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## OBJECTIVE

Seeking to apply my expertise in **Multimodal Large Language Models** and **LLM Agents** to:

- I. Science:** Multimodal LLMs for proteomics and genomics research (alignment). LLM agents for scientific discovery.
- II. Finance:** Multi-Agent System (MAS)-driven market analysis & trading across equities, fixed income, commodities.

## EDUCATION

- **University of California, Los Angeles** 2022 – June 2027  
*Ph.D. Student in Computer Science*  
◦ Advisor: Professor [Wei Wang](#) Los Angeles, CA, USA
- **Tsinghua University** 2018 – 2022  
*Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology*  
◦ Advisor: Professor [Jie Tang](#) Beijing, China

## EXPERIENCE

- **Point72/Cubist** June 2025 – Sep. 2025  
*Incoming Quantitative Research Intern*  
◦ Research on LLM deep search for alpha finding and LLM agents trading system automation. New York, NY, USA
- **Tauric Research** Mar. 2025 – Present  
*Co-Founder* Los Angeles, CA, USA  
◦ **Tauric Research** is a research institute focused on AI-driven trading intelligence, with a small team of around 10-20 members. Tauric Research develops LLM-based tools for financial analysis and trading automation.
- **Amazon Web Services** June 2024 – Sep. 2024  
*Applied Scientist Intern* Seattle, WA, USA  
◦ Researched the applications of Large Language Model Agents in automated code deployment.  
◦ Developed an LLM multi-agents framework, CSR-Agents, to automate Computer Science Research repositories deployment by integrating instruction understanding, shell script drafting, system log analysis, tool usage (e.g., Linux Shell, Perplexity Search), and issue database retrieval using Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG).  
◦ Paper accepted as **Oral @ NAACL Main** (Publication [C.2]). Great mentorship and feedback. Received **return offer**.
- **NEC Labs America** July 2023 – Sep. 2023  
*Research Intern* Princeton, NJ, USA  
◦ Researched privacy-preserving LLM fine-tuning, proposing tuning schemes balancing utility & privacy.  
◦ Published the lightweight tuning scheme at the EMNLP 2024 main conference (Publication [C.10]).  
◦ Applied the privacy-preserving fine-tune methods to medical scenarios, leading to a U.S. patent application filed by NEC Labs America (Patent [P.1]).
- **Tsinghua University** Dec. 2020 – Aug. 2021  
*Project Leader* Beijing, China  
◦ Led and Pre-trained the world's 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest Protein LLM **ProteinLM** (*Wen Su*), significantly improving contact prediction accuracy from 36% to 75%. [Wikipedia Page](#) for my work, part of WuDao LLM.  
◦ Developed ProteinLM, a protein language model pretraining framework based on NVIDIA's Megatron-LM.  
◦ Managed a cluster of 504 NVIDIA Tesla V100 (32G) GPUs to pre-train *Wen Su*.  
◦ Model request form shows usage by researchers from over 20 institutions, including NVIDIA, Harvard, etc.
- **Sequoia Capital China** July 2022 – Sep. 2022  
*Sequoia-In Intern* Beijing, China  
◦ Focused on investments in computer infrastructure, renewable energy (photovoltaic, hydrogen), and AI4Science.  
◦ Contributed to over 20 investment deals by assisting in market analysis, technical roadmap reviews, due diligence, team roadshows, term sheet drafting, and more. Ranging from Seed to Series B+.
- **Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago (TTIC)** June 2021 – June 2022  
*Research Assistant* Chicago, IL, USA  
◦ Led the project *Unsupervised Contact Prediction with Large MSA Language Model*.  
◦ Proposed *fragment training* to balance MSA width and depth, enabling pre-training of the world's largest 1B-parameter MSA model using just 10% of the data required by prior methods.  
◦ Achieved a 3.5% improvement over SOTA (then) results and exceeded their performance using significantly less training data. Demonstrated increasing model scale enhances the capture of long-range dependencies in sequences.
- **Tencent Inc.** Sep. 2021 – May 2022  
*Research Intern* Shenzhen, China  
◦ Developed models for protein multiple sequence alignments and localized protein database services.  
◦ Publication on protein-ligand docking affinity prediction in data-scarce scenarios in *Briefings in Bioinformatics*.

## I. Large Language Model Agents

- [C.1] Yijia Xiao, Edward Sun, Di Luo, Wei Wang. (2025). **TradingAgents: Multi-Agents LLM Financial Trading Framework**. Accepted at *Multi-Agent AI in the Real World, AAAI 2025*.
  - TradingAgents ([Our Community](#)) has received interest from venture capital and financial tech startups.
  - See a financial expert's [Summary on LinkedIn](#). Visit the [TradingAgents Homepage](#) for more details.
- [C.2] Yijia Xiao, Runhui Wang, Luyang Kong, Davor Golac, Wei Wang. (2024). **CSR-Bench: Benchmarking LLM Agents in Deployment of Computer Science Research Repositories**. Selected as **Oral** at *NAACL 2025*.
  - CSR-Agents is a multi-agents LLM framework for automated code repository deployment.
  - Fortunate to be advised by mentor & manager. Internship performance received excellent feedback from them. CSR-Agents framework will be released soon.
- [C.3] Yiqiao Jin, Qinlin Zhao, Yiyang Wang, Hao Chen, Kaijie Zhu, Yijia Xiao, Jindong Wang. (2024). **AgentReview: Exploring Peer Review Dynamics with LLM Agents**. *Spotlight* at *Machine Learning for Genomics, ICLR 2025*.

