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## Education

- **Ph.D student**, Department of Computer Science and Technology, Tsinghua University Sep 2020 – Present  
Advisor: [Minlie Huang](#)
- **Visiting Scholar**, Computer Science Department, UCLA Nov 2023 – Present  
Advisor: [Nanyun \(Violet\) Peng](#)
- **B.S.** in Physics, Tsinghua University Aug 2016 – Jun 2020

## Main Research Interests

- Large language models (LLMs) alignment and safety
- Dialogue systems, natural language generation

## Research Highlights and Overview

- Published **10+** papers at the top-tier ML/NLP conferences (ICLR, ACL, EMNLP).
- Google Scholar citations **790+**, h-index **14**, i10-index **15**.
- Conducted a series of research on **LLM alignment and safety**, with the following work highlighted:
  - [The ACL 2023 paper](#) trains LLMs to align sequence likelihood with reward models.
  - [The ICLR 2024 paper](#) investigates LLMs' evaluation bias and debiasing approach in MCQ benchmarks.
  - [The preprint paper](#) investigates the working mechanisms of the prompt-driven LLM safeguarding approach.
- Conducted a series of research on **LLMs for social good**, covering the topics of *emotional support dialogue systems* ([ACL 2021](#), [ACL 2023](#)) and *empathetic dialogue generation* ([ACL 2021](#), [AAAI 2022](#), [ACL 2023](#)).
- Built a series of **popular NLP datasets**, including [ChID \(ACL 2019\)](#), [KDConv \(ACL 2020\)](#), [ESConv \(ACL 2021\)](#), [CDConv \(EMNLP 2022\)](#), [DiaSafety \(ACL 2022\)](#), and [COLD \(EMNLP 2022\)](#).

## Publications (\*: Equal Contribution)

1. **Chujie Zheng**, Hao Zhou, Fandong Meng, Jie Zhou, Minlie Huang. *Large Language Models Are Not Robust Multiple Choice Selectors*. [ICLR 2024 \(Spotlight: 5%\)](#).
2. **Chujie Zheng**, Pei Ke, Zheng Zhang, Minlie Huang. *Click: Controllable Text Generation with Sequence Likelihood Contrastive Learning*. [ACL 2023 Findings](#).
3. **Chujie Zheng**, Sahand Sabour, Jiaxin Wen, Zheng Zhang, Minlie Huang. *AugESC: Dialogue Augmentation with Large Language Models for Emotional Support Conversation*. [ACL 2023 Findings](#).
4. Jinfeng Zhou\*, **Chujie Zheng\***, Bo Wang, Zheng Zhang, Minlie Huang. *CASE: Aligning Coarse-to-Fine Cognition and Affection for Empathetic Response Generation*. [ACL 2023](#).
5. **Chujie Zheng\***, Jinfeng Zhou\*, Yinhe Zheng, Libiao Peng, Zhen Guo, Wenquan Wu, Zhengyu Niu, Hua Wu, Minlie Huang. *CDConv: A Benchmark for Contradiction Detection in Chinese Conversations*. [EMNLP 2022](#).
6. Siyang Liu\*, **Chujie Zheng\***, Orianna Demasi, Sahand Sabour, Yu Li, Zhou Yu, Yong Jiang, Minlie Huang. *Towards Emotional Support Dialog Systems*. [ACL 2021](#).
7. **Chujie Zheng**, Yong Liu, Wei Chen, Yongcai Leng, Minlie Huang. *CoMAE: A Multi-factor Hierarchical Framework for Empathetic Response Generation*. [ACL 2021 Findings](#).
8. **Chujie Zheng**, Yunbo Cao, Daxin Jiang, Minlie Huang. *Difference-aware Knowledge Selection for Knowledge-grounded Conversation Generation*. [EMNLP 2020 Findings](#).
9. Hao Zhou\*, **Chujie Zheng\***, Kaili Huang, Minlie Huang, Xiaoyan Zhu. *KdConv: A Chinese Multi-domain Dialogue*

*Dataset Towards Multi-turn Knowledge-driven Conversation. ACL 2020.*

10. **Chujie Zheng**, Minlie Huang, Aixin Sun. *ChID: A Large-scale Chinese IDiom Dataset for Cloze Test. ACL 2019.*
11. Yuxian Gu\*, Jiaxin Wen\*, Hao Sun\*, Yi Song, Pei Ke, **Chujie Zheng**, Zheng Zhang, Jianzhu Yao, Lei Liu, Xiaoyan Zhu, Minlie Huang. *EVA2.0: Investigating Open-domain Chinese Dialogue Systems with Large-scale Pre-training. Machine Intelligence Research 2023.*
12. Jiawen Deng\*, Jingyan Zhou\*, Hao Sun, **Chujie Zheng**, Fei Mi, Helen Meng, Minlie Huang. *COLD: A Benchmark for Chinese Offensive Language Detection. EMNLP 2022.*
13. Hao Sun\*, Guangxuan Xu\*, Jiawen Deng, Jiale Cheng, **Chujie Zheng**, Hao Zhou, Nanyun Peng, Xiaoyan Zhu, Minlie Huang. *On the Safety of Conversational Models: Taxonomy, Dataset, and Benchmark. ACL 2022 Findings.*
14. Sahand Sabour, **Chujie Zheng**, Minlie Huang. *CEM: Commonsense-aware Empathetic Response Generation. AAAI 2022.*
15. Hao Sun\*, Zhenru Lin\*, **Chujie Zheng**, Siyang Liu, Minlie Huang. *PsyQA: A Chinese Dataset for Generating Long Counseling Text for Mental Health Support. ACL 2021 Findings.*

## Preprints

16. **Chujie Zheng**, Fan Yin, Hao Zhou, Fandong Meng, Jie Zhou, Kai-Wei Chang, Minlie Huang, Nanyun Peng. *Prompt-Driven LLM Safeguarding via Directed Representation Optimization. arXiv:2401.18018.*
17. **Chujie Zheng**, Minlie Huang. *Exploring Prompt-based Few-shot Learning for Grounded Dialog Generation. arXiv:2109.06513.*
18. Hao Zhou\*, Pei Ke\*, Zheng Zhang\*, Yuxian Gu, Yinhe Zheng, **Chujie Zheng**, Yida Wang, Chen Henry Wu, Hao Sun, Xiaocong Yang, Bosi Wen, Xiaoyan Zhu, Minlie Huang, Jie Tang. *EVA: An Open-Domain Chinese Dialogue System with Large-Scale Generative Pre-Training. arXiv:2108.01547.*

## Selected Awards and Honors

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| • Schlumberger Scholarship, Tsinghua University        | 2023 |
| • Comprehensive Merit Scholarship, Tsinghua University | 2022 |
| • Outstanding Undergraduate, Tsinghua University       | 2020 |
| • China National Scholarship (Top 2/100)               | 2019 |
| • Comprehensive Merit Scholarship, Tsinghua University | 2018 |

## Services

- **Area Chair:** ACL (24), ACL Rolling Review (24)
- **Conference Reviewer:** ICML (24), COLM (24), ICLR (24), ACL (22/23/24), EMNLP (21/22/23), NAACL (24), EACL (23), ACL Rolling Review (21/22/23/24), CogSci (24), AAAI (22/23)
- **Journal Reviewer:** IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems (24), ACM Transactions on the Web (22), ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology (22), Knowledge-Based Systems (21)