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PUBLICATION

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Tutorials

- T1 **Muhao Chen**, Chaowei Xiao, Huan Sun, Lei Li, Leon Derczynski, Anima Anandkumar, Fei Wang. Combating Security and Privacy Issues in the Era of Large Language Models. In **NAACL**, 2024.
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- T3 Wenpeng Yin, **Muhao Chen**, Ben Zhou, Qiang Ning, Kai-Wei Chang, Dan Roth. Indirectly Supervised Natural Language Processing. In **ACL**, 2023.
- T4 **Muhao Chen**, Lifu Huang, Manling Li, Ben Zhou, Heng Ji, Dan Roth. New Frontiers of Information Extraction. In **NAACL**, 2022.
- T5 **Muhao Chen**, Hongming Zhang, Qiang Ning, Manling Li, Heng Ji, Kathleen McKeown, Dan Roth. Event-centric Natural Language Processing. In **ACL**, 2021.
- T6 **Muhao Chen**, Hongming Zhang, Qiang Ning, Manling Li, Heng Ji, Dan Roth. Event-centric Natural Language Understanding. In **AAAI**, 2021.
- T7 Jay Pujara, Pedro Szekely, Huan Sun, **Muhao Chen**. From Tables to Knowledge: Recent Advances in Table Understanding. In **KDD**, 2021.
- T8 **Muhao Chen**, Kai-Wei Chang, Dan Roth. Recent Advances in Transferable Representation Learning. In **AAAI**, 2020.

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- P1 Fei Wang, Xingyu Fu, James Y. Huang, Zekun Li, Qin Liu, Xiaogeng Liu, Mingyu Derek Ma, Nan Xu, Wenxuan Zhou, Kai Zhang, Tianyi Lorena Yan, Wenjie Jacky Mo, Hsiang-Hui Liu, Pan Lu, Chunyuan Li, Chaowei Xiao, Kai-Wei Chang, Dan Roth, Sheng Zhang, Hoifung Poon, **Muhao Chen**. MuirBench: A Comprehensive Benchmark for Robust Multi-image Understanding. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2025.
- P2 Terry Tong, Fei Wang, Zhe Zhao, **Muhao Chen**. BadJudge: Backdoor Vulnerabilities of LLM-As-A-Judge. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2025.
- P3 Yingzi Ma, Jiong Xiao Wang, Fei Wang, Siyuan Ma, Jiazhao Li, Jinsheng Pan, Xiujun Li, Furong Huang, Lichao Sun, Bo Li, Yejin Choi, **Muhao Chen**, Chaowei Xiao. Benchmarking Vision Language Model Unlearning via Fictitious Facial Identity Dataset. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2025.
- P4 Nan Xu, Fei Wang, Sheng Zhang, Hoifung Poon, Muhao Chen. From Introspection to Best Practices: Principled Analysis of Demonstrations in Multimodal In-Context Learning. In *the 22nd Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2025.
- P5 Wenjie Jacky Mo, Jiashu Xu, Qin Liu, Jiong Xiao Wang, Jun Yan, Hadi Askari, Chaowei Xiao, Muhao Chen. Test-time Backdoor Mitigation for Black-Box Large Language Models with Defensive Demonstrations. In *the 22nd Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)* - Findings, 2025.
- P6 Yiwei Wang, Muhao Chen, Nanyun Peng, Kai-Wei Chang. Vulnerability of Large Language Models to Output Prefix Jailbreaks: Impact of Positions on Safety. In *the 22nd Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)* - Findings, 2025.
- P7 Hadi Askari, Anshuman Chhabra, Muhao Chen, Prasant Mohapatra. Assessing LLMs for Zero-shot Abstractive Summarization Through the Lens of Relevance Paraphrasing. In *the 22nd Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)* - Findings, 2025.
- P8 Zilan Wang, Junfeng Guo, Jiacheng Zhu, Yiming Li, Heng Huang, **Muhao Chen**, Zhengzhong Tu. SleeperMark: Towards Robust Watermark against Fine-Tuning Text-to-image Diffusion Models. In *the IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR)*, 2025.
- P9 Wenxuan Zhou, Sheng Zhang, Yu Gu, **Muhao Chen**, Hoifung Poon. UniversalNER: Targeted Distillation from Large Language Models for Open Named Entity Recognition. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2024.
- P10 Xiaogeng Liu, Nan Xu, **Muhao Chen**, Chaowei Xiao. AutoDAN: Generating Stealthy Jailbreak Prompts on Aligned Large Language Models. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2024.
- P11 Qin Liu, Fei Wang, Chaowei Xiao, **Muhao Chen**. From Shortcuts to Triggers: Backdoor Defense with Denoised PoE. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2024.
- P12 Bangzheng Li, Ben Zhou, Fei Wang, Xingyu Fu, Dan Roth, **Muhao Chen**. Deceptive Semantic Shortcuts on Reasoning Chains: How Far Can Models Go without Hallucination? In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2024.
- P13 Jiashu Xu, Mingyu Derek Ma, Fei Wang, Chaowei Xiao, **Muhao Chen**. Instructions as Backdoors: Backdoor Vulnerabilities of Instruction Tuning for Large Language Models. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2024.
- P14 Jiashu Xu, Fei Wang, Mingyu Derek Ma, Pang Wei Koh, Chaowei Xiao, **Muhao Chen**. Instructional Fingerprinting of Large Language Models. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2024.
- P15 Tianyang Liu, Fei Wang, **Muhao Chen**. Rethinking Tabular Data Understanding with Large Language Models. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2024.
- P16 Victoria Graf, Qin Liu, **Muhao Chen**. Two Heads are Better than One: Nested PoE for Robust Defense Against Multi-Backdoors. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2024.
- P17 Lingbo Mo, Boshi Wang, **Muhao Chen**, Huan Sun. How Trustworthy are Open-Source LLMs? An Assessment under Malicious Demonstrations Shows their Vulnerabilities. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2024.
- P18 Tenghao Huang, Dongwon Jung, Vaibhav Kumar, Mohammad Kachuee, Xiang Li, Puyang Xu, **Muhao Chen**. Planning and Editing What You Retrieve for Enhanced Tool Learning. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)* - Findings, 2024.

