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RESEARCH INTEREST

Siyu Yuan (员司雨) is a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate at Fudan University's School of Data Science. Her research focuses on advancing fundamental **Planning and Reasoning Capabilities in Language Models**, with a particular focus on building reasoning models and autonomous agents:

- **Reasoning Models:** Exploring and advancing research on incentivizing and understanding complex reasoning and planning capabilities in large language models. Key approaches include *reinforcement learning*, *iterative self-reflection*, *evolutionary optimization*, and *automated multi-agent collaboration*.
- **Autonomous Agents:** Innovating methods for creating autonomous, trustworthy, and personalized language agents. This encompasses investigating their interactions within multi-agent systems and real-world environments, with applications in areas such as *multi-task scheduling*, *social strategic planning*, and *efficient tool utilization*.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Statistics

National Scholarship for Doctoral Students

Fudan University
2021-2026 (expected)

B.S. in Data Science

National Scholarship, Outstanding Graduate of Shanghai

Fudan University
2017-2021

EXPERIENCE

ByteDance Seed-LLM-Horizon

September 2024 - Present

- Role: Research Intern
- Advisor: Dr. Jiangjie Chen and Dr. Jiecao Chen
- Focus: Enhancing complex reasoning capabilities in LLMs [1] [2]
- Project: Contributing to the [Seed-Thinking-v1.5](#) project

Microsoft Research Asia

September 2023 - Jun 2024

- Role: Research Intern
- Advisor: Dr. Kaitao Song
- Topics: Autonomous Agents with Planning and Tool Use [3] [4] [6].
- Project: Participate in the [JARVIS](#) project ([Github Stars: 23.6K](#)).
- Honor: Stars of Tomorrow (Top 50%)

ByteDance AI-Lab

January 2023 - May 2023

- Role: Research Intern
- Advisor: Dr. Changzhi Sun and Jiaze Chen
- Topics: Evaluation and Improvement on the analogical reasoning abilities of LLMs [21].

Brain Technologies

June 2022 - September 2022

- Role: Research Intern
- Advisor: Dr. Charles Jankowski
- Topics: Symbolic Knowledge Distillation for Language Planning and LLM Prompt Engineering [8].

Knowledge Works Lab at Fudan University

March 2019 - Present

- Role: Student Researcher
- Advisor: Prof. Yanghua Xiao and Dr. Jiangjie Chen
- Topics: Knowledge Acquisition, e.g., Analogy-making [24], Entity Typing [26], and Concept Extraction [28] [25].

SELECTED AWARDS

China National Scholarship for Doctoral Students

2024

- Fudan University

ACL 2023 Outstanding Paper Award (Top 1%)

2023

- Association of Computational Linguistics

Huatai Securities Scholarship

2023

- Fudan University

Outstanding Graduate Student of Shanghai Colleges and University (Top 5%)	2021
○ Fudan University	
Outstanding Student pacemaker of Fudan University	2021
○ Fudan University	
China National Scholarship for Undergraduate	2018
○ Fudan University	

SELECTED WORK

[*: Equal Contribution; ♠: Student I Mentored; †: Project Leader;]

- [1] [Seed-Thinking-v1.5: Advancing Superb Reasoning Models with Reinforcement Learning](#)
Siyu Yuan (co-author), contributed to **Logic Reasoning Capabilities for Seed-Thinking-v1.5**
Long paper, Preprint, 2025.
- [2] [Agent-R: Training Language Model Agents to Reflect via Iterative Self-Training](#)
Siyu Yuan*, Zehui Chen*, Zhiheng Xi, Junjie Ye, Zhengyin Du, Jiecao Chen
Long paper, Preprint, 2025. **Huggingface Daily Paper Top-1, Github Stars: 100+**
- [3] [EvoAgent: Towards Multi-Agent Generation via Evolutionary Algorithms](#)
Siyu Yuan*, Kaitao Song*, Jiangjie Chen, Xu Tan, Dongsheng Li, Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **NAACL 2025**.
- [4] [EasyTool: Enhancing LLM-based Agents with Concise Tool Instruction](#)
Siyu Yuan*, Kaitao Song*, Jiangjie Chen, Xu Tan, Yongliang Shen, Ren Kan, Dongsheng Li, Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **NAACL 2025**. In the **JARVIS** project (**Github Stars: 23.6K**)
- [5] [From Persona to Personalization: A Survey on Role-Playing Language Agents](#)
Jiangjie Chen*, Xintao Wang*, Rui Xu*, **Siyu Yuan***, Yikai Zhang*♠, Wei Shi*, Jian Xie*, Shuang Li♠, Ruihan Yang♠, Tinghui Zhu, Aili Chen, Nianqi Li♠, Lida Chen, Caiyu Hu, Siye Wu, Scott Ren, Ziquan Fu, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, in: **TMLR**.
- [6] [TaskBench: Benchmarking Large Language Models for Task Automation](#)
Yongliang Shen*, Kaitao Song*, Xu Tan, Wenqi Zhang, Kan Ren, **Siyu Yuan**, Weiming Lu, Dongsheng Li, Yueting Zhuang
Long paper, in: **Neurips 2024**. In the **JARVIS** project (**Github Stars: 23.6K**)
- [7] [TIMEARENA: Shaping Efficient Multitasking Language Agents in a Time-Aware Simulation](#)
Yikai Zhang♠, **Siyu Yuan**†, Caiyu Hu, Kyle Richardson, Yanghua Xiao, Jiangjie Chen
Long paper, in: **ACL 2024**.
- [8] [Distilling Script Knowledge from Large Language Models for Constrained Language Planning](#)
Siyu Yuan, Jiangjie Chen, Ziquan Fu, Xuyang Ge♠, Soham Shah, Charles Robert Jankowski, Yanghua Xiao, Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **ACL 2023**. **Outstanding Paper Award (Top 1%)**

