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## Education

2025 – 2030    📖 **Ph.D. Computer Science, University of California San Diego**

2021 – 2025    📖 **B.Sc. Computer Science, National University of Singapore** with Honours (Highest Distinction)

## Research Publications

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### Conference Proceedings

- 1    Zhiyuan Liang, Dongwen Tang, Yuhao Zhou, Xuanlei Zhao, Mingjia Shi, Wangbo Zhao, **Zekai Li**, Peihao Wang, Konstantin Schürholt, Damian Borth, Michael M Bronstein, Yang You, Zhangyang Wang, and Kai Wang. “Drag-and-Drop: Zero-Shot Prompt-to-Weights”. In: *The Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. Dec. 2025.
- 2    Ziqiao Wang\*, Wangbo Zhao\*, Yuhao Zhou, **Zekai Li**, Zhiyuan Liang, Mingjia Shi, Xuanlei Zhao, Pengfei Zhou, Kaipeng Zhang, Zhangyang Wang, Kai Wang, and Yang You. “REPA Works Until It Doesn’t: Early-Stopped, Holistic Alignment Supercharges Diffusion Training”. In: *The Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. Dec. 2025.
- 3    Pengfei Zhou\*, Jie Xia\*, Xiaopeng Peng, Wangbo Zhao, Zilong Ye, **Zekai Li**, Suorong Yang, Jiadong Pan, Yuanxiang Chen, Ziqiao Wang, Kai Wang, Qian Zheng, Xiaojun Chang, Gang Pan, Shurong Dong, Kaipeng Zhang, and Yang You. “Neural-Driven Image Editing”. In: *The Thirty-Ninth Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. Dec. 2025.
- 4    Kai Wang\*, Mingjia Shi\*, Yukun Zhou, **Zekai Li**, Zhihang Yuan, Yuzhang Shang, Xiaojiang Peng, Hanwang Zhang, and Yang You. “A Closer Look at Time Steps is Worthy of Triple Speed-Up for Diffusion Model Training”. In: *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*. June 2025, pp. 12934–12944.
- 5    Kai Wang\*, **Zekai Li**\*, Zhi-Qi Cheng, Samir Khaki, Ahmad Sajedi, Ramakrishna Vedantam, Konstantinos N Plataniotis, Alexander Hauptmann, and Yang You. “Emphasizing Discriminative Features for Dataset Distillation in Complex Scenarios”. In: *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*. June 2025.
- 6    **Zekai Li** and Wei Peng. “Self-Adaptive Reasoning on Sub-Questions for Multi-Hop Question Answering”. In: *ICASSP 2023 - 2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*. June 2023.

## Miscellaneous Experience

### Awards and Achievements

- 2024    📖 **Dean’s List**, School of Computing, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- 📖 **Outstanding Computing Project Prize**, School of Computing, National University of Singapore.
- 2022    📖 **Dean’s List**, School of Computing, National University of Singapore, Singapore

## Miscellaneous Experience (continued)

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### Certification

2014  **Certified Distinction in the Artificial Intelligence Focus Area**, School of Computing, National University of Singapore.