

# Xiushi Chen

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My ultimate research goal is to build automated language agents that can assist human in a variety of domains. To achieve this goal, I worked on:

- **Large Language Models**, especially low-resource LLM reasoning (*Gotta*, *MinPrompt*) and alignment (*IterAlign*);
- **Complex Dynamics Modeling and Decision Making**, especially the planning tasks in sports domain (*ReLiable*, *PlayBest*);
- **Language and Other Modality applications**, especially in retrieval and recommendation (*CP-LSH*, *BLaIR*).

## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Computer Science

**Thesis Committee:** Prof. Wei Wang (Chair), Prof. Yizhou Sun, Prof. Kai-Wei Chang, Prof. Jeffrey Brantingham.

### Peking University

M.S. in Computer Science

**Thesis Committee:** Prof. Jun Gao (Chair), Prof. Bin Cui, Prof. Ming Zhang, and Prof. Shuai Ma.

### Peking University

B.S. in Computer Science

**Advisor:** Prof. Jun Gao

## INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCES

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### Amazon Search

Query Understanding team, Applied Scientist Intern

6/2023 - 12/2023

### Amazon Search

PECOS team, Applied Scientist Intern

6/2022 - 9/2022

### NEC Laboratories America

Data Science & System Security, Research Intern

6/2019 - 9/2019

### Alibaba

DAMO Academy, Research Intern

7/2016 - 12/2016

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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**Xiushi Chen**, Hongzhi Wen, Sreyashi Nag, Chen Luo, Qingyu Yin, Ruirui Li, Zheng Li, Wei Wang, *ITERALIGN: Iterative Constitutional Alignment of Large Language Models*. Proceedings of the 2024 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**NAACL**), main conference, 2024

**Xiushi Chen**, Yu Zhang, Jinliang Deng, Jyun-Yu Jiang, Wei Wang, *GOTTA: Generative Few-shot Question Answering by Prompt-based Cloze Data Augmentation*. In Proceedings of the 2023 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (**SDM**), 2023.  
**Long paper, Best Poster Award (Honorable Mention)**

**Xiushi Chen**, Jyun-Yu Jiang, Kun Jin, Yichao Zhou, Mingyan Liu, Jefferey Brantingham, Wei Wang, *RELIABLE: Offline Reinforcement Learning for Tactical Strategies in Professional Basketball Games*. In Proceedings of The 31<sup>st</sup> ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (**CIKM**), 2022.

**Xiushi Chen**, Jyun-Yu Jiang, Wei Wang, *Scalable Graph Representation Learning via Locality-Sensitive Hashing*. In Proceedings of The 31<sup>st</sup> ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (**CIKM**), 2022.

**Xiushi Chen**, Jyun-Yu Jiang, Wei-Cheng Chang, Cho-Jui Hsieh, Hsiang-Fu Yu, Wei Wang, *MinPrompt: Graph-based Minimal Prompt Data Augmentation for Few-shot Question Answering*. committed to **ACL**, on arxiv.

**Xiushi Chen**, Wei-Yao Wang, Ziniu Hu, Curtis Chou, Lam Hoang, Kun Jin, Mingyan Liu, P. Jeffrey Brantingham, Wei Wang, *Professional Basketball Player Behavior Synthesis via Planning with Diffusion*. submitted to **CIKM**, on arxiv.

Yijun Tian\*, Yikun Han\*, **Xiushi Chen\***, Wei Wang, Nitech V. Chawla, *TinyLLM: Learning a Small Student from Multiple Large Language Models*. submitted to **CoLM**, on arxiv.

Yu Wang, Yifan Gao, **Xiushi Chen**, Haoming Jiang, Shiyang Li, Jingfeng Yang, Qingyu Yin, Zheng Li, Xian Li, Bing Yin, Jingbo Shang, Julian McAuley, *MEMORYLLM: Toward Self-Updating Large Language Models*. In Proceedings of The Forty-first International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), 2024.

Bowen Jin, Hansi Zeng, Guoyin Wang, **Xiushi Chen**, Tianxin Wei, Ruirui Li, Zhengyang Wang, Zheng Li, Yang Li, Hanqing Lu, Suhang Wang, Jiawei Han, Xianfeng Tang, *Language Models as Semantic Indexers*. In Proceedings of The Forty-first International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), 2024.

