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INFORMATION

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RESEARCH
INTERESTS

I am a Ph.D. student in the School of Animal Sciences at Virginia Tech. My research interests focus on incorporating statistics, artificial intelligence, and bioinformatics into the study of animal and plant genetics in the omics era. I am also interested in the application of computer vision systems for high-throughput phenotyping in precision agriculture.

CURRENT
RESEARCH
PROJECTS**Precision Livestock Farming**

- Depth video data-enabled predictions of longitudinal dairy cow body weight using thresholding and Mask R-CNN algorithms
- Evaluation of dairy cow body condition score via data-driven machine learning approaches
- Prediction of pig body weight from depth videos under a commercial setting

Quantitative Genetics

- Evaluating metabolic and genomic data for predicting grain traits under high night temperature stress in rice
- Genomic prediction for rice metabolites under high night temperature stress.
- Phenotypic plasticity analysis using a random regression model

EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia USA

Ph.D., Animal Sciences, August 2021 - Present

- Advisor: Dr. Gota Morota

University of California Davis, Davis, California USA

M.S., Animal Biology, September 2021

- Thesis: “Longitudinal Analysis of CD4 and CD8 T Cell Receptor Repertoires Associated with Newcastle Disease Virus Infection in Layer Birds.”
- Advisor: Dr. Huaijun Zhou
- Committee: Drs. Rodrigo A Gallardo and Charles L. Bevins
- Available at [UC davis Libraries](#).

Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, Beijing China

M.S., Animal Nutrition and Feed Science, July 2017

- Thesis: “Effects of Dietary Threonine Level on Traits of Peking Ducks from Hatch to 21 Days.”
- Advisor: Dr. Benhai Xiong
- Committees: Drs. Shuisheng Hou, Jilan Chen, Taozhen Jiang and Yu Chen

Shandong Agricultural University, Taian, Shandong China

B.S., Animal Science, July 2014

- Thesis: “Effect of Rumen Fluid Osmotic Pressure on Absorption of VFAs in Rumen Epithelium of Sheep.”
- Advisor: Dr. Yunliang Jiang

HONOR AND AWARDS

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| 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Summer 2023 Cycle Travel Fund Program (\$300), Graduate and Professional Student Senate, Virginia Tech. |
| 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern Programming in Genome to Phenome Scholarship (\$1500), University of California, Davis, CA, August 1-5.• 27th Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics (SISG) Scholarship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, July 18-27. |
| 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UC Davis Henry A. Jastro Graduate Research Awards• UC Davis Animal Biology Graduate Program Fellowship |
| 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Scholarship of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences |
| 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Scholarship of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences• Course Excellence Award of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences |
| 2014 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Scholarship of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences• Outstanding Graduate of Shandong Agricultural University |
| 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent Student Scholarship of Shandong Agricultural University• Science and Technology Innovation Scholarship of Shandong Agricultural University |
| 2012 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent Student Scholarship of Shandong Agricultural University |
| 2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent Student Scholarship of Shandong Agricultural University |

