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Dr. Possu Huang received his PhD from Caltech with the first demonstration of a computationally designed novel protein-protein interface. He subsequently conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Washington before starting his group at Stanford. His research focuses on advancing the understanding of proteins for the engineering of novel therapeutics and other protein-based nanotechnology. He has contributed to a large number of de novo designed proteins, most notably to the unlocking of the design principles behind the TIM barrel fold and the invention of eOD, an HIV immunogen design. His group uses machine learning, computational modeling, structural biology and experimental library optimization to continue the expansion of protein-based molecular platforms.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, Bioengineering
- Member, Bio-X
- Faculty Fellow, Sarafan ChEM-H

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Senior Fellow, University of Washington
- Ph.D., California Institute of Technology , Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics
- B.A., UC Berkeley , MCB - Biochemistry

LINKS

- Lab Website: <http://www.proteindesign.org>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Protein design: molecular engineering, method development and novel therapeutics

PROJECTS

- Structural and mechanistic studies of pore forming toxins by protein design and artificial cells - Stanford University and Osaka University

Teaching

COURSES

2024-25

- Molecular and Cellular Engineering Lab: BIOE 301A, EE 235 (Win)

2023-24

- Computational Protein Modeling Laboratory: BIOE 301E (Aut)

2022-23

- Computational Protein Modeling Laboratory: BIOE 301E (Aut)
- Molecular and Cellular Engineering Lab: BIOE 301A (Win)

2021-22

- Computational protein modeling laboratory: BIOE 301E (Aut)
- Molecular and Cellular Engineering Lab: BIOE 301A (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Carlos Aldrete, Alana Gudinas, Laura Guerrero, Masha Karelina, Andras Sagi, Joshua Sampson

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Braxton Bell, Wyatt Blackson, Yilin Chen, Christian Choe, Gina El Nesr, Jinho Kim, Hyejin Lee, Kif Lim, Jingjia Liu, Tianyu Lu, Carla Perez, Richard Shuai

Doctoral (Program)

Vandon Duong, Hajime Fujita, Natalie Kolber, David Li, Lucas Sant'Anna, Magda Zaoralova

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Targeting peptide antigens using a multiallelic MHC I-binding system.** *Nature biotechnology*
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- **Sparks of function by de novo protein design.** *Nature biotechnology*
Chu, A. E., Lu, T., Huang, P. S.
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- **A general platform for targeting MHC-II antigens via a single loop.** *bioRxiv : the preprint server for biology*
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2024
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2024

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- **Fully synthetic platform to rapidly generate tetravalent bispecific nanobody-based immunoglobulins.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
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- **Rational Design of Improved and Novel Photodissociable GFPs and RFPs**
Westberg, M., Trigo, M. L., Devenish, S., Huang, P., Lin, M. Z.
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- **De Novo Design of a Highly Stable Ovoid TIM Barrel: Unlocking Pocket Shape towards Functional Design.** *Biodesign research*
Chu, A. E., Fernandez, D., Liu, J., Eguchi, R. R., Huang, P. S.
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- **Ig-VAE: Generative modeling of protein structure by direct 3D coordinate generation.** *PLoS computational biology*
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- **Protein sequence design with a learned potential.** *Nature communications*
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- **Structure-based protein design with deep learning.** *Current opinion in chemical biology*
Ovchinnikov, S., Huang, P.
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- **Theoretical basis for stabilizing messenger RNA through secondary structure design.** *Nucleic acids research*
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- **Optical control of fast and processive engineered myosins in vitro and in living cells.** *Nature chemical biology*
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2020
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- **HIV-1 VRC01 Germline-Targeting Immunogens Select Distinct Epitope-Specific B Cell Receptors.** *Immunity*
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- **Harnessing Human Neural Networks for Protein Design.** *Biochemistry*
Huang, P., Thompson, K. A.
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Huang, P.
AMER CHEMICAL SOC.2019
- **Multi-Scale Structural Analysis of Proteins by Deep Semantic Segmentation.** *Bioinformatics (Oxford, England)*
Eguchi, R. R., Huang, P.
2019
- **The molecular basis of chaperone-mediated interleukin 23 assembly control.** *Nature communications*
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● **Generative Modeling for Protein Structures**

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● **Designing repeat proteins: a modular approach to protein design.** *Current opinion in structural biology*

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● **Control of repeat-protein curvature by computational protein design** *NATURE STRUCTURAL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY*

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