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EDUCATION

East China Normal University

Ph.D., Computer Science

Shanghai, China

Sep. 2014 – Dec. 2019

- Dissertation: Joint Entity Relation Extraction with Deep Learning
- Advisor: Prof. Yuanbin Wu and Prof. Shiliang Sun

Anhui Normal University

B.S., Computer Science

Wuhu, China

Sep. 2010 – Jun. 2014

EMPLOYMENT

Institute of Artificial Intelligence (TeleAI), China Telecom

Research Scientist

Oct. 2024 – Present

Shanghai, China

- llm reasoning, long-term memory, tool learning, embodied AI

LinGang National Lab

Assistant Researcher

Aug. 2023 – Oct. 2024

Shanghai, China

- LLM and AI assisted drug discovery

ByteDance AI Lab

NLP Researcher

Jun. 2020 – Jun. 2023

Shanghai, China

- Deep reasoning (logical reasoning, math reasoning, analogical reasoning)

Microsoft Research Asia

Research Intern

Dec. 2018 – May. 2019

Beijing, China

- Topic: Joint type inference on entities and relations
- Mentor: Dr. Yeyun Gong and Dr. Nan Duan

PUBLICATIONS

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UNDER REVIEW

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- [7] Jiahao Kuang, Nuwei Liu, **Changzhi Sun**, Tao Ji, Yuanbin Wu. “ProtDF-BENCH: Benchmark of Protein Design from Function”. Long paper, submitted to ICML 2026
- [6] Haolun Wu, **Changzhi Sun**, Tao Ji, Jixiang Luo, Yufang Liu, Dell Zhang, Yuanbin Wu, Xuelong Li. “Tools as Tokens: Learning to Compress and Compose for Efficient Tool Planning”. Long paper, submitted to ACL 2026
- [5] Jiazheng Xu*, **Changzhi Sun***, Kai Zhang, Qiaoyu Hu, Liang He, Honglin Li, Xuhong Qian. “Molecular Conformation Generation Model Based on Graph Mixup”. Long paper, submitted to Nature Machine Intelligence 2024 August
- [4] Nuwei Liu, **Changzhi Sun**[†], Tao Ji, Jianxin Tang, Junfeng Tian, Yuanbin Wu[†], Man Lan[†]. “EvoLlama: Enhancing LLMs’ Understanding of Proteins via Multimodal Structure and Sequence Representations”. In: Arxiv 2412.11618
- [3] Dell Zhang, Xiangyu Chen, Jixiang Luo, Mengxi Jia, **Changzhi Sun**, Ruilong Ren, Jingren Liu, Hao Sun, Xuelong Li. “Infinite Video Understanding”. In: Arxiv 2507.09068

- [2] Wenjing Yue, Xiaoling Wang, Wei Zhu, Ming Guan, Huanran Zheng, Pengfei Wang, **Changzhi Sun**, Xin Ma. “TCMBench: A Comprehensive Benchmark for Evaluating Large Language Models in Traditional Chinese Medicine”. In: Arxiv 2406.01126
- [1] Yijun Wang*, **Changzhi Sun***, Yuanbin Wu, Zhao Zhou, Lei Li and Junchi Yan. “Leveraging High-order Interactions for Unified Entity Relation Extraction”. In: Arxiv 2305.04297

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- [J4] Baoli Wang, Chenglin Wang, Jingyang Chen, Danlin Liu, **Changzhi Sun**, Jie Zhang, Kai Zhang, Honglin Li. “Conditional Diffusion with Locality-Aware Modal Alignment for Generating Diverse Protein Conformational Ensembles”. In: *Nature Machine Intelligence*. 2026.
- [J3] Jinyang Chen, Haolun Wu, Jianhong Pang, Yihua Wang, Dell Zhang and **Changzhi Sun**[†]. “Tool Learning with Language Models: a Comprehensive Survey of Methods, Pipelines, and Benchmarks”. In: *Vicinagearth*. 2025.
- [J2] Qiaoyu Hu*, **Changzhi Sun***, Huan He*, Jiazheng Xu*, Danlin Liu*, Wenqing Zhang, Sumeng Shi, Kai Zhang, Honglin Li. “Target-aware 3D Molecular Generation Based on Guided Equivariant Diffusion”. In: *Nature Communications*. 2025.
- [J1] Yihan Mei, Xinyu Wang, **Changzhi Sun**, Dell Zhang, Xiaoling Wang. “Multi-Label Out-of-Distribution Detection with Spectral Normalized Joint Energy”. In: *World Wide Web Journal*. 2025.

