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# Key Words -

NLP, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning

#### Languages —

Chinese, English, German

Programming Languages – Python, Java

Deep Learning Framework ——
Pytorch

## Hobbies —

Tennis

#### References —

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## About me

I am a third-year Ph.D. student in the Machine Learning group at the University of Kaiserslautern-Landau, supervised by Professor Sophie Fellenz. My focus is on Deep Reinforcement Learning and the applications of Natural Language Processing. The goal of my work is to create socially adept AI agents and implementing language-centered RL agents in practical settings. I thrive on exploring new challenges.

#### Research Interests

- Language-centric RL: Many stable RL algorithms have not yet been directly utilized in language-based RL agents. This prompts a crucial research question: Can well-established RL algorithms be successfully adapted to operate in language-centric contexts? Our experimentation with text-based adventure games, employing popular algorithms like SAC, demonstrates that with minor adjustments, SAC can indeed be effectively adapted for text-based scenarios [2].
- Safety RL: With the increasing capibilities of RL agents, ensuring the morally responsible behavior of an agent is a growing concern. Our goal is to align human or LLM-labeled moral scores with the RL agent. Employing constrained RL, the text-based agent can maximizes rewards while operating within specified constraints [1].
- Explainable Multimodal-based RL: The ongoing work aims to understand how both images and language instructions impact decision-making in a complex observation space, such as an open-ended environment like Minecraft.

#### Education

| 2021 - Present | University of Kaiserslautern-Landau, Germany Ph.D candidate in Computer Science, Machine Learning Group            |
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| 2018 - 2021    | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany<br>Master degree in Computational Linguistics and Computer science |
| 2015 - 2018    | University of Bamberg, Germany   |

Bachelor degree in Sociology and Computer Science

## **Publications**

2024

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|      | Adventure Games.<br>(To appear)Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)   |
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