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Research Interests

Recent Focus: Multimodal Video Understanding (MLLM) and Generation (Diffusion); Reinforcement Learning Background: Generative Models, MoE, (Human) Video/Image/Motion Gen, Video Und, Image Restoration, AI4Science, Long-tailed Modeling, Metric Learning

Education

Pennsylvania State University-University Park

2022-2026

Ph.D., Computer Science (University Graduate Fellowship Recipient)

State College, PA

Topic: Human Video Understanding and Generation

Advisor: Prof. Abhinav Verma

University of Science and Technology Beijing

2019-2022

M.S., Computer Science and Technology

Beijing, China

Topic: Fine-grained and Long-tailed Image Classification, Vehicle Re-identification

Advisor: Prof. Xu-Cheng Yin

University of Science and Technology Beijing

2015-2019

B.S., Automation (Honors College) (Ranking: 5/53) (GPA: 3.7/4.0)

Beijing, China

Publications

Image/Video Generation

[1]. Co-Speech Gesture Video Generation Implicit Motion-Audio Entanglement. **Xinjie Li**, Ziyi Chen, Xinlu Yu, Iek-Heng Chu, Peng Chang, Jing Xiao IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition **CVPR**, 2025.

[2]. Are Conditional Latent Diffusion Models Effective for Image Restoration? Yunchen Yuan, Junyuan Xiao, **Xinjie Lit** Arxiv Preprint.

[3]. DiffBody: Human Body Restoration by Imagining with Generative Diffusion Prior. Yiming Zhang, Lionel Z. Wang, Sizhuo Ma, **Xinjie Li**, Jian Ren, Zhihang Zhong, Jian Wang IEEE International Conference on Computational Photography **ICCP**, 2025

[4]. SD-GAN: Semantic Decomposition for Face Image Synthesis with Discrete Attribute. Kangneng Zhou, Xiaobin Zhu, Daiheng Zhou, Kai Lee, **Xinjie Li**, Xu-Cheng Yin. 30th ACM International Conference on Multimedia (**ACM MM**), 2022.

Video Understanding

 CI w/o TN: Context Injection without Task Name for Procedure Planning. Xinjie Li. Arxiv Preprint.

[2]. Repetitive Action Counting with Motion Feature Learning. **Xinjie Li**, Huijuan Xu.

IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2024.

[3]. MEID: Mixture-of-Experts with Internal Distillation for Long-Tailed Video Recognition. **Xinjie Li**, Huijuan Xu. 37th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2023. (**Oral**)

AI4Science

[1]. RetroMoE: A Mixture-of-Experts Latent Translation Framework for Single-step Retrosynthesis. Xinjie Li, Abhinav Verma.

34th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2025

[2]. Sub-Clustering for Class Distance Recalculation in Long-Tailed Drug Discovery. Yujia Su*, **Xinjie Li*†**, Lionel Z. Wang. Arxiv Preprint.

[3]. EllipBench: A Large-scale Benchmark for Machine-learning based Ellipsometry Modeling. Yiming Ma*, Xinjie Li*†, Xin Sun, Zhiyong Wang, Lionel Z. Wang. Arxiv Preprint. Submitted to NeurIPS 2025 Datasets & Benchmarks Track

Others

- [1]. Stereo CenterNet-based 3D Object Detection for Autonomous Driving. Yuguang Shi, Yu Guo, Zhenqiang Mi, Xinjie Li. Neurocomputing, 2022.
- [2]. DANet: Dynamic Attention to Spoof Patterns for Face Anti-Spoofing. Chun-Yu Sun, Song-Lu Chen, Xinjie Li, Feng Chen, Xu-Cheng Yin. 26th International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2022.
- [3]. Semantic Bilinear Pooling for Fine-Grained Recognition. Xinjie Li, Chun Yang, Song-Lu Chen, Chao Zhu, Xu-Cheng Yin. 24th International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2020.

Internships

Amazon Prime Video. (US) - Applied Scientist Intern

May 2025 -Seattle, WA

Unified Video Und and Gen Model - Large Scale Pretraining, SFT, RL

One paper in submission to CVPR26 Advisor: Dr. Zhimin Chen, Dr. Zhenyu Liao, Dr. Florian Schiffers, Dr. Rui Zhao

PAII Inc. (US) - Research Scientist Intern

May 2024 - March 2025

Co-Speech Gesture Video Generation

One paper accepted at CVPR25, one under review at ICLR26

Advisor: Dr. Ziyi Chen, Dr. Peng Chang

Center for AI Safety. (US)

Feb 2024 - Apr 2024

EBM enhanced Language Model for Text Generation

Remote

Palo Alto, CA

Advisor: Dr. Xuwang Yin

Snap Research. (US) - Research Intern

Aug 2023 - March 2024

ControlNet based Human Image Restoration

Remote

One paper accepted at ICCP25

Advisor: Dr. Jian Wang

Computational Biology Lab. (CMU) (US)

May 2023 - Jan 2024

Diffusion for Cryo-ET Image Synthesis and Missing-Wedge Correction

Remote

Advisor: Dr. Xiangrui Zeng, Prof. Min Xu

Meituan Inc. (CN) - MLE Intern

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Vision Transformer and Video Semantic Segmentation

Beijing, China

Advisor: Xiangxiang Chu

Remark AI. (UK) - MLE Intern

Feb 2021 - Apr 2021

Retail Product Automatic Checkout

Remote

Advisor: Dr. Xiaoyun Yang

Projects

Next Token Prediction in Computer Vision

May 2023 - July 2023

Fine-tune Stable Diffusion Inpainting model with Dreambooth and Lora on the SA1B dataset.

Competitions

- ♦ ICCV 2021 Video Scene Parsing in the Wild Challenge (Top 10)
- ♦ CVPR 2021 FGVC 8 Plant Pathology Challenge (Top 10%)
- ♦ CVPR 2020 FGVC 7 Semi-Supervised Recognition Challenge (Top 15)

Professional Activities

Conference Reviewer/Program Committee Member

IJCAI 2025; ICCV 2025; ICML 2025; CVPR 2023-2026; ICLR 2025, 2026; AAAI 2023-2026; NeurIPS 2024, 2025; ECCV 2024; ACM MM 2022-2024; WACV 2023