- P19 Nan Xu, Fei Wang, Ben Zhou, Bangzheng Li, Chaowei Xiao, **Muhao Chen**. Cognitive Overload: Jailbreaking Large Language Models with Overloaded Logical Thinking. In *the 21st Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)* - Findings, 2024.
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- P21 Jiong Xiao Wang, Junlin Wu, **Muhao Chen**, Yevgeniy Vorobeychik, Chaowei Xiao. On the Exploitability of Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback for Large Language Models. In *the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, 2024.
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- P28 Terry Tong, Qin Liu, Jiashu Xu, **Muhao Chen**. Securing Multi-turn Conversational Language Models from Distributed Backdoor Attacks. In *the 39th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)* - Findings, 2024.
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- P31 Tianqing Fang, Wenxuan Zhou, Fangyu Liu, Hongming Zhang, Yangqiu Song, **Muhao Chen**. On-the-fly Denoising for Data Augmentation in Natural Language Understanding. In *the 18th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)* - Findings, 2024.
- P32 Qin Liu, Wenjie Mo, Terry Tong, Jiashu Xu, Fei Wang, Chaowei Xiao, **Muhao Chen**. Mitigating Backdoor Threats to Large Language Models: Advancement and Challenges. In *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Allerton Conference (Allerton)*, 2024. **Invited Paper**
- P33 James Y. Huang, Wenlin Yao, Kaiqiang Song, Hongming Zhang, **Muhao Chen**, Dong Yu. Bridging Continuous and Discrete Spaces: Interpretable Sentence Representation Learning via Compositional Operations. In *the 38th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2023. **Outstanding Paper Award**
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- P40 Tenghao Huang, Ehsan Qasemi, Bangzheng Li, He Wang, Faeze Brahman, **Muhao Chen**, Snigdha Chaturvedi. Affective and Dynamic Beam Search for Story Generation. In *In the 38th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)* - Findings, 2023.
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- P48 Keming Lu, I-Hung Hsu, Wenxuan Zhou, Mingyu Derek Ma, **Muhao Chen**. Multi-hop Evidence Retrieval for Cross-document Relation Extraction. In *In the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)* - Findings, 2023.
- P49 Xinze Li, Yixin Cao, **Muhao Chen**, Aixin Sun. Take a Break in the Middle: Investigating Subgoals towards Hierarchical Script Generation. In *In the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)* - Findings, 2023.
- P50 Haoyu Wang, Hongming Zhang, Yuqian Deng, Jacob Gardner, Dan Roth, **Muhao Chen**. Extracting or Guessing? Improving Faithfulness of Event Temporal Relation Extraction. In *In the 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, 2023.
- P51 Xiaocong Yang, James Y. Huang, Wenxuan Zhou, **Muhao Chen**. Parameter-Efficient Tuning with Special Token Adaptation. In *In the 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, 2023.
- P52 Peifeng Wang, Aaron Chan, Filip Ilievski, **Muhao Chen**, Xiang Ren. PINTO: Faithful Language Reasoning Using Prompted-Generated Rationales. In *In the 11th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023.
- P53 Bonan Kou, **Muhao Chen**, Tianyi Zhang. Automated Summarization of Stack Overflow Posts. In *In the Proceedings of the 45th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*, 2023.
- P54 Zhongkai Zhao, Bonan Kou, Mohamed Yilmaz Ibrahim, **Muhao Chen**, Tianyi Zhang. Knowledge-based Version Incompatibility Detection for Deep Learning. In *In the 31st ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE)*, 2023.
- P55 Tai Nguyen, Yifeng Di, Joohan Lee, **Muhao Chen**, Tianyi Zhang. Software Entity Recognition with Noise-Robust Learning. In *In the Proceedings of the 38th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE)*, 2023.
- P56 Minh Pham, Craig Knoblock, **Muhao Chen**. Detecting Semantic Errors in Tables using Textual Evidence. In *In the Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData)*, 2023.
- P57 Wenxuan Zhou, Fangyu Liu, Huan Zhang, **Muhao Chen**. Sharpness-Aware Minimization with Dynamic Reweighting. In *In the 37th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2022.
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- P59 Fei Wang, Kaiqiang Song, Hongming Zhang, Lifeng Jin, Sangwoo Cho, Wenlin Yao, Xiaoyang Wang, **Muhao Chen**, Dong Yu. Saliency Allocation as Guidance for Abstractive Summarization. In *In the 37th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2022.

