

Phu T. Van, PhD

Computational Biologist

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- * Bioinformatics expert with 15+ years experience analyzing and integrating biological data (proteomic, genomic and flow+mass cytometry).
- * Strong track record of applying machine learning and statistical methods to distill insights from diverse data sources.
- * Experienced in managing scientific teams in commercial, non-profit and academic environments.
- * Communicates effectively with programmers, wetbench scientists and non-experts; excels in interdisciplinary teams working on complex, evolving projects.
- * Agile learner able to master new topics and procedures quickly.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Programming	R, Python, bash, Matlab, C/C++, JavaScript, Perl
Data Analysis	dimension reduction, clustering, regression/classification
Statistics	linear models, variable selection, hypothesis testing
Databases	MySQL/MariaDB, PostgreSQL, SQLServer
Workflows	Nextflow, Slurm, Docker, GitHub
Cloud computing	EC2, ECR, S3
Markup/Interfaces	LaTeX, Markdown, Shiny, HTML
Bioinformatics	BWA, STAR, RSEM, BLAST, samtools, bcftools bedtools, deeptools, VardictJava, varscan, delly picard, bowtie2, limma, edgeR, MACS, GATK, IGV

EXPERIENCE

TwinStrand Biosciences

September 2023 - May 2024

Senior Manager, Bioinformatics Solutions

Seattle, WA

- Served as bioinformatics expert on company panel for approving new projects.
- Spearheaded company's new bioinformatic offerings to customers.
- Provided bioinformatics guidance to Commercial department and major external customers.
- Collected Voice of Customers from industry and academic clients to guide software development.
- Authored customer-facing whitepapers and marketing collateral for Commercial department.
- Co-authored data use policy for customer-facing cloud platform with Legal & Commercial departments.
- Developed and delivered bioinformatic training for wetbench scientists.
- Analyzed NGS data and presented findings to clients for mutagenesis and cancer MRD projects

TwinStrand Biosciences

November 2021 - August 2023

Bioinformatics Solutions Manager

Seattle, WA

- Served as bioinformatics expert on company panel for approving new projects.
- Provided high-level bioinformatics guidance to customers.
- Co-authored customer communication procedures with Field&Technical Support department.
- Mentored Bioinformatics Solutions scientists on programming and data analysis.
- Oversaw development of new R data analysis packages.

- Initiated then supervised data analyses that expanded TwinStrand DuplexSeq™ technology to two new sequencing platforms.
- Analyzed NGS data and presented findings to clients for mutagenesis and cancer MRD projects

TwinStrand Biosciences
Bioinformatics Scientist II

January 2021 - October 2021
 Seattle, WA

- Performed analyses on duplex sequencing data for diverse projects in mutagenesis and cancer MRD.
- Reviewed and contributed R code to internal bioinformatic pipelines and customer-facing reports.
- Prepared data products, co-authored manuscripts, and presented findings to industry and academic clients.

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Bioinformatics Analyst, Analyst Group Leader

October 2015 - December 2020
 Seattle, WA

- Performed differential gene expression and geneset enrichment analysis on RNASeq datasets.
- Performed variable selection and sensitivity analyses on flow-cytometry data from clinical trials.
- Led the lab's PhD-level analysts in brainstorming sessions and journal club.
- Coordinated analyses on projects with external collaborators.
- Authored Statistical Analysis Plans and peer-reviewed manuscripts.
- Created bioinformatic analysis pipelines using R and Nextflow.
- Created interactive data visualizations using Shiny, igraph and leaflet.
- Mentored PhD students and bench scientists on statistics, performed reviews of junior analysts' code, advised analyst hiring.

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Postdoctoral Fellow

October 2014 - October 2015
 Seattle, WA

- Developed R code to normalize mass cytometry data across experiments using multi-mixture models.
- Worked with engineers from FlowJo Inc. (Ashland, OR) to develop code to parse XML-encoded flow cytometry data in FlowJo v10.
- Performed dimension reduction on mass cytometry data and identified correlates of disease for early clinical trial data.

Carnegie Mellon University
PhD Student

August 2009 - May 2014
 Pittsburgh, PA

- Designed and built a patented high-dynamic-range protein gel imager with robotic gel cutting arm for capturing rare proteins.
- Developed **SIGILab**, a C++ GUI application controlling gel imager's imaging and protein extraction.
- Developed processes that improved reduction and alkylation of complex protein samples in preparation for mass spectrometric sequencing.
- Developed workflows to quantify protein abundances in 2DE gel images using bash.

Institute for Systems Biology
Research Associate

May 2006 - August 2009
 Seattle, WA

- Identified factors that affect peptide detectability in mass spectrometry experiments using R.
- Constructed a SQLServer database with web frontend for exploring mass spectrometry data and planning proteomic experiments.
- Developed a regression algorithm in R to model regulators of stress response using microarray data.

University of Washington
Computer Support Analyst

May 2006 - April 2009
 Seattle, WA

- Designed and maintained public health questionnaires for the University of Washington Twin Registry (UWTR) and Native People for Cancer Control (NPCC).
- Provided computer tech support for 30+ users: installing software, troubleshooting problems, training new users.
- Managed organization's data security through Group Policy and ActiveDirectory Access Control Lists.

US Forest Service

Wildlife Biologist Trainee

May 2004 - August 2005

Colville, WA

- Performed field surveys in the Colville National Forest for habitats of Threatened, Endangered or Sensitive (TES) species.
- Upgraded field data recorders to latest USFS standards, introduced new software packages to District Planning Office and created accompanying manuals.
- Collaborated with USFS District specialists to complete an environmental assessment mandated by the National Environmental Protection Act.

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

PhD, Biological Sciences

2014

University of Washington

BS, Biology (Physiology specialization), BS, Wildlife Sciences

2007

CONFERENCES, PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. Shaofei Zhang, Stephanie L Coffing, William C Gunther, Michael L Homiski, Richard A Spellman, Phu Van, and Maik Schuler. Assessing the genotoxicity of n-nitrosodiethylamine with three in vivo endpoints in male big blue® transgenic and wild-type c 57 bl/6 n mice. *Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis*, 65(6-7):190–202, 2024
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9. D LeBlanc, M Meier, A Williams, J Buick, J Higgins, J Yaplee, P Van, FY Lo, CC Valentine, JJ Salk, et al. Duplex sequencing reveals an attenuated mutation frequency increase in the germ cells of mutamouse males exposed to n-ethyl-n-nitrosourea and benzo [a] pyrene relative to the tgr lacz assay. In *Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis*, volume 62, page 87, 2021
10. AE Dodge, D LeBlanc, A Williams, P Van, J Higgins, FY Lo, J Yaplee, CC Valentine, JJ Salk, and CL Yauk. Duplex sequencing (tm) reveals increases in mutation frequencies and c_i t transitions in the bone marrow of mutamouse males exposed to procarbazine. In *Environmental and Molecular Mutagenesis*, volume 62, page 87, 2021
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