## II. Multimodal Large Language Model

- [S.1] Yijia Xiao, Edward Sun, Yiqiao Jin, Qifan Wang, Wei Wang. (2024). **ProteinGPT: Multimodal LLM for Protein Property Prediction and Structure Understanding**.
  - Collaboration with *Meta AI*: ProteinGPT is a multi-modal Protein ChatGPT-like system that integrates sequence and structure encoders with an LLM for precise analysis and responses.
- [C.4] Yijia Xiao, Edward Sun, Yiqiao Jin, Wei Wang. (2024). **RNA-GPT: Multimodal Generative System for RNA Sequence Understanding**. In *Machine Learning for Structural Biology Workshop, NeurIPS 2024*.
- [S.2] Yijia Xiao, Edward Sun, Wei Wang. (2024). **LogicVista: Multimodal LLM Logical Reasoning Benchmark in Visual Contexts**.
- [C.5] Tianyu Liu, Yijia Xiao, Xiao Luo, Hua Xu, W. Jim Zheng, Hongyu Zhao. (2023). **Geneverse: A Collection of Open-source Multimodal Large Language Models for Genomic and Proteomic Research**. In *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2024*.
- [C.6] Fan Zhang, Changhu Wang, et al., Dongjie Wang, Yijia Xiao, Chong Chen, Xian-Sheng Hua, Xiao Luo. (2025). **DREAM: Decoupled Discriminative Learning with Bigraph-aware Alignment for Semi-supervised 2D-3D Cross-modal Retrieval**. In *AAAI 2025*.

## III. AI for Biology &amp; Healthcare

- [S.3] Yijia Xiao, Wanxia Zhao, Junkai Zhang, et al., Pan Lu, Xiao Luo, Yu Zhang, James Zou\*, Yizhou Sun\*, Wei Wang\*. (2025). **Protein Large Language Models: A Comprehensive Survey**. Submission to *ACL 2025*.
- [C.7] Yijia Xiao, Jiezhong Qiu, Ziang Li, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Jie Tang. (2021). **Modeling Protein Using Large-scale Pretrain Language Model**. In *Pretrain Workshop, KDD 2021*.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> and **largest** Protein LLM in China as of 2021-2023, ProteinLM (Wen Su), is part of the Wu Dao project.
  - Wikipedia page covering Protein LLM Wen Su: [Wu Dao](#).
- [J.1] Zi-Yi Yang, Zhao-Feng Ye, Yi-Jia Xiao, Chang-Yu Hsieh, Sheng-Yu Zhang. (2022). **SPLDExtraTrees: Robust Machine Learning Approach for Predicting Kinase Inhibitor Resistance**. In *Briefings in Bioinformatics*.
- [S.4] Yijia Xiao, Dylan Steinecke, Alexander Russell Pelletier, Yushi Bai, Peipei Ping, Wei Wang. (2023). **Know2BIO: A Comprehensive Dual-View Benchmark for Evolving Biomedical Knowledge Graphs**.
- [C.8] Mingyu Ma, Yijia Xiao, Anthony Cuturrufo, Xiaoxuan Wang, Vijay Nori, Wei Wang. (2024). **Memorize and Rank: Elevating Large Language Models for Clinical Diagnosis Prediction**. In *AAAI 2025*.
- [C.9] Rakesh Bal, Yijia Xiao, Wei Wang. (2023). **PGraphDTA: Improving Drug Target Interaction Prediction using Protein Language Models and Contact Maps**. In *NeurIPS AI for Science Workshop 2023*.

## IV. LLM Security &amp; Evaluation

- [C.10] Yijia Xiao, Yiqiao Jin, Yushi Bai, Yue Wu, Xianjun Yang, Xiao Luo, Wenchao Yu, Xujiang Zhao, Yanchi Liu, Quanquan Gu, Haifeng Chen, Wei Wang, Wei Cheng. (2023). **PrivacyMind: Large Language Models Can Be Good Privacy Protection Learners**. Accepted at *Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2024*.
- [P.1] Wei Cheng, Wenchao Yu, Yanchi Liu, Xujiang Zhao, Haifeng Chen, and Yijia Xiao. (2023). **Privacy Protection Tuning for LLMs in Medical Decision Making**. *Patent Application No. Docket 23060*.
- [C.11] Yushi Bai, Jiahao Ying, Yixin Cao, et al., Yijia Xiao, Haozhe Lyu, Jiayin Zhang, Juanzi Li, Lei Hou. (2023). **Benchmarking Foundation Models with Language-Model-as-an-Examiner**. In *NeurIPS 2023*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Research Excellence Scholarship**, Tsinghua University, 2021. Ranked top 2%, 3rd out of 230 students.
- **Science and Technology Innovation Scholarship**, Tsinghua University, 2021. Ranked top 2%, 3rd out of 230 students.
- **Technology Innovation Scholarship**, Tsinghua University, 2020. Ranked top 5%, 6th out of 230 students.
- **Silver Medal**, International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) Asia East Continent Final, 2020.
- **Gold Medal**, International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) Asia Regional Contest, 2020.
- **First Prize**, Chinese Collegiate Physics Olympiad, 2019.
- **National Bronze Medal**, Chinese Physics Olympiad, 2017.
- **National Bronze Medal**, China Western Mathematics Invitational, 2017.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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| • <b>Business Development Team</b>   <i>Chinese Entrepreneurs Organization</i><br><i>Engaged in business development activities at Stanford, CA</i> | 2022 – 2024 |
| • <b>Organizer</b>   <i>Tsinghua Future Internet Computing Club</i><br><i>Organized events and workshops related to future internet computing</i>   | 2020 – 2022 |
| • <b>Member</b>   <i>Tsinghua Entrepreneurship Training Program</i><br><i>Selected as one of 30 members per year in Tsinghua University</i>         | 2020 – 2022 |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **Reviewer**, NeurIPS 2023/2024, ICML 2023/2024, ICLR 2023, AISTATS 2024, ACM Multimedia, PLOS ONE, etc.