

# Xuan Liu

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## Education

<b>The Hong Kong Polytechnic University</b>	2021 - 2025
Bachelor (Honors) Electronic & Information Engineering	GPA 3.8/4
(2021/22/23 <u>Best GPA Awards for the Top 3 Students in the Department &amp; Dean's Honor List</u> )	
<b>University of British Columbia</b> (Full-Funding Research Assistant)	Summer 2024
<b>New York University</b> (Full-Scholarship Exchange)	Spring 2024
<b>Cambridge University</b> (Full-Scholarship Summer School)	Summer 2022

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## Research

How vulnerable are AI systems to privacy and ethical breaches? My research emphasizes Trustworthy and Responsible AI, focusing on privacy protection, bias mitigation, and energy sustainability. I explore Attack & Defense Algorithms, along with Federated Learning Systems and Large-scale Model distributed training. Also, I try to investigate AI interpretability by integrating interdisciplinary perspectives.

### Research Experience:

#### **Pervasive Intelligence Laboratory, HKUST** [*Prof. Song Guo*]

- 🚀 Explore the role of Generative Models in Attack & Defense Algorithms. 2023.5 till now
- 🚀 Raised and studied Privacy Risks of Federated Learning in Multimodal scenarios. 2022.2 to 7

#### **Laboratory for Agile and Resilient Complex Systems, NYU** [*Prof. Quanyan Zhu*]

- 🚀 Working on Large-Scale Models and Society System Spring 2024
- 🚀 Researching the Interpretability of Large Language Models via Cognition View Spring 2024

#### **2024 Summer intern @ Trust & Efficient AI Lab, UBC** [*Prof. Xiaoxiao Li*]

- 🚀 Large-Scale Model Distributed Training System, Pruning and Model Merge Working On
- 🚀 Efficient AI System Working On

### Papers:

- [1] **Xuan Liu\***, Siqu Cai, Lin Li, Rui Zhang, Song Guo. "MGIA: Mutual Gradient Inversion Attack in Multi-Modal Federated Learning" [*Student Abstract AAAI23* <https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v37i13.26995>]
- [2] **Xuan Liu\***, Song Guo, Jie Zhang, Haoyang Shang, Chengxu Yang, Quanyan Zhu. "Exploring Prosocial Irrationality for LLM Agents: A Social Cognition View" [*AI Conference Under review Preprint*: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.14744>]
- [3] **Xuan Liu\***, Siqu Cai, Qihua Zhou, Song Guo, Ruibin Li, Kaiwei Lin. "Gradient Diffusion: A Perturbation-Resilient Gradient Leakage Attack" [*AI Conference Under review*]
- [4] **Xuan Liu\***, Siqu Cai, Renjie He, Jingling Yuan. "Mutual Gradient Inversion: Unveiling Privacy Risks of Federated Learning on Multimodal Signals" [*Journal Under review*]
- [5] Nada H. Salam, Shengwu Xiong, **Xuan Liu\***. "Reversible data-hiding exploiting Huffman encoding in dual image using weighted matrix and generalized exploiting modification direction (GEMD)" [*The Visual Computer 2023* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00371-023-03058-8>]

[6] Siqi Cai, Xuan Liu\*, Jingling Yuan, Qihua Zhou, Song Guo. “Prompt-Ladder: Memory-Efficient Prompt Tuning for Pre-trained Vision-Language Models on Edge” [*Conference Under review*]

[7] Chuang Hu, Nanxi Wu, Siping Shi, Xuan Liu\*, Bing Luo, Ye Wang, Jiawei Jiang, Dazhao Cheng “PriFairFed: A Local Differentially Private Federated Learning Algorithm for Client-Level Fairness” [*Journal Under review*]

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## ***Entrepreneurship***

### **Eco-friendly Technology Start-Up Founder & Owner**

2022-Present

- ✚ Build and lead the Eco-friendly entrepreneurship team **BreathingCORE**
- ✚ Transferred my patent into Negative Carbon Emission Sustainable Product while constructing IoTs services which has been selected for the **Hong Kong government incubation program**.

### **Related Patent (Copyright Holder & Inventor):**

CN 109589733 B: An environmentally friendly outdoor dust reduction device using solar thermal energy.

**Visit My Team Website:** <https://breathingcore.com> & **University Official Interview:** [Ins](#); [Linkedin](#)

### **Pitching Award & Fundings**

**240K HKD**

- ✚ Outstanding Proposal of Belt and Road Initiatives Youth Creative International Challenge 2024
  - ✚ Hong Kong Science & Technology Park incubation: MicroFund 2024
  - ✚ Hong Kong Science & Technology Park: Ideation Silver & Golden program 2023 & 24
  - ✚ Dr Winnie S M Tang PolyU Student Innovation & Entrepreneurship Scholarship 2022
  - ✚ Shenzhen Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition Outstanding Award 2022
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## ***Academic & Research Awards and Scholarships***

- ✚ Best Undergraduate Research & Innovation Project Award 2023&24
  - ✚ International Competition and Conference Scheme Award 2023&24
  - ✚ Hong Kong Government Scholarship -Talent Development Scholarship 2023
  - ✚ Hong Kong Government Scholarship – Reaching Out Award 2023
  - ✚ HK PolyU Microcontroller Application Design Contest Merit Award 2022&23
  - ✚ HK PolyU Undergraduate Research & Innovation Scholarship 2022&23
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## ***Volunteering & Service:***

### **Help with Electronic & Internet in Africa Countryside**

2023.6 - 8

We serviced 400 Households with Solar Panel Installations and helped to design the local IoTs system of Solar MPPT to send back information to Hong Kong **in Rwanda, Africa.**

### **IEEE-VTC Fall Volunteer Service Award**

2023.10

Serve as IEEE 98th Vehicular Technology Conference volunteer to help with the organization.

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## ***Industrial Work Experience:***

### **Internship as Intern-Engineer in Fiberhome Telecommunication Technologies**

2022.7 - 9

Help to Design the MySQL database caching system based on Redis to improve the system’s efficiency

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**Skills:** Python (Pytorch)| C#| Simple PADs| 3D Modeling with SolidWorks | Simple Embedded System Development (STM32) | Management & Cooperation | Promoting & Advertising| Design.