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## Research Interest

I am passionate about building general intelligent systems that process information at scale and assist humans in various knowledge-intensive tasks. My recent work focuses on efficient multi-modal LLM pre-training, retrieval-augmentation and neural information retrieval.

## Experience

### Thinking Machines Lab

MEMBER OF TECHNICAL STAFF

San Francisco, CA, USA

Sep. 2025 - present

- Building & discovering

### Meta Superintelligence Lab

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Menlo Park, CA, USA

Jan. 2021 - Sep. 2025

- *Llama4 multimodal pretraining:* scaling laws, architecture ablation, and data curriculum

- *Efficient and sparse architecture design for early-fusion multimodal LLMs:* Mixture-of-transformers, MoMa, Chameleon
- *RAG and neural information retrieval:* RA-DIT, ReasonIR, DRAMA

- *LLM fine-tuning and few-shot learning:* OPT-IML, XGLM, OPT

### Salesforce Research

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Palo Alto, CA, USA

Oct. 2017 - Dec. 2020

- Code generation, reasoning over structured data, question answering

## Education

### University of Washington

Ph.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Seattle, WA, USA

Advisor: Prof. Luke Zettlemoyer

### University of Pennsylvania

M.Sc. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (PH.D. TRANSFER)

Philadelphia, PA, USA

### University of Oxford

M.Sc. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Oxford, UK

### The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

B.ENG. IN ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION ENGINEERING

Kowloon, HK

## Preprints

\* denotes equal contribution    # research interns hosted by me

### P2. MoMa: Efficient Early-Fusion Pre-training with Mixture of Modality-Aware Experts

Xi Victoria Lin\*, Akshat Shrivastava\*, Liang Luo, Srinivasan Iyer, Mike Lewis, Gargi Ghosh, Luke Zettlemoyer, Armen Aghajanyan\*.

ArXiv 2024

### P1. Chameleon: Mixed-Modal Early-Fusion Foundation Models

Chameleon Team.

ArXiv 2024

## Conference and Journal Publications

### J1. Mixture-of-Transformers: A Sparse and Scalable Architecture for Multi-Modal Foundation Models

Weixin Liang (#), Lili Yu, Liang Luo, Srinivasan Iyer, Ning Dong, Chunting Zhou, Gargi Ghosh, Mike Lewis, Wen-tau Yih, Luke Zettlemoyer, Xi Victoria Lin.

J2C Certification

TMLR 2025

### C32. LMFusion: Adapting Pretrained Language Models for Multimodal Generation

Weijia Shi, Xiaochuang Han, Chunting Zhou, Weixin Liang, Xi Victoria Lin, Luke Zettlemoyer, Lili Yu.

NeurIPS 2025

### C31. ReasonIR: Training Retrievers for Reasoning Tasks

Rulin Shao, Rui Qiao, Varsha Kishore, Niklas Muennighoff, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Daniela Rus, Bryan Kian Hsiang Low, Sewon Min, Wen-tau Yih, Pang Wei Koh, Luke Zettlemoyer.

COLM 2025

### C30. DRAMA: Diverse Augmentation from Large Language Models to Smaller Dense Retrievers

Xueguang Ma, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Barlas Oguz, Jimmy Lin, Wen-tau Yih, Xilun Chen.

ACL 2025

### C29. SelfCite: Self-Supervised Alignment for Context Attribution in Large Language Models

Yung-Sung Chuang, Benjamin Cohen-Wang, Shannon Zejiang Shen, Zhaofeng Wu, Hu Xu, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), James Glass, Shang-Wen Li, Wen-tau Yih.

ICML 2025

### C28. Nearest Neighbor Speculative Decoding for LLM Generation and Attribution

Minghan Li (#), Xilun Chen, Ari Holtzman, Beidi Chen, Jimmy Lin, Wen-tau Yih, [Xi Victoria Lin](#).

NeurIPS 2024

### C27. Sirius: Contextual Sparsity with Correction for Efficient LLMs

Yang Zhou, Zhuoming Chen, Zhaozhuo Xu, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Beidi Chen.

