# Evgenii Zheltonozhskii

## Skills and expertise

Research interests Topological phases and topological quantum computing; deep and self-supervised learning for physics

 $Software\ development \quad Python,\ modern\ C++,\ Julia,\ Linux,\ Leading Linux$ 

Frameworks PyTorch, Qiskit, Hugging Face Transformers, PyTorch3D, TensorFlow

Deep learning Since 2017, co-authored 20 papers and preprints in multiple fields of deep learning, including top-tier venues (CVPR, JMLR). Wide knowledge of current trends in deep learning.

#### Education

2022 - present **PhD in Physics**, *Technion - Israel Institute of Technology*, Haifa.

- Thesis topic: "Topological Quantum Computing Beyond Majorana Fermions", advised by Prof. Netanel Lindner:
- $\circ$  Research in theoretical condensed matter: strongly correlated phases, interfaces in 2D systems (fractional quantum Hall, Kitaev spin liquid, p+ip superconductors);
- o Adams fellow;
- Teaching experience: "Solid State Physics".
- 2020 2021 MSc in Computer Science, Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Cum Laude.
  - Thesis: "Reducing Supervision in Visual Recognition Tasks", advised by Prof. Alex Bronstein, Prof. Avi Mendelson, and Dr. Chaim Baskin;
  - Teaching experience: "Advanced Topics in Deep Learning", "Deep Learning on Computational Accelerators", "Intro to Machine Learning", Deep Learning seminar organization;
  - Advising experience: advised research projects on computer vision;
  - Reviewer for T-PAMI, CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, WACV;
  - CS dean excellence scholarship recipient.
- 2016 2020 **BSc in Computer Science and BSc in Physics and Mathematics**, *Technion Israel Institute of Technology*, Haifa, GPA *92.00*, Cum Laude.
  - Participant of Rothschild Technion Program for Excellence:
  - o ICPC semifinals (SWERC): 2018 honorable mention, 2019 bronze medal (11<sup>th</sup> place).
- Summer 2023 Princeton Summer School on Condensed Matter Physics, Princeton.
- Summer 2022 Topological Matter School, San Sebastian.
- Summer 2018 **DeepBayes**, Summer school on Bayesian methods in deep learning.

### Projects and open source contribution

2022 **QHack 2022 Hackathon**, "Barren plateau inhabitants", 2nd place at IBM Qiskit Challenge, 1st place Google Quantum Al Research Challenge.

Simulation of anyons within the toric code model.

2019 - 2020 **TensorFlow**.

Implemented differentiable eigendecomposition of general matrices for TensorFlow.

2016 – 2018 **tiny-dnn**.

 $\label{lem:maintainer} \mbox{Maintainer of tiny-dnn: header only, dependency-free deep learning framework in $C++14$.}$ 

### Industrial Experience

- Fall 2020 Research Intern, Snap Research, Los Angeles (remote), Creative vision group.
  - Hosts: Sergey Tulyakov and Olly Woodford;
  - Researched 3D shape reconstruction by training on the dataset of single 2D views;
  - o Implemented systems for dense and sparse 3D shape reconstruction from scratch with PyTorch3D.
- 2016 2020 Research Assistant, Technion, Haifa, Professor Alex Bronstein's group.
  - Investigated compression methods and their impact on DNN performance;
  - o Implemented and reproduced the latest DL algorithms and papers.
- Summer 2017 Google Summer of Code Participant, OpenCV.

GPU enabled deep learning framework: introducing GPU support for tiny-dnn, C++14 header-only deep learning library

#### Publications

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- [2] Raymond Li et al. "StarCoder: may the source be with you!" In: arXiv pre-print (May 2023). arXiv: 2305.06161 [cs.CL].
- [3] Tom Avrech, Evgenii Zheltonozhskii, Chaim Baskin, and Ehud Rivlin. "GoToNet: Fast Monocular Scene Exposure and Exploration". In: Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems 105.3 (July 2022), p. 65. DOI: 10.1007/s10846-022-01646-9. URL: https://doi.org/10.1007/s10846-022-01646-9.
- [4] Aarohi Srivastava et al. "Beyond the Imitation Game: Quantifying and extrapolating the capabilities of language models". In: *Transactions on Machine Learning Research* (Apr. 2023). ISSN: 2835-8856. URL: https://openreview.net/forum?id=uyTL5Bvosj.
- [5] Maxim Fishman, Chaim Baskin, **Evgenii Zheltonozhskii**, Ron Banner, and Avi Mendelson. "On Recoverability of Graph Neural Network Representations". In: arXiv pre-print (Jan. 2022). URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.12843.
- [6] Adam Botach, Evgenii Zheltonozhskii, and Chaim Baskin. "End-to-End Referring Video Object Segmentation with Multimodal Transformers". In: IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR). June 2022. URL: https://openaccess.thecvf.com/content/CVPR2022/html/Botach\_End-to-End\_Referring\_Video\_Object\_Segmentation\_With\_Multimodal\_Transformers\_CVPR\_2022\_paper.html.
- [7] Evgenii Zheltonozhskii, Chaim Baskin, Avi Mendelson, Alex M. Bronstein, and Or Litany. "Contrast to Divide: Self-Supervised Pre-Training for Learning with Noisy Labels". In: IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV). Jan. 2022, pp. 1657–1667. URL: https://openaccess.thecvf.com/content/WACV2022/html/Zheltonozhskii\_Contrast\_To\_Divide\_Self-Supervised\_Pre-Training\_for\_Learning\_With\_Noisy\_Labels\_WACV\_2022\_paper.html.
- [8] Ameen Ali, Tomer Galanti, **Evgenii Zheltonozhskii**, Chaim Baskin, and Lior Wolf. "Weakly Supervised Recovery of Semantic Attributes". In: First Conference on Causal Learning and Reasoning. Apr. 2022. URL: https://openreview.net/forum?id=GdAzRedTV7J.
- [9] Ben Finkelshtein, Chaim Baskin, Evgenii Zheltonozhskii, and Uri Alon. "Single-node attacks for fooling graph neural networks". In: Neurocomputing 513 (Nov. 2022), pp. 1-12. ISSN: 0925-2312. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neucom.2022.09.115. URL: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0925231222012012.
- [10] **Evgenii Zheltonozhskii**, Chaim Baskin, Alex M. Bronstein, and Avi Mendelson. "Self-Supervised Learning for Large-Scale Unsupervised Image Clustering". In: *NeurIPS Self-Supervised Learning Workshop* (Aug. 2020). URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.10312.
- [11] Alex Karbachevsky, Chaim Baskin, **Evgenii Zheltonozhskii**\*, Yevgeny Yermolin, Freddy Gabbay, Alex M. Bronstein, and Avi Mendelson. "Early-Stage Neural Network Hardware Performance Analysis". In: *Sustainability* 13.2 (Jan. 2021): *Energy-Efficient Computing Systems for Deep Learning*. Ed. by José Cano, José L. Abellán, and David Kaeli, p. 717. ISSN: 2071-1050. DOI: 10.3390/su13020717. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/su13020717.
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