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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

* equal contribution

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)

Certification

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