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Education

Iowa State University

Ames, US

PH.D. IN GENETICS, ADVISOR: PATRICK SCHNABLE

August 2004 - April 2010

- minor in Statistics

Xiamen University

Xiamen, China

M.S. IN MICROBIOLOGY, ADVISOR: WENJIN SU

September 1997 - July 2000

Xiamen University

Xiamen, China

B.S. IN MICROBIOLOGY

September 1993 - July 1997

- minor in Computer Science

Experience

Kansas State University

Manhattan, US

PROFESSOR

April 2024 - present

- 90% research (plant genetics, genomics, plant diseases)

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

April 2019 – April 2024

- 90% research (plant genetics, genomics, plant diseases)
- 10% teaching (bioinformatics)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

July 2013 - April 2019

- 90% research (plant genetics, genomics, plant diseases)
- 10% teaching (bioinformatics)

Iowa State University

Ames, US

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

May 2010 - July 2013

- maize plant genetics and genomics, mentor: Patrick Schnable

BioStar Genechip, Inc

Shanghai, China

R&D Scientist

November 2000 - July 2004

- Development of genotyping platforms through SNP microarray

Research Interests

- Plant regeneration
- Plant disease resistance engineering
- AI in genomics
- Biology of dispensable supernumerary chromosomes in fungi

Teaching

- Bioinformatics Applications (PLPTH813, Spring 2017; 2019; 2021; 2023)
- Bioinformatics Applications (PLPTH613, Spring 2015; 2016)

- Workshop: Gene expression profiling (Summer 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018; 2022;2024, co-instructor)
- Workshop: R programming (Summer 2014, co-instructor)

Awards & Honors

AWARDS

2025-2028	Development of a high-throughput, regeneration step-free bioenergy crop genome editing system, DOE , award#: DE-SC0026031 (co-PI)
2023-2027	RESEARCH-PGR: PlantTransform: The Genetic Basis of Maize Regeneration and Applications to Plant Transformation, NSF Plant Genome Research Program (PGRP) , award#: 2311738 (PI)
2023-2027	Cloning of genes conferring Goss's wilt resistance in maize, Corteva (PI)
2023-2026	Using Comparative Genomics to Identify Genes Associated with Sucrose Production in Sugarbeet, USDA (PI)
2022-2025	Phenotypic and Molecular Characterization of Nitrogen Responsive Genes in Sorghum, DOE , award#: SC0023138 (co-PI)
2022-2026	An emerging threat to US wheat exports: a rapid, integrated response through advanced diagnostics and regional management of Tilletia spp., USDA AFRI , award#: 1028266 (co-PI)
2021-2026	Dynamic mini-chromosomes: mechanisms of exchange, stability, and causation of fungal pathogen adaptation, NSF-NIFA/Plant-Biotic Interactions (PBI) , Co-funded by NSF and USDA ; NSF award#: 2011500 and USDA NIFA award#: 2021-09630 (PI)
2019-2023	Assessing Genome Alterations and Phenotypic Variations in CRISPR/Cas9-mediated Transgenic Tomato and Chemical-Mutagenized Tomato, AFRI-Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program, USDA NIFA , award#: 2019-33522-299986 (coPI)
2018-2023	Under the Hood: The Genetic Components of Maize Transformation, NSF Plant Genome Research Program (PGRP) , award#: 1741090 (PI)
2018-2023	Analyses of Bacterial Avirulence and Virulence Loci and Host Resistance of Maize Goss's Wilt, NSF-NIFA/Plant-Biotic Interactions (PBI) , award#: 2018-67013-28511 (PI)
2018-2023	Phase II IUCRC at Kansas State University: Center for Wheat Genetic Resources (WGRC), NSF/IUCRC , award#: 1822162 (Co-PI)
2018-2021	New Technology for Rapid Molecular Mapping and Deployment of Yellow Rust Resistance in Kansas Wheat, Kansas Wheat Commission , award#: BG5855 (PI)
2018-2021	RII Track-1: Microbiomes of Aquatic, Plant and Soil Systems Across Kansas, NSF , award#: 1656006, (Participant)
2016-2018	Improvement of Hard Winter Wheat for FHB Resistance, USDA, SCA (Co-PI)
2016-2017	Identification of Morphological Traits Correlated with Performance of Hybrid Corn under Drought Stress Through Time-lapse Imaging, Kansas Corn Commission , (PI)
2014-2015	Identification of trait-associated genetic markers with an efficient bulked strategy, Kansas Wheat Commission , award#: PP29738 (PI)
2014-2017	Transformative strategy for controlling rice disease in developing countries, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation , award#: 6-10570-01 (Co-PI)

