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EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

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- **Dartmouth College, NH** Sep. 2025 - May 2030 (expected)
PhD in Computer Science
Advisor: Nikhil Singh
 - **Columbia University, NY** Jan. 2024 - May 2025
MS in Computer Science-Thesis Track
GPA: 4.08/4.0, Advisor: Zhou Yu
 - **Renmin University, China** (Ranked 20th globally on [CSRankings 2025](#)) Sep. 2019 - Jun. 2023
BS in Data Science
 - **University of California, Davis, CA** Jan. 2022 - Apr. 2022
Exchange Student

RESEARCH INTEREST

Post-training Dynamics of Large Language Models:

RL for Specialization, Policy Optimization, World Model Learning

Mechanistic and Representation-level Interpretability:

Geometric Analysis of LLM Representations and Structure Emergence, Causal and Data-centric Interpretation

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- **Columbia University** Feb 2024 - Present
 - Mentor: Junfeng Yang
 - Project: Adversarial analysis of diffusion-based image detectors via internal guidance (CVPR 2024 Workshop).
 - Mentor: Zhou Yu
 - Project: Built resume-job matching framework with hard-negative mining and synthetic data generation (ACL 2025).
 - **Alibaba Security Group** Jul 2023 - Dec 2023
 - Mentor: Pengda Qin
 - Projects: Built supervised fine-tuning data for 7B/14B LVLMs for multi-image QA (MME 1400+). Expanded LVLMs with MoE to improve unseen-task generalization (+50%) while maintaining prior performance (95%).
 - **Baidu Vision** Nov 2022 - Jun 2023
 - Mentor: Yumeng Zhang
 - Projects: Improved NeRF for dynamic unbounded autonomous-driving scenes via tri-plane decomposition on NuScenes.
 - **Renmin University of China (Undergraduate Research)** Jun 2021 - Jun 2024
 - Advisor: Di Hu
 - Projects: Studied modality imbalance in multi-modal learning; proposed modality-wise normalization to improve weak uni-modalities in fine-grained audio-visual tasks (ICASSP 2023).

PUBLICATION LIST

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1. **Reinforcement World Model Learning for LLM-based Agents.**
Xiao Yu, Baolin Peng, **Ruize Xu**, Yelong Shen, Pengcheng He, Suman Nath, Nikhil Singh, Jiangfeng Gao, Zhou Yu.
[Preprint.](#) ([Paper](#))
 2. **Dyna-Think: Synergizing Reasoning, Acting, and World Model Simulation in AI Agents.**
Xiao Yu, Baolin Peng, **Ruize Xu**, Michel Galley, Hao Cheng, Suman Nath, Jianfeng Gao, Zhou Yu.
[Preprint.](#) ([Paper](#))
 3. **AI Agents for Web Testing: A Case Study in the Wild.**
Naimeng Ye*, Xiao Yu*, **Ruize Xu***, Tianyi Peng, Zhou Yu.
[NeurIPS 2025, LAW Workshop.](#) ([Paper](#))
 4. **ConFit v2: Improving Resume-Job Matching using Hypothetical Resume Embedding and Runner-Up Hard-Negative Mining.**
Xiao Yu*, **Ruize Xu***, Chengyuan Xue*, Jinzhong Zhang, Xu Ma, Zhou Yu.
[Findings of ACL 2025.](#) ([Paper](#))

5. **From Detection to Deception: Are AI-Generated Image Detectors Adversarially Robust?**

Yun-yun Tsai, **Ruize Xu**, Chengzhi Mao, Junfeng Yang.

CVPR 2024, Responsible Generative AI Workshop. ([Paper](#))

6. **Comclip: Training-free Compositional Image and Text Matching.**

Kenan Jiang, Xuehai He, **Ruize Xu**, Xin Eric Wang.

NAACL 2024. ([Paper](#))

7. **MMcosine: Multi-modal Cosine Loss Towards Balanced Audio-Visual Fine-grained Learning.**

Ruize Xu, Ruoxuan Feng, Shi-Xiong Zhang, Di Hu.

ICASSP 2023. ([Paper](#) and [Code](#))

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Tinker Research Grant **\$5,000**, *Thinking Machines Lab.* 2026
- Renmin University of China (RUC): National 1st Prize, Chinese Mathematics Competitions; Mathematical Contest in Modeling / Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling. Meritorious Winner (Top 7%) 1st Prize Scholarship for Academic Excellence (Top 5%); President Scholarship for Exchange Students; Undergraduate Research Fund; Dean's MingDe Data Science Talents Nomination (17/321); Academic Excellence Award (Top 3% GPA) 2020–2022

SERVICE

- **Reviewer:** ICASSP 2024, Neurips LAW Workshop 2025, ICLR 2026 World Models Workshop, ICML 2026
- Table Tennis School Team: RUC&Columbia