MORE WORK

[*: Equal Contribution; ♠: Student I Mentored; †: Project Leader;]

Topic I: Planning and Reasoning

- [9] [Implicit reasoning in transformers is reasoning through shortcuts](#)
Tianhe Lin, Jian Xie, **Siyu Yuan**, Deqing Yang
Long paper, Preprint, 2025.
- [10] [The lighthouse of language: Enhancing llm agents via critique-guided improvement](#)
Ruihan Yang, Fanghua Ye, Jian Li, **Siyu Yuan**, Yikai Zhang, Zhaopeng Tu, Xiaolong Li, Deqing Yang
Long paper, Preprint, 2025.
- [11] [ToolHop: A Query-Driven Benchmark for Evaluating Large Language Models in Multi-Hop Tool Use](#)
Junjie Ye, Zhengyin Du, Xuesong Yao, Weijian Lin, Yufei Xu, Zehui Chen, Zaiyuan Wang, Sining Zhu, Zhiheng Xi, **Siyu Yuan**, Tao Gui, Qi Zhang, Xuanjing Huang, Jiechao Chen
Long paper, Preprint, 2025.
- [12] [Revealing the Barriers of Language Agents in Planning](#)
Jian Xie, Kexun Zhang, Jiangjie Chen, **Siyu Yuan**, Kai Zhang, Yikai Zhang, Lei Li, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, in: **NAACL 2025**.
- [13] [SELFGOAL: Your Language Agents Already Know How to Achieve High-level Goals](#)
Ruihan Yang♠, Jiangjie Chen, Yikai Zhang♠, **Siyu Yuan**, Kyle Richardson, Yanghua Xiao, Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **NAACL 2025**.
- [14] [WAPITI: A Watermark for Finetuned Open-Source LLMs](#)
Lingjie Chen♠, Ruizhong Qiu, **Siyu Yuan**, Zhining Liu, Tianxin Wei, Hyunsik Yoo, Zhichen Zeng, Deqing Yang, Hanghang Tong

Long paper, Preprint, 2024.

- [15] [MultiLingPoT: Enhancing Mathematical Reasoning with Multilingual Program Fine-tuning](#)
Nianqi Li, Zujie Liang, **Siyu Yuan**, Jiaqing Liang, Feng Wei, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, Preprint, 2024.
- [16] [Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is: Evaluating Strategic Planning and Execution of LLM Agents in an Auction Arena](#)
Jiangjie Chen, **Siyu Yuan**, Rong Ye, Bodhisattwa Prasad Majumder, Kyle Richardson
Long paper, Preprint, 2024.

Topic II: Cognitive Modeling.....