HONORS

2025	KSU Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Research Award	<i>Manhattan, KS</i>
2010	Research Excellence Award, Iowa State University	<i>Ames, IA</i>
2004	Outstanding Young Professionals in Yangpu, Shanghai	<i>Shanghai, China</i>

Publication

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Peer-reviewed publications

1. G Lin, H Zheng, DH Koo, Z Wang, D Cook, B Valent, **S Liu**^{*}. 2024 Highly dynamic supernumerary mini-chromosomes in a *Magnaporthe oryzae* strain, **Fungal Genetics Biology**, 180:104020 (KAES#: 25-098-J)
2. H Cheng, JD Washburn, Y Hao, Z Zhang, J Yang, **S Liu**^{*}. 2024 Trait association and prediction through integrative k-mer analysis, **Plant Journal**, 120, 833–850 (KAES#: 22-114-J)
3. H Liu, O Adesina, R Bika, R Singh, M Jugulam, **S Liu**^{*}. 2024 Homotools: a suite of genomic tools for homologous retrieval and comparison. **Genomics Communications**, 1:e002 (KAES#: 25-016-J)
4. N Gyawali, Y Hao, G Lin, J Huang, R Bika, LC Daza, H Zheng, G Cruppe, D Caragea, D Cook, B Valent, **S Liu**^{*}. 2024 Using recurrent neural networks to detect supernumerary chromosomes in fungal strains causing blast diseases, **NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics**, 6:lqae108 (KAES#: 24-030-J)
5. E Cavalet-Giorsa, A González-Muñoz, N Athiyannan, S Holden, A Salhi, C Gardener, J Quiroz-Chávez, SM Rustamova, AF Elkot, M Patpour, A Rasheed, L Mao, ES Lagudah, SK Periyannan, A Sharon, A Himmelmach, JC Reif, M Knauff, M Mascher, N Stein, N Chayut, S Ghosh, D Perovic, A Putra, AB Perera, CY Hu, G Yu, HI Ahmed, KD Laquai, LF Rivera, R Chen, Y Wang, X Gao, **S Liu**, WJ Raupp, EL Olson, JY Lee, P Chhuneja, S Kaur, P Zhang, RF Park, Y Ding, DC Liu, W Li, FY Nasyrova, J Dvorak, M Abbasi, M Li, N Kumar, WB Meyer, WHP Boshoff, BJ Steffenson, O Matny, PK Sharma, VK Tiwari, S Grewal, CJ Pozniak, HS Chawla, J Ens, LT Dunning, JA Kolmer, GR Lazo, SS Xu, YQ Gu, X Xu, C Uauy, M Abrouk, S Bougouffa, GS Brar, BBH Wulff, SG Krattinger. 2024 Origin and evolution of the bread wheat D genome, **Nature**, 633, 848–855
6. P Zhang, J Huguet-Tapia, Z Peng, **S Liu**, K Obasa, AK Block, FF White. 2024 Genome analysis and hyphal movement characterization of the hitchhiker endohyphal *Enterobacter* sp. from *Rhizoctonia solani*, **Appl Environ Microbiol**, 90:e0224523
7. DK Weerasooriya, AY Bandara, **S Liu**, TT Tesso. 2024 RNA-seq unveils cross-talk among stress response mechanisms during leaf color transformation in ALS resistant sorghums, **Crops**, 4:348-365
8. A Kusmec, C Yeh; Genomes to Fields Initiative; PS Schnable. 2024 Data-driven identification of environmental variables influencing phenotypic plasticity to facilitate breeding for future climates, **New Phytologist**, 10.1111/nph.19937
9. **S Liu**^{*}, J Yang, Z Wu. 2024 Genomics Communications – an enabling platform to explore the boundless horizons, **Genomics Communications**, 1:e001
10. **S Liu**^{*}, G Lin, SR Ramachandran, G Cruppe, B Tembo, PK Singh, D Cook, KF Pedley, B Valent[&]. 2023 Rapid mini-chromosome divergence among fungal isolates causing wheat blast outbreaks in Bangladesh and Zambia, **New Phytologist**, 10.1111/nph.19402 (KAES#: 22-309-J)
11. Y Hao, Y Hu, J Jaqueth, J Lin, C He, G Lin, M Zhao, J Ren, TM Tamang, S Park, AE Robertson, FF White, J Fu, B Li, **S Liu**^{*}. 2023 Genetic and transcriptomic dissection of host defense to Goss's bacterial wilt and leaf blight of maize, **G3 Genes/Genomes/Genetics**, jkad197 (KAES#: 23-039-J)
12. MK Islam, ST Mummadi, **S Liu**, H Wei. 2023 Regulation of regeneration in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, **aBIOTECH**, 10.1007/s42994-023-00121-9
13. M Zhao^{*}, Z Peng^{*}, Y Qin^{*}, L Zhang, B Tian, Y Chen, Y Liu, G Lin, H Zheng, C He, K Lv, HN Trick, Y Liu, MJ Cho, S Park, H Wei, J Zheng, FF White[&], **S Liu**^{*}. 2023 Bacterium-enabled transient gene activation by artificial transcription factor for resolving gene regulation in maize, **Plant Cell**, koad155 (KAES#: 21-196-J)
14. X Cao, L Zhang, MK Islam, M Zhao, C He, K Zhang, **S Liu**, Q Sha, H Wei. 2023 TGPred: efficient methods for predicting target genes of a transcription factor by integrating statistics, machine learning and optimization, **NAR Genom Bioinform**, 5(3):lqad083
15. C Gu, R Han, C Liu, G Fang, Q Yuan, Z Zheng, Q Yu, J Jiang, **S Liu**, L Xie, H Wei, Q Zhang, G Liu. 2023 Heritable epigenetic modification of BpPIN1 is associated with leaf shapes in *Betula pendula*, **Tree Physiol**, tpad085
16. J Huang, **S Liu**, DE Cook. 2023 Dynamic genomes - mechanisms and consequences of genomic diversity impacting plant-fungal interactions, **Physiological and Molecular Plant Pathology**, 125:102006
17. DC Lima, AC Aviles, RT Alpers, BA McFarland, S Kaeppler, D Ertl, MC Romy, JL Gage, J Holland, T Beissinger, M Bohn, E Buckler, J Edwards, S Flint-Garcia, CN Hirsch, E Hood, DC Hooker, JE Knoll, JM Kolkman, S Liu, J

