

## CV of HONGBAO CAO

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### Education

PhD, in Biomedical Engineering, Louisiana Tech University, Louisiana, LA, USA, awarded in Nov., 2009

M.S., in Biomedical Engineering, Tianjin University, Tianjin, China, awarded in Mar., 2005

B.A., in Biomedical Engineering, Tianjin University, Tianjin, China, awarded in Jun., 2002

### Research Experience (2003~present):

#### 1. Senior Bioinformatics Scientist/Product Administrator, Elsevier Inc., 2015.9~present

##### ✧ *Scientific related duties*

- Design and develop new modules;
- product function evaluation;
- Big data analyses and bioinformatics data integration
- Research on NLP based network analysis
- Research on In-Silico-Biology based drug development
- Database management (Cypher, SQLite)
- Large-scale genetic network analysis
- Collaborate with GeneTalks LLC for NGS data analysis

##### ✧ *Administration duties*

- Manage internal communications between product team, market team, sale team and teach team
- Manage outside collaborations: NIH, universities, pharmaceutical companies and hospitals
- Monitoring/prioritizing product development
- Leading a post-sale service team: customer advisory services, support and consultation
- Product sale/usage analysis

#### 2. Research Scientist (adjunct position) at NIMH/NIH, 2015.9~present

- Data integration (for genomic and imaging data)
- Biomarker discovery (genetic and image biomarkers)
- Statistical modeling

#### 3. Affiliate faculty, George Mason University, 2017. 3 ~ present

- Textbook editing and scientific paper publication
- Teaching for Bioinformatics classes

#### 4. Research Fellow at National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH/NIH), Bethesda, MD, 2012.12~2015.9

- Medical image data analysis for feature selection and biomarker detection for complex disease (Autism, Schizophrenia, bipolar)

- Signal processing for multivariate correlation analysis (eQTL analysis; multiple clinical phenotype-genotype data association analysis)
  - Data integration (e.g., fMRI, GWAS, gene expression)
  - Algorithm development and application (PLS;GLM; sparse regression; statistic analysis)
  - Experiment design
5. **Postdoctoral Research Associate** at Tulane university, New Orleans, LA, 2010.8~2012.12
- Genomic data/medical imaging data (DNA sequence, SNP and gene expression and copy number data, fMRI imaging data etc.) analysis for the study of complex diseases
  - Designed *genomic marker selection* algorithms and *genomic data classification* algorithms for the combined analysis of different genomic data (SNP data, gene expression data) in the diagnosis of osteoporosis.
  - Developed *sparse representation based clustering algorithm (SRC)* and *discovered two important osteoporosis susceptible genes*.
  - Designed integrative analysis methods of different medical measurements (SNP data, gene expression data, fMRI data) for the diagnosis of complex disease (e.g. osteoporosis, schizophrenia).
  - Developed *sparse representation based variable selection algorithm (SRVS)* and improved the diagnose accuracy of schizophrenia.
  - Statistical analysis of the diagnosis results.
6. **Postdoctoral Research Associate** at University of Missouri at Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, 2009.11~2010.7
- Multi-color fluorescence in situ hybridization (M-FISH) images analysis for disease diagnosis, 2009.11~present
  - Developed image processing algorithm for the Multi-color fluorescence in situ hybridization (M-FISH) images analysis, including image registration, color compensation, feature extraction, image segmentation, target tracking, and image classification. The work increased the M-FISH diagnosis accuracy by more than 10%.
  - Integrative genomic data analysis (gene expression and copy number data) for the study of breast cancer. Including large data management, feature extraction, genomic marker selection, and genomic data classification using sparse representation based methods. The work discovered seven meaningful genes for the disease.
7. **Research Assistant** at Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA, 2005.9~2009.10
- Independent components analysis (ICA) on four-layer computational head model
  - EEG-based Brain-Computer-Interface (BCI)
  - ECG-based heart disorder diagnosis
8. **Principal Software Engineer** at Tianjin Zhongya Medical Instrument T.D. Co., Ltd., Tianjin, China, 2004.1~2005.3
- Designed, debugged and applied embed software (C, Assemble) for the Pelvic inflammatory disease treatment instrument