NeurIPS 2024

### C26. FOLIO: Natural Language Reasoning with First-Order Logic

Simeng Han, Hailey Schoelkopf, Yilun Zhao, Zhenting Qi, Martin Riddell, Luke Benson, Lucy Sun, Ekaterina Zubova, Yujie Qiao, Matthew Burtell, David Peng, Jonathan Fan, Yixin Liu, Brian Wong, Malcolm Sailor, Ansong Ni, Linyong Nan, Jungo Kasai, Tao Yu, Rui Zhang, Shafiq Joty, Alexander R. Fabbri, Wojciech Kryscinski, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Caiming Xiong, Dragomir Radev.

EMNLP 2024

### C25. Branch-Train-MiX: Mixing Expert LLMs into a Mixture-of-Experts LLM

Sainbayar Sukhbaatar, Olga Golovneva, Vasu Sharma, Hu Xu, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Baptiste Rozière, Jacob Kahn, Daniel Li, Wen-tau Yih, Jason Weston, Xian Li

COLM 2024

### C24. Instruction-tuned Language Models are Better Knowledge Learners

Zhengbao Jiang, Zhiqing Sun, Weijia Shi, Pedro Rodriguez, Chunting Zhou, Graham Neubig, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Wen-tau Yih, Srinivasan Iyer

ACL 2024

### C23. RA-DIT: Retrieval-Augmented Dual Instruction Tuning

[Xi Victoria Lin](#)\*, Xilun Chen\*, Mingda Chen\*, Weijia Shi, Maria Lomeli, Rich James, Pedro Rodriguez, Jacob Kahn, Gergely Szilvassy, Mike Lewis, Luke Zettlemoyer, Wen-tau Yih.

ICLR 2024

### C22. In-Context Pretraining: Language Modeling Beyond Document Boundaries

Weijia Shi, Sewon Min, Maria Lomeli, Chunting Zhou, Margaret Li, Rich James, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Noah A. Smith, Luke Zettlemoyer, Wen-tau Yih, Mike Lewis.

ICLR 2024

### C21. Towards A Unified View of Sparse Feed-Forward Network in Pretraining Large Language Model

Leo Z. Liu, Tim Dettmers, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Veselin Stoyanov, Xian Li.

EMNLP 2023

### C20. LEVER: Learning to Verify Language-to-Code Generation with Execution.

Ansong Ni (#), Srinivasan Iyer, Dragomir Radev, Ves Stoyanov, Wen-tau Yih, Sida I. Wang\*, [Xi Victoria Lin](#)\*.

ICML 2023

### C19. Training Trajectories of Language Models Across Scales.

Mengzhou Xia, Mikel Artetxe, Chunting Zhou, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Ramakanth Pasunuru, Danqi Chen, Luke Zettlemoyer, Ves Stoyanov.

ACL 2023

### C18. Reimagining Retrieval Augmented Language Models for Answering Queries.

Wang-Chiew Tan, Yuliang Li, Pedro Rodriguez, Richard James, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Alon Halevy, Wen-tau Yih.

Findings of ACL 2023

### T2. OPT-IML: Scaling language model instruction meta learning through the lens of generalization

Srinivasan Iyer\*, [Xi Victoria Lin](#)\*, Ramakanth Pasunuru\*, Todor Mihaylov, Daniel Simig, Ping Yu, Kurt Shuster, Tianlu Wang, Qing Liu, Punit Singh Koura, Xian Li, Brian O'Horo, Gabriel Pereyra, Jeff Wang, Christopher Dewan, Asli Celikyilmaz, Luke Zettlemoyer, Ves Stoyanov.

ArXiv 2022

### C17. Few-shot Learning with Multilingual Language Models.

[Xi Victoria Lin](#)\*, Todor Mihaylov, Mikel Artetxe, Tianlu Wang, Shuhui Chen, Daniel Simig, Myle Ott, Naman Goyal, Shruti Bhosale, Jingfei Du, Ramakanth Pasunuru, Sam Shleifer, Punit Singh Koura, Vishrav Chaudhary, Brian O'Horo, Jeff Wang, Luke Zettlemoyer, Zornitsa Kozareva, Mona Diab, Veselin Stoyanov, Xian Li\*.

