

# Tingyu Qu

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## EDUCATION

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### KU Leuven

*Ph.D. in Computer Science*

Leuven, Belgium

*Sept.2020 - Mar.2025*

- Advisor: Prof. Marie-Francine Moens & Prof. Tinne Tuytelaars
- Thesis: Efficient Methods for Alignment and Generation in Vision and Language

*Master of Artificial Intelligence*

*Sept.2019 - Sept.2020*

- Thesis: Autoencoder with Multi-directional Ensemble of Regression and Classification Trees (MERCs)

*Master of Statistics*

*Sept.2017 - Jun.2019*

- Thesis: Mining Health Records Using Machine Learning Methods

### Hebei University

*Bachelor of Mathematics and Applied Mathematics*

Baoding, China

*Sept.2013 - Jun.2017*

- *Academic scholarship*: Academic year 2014-2015, 2015-2016
- *Merit Student*: (Top 5% students in Department of Mathematics), Academic year 2015-2016
- Thesis: Application of Concept Lattice in Data Mining

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### KU Leuven

*Research Associate*

Leuven, Belgium

*Mar.2025 - present*

- Advisor: Prof. Tinne Tuytelaars
- Research Interests: Vision-Language, Multimodal Large Language Models, Efficient AI, Generative Models

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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**Vision-Language** models are key to artificial general intelligence. My work includes building vision-language models for context-rich multimodal inputs (*NAACL2024*, *WACV2023*), designing efficient learning method for vision-language models (*ECCV2024*) and building multimodal large language models (MLLMs) (*Preprint2024*).

**MLLMs** have revolutionized our daily life. I worked on adapting image LLM for video understanding tasks, providing alternatives for building video LLMs (*Preprint2024*). Currently, I'm also exploring enhancing MLLMs' capabilities via feature routing, and improving generation quality of generative models using LLMs.

**Efficient AI** is crucial to address challenges in limited computational resources. I introduced routing functions to vision-language Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning (*ECCV2024*), improved the sampling process of generative models (*ICLR2024*), and explored training-free video LLMs (*Preprint2024*).

**Generative Models** unveil how machines perceive, reason, and create content. I worked on advancing the sampling algorithm for diffusion models through shifted time steps (*ICLR2024*), and improving personalized image generation (both method and benchmark; *Preprint2025*).

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- **Tingyu Qu**, Mingxiao Li, Tinne Tuytelaars, & Marie-Francine Moens. TS-LLaVA: Constructing Visual Tokens through Thumbnail-and-Sampling for Training-Free Video Large Language Models. *Preprint, Under Review. 2024* [Paper] [Code] [ModelScope Community]
- **Tingyu Qu**, Tinne Tuytelaars, & Marie-Francine Moens. Introducing Routing Functions to Vision-Language Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning with Low-Rank Bottlenecks. *In Proceedings of the 18th European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2024)*. [Paper][Code]
- Mingxiao Li\*, **Tingyu Qu\***, Ruicong Yao, Wei Sun, & Marie-Francine Moens. Alleviating Exposure Bias in Diffusion Models through Sampling with Shifted Time Steps. *In Proceedings of the Twelfth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2024)*. [Paper] [Code (DDPM ver.)][Code (ADM ver.)]

- **Tingyu Qu**, Tinne Tuytelaars, & Marie-Francine Moens. Visually-Aware Context Modeling for News Image Captioning. *In Proceedings of the 2024 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies. (NAACL 2024)*. [Paper] [Code]
- **Tingyu Qu**, Tinne Tuytelaars, & Marie-Francine Moens. Weakly Supervised Face Naming With Symmetry-Enhanced Contrastive Loss. *In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2023)*. [Paper] [Code]
- Mingxiao Li, **Tingyu Qu**, Tinne Tuytelaars, & Marie-Francine Moens. Towards More Accurate Personalized Image Generation: Addressing Overfitting and Evaluation Bias. *Preprint, Under Review. 2025* [Paper] [Code]
- Wei Sun, **Tingyu Qu**, Mingxiao Li, Jesse Davis, & Marie-Francine Moens. Mitigating Negative Interference in Multilingual Knowledge Editing through Null-Space Constraints. *Under Review. 2025*
- Xi Shi, **Tingyu Qu**, Gijs Van Pottelbergh, Marjan van den Akker & Bart De Moor. A Resampling Method to Improve the Prognostic Model of End-Stage Kidney Disease: A Better Strategy for Imbalanced Data. *Frontiers in Medicine Volume 9 - 2022*. [Paper] (*Journal version of my MSc. Stat. thesis*)

\* denotes equal contribution

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#### SERVICE

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**Area Chair:** ACL Rolling Review