PREPRINTS

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| 2023 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ye Bi, Leticia M. Campos, Jin Wang, Haipeng Yu, Mark D. Hanigan, and Gota Morota. Depth video data-enabled predictions of longitudinal dairy cow body weight using thresholding and Mask R-CNN algorithms. Preprint. doi: arXiv:2307.01383 |
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- 2023
9. Zhangyuan Pan, Ying Wang, Mingshan Wang, Yuzhe Wang, Xiaoning Zhu, Shenwen Gu, Conghao Zhong, Liqi An, Mingzhu Shan, Joana Damas, Michelle M. Halstead, Dailu Guan, Nares Trakooljul, Klaus Wimmers, **Ye Bi**, Shang Wu, Mary E. Delany, Xuechen Bai, Hans H. Cheng, Congjiao Sun, Ning Yang, Xiaoxiang Hu, Harris A. Lewin, Lingzhao Fang, and Huaijun Zhou. An atlas of regulatory elements in chicken: A resource for chicken genetics and genomics. *Science Advance*. **9**:eade1204(2023). doi: [10.1126/sciadv.ade1204](https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.ade1204)
 8. **Ye Bi**, Rafael Massahiro Yassue, Puneet Paul, Balpreet Kaur Dhatt, Jaspreet Sandhu, Thi Phuc Do, Harkamal Walia, Toshihiro Obata, and Gota Morota. 2023. Evaluating metabolic and genomic data for predicting grain traits under high night temperature stress in rice. *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics*. doi: [10.1093/g3journal/jkad052](https://doi.org/10.1093/g3journal/jkad052)
 7. Idan Sabag, **Ye Bi**, Zvi Peleg, and Gota Morota. 2023. Multi-environment analysis enhances genomic prediction accuracy of agronomic traits in sesame. *Frontiers in Genetics*. **14**:1108416. doi: [10.3389/fgene.2023.1108416](https://doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2023.1108416)
 6. Robert Kadlec, Sam Indest, Kayla Castro, Shayan Waqar, Leticia M Campos, Sabrina T Amorim, **Ye Bi**, Mark D Hanigan, and Gota Morota. 2023. Automated acquisition of top-view dairy cow depth image data using an RGB-D sensor camera. *Translational Animal Science*. **6**:1-6. doi: [10.1093/tas/txac163](https://doi.org/10.1093/tas/txac163)
- 2017
5. **Ye Bi**, Xuemei Nan, Shanshan Zheng, Linshu Jiang, Benhai Xiong. Effects of dietary threonine and immune stress on growth performance, carcass trait, serum immune parameters, and intestinal muc2 and NF-kb gene expression in Peking ducks from hatch to 21 days. *Poultry Science*, 2017, 97(1): 177-187. doi: [10.3382/ps/pex283](https://doi.org/10.3382/ps/pex283)
 4. **Ye Bi**, Hairui Xin, Xiaohua Pan, Benhai Xiong. Effects of dietary threonine level on growth performance, carcass traits, immune function and serum hormone of Peking ducklings. *Chinese Journal of Animal Nutrition*, 2017, 29(6): 1913-1920. doi: [link](#)
 3. **Ye Bi**, Xiaohua Pan, Hairui Xin, Benhai Xiong. Research progress of the influence of threonine on poultry nutrition[J]. *China Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine*, 2017, 44(8): 2326-2332. doi: [link](#)
- 2016
2. Hairui Xin, Xiaohua Pan, Liang Yang, **Ye Bi**, Benhai Xiong. Effects of Light Intensity on Performance, Carcass Performance and Meat Quality of Peking Ducks. *Chinese Journal of Animal Nutrition*, 2016, 28(4): 1076-1083. doi: [link](#)
 1. Hairui Xin, Xiaohua Pan, **Ye Bi**, Benhai Xiong, Linshu Jiang. Effects of Lighting Regimes on Production Performance, Carcass Performance and Anti-Oxidant Capacity of the Blood in Peking Ducks. *Journal of Integrative Agriculture*, 2016, 49(23): 4638-4645. doi: [link](#)
- CONTRIBUTED
PRESENTATIONS
- 2023
1. **Ye Bi**. Depth video data-enabled predictions of longitudinal dairy cow body weight using thresholding and Mask R-CNN algorithms. 2023 ASAS-CSAS-WSASAS Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico. July 16-20.

INTRAMURAL SEMINARS

- 2023 **3. Ye Bi.** Depth video data-enabled predictions of longitudinal dairy cow body weight using thresholding and Mask R-CNN algorithms. School of Animal Sciences Research Day. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. May 16.
- 2022 **2. Ye Bi.** Utility of Metabolites and Single-Nucleotide Polymorphisms for Classification of High Night Temperature Stress Conditions and Prediction of Grain Size Related Traits in Rice. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, Sep 09.
- 1. Ye Bi.** Evaluating Dairy Cow Body Condition Scores Using Automated Computer Vision Systems. Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences Research Day. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. May 19.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **1. Gota Morota and Ye Bi.** Animal data science applied to digital data. Smithfield Premium Genetics. Rose Hill, NC. August 14.
- 2022 **1. Ye Bi.** Evaluating Dairy Cow Body Condition Scores Using Automated Computer Vision Systems. Department of Animal Science. Shandong Agricultural University. Online. July 22.

