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Career

School of Mathematics and Statistics, Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU) *Xi'an, China*

Associate Professor *Apr. 2026 -*

- Research interests include brain-inspired learning, multimodal learning, generative model, and computer vision

School of Mathematics and Statistics, XJTU *Xi'an, China*

Assistant Professor *May 2023 - Mar. 2026*

- While conducting academic research, I gradually adapted to my new roles as a teacher, supervisor, and class advisor

Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences *Beijing, China*

Postdoctoral Researcher *Jul. 2020 - Apr. 2023*

- Employed as the major researcher for the project *Biologically Inspired Visual Computing and Brain-like Learning*

Education

XJTU *Xi'an, China*

Ph.D. in Statistics *Mar. 2015 - Mar. 2020*

- Supervisor: Prof. Jiangshe Zhang
- Dissertation: Brain-inspired Machine Learning Models and Algorithms with Applications in Image Processing

XJTU *Xi'an, China*

M.S. in Applied Mathematics *Sept. 2013 - Feb. 2015*

- Supervisor: Prof. Jiangshe Zhang
- Finished three-year program in two years, enrolled as doctorate student one year ahead

XJTU *Xi'an, China*

B.S. in Applied Mathematics (Mathematics Elite Program) *Sept. 2009 - Jul. 2013*

- Thesis: The Study of Image Distortion Metrics

Experience

Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences *Beijing, China*

Postdoctoral Researcher, Cooperator: Prof. Tieniu Tan and Prof. Zhaoxiang Zhang *Jul. 2020 - Apr. 2023*

- Developed predictive coding-inspired DNNs and self-supervised learning methods to perform audio-visual learning, achieving remarkable performance on visual sound separation (AVPC) and localization (SSPL), respectively

Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *Urbana, U.S.A.*

Visiting Ph.D. Student, Supervisor: Prof. Oluwasanmi Koyejo *Oct. 2017 - Oct. 2018*

- Designed two deep neural networks (mddAE and CDNet) to learn controllable disentangled image representations, where the CDNet model leverages GANs to improve the output image quality

Department of Statistics, XJTU *Xi'an, China*

Research Assistant, Supervisor: Prof. Jiangshe Zhang *Mar. 2015 - Sept. 2017*

- Proposed the fast inference predictive coding (FIPC), based on the predictive coding in neuroscience, to efficiently address image feature extraction and image classification tasks

Department of Applied Mathematics, XJTU *Xi'an, China*

Research Assistant, Supervisor: Prof. Jiangshe Zhang *Sept. 2013 - Feb. 2015*

- Proposed a no-reference JPEG image quality assessment index (ISNIQI), which is inspired by the attention mechanism of human visual system and employs the image saliency map to weigh qualities of different image regions accordingly

Publications & Preprints

1. Chengli Tan, Yubo Zhou, Haishan Ye, Guang Dai, Junmin Liu, **Zengjie Song**, Jiangshe Zhang, Zixiang Zhao, Yunda Hao, and Yong Xu. Towards understanding the calibration benefits of sharpness-aware minimization. In *Proceedings of the International Con-*

ference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2026. [PDF] [arXiv] [Code]

2. Mengran Hou, Junmin Liu, **Zengjie Song***, and Yongjun Wang. Semantic-consistency multi-view deep subspace clustering network with frequency branches. *Image and Vision Computing*, 162: 105681-1–105681-13, 2025. [PDF]

3. Yi Tian and **Zengjie Song***. GAIP-VAE: Balancing reconstruction and disentanglement in VAE with group and individual priors. *IET Image Processing*, 19(1): e70113-1–e70113-14, 2025. [PDF]

4. Shengqi Wang, Junmin Liu, Xiangyong Cao, **Zengjie Song**, and Kai Sun. Polar R-CNN: End-to-end lane detection with fewer anchors. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (T-ITS)*, 26(9): 13967–13979, 2025. [PDF] [arXiv] [Code]

5. **Zengjie Song**, Jiangshe Zhang, Yuxi Wang, Junsong Fan, and Zhaoxiang Zhang. Enhancing sound source localization via false negative elimination. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (T-PAMI)*, 46(12): 10499–10514, 2024. [PDF] [arXiv] [Code]

6. **Zengjie Song** and Zhaoxiang Zhang. Visually guided sound source separation with audio-visual predictive coding. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (T-NNLS)*, 35(11): 15528–15542, 2023. [PDF] [arXiv] [Code]

7. Jingtao Wang, **Zengjie Song**, Yuxi Wang, Jun Xiao, Yuran Yang, Shuqi Mei, and Zhaoxiang Zhang. SSF: Accelerating training of spiking neural networks with stabilized spiking flow. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2023. [PDF]

