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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Current Research Areas (2024–Present):** Personalized Image Generation • Preference Optimization for Generative Models • World Models and Physical Consistency

**Previous Research Areas (2022–2024):** Medical Image Segmentation • Weakly Supervised Learning

**Related Competition Award:** Ranked first in Phase 2 of the Image-to-Video Consistency Challenge at the CVPR 2026 VGBE Workshop; the final ranking is pending.

## EDUCATION

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### Ph.D. Student in Computer Science and Technology

Sep. 2025 – Present

*Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (VIPL Group)*

Beijing

Advisor: Prof. Liang Li

*Research Areas: AIGC, Video Generation, World Models*

### B.Eng. in Artificial Intelligence

Sep. 2021 – Jun. 2025

*College of Computer Science, Sichuan University*

Chengdu

Advisors: Prof. Lituan Wang and Prof. Lei Zhang

*Honors: National Scholarship, Baosteel Scholarship (only six undergraduate recipients), Outstanding Graduate*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Research Intern

Feb. 2025 – Apr. 2026

*China Telecom Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (TeleAI)*

Beijing

Advisors: Jinbin Bai and Kaidong Yu

- **Research Topics:** (1) safety alignment for personalized image generation; (2) preference optimization for visual generative models; (3) world models and physical consistency.
- **Major Contributions:** (1) Developed the PSAlign framework and constructed the Sage dataset, enabling user-specific safety control through cross-attention adapters; (2) contributed to the design of the TGO algorithm, which converts unpaired scalar feedback into threshold-guided pseudo-preference supervision, and conducted training, comparative experiments, and ablation studies across multiple categories of visual generative models; (3) contributed to the writing of a world-model survey paper and the maintenance of the Awesome World Models project, systematically organizing task settings, methodological taxonomies, evaluation benchmarks, and application scenarios for world models.
- **Publication Outcomes:** (1) **First-author** manuscript submitted to TMLR 2026; (2) **second-author** paper accepted by ICML 2026; (3) **second-author** survey paper released as an arXiv preprint.

## Research Assistant

Machine Intelligence Laboratory, Sichuan University

Advisors: Prof. Litian Wang and Prof. Lei Zhang

Sep. 2022 – Aug. 2024

Chengdu

- **Research Topic:** Scribble-supervised weakly supervised medical image segmentation.
- **Major Work:** Proposed the PCLMix framework, integrating heterogeneous dual decoders, dynamic Mix augmentation, and dual-consistency regularization to propagate sparse scribble supervision to global segmentation regions; introduced uncertainty-guided pixel-level contrastive learning to improve intra-class consistency and inter-class discriminability.
- **Publication Outcome:** First-author paper published as an oral presentation at ICIC 2024; cited 10+ times.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Under Review

[1] **Yu Lei**, Jinbin Bai, Qingyu Shi, Aosong Feng, Kaidong Yu. “Personalized Safety Alignment for Text-to-Image Diffusion Models.” *Submitted to TMLR*, 2026. [[arXiv](#)] [[Code](#)] [[Project](#)]

### Published

[2] Jinbin Bai, **Yu Lei**, Qingyu Shi, Aosong Feng, Yi Xin, Zhuoran Zhao, Fei Shen, Kaidong Yu, Jason Li. “Threshold-Guided Optimization for Visual Generative Models.” *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2026. [[Paper](#)]

[3] **Yu Lei**, Haolun Luo, Litian Wang, Zhenwei Zhang, Lei Zhang. “PCLMix: Weakly Supervised Medical Image Segmentation via Pixel-Level Contrastive Learning and Dynamic Mix Augmentation.” *International Conference on Intelligent Computing (ICIC)*, Oral, 2024. [[arXiv](#)] [[Code](#)] [[Springer](#)]

### Preprints

[4] Jinbin Bai, **Yu Lei**, Hecong Wu, Yuchen Zhu, Shufan Li, Yi Xin, Xiangtai Li, Molei Tao, Aditya Grover, Mingxuan Yang. “From Masks to Worlds: A Hitchhiker’s Guide to World Models.” *arXiv preprint*, 2025. [[arXiv](#)] [[GitHub](#)]

## SELECTED OPEN-SOURCE PROJECTS

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**PSAlign** •  [M-E-AGI-Lab/PSAlign](#) • 8 stars, 1 fork

A personalized safety alignment framework for text-to-image diffusion models, with complete documentation.

**PCLMix** •  [torpedo2003/PCLMix](#) • 8 stars

A weakly supervised medical image segmentation framework based on uncertainty-guided contrastive learning.

**Awesome World Models** •  [M-E-AGI-Lab/Awesome-World-Models](#) • 92 stars

A curated collection of world-model research, accompanied by a survey paper.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Image-to-Video Consistency Challenge, Phase 2, 1st Place</b> • CVPR Workshop	2026–2026
<b>Outstanding Graduate</b> • Sichuan University	2024–2025
<b>National Scholarship</b> • Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China	2023–2024
<b>Baosteel Scholarship</b> • Top six undergraduate recipients, Sichuan University	2023–2024
<b>First Prize, Global Final</b> • Huawei ICT Competition	2023–2024

## SKILLS

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**Programming Languages:** Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, Hugging Face), C++, MATLAB, JavaScript

**Research Tools:** Git, Docker, Linux, LaTeX, Weights & Biases, Gradio

**Specializations:** Diffusion Models, Contrastive Learning, Preference Optimization, Medical Image Processing

*A complete publication list and recommendation letters are available at [torpedo2003.github.io](https://torpedo2003.github.io).*