

# XIUGE CHEN

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## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Master of Science (Computer Science) - University of Melbourne, Australia** **2018.07 - NOW**

- GPA: H1 or 91/100

**Bachelor of Science (Biological Science) - Nanjing University, China** **2014.09 - 2018.06**

- Minor in Finance
  - GPA: 4.52/5.00 or 3.81/4.00 or 90/100
  - Rank: top 10%
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant - University of Melbourne, Australia** **2020.07 - NOW**

Research project: *Detecting Cognitive Biases with Biophysical Sensors to Battle Misinformation*

**Tutor / Demonstrator - University of Melbourne, Australia** **2019.02 - NOW**

Subjects: Database Systems (INFO20003), Computer Systems (COMP30023),  
Declarative Programming (COMP90048)

**Software Engineer Intern - Optiver, Australia** **2019.11 - 2020.02**

- Develop low-latency systems that supports daily trading and research, including fetching data from market link, data verification, and feeding data to downstream auto-trading bots.
- Participate in D1 auto-trading competition with other interns and win the first place in stress tests.
- Key skills: C++, Python, low-latency systems, Linux/Unix, Git, Gtest/Gmock, Bamboo, CMake, JIRA

**Software Engineer Intern - Huawei Technologies Co., China** **2018.12 - 2019.01**

- Develop efficient remuneration calculation subsystem for the China Mobile, including using new data representation, changing execution logic, adding caching and multithreading, and perform unit testing.
  - Key skills: Groovy, OracleSQL, Sprint Boot, Maven, JUnit, SVN, Jenkins
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Theoretical Computer Science Group, University of Melbourne, Australia** **2020.03 - NOW**

***Approximation Algorithms for Streamed Sparse Graphs (Master Thesis)***

Supervisor: Professor Tony Wirth      Collaborate with Dr Rajesh Chitnis (University of Birmingham)

- Design space-efficient algorithms to approximate graph quantities (e.g. domination and independence number) for streaming sparse graphs, mathematically prove their correctness and tightness.

***Detecting Cognitive Biases with Biophysical Sensors to Battle Misinformation***

Supervisor: Dr. Tilman Dingler

- Build machine-learning models to help detect the presence of confirmation biases and cognitive dissonance during news consumption, using biophysical data such as eye gaze and fNIR.

***Investigating Reading Behavior on Electronic Devices***

Supervisor: Dr. Tilman Dingler

Sponsored by Adobe Research (Documents Intelligence Lab)

- Evaluate users' reading behavior when reading deeply or skimming on various digital devices. Build machine-learning models to predict users' reading behavior based on gaze data.

***Using Ubiquitous Sensing to Detect Episodes of Hand-washing***

Supervisor: Professor Vassilis Kostakos

- Build machine-learning models to accurately classify steps of hand-washing (suggested by WHO).

**Other Projects**

***Methylation Modification and Gene Expression in Tumor Cells*** Supervisor: Professor Jing Wang

- Statistically analysis the correlation between promoter methylation and gene expression.

***Mmdecoder***

Supervisor: Professor Ian Korf

- Develop a simple HMM to annotate the genetic origins of a mouse strain.

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**PUBLICATION**

- Wang, C., Sarsenbayeva, Z., Chen, X., Dingler, T., Goncalves, J. and Kostakos, V., 2020. Accurate Measurement of Handwash Quality Using Sensor Armbands: Instrument Validation Study. *JMIR mHealth and uHealth*, 8(3), p.e17001.

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**AWARDS**

- Outstanding Graduate (2018, equivalent to *summa cum laude*)
- People's Scholarship (2014-2017, top 10%)

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**School/Personal Projects:**

- Python: Tweets geolocation and authorship recognition; Multi-armed bandits; AI planning algorithms
- Java: Distributed shared graphic application; Advanced/Streaming data structures and algorithms;
- C: Password cracker; 15-puzzle solver; Simplified web server.
- Haskell: a compiler for a LL(1) language

**Activities:** Leadership Club (Vice President), Student Union (Minister), School Basketball Team

**Languages:** Chinese (Native), English (Fluent, TOEFL: 109/120, GRE: 170+155)