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## Education

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### Johns Hopkins University

*Ph.D. in Computer Science* (Advisor: Benjamin Van Durme)

*Aug 2019 – Aug 2024*

### Peking University

*B.S. in Physics & Computer Science*

*Sept 2015 – Jun 2019*

## Experience

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### Microsoft Research Lab (MSR)

Washington, US

*Research Intern* (Mentor: Corby Rosset)

*May 2023 – Aug 2023*

**Keywords:** Large language model (LLM), Compressed text representation, Retrieval-augmented generation (RAG).

I researched efficient methods for long-context LLMs. I proposed a method to compress the context of LLaMA with a compression ratio of up to 20x with minimal performance tradeoffs. It worked on retrieval-augmented generation (RAG).

### Microsoft Semantic Machines

Remote, US

*Research Intern* (Mentor: Anthony Platanios)

*May 2022 – Aug 2022*

**Keywords:** Dataset, Graph neural networks (GNNs), User action prediction.

I studied a new research problem for user action predictions. I built a 2TiB dataset from GitHub and implemented a GNN model to predict the user actions (e.g. commit and pull request).

### Johns Hopkins University

Maryland, US

*Visiting Researcher* (Mentor: Hongyuan Mei and Jason Eisner)

*Jun 2018 – Oct 2018*

**Keywords:** Time-series models, Stochastic process, Datalog.

I worked on temporal event stream modeling. We proposed a particle smoothing solution to sample events from a neural Hawkes process. The stochastic process may interact with a deductive temporal database such as Datalog.

### Microsoft Research-Asia (MSRA)

Beijing, China

*Research Intern* (Mentor: Jin-Ge Yao and Chin-Yew Lin)

*Nov 2017 – Jun 2018*

**Keywords:** Grounded language learning, Data-to-text generation.

I proposed a Semi-HMMs-based statistics model for grounding natural language to structured data, which can be used to induce templates for data-to-text generation.

## Skills

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- Programming languages: Python, Rust, JAVA, and C/C++. Other languages: Shell,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , SQL.
- Experience in fine-tuning LLMs such as LLaMA, including distributed training, the use of LoRA.
- Experience data processing for biological/medical images: I developed a plugin for ImageJ to track objects using tools such as scikit-image and scipy.
- Machine learning tools: PyTorch, Lightning AI, DeepSpeed, FAISS, and PEFT.
- Network/Web: I have been hosting a proxy service (WallacePKU) since 2017. I implemented the proxy protocols and front-/back-end and maintain the database.

## Awards

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- Best Short Paper Awardee in NAACL Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2021
- Outstanding Reviewer in EMNLP Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2019
- Silver Medalist Chinese Physics Olympiad (CPhO), 2014

## Selected Publications

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- [Dodo: Dynamic Contextual Compression for Decoder-Only LMs.](#)  
**Guanghui Qin**, Corby Rosset, Ethan C Chau, Nikhil Rao, Benjamin Van Durme. In *Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL, main)*. 2024.
- [Researchy Questions: A dataset of multi-perspective, compositional questions for LLM web agents.](#)  
Corby Rosset, Ho-Lam Chung, **Guanghui Qin**, Ethan C Chau, Zhuo Feng, Ahmed Hassan Awadallah, Jennifer Neville, Nikhil Rao. In *arXiv*. 2024.
- [Ras Suppression Potentiates Rear Actomyosin Contractility-Driven Cell Polarization and Migration.](#)  
Yiyan Lin\*, Dhiman S Pal\*, Parijat Banerjee, Tatsat Banerjee, **Guanghui Qin**, Yu Deng, Jane Borleis, Pablo A Iglesias, and Peter Devreotes. In *Nature Cell Biology (accepted, issue number TBA)*. 2024.
- [Nugget: Neural Agglomerative Embeddings of Text.](#)  
**Guanghui Qin** and Benjamin Van Durme. In *Proceedings of the Conference on International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. 2023.
- [The NLP Task Effectiveness of Long-Range Transformers.](#)  
**Guanghui Qin**, Yukun Feng, and Benjamin Van Durme. In *Proceedings of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL, oral)*. 2023.
- [Learning How to Ask: Querying LMs with Mixtures of Soft Prompts.](#)  
**Guanghui Qin** and Jason Eisner. In *Proceedings of Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL, short)*. 2021. **🏆 Best Short Paper Award**
- [Everything Is All It Takes: A Multipronged Strategy for Zero-Shot Cross-Lingual Information Extraction.](#)  
Mahsa Yarmohammadi, Shijie Wu, Marc Marone, Haoran Xu, Seth Ebner, **Guanghui Qin**, Yunmo Chen, J. Guo, Craig Harman, K. Murray, Aaron S. White, Mark Dredze, and Benjamin Van Durme. In *Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP, oral)*. 2021.
- [LOME: Large Ontology Multilingual Extraction.](#)  
Patrick Xia\*, **Guanghui Qin**\*, Siddharth Vashishtha, Yunmo Chen, Tongfei Chen, Chandler May, Craig Harman, Kyle Rawlins, Aaron Steven White, and Benjamin Van Durme. In *Proceedings of Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL, demo)*. 2021.
- [Iterative Paraphrastic Augmentation with Discriminative Span-based Alignment.](#)  
Ryan Culkin, J Edward Hu, Elias Stengel-Eskin, **Guanghui Qin**, and Benjamin Van Durme. In *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL)*, 9:494-509. 2021.
- [Neural Datalog Through Time: Informed Temporal Modeling via Logical Specification.](#)  
Hongyuan Mei, **Guanghui Qin**, Minjie Xu, and Jason Eisner. In *Proceedings of the Conference on International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML, oral)*. 2020.
- [Imputing Missing Events in Continuous-Time Event Streams.](#)  
Hongyuan Mei, **Guanghui Qin**, and Jason Eisner. In *Proceedings of the Conference on International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML, oral)*. 2019.
- [Learning Latent Semantic Annotations for Grounding Natural Language to Structured Data.](#)  
**Guanghui Qin**, Jin-Ge Yao, Xuening Wang, Jinpeng Wang, and Chin-Yew Lin. In *Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP, oral)*. 2018.
- [Data2Text Studio: Automated Text Generation from Structured Data.](#)  
Longxu Dou, **Guanghui Qin**, Jinpeng Wang, Jin-Ge Yao, and Chin-Yew Lin. In *Proceedings of the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP, demo)*. 2018.

## Academic Service

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I serve as a reviewer for the conferences of NeurIPS (2019 and 2020 as secondary; 2021 to 2023), ICLR (2019 and 2020 as secondary; 2021, 2023, and 2024), ICML (2020 and 2021), ACL (2021), EMNLP (2019 to 2022; *outstanding reviewer award* in 2019), NAACL (2024), AAAI (2021), and AKBC (2020 as secondary).

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