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## Education

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Sep. 2024 – Jul. 2029 (Estimated)

*Ph.D. in Computer Science*

*NC, US*

**University of Science and Technology of China**

Sep. 2019 – Jul. 2023

*Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science*

*Hefei, China*

## Publications

(\* Equal Contribution)

**Model-GLUE: Democratized LLM Scaling for A Large Model Zoo in the Wild.**

Pingzhi Li\*, Xinyu Zhao\*, Guoheng Sun\*, Ruisi Cai\*, Yukun Zhou\*, Peihao Wang\*, et al.

*Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Datasets and Benchmarks Track*, 2024

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**Revisiting Zeroth-Order Optimization for Memory-Efficient LLM Fine-Tuning: A Benchmark.**

Pingzhi Li\*, Yihua Zhang\*, Junyuan Hong\*, Jiaxiang Li\*, et al.

*International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2024

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**Merge, Then Compress: Demystify Efficient SMoE with Hints from Its Routing Policy.**

Pingzhi Li, Zhenyu Zhang, Prateek Yadav, Yi-Lin Sung, Yu Cheng, Mohit Bansal, Tianlong Chen.

*International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2024 (**Spotlight**)

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## Under Review

**Hybrid Quantum-Classical Scheduling for Accelerating Neural Network Training with Newton's Gradient Descent.**

Pingzhi Li, Junyu Liu, Hanrui Wang, Tianlong Chen

Submitted to *International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA)*, 2025

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## Experience

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

June 2023 – June 2024

*Research Intern*

*Remote*

- Advisor: Prof. Tianlong Chen

**University of Science and Technology of China**

September 2022 – January 2023

*Teaching Assistant*

*Hefei, China*

- Undergrad course - CS1001A Computer Programming A (C Language).

**University of Science and Technology of China**

July 2021 – July 2021

*Undergrad Intern*

*Hefei, China*

- Advisor: Prof. Qi Liu, Prof. Enhong Chen

## Honors and Awards

1st Place of ACM/IEEE Quantum Computing for Drug Discovery Challenge

*November, 2023*

Outstanding Graduates Scholarship, USTC

*June, 2023*

Silver Medal in Kaggle Feedback Prize - Evaluating Student Writing

*March, 2022*

Outstanding Student Scholarship, USTC

*November, 2020/21/22*

## Services

**Reviewer:** NeurIPS (2024)

**Tutorial:** [ICML 2024](#)

## Skills

**Languages:** Mandarin (native), English (professional), German (junior)

**Programming Languages:** Python, C/C++, Bash

**Deep Learning Frameworks:** PyTorch, HuggingFace Transformers, DeepSpeed, Jax/Flax