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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 Ph.D. student of Computer Science Advisors: Prof. Bernardo Cuenca Grau, Prof. Ian Horrocks, Dr. David Tena Cucala	<i>Jan. 2023 – Now</i>
Nanjing University M.S. degree of Computer Technology Supervisors: Prof. Gong Cheng, Prof. Yuzhong Qu	<i>Sept. 2019 – June 2022</i>
Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics B.S. degree of Information and Computing Science GPA: 4.5/5.0, Ranking: 1/70	<i>Sept. 2015 – June 2019</i>

Research Interests

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

Currently, I focus on interpreting graph neural network models for knowledge graph reasoning using symbolic rules, aiming to achieve both **effective** and **explainable** systems. I have also worked on semantic search techniques applied in dataset search systems, including structured 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 Soyulu, 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, **Xiaxia 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

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

Teaching Experience

- Databases *Hilary Term 2025*
 - Giving weekly classes and marking problem sheets
 - Classes rated by students: 4.47/5.00, with departmental teaching award nomination
- Database Systems Implementation *Hilary Term 2024*
 - Giving weekly classes and marking problem sheets
 - Classes rated by students: 4.27/5.00
- Graph Theory and Algorithms *Spring 2022*
- Graph Theory *Spring 2021, Spring 2020*
 - Marking problem sheets, answering questions, and invigilation
 - For about 70 undergraduate and graduate students

Academic Services

Program Committee/Reviewer for Conferences

- ACL Rolling Review (ARR) *2025*
- International ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR) *2025*
- International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM) *2020 – 2025*
- International Conference on Knowledge Representation and Reasoning (KR) *2024*
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) *2025*
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) *2025*
- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) *2025*
- International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC) *2022 – 2023, 2025*
- IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData) *2025*

Review Committee for Journals

- Journal of Web Semantics (JoWS)
- Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD)
- Transactions on Graph Data and Knowledge (TGDK)

Others

- Conference VP of Oxford Women in Computer Science Society (OxWoCS)
 - Co-chair of the 10th OxBridge Conference (held in Oxford) *2024*
 - Co-chair of the 11th OxBridge Conference (held in Cambridge) *2025*
- Assistant Workflow Chair of IJCAI *2023*

Language Skills

- Chinese (Mandarin): Native
- Chinese (Wu language, 吴语): Native
- English: Proficient

Updated: *April 2025*