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- P61 Zekun Li, Jina Kim, Yao-Yi Chiang, **Muhao Chen**. SpaBERT: Pretrained Language Models on Geographic Data for Geo-Entity Representation. In *the 37th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)* - Findings, 2022.
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- P64 Fei Wang, Zhewei Xu, Pedro Szekely, **Muhao Chen**. Robust (Controlled) Table-to-Text Generation with Structure-Aware Equivariance Learning. In *the 20th Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2022.
- P65 James Y. Huang, Bangzheng Li, Jiashu Xu, **Muhao Chen**. Unified Semantic Typing with Meaningful Label Inference. In *the 20th Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2022.
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- P69 Wenxuan Zhou*, Fangyu Liu*, Ivan Vulić, Nigel Collier, **Muhao Chen**. Prix-LM: Pretraining for Multilingual Knowledge Base Construction. In *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, 2022.
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- P71 Wenxuan Zhou, **Muhao Chen**. An Improved Baseline for Sentence-level Relation Extraction. In *the 2nd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL)*, 2022.
- P72 Ehsan Qasemi, Piyush Khanna, Qiang Ning, **Muhao Chen**. PInKS: Preconditioned Commonsense Inference with Minimal Supervision. In *the 2nd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL)*, 2022.
- P73 Jihoon Sohn, Mingyu Derek Ma, **Muhao Chen**. Bending the Future: Autoregressive Modeling of Temporal Knowledge Graphs in Curvature-Variable Hyperbolic Spaces. In *the 4th Conference on Automated Knowledge Base Construction (AKBC)*, 2022.
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- P100 Junheng Hao, **Muhao Chen**, Wenchao Yu, Yizhou Sun, Wei Wang. Universal Representation Learning of Knowledge Bases by Jointly Embedding Ontological Concepts and Instances. In *Proceedings of the 25th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, 2019.
- P101 Xuelu Chen, **Muhao Chen**, Weijia Shi, Yizhou Sun, Carlo Zaniolo. Uncertain Knowledge Graphs Embeddings. In *the 33rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2019.
- P102 **Muhao Chen***, Weijia Shi*, Pei Zhou, Kai-Wei Chang. Retrofitting Contextualized Word Embeddings with Paraphrases. In *Proceedings of the 24th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2019.
- P103 Pei Zhou, Weijia Shi, Jieyu Zhao, Kuan-Hao Huang, **Muhao Chen**, Ryan Cotterell, Kai-Wei Chang. Examining Gender Bias in Languages with Grammatical Gender. In *Proceedings of the 24th Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2019.

- P104 **Muhao Chen**, Chris Quirk. Embedding Edge-attributed Relational Hierarchies. In *Proceedings of the 42nd ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR)*, 2019.
- P105 Qingheng Zhang, Zequn Sun, Wei Hu, **Muhao Chen**, Lingbing Guo, Yuzhong Qu. Multi-view Knowledge Graph Embedding for Entity Alignment. In *Proceedings of the 28th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 2019. Also in **ISWC** 2020 Invited Sister Conference Track.
- P106 Zequn Sun, Jiacheng Huang, Wei Hu, **Muhao Chen**, Yuzhong Qu. TransEdge: Translating Relation-contextualized Embeddings for Knowledge Graphs. In *the 18th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC)*, 2019.
- P107 Haochen Chen, Syed Fahad Sultan, Yingtao Tian, **Muhao Chen**, Steven Skiena. Fast and Accurate Network Embeddings via Very Sparse Random Projection. In *Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)*, 2019.
- P108 Changjun Fan, Yuhui Ding, Li Zeng, **Muhao Chen**, Yizhou Sun and Zhong Liu. Learning to Identify High Betweenness Centrality Nodes from Scratch: A Novel Graph Neural Network Approach. In *Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)*, 2019.
- P109 **Muhao Chen**, Changping Meng, Gang Huang, Carlo Zaniolo. Learning to Differentiate Between Main-articles and Sub-articles in Wikipedia. In *IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData)*, 2019.
- P110 Yingtao Tian, Haochen Chen, Bryan Perozzi, **Muhao Chen**, Xiaofei Sun, Steven Skiena. Social Relation Inference via Label Propagation. In *the 41st European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR)*, 2019.
- P111 Qi Zhao, **Muhao Chen**, Pengyuan Du, Tuan Le, Mario Gerla. Towards Efficient Cellular Traffic Offloading via Dynamic MPTCP Path Configuration with SDN. In *IEEE International Conference on Computing, Networking and Communications (ICNC)*, 2019.
- P112 **Muhao Chen**, Gang Huang, Changping Meng, Carlo Zaniolo. Neural Article Pair Modeling for Wikipedia Sub-article Matching. In *the 29th European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML)*, 2018 (**Plenary Presentation**, ~1.7% acceptance rate)
- P113 **Muhao Chen**, Yingtao Tian, Kai-Wei Chang, Steven Skiena, Carlo Zaniolo. Co-training Embeddings of Knowledge Graphs and Entity Descriptions for Cross-lingual Entity Alignment. In *the 27th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 2018.
- P114 **Muhao Chen**, Yingtao Tian, Xuelu Chen, Zijun Xue, Carlo Zaniolo. On2Vec: Embedding-based Relation Prediction for Ontology Population. In *Proceedings of the 17th SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*. SIAM, 2018
- P115 Haochen Chen, Xiaofei Sun, Yingtao Tian, Bryan Perozzi, **Muhao Chen** and Steven Skiena. Enhanced Network Embeddings via Exploiting Edge Labels. In *the 27th ACM Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)*. ACM 2018.
- P116 Pengyuan Du, Seunghyun Yoo, Qi Zhao, **Muhao Chen**, Mario Gerla. Towards Opportunistic Resource Sharing in Mobile Social Networks - an Evolutionary Game Theoretic Approach. In *Proceedings of the 19th ACM International Symposium on Mobile Ad Hoc Networking and Computing (MobiHoc)*, ACM 2018.
- P117 **Muhao Chen**, Qi Zhao, Pengyuan Du, Carlo Zaniolo, Mario Gerla. Demand-driven Cache Allocation Based on Context-aware Collaborative Filtering. In *Proceedings of the 19th ACM International Symposium on Mobile Ad Hoc Networking and Computing (MobiHoc)*, ACM 2018.
- P118 **Muhao Chen**, Yingtao Tian, Mohan Yang, Carlo Zaniolo. Multilingual Knowledge Graph Embeddings for Cross-lingual Knowledge Alignment. In *Proceedings of the 26th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*. 2017.
- P119 **Muhao Chen**, Shi Gao, X. Sean Wang. Converting Spatiotemporal Data Among Heterogeneous Granularity Systems. In *Proceedings of the 25th IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems (FUZZ-IEEE)*. IEEE, 2016.