EMNLP 2022

## C16. Efficient Large Scale Language Modeling with Mixtures of Experts.

Mikel Artetxe\*, Shruti Bhosale\*, Naman Goyal\*, Todor Mihaylov\*, Myle Ott\*, Sam Shleifer\*, Xi Victoria Lin, Jingfei Du, Srinivasan Iyer, Ramakanth Pasunuru, Giri Anantharaman, Xian Li, Shuhui Chen, Halil Akin, Mandeep Baines, Louis Martin, Xing Zhou, Punit Singh Koura, Brian O'Horo, Jeff Wang, Luke Zettlemoyer, Mona Diab, Zornitsa Kozareva, Ves Stoyanov.

EMNLP 2022

## C15. Lifting the Curse of Multilinguality by Pre-training Modular Transformers.

Jonas Pfeiffer, Naman Goyal, Xi Victoria Lin, Xian Li, James Cross, Sebastian Riedel, Mikel Artetxe.

NAACL 2022

## C14. On Continual Model Refinement in Out-of-Distribution Data Streams.

Bill Yuchen Lin, Sida Wang, Xi Victoria Lin, Robin Jia, Lin Xiao, Xiang Ren, Wen-tau Yih.

ACL 2022

## T1. OPT: Open pre-trained transformer language models

Susan Zhang\*, Stephen Roller\*, Naman Goyal\*, Mikel Artetxe, Moya Chen, Shuhui Chen, Christopher Dewan, Mona Diab, Xian Li, Xi Victoria Lin, Todor Mihaylov, Myle Ott, Sam Shleifer, Kurt Shuster, Daniel Simig, Punit Singh Koura, Anjali Sridhar, Tianlu Wang, Luke Zettlemoyer.

ArXiv 2022

## C13. Pretty Princess vs. Successful Leader: Gender Roles in Greeting Card Messages.

Best Paper Honorable Mention

Jiao Sun, Tongshuang Wu, Yue Jiang, Ronil Awalegaonkar, Xi Victoria Lin, Diyi Yang.

CHI 2022

## C12. FeTaQA: Free-form Table Question Answering

Linyong Nan, Chiachun Hsieh, Ziming Mao, Xi Victoria Lin, Neha Verma, Rui Zhang, Wojciech Kryściński, Nick Schoelkopf, Riley Kong, Xiangru Tang, Murori Mutuma, Ben Rosand, Isabel Trindade, Renusree Bandaru, Jacob Cunningham, Caiming Xiong, Dragomir Radev.

TACL 2022

## C11. GraPPA: Grammar-Augmented Pre-Training for Table Semantic Parsing

Tao Yu (#), Chien-Sheng Wu, Xi Victoria Lin, Bailin Wang, Yi Chern Tan, Xinyi Yang, Dragomir Radev, Richard Socher, Caiming Xiong

ICLR 2021

## C10. Learning to Synthesize Data for Semantic Parsing.

Bailin Wang, Wenpeng Yin, Xi Victoria Lin and Caiming Xiong.

NAACL 2021 (short)

## C9. DART: Open-Domain Structured Data Record to Text Generation

Linyong Nan, Dragomir Radev, Rui Zhang, Amrit Rau, Abhinand Sivaprasad, Chiachun Hsieh, Xiangru Tang, Aadit Vyas, Neha Verma, Pranav Krishna, Yangxiaokang Liu, Nadia Irwanto, Jessica Pan, Faiaz Rahman, Ahmad Zaidi, Mutethia Mutuma, Yasin Tarabar, Ankit Gupta, Tao Yu, Yi Chern Tan, Xi Victoria Lin, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher and Nazneen Fatema Rajani.

