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Birmingham, AL 35205, USA

EDUCATION

University of Alabama at Birmingham

01 2024 - Present

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Birmingham, USA

Sichuan University Jincheng College

09 2019 - 06 2023

Bachelor of Engineering in Artificial Intelligence

Chengdu, China

EXPERIENCE

Oak Ridge National Laboratory

05.2025 - Present

Research Intern

- Participated in the development of ORBIT-2, a scalable foundation model for global, hyper-resolution climate downscaling.
- Participation in U.S Department of Energy (DOE) Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) AI Initiative Program "Energy-Efficient Training for Large-Scale Vision Transformer Foundation Models"
- Institute of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Southwest Jiaotong University

11.2022 - 02.2023

Algorithm Intern

- Supported algorithm engineers in the development and testing of models, specifically processing and training high-speed railway data.
- Deploying algorithms on the NVIDIA Jetson nano development board.

• JD Technology 12.2020 - 02.2021

Algorithm Intern

- Conducted data collection using web crawlers, contributing to the development of multi-person inference models.
- Facilitated API integration within the group to streamline processes.

PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

C=Conference, J=Journal, P=Patent, S=In Submission, T=Thesis

- [J.1] S. M. Fazle Rabby Labib1, Joyanta Jyoti Mondal, Meem Arafat Manab, Sarfaraz Newaz, Xi Xiao. (2024). Tailoring Adversarial Attacks on Deep Neural Networks for Targeted Class Manipulation Using DeepFool Algorithm. Nature Scientific Reports.
- [J.2] Aokun Liang, Xi Xiao, Zekun Zhang, Yibing Xiong, Qi Zhang, Huibin Li, Xiangyun Hua, Tao Ke. (2025).
 GeoPriorCLIP: A Foundational Remote Sensing Vision-Language Model Enhanced with Cascaded Geographic Information Priors. Summitted to International Journal of Applied Earth Observation and Geoinformation.
- [J.3] Zhengji Li, Xi Xiao, Yingrui Ji, Jiacheng Xie, Xiao Wang, Swalpa Kumar Roy, Jiansheng Chen, Tianyang Wang. (2025). Cycle-YOLO: A Efficient and Robust Framework for Pavement Damage Detection. Summitted to Remote Sensing.
- [J.4] Lanju Tao, Zhengji Li, Xi Xiao, Yingrui Ji, Xinyuan Song, Gaofei Chen, Yunbei Zhang, Ooi Kok Loan, Tianyang Wang. (2025). RiskLLM: A Cross-Modal Large Language Model Framework for Generalizable Financial Risk Prediction. Summitted to Nature Scientific Reports.
- [J.5] Zhengji Li, Fazhan Xiong, Boyun Huang, Meihui Li, Xi Xiao, Yingrui Ji, Jiacheng Xie, Aokun Liang, Hao Xu. (2025).
 MGD-YOLO: An Enhanced Road Defect Detection Algorithm Based on Multi-Scale Attention Feature Fusion.
 Accepted by CMC-Computers Materials & Continua.
- [C.1] Xi Xiao, Zhengji Li, Wentao Wang, Jiacheng Xie, Yuxiao Fan, Houjie Lin, Tianyang Wang, Min Xu. (2024). TD-RD: A Top-Down Benchmark with Real-Time Framework for Road Damage Detection. *ICASSP* 2025.
- [C.2] Xi Xiao, Wentao Wang, Jiacheng Xie, Lijing Zhu, Gaofei Chen, Zhengji Li, Tianyang Wang, Min Xu. (2024).
 HGTDTP-DTA: Hybrid Graph-Transformer with Dynamic Prompt for Drug-Target Binding Affinity Prediction.
 ICONIP 2024.

