

# Zijian "Jason" Ding

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I have 7 years of research experience in human-centered AI, with 20+ publications at premier venues (CHI×5, C&C×4, CSCW, EMNLP, VL/HCC; 500+ citations) and strong industry partnerships through 4 research internships at Microsoft Research, IBM Research (MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab), Fujitsu Research of America, and Dataminr.

EDUCATION	<b>PhD in Human-centered AI</b> , University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) <i>Thesis Title: From Automation to Augmentation: Scaffolding and Structuring Human-AI Collaboration through Intent-oriented Interaction Paradigms</i>	2021-2026
	<b>M.S in Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering</b> , University of California, San Diego (UCSD) <b>B.Eng in Electronic &amp; Information Engineering</b> , The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) <i>Admitted via Chinese College Entrance Exam and Awarded Full Scholarship (HK\$480,000)</i>	2018-2020 2014-2018
INDUSTRY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>Research Intern</b> , Fujitsu Research of America Report to: <a href="#">Dr. Aakar Gupta</a> , Senior Research Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Studied world model for intelligent systems</li><li>Part-time due to reaching CPT limit</li></ul> <b>Research Intern</b> , MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Report to: <a href="#">Dr. Kush Varshney</a> , IBM Fellow Mentored by <a href="#">Dr. Werner Geyer</a> , Chief Scientist Human-Centered AI & Principal Research Scientist & <a href="#">Dr. Michelle Brachman</a> , HCI Staff Research Scientist <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Studied Generative AI hypothesis exploration tool; the intern project was accepted as a C&amp;C'25 full paper [3] and an IUI'25 demo paper [16], and filed a first-authored patent [25]</li></ul> <b>Research Intern</b> , EPIC lab, Microsoft Research Redmond Report to: <a href="#">Dr. Ken Hinckley</a> , Senior Principal Research Manager Mentored by <a href="#">Dr. Nathalie Henry Riche</a> , Principal Researcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Studied building Intent-based User Interface as the next generation of GUI for GenAI</li><li>Contributed to Microsoft Copilot; developed demos for senior leaderships in Microsoft</li></ul> <b>Research Intern</b> , Human AI Innovation (HAI) team, <a href="#">Dataminr Inc.</a> (pre-IPO) Report to: <a href="#">Dr. Alejandro Jaimes</a> , Chief AI Officer Mentored by <a href="#">Dr. Alison Smith-Renner</a> , Director of Human AI Innovation & <a href="#">Dr. Isabel Zhang</a> , Staff Research Scientist <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Studied human-AI interaction in the context of news headline generation with LLM; work resulted in a first-authored EMNLP'23 paper [6]</li><li>Featured in Dataminr intern spotlight (the only research intern of 2022 cohort)</li></ul>	Sep 2025–Mar 2026 (part-time) May 2024–Aug 2024 May 2023–Aug 2023 May 2022–Aug 2022
PUBLICATIONS	<b>Full Conference Papers</b> In my field of AI and HCI, top-tier conferences (e.g. CHI, EMNLP, CSCW) are as, or more, impactful than journals. <sup>†</sup> advisor; <sup>‡</sup> co-advisor.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>[1] K. Quan, D. Albassam, M. Wu, <b>Z. Ding</b><sup>‡</sup>, J. Chin. Towards LLMs as Colleagues: Multi-Agent System Improves Structured Professional Ideation. In <i>Proceedings of the 2026 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'26)</i>. (Accepted)</li><li>[2] <b>Z. Ding</b>, Q. Zhang, M. Chi, Z. Wang. Frontend Diffusion: Empowering Self-Representation of Junior Researchers and Designers with Agentic Workflows. In <i>Proceedings of the 2025 IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC'25)</i>.</li><li>[3] <b>Z. Ding</b>, M. Brachman, J. Chan, W. Geyer. "The Diagram is like Guardrails": Structuring GenAI-assisted Hypotheses Exploration with an Interactive Shared Representation. In <i>Proceedings of the 2025 ACM Conferences on Creativity and Cognition (C&amp;C'25)</i>. (Work during internship at MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab)</li><li>[4] Q. Zhang, R. Wen, L. B. Hendra. <b>Z. Ding</b><sup>‡</sup>, R. LC. Can AI Prompt Humans? Multimodal Agents</li></ul>	

Prompt Players' Game Actions and Show Consequences to Raise Sustainability Awareness. In *Proceedings of the 2025 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'25)*, Yokohama, Japan, 2025.

