# LINFENG WANG

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#### **TECHNICAL STRENGTH**

Language & Frameworks: Python, PyTorch, PyG, R, Bash, MySQL, HTML/CSS, C++

Machine learning: Scikit-learn, Transformers, LLMs, CNNs, RNNs, GNNs, VAEs, XGBoost

**Development Tool:** Pandas, NumPy, Docker, Git, Nextflow, Google Cloud, Jupyter, Huggingface, Chroma, LangChain

**Visualization:** OpenCV, Unity , Matplotlib, Plotly, ggplot2

#### **EDUCATION**

#### London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, DPhil Computational Genomics

Oct 2021 - Oct 2025 (expected)

Dissertation: Machine Learning-Enhanced Drug Resistance and Bioinformatics Transmission Profiling of Tuberculosis Using Genome

#### Imperial College London, MRes Bioengineering (Hons), Merit

Oct 2019 - Oct 2020

Modules: Computational & Statistical Methods for Research, Frontiers in Bioengineering, Biomaterials

Dissertation: Design of an Artificial Bruch's Membrane from Synthetic Polyesters.

### King's College London, BSc Biochemistry (Hons), 1st

Sep 2016 - Jul 2019

Module selected: Bioinformatics, Protein structure and design, Human genomics.

Dissertation: Investigation of Concordance Between Molecular Dynamics Simulation and FRET Biosensor using Designed Protein Linker System.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### PhD researcher - LSHTM (Clark Campino Phelan lab), London UK

Jul 2022 - Sept 2025

Project: Deep Learning and Statistical Modelling for Tuberculosis Drug Resistance and Transmission

- Developed interpretable deep learning models (CNN, RNN, GNN, Transformer) in PyTorch and JAX to predict TB drug resistance from genomic data
- Built statistical pipelines in Python for GWAS, PCA, logistic regression, and odds ratio analysis on Southeast Asian TB datasets
- Developed a web application and backend tool in Python for automating the design of targeted sequencing experiments (Amplicon primer design)
- Developed and trained an RNN-based generative model for de novo synthesis of antimicrobial peptide sequences.
- Built and deployed a RAG LLM chatbot integrating ChromaDB, LangChain, and OpenAI models for natural language interaction with course content

#### Machine learning consultant - Deep Science Venture, London UK

Mar 2025 -

Project: Sequence-Based Drug Discovery using Deep Generative Models

- Trained CNN, RNN, and VAE models on biological sequences with data augmentation and hyperparameter optimization
- Applied SHAP, LIME, and DeepLIFT to extract interpretable biological insights from deep models
- Supported strategic model design for **generative sequence discovery** tasks

# Data study group hackathon participant – The Alan Turing Institute, London UK.

Jan 2024

Project: Shallow Gas Hazard Detection in Offshore Seismic Data

- Led deep learning model development for detection and segmentation on geophysical imagery using CNNs with contrastive learning
- Delivered >90% classification accuracy on legacy seismic datasets under 2-week sprint
- Collaborated across domain boundaries to translate geoscience challenges into ML solutions

## Machine learning Intern - Linkgevity, London UK

Aug 2024 - Oct 2024

Project: Graph-Based Drug-Drug Interaction Prediction

- Built optimized GNN models with various graph constructions and graphic input build with integration of BERT to predict compound interactions.
- Conducted benchmarking studies across model architectures to improve drug-drug interaction predictive performance
- Scaled ML training workflows using Google Cloud Platform for high-throughput experimentation

#### Data Science intern - ByteDance, London UK

Aug 2022 - Feb 2023

Project: Neoantigen Insight Platform and Market Landscape Scouting

- Built SQL-integrated chemical database and applied autoencoders to reveal neoantigen patterns across biological datasets
- Coordinated interdisciplinary market research on biologics and small molecules
- Authored bi-weekly research briefings and developed end-to-end ML pipelines for discovery support

#### PUBLICATIONS (6 First authored, 9 in total)

- Wang, L., Thawong, N., Thorpe, J., Higgins, M., Tan, M., Sawaengdee, W., Mahasirimongkol, S., Perdigao, J., Campino, S., Clark, T. G. & Phelan, J. E. A novel tool for designing targeted gene amplicons and an optimised set of primers for high-throughput sequencing in tuberculosis genomic studies. *bioRxiv*, (Submitted to *BMC genomics*). doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.01.13.632698 (presented at ESM2024-poster and ASMicrobe-talk) Website: https://genomics.lshtm.ac.uk/webtoast/#/ software package: https://pypi.org/project/toast-amplicon/
- Wang, L., Campino, S., Phelan, J. & Clark, T. G. Mixed infections in genotypic drug-resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis. *Scientific Reports* **13**, 1–8 (2023). doi: https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-44341-x
- LSTM-Based Transfer Learning Models for Tuberculosis-Targeted Antimicrobial Peptide Classification and Generation. (submitted for publication)
- Decoding Positive Selection in Mycobacterium tuberculosis with Phylogeny-Guided Graph Attention Models. (forth coming).
- Data Study Group Final Report: British Geological Survey Detecting Shallow Gas from Marine Seismic Images". The Alan Turing Institute (2025)
- Phelan, J., Niazi, F., Wang, L., Ngwana-Joseph, G. C., Sobkowiak, B., Cohen, T., Campino, S. & Clark, T. G. TGV: suite of tools to visualize transmission graphs. *NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics* **6**(4) (2024). **doi:** https://doi.org/10.1093/nargab/lqae158