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# Xiang(Shawn) Li, Ph.D.

### INTERESTS

#### Computational Solution

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., George Washington University, Physics (**Honor: Parke Prize**), 2016  $\sim$  2021 Thesis Summary Study of Transcriptional and Post-transcriptional Regulation in Immune Systems B.S., Huazhong University of Science & Technology, Applied Physics, (**Honor**) 2011  $\sim$  2015

### SKILLS

Certificate: AWS CCP, DeepLearning.AI, Nextflow Certificate,

Program, Software Skills and Database:

- Advanced: Linux, FASTMCP, langchain, langgraph, AWS cloud S3 & EC2, Python (data mining→visual→ML)
- Intermediate: PyPi, Streamlit, Nextflow, WDL, flask, dash, boto3, Fortran, Gitlab, Github, SGE, LATEX
- Basic: Snakemake, Docker, javascript, Web and Server Support(Nginx), MATLAB, C/C++, Java, R
- DB: genomAD, 4DN, NCBI, GEO, ENCODE, HapMap, 1000 Genomes, GIAB, dbSNP

### **W**ork Experiences

PSC, Carnegie Mellon University Senior Scientist

Pittsburgh PA, 2024 ~ Present

- A chatbot system (based on multi-agent mcp servers) for user inquiry (telegram & slack).
- Dev multi-agent system for bioinformatics research task (langgraph + MCP)
- Support Human BioMolecular Atlas Program(HuBMAP) under Common Fund Data Ecosystem (CFDE)

Johnson & Johnson Scientist III, RWE, End due to H1B VISA.

Titusville NJ, 2024

- R&D in Real World Evidence, Patient profiling from medical history (EHR, EMR)
- Dev a toolset from scratch for patient profile, alignment, visualization and analysis(built a fully connected network for 52K patients).

GentiBio, Senior Scientist, Bioinformatics Lead, End due to Reorg

Boston MA, 2022 ~ 2024

• Translational Research: GNTI-122 IND package (Safety assessment for Gene Editing).

Build SNIP-aware (gnomAD v4.0) insilico Off-target analysis for Cas9 editing

Build a full-stack web app (aws) for automation. Similar to CRISPResso2 Web

On/Off-Target analysis protocol: in-Silico ⇒GUIDESeq ⇒rhAMPSeq.

• Early Discovery, Scientist II: Cellular Profiling Platform

Research: single cell multi-omics integration analysis

Dev: AWS VC-backed start-up package and build bioinformatics infrastructure

Sana Biotechnology Scientist, Computational Biology,

Seattle WA, 2021 ~ 2022

- Corporate team, research on target discovery & dev pipelines automation.
- iPSC Master Cell Bank, Cell Characterization & Safety Assessment

Department of Physics, GWU

Ph.D. (Superviser: *Prof. W. Peng*, Collaborator: *Prof. H. Xue*)

Washington, DC, 2017 ~ 2021

- Nature Com: Develop analysis framework (python-base for data representation, visualization and ML)
- Integration of Multi-omics: scRNAseq(10X), RNAseq and DNase\_seq, ATAC\_seq, ChIPseq, Cut&Run, HiC, MiCroC, HiChIP and etc.
- Chromatin structure and function: Develop a tool (HiCHub, which solved the problem on identifying a mixed range of altered genome structure(from looping to larger than TAD). This tool outperforms similar software in HiC data analysis with a significantly increase in the computational efficiency.
- Nucleic Acids Research: mRNA stability Mathematical Modeling and data analysis.
- Study regulatory roles of Tcf1/Lef1 in CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in immunue response. (JEM, 2019, 2018)
- Impact upon deficiency of miRNA-34b/c during somatic reprogramming progress.
- Organize Journal Club and give presentation once per month.
- HPC management. (Linux Admin, data storage &sharing& backup, computation dependencies setup, jupyter notebook & Rstudio server and on-call for tech emergency.
- Build analysis pipeline, dependencies and visualization tools on a cloud platform. (AWS, Linux ssh).

#### Team Lead, NLP Course Project George Washington University

Washington, DC, 2019

- Natural language processing, use different models for user profiling task in given posts from twitter.
- Write model to implement different language models, Hidden Markov model and bayesian classifier.