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- [C30] Silong Dai*, **Changzhi Sun***, Haolun Wu, Huanran Zheng, Tao Ji, Junchi Yan, Yuanbin Wu, Dell Zhang, Xiaoling Wang, Xuelong Li. “Group Verification-based Policy Optimization for Interactive Coding Agents”. In: *The Fourteenth International Conference on Learning Representations*. Apr. 2026.
- [C29] Nuowei Liu, Jiahao Kuang, Yanting Liu, **Changzhi Sun**[†], Tao Ji[†], Yuanbin Wu[†], Man Lan[†]. “Protein Design with Dynamic Protein Vocabulary”. In: *the Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*. - *Spotlight*. Dec. 2025.
- [C28] Zhuoming Li, Aitong Liu, Mengxi Jia, Yubo Lu, Tengxiang Zhang, **Changzhi Sun**, Dell Zhang, Xuelong Li. “Gestura: A LVLM-Powered System Bridging Motion and Semantics for Real-Time Free-Form Gesture Understanding”. In: *the Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT/UbiComp)*. Dec. 2025.
- [C27] Daiye Miao, Yufang Liu, Jie Wang, **Changzhi Sun**, Yunke Zhang, Demei Yan, Shaokang Dong, Qi Zhang, Yuanbin Wu. “TASO: Task-Aligned Sparse Optimization for Parameter-Efficient Model Adaptation”. In: *the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Nov. 2025.
- [C26] Xinyu Wang*, **Changzhi Sun***, Lian Chen, Yuanbin Wu, Dell Zhang, Xiaoling Wang, Xuelong Li. “Logic-Regularized Verifier Elicits Reasoning from LLMs”. In: *the 63th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)* Aug. 2025.
- [C24] Yuxiang Song, Zhaoguang Long, Man Lan, **Changzhi Sun**, Aimin Zhou, Yuefeng Chen, Hao Yuan, Fei Cao. Semantic Attention and LLM-based Layout Guidance for Text-to-Image Generation. In: *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*. Apr. 2025.
- [C23] Zhe Chen, Zhe Fang, Wenhao Tian, Zhaoguang Long, **Changzhi Sun**, Honglin Li, Man Lan. “ReactGPT: Understanding and Generation of Chemical Reactions via In-Context Tuning”. In: *the 39th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. Feb. 2025.
- [C22] Yanting Liu, Tao Ji, **Changzhi Sun**, Yuanbin Wu, Xiaoling Wang. “Generation with Dynamic Vocabulary”. In: *the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Nov. 2024.
- [C21] Yufang Liu, Tao Ji, **Changzhi Sun**, Yuanbin Wu, Aimin Zhou. “Investigating and Mitigating Object Hallucinations in Pretrained Vision-Language (CLIP) Models”. In: *the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Nov. 2024.
- [C20] Nuowei Liu, Xinhao Chen, Hongyi Wu, **Changzhi Sun**, Man Lan, Yuanbin Wu, Xiaopeng Bai, Shaoguang Mao, Yan Xia. “CERD: A Comprehensive Chinese Rhetoric Dataset for Rhetorical Understanding and Generation in Essays”. In: *the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. - *Findings*. Nov. 2024.

- [C19] Siyu Yuan, Jiangjie Chen, **Changzhi Sun**, Jiaqing Liang, Deqing Yang, Yanghua Xiao. “AnalogyKB: Unlocking Analogical Reasoning in Language Models with A Million-scale Knowledge Base”. In: *the 62th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)* Aug. 2024.
- [C18] Yuxiang Song, Yuxuan Zheng, Shangqing Zhao, Shu Liu, Xinlin Zhuang, Zhaoguang Long, **Changzhi Sun**, Aimin Zhou, Man Lan. “A Lightweight and Effective Multi-View Knowledge Distillation Framework for Text-Image Retrieval”. In: *International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*. Jun. 2024.
- [C17] Xinhao Chen, Chong Yang, **Changzhi Sun**, Man Lan, Aimin Zhou. “From Coarse to Fine: A Distillation Method for Fine-grained Emotion-Causal Span Pair Extraction in Conversation”. In: *the 39th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. Feb. 2024.
- [C16] Jiangjie Chen, Rui Xu, Wenxuan Zeng, **Changzhi Sun**[†], Lei Li, Yanghua Xiao[†]. “Factual Error Correction via Iterative Constrained Editing”. In: *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. Feb. 2023.
- [C15] Jiangjie Chen, Rui Xu, Ziquan Fu, Wei Shi, Zhongqiao Li, Xinbo Zhang, **Changzhi Sun**[†], Lei Li, Yanghua Xiao[†], Hao Zhou. “E-KAR: A Benchmark for Rationalizing Natural Language Analogical Reasoning”. In: *the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) - Findings*. May 2022.
- [C14] Yufang Liu, Ziyin Huang, Yijun Wang, **Changzhi Sun**, Man Lan, Yuanbin Wu, Xiaofeng Mou, Jian Tang. “Few Clean Instances Help Denoising Distant Supervision”. In: *the 29th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)*. Oct. 2022
- [C13] Siyin Wang, Jie Zhou, **Changzhi Sun**, Junjie Ye, Tao Gui, Qi Zhang, Xuanjing Huang. “Causal Intervention Improves Implicit Sentiment Analysis”. Long paper, COLING 2022 In: *the 29th International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)*. Oct. 2022
- [C12] Jiangjie Chen, Qiaoben Bao, **Changzhi Sun**, Xinbo Zhang, Jiaze Chen, Hao Zhou, Yanghua Xiao, Lei Li. “Logic-Regularized Reasoning for Interpretable Fact Verification”. In: *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. Feb. 2022
- [C11] Yijun Wang, **Changzhi Sun**[†], Yuanbin Wu[†], Zhao Zhou, Lei Li, Junchi Yan[†]. “ENPAR:Enhancing Entity and Entity Pair Representations for Joint Entity Relation Extraction”. In: *Proceedings of European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*. Apr. 2021.
- [C10] Jie Zhou, Yuanbin Wu, **Changzhi Sun**, Liang He. “Is “hot pizza” Positive or Negative? Mining Target-aware Sentiment Lexicons“. In: *Proceedings of European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*. Apr. 2021.
- [C9] Dongyu Ru, **Changzhi Sun**[†], Jiangtao Feng, Lin Qiu, Hao Zhou, Weinan Zhang[†], Yong Yu, Lei Li. “Learning Logic Rules for Document-Level Relation Extraction”. In: *the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Nov. 2021.
- [C8] **Changzhi Sun**^{*}, Xinbo Zhang^{*}, Jiangjie Chen, Chun Gan, Yuanbin Wu, Jiaze Chen, Hao Zhou, Lei Li. “Probabilistic Graph Reasoning for Natural Proof Generation”. In: *the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) - Findings*. Aug. 2021
- [C7] Yijun Wang^{*}, **Changzhi Sun**^{*}, Yuanbin Wu, Zhao Zhou, Lei Li, Junchi Yan. “UniRE: A Unified Label Space for Entity Relation Extraction”. In: *the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. Aug. 2021.
- [C6] Yijun Wang, **Changzhi Sun**, Yuanbin Wu, Junchi Yan, Peng Gao, Guotong Xie. “Pre-training Entity Relation Encoder with Intra-span and Inter-span Information”. In: *the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Nov. 2020.
- [C5] Tianyang Zhao, Haoyan Liu, Qianhui Wu, **Changzhi Sun**, Dongdong Zhan, Zhoujun Li. “BiGCNN:Bidirectional Gated Convolutional Neural Network for Chinese Named Entity Recognition”. In: *the 25th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA)*. Sep. 2020.
- [C4] **Changzhi Sun**, Yeyun Gong, Yuanbin Wu, Ming Gong, Daxin Jiang, Man Lan, Shiliang Sun, Nan Duan. “Joint Type Inference on Entities and Relations via Graph Convolutional Networks”. In: *the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. July. 2019.
- [C3] **Changzhi Sun**, Yuanbin Wu. “Distantly Supervised Entity Relation Extraction with Adapted Manual Annotations”. In: *the 33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. Jan. 2019.

