Changsheng SUN

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I am a Ph.D. candidate at the **PLSE Lab, NUS School of Computing,** working at the intersection of **Trustworthy AI, LLMs, and Graph Learning.** My research aims to make learning systems reliable and auditable by developing principled methods for robustness against adversarial threats and distribution shifts. Currently, I focus on **LLM safety and explainable graph modeling**, with specific interests in directionality- and risk-aware explanations. My work spans NLP, geometric learning, and large-scale time-series data analysis.

Research Interests: Trustworthy AI, Graph Representation Learning, LLM Safety, Explainability (XAI).

LINKS

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EDUCATION

National University of Singapore Jan 2022 - Present (Expected Graduation: Early 2026)
Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science
- Thesis: Trustworthy Geometric Learning: From Structural Biases to Risk-Aware Robustness
- Advisor: Prof. Dong Jin Song

National University of Singapore Aug 2020 - Dec 2021
Master of Computing, Artificial Intelligence

Xidian University, Xi'an, China Sep 2015 - Aug 2019
Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science

WORK EXPERIENCES

NUS School of Computing
Research Assistant Jan 2026 - Present
- Working on AISG project: Trustworthy Geometric Learning;
- Host: Prof. Dong Jin Song and Dr. Zhang Yedi.

Research Assistant July 2021 - Dec 2021
- Built and maintained a reproducible evaluation pipeline for trustworthiness assessment of deep learning systems, emphasizing uncertainty-aware reliability analysis;
- Contributed to work published at ASE 2022 (InputReflector).
- Host: Prof. Dong Jin Song and Prof. Xiao Yan

NUS-Singtel Cyber Security R&D Lab
Research Intern Jan 2020 - June 2020
- Developed a white-box testing approach for deep neural networks by leveraging intermediate-layer signals and density estimation for reliability assessment.
- Contributed to work published at ICSE 2021 (Self-Checking Deep Neural Networks).
- Host: Prof. David S. Rosenblum

JD Intelligent Cities Research, JD.com
Research Intern & Algorithm Engineer Jan 2018 - June 2018
- Prototyped a distributed DQN research system on spatiotemporal data using the Ray execution framework; focused on training scalability and system performance profiling.
- Host: Prof. Yu Zheng and Dr. Junbo Zhang

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python; Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, JAX, Ray, TorchGeometric.

SERVICES & AWARDS

Program Committee / Reviewer: NeurIPS, ICML, AAAI, WWW, FSE, ASE (2022-2026).
Teaching Assistant: CS5232 Formal Specification and Design Techniques (2024); CS4218 Software Testing (2023); CS4211 Formal Methods for Software Engineering (2022)
Supported and awarded by: Graduate Student Travel Grants (IEEE S&P 2025, AAAI 2024, ASE 2022); NUS Research Scholarship (2022–2026).

PUBLICATIONS

1. Ignoring Directionality Leads to Compromised Graph Neural Network Explanations. **Changsheng Sun**, Xinke Li, Jin Song Dong. *2025 IEEE Security and Privacy: Workshops (SPW). April 2025.*

2. PointCVaR: Risk-optimized Outlier Removal for Robust 3D Point Cloud Classification. Xinke Li, Junchi Lu, Henghui Ding, **Changsheng Sun**, Joey Tianyi Zhou, Chee Yeow Meng. *Thirty-Eighth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2024. Jan 2024.*

3. Repairing Failure-inducing Inputs with Input Reflection. Yan Xiao, Yun Lin, Ivan Beschastnikh, **Changsheng Sun,** David S. Rosenblum, Jin Song Dong. *The 37th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE), 2022. Oct 2022*

4. PIANO: Influence Maximization Meets Deep Reinforcement Learning. Hui Li, Mengting Xu, Sourav S Bhowmick, Joty Shafiq Rayhan, **Changsheng Sun**, Jiangtao Cui. *IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems. 2022.*

5. Self-Checking Deep Neural Networks in Deployment. Yan Xiao, Ivan Beschastnikh, David S. Rosenblum, **Changsheng Sun**, Sebastian Elbaum, Y. Lin, Jin Song Dong. *The 43rd IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE). Aug 2021.*

6. Digraph Inception Convolutional Networks. Zekun Tong, Yuxuan Liang, **Changsheng Sun**, Xinke Li, David S. Rosenblum, Andrew Lim. *Thirty-fourth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), May 2020.*

Preprints:

7. Generalizing Neural Networks by Reflecting Deviating Data in Production. Yan Xiao, Yun Lin, Ivan Beschastnikh, **Changsheng Sun**, David S. Rosenblum, Jin Song Dong. *arXiv:2110.02718.*

8. Directed Graph Convolutional Network. Zekun Tong, Yuxuan Liang, **Changsheng Sun**, David S. Rosenblum, Andrew Lim. *arXiv:2004.13970.*

9. Disco: Influence Maximization Meets Network Embedding and Deep Learning. Hui Li, Mengting Xu, Sourav S Bhowmick, **Changsheng Sun**, Zhongyuan Jiang, Jiangtao Cui. *arXiv:1906.07378.*

Under Review:

10. From Attack Surfaces to Actual Operations: A Survey of Modern LLM Jailbreaks. Ruikang Zhou, **Changsheng Sun**, Mark Huasong Meng. *Under Review.*

11. Risk-Aware Robust Graph Network Explanation. **Changsheng Sun**, Xinke Li, Jin Song Dong. *Under Review.*