Phu T. Van, PhD

Machine Learning Specialist

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

2014

Ph.D., Biological Sciences

University of Washington

2007

B.S., Biology (Physiology specialization), B.S., Wildlife Sciences

OBJECTIVE

Seeking a scientific or technical position on collaborative teams working on difficult problems. I'm particularly interested in data-intensive projects requiring statistical modeling or machine learning.

EXPERIENCE

FredHutch

October 2015 - Present

Seattle, WA

Bioinformatics Analyst, Analyst Group Leader

- · Performed differential gene expression and geneset enrichment analysis on transcriptomic datasets.
- · Performed variable selection and sensitivity analyses on flow cytometry datasets.
- · Led the lab's 3 PhD-level analysts in twice-monthly collaboration meeting and journal club.
- · Coordinated analyses on data integration project with South African Tuberculosis Vaccine Institute.
- · Authored Statistical Analysis Plans and peer-reviewed manuscripts.
- · Created bioinformatic analysis pipelines and interactive data visualizations.
- · Mentored PhD students and bench scientists on statistics, advised hiring and performed reviews of junior analysts code.

FredHutch

October 2014 - October 2015

Postdoctoral Fellow

Seattle, WA

- · Developed R code to normalize mass cytometry experiments using multi-mixture models.
- · Developed R code for writing XML files to enable data sharing of flow cytometry experiments.
- · Worked with engineers from FlowJo Inc. (Ashland, OR) to enable XML parsing in FlowJo v10.
- · Identified correlates of disease in early-stage vaccine candidates in mass cytometry data.

Carnegie Mellon University

August 2009 - May 2014

PhD Student

Pittsburgh, PA

- · Designed and built a patented high-dynamic-range protein gel imager with integrated gel cutting robot for identifying and capturing rare proteins.
- · Developed processes that improved reduction and alkylation of complex protein samples in preparation for mass spectrometric sequencing.
- \cdot Developed automated bash and C/C++ workflows to quantify protein abundances and detection biases in 2DE gel images.

Institute for Systems Biology

May 2006 - August 2009

Research Associate

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 in microarray data.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Programming R, Python, Matlab, C/C++, Perl

Data Analysis dimension reduction, clustering, regression/classification
Statistics linear models, variable selection, hypothesis testing

User Interfaces Shiny, PHP, JavaScript

Databases MySQL/MariaDB, PostgreSQL, SQLServer

Workflows Nextflow, Slurm, Docker, GitHub

Markup LaTeX, Markdown, HTML

Bioinformatics STAR, RSEM, BLAST, DEG, GSEA, KEGG, STRING

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PATENTS

- 1. P. Van, W. Jiang, R. Gottardo, and G. Finak. ggCyto: next generation open-source visualization software for cytometry. *Bioinformatics*, 34(22):3951–3953, 11 2018
- 2. P. T. Van, V. Ganesan, V. Bass, A. Parthasarathy, D. Schlesinger, and J. S. Minden. In-gel equilibration for improved protein retention in 2DE-based proteomic workflows. *Electrophoresis*, 35(20):3012–3017, Oct 2014
- 3. P. T. Van, V. Bass, D. Shiwarski, F. Lanni, and J. Minden. High dynamic range proteome imaging with the structured illumination gel imager. *Electrophoresis*, 35(18):2642–2655, Sep 2014
- 4. U. K. Iheagwara, P. L. Beatty, P. T. Van, T. M. Ross, J. S. Minden, and O. J. Finn. Influenza virus infection elicits protective antibodies and T cells specific for host cell antigens also expressed as tumor-associated antigens: a new view of cancer immunosurveillance. *Cancer Immunol Res*, 2(3):263–273, Mar 2014
- A. Kaur, P. T. Van, C. R. Busch, C. K. Robinson, M. Pan, W. L. Pang, D. J. Reiss, J. DiRuggiero, and N. S. Baliga. Coordination of frontline defense mechanisms under severe oxidative stress. *Mol. Syst. Biol.*, 6:393, Jul 2010
- T. Koide, D. J. Reiss, J. C. Bare, W. L. Pang, M. T. Facciotti, A. K. Schmid, M. Pan, B. Marzolf, P. T. Van, F. Y. Lo, A. Pratap, E. W. Deutsch, A. Peterson, D. Martin, and N. S. Baliga. Prevalence of transcription promoters within archaeal operons and coding sequences. *Mol. Syst. Biol.*, 5:285, 2009
- P. T. Van, A. K. Schmid, N. L. King, A. Kaur, M. Pan, K. Whitehead, T. Koide, M. T. Facciotti, Y. A. Goo, E. W. Deutsch, D. J. Reiss, P. Mallick, and N. S. Baliga. Halobacterium salinarum NRC-1 PeptideAtlas: toward strategies for targeted proteomics and improved proteome coverage. J. Proteome Res., 7(9):3755-3764, Sep 2008
- 8. A. K. Schmid, D. J. Reiss, A. Kaur, M. Pan, N. King, P. T. Van, L. Hohmann, D. B. Martin, and N. S. Baliga. The anatomy of microbial cell state transitions in response to oxygen. *Genome Res.*, 17(10):1399–1413, Oct 2007
- 9. M. Blundon, V. Ganesan, B. Redler, P. T. Van, and J. S. Minden. Two-Dimensional Difference Gel Electrophoresis. *Methods Mol. Biol.*, 1855:229–247, 2019
- 10. J. S. Minden, F. Lanni, and P. T. Van. Structured illumination system for increased dynamic range in quantitative imaging, July 2019