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Personal Profile

- I'm a principal investigator at [Zhejiang Lab](#) starting from Jan 2023, leading the biomolecular design group at the Center for Computational Life Sciences. Previously I was a senior research scientist (T10) at [Tencent AI Lab](#), working on machine learning and its applications in drug discovery and autonomous control. I also worked as a tech lead at [InferVision](#), a pre-IPO medical AI startup.
- **Homepage:** <https://lanqingli1993.github.io/>
- **Research Interests:** Machine/Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, AI for Drug Discovery (AIDD), AI Agent.

Employment History

Zhejiang Lab

Hangzhou, China

Principal Investigator, Center for Computational Life Sciences

01/2023-Now

- R&D of RL-based and LLM-based AI agent for drug discovery and biomolecular design.
- Leading several core AIDD projects:
 1. Design of virus-like particle (VLP)-based delivery system.
 2. Synthesis planning and biocatalysis modeling.
 3. mRNA vaccine design.
- Mentor of 1 employee and 10+ Ph.D. students.

Shenzhen Tencent Computer System Co., Ltd.

Shenzhen, China

Senior Research Scientist, AI Lab

10/2019-01/2023

- Co-developed the multi-step retrosynthesis module of [iDrug](#). Independently developed a state-of-the-art model for synthetic accessibility prediction, in collaboration with [the American Chemical Society \(CAS\)](#).
- Led the research and development of the core AI algorithms and greenhouse simulator of the [iGrow](#) solution, in collaboration with [Wageningen University & Research \(WUR\)](#).
- Co-mentored the [Tencent AI Lab Rhino-Bird Elite Training Program](#) and [Tencent AI Lab Rhino-Bird Focused Research Program](#), with focuses on robust learning and retrosynthesis.
- Mentor of 1 employee and 20+ interns at the machine learning center.

InferVision Medical Technology Co., Ltd.

Beijing, China

Tech Lead & Machine Learning Engineer

03/2018-10/2019

- Led a team of 8 engineers to develop computer-aided detection (CAD) solutions like InferRead Mammo Breat and InferRead CT Coronary.

Academic History

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

08/2022-Now

Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science and Engineering

- Supervisor: Prof. [Pheng Ann Heng](#)
- Research area: AI Agent for Drug Discovery

The University of Chicago

09/2015-2017/08

Master of Science (Ph.D. Program) in Physics

- Concentration: Theoretical Biophysics & Computer Vision

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

08/2012-06/2015

Bachelor of Science in Physics

Major GPA: 4.7/5.0

- Advised by [Prof. Alan Guth](#), [Prof. David Kaiser](#) and [Prof. Nevin Weinberg](#).

- Concentration: Theoretical Cosmology, High Energy Physics

Imperial College London

06/2014-08/2014

Exchange Student of Summer Research Placement

Peking University

09/2011-06/2012

Candidate for a Bachelor of Science in Physics

Major GPA: 3.88/4.0

Selected Publications (*: co-first author, †: corresponding author)

- **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

1. Liu, Z., Liu, L., Wu, B., **Li, L.**, Wang, X., Yuan, B., Zhao, P. [Dynamics Adapted Imitation Learning](#). Transactions on Machine Learning Research (2023).
2. Gao, Z., Jiang, C., Zhang, J., Jiang, X., **Li, L.**, Zhao, P., Yang, H., Huang, Y., Li, J. [Hierarchical graph learning for protein-protein interaction](#). Nature Communications 14.1 (2023): 1093.
3. Zhu, S., Bai, Q., **Li, L.**, Xu, T. [Drug repositioning in drug discovery of T2DM and repositioning potential of antidiabetic agents](#). Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal (2022).
4. Hertzberg, M. P., Karouby, J., Spitzer, W. G., Becerra, J. C., & **Li, L.** [A Theory of Self-Resonance After Inflation, Part 1: Adiabatic and Isocurvature Goldstone Modes](#). Phys. Rev. D 90, 123528 (2014).
5. Hertzberg, M. P., Karouby, J., Spitzer, W. G., Becerra, J. C., & **Li, L.** [A Theory of Self-Resonance After Inflation, Part 2: Quantum Mechanics and Particle-Antiparticle Asymmetry](#). Phys. Rev. D 90, 123529 (2014).

