# Chang Ma

Third year Ph.D student at The University of Hong Kong, focusing on the intersection of Agent decision making and Al4Science. **Areas of expertise:** Natural Language Processing, Computational Biology, Large Language Model Agents, Generalization Theory

#### EDUCATION

**Research Intern** 

**Research Assistant** 

**Research Intern** 

**Research Intern** 

Foundation Model Group

PhD, Computer Science, The University of Hong Kong, co-advised by Lingpeng Kong and Tao Yu Bachelor of Science, Machine Intelligence Major, Peking University EXPERIENCE

Work on AI drug discovery and biosequence multimodal LLM pretraining.

September 2022-September 2018 — July 2022

April 2023 — December 2023 Microsoft Research AI for Science

> July 2019 – July 2022 Peking University

January 2021 – October 2021 MILA - Quebec Al Institute

November 2021 — July 2022 Microsoft Beijing

PUBLICATIONS

**Bing Advertisement Group** 

#### Large Language Model Reasoning and Agents

Sigma Lab, supervised by Zhihong Deng

DeepGraph Lab, supervised by Jian Tang

- Ma et al, Non-myopic Generation of Language Models for Reasoning and Planning. ICLR 2025
- Ma, Zhang, Zhu & Yang et al, AgentBoard: An Analytical Evaluation Board of Multi-turn LLM Agents. NeurIPS 2024 Oral
- Zhao et al, Empowering Large Language Model Agents through Action Learning. COLM 2024
- Sun et al, A Survey of Neural Code Intelligence: Paradiams, Advances and Beyond. Preprint
- Feng et al, A Survey on Large Language Model-Based Social Agents in Game-Theoretic Scenarios. Preprint

#### **AI4Science Topics**

- Ma et al, Retrieved Sequence Augmentation for Protein Representation Learning. EMNLP 2024
- Zhao et al, GIMLET: A Unified Graph-Text Model for Instruction-Based Molecule Zero-Shot Learning. NeurIPS 2023
- Xu et al, PEER: A Comprehensive and Multi-Task Benchmark for Protein Sequence Understanding. NeurIPS 2022
- Zhu et al, TorchDrug: A Powerful and Flexible Machine Learning Platform for Drug Discovery. Preprint
- Zhao et al, Benchmarking and Enhancing Large Language Models for Biological Pathway Reasoning Preprint

## **Generalization Theory**

- Wang & Ma et al, A Challenging Benchmark for Low-Resource Learning. ACL 2024 Findings
- Zhao, Ma & Dong et al, Certified Robustness Against Natural Language Attacks by Causal Intervention. ICML 2022
- Ma & Zhang et al, Switch-GPT: An Effective Method for Constrained Text Generation under Few-Shot Settings. AAAI 2022 Abstract
- Yuan et al, KS-Lottery: Finding Certified Lottery Tickets for Multilingual Language Models. NAACL 2025
- Zhao et al, Domain Adaptation via Maximizing Surrogate Mutual Information. Long Presentation at IJCAI 2022

## SERVICE

- 2021 Teaching assistant for course "Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Natural Language Processing" at Peking University
- 2022 Teaching assistant for course "Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Natural Language Processing" at Peking University
- **2023** Teaching assistant for course "COMP 3314 Machine Learning" at The University of Hong Kong
- 2024 Teaching assistant for course "COMP 3314 Machine Learning" at The University of Hong Kong
- 2024 Review for ICML, NeurIPS, ICLR, AAAI, AISTATS, ARR

# Awards & Honors

- 2019 First Prize (National Mathematical Modeling Competition for College Students )
- 2020 Peking University Learning Excellence Award
- **2024** Oral Award ( NeurIPS 2024, Top 0.4% )
- 2024 Top Reviewers ( NeurIPS 2024, Top 10% )