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Education

6/2026	California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, CA
(expected)	<i>B.S. in Computer Science & Minor in Robotics</i>	
	Advisors: Prof. Steven Low & Prof. Günter Niemeyer.	
	GPA: 4.2/4.0 (some courses occasionally offer A+ grade = 4.3)	

Research Interests

My research focuses on **LLM reasoning**, **agentic AI**, and **neuro-symbolic AI**. I aim to advance intelligent agents capable of rigorous reasoning by combining the strengths of neural and symbolic paradigms, with one central theme and two adjacent directions:

- **Central theme:** Integrating LLM reasoning, agentic AI, and neuro-symbolic methods by combining *neural* models (LLMs) with *symbolic* systems (e.g., Lean) to advance LLM-based agents for formal reasoning in mathematics and code.
- **Broader LLM reasoning:** Extending from formal to informal reasoning, exploring how LLMs can better handle reasoning in natural language contexts, informed by *cognitive science* principles and studies of *human-like reasoning* processes.
- **Broader neuro-symbolic AI:** Applying neuro-symbolic approaches to broader AI challenges beyond formal reasoning, including the design of energy-efficient machine learning systems.

Research Experience

6/2025 – Present	University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
	<i>Researcher @ Berkeley AI Research (BAIR) Lab and Sunblaze Group</i>	
	Advisors: Prof. Dawn Song (UCB), Dr. Jingxuan He (UCB)	
	Directions: Verifiable Code Agents, Generalizable LLM Reasoning	
6/2024 – Present	Stanford University	Palo Alto, CA
	<i>Researcher @ Stanford AI Lab (SAIL) and Computation & Cognition Lab</i>	
	Advisors: Prof. Noah Goodman (Stanford), Dr. Gabriel Poesia (Harvard)	
	Directions: AI-Assisted Formal Conjecturing, Cognition-Inspired LLM Reasoning	
2/2023 – 2/2025	California Institute of Technology	Pasadena, CA
	<i>Research Fellow @ Anima AI+Science Lab</i>	

Advisors: Prof. Anima Anandkumar (Caltech), Dr. Kaiyu Yang (Meta)
Directions: Neural Theorem Proving, Prover Agents, Neuro-Symbolic Reasoning

11/2022 – 6/2024 **University of California, Santa Barbara** Santa Barbara, CA
Researcher @ Computer Architecture Lab (ArchLab)
Advisors: Prof. Timothy Sherwood (UCSB), Dr. Jeremy Lau (Google)
Directions: Energy-Efficient ML Systems, Temporal Logic, Neuro-Symbolic AI

Selected Publications & Preprints

Refereed Publications

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| NeuS 2025 | Lean Copilot: Large Language Models as Copilots for Theorem Proving in Lean
<u>Peiyang Song</u> , Kaiyu Yang, Anima Anandkumar
<i>Proceedings of the International Conference on Neuro-symbolic Systems, PMLR 288:144-169, 2025, 1.2k+ stars on Github, ranking 2nd after Mathlib4 among all Lean projects</i> |
| IEEE Micro 2025 | Delay Space Arithmetic and Architecture
<u>Rhys Gretschen</u> , <u>Peiyang Song</u> , Advait Madhavan, Jeremy Lau, Timothy Sherwood
<i>IEEE Micro 45, NO. 04 (2025): 87-94, Top Pick Award</i> |
| ICLR 2025 | LeanAgent: Lifelong Learning for Formal Theorem Proving
Adarsh Kumarappan*, Mo Tiwari*, <u>Peiyang Song</u> , Robert Joseph George, Chaowei Xiao, Anima Anandkumar
<i>International Conference on Representation Learning, ICLR 73525-73564, 2025</i> |
| TMLR 2025 | LeanProgress: Guiding Search for Neural Theorem Proving via Proof Progress Prediction
Suozhi Huang, <u>Peiyang Song</u> , Robert Joseph George, Anima Anandkumar
<i>Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), 2025</i> |
| EMNLP 2024 | In-Context Learning May Not Elicit Trustworthy Reasoning: A-Not-B Errors in Pretrained Language Models
Pengrui Han*, <u>Peiyang Song</u> *, Haofei Yu, Jiaxuan You (* Equal Contribution)
<i>Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2024, pp. 5624-5643. 2024</i> |
| EMNLP 2024 | Creative and Context-Aware Translation of East Asian Idioms with GPT-4
Kenan Tang*, <u>Peiyang Song</u> *, Yao Qin, Xifeng Yan (* Equal Contribution) |

Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2024, pp. 9285-9305. 2024

ASPLOS 2024 Energy Efficient Convolution with Temporal Arithmetic

Rhys Gretsche, Peiyang Song, Advait Madhavan, Jeremy Lau, Timothy Sherwood
Proceedings of the 29th ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems, Volume 2, pp. 354-368. 2024