Refereed Journal Publication and Book Chapters

- J1 James Y. Huang, Wenxuan Zhou, Fei Wang, Fred Morstatter, Sheng Zhang, Hoifung Poon, Muhao Chen. Offset Unlearning for Large Language Models. *Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR)*. 2025
- J2 Juan Zambrano Chaves, Mr Shih-Cheng Huang, Yanbo Xu, Mr Hanwen Xu, Dr Naoto Usuyama, Dr Sheng Zhang, Fei Wang, Yujia Xie, Mahmoud Khademi, Ziyi Yang, Hany Awadalla, Julia Gong, Houdong Hu, Jianwei Yang, Chunyuan Li, Jianfeng Gao, Yu Gu, Cliff Wong, Mu Wei, Tristan Naumann, Muhao Chen, Matthew Lungren, Akshay Chaudhari, Serena Yeung-Levy, Curtis Langlotz, Sheng Wang, Hoifung Poon. A Clinically Accessible Small Multimodal Radiology Model and Evaluation Metric for Chest X-Ray Findings. **Nature Communications**. 16 (1). Nature Portfolio. 2025.
- J3 Yao-Yi Chiang, **Muhao Chen**, Weiwei Duan, Jina Kim, Craig Knoblock, Stefan Leyk, Zekun Li, Yijun Lin, Min Namgung, Basel Shbita, Johannes H. Uhl. GeoAI for the Digitization of Historical Maps. *Handbook of GeoAI*. Taylor & Francis, 2023 (Book Chapter)
- J4 Bangzheng Li, Wenpeng Yin, **Muhao Chen**. Ultra-fine Entity Typing with Indirect Supervision from Natural Language Inference. *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL)*. MIT Press, 2022.

- J5 Tianran Zhang, **Muhao Chen**, Alex Bui. AdaDiag: Adversarial Domain Adaptation of Diagnostic Prediction with Clinical Event Sequences. *Journal of Biomedical Informatics (JBI)*, vol. 134. Elsevier, 2022.
- J6 Mohammad Rostami, Hangfeng He, **Muhao Chen**, Dan Roth. Transfer Learning via Representation Learning. *Federated and Transfer Learning*. Springer, 2022 (Book Chapter)
- J7 Jyun-Yu Jiang, Chelsea J.-T. Ju, Junheng Hao, **Muhao Chen**, Wei Wang. Circular RNA Prediction based on Junction Encoders and Deep Interaction among Splice Sites. *Bioinformatics*, vol. 37. Oxford University Press, 2021. Full Paper of **ISMB/ECCB**, 2021.
- J8 Guangyu Zhou*, **Muhao Chen***, Chelsea J. T. Ju*, Zheng Wang, Jyun-Yu Jiang, Wei Wang. Mutation effect estimation on protein-protein interactions using deep contextualized representation learning. *NAR Genom. Bioinform*, vol. 2 (2). Oxford University Press. 2020.
- J9 Zequn Sun, Qingheng Zhang, Wei Hu, Chengming Wang, **Muhao Chen**, Chengkai Li, Yuzhong Qu. A Benchmarking Study of Embedding-based Entity Alignment for Knowledge Graphs. *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment (PVLDB)*, vol. 13. ACM. 2020
- J10 **Muhao Chen***, Chelsea J. T. Ju*, Guangyu Zhou, Tianran Zhang, Kai-Wei Chang, Carlo Zaniolo, Wei Wang. Multifaceted Protein-Protein Interaction Prediction Based on Siamese Residual RCNN. *Bioinformatics*, vol. 35 (14) Oxford University Press. Full Paper of **ISMB/ECCB**, 2019.
- J11 Carlo Zaniolo, Shi Gao, Maurizio Atzori, **Muhao Chen**, Jiaqi Gu. User-Friendly Temporal Queries on Historical Knowledge Bases. *Information and Computation*, Vol. 259 (3). Elsevier, 2018.

