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## **EDUCATION**

### **Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Ph.D. in Computer Science, advised by [Pheng Ann Heng](#), [David Baker](#), [Gaurav Bhardwaj](#)

Hong Kong, China

2025.9–2027.9

- Vice-Chancellor Scholarship (only 1 in CS Department)
- ODesign Group Leader

### **University of Washington**

Master (Ph.D. Transferred) in Computer Science, Paul G. Allen School, advised by [David Baker](#)

Seattle, U.S.

2024.9–2025.9

### **Zhejiang University**

M.M. in Pharmaceutical science, advised by [Tingjun Hou](#) and [Changyu Hsieh](#)

Hangzhou, China

2022.9–2024.6

- National Scholarship (Top 1 Graduate Student in Pharmacy Department)

### **Zhejiang University**

Dual B.S in Pharmaceutical science & Physics, advised by [Tingjun Hou](#)

Hangzhou, China

2018.9–2022.6

- GPA: 3.85/4.00
- First Prize in China Undergraduate Physics Tournament (Top 0.1%)
- Top Ten College Students in the College of Pharmacy (TOP 0.8%)
- Four First Prize in the 16th University Sports Games of Zhejiang Province

## **AWARDS**

Baidu AI Talent Scholarship (10 Worldwide), Chu Kochen Scholarship. (Top 10 Graduate Student at ZJU)

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

AI-aided Protein Design; AI-aided Small Molecule Design; LLM-Agent for Pharmaceutic Purpose

## **GRANTS**

2025 LinGang Lab Key Project, project manager, 3 million ¥; NSFC Basic Research Scheme (PhD), 300,000 ¥

## **INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

### **LinGang Laboratory**

Group Leader, AI Mol Design

Shanghai, China

2025.06–present



- Led the AI-powered molecule design method development (ODesign Team).
- Organize the 10 target RNA/DNA/peptide/mini-protein design campaigns.

### **Pledge Therapeutics**

Structure-based AIDD consultant

Greater Boston, U.S.

2024.03–2024.09



- Applied the Gen-AI to two test cases (internal) and two test cases (External).
- Refined Gen-AI platform based on crystallographer, structural biologist, and medicinal chemist insight.
- Performed Lead optimization of a viral capsid targeting small molecule
- Performed Hit expansion against a viral protein based on existing fragment co-crystal structure data

### **Carbon Silicon AI**

Senior DL-Engineer, leading a 10-people group

Hangzhou, China

2022.05–2024.03



- Developed molecular conformation generation algorithms, the main product is **SDEGen**.
- Developed 3D pocket-aware drug design models, the main products are **ResGen** and **SurfGen**.
- Developed the first unified deep lead optimization framework, the main product is **Delete**.
- Developed protein-ligand binding conformation prediction model, the main product is **KarmaDock**
- Responsible for the molecular generation direction.

## PUBLICATIONS

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4. **Zhang, H.**, et al. ResGen is a pocket-aware 3D molecular generation model based on parallel multiscale modelling, *Nature Machine Intelligence*, 5, 1020–1030 (2023). [Code](#)
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7. Zhang, X.\*., **Zhang, H.\***, et al. Efficient and accurate large library ligand docking with KarmaDock. *Nature Computational Science*, 3, 739–740 (2023). [Code](#)
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