Yupeng Hou, Jiacheng Li, Zhankui He, An Yan, **Xiushi Chen**, Julian McAuley, *Bridging Language and Items for Retrieval and Recommendation*. Also known as **Amazon Reviews'23**, on arxiv.

Yu Zhang, **Xiushi Chen**, Yu Meng, Jiawei Han, *Hierarchical Metadata-Aware Document Categorization under Weak Supervision*. In Proceedings of the Fourteenth ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (**WSDM**), 2021.

Haorui Wang, Rongzhi Zhang, Yinghao Li, Ling kai Kong, Yuchen Zhuang, **Xiushi Chen**, Chao Zhang, *TPD: Enhancing Student Language Model Reasoning via Principle Discovery and Guidance*. submitted to **CoLM**, on arxiv.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Yu Zhang, Yanzhen Shen, **Xiushi Chen**, Bowen Jin, Jiawei Han, “Why Should I Review This Paper?” *Unifying Semantic, Topic, and Citation Factors for Paper-Reviewer Matching*. submitted to **KDD**, on arxiv.

Jinliang Deng, **Xiushi Chen**, Renhe Jiang, Du Yin, Yi Yang, Xuan Song, Ivor W. Tsang, *Disentangling Structured Components: Towards Adaptive, Interpretable and Scalable Time Series Forecasting*. In IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (**TDKE**), 2024.

Jessie W. Y. Ko, Shengquan Ni, Alexander Taylor, **Xiushi Chen**, Yicong Huang, Avinash Kumar, Sadeem Alsudais, Zuozhi Wang, Xiaozhen Liu, Wei Wang, Chen Li, Suellen Hopfer, *How the Experience of California Wildfires Shapes Twitter Climate Change Framings*. **Climatic Change**, 2024.

Alexander Taylor, Yicong Huang, Junheng Hao, Xinyuan Lin, **Xiushi Chen**, Wei Wang, Chen Li, *Data Science Tasks Using Scripts versus GUI-based Workflows: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*. In Proceedings of the 3rd International Workshop on Data Platform Design, Management, and Optimization. (**DataPlat@ICDE**), 2024

Yu Zhang, Bowen Jin, **Xiushi Chen**, Yanzhen Shen, Yunyi Zhang, Yu Meng, Jiawei Han, *Weakly Supervised Multi-Label Classification of Full-Text Scientific Papers*. In Proceedings of 29<sup>th</sup> ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (**KDD**), 2023.

Shengquan Ni, Yicong Huang, Jessie W. Y. Ko, Alexander Taylor, **Xiushi Chen**, Avinash Kumar, Sadeem Alsudais, Zuozhi Wang, Xiaozhen Liu, Wei Wang, Suellen Hopfer, Chen Li, *Using Texera to Characterize Climate Change Discussions on Twitter During Wildfires*. (**KDD**), 2023. (poster paper)

Jinliang Deng, **Xiushi Chen**, Renhe Jiang, Xuan Song, Ivor W. Tsang, *A Multi-view Multi-task Learning Framework for Multi-variate Time Series Forecasting*. In IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (**TDKE**), 2022.

Yu Zhang\*, Shweta Garg\*, Yu Meng, **Xiushi Chen**, Jiawei Han, *MotifClass: Weakly Supervised Text Classification with Higher-order Metadata Information*. In Proceedings of the Fifteenth ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (**WSDM**), 2022.

Yichao Zhou, Jyun-Yu Jiang, **Xiushi Chen**, Wei Wang. *#StayHome or #Marathon? Social Media Enhanced Pandemic Surveillance on Spatial-temporal Dynamic Graphs*. In Proceedings of The 30<sup>th</sup> ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (**CIKM**), 2021.

Jyun-Yu Jiang, Yichao Zhou, **Xiushi Chen**, Yan-Ru Jhou, Liqi Zhao, Sabrina Liu, Po-Chun Yang, Jule Ahmar, Wei Wang. *COVID-19 Surveiller: Toward a Robust and Effective Pandemic Surveillance System based on Social Media Mining*. In Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A (**Philosophical Transactions A**), 2022.