- [5] J. Chan, **Z. Ding**, E. Kamra, M. Fuge. Formulating or Fixating: Effects of Examples on Problem Solving Vary as a Function of Example Presentation Interface Design. In *Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'24)*, Honolulu, USA, 2024.
- [6] **Z. Ding**, A. Smith-Renner, W. Zhang, J. R. Tetreault, A. James. Harnessing the Power of LLMs: Evaluating Human-AI Interaction through the Lens of News Headline Generation. In *Findings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP'23 Findings)*, Singapore. (Work during internship at Dataminr in 2022 summer)
- [7] **Z. Ding**, A. Srinivasan, S. MacNeil, J. Chan. Fluid Transformers and Creative Analogies: Exploring Large Language Models' Capacity for Augmenting Cross-Domain Analogical Creativity. In *Proceedings of the 2023 ACM Conferences on Creativity and Cognition (C&C'23)*, Online. (Awarded Best Paper Honorable Mention 
- [8] S. MacNeil, Z. Huang, K. Chen, **Z. Ding**, A. Yu, K. Nakai, S. P. Dow. Freeform Templates: combining Freeform Curation with Structured Templates. In *Proceedings of the 2023 ACM Conferences on Creativity and Cognition (C&C'23)*, Online.
- [9] **Z. Ding**, J. Kang, T.O.T. Ho, K.H. Wong, H.H. Fung, H. Meng, X. Ma. TalkTive: A Conversational Agent Using Backchannels to Engage Older Adults in Neurocognitive Disorders Screening . In *Proceedings of the 2022 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'22)*, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- [10] S. Palani, **Z. Ding**, A. Nguyen, A. Chuang, S. MacNeil, S. P. Dow. CoNote: Suggesting Queries Based on Notes Promotes Knowledge Discovery. In *Proceedings of the 2021 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'21)*, Online.
- [11] S. MacNeil, **Z. Ding**, A. Boone, A. B. Grubbs, S. P. Dow. Finding Place in a Design Space: Challenges for Supporting Community Design Efforts at Scale. In *Proceedings of the 2021 Conference of Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW'21)*, Online.
- [12] S. MacNeil, **Z. Ding**, K. Quan, T. J. Parashos, Y. Sun, S. P. Dow. Framing Creative Work: Helping Novices Frame Better Problems through Interactive Scaffolding. In *Proceedings of the 2021 ACM Conferences on Creativity and Cognition (C&C'21)*, Online.
- [13] R. Chang, Q. Wang, **Z. Ding**. Revolutionizing Urban Energy Planning: A Roadmap Towards City-level Energy Modelling in Australia. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Construction Project Management and Construction Engineering (iCCPMCE'18)*, Sydney, Australia. (Awarded Best Paper 
- [14] Q. Wang, S. Zhang, D. Wei, **Z. Ding**. Additive Manufacturing (AM): A Revolutionized Power for Construction Industrialization. In *Proceedings of the 2018 International Conference on Construction and Real Estate Management (ICCREM'18)*, Charleston, USA. (Awarded Best Paper 