- Product No.: ZP-11A
- <http://www.zhongyakj.com/eng/productinfo.asp?id=479>

9. **Research & development Engineer**, Tianjin University, Tianjin, China, 2003.3~2004.1

- Hardware and software design and development for Pulse Training Simulator.
- Commoditized by Tellyes Scientific Co. (Product No. CMIO300001ADC)
- <http://en.tellyes.com/product/4fa25432924d1.html>

**Technical Skills**

- 10+ years image processing experience; Experience with SPM, AFNI and FSL;
- 10+ years signal processing experience (Regression Models, PCA, ICA, FFT)
- 10+ years programming experience (Matlab, C/C++, R, Java, and SAS)
- 6+ years genomic data analysis (NGS, RNA-Seq, copy number, gene expression, GWAS)
- 2+ years instrumentation development experience, including software design and hardware control

**Professional Services**

- Editor of Austin Journal of Genetics and Genomic Research
- Editor of SM Journal of Engineering Sciences
- Member of IEEE Since 2012
- Reviewer for top journals and conferences, including:
  1. Applied Mathematics & Information Sciences (AMIS)
  2. Applied Computing and Informatics (ACI)
  3. The IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM)
  4. BMC Genomics
  5. Journal of Convergence Information Ttechnology (JCIT)
  6. IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)
  7. Pattern Recognition (PR)
  8. IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering (TBME)
  9. IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy System (TFS)

**Awards and Honors:**

1. Research Assistantship of Louisiana Tech University, 2005.9~2009.9
2. Outstanding BME senior Ph.D. graduate student of Louisiana Tech University, 2007.10
3. Excellent graduate thesis of Tianjin University, 2005,3
4. Distinguished Scientific Report of Tianjin University, 2004.3
5. Hi-Tech Research and Development program of China, 2003,1
6. Distinguished Student Award of Tianjin University, four times, 2003,1998~2001
7. Superior Winner Prize in the National College Mathematic Modeling Competition, 2001
8. Motorola Scholarship, Motorola Inc.-Tianjin University, twice, 1999,1998

**Publications (*Journal papers*):**

1. Y Gu, X Jiang, **H Cao**, B Huang, Bilateral synchronous multiple lung nodules: Surgical experience from two cases. Saudi Journal of Biological Sciences, April 2018;

