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Education	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign B.S in Computer Science and Mathematics <i>GPA: 3.92/4.0</i>	Urbana, IL Aug 2023 – May 2027
Open-Source Projects	Live Trade Bench: Live evaluation of trading agents <i>Core Contributor</i> Evaluates AI trading agents in real time across multiple asset classes—so researchers, developers, and traders can compare strategies under identical market, data, and execution conditions, using capital-aware, risk-adjusted metrics. TinyScientist: A Lightweight Framework for Building Research Agents <i>Core Contributor</i> A lightweight, user-friendly framework for automating the entire lifecycle of scientific research—from ideation to implementation, writing, and review. Designed for flexibility, it integrates smoothly with your favorite LLMs and search tools.	[Python Package]
Publication	Zijian Ding, Fenghai Li , Haofei Yu, and Joel Chan. Towards Conceptual Direct Manipulation: Drag-Based Research Ideation, Evaluation and Evolution. In <i>Adjunct Proceedings of the 2025 Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST’25 Poster)</i> , 2025. Haofei Yu*, Keyang Xuan*, Fenghai Li* , Kunlun Zhu, Zijie Lei, Jiaxun Zhang, Ziheng Qi, Kyle Richardson, and Jiaxuan You. TinyScientist: An Interactive, Extensible, and Controllable Framework for Building Research Agents. <i>The 2025 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP’25), System Demonstrations.</i> *Core Contributors. Haofei Yu, Fenghai Li , and Jiaxuan You. LiveTradeBench: Seeking Real-World Alpha with Large Language Models. <i>preprint 2025</i>	
Research Experience	U Lab (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) PI: Professor Jiaxuan You, Mentor: Haofei Yu <i>Research Intern</i> Core Contributor for Tiny Scientist, Live Trade Bench	Feb 2025 – Present
Industry Experience	Shanghai Win-Champion Business Credit Reporting Co. Ltd Data Analyst Intern - Collected and processed large datasets from multiple sources using Python (HTML tables, PDFs, JSON). - Conducted data wrangling, cleaning, and validation using Excel and Python libraries such as Pandas. - Organized data into the company’s SQL database, ensuring accuracy and consistency in data entry. - Collaborated with senior analysts to streamline the data pipeline, improving efficiency.	Shanghai, China June 2024 – July 2024

Teaching
Experience

Tutor, Siebel School of Computing and Data Science

Fall 2024

CS 124: Introduction to Computer Science I

Provided tutoring for students who have questions regarding their coursework or assignments and trained two new assistant tutors to help them understand the course material and how to assist students.