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Supported by a Clarendon Scholarship, Professor Chen earned his DPhil in Sociology at Nuffield College, the University of Oxford. His recent academic work has appeared in leading English-language journals including *Social Networks*, *Social Science Research*, and *British Journal of Sociology*, as well as top Chinese journals including *Social Science in China* and *Journal of Chinese Sociology*. He was awarded the Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award by the Lu Xueyi Sociology Development Foundation. His newer research agenda extends his earlier research to broader fields with novel data extracted from enormous volumes of digitized data (e.g., Google Books N-gram corpus, Baidu Search Engine, Sina-Microblog, Complete Tang Poetry, to name a few) to conduct quantitative analysis at macro or micro level.



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My research focuses on the collective system of thinking and knowing, ranging from the distribution of attention and intuition, the origin of ideas and shared habits of reasoning to processes of agreement (and dispute), accumulation of certainty (and doubt), and the texture—novelty, ambiguity, topology—of understanding. I am especially interested in innovation—how new ideas and practices emerge—and the role that social and technical institutions (e.g., the Internet, markets, collaborations) play in collective cognition and discovery. Much of my work has focused on areas of modern science and technology, but I am also interested in other domains of knowledge—news, law, religion, gossip, hunches, machine and historical modes of thinking and knowing. I support the creation of novel observatories for human understanding and action through crowd sourcing, information extraction from text and images, and the use of distributed sensors (e.g., RFID tags, cell phones). I use machine learning, generative modeling, social and semantic network representations to explore knowledge processes, scale up interpretive and field-methods, and create alternatives to current discovery regimes. My research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Air Force office of Science Research, and many philanthropic sources, and has been published in *Nature*, *Science*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Studies of Science*, *Research Policy*, *Critical Theory*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, and other outlets. My work has been featured in the *Economist*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Wired*, *NPR*, *BBC*, *El País*, *CNN*, *Le Monde*, and many other outlets.

At Chicago, I am Director of Knowledge Lab, which has collaborative, granting and employment opportunities, as well as ongoing seminars. I also founded and now direct on the Computational Social Science program at Chicago, and sponsor an associated Computational Social Science workshop. I teach courses in augmented intelligence, the history of modern science, science studies, computational content analysis, and Internet and Society. Before Chicago, I received my doctorate in sociology from Stanford University, served as a research associate in the Negotiation, Organizations, and Markets group at Harvard Business School, started a private high school focused on project-based arts education, and completed a B. A. in Anthropology at Brigham Young University.



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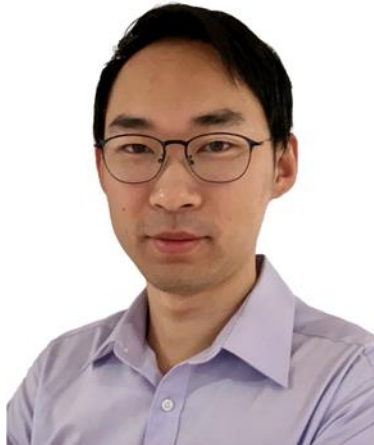
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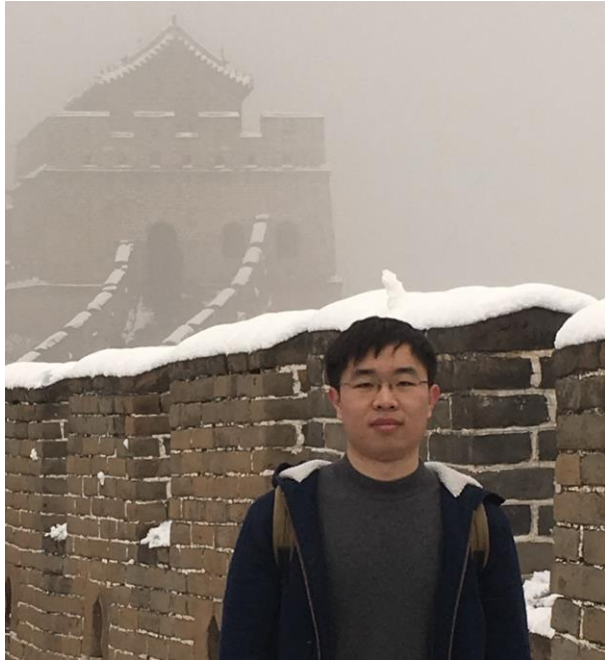
He has over 26,000 citations, with most of his papers in thermodynamics of computation, foundations of physics, dynamics of social organizations, machine learning, game theory, distributed optimization, and molecular biology. In particular his machine learning technique of stacking was instrumental in both winning entries for the Netflix competition, and his papers on the no free lunch theorems have over 7,000 citations. (Details at <http://davidwolpert.weebly.com>).

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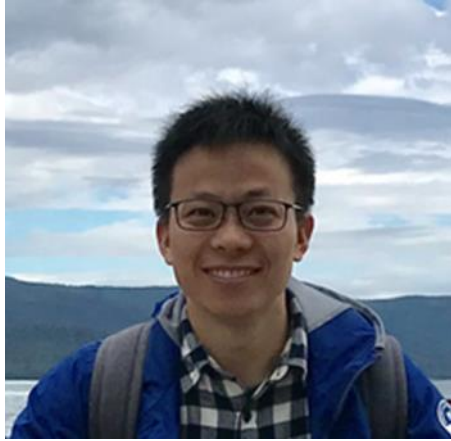


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