Joint Leader of Student Innovation Group (Adviser: B. Yu) Qiming College of Huazhong University of Science & Technology

Boston, 2014

2016 ~ 2018

- Built a team for 2014 BIOMOD, Harvard, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Invested nano-scale transportation system based with magnetic control device.
- Conducted the final presentation on behalf of our team.
- For more detail, please visit our website: BIOMOD 2014: HUST

Teaching

• Graduate TA. General Physics (with: X. Qiu / G. Younes / S. Guiriec)

• Instructor. Astrophysics (with: Kalvir Dhuga) 2019

Membership & Reviewer

Phenomics, Youth Editorial Board Members

2024 ~ Present Society of Artificial Intelligence Research SAIR 2023 ~ Present

• Machine Learning for Genomics MLGenX 2024

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- The Parke Prize, awarded for excellence in theoretical biophysics
- Scholarship in Department of Biostatistics, University of Washington, \$1,950
- Second Prize of Poster in 3rd International Ocean Sciences Summer School. \$800
- Project Awards: Silver; International Biomolecular Design Competition 2014, BIOMOD, Harvard
- Fellowship \$12000 total, Undergraduate Fellowship from College of Life Science & Technology,

### **Publications & Patents & Presentations**

- Inhibition of LARP4-mediated quiescence exit of naive CD4+ T cells ameliorates autoimmune and allergic diseases Jian Zhou, Di Yang, Chao Han, Hui Dong, Shufeng Wang, Xiang Li, ..., Yi Tian<sup>†</sup>., Nature Biomedical Engineering (2025)
- HuBMAP Data Portal: A Resource for Multi-Modal Spatial and Single-Cell Data of Healthy Human Tissues Jian Zhou, Di Yang, Chao Han, Hui Dong, Shufeng Wang, Xiang Li, ..., Yi Tian<sup>†</sup>., Nature Communications (NCOMMS-25-81343)
- HiCHub: A Network-Based Approach to Identify Domains of Differential Interactions from 3D Genome Data Xiang Li<sup>†</sup>, ..., Hai-Hui Xue, Weigun Peng., Bioinformatics (BIOINF-2025-0207)
- Lysine methyltransferase Kmt2d regulates naive CD8+ T cell activation-induced survival Jaekwan Kim, T.N, ..., Xiang Li, ..., Nan-ping Weng., Frontiers in Immunology (2023)
- Tcf1 CTCF cooperativity shapes genomic architecture to promote CD8+ T cell homeostasis Q. S<sup>†</sup>, ..., **Xiang Li**,..., Hai-Hui Xue., Nature Immunology (2022)
- Tcf1 and Lef1 maintain CD8+ T cell identity by organizing genomic architecture Q. S<sup>†</sup>, **Xiang Li**<sup>†</sup>,..., Hai-Hui Xue., Nature Communications (2021)
- Selected Oral Presentation, 2021 Network Biology, Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory Network analysis reveal the critical role of TCF1/LEF1, Speaker: Xiang Li
- Sepsis leads to lasting changes in phenotype and function of memory CD8 T cells Isaac J. Jensen<sup>†</sup>,
  Xiang Li<sup>†</sup>,..., Weigun Peng and Vladimir P. Badovinac., 2021 eLife
- Arid1a-Plagl1-Hh signaling is indispensable for differentiation-associated cell cycle arrest of tooth root progenitors Yang Chai, ..., Li Xiang, Xinquan Jiang. Cell Reports (2021).
- Transcriptome-wide stability analysis uncovers LARP4-mediated NFB1 mRNA stabilization during T cell activation. Tian Y.<sup>†</sup>, Zeng Z.<sup>†</sup>, Li Xiang<sup>†</sup>, ..., Peng W. and Zhu J. Nucleic Acids Research (2020).
- Integrated analysis of carbon dioxide and oxygen concentrations as a quality control of ocean float data Yingxu Wu, D. Bakker, E. Achterberg, ..., Xiang Li, ... Communications Earth Environment, Accepted. (Mar, 2022)
- Tcf1 and Lef1 transcription factors are required for the immunosuppressive function of regulatory T cells Xing S., Gai K., Li Xiang,..., Peng W. and Xue H., J Exp Med (2019).
- Tle corepressors are differentially partitioned to instruct CD8+ T cell lineage choice and identity Xing S., ..., Xiang Li,..., Peng W. and Xue H., J Exp Med (2018).

## Work extensively used HiCHub

- Tcf1 CTCF cooperativity shapes genomic architecture to promote CD8+ T cell homeostasis Nature Immunology (2022)
- CTCF mediates CD8+ effector differentiation through dynamic redistribution and genomic reorganization JEM (2023)