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EDUCATION

Karolinska Institute, Stockholm University	Sweden
Joint Master's Programme in Health Informatics	2024-2026 (expected)
Awards: The Swedish Institute Scholarship for Global Professionals	
The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Bachelor of Sc. in Artificial Intelligence: Systems and Technologies (GPA: 3.29 / 4.00)	2020-2024
Awards: Second class upper division with Honours, Belt and Road Scholarship	
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Quantum College	Armenia
Total points: 37/45	2018-2020
Subjects: Mathematics, Computer Science, ITGS, Armenian, Economics, English HL.	

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Exploring the Enteric Nervous System (ENS) through Single-Cell Transcriptomics	2025
Main objective of the research is to find regulatory mechanisms in embryonic ENS, by exploring spatio-temporal differences for ENS cells, namely progenitors, neuroblasts and SCPs between regions and timepoints.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Finetuned various foundation models (scGPT, cell2sentence) with custom learning objectives to create region and timepoint classifiers.Utilized the classifiers to simulate in-silico perturbation of various candidate genes and the attention architecture to study gene-to-gene relations.Applied SCENIC to infer gene regulatory networks and identify transcription factor motifs, though database-derived predictions produced many false positives. As a next step, we plan to integrate scATAC-seq data from our lab to improve motif detection together with conventional cell fate prediction models like RegVelo to improve in-silico perturbation predictions.	
Biopsy QR Code Management System	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed biopsy management system for Freiburg's medical center.	
Benchmarking Single Cell Foundation Models (FM) for Retrieval	2024-2025
Benchmarking traditional methods and FMs across diverse biological tasks.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Benchmarked retrieval accuracy, diversity, biomarker identification, and novel cell type detection across multiple platforms, species, and technologies.Evaluated and compared traditional methods with foundation models (scGPT, Geneformer, scMulan, UCE, SCimilarity, scFoundation), designing benchmarks for complex scenarios with ambiguous or incomplete ground truth.	
Prediction of Cellular Morphology with Image-to-image Translation Models	2023-2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To benchmark MorphDiff established baseline using the DMIT and DRIT++ models.Adapted the model architectures to process 5 channel cellular morphology imaging data.	
Internship at Centre for Perceptual and Interactive Intelligence (CPII)	2023
AI research company targeting sectors of healthcare, urban services, and reindustrialization	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a prototype for speech-based interaction with LLMs without relying on ASR or TTS.Utilized speech representations from Hubert pretrained model to finetune LLAMA.	
Internship at ONEFi (iPYGG)	2022
Fintech company aiming to connect Asia-Pacific banking into a single application.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed ML models for transaction classification and description summarization.	

PREPRINTS AND JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Prediction of Cellular Morphology Change Under Perturbations with Transcriptome Guided Diffusion Model [\[paper\]](#)

2025

Xuesong Wang, Yimin Fan, Yucheng Guo, Chenghao Fu, Kinhei Lee, [Khachatur Dallakyan](#), Yaxuan Li, Qijin Yin, Yu Li, and Le Song

SCMBench: Benchmarking Domain-specific and Foundation Models for Single-cell Multi-omics Data Integration [\[preprint\]](#)

2025

Yixuan Wang, Yimin Fan, Xuesong Wang, Tingyang Yu, Yongshuo Zong, Xinyuan Liu, Meitong Liu, Qing Li, Kin hei Lee, [Khachatur Dallakyan](#), Junjie Huang, Gengjie Jia, Jiao Yuan, Ting-Fung Chan, Xin Gao, Irwin King, Yu Li

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Videogame modding

2024

- Modified WW2 videogame resource trading algorithm for AI to prioritize historical allies and trade partners.

Armenian Red Cross Society (ARCS)

2019-2020

- Volunteered as part of the “Social Support and Health Care” team.

Global Innovation Forum

2019

- Volunteered for GIF during Aurora Humanitarian Initiative
- Helped to organize a talk about the scientific computing framework Torch and its use cases.

Competitive programming

2017-2019

- Codeforces: <https://codeforces.com/profile/khachdallak>
- Developed and tested competitive programming problems for Armenian SPOJ: <https://am.spoj.com/problems/TIGRANMEC/>

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Swedish Institute Scholarship for Global Professionals

2024

- Awarded for demonstrated academic excellence and strong leadership potential.

CUHK Data Hack 2024

2024

- Champion team during the Data Solutions for Social Good Hackathon.
- Implemented random forest algorithm for early detection and prevention of drug abuse.

“Belt and Road” scholarship

2020

- Scholarship for outstanding new students from the Belt and Road Region countries.

“Best student” state prize

2018

- Republic of Armenia State Prize in Information Technologies.

“Algorithmization Methods” Programming Contest

2017

- Second and third places (top 0.5%) in Autumn and Winter Cup contests respectively.