- McKay, R Minyo, DE Moreta, SC Murray, R Nelson, JC Schnable, RS Sekhon, MP Singh, P Thomison, A Thompson, M Tuinstra, J Wallace, JD Washburn, T Weldekidan, RJ Wisser, W Xu, N de Leon. 2023 2018-2019 field seasons of the maize Genomes to Fields (G2F) G x E project, **BMC Genom Data**, 24:29
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 19. SA Sprague, TM Tamang, T Steiner, Q Wu, Y Hu, T Kakeshpour, J Park, J Yang, Z Peng, B Bergkamp, I Somayanda, M Peterson, EO Garcia, Y Hao, PS Amand, G Bai, PA Nakata, I Rieu, DP Jackson, N Cheng, B Valent, KD Hirschi, SVK Jagadish, **S Liu**, FF White, S Park. 2022 Redox-engineering enhances maize thermotolerance and grain yield in the field, **Plant Biotechnol J**, 10.1111/pbi.13866
 20. G Lin, H Chen, B Tian, SK Sehgal, L Singh, J Xie, P Juliana, N Singh, N Rawat, S Shrestha, D Wilson, H Shult, H Lee, VK Tiwari, RP Singh, MJ Guttieri, HN Trick, J Poland, RL Bowden, G Bai, B Gill[&], **S Liu[&]**. 2022 Cloning of the broadly effective wheat leaf rust resistance gene *Lr42* Transferred from *Aegilops tauschii*, **Nat Commun**, 13:3044 (KAES#: 20-131-J)
 21. Y Wang, J Zhang, M Sun, C He, K Yu, B Zhao, R Li, J Li, Z Yang, X Wang, H Duan, J Fu, S Liu, X Zhang, J Zheng. 2021 Multi-omics analyses reveal systemic insights into maize vivipary, **Plants** (Basel), 10:2437
 22. G Shi, G Kariyawasam, **S Liu**, Y Leng, S Zhong, S Ali, P Moolhuijzen, CS Moffat, JB Rasmussen, TL Friesen, JD Faris, Z Liu. 2022 A conserved hypothetical gene is required but not sufficient for Ptr ToxC production in *Pyrenophora tritici-repentis*, **Mol Plant Microbe Interact**, MPMI12210299R
 23. G Lin, C He, J Zheng, DH Koo, H Le, H Zheng, TM Tamang, J Lin, Y Liu, M Zhao, Y Hao, F McFarland, B Wang, Y Qin, H Tang, DR McCarty, H Wei, MJ Cho, S Park, H Kaeppler, S Kaeppler, Y Liu, NM Springer, PS Schnable, G Wang, FF White, **S Liu[&]**. 2021 Chromosome-level Genome Assembly of a Regenerable Maize Inbred Line A188, **Genome biology**, 22:175 (KAES#: 21-040-J)
 24. J Hong, C Gunasekara, C He, **S Liu**, J Huang, H Wei. 2021 Identification of biological pathway and process regulators using sparse partial least squares and triple-gene mutual interaction, **Scientific Reports**, 11:13174
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 27. W Deng, K Zhang, C He, **S Liu**, H Wei. 2021 HB-PLS: A statistical method for identifying biological process or pathway regulators by integrating Huber loss and Berhu penalty with partial least squares regression, **Forestry Research**, 1:6
 28. C He, G Lin, H Wei, H Tang, FF White, B Valent, **S Liu[&]**. 2020 Factorial estimating assembly base errors using k-mer abundance difference (KAD) between short reads and genome assembled sequences, **NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics**, 2:lqaa075 (KAES#: 20-209-J)
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Resistance to a 4-Hydroxyphenylpyruvate Dioxygenase Inhibitor in Sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor*), *Frontiers in plant science*, 11:1890