POSTERS

- 2023 **3. Ye Bi.** Depth video data enabled prediction of dairy cow body weight. Virginia Tech Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture (CAIA) Big Event. Poster Presentation. March 16.
- 2022 **2. Ye Bi.** Development of Automated Computer Vision Systems for Evaluating Dairy Cow Body Weight and Body Condition Scores. ASAS-CSAS 2022 annual meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Poster Presentation. June 26-30.
- 1. Ye Bi.** Evaluating Dairy Cow Body Condition Scores Using Automated Computer Vision Systems. Virginia Tech Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture (CAIA) Big Event. Poster Presentation. March 28.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2022 **4. Z Pan, Y Wang, L An, Y Bi, D Guan, M Delany, HH Cheng, H Zhou.** Functional annotations of regulatory elements in the chicken genome. *Proceedings of 12th World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production (WCGALP)*. doi: [link](#)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ye Bi, Robert Kadlec, Kayla Castro, Sam Indest, Sabrina Amorim, Gota Morota. Development of Automated Computer Vision Systems for Evaluating Dairy cow Body Weight and Body Condition Scores. <i>ASAS-CSAS 2022 annual meeting</i>, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. June 26-30. doi: link
2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ye Bi, Hairui Xin, Benhai Xiong. Effects of dietary threonine level on traits of Peking ducks from hatch to 21 days. <i>The 12th National Conference about Animal Nutrition of Animal Nutrition Branch of Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine</i>. doi: link Hairui Xin, Ye Bi, Benhai Xiong. Effects of Lighting Regimes on Blood Calcium Phosphate Level and Anti-Oxidant Capacity of the Blood in Peking Ducks. <i>The 12th National Conference about Animal Nutrition of Animal Nutrition Branch of Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine</i>. doi: link
EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES	<p><u>Ad Hoc Reviewer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of manuscripts reviewed per journal: Journal of Animal Science (10), Scientia Agricola (3).
TEACHING	<p>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA</p> <p><u>Guest Lectures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALS 3104 Animal Breeding and Genetics - February 28 Spring/2023 Statistical Concepts in Quantitative Genetics <p><u>Teaching Assistant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALS 3104 Animal Breeding and Genetics Spring/2023 ALS 3104 Animal Breeding and Genetics Spring/2022 <p>University of California Davis, Davis, California, USA</p> <p><u>Teaching Assistant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANS150 Animal Health and Disease Spring/2020 ABI102 Animal Biochemistry and Metabolism Fall/2019
ACTIVITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virginia Tech Center for Advanced Innovation in Agriculture(CAIA) Graduate Student Affiliate Group Member October/2021 - present The 10th National Congress of Animal Nutrition Branch of Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine (CAAV) and the 12th Animal Nutrition Symposium member October/2016 - September/2017

- The XXV World's Poultry Congress member **September/2016 - August/2017**
- The Branch of Animal Information, Chinese Association of Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine the 10th Symposium member **July/2015 - June/2016**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- Modern Programming in Genome to Phenome, University of California, Davis, CA, August 1-5, 2022.
- 27th Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics (SISG), University of Washington, Seattle, WA, July 18-27, 2022.
- UIUC Spring Workshop: Applied Quantitative Genetics for Plant Breeders, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, June 1-3, 2022.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Statistics/Numerical computational tools: R, SAS
- Computer vision and image processing: Python, MATLAB
- Content-description languages: \LaTeX
- Operating system: Linux and Mac OS X
- Computer clusters: Slurm workload manager

COURSES TAKEN

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- ECE 6554 Advanced Computer Vision
- CS 5824 Advanced Machine Learning
- ECE 6524 Deep Learning
- ECE 5554 Computer Vision
- CS 5525 Data Analytics I
- STAT 5364G Advanced Statistical Genomics
- ALS 5224 Introduction to Genomic Data Science
- HORT 5304 Advanced Plant Genetics and Breeding

University of California Davis

- STA 200B Introduction to Mathematical Statistics I
- GGG 201A Advanced Genetic Analysis
- STA 200A Introduction to Probability Theory
- PMI 270 Advanced Immunology
- PMI 126 Fundamentals of Immunology
- STA 106 Applied Statistical Methods: Analysis of Variance
- PLS 120 Applied Statistics in Agricultural Sciences

REFERENCES

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