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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Ohio State University (OSU)

Columbus, USA

Postdoctoral Scholar

Sep. 2025 - now

- Job Description: Agentic AI and large language models (LLMs), with an emphasis on science and healthcare.

ByteDance - AI LAB

Beijing, China

Algorithm Intern

Feb. 2023 - Aug. 2023

- Job Description: RLHF for Large Language Models, especially focusing on SFT and Reward Model.

RESEARCH INTEREST

My research focuses on agentic artificial intelligence built upon large language models (LLMs), with the goal of developing adaptive, reliable, and collaborative AI systems for complex real-world domains, particularly healthcare and scientific discovery. My research interests include:

- **Tool Learning and Agentic AI:** Enabling LLM-based agents to understand, select, and utilize diverse external tools through representation learning, continual adaptation, and human-in-the-loop feedback.
- **Trustworthy Large Language Models:** Improving the reasoning reliability and decision quality of LLMs via retrieval-augmented generation, instruction tuning, and interaction with structured knowledge and external systems, addressing the high-stakes and low-tolerance requirements of health and science applications.
- **System-Level AI for Healthcare and Science:** Designing end-to-end agentic AI pipelines that integrate perception, retrieval, reasoning, and action for scientific discovery and healthcare decision-making.

EDUCATION

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), Advisor: Prof. Enhong Chen

Hefei, China

Ph.D., in Data Science - Computer Science and Technology, GPA: 3.90/4.3

Sep. 2019 - June 2025

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST), Advisor: Prof. Xiaofang Zhou

HK, China

Visiting Ph.D. Student, in Computer Science and Engineering

May 2024 - Nov. 2024

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)

Hefei, China

B.E., in Electronic Information Engineering, GPA: 3.78/4.3

Sep. 2015 - June 2019

HONORS

- 2025, Outstanding Graduate of USTC and Anhui Province
- 2019, 2020, 2022 - 2024, Graduate Student First-class Academic Scholarship
- 2023, CICA Finalist of Best Paper Award (Top-3)
- 2016, National Scholarship

TEACHING

- COMP6110P.02: Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery (Fall 2021)
- CS1001A.13: Computer Programming A (Fall 2020)
- 011X3001: Introduction to Data Science (Fall 2019)
- 011164.01: Computer Programming I (Fall 2018)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- **Area Chair:** ACL Rolling Review.
- **Conference Reviewer:** ACL Rolling Review, NeurIPS, ICLR, CVPR, WWW, AAAI.
- **Journal Reviewer:** IEEE TKDE, IEEE TBD, Neural Networks, JCST.

MENTORING

- **Xukai Liu:** USTC UG → USTC Ph.D. Worked on knowledge alignment and linking (Findings of ACL 2023, EMNLP 2024 Main).
- **Yanghai Zhang:** USTC UG → USTC Ph.D. Worked on knowledge-enhanced multimodal summarization (Findings of ACL 2024).
- **Aoran Gan:** USTC UG → USTC Ph.D. Worked on relational triple extraction (DASFAA 2025).
- **Haoyu Tang:** USTC UG → Renmin University of China MS. Machine unlearning for LLMs (ICDM 2025).

REFERENCE

- **Dr. Enhong Chen:**
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- **Dr. Xiaofang Zhou:**
Professor at HKUST. Advisor of my visit in HKUST. Email: zxf@ust.hk.
- **Dr. Xia Ning:**
Professor at OSU. Postdoctoral Advisor. Email: ning.104@osu.edu.