Refereed Workshop and System Demonstration Papers

- W1 Jingyuan Qi, Zian Jia, Minqian Liu, Wangzhi Zhan, Junkai Zhang, Xiaofei Wen, Jingru Gan, Jianpeng Chen, Qin Liu, Mingyu Derek Ma, Bangzheng Li, Haohui Wang, Adithya Kulkarni, Muhao Chen, Dawei Zhou, Ling Li, Wei Wang, Lifu Huang. MetaScientist: A Human-AI Synergistic Framework for Automated Mechanical Metamaterial Design. In *the 22nd Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2025. (demo)
- W2 Weijia Shi, **Muhao Chen**, Yingtao Tian, Kai-Wei Chang. Learning Bilingual Word Embeddings Using Lexical Definitions. In *Proceedings of ACL Workshop on Representation Learning for NLP (RepL4NLP)*, 2019.
- W3 Zhubo Deng, Pei Zhou, Weijia Shi, **Muhao Chen**, Kai-Wei Chang. Computational Analysis of French-origin Reborrowing Process for English Loanwords. In *ICDM Workshop on Multilingual Cognitive Services (ICDMW)*, 2019
- W4 Changjun Fan, Yizhou Sun, Li Zeng, Yang-Yu Liu, **Muhao Chen**, Zhong Liu. Dismantle Large Networks through Deep Reinforcement Learning. In *ICLR Workshops*, 2019.
- W5 Pei Zhou, **Muhao Chen**, Kai-Wei Chang, Carlo Zaniolo. Quantification and Analysis of Scientific Language Variation by Research Fields. In *Proceedings of the ICDM Workshops (ICDMW)*, 2018.
- W6 **Muhao Chen**, Tao Zhou, Pei Zhou, Carlo Zaniolo. Multi-graph Affinity Embeddings for Multilingual Knowledge Graphs. **Contributed talk** in the *6th Workshop on Automated Knowledge Base Construction at NIPS (AKBC)*. 2017.
- W7 **Muhao Chen**, Carlo Zaniolo. Learning Multi-faceted Knowledge Graph Embeddings for Natural Language Processing. In *Proceedings of the 26th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*. 2017 (Extended abstract)
- W8 Tao Zhou, **Muhao Chen**, Demetri Terzopoulos, Jie Yu. Attention-based Natural Language Person Retrieval. In *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW)*. IEEE, 2017.
- W9 Shi Gao, **Muhao Chen**, Maurizio Atzori, Carlo Zaniolo. SPARQL^T and its User-Friendly Interface for Managing and Querying the History of Knowledge Bases. In *the 14th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC)*, 2015 (demo).

AWARDS

- *Outstanding Paper Award*. EMNLP 2024
- *Outstanding Paper Award*. EMNLP 2023
- *Amazon Research Award*. 2023
- *Keston Exploratory Research Award*. 2023
- *Amazon Research Award*. 2022
- *Cisco Faculty Research Award*. 2022
- *NSF CISE Research Initiation Initiative (CRII) Award*. 2021
- *ACM SIGBio Best Student Paper Award*. 2020
- *UCLA Dissertation Fellowship*. 2018-2019

- *Tung OOCL Scholarships*. Tung's Foundation of Hong Kong & The Oriental Overseas Container Line. 2012, 2013
- *Wang-Dao Fellowship*. President of Fudan University. 2013
- *Chun-Tsung Fellowship*. Hui-Chun Chin and Tsung-Dao Lee Chinese Undergraduate Research Endowment. 2012