8. **Zengjie Song**, Yuxi Wang, Junsong Fan, Tieniu Tan, and Zhaoxiang Zhang. Self-supervised predictive learning: A negative-free method for sound source localization in visual scenes. In *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2022. [PDF] [arXiv] [Code]

9. Kai Sun, Jiangshe Zhang, Junmin Liu, Ruixuan Yu, and **Zengjie Song**. DRCNN: Dynamic routing convolutional neural network for multi-view 3D object recognition. *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (T-IP)*, 30: 868–877, 2020. [PDF]

10. **Zengjie Song**, Oluwasanmi Koyejo, and Jiangshe Zhang. Toward a controllable disentanglement network. *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics (T-CYB)*, 52(4): 2491–2504, 2020. [PDF] [arXiv] [Code]

11. **Zengjie Song**, Oluwasanmi Koyejo, and Jiangshe Zhang. Learning controllable disentangled representations with decorrelation regularization. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1912.11675*, 2019. [arXiv]

12. **Zengjie Song**, Jiangshe Zhang, Guang Shi, and Junmin Liu. Fast inference predictive coding: A novel model for constructing deep neural networks. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (T-NNLS)*, 30(4): 1150–1165, 2018. [PDF] [Code]

13. Peiju Chang, Jiangshe Zhang, Junying Hu, and **Zengjie Song**. A deep neural network based on ELM for semi-supervised learning of image classification. *Neural Processing Letters (NPL)*, 48(1): 375–388, 2017. [PDF]

14. **Zengjie Song**, Jiangshe Zhang, and Junmin Liu. No-reference image quality assessment using image saliency for JPEG compressed images. *Journal of Imaging Science and Technology*, 60(6): 60503-1–60503-8, 2016. [PDF]

Projects

1. **Research on Audio-Visual Sound Source Separation and Localization Methods for Complex Scene Video**
National Natural Science Foundation of China, Grant No. 12301656, 2024-2026 (Principal Investigator)

2. **Research on Computational Vision Modeling and Application Based on Predictive Coding**
Xi'an Jiaotong University, Grant No. xzy012023047, 2023-2025 (Principal Investigator)

3. **Audio-Visual Multimodal Video Representation Learning Inspired by Brain Cognitive Mechanisms**
China Postdoctoral Science Foundation, Grant No. 2021M703489, 2021-2023 (Principal Investigator)

4. **Research on Deep Neural Networks and Fast Inference Methods Based on Predictive Coding**
National Natural Science Foundation of China, Grant No. 61976174, 2020-2023 (Participant)

5. **Research on Deep Generative Models and Transfer Learning for Pansharpening of Remote Sensing Images**
National Natural Science Foundation of China, Grant No. 61877049, 2019-2022 (Participant)

6. **Variable Selection of High-Dimensional Data Based on Probabilistic Generative Models**
National Natural Science Foundation of China, Grant No. 11671317, 2017-2020 (Participant)

7. **Research on Learning Deep Architecture with Asymmetry Forward and Backward Connections**
   National Natural Science Foundation of China, Grant No. 61572393, 2016-2019 (Participant)

Teaching

Generative Artificial Intelligence (Graduate Course) *XJTU*
Instructor *Spring 2026, Spring 2025*

Linear Algebra and Analytic Geometry *XJTU*
Instructor *Fall 2025, Fall 2024*

Higher Algebra and Analytic Geometry *XJTU*
Teaching Assistant *Fall 2023*

Undergraduate Thesis Project *XJTU*
Advisor *Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2024*

Awards & Honors

2025	**The 10th "Siyuan Scholar"**, XJTU	*China*
2025	**The 11th "Top Ten Academic Newcomers"**, XJTU	*China*
2023	**Postdoctoral Fellowship Program of CPSF**, China Postdoctoral Science Foundation	*China*
2022	**Excellent Doctoral Dissertation Award of Shaanxi Province**, Education Department of Shaanxi Provincial Government & Academic Degrees Committee of Shaanxi Province	*China*
2022	**Excellent Doctoral Dissertation Award of Xi'an Jiaotong University**, XJTU	*China*
2018	**"Hao Jianxue" Principal Class Scholarship**, XJTU	*China*
2017	**Scholarship for Visiting Ph.D. Student**, China Scholarship Council (CSC)	*China*
2014	**Outstanding Graduate Student**, XJTU	*China*
2012	**Siyuan Scholarship**, XJTU	*China*

Skills

Programming Python, Matlab, LaTeX
Languages Chinese and English