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About Me

Currently, I am a Ph.D. student in the [Department of Computer Science](#) of [University of Oxford](#). I am a member of the [Data and Knowledge Group](#), advised by Prof. [Bernardo Cuenca Grau](#), Prof. [Ian Horrocks](#), and Dr. [David Tena Cucala](#). Before that, I achieved my M.S. degree of Computer Technology from [Nanjing University](#) in 2022. I worked in [Websoft Research Group](#), supervised by Prof. [Gong Cheng](#) and Prof. [Yuzhong Qu](#). I obtained my B.S. degree of Information and Computing Science from [Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics](#) in 2019.

Education

University of Oxford

Oct. 2022 – Now

Ph.D. student of Computer Science

Advisors: Prof. Bernardo Cuenca Grau, Prof. Ian Horrocks, Dr. David Tena Cucala

Nanjing University

Sept. 2019 – June 2022

M.S. degree of Computer Technology

Supervisors: Prof. Gong Cheng and Prof. Yuzhong Qu

Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Sept. 2015 – June 2019

B.S. degree of Information and Computing Science

GPA: 4.5/5.0, Ranking: 1/70

Research Interests

My research interests include **neuro-symbolic reasoning**, **knowledge graphs**, and **semantic search** technologies applied in intelligent systems.

Currently I focus on interpreting machine learning models for knowledge graph reasoning using symbolic rules, aiming to achieve both **effective** and **explainable** systems. I have also worked on semantic search approaches applied in dataset search systems, including data summarization, query analysis, and information retrieval.

Publications (Reverse Chronological)

1. **Xi Xia Wang**, David Tena Cucala, Bernardo Cuenca Grau, Ian Horrocks
[Faithful Rule Extraction for Differentiable Rule Learning Models](#).
In Proc. of the 12th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2024).
2. **Xi Xia Wang**, Gong Cheng
[A Survey on Extractive Knowledge Graph Summarization: Applications, Approaches, Evaluation, and Future Directions](#).
In Proc. of the 33rd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2024).
3. Qiaosheng Chen, Weiqing Luo, Zixian Huang, Tengting Lin, **Xi Xia Wang**, Ahmet Soylu, Basil Ell, Baifan Zhou, Evgeny Kharlamov, Gong Cheng
[ACORDAR 2.0: A Test Collection for Ad Hoc Dataset Retrieval with Densely Pooled Datasets and Question-Style Queries](#).
In Proc. of the 47th International ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR 2024).
4. Zixian Huang, Xinwei Huang, Ao Wu, **Xi Xia Wang**, Gong Cheng
[Transforming decoder-only models into encoder-only models with improved understanding capabilities](#).
In Knowledge-Based Systems 309 (KBS).

5. **Xiaxia Wang**, Gong Cheng, Jeff Z. Pan, Evgeny Kharlamov, Yuzhong Qu
[BANDAR: Benchmarking Snippet Generation Algorithms for \(RDF\) Dataset Search.](#)
 In IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering 35(2) (TKDE 2023).
6. Tengting Lin, Qiaosheng Chen, Gong Cheng, Ahmet Soylu, Basil Ell, Ruoqi Zhao, Qing Shi, **Xiaxia Wang**, Yu Gu, Evgeny Kharlamov
[ACORDAR: A Test Collection for Ad Hoc Content-Based \(RDF\) Dataset Retrieval.](#)
 In Proc. of the 45th International ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR 2022).
7. **Xiaxia Wang**, Tengting Lin, Weiqing Luo, Gong Cheng, Yuzhong Qu
[CKGSE: A Prototype Search Engine for Chinese Knowledge Graphs.](#)
 In Data Intelligence 4(1) (DI 2022).
8. **Xiaxia Wang**, Gong Cheng, Tengting Lin, Jing Xu, Jeff Z. Pan, Evgeny Kharlamov, Yuzhong Qu
[PCSG: Pattern-Coverage Snippet Generation for RDF Datasets.](#)
 In Proc. of the 20th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2021).
9. **Xiaxia Wang**, Tengting Lin, Weiqing Luo, Gong Cheng, Yuzhong Qu
[Content-Based Open Knowledge Graph Search: A Preliminary Study with OpenKG.CN.](#)
 In Proc. of the 2021 China Conference on Knowledge Graph and Semantic Computing (CCKS 2021).
10. **Xiaxia Wang**, Jinchi Chen, Shuxin Li, Gong Cheng, Jeff Z. Pan, Evgeny Kharlamov, Yuzhong Qu
[A Framework for Evaluating Snippet Generation for Dataset Search.](#)
 In Proc. of the 18th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2019).
11. **Xiaxia Wang**, Gong Cheng, Evgeny Kharlamov
[Towards Multi-Facet Snippets for Dataset Search.](#)
 In Proc. of the 6th International Workshop on Dataset PROFILing and Search (PROFILES 2019).
12. Jinchi Chen, **Xiaxia Wang**, Gong Cheng, Evgeny Kharlamov, Yuzhong Qu
[Towards More Usable Dataset Search: From Query Characterization to Snippet Generation.](#)
 In Proc. of the 28th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM 2019).
[\[DBLP Page\]](#) [\[Google Scholar\]](#) [\[Semantic Scholar\]](#)

Awards and Honors

• IJCAI-AIJ Travel Grant	2024
• Outstanding Master Thesis of Jiangsu Computer Society	2023
• Outstanding Master Thesis of Nanjing University	2023
• Bosch Scholarship on ‘Collaborative AI in Production’ (fully funded for Ph.D. program)	2022
• National Scholarship	2021
• ISWC Student Grant	2021
• First-Class Academic Scholarship of Nanjing University	2020 – 2022
• Outstanding Graduate Student of Nanjing University	2019, 2021
• Jiangsu Financial Leasing Scholarship	2019
• Huawei Scholarship	2018
• First-Class Outstanding Student Scholarship	2016 – 2019

Teaching Assistant

• Database Systems Implementation	<i>Hilary Term 2023</i>
– Giving weekly classes and marking problem sheets	
– Classes rated by students: 4.27/5.00	
• Graph Theory and Algorithms	<i>Spring 2022</i>

- Graph Theory
 - Marking problem sheets, answering questions, and invigilation
 - For about 70 undergraduate and graduate students

Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Academic Services

Program Committee

- International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) *2020 – 2024*
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) *2025*
- International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC) *2022 – 2023*
- International Conference on Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KR) *2024*

Review Committee

- Journal of Web Semantics

Others

- Oxford Women in Computer Science Society (OxWoCS): Conference Officer *2023 – 2024*
 - Co-chair of the 10th OxBridge Women in Computer Science Conference (held in Oxford)
 - Oxford Officer of the 11th OxBridge Women in Computer Science Conference (held in Cambridge)
- IJCAI: Assistant Workflow Chair *2023*

Language Skills

- Chinese (Mandarin): Native
- English: Bilingual

Updated at: *August 2025*