- [C.3] Wentao Wang*, Xi Xiao*, Mingjie L iu, Tian Qing, Xuanyao Huang, Qizhen Lan, Swalpa Kumar Roy, Tianyang Wang. (2024). Multi-dimension Transformer with Attention-based Filtering for Medical Image Segmentation. *ICTAI* 2024. (* equal contribution).
- [C.4] Zhengji Li, Yuhong Xie, Xi Xiao, Lanju Tao, Jinyuan Liu, Ke Wang. (2022). An Image Data Augmentation Algorithm Based on YOLOv5s-DA for Pavement Distress Detection. IEEE 2022 the 5th International Conference on Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence.
- [C.5] Jiacheng Xie, Yingrui Ji, Linghuan Zeng, Xi Xiao, Gaofei Chen, Lijing Zhu, Joyanta Jyoti Mondal, Jiansheng Chen. (2025). E2CB2former: Effective and Explainable Transformer for CB2 Receptor Ligand Activity Prediction. IJCNN 2025.
- [C.6] Xi Xiao, Xingjian Li, Guosheng Hu, Tianyang Wang, Min Xu. (2025). Prompting Vision Foundation Models with Cascaded Semantics. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.
- [C.7] Xi Xiao, Yunbei Zhang, Xingjian Li, Tianyang Wang, Yuxiang Wei, Xiao Wang, Jihun Hamm, Min Xu. (2025). Visual Instance-aware Prompt Tuning. *Summitted to ACM MM 2025*.
- [C.8] Xi Xiao, Yunbei Zhang, Janet Wang, Xinyuan Song, Hengjia Li, Gaofei Chen, Yuxiang Wei, Yanshu Li, Xiao Wang, Swalpa Kumar Roy, Hao Xu, Tianyang Wang. (2025). RoadDiseasePrior: A Vision-Language Foundation Model and Benchmark for Road Damage Understanding. Summitted to ACM MM 2025.
- [C.9] Xi Xiao, Yunbei Zhang, Xingjian Li, Tianyang Wang, Jihun Hamm, Xiao Wang, Min Xu. (2025). Visual Variational Autoencoder Prompt Tuning. CVPR Workshop 2025.
- [C.10] Xi Xiao, Xingjian Li, Yunbei Zhang, Tianming Liu, Tianyang Wang, Xiao Wang, Min Xu. (2025). Visual Darts Prompt Tuning. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.
- [C.11] Mingqiao Mo, Xi Xiao, Yunbei Zhang, Hao Zhang, Pinxin Liu, Eric Hanchen Jiang, YUXIANG WEI, Tianyang Wang, Chenrui Ma, Hao Xu. (2025). The Rank You Need, Not the Rank You Have: Layer-wise Adaptation for Vision Transformers. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.
- [C.12] Mingqiao Mo, Xi Xiao, Yunbei Zhang, Pinxin Liu, Hao Zhang, Eric Hanchen Jiang, Hengjia Li, Yingrui Ji, Tianyang Wang, Hao Xu. (2025). CaTeR: Structured Prompting and Temporal Distillation for Causal Video Reasoning with Frozen CLIP. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.
- [C.13] Hengjia Li*, Lifan Jiang*, Xi Xiao*, Tianyang Wang, Hongwei Yi, Boxi Wu, Deng Cai. (2025). MagicID: Hybrid Preference Optimization for ID-Consistent and Dynamic-Preserved Video Customization. Summitted to ICCV 2025. (* equal contribution).
- [C.14] Chenrui Ma, Rongchang Zhao, Xi Xiao, Hongyang Xie, Tianyang Wang, Xiao Wang, Hao Zhang, Yanning Shen. (2025). CAD-VAE: Leveraging Correlation-Aware Latents for Comprehensive Fair Disentanglement. Summitted to ICCV 2025.
- [C.15] Yuxiang Wei, Yanteng Zhang, Xi Xiao, Tianyang Wang, Xiao Wang, Vince Calhoun. (2025). 4D Multimodal Co-attention Fusion Network with Latent Contrastive Alignment for Alzheimer's Diagnosis. Summitted to ACM MM 2025.
- [C.16] Yanshu Li, Yi Cao, Xi Xiao, Tianyang Wang. (2025). M²IV: Towards Efficient and Fine-grained Multimodal In-Context Learning in Large Vision-Language Models. *ACL Workshop* 2025.
- [C.17] Yingrui Ji, Xi Xiao, Gaofei Chen, Hao Xu, Chenrui Ma, Lijing Zhu, Aokun Liang, Jiansheng Chen. (2025). CIBR: Cross-modal Information Bottleneck Regularization for Robust CLIP Generalization. *ICANN* 2025.
- [C.18] Yanshu Li, Hongyang He, Yi Cao, Qisen Cheng, Xiang Fu, Xi Xiao, Tianyang Wang, Ruixiang Tang. (2025). M²IV:
 Towards Efficient and Fine-grained Multimodal In-Context Learning in Large Vision-Language Models. Summitted to COLM 2025.
- [C.19] Mingqiao Mo, Yunlong Tan, Jianjiang Yang, Jin Xiao, Xi Xiao, Tingsong Huang, Jiaqing Liang, Tianyang Wang, Hao Xu. (2025). CompileRover: Revolutionizing Virtual Machine Compiler Optimization with a Tri-Role LLM-Driven Framework. Summitted to COLM 2025.
- [C.19] Chenrui Ma, Xi Xiao, Tianyang Wang, Yanning Shen. (2025). Beyond Editing Pairs: Fine-Grained Instructional Image Editing via Multi-Scale Learnable Regions. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.
- [C.19] Runmin Jiang, Wanyue Feng, Yuntian Yang, Shriya Pingulkar, Hong Wang, Xi Xiao, Xiaoyu Cao, Genpei Zhang, Yizhou Zhao, Xiao Wang, Tianyang Wang, Xingjian Li, Min Xu. (2025). Synthesis-driven Equivariant and Noise-robust Representation Learning for Cryo-ET Subtomograms. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.
- [C.19] Yuxiang Wei, Yanteng Zhang, Xi Xiao, Tianyang Wang, Xiao Wang, Vince Calhoun. (2025). MoRE-Brain: Routed Mixture of Experts for Interpretable and Generalizable Cross-Subject fMRI Visual Decoding. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.
- [C.19] Runmin Jiang, Genpei Zhang, Yuntian Yang, Siqi Wu, Yuheng Zhang, Wanyue Feng, Yizhou Zhao, Xi Xiao, Xiao Wang, Tianyang Wang, Xingjian Li, Min Xu. (2025). CryoCCD: Conditional Cycle-consistent Diffusion with Biophysical Modeling for Cryo-EM Synthesis. Summitted to NeurIPS 2025.

