

# YANGYANG LI

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## SELF-INTRODUCTION

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I am a third-year Ph.D. candidate with a focus on deep learning, highly efficient algorithms, and research software development to tackle complex biological problems. My area of expertise is machine learning-based, data-driven domains. Armed with a passion for applying this knowledge to scientific issues, I am eager to contribute and further my knowledge in a fast-paced professional environment.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND PROJECT

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### Northwestern University

Chicago, US

*Ph.D. in Bioinformatics*

June 2022 – June 2025

- Formulated a deep generative model including transformer, GAN or Diffusion models, tailored for sequencing data simulation
- Introduced a graph algorithm to identify non-linear transcripts in long-read data, achieving a 20x speedup
- Crafted a web application for graph algorithm visualization
- Designed a Python interface for a C-based command-line tool, gaining 20% performance boosts
- Developed a language model to remove adaptor of sequencing data

### University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, US

*Ph.D. in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology*

Sep. 2020 – June 2022

- Developed a transformer-based deep learning model to predict causality between gene fusion and structural variation
- Pioneered an algorithm to discern non-linear structure variations in transcriptomes
- Conducted a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of leading tools for the detection of alternative splicing variants
- Courses (Grade): Advanced Machine Learning (A), Introduction to Data Mining (A), Adv. Algs. & Data (B)

### China Agricultural University

Beijing, CN

*Master in Crop Bioinformatics*

Sep. 2018 – June 2020

- Identified pivotal features in 1,400 maize genomics datasets to enhance agronomic traits
- Undertook a study to map the relationship between genetic variations and maize ear attributes in 450 natural populations

## EDUCATION

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### Northwestern University

Chicago, US

*Ph.D in Bioinformatics. GPA: 3.7*

June 2022 – June 2025

### University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, US

*Ph.D. in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. GPA: 3.68*

Sep. 2020 – June 2022

### China Agricultural University

Beijing, CN

*Master in Crop Bioinformatics. GPA 3.14*

Sep. 2018 – June 2020

### Northeast Agricultural University

Harbin, CN

*Bachelor of Arts in Agricultural Engineering. GPA 3.04*

Sep. 2014 – June 2018

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Languages and Frameworks:** C++, Python, Rust, Pytorch, Jax, Candle, GGML

**Development Stack:** Neovim, GDB, Git, Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Docker, GitHub Action, CMake, HTML, GCC, Clang, Linux,  $\LaTeX$

**Specializations:** Algorithm Development, Concurrency Programming, Data Analysis and Visualization, Natural Language Processing

## PUBLICATIONS

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Li, Yangyang, & Yang, R. (2024, 12). PxBLAT: an efficient python binding library for BLAT. *BMC Bioinf.*, 25(1), 1–8. doi: 10.1186/s12859-024-05844-0

Fry, J., Li, Yangyang, & Yang, R. (2022, 09). ScanExitronLR: characterization and quantification of exon splicing events in long-read RNA-seq data. *Bioinformatics*. doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btac626