FUNDING

Amazon Trusted AI Prize	2024-2025
• \$250K restricted research fund. (PI)	
DARPA FoundSci: MetaScientist: Bioinspired Meta-Material Design with an Autonomous Scientist	2024-2025
• \$180K my share. (Co-PI)	
Amazon Research Award: <i>Robust (Controlled) NLG with Structure-Aware Equivariance Learning</i>	2023-2024
• \$70K unrestricted fund + \$40K AWS credits. Spring 2023 call. (Sole PI)	
NSF Proto-OKN: <i>Knowledge Graph Construction for Resilient, Trustworthy, and Secure Software Supply Chains</i>	2023-2026
• NSF ITE Grant, \$370K my share. (Co-PI)	
Amazon Research Award: <i>On Faithfulness of Information Extraction</i>	2023-2024
• \$73.8K unrestricted fund + \$20K AWS credits. Spring 2022 call. (Sole PI)	
Keston Exploratory Research Award: <i>Multi-document Newsworthy Event Monitoring and Forecasting</i>	2023-2024
• \$100K unrestricted fund from Keston Family Foundation. (PI)	
Cisco Research Award: <i>Robust Knowledge Extraction from Text</i>.	2022-2023
• \$70.4K unrestricted fund. (Sole PI)	
DARPA KMASS Phase 1: <i>Knowledge Needed in Context</i>.	2022-2023
• \$308K my share. (Co-PI)	
<i>Improved Performance, Analytics and Summarization of Synergistic Anticipation of Geopolitical Events</i>.	2022-2023
• ARLIS research grant. \$50K my share. (Co-PI)	
NSF CRII: III: <i>Knowledge Graph Completion with Transferable Representation Learning</i>.	2021-2023
• NSF IIS Grant, \$175K. (Sole PI)	
DARPA MCS: <i>Multi-modal Open World Grounded Learning and Inference</i>.	2020-2023
• \$600K my share. (Senior Personnel)	

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Teaching

ECS 271: Machine Learning and Discovery

- Spring 2024 (UC Davis), Spring 2025 (UC Davis)

ECS 289G / ECS 282: Advanced Natural Language Processing

- Winter 2024 (UC Davis), Winter 2025 (UC Davis)

CSCI 544: Applied Natural Language Processing

- Spring 2022 (USC)

Lab Members/Students

Ph.D. Students:

Dongwon Jung, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science.

Fall 2024-date

Xiaofei Wen, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science

Fall 2024-date

Jacky Mo, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science (Co-advised with Zhe Zhao)

Fall 2024-date

Rui Cai, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science (Co-advised with Zhe Zhao)

Fall 2024-date

Hadi Askari, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science

Winter 2024-date

Bangzheng Li, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science.

Fall 2022-date

- **Provost PhD Fellow.**

- Joined the lab as an undergraduate researcher in Summer 2021

Qin (Jacqueline) Liu, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science.

Fall 2022-date

Tenghao Huang, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science (Viterbi-ISI Fellow)	Fall 2022-date
Nan (Nancy) Xu, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science	Spring 2022-date
James Y. Huang. PhD Student in Computer Science.	Fall 2021-date
Fei Wang, Ph.D. Student in Computer Science	Fall 2020-date
• Viterbi Honors Program; USC CS Departmental Best Research Award; Annenberg Fellow. Amazon ML Fellowship.	

M.S. and Undergraduate Students:

Keming (Luke) Lu, MS Student in Industrial and System Engineering.	Fall 2021-date
Shikhar Singh, MS Student in Computer Science.	Fall 2021-Summer 2022
Tianyi (Lorena) Yan, Undergraduate Student, Computer Science (CURVE Fellowship)	Fall 2022-date
Jacky Mo, Undergraduate Student, Computer Science (CURVE Fellowship)	Fall 2022-Spring 2024
Mingtao Dong, Undergraduate Student, Computer Science (Provost's Research Fellowship)	Spring 2022-date
Jiashu Xu, Undergraduate Student, Computer Science (CURVE Fellowship)	Fall 2021- Spring 2022
Zhewei Xu, Undergraduate Student, Computer Science (CURVE Fellowship)	Fall 2021-Spring 2022
Logan Norman, Undergraduate Student, Computer Science (Viterbi Fellowship)	Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Alumni

Wenxuan Zhou, PhD in Computer Science, USC. 2023

- Dissertation Title: *Robust and Generalizable Knowledge Acquisition from Text*
- First Employment: Founding Research Scientist at Zoom AI

Eric (Ehsan) Qasemi, PhD in Computer Science, USC. 2023 (Co-advised with Pedro Szekely)

- Dissertation Title: *Multi-modal Preconditioned Inference of Commonsense Knowledge*
- First Employment: ML Scientist at Oracle Cloud

Peifeng Wang, PhD in Computer Science, USC. 2023 (Co-advised with Xiang Ren)

- Dissertation: Externalized Reasoning in Language Models for Scalable, Trustworthy AI
- First Employment: Research Scientist at Sal

Visiting Scholars/Students

Tianqing Fang. PhD Student in Computer Science, HKUST (Hong Kong PhD Fellow)	Summer 2022-Spring 2023
Xiaocong Yang. Undergraduate, Tsinghua University. (Joined UIUC as a Master Student)	Summer-Fall 2022
Amani Rune Maina-Kilaas. Undergraduate, Harvey Mudd College (NSF REU Student; Joined MIT as a PhD Student)	Summer 2022
Tanay Dixit. Undergraduate, IIT Madras, Computer Science (NSF REU Student; Joined UIUC as a Master Student)	Summer 2022
Devadutta Dash. Undergraduate, IIT Varanasi, Computer Science (IUSSFT-Viterbi Research Intern)	Summer 2022
Jihoon Sohn. USC PhD Student in Mathematics	Spring 2021-Spring 2022
Bangzheng Li. UIUC, B.S. in Computer Science (Now PhD student in my lab)	Summer 2021-Fall 2021
Shanxiu He. Undergraduate, UCLA Computer Science (USC ISI NLP Intern; Joined UCSB as a PhD Student)	Summer 2021
Piyush Khanna, Undergraduate, Delhi Tech Univ., Computer Science (Joined UCSD as a Master Student)	Summer 2021
Yueguan Wang. Undergraduate, Tsinghua Univ., EE (USC-THU Summer Research Program)	Summer 2021