PREPRINTS

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- [2]. Xukai Liu, **Ye Liu**, Shiwen Wu, Yanghai Zhang, Yihao Yuan, Kai Zhang, Qi Liu. Knows-RAG: A Knowledge-aware RAG Framework with Adaptive Retrieval, Generation, and Filtering. ArXiv 2025.
- [3]. Jiajun Zhu, **Ye Liu**, Meikai Bao, Kai Zhang, Yanghai Zhang, Qi Liu. Self-Reflective Planning with Knowledge Graphs: Enhancing LLM Reasoning Reliability for Question Answering. ArXiv 2025.
- [4]. Zheng Huang, Xukai Liu, Tianyu Hu, Kai Zhang, **Ye Liu**. PPTBench: Towards Holistic Evaluation of Large Language Models for PowerPoint Layout and Design Understanding. ArXiv 2025.
- [5]. Linan Yue, Yichao Du, Yizhi Wang, Weibo Gao, Fangzhou Yao, Li Wang, **Ye Liu**, Ziyu Xu, Qi Liu, Shimin Di, Min-Ling Zhang. Don't Overthink It: A Survey of Efficient R1-style Large Reasoning Models. ArXiv 2025.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1]. **Ye Liu**, Jiajun Zhu, Kai Zhang, Haoyu Tang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Detect, Investigate, Judge and Determine: A Novel LLM-based Framework for Few-shot Fake News Detection. The 25th IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2025.
- [2]. Haoyu Tang (equal contribution), **Ye Liu (equal contribution)**, Xukai Liu, Kai Zhang, Yanghai Zhang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Learn while Unlearn: An Iterative Unlearning Framework for Generative Language Models. The 25th IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2025.
- [3]. **Ye Liu**, Kai Zhang, Aoran Gan, Linan Yue, Feng Hu, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Empowering Few-Shot Relation Extraction with The Integration of Traditional RE Methods and Large Language Models. The 29th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA), 2024.
- [4]. **Ye Liu**, Kai Zhang*, Zhenya Huang, Kehang Wang, Yanghai Zhang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen*. Enhancing Hierarchical Text Classification through Knowledge Graph Integration. Findings of the 61st annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-Findings), 2023.
- [5]. **Ye Liu**, Han Wu, Zhenya Huang, Hao Wang, Yuting Ning, Jianhui Ma, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen*. TechPat: Technical Phrase Extraction for Patent Mining. ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (ACM TKDD), 2023.
- [6]. **Ye Liu**, Han Wu, Zhenya Huang, Hao Wang, Jianhui Ma, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen*, Hanqing Tao and Ke Rui. Technical Phrase Extraction for Patent Mining: A Multi-level Approach. The 2020 IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2020.

- [7]. Aoran Gan, Ye Liu, Hongbo Gang, Kai Zhang, Qi Liu, Guoping Hu. From Memorization to Discovery: A Novel Benchmark for Relational Triple Extraction. The 30th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA), 2025.
- [8]. Feng Hu, Kai Zhang, Ye Liu, Meikai Bao, Xukai Liu, Junyu Lu, Linbo Zhu, Qi Liu. Learnable Relational Knowledge Distillation For Language Model Compression. The 30th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA), 2025.
- [9]. Linan Yue, Qi Liu, Ye Liu, Weibo Gao, et al. Learning from shortcut: a shortcut-guided approach for explainable graph learning. Frontiers of Computer Science (FCS), 2025.
- [10]. Yanghai Zhang, Ye Liu, Shiwei Wu, Kai Zhang*, Xukai Liu, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. Leveraging Entity Information for Cross-Modality Correlation Learning: The Entity-Guided Multimodal Summarization. Findings of the 62nd annual meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-Findings), 2024.
- [11]. Xukai Liu, Ye Liu, Kai Zhang, Kehang Wang, Qi Liu, Enhong Chen. OneNet: A Fine-Tuning Free Framework for Few-Shot Entity Linking via Large Language Model Prompting. The 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2024.
- [12]. Linan Yue, Qi Liu, Ye Liu, Weibo Gao, et al. Cooperative Classification and Rationalization for Graph Generalization. The ACM Web Conference, 2024 (WWW), 2024.
- [13]. Linan Yue, Qi Liu, Weibo Gao, Ye Liu, Kai Zhang, Yichao Du, Li Wang, et al. Federated Self-Explaining GNNs with Anti-shortcut Augmentations. The 41st International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2024.
- [14]. Kehang Wang, Ye Liu, Kai Zhang, Qi Liu, Yankun Ren, Xinxing Yang, Longfei Li, Jun Zhou. QoMRC: Query-oriented Machine Reading Comprehension Framework for Aspect Sentiment Triplet Extraction. The 29th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA), 2024.
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- [16]. Linan Yue, Qi Liu, Yichao Du, Weibo Gao, Ye Liu, et al. FedJudge: Federated Legal Large Language Model. The 29th International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA), 2024.
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