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WORK EXPERIENCE

TwinStrand Biosciences	2021Nov -	Bioinformatics Solutions Manager → Senior Manager, Bioinformatics Solutions
	Served as bioinformatics expert on company panel for approving new projects. Spearheaded "à la carte" bioinformatic offering to customers to increase revenue. Provided bioinformatics guidance to customers and co-authored customer communication SOPs with Field&Technical Support department. Mentored Bioinformatics Solutions scientists. Oversaw development of new R data analysis packages. Initiated and later supervised data analyses that expanded TwinStrand DuplexSeq™ support to two new sequencing platforms. Produced whitepapers and reviewed marketing materials for technical accuracy.	
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center	2021Jan - Oct	Bioinformatics Scientist II
	Performed analyses on duplex sequencing data for diverse projects including mutagenesis and cancer MRD. Reviewed and contributed R code to internal bioinformatic pipelines and customer-facing reports. Prepared data products and presented findings to industry and academic clients.	
Carnegie Mellon University	2014 - 2020	Postdoc → Bioinformatics Analyst
	Coordinated projects among PhD-level analysts, led brainstorming sessions and journal clubs. Performed analyses on flow cytometry and transcriptomic datasets. Created data analysis pipelines & interactive data visualizations. Authored Statistical Analysis Plans & peer-reviewed manuscripts. Reviewed junior analysts' code, mentored PhD students and bench scientists on statistics. Developed R code to normalize mass cytometry data across experiments using multi-mixture models. Performed dimension reduction on mass cytometry data and identified correlates of disease using regression.	
	2009 - 2014	Doctoral Student
	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 acquisition of high-dynamic-range images. Developed bash scripts to quantify protein abundances in 2DE gel images. Lectured in Modern Biology course and mentored junior students.	

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming	R, Python, Matlab, C/C++, bash, JavaScript, Perl
Data Analysis / Statistics	dimension reduction, clustering, regression/classification, linear models, variable selection, hypothesis testing
Databases	MySQL/MariaDB, PostgreSQL, SQLServer
Workflows	Nextflow, Slurm, Docker, GitHub
Bioinformatics	BWA, STAR, RSEM, BLAST, SAMtools, BCFtools, VardictJava, varscan, delly, limma, edgeR

EDUCATION

2009 - 2014 Carnegie Mellon University

PhD, Biological Sciences

2001 - 2007 University of Washington

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

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, SOFTWARE & PATENTS

complete list: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=IDadFEkAAAAJ>

in press Comparison of the Transgenic Rodent Mutation Assay, Error Corrected Next Generation Duplex Sequencing, and the Alkaline Comet Assay to Detect Dose-Related Mutations Following Exposure to N-Nitrosodiethylamine

Mutation Research

This collaboration with Pfizer, Gilead Merck compared DuplexSeq against gold-standard genotoxic assays in detecting mutations caused by NDEA, a chemical carcinogen. I analyzed DuplexSeq data and co-wrote the manuscript. Authors: Joel Bercu, Shaofei Zhang, Zhanna Sobol, Patricia Escobar, PHU T. VAN, *et al.*

2023 July Duplex Sequencing Provides Detailed Characterization of Mutation Frequencies and Spectra in the Bone Marrow of MutaMouse Males Exposed to Procarbazine Hydrochloride

Archives of Toxicology

This collaboration with HealthCanada studied mutations in procarbazine-exposed mice using DuplexSeq as a potential replacement for the gold-standard LacZ test. I performed sequence alignment, variant calling and analyzed mutation count and spectra data. We also studied ENU-exposed human cells, reported in Cho 2023. Authors: Annette Dodge, Danielle LeBlanc, Andrew Williams, PHU T. VAN, *et al.*

2021 Jun Monocyte metabolic transcriptional programs associate with resistance to tuberculin skin test/interferon- γ release assay conversion

Journal of Clinical Investigations

This manuscript reports a potential link between oleic metabolism and *Tuberculosis* resistance in humans. I performed alignment, QC and transcript quantification, created data visualizations, made statistical recommendations and co-wrote the manuscript. My analysis code was also used in a follow-up project (Simmons 2022). Authors: Jason Simmons, PHU T. VAN, *et al.*

2019 Jul US10362237: Structured illumination system for increased dynamic range in quantitative imaging

United States Patent

"The systems disclosed herein employ an iterative image collection strategy that utilizes structured illumination to achieve greater than 1,000,000-fold dynamic range measurements, representing a dramatic improvement over the prior art." Inventors: Jonathan Minden, Frederick Lanni, PHU T. VAN

2018 Nov ggCyto: next generation open-source visualization software for cytometry

Bioinformatics

This R package enables plotting of high-dimensional flow cytometry and mass cytometry data in the grammar-of-graphics style. I contributed to the R codebase, performed testing and co-wrote the manuscript. Authors: PHU T. VAN*, Wenxing Jiang*, Raphael Gottardo, Greg Finak (*co-first authors)