### Manuscripts / Papers Under Review

- [15] **Z. Ding**, F. Li, Z. Wang, J. Chan. ResearchCube: Multi-Dimensional Trade-off Exploration for Research Ideation. In *Adjunct Proceedings of the 2026 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'26 Poster)*.
- [16] S. Wen, S. Ping, **Z. Ding**<sup>‡</sup>, W. Xu, L. Ma, Y. Yan, H. Liang, AdaptiveAudience: Bridging Gaming Emotion and Virtual Reality with RL-Driven NPC Behavior. In *Proceedings of 2026 Annual Symposium on Computer-Human Interaction in Play (CHI PLAY'26)*.
- [17] Z. Wang, Z. Zeng, Y. Li, **Z. Ding**<sup>†</sup>. CareerPooler: A GenAI-Powered Pool Interaction Model for Career Simulation. In *Proceedings of 2026 Annual Symposium on Computer-Human Interaction in Play (CHI PLAY'26)*.
- [18] K. Fu, J. Leng, Y. Zhang, J. Huang, Y. Zuo, R. Cai, **Z. Ding**<sup>‡</sup>, R. LC, S. Zhao, Q. Lei.

SpatialBalancing: An LLM-Powered Interface for Visualizing Iterative Revision of Trade-offs in Science Communication Writing. In *Proceedings of the 2026 ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS'26)*.

[19] Z. Wang, Y. Dai, D. Lyu, M. Nader, S. Chen, W. Ye, **Z. Ding**<sup>‡</sup>, X. Yan. StreetDesignAI: Multi-Persona Evaluation for Inclusive Infrastructure Design. In *Proceedings of the 2026 ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS'26)*.

#### Short Conference Papers (Posters, Demos, Workshops)

[15] **Z. Ding**, F. Li, H. Yu, J. Chan. Towards Conceptual Direct Manipulation: Drag-Based Research Ideation, Evaluation and Evolution. In *Adjunct Proceedings of the 2025 Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST'25 Poster)*

[16] **Z. Ding**, M. Brachman, J. Chan, W. Geyer. Structuring GenAI-assisted Hypotheses Exploration with an Interactive Shared Representation. In *Companion Proceedings of the 30th International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI'25 Demo)*, Cagliari, Italy. (Work during internship at MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab)

[17] **Z. Ding**. Advancing GUI for Generative AI: Charting the Design Space of Human-AI Interactions through Task Creativity and Complexity. In *Companion Proceedings of the 29th International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI'24 Doctoral Consortium)*, Greenville, SC, USA.

[18] C. Cao, **Z. Ding**, G. Lee, J. Jiao, J. Lin, X. Zhai. Elucidating STEM Concepts through Generative AI: A Multi-modal Exploration of Analogical Reasoning. In *IJCAI 2023 Symposium on Multi-modal Reasoning with LLM (IJCAI'23 Symposium)*, Macao SAR, China.

[19] **Z. Ding**, J. Chan. Mapping the Design Space of Interactions in Human-AI Text Co-creation Tasks. In *CHI 2023 Workshop on Generative AI and HCI (CHI'23 Workshop)*, Hamburg, Germany.

[20] S. MacNeil, **Z. Ding**, K. Quan, Z. Huang, K. Chen, S. P. Dow. ProbMap: Automatically Constructing Design Galleries through Feature Extraction and Semantic Clustering. In *Adjunct Proceedings of the 2021 Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST'21 Demo Paper)*, Online.

[21] S. Palani, **Z. Ding**, S. MacNeil, S. P. Dow. The "Active Search" Hypothesis: How Search Strategies Relate to Creative Learning. In *Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval (CHIIR'21 Poster Paper)*, Online.

#### Journals (Non-HCI)

[22] E. Kamra, S. F. Ghoreishi, **Z. Ding**, J. Chan, M. Fuge. How Diverse Initial Samples Help and Hurt Bayesian Optimizers. *ASME Journal of Mechanical Design*. [highlighted as a featured article on the Journal of Mechanical Design's companion site]

[23] S. Chang, Q. Wang, H. Hu, **Z. Ding**, H. Guo. An NNwC MPPT-Based Energy Supply Solution for Sensor Nodes in Buildings. *Energies*, 12(1), 1-20.

[24] R. Chang, Q. Wang, **Z. Ding**. How is the Energy Performance of Buildings Assessed in Australia? - A Comparison between four Evaluation Systems. *International Journal of Structural and Civil Engineering Research*, 8(2), 133-137.