- [C2] **Changzhi Sun**, Yuanbin Wu, Man Lan, Shiliang Sun, Wenting Wang, Kuang-Chih Lee, Kewen Wu. “Extracting Entities and Relations with Joint Minimum Risk Training”. In: *the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Oct. 2018.
- [C1] **Changzhi Sun**, Yuanbin Wu, Man Lan, Shiliang Sun, Qi Zhang. “Large-scale Opinion Relation Extraction with Distantly Supervised Neural Network”. In: *Proceedings of European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*. Apr. 2017.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- [T1] Chunliang Chen*, Ming Guan*, Xiao Lin*, Jiaxu Li*, Qiyi Wang*, Xiangyu Chen, Jixiang Luo, **Changzhi Sun**, Dell Zhang, Xuelong Li “TeleMem: Building Long-Term and Multimodal Memory for Agentic AI”.

TALKS

1. SIGIR-AP Tutorial: Conversational Agents: From RAG to LTM. December 07, 2025 in Xian, China. (with Haiming Liu, Yue Feng, Xiangyu Chen, Jixiang Luo and Dell Zhang)

PATENTS

- [P4] **Changzhi Sun**, Dongyu Ru. “Method, device, equipment, and medium for relation extraction”. Pat. CN2021111612054. Sep. 2021
- [P3] **Changzhi Sun**, Xinbo Zhang, Hao Zhou, Lei Li. “Information processing method, device, and electronic equipment based on natural language inference”. Pat. CN2021107446583. Jul. 2021
- [P2] Yijun Wang, **Changzhi Sun**, Hao Zhou, Lei Li. “Information acquisition method and apparatus, device, and medium”. Pat. CN2021107620486. Jul. 2021. (Pat. US20240273295A1. Jul. 2022)
- [P1] Xinbo Zhang, Jiangjie Chen, Qiaoben Bao, **Changzhi Sun**, Jiaze Chen, Hao Zhou, Yanghua Xiao, Lei Li. “Method, device, and apparatus for verifying veracity of statement, and medium”. Pat. CN2021113566258. Nov. 2021. (Pat. US20240296339A1. Nov. 2022)

SOFTWARE ARTIFACTS

- [S1] TeleMem: Building Long-Term and Multimodal Memory for Agentic AI.
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

ORGANIZERS:

- Organizer for 2014 China Conference on Knowledge Graph and Semantic Computing. Task: Assessment of Understanding and Reasoning Abilities in Traditional Chinese Medicine. 407 teams. (Hosted by ECNU & FDU & SHUTC)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

- ARR, ACL, NeurIPS, ICML, ICLR, EMNLP, NAACL, AAAI, EACL, COLING, NLPCC.

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