Richard Cornelius Suwandi

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Education

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen (CUHK-Shenzhen)

Sep 2023 - Present

PhD in Computer and Information Engineering

• Supervisors: Prof. Feng Yin & Prof. Tsung-Hui Chang (IEEE Fellow)

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen (CUHK-Shenzhen)

Sep 2019 - May 2023

BSc in Statistics (Data Science Stream), First-Class Honours

Research Experience

Dria Sep 2025 – Present

Research Intern

• Working on evolutionary coding agents for algorithm discovery and codebase optimization

Bayesian Learning for Signal Processing (BLSP) Group

Jun 2021 - May 2023

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Supervised by Prof. Feng Yin)

- o Designed a novel grid spectral mixture kernel for GP with multidimensional input
- o Developed two distributed algorithms for kernel learning in GP regression
- Presented a paper accepted at FUSION 2022 🗹

Shenzhen Research Institute of Big Data (SRIBD)

Jun 2021 - May 2023

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Supervised by Prof. Tsung-Hui Chang)

- Investigated federated matrix factorization for data clustering and recommender systems
- Co-authored a paper and a poster accepted at IEEE ICASSP 2021

Publications

R. C. Suwandi, F. Yin, J. Wang, R. Li, T.-H. Chang, S. Theodoridis, "Adaptive Kernel Design for Bayesian Optimization Is a Piece of CAKE with LLMs," 39th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2025. Paper & Code

R. C. Suwandi, Z. Lin, F. Yin, Z. Wang, S. Theodoridis, "Sparsity-Aware Distributed Learning for Gaussian Processes with Linear Multiple Kernel," *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)*, 2025. Paper Z Code Z

R. C. Suwandi, Z. Lin, Y. Sun, Z. Wang, L. Cheng, F. Yin, "Gaussian Process Regression with Grid Spectral Mixture Kernel: Distributed Learning for Multidimensional Data," 25th International Conference on Information Fusion (FUSION), 2022. Paper & Code & Slides &

S. Wang, R. C. Suwandi, T.-H. Chang, "Demystifying Model Averaging for Communication-Efficient Federated Matrix Factorization," 46th IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2021. Paper Z Poster Z

Honors & Awards

2nd Prize Award, Doctoral Research and AI Conference, CUHK-Shenzhen	2025
IEEE Signal Processing Society Scholarship	2024, 2025
Shenzhen Universiade International Scholarship Foundation	2024
School of Science and Engineering Postgraduate Studentship, CUHK-Shenzhen	2023
Undergraduate Research Award, CUHK-Shenzhen	2022, 2023
School of Data Science Dean's List Award, CUHK-Shenzhen	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Guangdong Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship	2020, 2021
Full Tuition and Accommodation Scholarship, CUHK-Shenzhen	2019
Bronze Medal, Asia International Mathematical Olympiad (AIMO)	2018
Teaching Experience	
Teaching Assistant, CIE6007 Machine Learning, CUHK-Shenzhen	Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant, MAT2040 Linear Algebra, CUHK-Shenzhen	Spring 2025
Teaching Assistant, CIE6007 Machine Learning, CUHK-Shenzhen	Fall 2024
Teaching Assistant, MAT2040 Linear Algebra, CUHK-Shenzhen	Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant, MAT2040 Linear Algebra, CUHK-Shenzhen	Fall 2023
Organizational Experience	
Co-organizer, AI4Science Community, alphaXiv	2025 - Present
Student Ambassador, CUHK-Shenzhen	2024 - Present
Graduate Student Member, IEEE	2024 - Present
Member, IEEE Young Professionals	2024 - Present
Member, IEEE Signal Processing Society	2024 - Present
Member, IEEE Student Branch, CUHK-Shenzhen	2023 - Present
Services	

Journal Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (TSP)

Journal Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)

 $Conference\ Reviewer,\ {\it Neural\ Information\ Processing\ Systems\ (NeurIPS)}$

Conference Reviewer, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)

Conference Reviewer, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

Conference Reviewer, IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)