#### Patents

[25] **Z. Ding**, M. Brachman, W. Geyer. Automatic Generation and Visualization of Analysis Paths. (Filed on January 3rd, 2025)

ACADEMIC  
RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Research Assistant**, HCI Lab, UMD College of Information Studies      Aug 2021–Present  
Supervised by **Prof. Joel Chan**

- Studied using large language models to generate analogies to support design problem framing with a C&C'23 full paper awarded honorable mention [7]
- Investigated the effect of interface presentations of examples on solution quality in both machine learning and creativity domains; led the human-centered angle and result a CHI'24 full paper [5] and a

journal paper to ASME Journal of Mechanical Design (JMD) [22], featured on [Journal of Mechanical Design's companion site](#)

**Visiting Research Intern**, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, HKUST Sep 2020–Sep 2021  
Supervised by [Prof. Xiaojuan Ma](#)

- Led a research project developing an interface to embed backchannel into conversation and collect spoken language biomarkers for screening and monitoring neurocognitive disorders of the elderly; resulted in a first-authored CHI'22 full paper [9]
- Collaborated with [Prof. Helen Meng \(CUHK\)](#) on a University Grants Committee (UGC) Theme-Based Research Scheme with funding HK\$50M (US\$6.45M) [[Media appearance on IEEE Spectrum](#)]

**Graduate Research Assistant (Lab Assistant II)**, UCSD Design Lab Apr 2019–Jul 2021  
Supervised by [Prof. Steven Dow](#) and [Prof. Stephen MacNeil](#) (now with Temple University)

- Explored how to engage, empower and scaffold novice community members in the design process; resulted in four full papers accepted to CHI'21 [10], CSCW'21 [11], C&C'21 [12], one CHIIR'21 poster paper [21] and one UIST'21 demo paper [20]

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, PolyU & Boud University Sep 2017–Aug 2018  
Supervised by [Prof. Hung-Lin Chi](#) and [Prof. Ruidong Chang](#) (now with the University of Adelaide)

- Worked on 3 computer-aided civil engineering projects with 4 publications ([13], [14], [23], [24]) and co-led a successful 3D printing building project with US\$46,000 funds

**Undergraduate Capstone Project**, PolyU Apr 2017–May 2018

Supervised by [Prof. Francis C. M. Lau](#)

- Built a CV-based wireless water-meter reading system (Best 50 Final Year Projects Award in HK)

AWARDS (US\$95,400)		
	<b>Dr. Dana Rotman Doctoral Student Travel Award</b> , for VL/HCC'25 [2], US\$250	2025
	<b>UMD Post-Candidacy Doctoral Student Research Award</b> , US\$1,500	2024
	<b>2024 IBM PhD Fellowship nominee</b>	2024
	<b>2024 Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD Fellowship nominee (one of three UMD-wide nominees)</b>	2024
	<b>2024 Google PhD Fellowship nominee (one of four UMD-wide nominees)</b>	2024
	<b>UMD Pre-Candidacy Doctoral Student Research Award</b> , US\$1,500	2023
	<b>2023-2024 UMD College of Information Dean's Fellowship</b> , US\$2,500	2023
	<b>Honorable Mention</b> (5% of all papers), ACM Conference on Creativity and Cognition [7]	2023
	<b>Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews</b> , ACM Conference on Creativity and Cognition	2023
	<b>Dataminr Intern Spotlight</b> , featured in Dataminr Intranet	2022
	<b>Dr. Dana Rotman Doctoral Student Travel Award</b> , for CHI'22 [9], US\$1,550	2022
	<b>UMD College of Information iStar</b>	2021
	<b>2021-2023 UMD College of Information Dean's Fellowship</b> , US\$10,000	2021
	<b>UCSD ECE SRIP Fellowship</b> , US\$5,000	2019
	<b>Winner of the UCSD Design Lab Mobility Hub Designathon</b> , US\$1,000	2019
	<b>Best 40 FYP+ Award</b> , US\$2,500 (HK\$20,000)	2019
	<b>PolyU Entry Scholarship (Academic Excellence)</b> , US\$61,500 (HK\$480,000)	2014–2018
	<b>Best Paper Award</b> , Intl. Conf. on Construction and Real Estate Management [14]	2018
	<b>Best Paper Award</b> , Intl. Conf. on Construction Project Management & Construction Eng. [13]	2018
	<b>Best 50 Final Year Projects Award</b> , US\$2,500 (HK\$20,000)	2018
	<b>Bronze Award (IT Services)</b> , 4th China College Students' "Internet+" Innov. & Entr. Competition	2018
	<b>Bronze Award (Mfg)</b> , 4th China College Students' "Internet+" Innov. & Entr. Competition	2018
	<b>Hong Kong-Tsingtao Association Scholarship</b> , US\$1,300 (HK\$10,000)	2018
	<b>Best GPA Award</b> , Dept. of Electronic and Information Engineering, PolyU	2017