- **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings**

1. Zhou, Z.* , **Li, L.***, Zhao, P., Heng, P., Gong, W. [Class-Conditional Sharpness-Aware Minimization for Deep Long-Tailed Recognition](#). CVPR 2023.
2. Wang, D., **Li, L.†**, Zhao, P., Heng, P., Zhang, M. [On the Pitfall of Mixup Training for Uncertainty Calibration](#). CVPR 2023.
3. Zeng, L., **Li, L.†**, Gao, Z., Zhao, P., Li, J. [ImGCL: Revisiting Graph Contrastive Learning on Imbalanced Node Classification](#). AAAI 2023.
4. Gao, Z., Niu, Y., Cheng, J., Tang, J., Xu, T., Zhao, P., **Li, L.†**, Tsung, F., Li, J. [Handling Missing Data via Max-Entropy Regularized Graph Autoencoder](#). AAAI 2023.
5. Ji, Y., Zhang, L., Wu, J., Wu, B., **Li, L.**, et al. [DrugOOD: Out-of-Distribution Dataset Curator and Benchmark for AI-aided Drug Discovery – A Focus on Affinity Prediction Problems with Noise](#). AAAI 2023.
6. Han, Z., Liang, Z., Yang, F., Liu L., **Li, L.**, et al. [UMIX: Improving Importance Weighting for Subpopulation Shift via Uncertainty-Aware Mixup](#). NeurIPS 2022.
7. Liu, S., Ying, R., Dong, H., **Li, L.†**, Xu, T., Rong, Y., Zhao, P., Huang, J., Wu, D. [Local Augmentation for Graph Neural Networks](#). ICML 2022.
8. Gao, C., Xu, K., Zhou, K., **Li, L.**, et al. [Value Penalized Q-Learning for Recommender Systems](#). SIGIR 2022.
9. Cao, X., Yao Y., **Li, L.**, et al. [iGrow: A Smart Agriculture Solution to Autonomous Greenhouse Control](#). AAAI 2022.
10. **Li, L.**, Yang, R., Luo, D. [FOCAL: Efficient Fully-Offline Meta-Reinforcement Learning via Distance Metric Learning and Behavior Regularization](#). ICLR 2021.
11. An, Z., Cao, X., Yao, Y., Zhang, W., **Li, L.**, Wang, Y., Guo, S., and Luo, D. [A Simulator-based Planning Framework for Optimizing Autonomous Greenhouse Control Strategy](#). ICAPS 2021.

- **In Submission to Journals and Conferences**

1. **Li, L.***, Zeng, L.* , Gao, Z., Yuan, S., Bian, Y., Wu, B., Zhou, Z., Xu, H., Li, J., Zhao, P., Heng, P. [Benchmarking Imbalanced Learning for AI-Aided Drug Discovery](#). Under major revision by Nature

Selected Awards

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| Prize of Sustainable Social Values, Tencent | 2021 |
| SAIL Award at World Artificial Intelligence Conference - Finalist | 2020 |
| Distinguished Sachs Fellowship, UChicago | 2015 |
| Li & Fung Scholarship, MIT | 2014 |
| Jay Tsun Shaw (1946) Memorial Scholarship, MIT | 2013-2015 |
| First Prize in Young Physicists Tournaments, Peking University | 2012 |
| Mingde Scholarship, Peking University | 2011 |
| Excellent Student Scholarship, Peking University | 2011 |
| Gold Medalist of International Physics Olympiad | 2011 |
| • <i>Ranked 1st in Theory and 5th in Total Score</i> | |
| • <i>Prize of Best Score in Theory (Full Marks)</i> | |

Academic Activities

- **Invited Talks and Seminars**

1. Intelligent Drug Discovery Platform and Its Applications, presented at the "Computation + Biology" Youth Academic Research Symposium, Zhejiang lab. (09/2023)
2. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen. Guest lecture on reinforcement learning applications, invited by Prof. Baoxiang Wang. (02/2023)

- **Services**

- Reviewer, TPAMI
- Reviewer, ICLR 2024
- Reviewer, CVPR 2023
- Reviewer, ICML 2022, 2023
- Reviewer, NeurIPS 2022, 2023
- Reviewer, IJCAI 2021, 2022