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EDUCATION

Tongji University

Bachelor of Computer Science and Technology (Elite Class) **GPA: 4.90 / 5 Rank: 1 / 52**

Shanghai, CN

2022 – 2026

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Incoming Ph.D. at Computer Science and Engineering, advised by [Prof. Jiaya Jia \(IEEE Fellow\)](#)

Hong Kong, CN

2026 – 2030

Research Interest: Multi-modal Large Language Model, Post-training, Model Compression

SELECTED HONORS

National Scholarship 2023 (**rank 1 / 198**), Tang Zhongying Moral Scholarship (**top 0.5%**)

National Scholarship 2024 (**rank 1 / 73**), Outstanding Student Model (**top 0.1%**),

National Scholarship 2025 (**rank 1 / 73**), Inspirational Honorable Mention Award (**top 0.05%**)

PUBLICATIONS (*Equal contribution)

SparseSSM: Efficient Selective Structured State Space Models Can Be Pruned in One-Shot

Kaiwen Tuo, Huan Wang.

Submit to ICLR 2026 [[arXiv](#)] | [[Code](#)] | [[Webpage](#)].

RewardMap: Tackling Sparse Rewards in Fine-grained Visual Reasoning via Multi-Stage Reinforcement Learning

Sicheng Feng*, **Kaiwen Tuo***, Song Wang, Lingdong Kong, Jianke Zhu, Huan Wang.

Submit to ICLR 2026 [[arXiv](#)] | [[Code](#)] | [[Webpage](#)] | [[Dataset](#)] | [[Reported by Jiqizhixin](#)].

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Reinforcement Learning on Map-Centric Multimodal Data for Spatial Reasoning

Jul. 2025 – Oct. 2025

Advisor: [Huan WANG](#)

Encode Lab, Westlake University

- Expanded ReasonMap into ReasonMap-Plus: 30 cities, 4,018 high-resolution samples; annotated difficulty; 5 question types covering counting and verification.
- Designed a difficulty-aware fine-grained reward and multi-stage RL curriculum to tackle sparse-reward learning.
- Achieved state-of-the-art results on ReasonMap/ReasonMap-Plus, matching or surpassing top open-source and some closed-source MLLMs and delivered consistent gains across 6 external benchmarks. Paper was submitted to **ICLR 2026**.

Efficient Selective Structured State Space Models Can Be Pruned in One-Shot

Feb. 2025 – Jun. 2025

Advisor: [Huan WANG](#)

Encode Lab, Westlake University

- Developed a training-free OBS-based pruning strategy for Mamba-based LLMs, surpassing current SOTA in performance.
- Existing pruning methods primarily target Transformer architectures, cannot be directly transferred to Mamba.
- Implemented fast, unstructured pruning for Mamba-based LLMs using a single GPU, with no performance degradation at 50% sparsity. Paper was submitted to **ICLR 2026**.

SELECTED COMPETITIONS

China International College Students' Innovation Competition (Top 0.2%)

Mar. 2024 – Sep. 2024

- Won Gold Prize of the Shanghai Provincial Competition as the **founder and leader** of the team.
- Led a startup team, developed a comprehensive business model for façade damage detection, designed the hardware layout, and deployed the detection algorithm, Planning to establish a company in the near future.

National Mathematical Modeling Contest, Shanghai Second Prize (Team Leader)

Sep. 2024

- Served as **team leader**, responsible for paper writing and algorithm refinement.
- Integrated simulated annealing, SAT-based separating-axis collision detection, binary search, and BFGS optimization to conduct an in-depth study of the bench-dragon movement dynamics.

Second Prize, 15th National College Student Mathematics Competition

Nov. 2023

Top Prize, National AI Application Scenario Innovation Competition – Thematic Track

Nov. 2024

LEADERSHIP

President of Tongji Commercial and Investment Club

Oct. 2023 - Present

- Connected and maintained relationships with 300+ outstanding alumni in business and STEM fields.
- Led club operations and handled key responsibilities such as annual event planning, recruitment drives, and alumni-industry engagement. Manage multiple internship information-sharing groups.

"TJeduTeens" Founder & Contact Person

Jan. 2023 - Mar. 2023

Tongji University

- Investigated the implementation of double reduction, integrated the strengths of universities and community.
- Liaised with the Guirenmao Community in Yan'an City, Shaanxi, and communicated with several staff members.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Tech Stack (selected): Python, Pytorch, C/C++, Latex, Linux, Git, Slides Design, Other essential tools for research

Hobbies (selected): Volunteer Service (**106h**), Quantitative trade (Attend J.P. Morgan's AWMC), Chinese characters