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36. V Yadav, F Yang, MH Reza, **S Liu**, B Valent, K Sanyal, NI Naqvi. 2019 Cellular Dynamics and Genomic Identity of Centromeres in Cereal Blast Fungus, *mBio*, 10:e01581-19
37. Z Peng, Y Hu, J Zhang, JC Hugueta-Tapia, AK Block, S Park, S Sapkota, Z Liu, **S Liu**, FF White. 2019 *Xanthomonas translucens* commandeers the host rate-limiting step in ABA biosynthesis for disease susceptibility. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 116:20938–20946
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44. **S Liu^{*}**, JC Schnable^{*}, A Ott, CT Yeh, NM Springer, J Yu, G Muehlbauer, MCP Timmermans, MJ Scanlon, PS Schnable, 2018 Intragenic meiotic crossovers generate novel alleles with transgressive expression levels, *Mol Bio Evol*, 35:2762–2772
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Invited talks

1. Exploring a maize pathogen as a genetic tool and decoding genomes of pathogens causing blast diseases in cereals, Feb 2024, Genetics of Maize Microbe Interactions Workshop, NC, US

2. Artificial gene regulation in plants and supernumerary chromosomes of fungal pathogens causing blast diseases in crops, Jan 2024, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, US
3. Exploring a maize pathogen as a genetic tool for host gene regulation, Jan 2024, Plants & Animals Genomics, San Diego, CA, US
4. Exploring a maize pathogen as a genetic tool and decoding genomes of pathogens causing blast diseases in cereals, Jan 2024, Fujian Agricultural and Forest University, Fuzhou, China
5. Artificial regulation of gene expression and k-mer GWAS in maize, Dec 2023, Maritime Silk Road International Conference, Nanning, China
6. Exploring a pathogen as a genetic tool and k-mer GWAS in maize, The 7th Yellow River International Forum, Dec 2023, Zhengzhou, China
7. Exploring a maize pathogen as a genetic tool and decoding genomes of wheat blast pathogens, Oct 2023, University of Florida, FL, US
8. Navigating genomes of plants and pathogens for trait implications and evolution, Sep 2023, Kansas State University, KS, US
9. Genetic Dissection of Host Resistance of Goss's Wilt of Maize, July 2023, IS-MPMI, RI, US
10. Genetic Dissection of Bacterial Virulence and Host Resistance of Goss's Wilt of Maize, May 2023, GMMI, Zoom
11. Revealing Gene Regulation of Cuticular Wax Biosynthesis Using Artificial Transcription Factors, Apr 2022, Maize Genetics Meeting, St. Louis, MO, US
12. Genetic and Genomic Exploration of Maize, Wheat, and Pathogens, Jan 2022, University of Missouri, MO, US
13. Bacterium-Enabled Gene Activation by Artificial Transcription Factor for Resolving Gene Regulation in Maize, Mar 2021, EPSCoR annual online meeting
14. Long-read A188 maize genome assembly and short-mer guided error estimation, Jan 2020, Plants & Animals Genomics, San Diego, CA, US
15. Genetic Dissection of Disease Resistance to Goss's Wilt in Maize, Jan 2019, Plants & Animals Genomics, San Diego, CA, US
16. Cloning of wheat leaf rust resistance gene Lr42, Jan 2019, Plants & Animals Genomics, San Diego, CA, US
17. Genomic Exploration of Plant Pathogens and Host Resistance, Oct 2018, UNL, NE, US
18. Genome Technologies for Enhancing Plant Disease Resistance, Nov 2018, BAE KSU, KS, US
19. Genome Assembly of the Wheat Blast Fungus, Jan 2018, Plants & Animals Genomics, San Diego, CA, US
20. Efficient Mapping Approaches to Identify Trait-associated Genomic Variation, June 2017, Northeast Forestry University, Harbin, China