Dissertation/Qualification Committee

Dissertation Committee:

Jihoon Sohn, USC PhD in Mathematics, 2022. (Dissertation Chair: Francis Bonahon)

Minh Pham, USC PhD in Computer Science, 2022. (Dissertation Chair: Craig Knoblock)

Xuelu (Shirley) Chen, UCLA PhD in Computer Science, 2021. (Dissertation Chair: Carlo Zaniolo)

Tianran Zhang, UCLA PhD in Bioengineering, 2022. (Dissertation Chair: Alex Bui)

Jeong Hyun An, USC M.S. in Computer Science, 2022. (Dissertation Committee Chair)

Qualification Committee:

Hsiao-Ying Lu, UC Davis PhD student in Computer Science (Qualification Committee)

Soroush Koohpayegani, UC Davis PhD Student in Computer Science (Dissertation Committee)

Sairamvinay Vijayaraghavan, UC Davis PhD student in Computer Science (Qualification Committee)

I-Hung Hsu, USC PhD Student in Computer Science. (Qualification Committee)

Haowen Lin, USC PhD Student in Computer Science. (Qualification Committee)

Jianzhi Yang, USC PhD Student in Quantitative and Computational Biology. (Qualification Committee)

Tejas Srinivasan, USC PhD Student in Computer Science. (Qualification Committee)

Chen, Muhao – CV (4/18/2025)

Binh Vu, USC PhD Student in Computer Science. (Qualification Committee)

Yizhou Zhang, USC PhD Student in Computer Science. (Qualification Committee)

Michiel de Jong, USC PhD Student in Computer Science. (Qualification Committee)

Kexuan Sun, USC PhD Student in Computer Science. (Qualification Committee)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Organization/Senior Committee Member:

2024: NAACL (Area Chair), EMNLP (Area Chair), ACL (Area Chair), LREC-COLING (Area Chair – Information Extraction)

2023: AAAI (Area Chair), AACL (Senior Area Chair – Information Retrieval and Text Mining), ACL (Area Chair), EMNLP (Area Chair – Information Extraction), NLPCC (Area Chair)

2022: AAAI (Senior PC), NAACL (Senior Area Chair), NAACL SRW (Faculty Mentor), EMNLP (Area Chair), AACL (Area Chair)

2021: AAAI (Senior PC), IJCAI (Senior PC)

2019: IEEE AIKE (Doctoral Consortium Chair)

Workshop Organization Member:

AAAI spring Symposium on AI for Engineering and Scientific Discoveries, 2025

LLMSEC@ACL, 2025

AI4Research@IJCAI, 2024

Indirect, Weak and Self Supervision for Knowledge Extraction (Wise-Supervision@AKBC), 2022

Deep Learning on Graphs for Natural Language Processing (DLG4NLP@NAACL), 2022

PC Member:

2021: ACL, EACL, NAACL, WSDM, WWW.

2020: AAAI, AACL-IJCNLP, AKBC, COLING, EMNLP, IJCAI, ISWC, KDD, SIGIR, WSDM, *SEM.

2019: AAAI, AKBC, NAACL, ACL, EMNLP-IJCNLP, BigData, NLPCC, WISE, ICSC.

2018: AAAI, EMNLP, BigData, NLPCC, SoCal NLP.

Society Organization

ACL Special Interest Group on NLP Security (SIGSEC) -- Founding Officer and Secretary, 2023.9-date

Editorial Board: Frontiers in Big Data

Journal Reviewer: TPAMI, TACL, AIJ, TNNLS, TASLP, Pattern Recognition, Bioinformatics, PLOS Computational Biology, Briefings in Bioinformatics, Cell Systems, Clinical and Translational Medicine, Comput. & Struct. Biotechnol., TKDD, TOIS, W3J, TKDE, TII, BMC Genomics, BMC Medical Genomics, BMC Human Genetics, Human Genomics, Quantitative Biology, GeoInformatica, Information Sciences, Nature Machine Intelligence.

