

# Hongrui (Sam) Sheng

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## EDUCATION

**Fudan University, Shanghai, China**

Expected 06/2027

*Bachelor of Science in Chemistry*

· GPA: 3.83/4.00 | Rank: 10/94

· **Key Coursework:** Quantum Chemistry (H): A+; Organic Chemistry II (H): A; Physical Chemistry II (H): A

**Stanford University, California, USA**

06/2025 - 08/2025

*International Honors Program Participant*

· STATS117 Introduction to Probability Theory: A+; CS106B Programming Abstractions: A

## PUBLICATION

1. C. Lei, Y. Meng, **Sheng, Hongrui**, X. Liu, Z. Deng, and M. Gong\*, "Heterogeneous or homogeneous: The interplay of ions and surfaces during deposition/dissolution equilibrium for neutral-pH electrocatalytic biomass valorization," *Unpublished manuscript*, 2025, Submitted.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Program Leader, Wangdao Research Program | Professor Ming Gong**

Since 05/2025

*AI-aided tailoring electrocatalysts for the selective valorization of glycerol*

- Implementing machine learning methods to accelerate the discovery of novel electrocatalysts.
  - Curate data from journal articles and utilize SISSO/LASSO to identify key physicochemical factors.
  - Screen potential electrocatalysts from open-source databases, such as Materials Project and Catalysis-Hub.
  - Validate results via DFT calculations and wet-lab experiments.

**Trainee researcher | Professor Ming Gong**

03/2024 - 04/2025

*Biomass Valorization via Electrocatalysis*

- Executed multi-step experimental protocols for catalyst fabrication and electrochemical testing.

## SELECTED PROJECTS

**Automated Computational Workflow for  $S_N2$  Mechanisms | [Codes on GitHub](#)**

11/2025 - 12/2025

*Computational Chemistry Course Project, AI-assisted*

- Engineered an end-to-end **Python** pipeline to automate **Gaussian** workflows for amine methylation.
- Implemented **SISSO-inspired** multivariate regression ( $R^2 > 0.95$ ) to predict activation energies using electronic ( $Q_N$ ) and topological ( $\kappa_3$ ) descriptors.
- Integrated **RDKit** for automated complex assembly and feature extraction, revealing the interplay between steric hindrance and nucleophilicity.

## AWARDS

Outstanding Student of Fudan University

2025

Second Prize, Syensqo Scholarship, Syensqo (formerly Solvay)

2025

Second Prize, Scholarship for Outstanding Students, Fudan University

2024, 2025

## SKILLS, LANGUAGES, AND INTERESTS

<b>Skills</b>	Programming: Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, C++; Computational Chemistry: Psi4, Gaussian
<b>Languages</b>	Chinese (Native), English (TOEFL iBT 107/120), Japanese (JLPT N1)
<b>Interests</b>	Hobby Aquarist, Rock and Classical Music, Traditional Chinese Medicine

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

**Founding President, Fudan Integrative Medicine Association**

11/2024 - 09/2025

*Established the first student organization promoting interdisciplinary medicine at Fudan.*

**Executive President, Fudan Traditional Chinese Medicine Club**

03/2024 - 09/2025

*Revitalized the club; **automated outreach workflows using Python** to recruit 100+ members.*