".
- Yagi R, **Homilius M***, Katsumata Y, MacRae CA, Goto S, Deo RC. "Using artificial intelligence to identify key electrocardiographic features for detecting left ventricular systolic dysfunction".
- **Homilius M**, Ricciotti E, Grosser T, FitzGerald GA, Troyanskaya OG. "A network-based approach to detect drug mode-of-action at therapeutic doses".
- **Homilius M**, Krishnan A, MacRae CA, Troyanskaya OG. "Prioritizing animal models for human diseases using genome-wide functional networks".
- Homilius M, Troyanskaya OG. "Tissue-specific multi-label prediction of human disease genes".

Conference proceedings and posters

- Homilius M, Blood AJ, Park BH, Yazdi D, Veytsman JN, MacRae CA, Deo RC. "Automated Disease Detection Using Document Classification Outperforms Encounter-Level Diagnostic Codes for Cardiovascular Diseases", American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, Nov 16-18, 2019.
- 2018 Homilius M, Ricciotti E, Krishnan A, MacRae C, Grosser T, FitzGerald G, Troyanskaya O. "Prioritizing animal models and drug targets using functional networks", CIFAR Genetic Networks Program Meeting, Toronto, June 02, 2018.
- 2016 Homilius M, Ricciotti E, Krishnan A, Grosser T, Troyanskaya O. "A network-based approach to detect drug mode-of-action at therapeutic doses", New York Area meeting on Computational and Statistical Genomics, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, July 20, 2016.
- Homilius M, Krishnan A, MacRae C, Troyanskaya O. "Prioritizing animal models for human diseases using genome-wide functional networks", RECOMB/ISCB Conference on Regulatory and Systems Genomics, Philadelphia, Nov 15-18, 2015.
- Homilius M, Burleigh G, Eulenstein O. "Triplet-supertrees constructed from minimum triplet presentations", BICoB 2010, 127-132.

Teaching

9/2012-1/2013 Assistant in Instruction, Integrated Science Curriculum (General Computer Science I)

Princeton University

2/2013-6/2013 Assistant in Instruction, Integrated Science Curriculum (General Computer Science II)

Princeton University

Previous research positions

3/2010-9/2010 Research assistant, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Genetics

Dr. Martin Vingron and Dr. Roland Krause, Research Advisers

Design and implementation of a program for the inference of the joint phylogeny of

multi-domain proteins.

11/2008-12/2008 Undergraduate researcher, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Genetics

Dr. Hans Lehrach and Dr. Lukas Chavez, Research Advisers

Statistical analysis of DNA methylation data.

08/2008-10/2008 Undergraduate researcher, Tel Aviv University

Dr. Roded Sharan and Dr. Nir Yosef, Research Advisers

Implementation of a program for the generation, analysis and refinement of functional

sub-networks in protein interaction networks.

Honors and awards

2022-2023 Drs. Tobia and Morton Mower Fellow

2010-2011 German Academic Scholarship Foundation Study Abroad Stipend (University of Cambridge)

2008-2011 German Academic Scholarship Foundation Fellow

2008 German Academic Exchange Service Travel Award (Tel Aviv University)

Service

2018-2023 Peer review, Journal of Computational Biology

2020 Peer review, Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing

2016 Peer review, RECOMB/ISCB Conference on Regulatory and Systems Genomics

2015, 2018 Peer review, Circulation: Cardiovascular Genetics

References

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