NAACL 2021

## C8. Bridging Textual and Tabular Data for Cross-Domain Text-to-SQL Semantic Parsing

Xi Victoria Lin, Richard Socher, Caiming Xiong

Findings of EMNLP 2020

## C7. Double-Hard Debias: Tailoring Word Embeddings for Gender Bias Mitigation

Tianlu Wang, Xi Victoria Lin, Nazeen Fatema Rajani, Bryan McCann, Vicente Ordonez and Caiming Xiong

ACL 2020

## C6. CoSQL: A Conversational Text-to-SQL Challenge Towards Cross-Domain Natural Language Interfaces to Databases

Tao Yu, Rui Zhang, Heyang Er, Suyi Li, Eric Xue, Bo Pang, Xi Victoria Lin, Yi Chern Tan, Tianze Shi, Zihan Li, Youxuan Jiang, Michihiro Yasunaga, Sungrok Shim, Tao Chen, Alexander Fabbri, Zifan Li, Luyao Chen, Yuwen Zhang, Shreya Dixit, Vincent Zhang, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher, Walter Lasecki and Dragomir Radev

EMNLP 2019

## C5. Editing-based SQL Query Generation for Cross-Domain Context-Dependent Questions

Rui Zhang, Tao Yu, Heyang Er, Sungrok Shim, Eric Xue, Xi Victoria Lin, Tianze Shi, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher and Dragomir Radev

EMNLP 2019

## C4. SParC: Cross-Domain Semantic Parsing in Context

Tao Yu, Rui Zhang, Michihiro Yasunaga, Yi Chern Tan, Xi Victoria Lin, Suyi Li, Heyang Er, Irene Li, Bo Pang, Tao Chen, Emily Ji, Shreya Dixit, David Proctor, Sungrok Shim, Jonathan Kraft, Vincent Zhang, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher, Dragomir Radev

ACL 2019

## C3. Multi-Hop Knowledge Graph Reasoning with Reward Shaping

Xi Victoria Lin, Richard Socher and Caiming Xiong

EMNLP 2018

## C2. NL2Bash: A Corpus and Semantic Parser for Natural Language Interface to the Linux Operating System

[Xi Victoria Lin](#), Chenglong Wang, Luke Zettlemoyer and Michael D. Ernst

LREC 2018

## C1. Compositional Learning of Embeddings for Relation Paths in Knowledge Bases and Text

Kristina Toutanova, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Wen-tau Yih, Hoifung Poon and Chris Quirk

ACL 2016

## Other Publications

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### O8. Towards LLMs for Everyone: Instruction Following, Knowledge Retrieval and Multilingualism

[Xi Victoria Lin](#)

Ph.D. Thesis

University of Washington

### O7. Testing Cross-Database Semantic Parsers Using Canonical Utterances. Best Paper Award

Heather Lent (#), Semih Yavuz, Tao Yu, Tong Niu, Yingbo Zhou, Dragomir Radev, [Xi Victoria Lin](#).

Eval4NLP @EMNLP 2021

### O6. NeurIPS 2020 NLC2CMD Competition: Translating Natural Language to Bash Commands.

Mayank Agarwal, Tathagata Chakraborti, Quchen Fu, David Gros, [Xi Victoria Lin](#), Jaron Maene, Kartik Talamadupula, Zhongwei Teng, Jules White.

NeurIPS 2020

Competition Track

### O5. ColloQL: Robust Text-to-SQL Over Search Queries

Karthik Radhakrishnan, Arvind Srikantan, [Xi Victoria Lin](#)

Intex-Sempar @EMNLP 2020

### O4. Photon: A Robust Cross-Domain Text-to-SQL System

Jichuan Zeng\*, [Xi Victoria Lin](#)\*, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher, Michael R. Lyu, Irwin King, Steven C.H. Hoi

ACL 2020 Demonstration Track

### O3. Program Synthesis from Natural Language Using Recurrent Neural Networks

[Xi Victoria Lin](#), Chenglong Wang, Deric Pang, Kevin Vu, Luke Zettlemoyer, Michael D. Ernst

UWCSE-TR 2017

### O2. Multi-label Learning with Posterior Regularization

[Xi Victoria Lin](#), Sameer Singh, Luheng He, Ben Taskar, and Luke Zettlemoyer

MLNLP @NeurIPS 2014

### O1. Fine-grained Named Entity Classification in Machine Reading

[Xi Victoria Lin](#)