- [17] [Past Meets Present: Creating Historical Analogy with Large Language Models](#)
Nianqi Li[♣], **Siyu Yuan**, Jiangjie Chen, Jiaqing Liang, Feng Wei, Zujie Liang, Deqing Yang, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, Preprint 2025.
- [18] [Unlocking Scientific Concepts: How Effective Are LLM-Generated Analogies for Student Understanding and Classroom Practice?](#)
Zekai Shao*, **Siyu Yuan***, Lin Gao, Yixuan He, Deqing Yang, Siming Chen
Long paper, in: **CHI 2025**.
- [19] [“A good pun is its own reword”: Can Large Language Models Understand Puns?](#)
Zhijun Xu[♣], **Siyu Yuan**[†], Lingjie Chen[♣], Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **EMNLP 2024**.
- [20] [Boosting Scientific Concepts Understanding: Can Analogy from Teacher Models Empower Student Models?](#)
Siyu Yuan*, Jiayang Cheng*, Lin Qiu, Deqing Yang
Short paper, in: **EMNLP 2024**.
- [21] [AnalogyKB: Unlocking Analogical Reasoning of Language Models with A Million-scale Knowledge Base](#)
Siyu Yuan*, Jiangjie Chen*, Jiaqing Liang, Changzhi Sun, Yanghua Xiao, Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **ACL 2024**.
- [22] [Translate Meanings, Not Just Words: IdiomKB’s Role in Optimizing Idiomatic Translation with Language Models](#)
Shuang Li[♣], Jiangjie Chen, **Siyu Yuan**, Xinyi Wu, Hao Yang, Shimin Tao, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, in: **AAAI 2024**.
- [23] [Light Up the Shadows: Enhance Long-Tail Entity Grounding with Concept-Guided Vision-Language Models](#)
Yikai Zhang[♣], Qianyu He, Xintao Wang, **Siyu Yuan**, Jiaqing Liang, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, in: **ACL 2024 (Findings)**.
- [24] [Beneath Surface Similarity: Large Language Models Make Reasonable Scientific Analogies after Structure Abduction](#)
Siyu Yuan, Jiangjie Chen, Xuyang Ge[♣], Yanghua Xiao, Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **EMNLP 2023 (Findings)**.
- [25] [Causality-aware Concept Extraction based on Knowledge-guided Prompting](#)
Siyu Yuan, Deqing Yang, Jinxi Liu, Shuyu Tian, Jiaqing Liang, Yanghua Xiao, Rui Xie
Long paper, in: **ACL 2023**.
- [26] [Generative Entity Typing with Curriculum Learning](#)
Siyu Yuan, Deqing Yang, Jiaqing Liang, Zhixu Li, Jinxi Liu, Jingyue Huang, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, in: **EMNLP 2022**.
- [27] [Contextual Information and Commonsense Based Prompt for Emotion Recognition in Conversation](#)
Jingjie Yi, Deqing Yang, **Siyu Yuan**, Kaiyan Cao, Zhiyao Zhang and Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, in: **ECML PKDD 2022**.
- [28] [Large-Scale Multi-granular Concept Extraction Based on Machine Reading Comprehension](#)
Siyu Yuan, Deqing Yang, Jiaqing Liang, Jilun Sun, Jingyue Huang, Kaiyan Cao, Yanghua Xiao, Rui Xie.
Long paper, in: **ISWC 2021**.

Topic III: Role-Playing Agents.....

- [29] [DEEPER Insight into Your User: Directed Persona Refinement for Dynamic Persona Modeling](#)
Aili Chen, Chengyu Du, Jiangjie Chen, Jinghan Xu, Yikai Zhang, **Siyu Yuan**, Zulong Chen, Liangyue Li, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, Preprint, 2025.
- [30] [CoSER: Coordinating LLM-Based Persona Simulation of Established Roles](#)
Xintao Wang, Heng Wang, Yifei Zhang, Xinfeng Yuan, Rui Xu, Jen-tse Huang, **Siyu Yuan**, Haoran Guo, Jiangjie Chen, Wei Wang, Yanghua Xiao, Shuchang Zhou
Long paper, Preprint, 2025.
- [31] [Character is Destiny: Can Large Language Models Simulate Persona-Driven Decisions in Role-Playing?](#)
Rui Xu, Xintao Wang, Jiangjie Chen, **Siyu Yuan**, Xinfeng Yuan[♣], Jiaqing Liang, Zulong Chen, xiaoqingdong, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, Preprint, 2024.

- [32] [MINDECHO: Role-Playing Language Agents for Key Opinion Leaders](#)
Rui Xu, Dakuan Lu, Xiaoyu Tan, Xintao Wang, Siyu Yuan, Jiangjie Chen, Wei Chu, Xu Yinghui
Long paper, Under Review, 2024.
- [33] [Evaluating Character Understanding of Large Language Models via Character Profiling from Fictional Works](#)
Xinfeng Yuan[♣], Siyu Yuan[†], Yuhao Cui[♣], Tianhe Lin[♣], Xintao Wang, Rui Xu, Jiangjie Chen, Deqing Yang
Long paper, in: **EMNLP 2024**.
- [34] [InCharacter: Evaluating Personality Fidelity in Role-Playing Agents through Psychological Interviews](#)
Xintao Wang, Yunze Xiao, Jen-tse Huang, Siyu Yuan, Rui Xu, Haoran Guo, Quan Tu, Yaying Fei, Ziang Leng, Wei Wang, Jiangjie Chen, Cheng Li, Yanghua Xiao
Long paper, in: **ACL 2024**.

Academic Service

- Program Committee/Reviewer for leading conferences including EMNLP (2022-), APIN (2022-), ACL ARR (2023-), ICLR (2024), COLM (2024), and related workshops