Jinliang Deng, **Xiushi Chen**, Renhe Jiang, Xuan Song, Ivor W. Tsang. *ST-Norm: Spatial and Temporal Normalization for Multi-variate Time Series Forecasting*. In Proceedings of 27<sup>th</sup> ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (**KDD**), 2021.

Seungbae Kim, **Xiushi Chen**, Jyun-Yu Jiang, Jinyoung Han, Wei Wang. *Evaluating audience loyalty and authenticity in influencer marketing via multi-task multi-relational learning*. In The 15th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (**ICWSM**), 2021.

Jinliang Deng, **Xiushi Chen**, Zipei Fan, Renhe Jiang, Xuan Song, Ivor W. Tsang. 2021. *The Pulse of Urban Transport: Exploring the Co-evolving Pattern for Spatio-temporal Forecasting*. In ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery in Data (**TKDD**), 2021.

Ruirui Li, Xian Wu, **Xiushi Chen**, Wei Wang, *Self-Attentive Few-Shot Learning for New User Recommendation in Location-based Social Networks*. In Proceedings of The Web Conference 2020 (**WWW**), 2020. Oral.

Fangbo Tao\*, Chao Zhang\*, **Xiusi Chen**, Meng Jiang, Tim Hanratty, Lance Kaplan and Jiawei Han, *Doc2Cube: Automated Document Allocation to Text Cube via Dimension-Aware Joint Embedding*. In Proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM), 2018. Oral.

Chao Zhang, Fangbo Tao, **Xiusi Chen**, Jiaming Shen, Meng Jiang, Brian Sadler, Michelle Vanni and Jiawei Han, *TaxonGen: Constructing Topical Concept Taxonomy by Adaptive Term Embedding and Clustering*. In Proceedings of 24<sup>th</sup> ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2018. Oral.

Chang Zhou, Jinze Bai, Junshuai Song, Xiaofei Liu, Zhengchao Zhao, **Xiusi Chen**, and Jun Gao, *ATRank: An Attention-Based User Behavior Modeling Framework for Recommendation*. In Proceedings of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence(AAAI), 2018. Oral.

## US PATENT

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Wenchao Yu, Bo Zong, Wei Cheng, Haifeng Chen, **Xiusi Chen**, *Knowledge Graph Alignment with Uncertainty Embedding*.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Conference Program Committee

KDD'20-24; WSDM'22-24; WWW'24; SSL@WWW'21;  
ICML'23-24; NeurIPS'22-23; ICLR'22-24; AAAI'21-24; IJCAI-ECAP'22-24;  
ACL Rolling Review.

### Conference Subreviewer

KDD'18, CIKM'18, WISE'18, IJCAI'19

### Journal Reviewer

IEEE Transactions on Big Data (TBD), IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE).

### Student Volunteer

KDD'20, KDD'23.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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### Best Poster Award (Honorable Mention)

*SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*

Apr. 2023

### SIAM Student Travel Award

*SIAM*

Feb. 2023

### SIGIR Student Travel Grant

*ACM SIGIR*

Sept. 2022

### SIGIR Student Travel Grant

*ACM SIGIR*

Sept. 2021

### Leo KoGuan Fellowship

*top 2%, Peking University*

Sept. 2016

### Merit Student

*top 5%, Peking University*

Sept. 2016

### Graduate Student Academic Fellowship

*Peking University*

Sept. 2015, 2016, 2017

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place of 17<sup>th</sup> Chinese University Basketball Association (CUBA) Championships, Beijing Division

*On behalf of Peking University, Federation of University Sports of China*

Oct. 2014

### 6<sup>th</sup> Place of the High School Students Swimming Contest of Hunan Province, 100M Breaststroke

*The Education Department of Hunan Province*

Sept. 2010

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### CS 245: Big Data Analysis

*Teaching Associate, University of California, Los Angeles*

Fall 2020

**CS 143: Database Systems***Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles*

Spring 2020

**CS 31: Introduction to Computer Science***Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles*

Fall 2019, Winter 2020

**Introduction to Database Systems (Honor Track)***Teaching Assistant, Peking University*

Spring 2016

**Database Systems Principles and Technologies***Teaching Assistant, Peking University*

Fall 2016

**REFERENCES**

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