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🔌 Research Interests

I am broadly interested in general AI, with a focus on NLP and multimodal (esp. vision-language) AI. My ultimate goal is to build helpful yet robust and reliable AI systems that enhance and enrich human life.

🎓 Education

- **The Ohio State University** Aug. 2023 – May. 2028 (expected)
Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering
- **University of Southern California** Aug. 2021 – May. 2023
M.S in Electronic and Computer Engineering
- **Beijing Jiaotong University** Aug. 2016 – May. 2020
B.S in Electronic Engineering

🔧 Experience

- **Research Assistant**, The Ohio State University Aug. 2023 – Present
Advisor: [Huan Sun](#)
- **Research Intern**, Microsoft Research (Redmond) May. 2025 – Aug. 2025
Host: [Ahmed Awadallah](#), [Yadong Lu](#)
- **Research Assistant**, University of Southern California Aug. 2022 – May. 2023
Advisor: [Xiang Ren](#)

📖 Publications (selected, see full list on 🎓)

* means equal contribution

[11] Beyond Clicking: A Step Towards Generalist GUI Grounding via Text Dragging

[Zeyi Liao](#), Yadong Lu, Boyu Gou, Eric Huan Sun, Ahmed Awadallah
Preprint on Arxiv, 2025.

[10] WebGuard: Building a Generalizable Guardrail for Web Agents

Boyuan Zheng, [Zeyi Liao](#), Scott Salisbury, Zeyuan Liu, Michael Lin, Qinyuan Zheng, Zifan Wang, Xiang Deng, Dawn Song, Huan Sun, Yu Su
Preprint on Arxiv, 2025. [PDF]

[9] RedTeamCUA: Realistic Adversarial Testing of Computer-Use Agents in Hybrid Web-OS Environments

[Zeyi Liao](#), Jaylen Jones, Linxi Jiang, Eric Fosler-Lussier, Yu Su, Zhiqiang Lin, Huan Sun
Preprint on Arxiv, 2025. [PDF]

[8] AdvAgent: Controllable Blackbox Red-teaming on Web Agents

Chejian Xu, Mintong Kang, Jiawei Zhang, [Zeyi Liao](#), Lingbo Mo, Mengqi Yuan, Huan Sun, Bo Li
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2025 [PDF]

- [7] **EIA: Environmental Injection Attack on Generalist Web Agents for Privacy Leakage**
Zeyi Liao*, Lingbo Mo*, Chejian Xu, Mintong Kang, Jiawei Zhang, Chaowei Xiao, Yuan Tian, Bo Li, Huan Sun
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025. [PDF]
- [6] **Joint Demonstration and Preference Learning Improves Policy Alignment with Human Feedback**
Chenliang Li, Siliang Zeng*, Zeyi Liao*, Jiaxiang Li, Dongyeop Kang, Alfredo Garcia, Mingyi Hong
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025. [PDF]
- [5] **Amplegcg: Learning a universal and transferable generative model of adversarial suffixes for jailbreaking both open and closed llms**
Zeyi Liao, Huan Sun
Conference on Language Modeling (COLM), 2024. [PDF], 🐦 X on AmpleGCG-plus
- [4] **AttributionBench: How Hard is Automatic Attribution Evaluation?**
Yifei Li, Xiang Yue, Zeyi Liao, Huan Sun
Annual Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Findings of ACL), 2024. [PDF]
- [3] **In Search of the Long-Tail: Systematic Generation of Long-Tail Knowledge via Logical Rule Guided Search**
Huihan Li, Zeyi Liao*, Yuting Ning*, Siyuan Wang, Xiang Lorraine Li, Ximing Lu, Faeze Brahman, Wenting Zhao, Yejin Choi, Xiang Ren
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2024. [PDF]
- [2] **Chatcounselor: A large language models for mental health support**
June M Liu, Donghao Li, He Cao, Tianhe Ren, Zeyi Liao, Jiamin Wu
ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2023. [PDF]
- [1] **RobustLR: A diagnostic benchmark for evaluating logical robustness of deductive reasoners**
Soumya Sanyal, Zeyi Liao, Xiang Ren
Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2022. [PDF]

Teaching Experience

- **CSE 3521: Survey of Artificial Intelligence I: Basic Techniques @ OSU** Aug. 2023 – Jan. 2024

Awards

- **Master Honor Student**, University of Southern California Aug. 2022
- **First Class Scholarship**, Beijing Jiaotong University Aug. 2020/2019/2018
- **Merit Student**, Beijing Jiaotong University Aug. 2018/2017