21. Efficient Bulk Approaches to Map Trait-associated Genomic Variation, May 2017, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, Fujian, China
22. Map Trait-associated Genomic Variation Through Next-Generation Sequencing, April 2017, Colorado State University, CO, US
23. Genetic Dissection of Disease Resistance via Analysis of Extreme Phenotype Copy Number Variation, March 2017, 2017 Corn Breeding Research Meeting, St. Louis, US
24. Identification of Trait-associated Genomic Variation in Plants Through Next-Generation Sequencing, March 2016, University of Florida, FL, US
25. Discovery of Structural Variation and Identification of Trait-associated Variation in Maize, Dec 2014, University of South Dakota, SD, US
26. Great Needs for Statistical Approaches in Genomics, Sept 2014, Department of Statistics, Kansas State University, KS, US
27. Applications of NGS-based Genotyping Tools to Facilitate Research in Genomics and Genetics, July 2014, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China
28. Tunable Genotyping-By-Sequencing, Jan 2014, Plants & Animals Genomics, San Diego, CA, US
29. Discovery of Structural Variation and Trait-associated Variation in Maize, Mar 2013, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, US

30. Discovery of Structural Variation and Trait-associated Variation in Maize, Feb 2013, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, US
31. SeqWalking, a Fast and Efficient Genome Walking Approach to Facilitate Gene Cloning, Jan 2013, Plants & Animals Genomics, San Diego, CA, US
32. Gene Mapping via Bulk Segregant RNA-Seq (BSR-Seq), Mar 2012, The 54th Maize Genetics Conference, Portland, OR, US
33. Application of Next-gen Sequencing in Finding Trait-associated Genomic Variation, Sept 2011, The 19th Beijing Seed Congress, Beijing, China
34. Applying NGS in Plant Genetics and Genomics, May 2011, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China
35. Application Examples of Next-gen Sequencing in Plant Genetic Research, Jan 2011, China Agriculture University, Beijing, China
36. Recurrent de novo Copy Number Variation Generated via Segregation of Non-allelic Homologs, Mar 2011, The 53th Maize Genetics Conference, St. Charles, IL, US

Services

2022, 2023	Committee for the K-State Sarachek Award
2022-present	Admission Committee of the Genetics Program at KSU
2021-present	Scientific Advisor for the NSF project "Genomics of the perennial/annual dichotomy in the grass tribe <i>Triticeae</i> "
2020-present	Departmental Committee on Planning
2020-2022	Departmental Graduate student scholarship committee
2018-2021	University Graduate Council at KSU
2018-present	Editorial Board member for Crop Journal
2017-2021	Editorial Board member for Scientific Reports

Affiliations

- Interdepartmental Genetics Program, Faculty
- Member of AAAS
- Member of GSA
- Member of Sigma Xi

Training workshops

2008	Analysis of Genetic Data on Related Individual, Summer Institute of Biostatistics	<i>UW</i>
2008	QTL mapping, Summer Institute of Biostatistics	<i>UW</i>
2011	Gene Expression Profiling, Summer Institute of Biostatistics	<i>UW</i>
2012	Statistical Methods for Genome-enabled Selection	<i>ISU</i>
2012	R Programming, Iowa State University	<i>ISU</i>

Outreach

2009	Judge in State Science + Technology Fair	<i>ISU</i>
2010	Plant Germplasm&Genomics Outreach to American Indian	<i>ISU</i>
2016	Kids-day-on-the-farm event	<i>KSU</i>