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SUMMARY

Ph.D. student specializing in Uncertainty Quantification and Bayesian Deep Learning for trustworthy AI. Seeking a Summer 2026 Research Internship to apply expertise in Uncertainty Quantification and Bayesian Modeling to solve challenging real-world problems. Proven experience in developing novel algorithms from theory to implementation in vision and language tasks.

EDUCATION

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) 08/2024 – present

- **Ph.D. in Computer & System Engineering**
- **Advisor:** [Prof. Qiang Ji](#)
- **Research Interests:** Uncertainty Quantification, Bayesian Deep Learning, Knowledge Prior for Computer Vision

Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech) 08/2020 – 07/2024

- **B.S. in Data Science and Big Data Technology**
- **Advisor:** [Prof. Chao Wang](#)
- **Primary Background:** Optimization, Statistics and Machine Learning

University of California, Irvine 03/2023 – 07/2023

- **Exchange Student**
- Individual study on Meta Learning and Reinforcement Learning, supervised by [Prof. Hengrui Cai](#).

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

Research Extern 05/2025 – 08/2025
IBM Research *Yorktown Heights, NY*

- **Mentor:** [Dr. Debarun Bhattacharjya](#)
- Black-box Uncertainty Quantification and Decomposition for LLMs (**Working paper**)
 - Developed a novel perturbation-based framework for UQ in black-box LLMs, enabling uncertainty decomposition without requiring access to model weights or intermediate results.
 - Introduced an ensemble-of-ensembles method to disentangle aleatoric and epistemic uncertainty, using input perturbations as a proxy for parameter variability.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant 09/2024 – Present
RPI *Troy, NY*

- **Advisor:** [Prof. Qiang Ji](#)
- Led the implementation of core algorithms and established performance baselines for a novel Causal Saliency Map project (**Working paper**).
- Developed a contrastive learning framework to disentangle semantic and nuisance uncertainties, achieving state-of-the-art performance on multiple benchmarks (**Paper under review**).
- Developed a probabilistic framework that injects biomechanical knowledge into neural networks via knowledge priors and likelihoods for 3D hand reconstruction (**Working paper**).

- Developed and implemented **efficient uncertainty quantification** methods for single models, both theoretically and practically. Theoretically, derived results from NTK theory to effectively quantify uncertainty in regression using only one auxiliary neural network. Practically, implemented and advanced credal interval-based methods for UQ ([Technical Report](#)).

Undergraduate Researcher
SUSTech

03/2024 – 08/2024
Shenzhen, China

- **Advisor:** [Prof. Chao Wang](#)
- **Main Concentration:** Unpaired Image Denoising via VAE & Diffusion-based Hyperspectral Image Restoration
 - Designed and implemented a self-supervised hyperspectral image restoration method using a novel combination of Implicit Neural Representations (INR) and Diffusion Models.
 - Implemented and optimized a Variational Autoencoder (VAE) for unpaired image denoising, enhancing performance through Mutual Information maximization.

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT

Seminar Organizer: AI: Optimization, Theory & Responsibility
SUSTech

07/2024 – 09/2024
Shenzhen, China

- Organized a graduate-level seminar under the supervision of [Prof. Chao Wang](#).
- Presented talks on [Bayesian Optimization](#) and [Bayesian Neural Networks](#).

Seminar Participant & Speaker
SUSTech

06/2023 – 09/2023
Shenzhen, China

- Active participant in a seminar on Self-Supervised Learning.
- Delivered presentations on [Meta-Learning](#) and [Optimizers](#).

SKILLS

Languages	Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Conversational)
Programming	Python (PyTorch, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn), Java, MATLAB
Developer Tools	Git, Docker, LaTeX, Linux

AWARDS & HONORS

SUSTech Excellent Undergraduate Graduation Project

06/2024

Thesis: End-to-end Unpaired Image Denoising Based on Mutual Information Enhancement

Shenzhen, China

Second Prize in Guangdong Province, Mathematical Contest in Modeling

10/2021

Excellent Student Scholarship (Two-time recipient)

09/2021, 09/2022

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Shenzhen, China