

# YEN-CHUN LIU

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Gaussian processes, Bayesian Optimization, Experiment Design, Reinforcement Learning, Causal Inference

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. candidate in Statistics** Aug. 2022 - present

Duke University

**M.S. in Statistics** Sep. 2020 - July 2022

National Tsing Hua University (NTHU)

**B.S. in Mathematics** Sep. 2015 - Jan. 2020

National Taiwan University

## SKILLS

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**Programming:** R, Python, Matlab, C/C++ (basic) | **Technical:** SQL, Slurm, Linux, Git, AWS

## EXPERIENCES

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**Amazon** Sep. 2024 - present

*Research Scientist (Contract)* *Raleigh, NC*

- Scoped and solved a complex business problem from end-to-end, defining data requirements, developing the methodology, and delivering the final product to a partner team.
- Conducted and published research on causal inference and reinforcement learning, with findings accepted at the 2025 Amazon Consumer Science Summit.

**Department of Statistical Science, Duke University** Sep. 2023 - present

*Research Assistant* *Durham, NC*

- Designed optimal experimental strategies utilizing auxiliary information for improved model efficiency.
- Developed a discrete active learning algorithm using integer programming to solve path planning problems.

**Institute of Statistics, National Tsing Hua University** Dec., 2020 - July, 2022

*Research Assistant* *Hsinchu, Taiwan*

- Developed efficient unbiased estimators for the transformation model by leveraging external heterogeneous aggregate data.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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**YC Liu**, Simon Mak. QuIP: Experimental design for expensive simulators with many Qualitative factors via Integer Programming. *Submitted to Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics* 2025

K. Reyes, **YC Liu**, CY Huang, R. Banerjee, T. Martin, S. Wong, J. Wolf, S. Arora, N. Shah, A. Chari, A. Chung. Salvage therapies including retreatment with BCMA-directed approaches after BCMA CAR-T relapses for multiple myeloma. *Blood Advances* . 2024

YJ Cheng, **YC Liu**, CY Tsai, CY Huang. Semiparametric estimation of the transformation model by leveraging external aggregate data in the presence of population heterogeneity. *Biometrics*. 2023