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2. Y Liu, J Tong, Y Tong, P Li, X Cui, and **H Cao**, In vitro anti-influenza virus effect of total flavonoid from *Trollius ledebouri* Reichb, *Journal of Inter Med Res*, 2018, 46(4): 1380-1390.
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4. Y Xu , J Wang , S Rao, M Ritter ,L Manor, R Backer, **H Cao**, et al., An Integrative Computational Approach to Evaluate Genetic Markers for Bipolar Disorder, accepted by *Scientific Reports*, 2017, Jul 27;7(1):6745. doi: 10.1038/s41598-017-05846-4.
5. Y Zheng, X Li, L Manor, **H Cao**, Q Chen, An Integrative Computational Approach to Evaluate Genetic Markers for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, *Journal of Computational Biology*, *J Comput Biol*. 2017 Jun 1. doi: 10.1089/cmb.2017.0041.
6. C Cheadle, **H Cao**, A Kalinin, J Hodgkinson. Advanced literature analysis in a Big Data world. *Ann N Y Acad Sci*. 2017 Jan;1387(1):25-33. doi: 10.1111/nyas.13270. Epub 2016 Nov 10.
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8. Peng Zhou, Parker Foster, **H Cao**, Cross Disease Analysis Reveals Novel Risk Genes for Esophageal Adenocarcinoma. *Med One*. 2016 Oct 25; 1:e160022. DOI:10.20900/mo.20160022.
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10. Li Z, Hu M, Zong X, He Y, Wang D, Dai L, Dong M, Zhou J, **Cao H**, Lv L, Chen X, Tang J., Association of telomere length and mitochondrial DNA copy number with risperidone treatment response in first-episode antipsychotic-naïve schizophrenia. *Sci Rep*. doi: 10.1038/srep18553. 2015, 5:18553
11. **Cao H**, Guo W., Qin H., Xu M., Lehrman B., Yu T., Shugart YY., Sparse Representation Based Biomarker Selection for Blood Pressure, *BMC Proc*. 2016; 10(Suppl 7): 283–288.
12. Y. Wang, Y Li, **H. Cao**, M Xiong, YY Shugart, and J. Li, Efficient test for nonlinear dependence of two 3 continuous variables, *BMC Bioinformatics*, 2015, 16(1):260
13. J. Wang, **H. Cao (co-First Author)**, Y. Liao, W. Liu, L. Tan, Y. Tang, J. Chen, C. Liu, K. Ries Merikangas, V. Calhoun, J. Tang, YY. Shugart, X. Chen. Three Dysconnectivity Patterns in Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia Patients and Their Unaffected Siblings, *Neuroimage: clinical*, 2015, 8: 95 – 103.
14. X. Zong, M. Hu, Z. Li, **H. Cao**, X. Chen, J. Tang, DNA methylation in schizophrenia: progress and challenges, *Science Bulletin*, January 2015, 60(2):149-155
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- Selection Algorithm for Brain-Computer Interface, *IEEE Trans. Neural Syst Rehabil Eng.* 16(2): 191-194, Apr. 2008.
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2. **H. Cao**, Y. Wang, V. Calhoun, and YY Shugart, Integration of fMRI and SNPs indicated potential biomarkers for Schizophrenia diagnosis, *IGES 2014*, Vienna, Austria, August 28-30, 2014
3. **H. Cao**, J. Tang, X. Chen, Y. Yao, Whole Brain Connectivity Study in Schizophrenia Patients and Their Healthy Siblings, *2013 WCPG*, Boston, MA, OCT. 17-21.
4. **H. Cao**, J. Duan, D. Lin, V. Calhoun, Y. Wang, Sparse Representation Based Biomarker Selection for Schizophrenia with Integrated Analysis of fMRI and SNP data, *IEEE ISBI 2013*, San Francisco, CA, USA, Apr. 7-11, pp. 756-759, 2013.
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6. **H. Cao**, D. Lin, J. Duan, V. Calhoun, Y. Wang, Biomarker Identification for Diagnosis of Schizophrenia with Integrated Analysis of fMRI and SNPs, *Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), 2012 IEEE International Conference on*, pp. 1-6, Oct. 4-7, 2012, Philadelphia, PA, USA. **(Citations: 3)**
7. J. Li, H. Cao, Y. Wang, Classification of multicolor fluorescence in-situ hybridization (M-FISH) image using regularized multinomial logistic regression. *Proceedings of the ACM*

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  17. W. Tang, **H. Cao**, Classifying Six Glioma Subtypes from Combined Gene Expression and CNVs Data Based on Compressive Sensing Approach. Workshop on Cancer Informatics, *BIBM 2011*, Nov 12-15. Atlanta, GA, USA. 2011.
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  19. W. Tang, **H. Cao**, and Y. Wang, Subtyping of Leukemia with Gene Expression Analysis Using Compressive Sensing Method, *IEEE Conference on Healthcare Informatics, Imaging, and Systems Biology (HISB)*, San Jose, USA, pp. 76 - 80, July 26-29, 2011, California.
  20. P. Zhou, **H. Cao**, Jiayi Ge, Xin Zhao, Mingshi Wang, An Automatic Optimum Data selection Method For EEG-based Brain-computer Interface, *Complex Medical Engineering*.

*CME 2007. IEEE/ICME International Conference on. Beijing, China, May 23-27 2007, pp. 1515 – 1518.*

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### **Patents**

1. X. Wang, H. Cao, Y. Sun, X, Chang, J. Wang, Y. Chen, 2004. Fluorescence microalgae image acquisition instruments. China Patent 200420056363.9, filed Dec. 03, 2004, issued Dec. 28, 2005.
2. X. Wang, H. Cao, Y. Sun, X, Chang, J. Wang, Y. Chen, Image analysis system and methodology of harmful microalgae, China Patent 200410094035.2, filed Dec. 27, 2004, issued Jul. 27, 2005.