Panelist:

2025:

2024: DoE Panel

2021, 2022: NSF CISE Core Panels

University Service

Departments of Linguistics and Statistics, UC Davis **Faculty Hiring Committee** 2025

UC Davis, Fellowship Review Committee 2024

UC LFRP, Planning Committee 2024

Department of Computer Science, UC Davis **Faculty Hiring Committee** 2024

NSF REU Site, **Co-organizer** 2022, 2023

USC ISI Institutional AI Seminar, **Organizer** 2021.7-2022.12

Department of Computer Science, USC **Faculty Hiring Committee** 2021, 2022

Viterbi School of Engineering, USC **Fellowship Committee** 2021

Department of Computer Science, USC **PhD Admission Fellowship Committee** 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks, colloquia and tutorials

1. Mitigating Backdoor Threats to Large Language Models. *EECS Colloquium, UC Merced*. Nov 2024
2. Mitigating Backdoor Threats to Large Language Models. *Invited talk, Allerton Conference*. Sept 2024
3. Mitigating Backdoor Threats to Large Language Models. *Invited talk, Adobe*. Aug 2024
4. Combating Security and Privacy Issues in the Era of Large Language Models. *Half-day Tutorial at NAACL*. June 2024
5. Indirectly Supervised Natural Language Processing. *Half-day Tutorial at ACL*. July, 2023.
6. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Knowledge Acquisition. *CS Research Colloquium, ASU*. March 2023
7. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Knowledge Acquisition. *CS Research Colloquium, UMN*. March 2023
8. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Knowledge Acquisition. *CS Research Colloquium, UC Davis*. Feb 2023
9. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Knowledge Acquisition. *CS Research Colloquium, UCSB*. Feb 2023
10. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Information Extraction. *Invited talk, AI & ML Seminar, UCI*. Nov 2022
11. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Information Extraction. *Invited talk, NL Seminar, UMN*. Nov 2022
12. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Information Extraction. *Invited talk, CS Department Seminar (CS201), UCLA*. Oct 2022.
13. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Information Extraction. *Invited talk, CS Department Seminar (remote), Nanjing University*. Sept 2022.
14. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Information Extraction. *Invited talk, Apple, San Jose*. Aug 2022.
15. Robust and Indirectly Supervised Information Extraction. *Invited talk, Microsoft CSR Distinguished Talk Series*. July 2022.
16. New Frontiers of Information Extraction. *Half-day Tutorial at NAACL*. July, 2022.
17. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, NLP Seminar, UC Santa Cruz*. April 2022.
18. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, CS Department Seminar, Rutgers–New Brunswick*. March 2022.
19. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, ML Seminar, Purdue University*. Sept 2021.
20. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, Tencent AI Lab, Seattle*. Sept 2021.
21. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, University of Central Florida*. Aug 2021.
22. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, IBM Research Almaden*. July 2021.
23. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, CS Department Seminar, Fudan University*. June 2021.
24. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, CS Department Seminar, Nanjing University*. June 2021.
25. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, NLP Seminar, National University of Singapore*. May 2021.
26. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, NLP Seminar, OSU*. May 2021
27. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, CS Research Colloquium, UCSB*. April 2021
28. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk, Frontier Topics in Vision and Language, ASU*. Mar 2021.
29. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk at Machine Learning and Big Data Seminar, UCLA*. Nov 2020
30. Event-Centric Natural Language Processing. *Half-day Tutorial at ACL*. Aug, 2021.
31. From Tables to Knowledge: Recent Advances in Table Understanding. *Half-day Tutorial at KDD*. Aug, 2021.
32. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. Understanding Event Processes in Natural Language. *Invited talk at Language Technology Seminar, University of Cambridge*. Nov 2020
33. Event-Centric Natural Language Understanding. *Half-day Tutorial at AAAI*. Feb, 2021.
34. Knowledge Acquisition with Transferable Representation Learning. *CS Research Colloquium, USC*. Nov 2020
35. Knowledge Acquisition with Transferable Representation Learning. *AI Seminar, USC ISI*. Los Angeles, Jan 2020.
36. Knowledge Acquisition with Transferable Representation Learning. *IBM Research Almaden*. San Jose, Jan 2020.
37. Knowledge Acquisition with Transferable Representation Learning. *Invited talk at FDSiF, Fudan Univ., Shanghai, China*. Dec 2019.

38. Knowledge Acquisition with Transferable Representation Learning. *Invited talk at SNAP Seminar, Stanford University*. Jan 2019.
39. Knowledge Acquisition with Transferable Representation Learning. *Machine Learning and Big Data Seminar, UCLA*. Jan 2019.
40. Recent Advances in Transferable Representation Learning. *Half-day tutorial at AAAI*. NYC, NY, Feb 2020.
41. Neural Article Pair Modeling for Wikipedia Sub-article Matching. *Google Search Intelligence Seminar Talk*. Sept 2017
42. Reasoning Across Multiple Spatiotemporal Granularity Systems. *Invited talk at Teradata Labs. El Segundo, CA, USA*. Mar 2015

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA (NLP Group) 2018.6-2018.9

- **Research Intern**, *Embedding Edge-attributed Relational Hierarchies*. [P104]

Google, Mountain View, CA (Google Knowledge Graph) 2017.6~2017.9

- **Research Intern**, *Neural Article Pair Modeling for Large-scale Sub-article Relation Extraction*. [P112,P109,P96]

Google, Mountain View, CA (Procella Real-time Data Infrastructure) 2016.6~2016.9

- **System SDE Intern**, *Dynamic Shard-partitioning for Large-scale Windowed Event Streams*.

Teradata Labs, Los Angeles, CA (Optimizer Group) 2015.6~2015.9

- **R&D Intern**, *Multi-task Learning for Cost-based Database Optimizers*.