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Exeter, UK

## OBJECTIVE

Seeking a research position in AI and NLP, leveraging expertise in biological sequence modeling, sentiment analysis, and adversarial attacks to drive innovation and contribute to impactful research projects.

## EDUCATION

- **University of Exeter** *Sept. 2021 - Sept. 2025 (Expected)*  
*PhD in AI/NLP* Exeter, UK
- **South China Normal University** *Sept. 2018 - June 2021*  
*Master's in Computer Science (AI/NLP)* Guangzhou, China
- **Yangtze University** *Sept. 2014 - June 2018*  
*Bachelor's in Computer Science* Jingzhou, China

## AWARDS

- **Chinese National Graduate Scholarship 2020**
- **Outstanding Graduate of Yangtze University 2018**

## PUBLICATIONS

- **OmniGenBench: Automating Large-scale Benchmarking for Genomic Foundation Models**  
Heng Yang, Jack Cole, Ke Li (*Arxiv 2024*)
- **OmniGenome: Aligning RNA Sequences with Secondary Structures in Genomic Foundation Models**  
Heng Yang, Ke Li (*Arxiv 2024*)
- **PlantRNA-FM: An Interpretable RNA Foundation Model for Exploration Functional RNA Motifs in Plants**  
Haopeng Yu, Heng Yang, et al. (*Biorxiv 2024*)
- **Modeling Aspect Sentiment Coherency via Local Sentiment Aggregation**  
Heng Yang, Ke Li (*EACL 2024*)
- **The Best Defense is Attack: Repairing Semantics in Textual Adversarial Examples**  
Heng Yang, Ke Li (*EMNLP 2024*)
- **PyABSA: A Modularized Framework for Reproducible Aspect-based Sentiment Analysis**  
Heng Yang, Cheng Zhang (*CIKM 2023*)
- **Evolutionary Multi-objective Instruction Optimization via Large Language Model-based Instruction Operators**  
Heng Yang, Ke Li (*EMNLP 2023*)
- **DaNuoYi: Evolutionary Multi-Task Injection Testing on Web Application Firewalls**  
Ke Li, Heng Yang (*IEEE TSE, 2023*)
- **Boosting Text Augmentation via Hybrid Instance Filtering Framework**  
Heng Yang, Ke Li (*ACL 2023*)
- **A Multi-task Learning Model for Chinese-oriented Aspect Polarity Classification and Aspect Term Extraction**  
Heng Yang, Biqing Zeng (*Neurocomputing 2021*)
- **LCF: A Local Context Focus Mechanism for Aspect-based Sentiment Classification**  
Biqing Zeng, Heng Yang (*Applied Sciences 2019*)

## PROJECTS

- **OmniGenomeBench** *Sept. 2023 - Present*  
*Large-scale in-silico benchmarking framework for genomic foundation models* [GitHub](#)
- **PyABSA** *June 2020 - Present*  
*Framework for Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis (ABSA)* [GitHub](#)

## SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, Java
- **Frameworks:** PyTorch, Hugging Face
- **Tools:** Git, Docker

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