- [P.1] Li Zhengji, Xiao Xi, Li Xinrui. (2023). Road Surface Defect Detection Model Building Method, Detection Method, Storage Medium and Device. China Patent No. 202211675037.5. Registration Date: 2022.12.26. (Invention Patent, Accepted).
- [P.2] Li Zhengji, Xiao Xi, Li Xinrui. (2023). A Targeted Forest Fire Detection Algorithm for YOLO-ForestFire. (Patent Pending, Invention Patent).
- [P.3] Li Zhengji, Xiao Xi, Li Xinrui. (2024). A Pavement Disease Detection Method Based on CycleGAN and Improved YOLOv5. (Patent Pending, Invention Patent).
- [P.4] Li Zhengji, Li Xinrui, Dai Changyi, Xiao Xi. (2022). Forest Fire Detection Device and Its Collection Module. China Patent No. 202222756942.5. Granted: 2022.10.19. (Utility Model Patent).
- [P.5] Zhou Li, Xiao Xi, Ge Yuque. (2022). A Security Trolley for Hand Trajectory Violence Detection Based on AI Technology. China Patent No. 20222219620.1. Granted: 2022.05.24. (Utility Model Patent).

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Merit Award

15th Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition and 7th China International "Internet+" Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Compe

• First Prize (Ranked Top 1/500)

6th Sichuan University Robotics Competition 'Intelligent Waste Sorting Challenge'

• National Bronze Award

8th China International Student "Internet+" Competition

• Special Prize (Ranked Top 80/22,000+)

16th National Student Computer Design Competition in Sichuan Province

National Second Prize

2023 National Student AI Embedded Design Competition

• Outstanding Thesis (Ranked Top 10/8,000+)

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ACADEMIC SERVICES

- IEEE TCSVT Reviewer
- ACM MM 2025 Reviewer
- IJCNN 2025 Reviewer
- ICANN 2025 Reviewer
- ECCV 2024 Reviewer
- ICONIP 2024 Reviewer
- IEEE PRAI 2022 Area Chair
- IEEE PRAI 2022 Reviewer
- IEEE Student Member

SKILLS

• Programming Languages:

Python, Java, PHP, SQL (MySQL), JavaScript

• Frameworks:

Django, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch

Technical Writing Tool:

LaTeX

Developer Tools:

Git, Docker, Amazon Web Services, VS Code, PyCharm, HTML/CSS

• Python Libraries:

Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, OpenCV, Seaborn

• Software:

Adobe Premiere Pro, Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop

- Operating System:
- Virtualization and Cloud Computing:

Linux (Ubuntu), Windows

VMware, VirtualBox