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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Massachusetts Institute of Technology — **Cambridge, MA**
Ph.D. Student in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) | GPA 5.0/5.0 — Aug. 2022-present
Advised by Prof. Tommi Jaakkola

Tsinghua University — **Beijing, China**
Bachelor of Economics, Minor in Data Science and Technology | GPA 3.99/4.0 (Ranking 1/192) — Sep. 2018-Jun. 2022
Advised by Prof. Mingsheng Long, Prof. Mengdi Wang, and Prof. Cyrus Shahabi

University of California, Berkeley — **Berkeley, CA**
Exchange Student, Department of Statistics (Instructed by Prof. Noureddine El Karoui) | GPA 4.0/4.0 — Jan. 2021-Jun. 2021

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests lie broadly in machine learning, representation learning, generative models, and AI for science. Recently my research focuses on multi-modal representation learning, diffusion generative models, and controlled generation, with applications to biology and drug discovery.

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

(: Equal Contribution)* — Google Scholar

- **Chenyu Wang***, Masatoshi Uehara*, Yichun He, Amy Wang, Tommaso Biancalani, Avantika Lal, Tommi Jaakkola, Sergey Levine, Hanchen Wang, Aviv Regev. Fine-Tuning Discrete Diffusion Models via Reward Optimization with Applications to DNA and Protein Design. In *NeurIPS 2024 Workshop on Machine Learning in Structural Biology*. [link]
- **Chenyu Wang***, Sharut Gupta*, Xinyi Zhang, Sana Tonekaboni, Stefanie Jegelka, Tommi Jaakkola, Caroline Uhler. An Information Criterion for Controlled Disentanglement of Multimodal Data. In *NeurIPS 2024 Workshop on Unifying Representations in Neural Models*. [link]
- Xiner Li, Yulai Zhao, **Chenyu Wang**, Gabriele Scalia, Gokcen Eraslan, Surag Nair, Tommaso Biancalani, Aviv Regev, Sergey Levine, Masatoshi Uehara. Derivative-Free Guidance in Continuous and Discrete Diffusion Models with Soft Value-Based Decoding. In *NeurIPS 2024 Workshop on AI for New Drug Modalities*. [link]
- Sharut Gupta*, **Chenyu Wang***, Yifei Wang*, Tommi Jaakkola, Stefanie Jegelka. In-Context Symmetries: Self-Supervised Learning through Contextual World Models. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems,* ***NeurIPS 2024***. [link]
- Hannes Stark*, Bowen Jing*, **Chenyu Wang**, Gabriele Corso, Bonnie Berger, Regina Barzilay, Tommi Jaakkola. Dirichlet Flow Matching with Applications to DNA Sequence Design. In *International Conference on Machine Learning****, ICML 2024***. [link]
- **Chenyu Wang**, Sharut Gupta, Caroline Uhler, Tommi S. Jaakkola. Removing Biases from Molecular Representations via Information Maximization. In *International Conference on Learning Representations,* ***ICLR 2024***. [link]
- **Chenyu Wang***, Joseph Kim*, Le Cong, Mengdi Wang. Neural Bandits for Protein Sequence Optimization. In *56th Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems,* ***CISS 2022***. [link]
- **Chenyu Wang***, Zongyu Lin*, Xiaochen Yang, Jiao Sun, Mingxuan Yue, Cyrus Shahabi. HAGEN: Homophily-Aware Graph Convolutional Recurrent Network for Crime Forecasting. In *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence,* ***AAAI 2022***. **(Oral Presentation.)** [link]
- Yang Shu*, Zhangjie Cao*, **Chenyu Wang**, Jianmin Wang, Mingsheng Long. Open Domain Generalization with Domain-augmented Meta-learning. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition,* ***CVPR 2021***. [link]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Representation Learning and Generative Models with Applications to Biology — **Cambridge, MA**

Advised by Prof. Tommi Jaakkola, MIT EECS Aug. 2022-present

Tree-Based Neural Bandits for High-Value Protein Design **Princeton, NJ**

Advised by Prof. Mengdi Wang, Department of Electrical Engineering, Princeton University Jun. 2021-Dec. 2021

Homophily-Aware Graph Convolutional Recurrent Network for Crime Forecasting **Los Angeles, CA**

Advised by Prof. Cyrus Shahabi, Department of Computer Science, USC Jan. 2021-Jun. 2021

Open Domain Generalization with Domain-Augmented Meta-Learning **Beijing, China**

Advised by Prof. Mingsheng Long, School of Software, Tsinghua University Sept. 2020-Nov. 2020

Understanding Chinese Bond Yield Curve: Excess Return Prediction **Beijing, China**

Advised by Prof. Hao Wang, SEM, Tsinghua Jun. 2020-Aug. 2020

HONORS & AWARDS

- **MIT EECS Great Educators Fellowship**, 2022
- **Outstanding Undergraduate in Tsinghua** (2% in Tsinghua), 2022
- Outstanding Undergraduate in Beijing, 2022
- **Chen Daisun Schorlarship** (3 in Tsinghua SEM), 2022
- Undergraduate Commencement Student Speaker of Tsinghua SEM, 2022
- Meritorious Winner in MCM/ICM Mathematical Contest in Modelling, 2021
- Chen Xiaoyue Scholarship, 2021
- Tang Lixin Scholarship (50 in Tsinghua), 2020
- **National Scholarship** (0.2% in China), 2019
- Athletics Excellence Scholarship of Tsinghua, 2019
- First Class Scholarship for Freshmen of Tsinghua, 2018
- **Gold medalist of 50th International Chemistry Olympiad** (4 in China, 6th place in the world), 2018
- Silver medalist of 15th China Girl's Mathematical Olympiad (50 in China), 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

Genentech **South San Francisco**

Research Intern in Dr. Aviv Regev's Lab May 2024-Aug. 2024

Jane Street Asia Limited **Hong Kong**

Quantitative Trading Intern (Return offer extended) Jun. 2021-Sept. 2021

WizardQuant Capital Management **Zhuhai, China**

Quantitative Research Intern, Quantitative Research Department Jun. 2020-Aug. 2020

Techsharpe Quant Capital Management **Beijing, China**

Data Analyst Intern, Trading Department Jan. 2020-Feb. 2020

SERVICES

- Reviewer: ICLR 2025, NeurIPS 2024, PLOS Computational Biology

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

- Team Leader, Meritorious Winner in 2021 MCM/ICM Mathematical Contest in Modelling. Feb. 2021
- Co-president, Banking & Investment Mentor Program (A 10-year global non-profit organization). Feb. 2021-Feb. 2022
- Director of Department of Sports, Student Union of Tsinghua SEM. Mar. 2019-Sept. 2020

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- **Languages:** English (Proficient; TOEFL: 110/120); Mandarin (Native)
- **Technical Skills:** Python/C++/Matlab; Deep learning framework: PyTorch, Tensorflow; Basic knowledge of SQL and Linux.
- **Interests:** Sports (1st place in 4*400m; member of SEM basketball and soccer team), Chinese Zither (Amateur Certificate 9)