M.Sc. Thesis

University of Oxford

## Patents

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### Multi-hop knowledge graph reasoning with reward shaping

[Xi Victoria Lin](#), Richard Socher, Caiming Xiong

US Patent App. 16/051,309

## Honors & Awards

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2022    **Best Paper Honorable Mention**, The ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

CHI 2022

2021    **Best Paper Award**, The 2nd Workshop on Evaluation & Comparison of NLP Systems

Eval4NLP @EMNLP 2021

## Service

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### SENIOR AREA CHAIR & AREA CHAIR

Senior Area Chair

Generation Track, AAACL-IJCNLP 2022

Area Editor/Chair

ACL Rolling Review (ARR), 2023-present

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Demonstration Chair

NAACL 2021

### WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

1st Workshop on Interactive and Executable Semantic Parsing (Intex-Sempar)

EMNLP 2020

Competition for Automatic Translation of English to Bash (NLC2CMD)

NeurIPS 2020

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

2022	ARR, ACL, ICLR-DL4C
2021	ARR, ACL-NLP4Prog
2020	ACL, EMNLP, ACL, ACL-NLI
2019	ICML, ACL, NAACL
2018	ACL, EMNLP, COLING, CoNLL
2017	ACL, EMNLP
2016	EMNLP
2015	EMNLP

## Talks

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- T10. **Mixture-of-Transformers: Building Multimodal Foundation Models with Modality-Aware Sparsity** (invited talk) BAIR Workshop: Open Research in Understanding and Advancing LLMs 2025
- T9. **Large Language Models for Knowledge Intensive Problem Solving** (invited talk) OxML 2024
- T8. **Retrieval-Augmented Dual Instruction Tuning** (invited talk) Google NLP Reading Group 2024  
Cohere for AI Interactive Reading Group 2023  
LlamaIndex Webinar 2023
- T7. **Aligning Semi-Parametric Language Models** (guest lecture) NYU DS-GA.1011 NLP 2023
- T6. **Knowledge and Skill Acquisition through LLM Pre-training and Instruction-tuning** (invited talk) KLR @ICML 2023
- T5. **LLMs as Instructable Task Solvers: Lessons Learned and Future Possibilities** (invited talk) CMU 18-789: Deep Generative Modeling 2024  
Stanford NLP Seminar Spring 2023
- T4. **Bridging Textual and Tabular Data: Is Attention All We Need?** (invited talk) KR2ML @NeurIPS 2020
- T3. **Natural Language Interfaces to Databases** (guest lecture) NYU CS2590 NLP 2020
- T2. **Reinforcement Learning for Knowledge Graph Reasoning** (invited talk) Knowledge ConneXions 2020
- T1. **Creating The Future Of AI: How Salesforce Research Advances AI For CRM** (co-speaker) Dreamforce 2019

## Panels

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- P3. **Building Inclusive Communities at ICML** Social Event @ICML 2025
- P2. **Reasoning Capabilities of LLMs** KLR @ICML 2023
- P1. **Where and how can KRR benefit ML, and what should be explored?** KR2ML @NeurIPS 2020

## Technical Writings

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- Talk to Your Data: One Model, Any Relational Database.** Salesforce Research Blog 2020

## Internships

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- Microsoft Research** Redmond, WA, USA  
RESEARCH INTERN Jun. 2015 - Sep. 2015
- Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence** Seattle, WA, USA  
RESEARCH INTERN Jul. 2014 - Sep. 2014

## Software

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- Photon v1.1:** <https://naturalsql.com/> Salesforce, 2020  
Photon is a deep learning based cross-domain natural language interface to databases that focuses on factual look-up questions. It allows end users to query a number of relational DBs in natural language, including DBs it has never been trained on.

Tellina is an end-user scripting assistant that can be queried via natural language. It translates a natural language sentence typed by the user into a piece of short, executable script.

## Teaching

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### CIS 520: Machine Learning

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Making exam problems; answering Piazza questions; holding office hours; grading

*University of Pennsylvania*

Sep. 2012 - Dec. 2012