NeurIPS 2023 LeanDojo: Theorem Proving with Retrieval-Augmented Language Models

Kaiyu Yang, Aidan Swope, Alex Gu, Rahul Chalamala, Peiyang Song, Shixing Yu, Saad Godil, Ryan Prenger, Anima Anandkumar
Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 36 (2023): 21573-21612, Oral Presentation

Preprints

Preprint A Survey on Large Language Model Reasoning Failures

Peiyang Song*, Pengrui Han*, Noah Goodman (* Equal Contribution)
ICML AI for Math (AI4MATH) Workshop, 2025

Preprint AI Impact on Human Proof Formalization Workflows

Katherine M. Collins*, Simon Frieder*, Jonas Bayer, Jacob Loader, Jeck Lim, Peiyang Song, Fabian Zasier, Lexin Zhou, Shanda Li, Shi-Zhuo Looi, Jose Hernandez-Orallo, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, Cameron Freer, Umang Bhatt, Adrian Weller, Valerie Chen†, Ilia Sucholutsky† (* Equal Contribution, † Equal Advising)
NeurIPS Workshop on Mathematical Reasoning and AI (MATH-AI), 2025

Preprint The Personality Illusion: Revealing Dissociation Between Self-Reports & Behavior in LLMs

Pengrui Han*, Rafal D. Kocielnik*, Peiyang Song, Ramit Debnath, Dean Mobbs, Anima Anandkumar, R. Michael Alvarez
NeurIPS LAW Workshop: Bridging Language, Agent, and World Models, 2025, Oral Presentation; NeurIPS Workshop on LLM Persona Modeling, 2025, Oral Presentation

Preprint Energy-Aware Temporal Function Approximation

Peiyang Song, Rhys Gretsche, Jeremy Lau, and Timothy Sherwood
In Submission, Manuscript Available upon Request

Selected Awards

10/2025 Caltech FCC Appreciation Award

In recognition of outstanding service in mentoring first-year Caltech students

5/2025 **ICLR Notable Reviewer Award**

In recognition of outstanding reviewer work at ICLR 2025

4/2025 **George W. Housner Student Discovery Fund**

For the Lean Copilot paper

2/2025 **IEEE Micro Top Pick Award**

For the Delay Space Arithmetic and Architecture paper

8/2023 **Early Research Scholarship**

In recognition of research work done in early undergraduate study

4/2023 **Caltech SURF Award**

For the LeanDojo and Lean Copilot papers

Selected Media

2025 **Researchers Discover “Personality Illusion” to Reveal a Profound Disconnect Between Language and Behavior in LLMs**

MIT Technology Review China

2024 **Mathematicians’ Newest Assistants Are Artificially Intelligent**

Scientific American

2024 **LeanAgent: The First Life-Long Learning Agent for Formal Theorem Proving in Lean**

MarkTechPost

2024 **Lean Copilot: An AI Tool That Allows Large Language Models (LLMs) to Be Used in Lean for Proof Automation**

MarkTechPost

2023 **Can LLMs Generate Mathematical Proofs That Can Be Rigorously Checked?**

MarkTechPost

Invited Talks & Tutorials

LLM Reasoning for Math and Code

10/2025 Carnegie Mellon University L3 Lab

Tutorial: Neuro-Symbolic Theorem Proving with Lean

9/2024 3rd Neuro-Symbolic AI Summer School (NSSS)

Towards An AI Mathematician

- 12/2023 UC Santa Barbara NLP Lab
- 11/2023 CCS Research & Creative Activities Conference (RACA-CON)
- 8/2023 Caltech SURF Seminar Day

Teaching Experience

- Winter 2026 **ME/CS/EE 133B: Robotics – Planning**
Teaching Assistant @ *California Institute of Technology*
- Fall 2025 **ME/CS/EE 133A: Robotics – Kinematics**
Teaching Assistant @ *California Institute of Technology*

Academic Services

- Reviewer** Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
Association for Computational Linguistics Rolling Review (ARR)
Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)
International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP)
Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL)

NeurIPS Mathematical Reasoning and AI (MATH-AI) Workshop
NeurIPS Workshop on Deep Learning for Code (DL4C)
NeurIPS Workshop on Behavioral Machine Learning
ICLR VerifAI: AI Verification in the Wild Workshop
ICLR Workshop on Representational Alignment (Re-Align)
ICML AI for Math (AI4MATH) Workshop
ICML Workshop on LLMs and Cognition (LLM-Cognition)
ICML Workshop on Assessing World Models
ICML Workshop on Models of Human Feedback for AI Alignment (MoFA)

- Organizing Staff** Agentic AI Summit 2025 @ UC Berkeley

On-Campus Services & Appointments

- Caltech** Admissions Ambassador @ Caltech Undergraduate Admissions Office
First-Year Caltech Connector (FCC) @ Student & Family Engagement Office

Languages

Programming Python, C++, Lean 4, Java, C, PASCAL, Rocq, OCaml, C#

Natural English (TOEFL 117/120), Chinese (Native)