

Hi Kan — hope you're doing well. I'm Tony (Tianyi) Zhang from Cubist CESA in New York. I joined in 2024 after finishing my PhD at Columbia (DRO/OR; advisors Assaf Zeevi and Daniel Russo). Before that I did an MS in Statistics at UChicago and my undergrad at Peking University. I also noticed we both attended RDFZ.

These days I work on systematic equity research—feature construction and building/maintaining a nonlinear model-fitting engine (regularized models/GBDTs to neural nets/Transformers) for low-SNR prediction. If you're open to it, I'd really appreciate 15–20 minutes to learn about your team's research focus and how you think about the work, and to get your perspective on what tends to make someone successful on your team. Happy to work around your schedule next week—thank you!