	<b>Twice on Dean Honors List</b> , Faculty of Engineering, PolyU	2015–2017
	<b>Wong Tit-shing Student Exchange Scholarship</b> , US\$2,000 (HK\$15,000)	2017
	<b>PolyU Student Exchange Scholarship</b> , US\$2,300 (HK\$17,000)	2017
<b>FUNDS</b> (US\$68,460)		
	<b>ACM IUI Student Grant (from NSF)</b> , to fund presentation of [17], US\$1,460	2024
	<b>Norman Design Fund</b> , donated by <a href="#">Don Norman</a> , US\$890	2019
	<b>PolyU Student Entrepreneurial Proof-of-Concept Funding Scheme</b> , US\$4,000 (HK\$30,000)	2019
	<b>PolyU International Competition &amp; Conference Participation Scheme</b> , US\$5,910 (HK\$46,000)	2018
	<b>Mingxi Youth Fund</b> , US\$33,000 (HK\$250,000)	2018
	<b>PolyU Global Student Project Fund</b> , US\$13,000 (HK\$100,000)	2018
	<b>PolyU Oxbridge (Oxford &amp; Cambridge) Abroad Subsidy</b> , US\$6,400 (HK\$50,000)	2017
	<b>PolyU Offshore WIE Sponsorship</b> , US\$3,800 (HK\$29,600)	2016
<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>	Lead TA & Discussion Lead, INST123 Databases for All TA, INST346 Technologies, Infrastructure and Architecture	Fall 2024 – Spring 2026 Fall 2024
<b>ACADEMIC SERVICES</b>	<p><b>Organizing Committee Member</b> Publication Chair, ACM Creativity &amp; Cognition (C&amp;C) 2026</p> <p><b>Program Committee Member</b> ACM Creativity &amp; Cognition (C&amp;C) 2024, 2025 ACM IUI 2025, 2026 ACM CHI GenAICHI workshop 2024</p> <p><b>Session Chair</b> ACM Creativity &amp; Cognition (C&amp;C) 2024, Chicago, USA ACM CHI 2024, Honolulu, USA ACM Creativity &amp; Cognition (C&amp;C) 2023, Virtual ACM SIGCSE Technical Symposium 2023, Toronto, Canada</p> <p><b>Reviewer (40+ papers)</b> ACM CHI 2024 (2), 2025 (4), 2026 (6)  ACM IUI 2025 (4), 2026 (2) ACM CSCW 2024 (1) ACM Creativity &amp; Cognition (C&amp;C) 2023 (1) , 2024 (6), 2025 (6) International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction 2024 (1) ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems 2024 (1) ACM CHI LBW 2024 (1), 2025 (4) ACM CHI GenAICHI workshop 2024 (3)  Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews</p> <p><b>Student Volunteer</b> ACM CHI 2024 ACM IUI 2024 ACM Creativity &amp; Cognition (C&amp;C) 2024</p> <p><b>Competitions</b> <a href="#">Organizer of AI and Food Insecurity Case Competition</a>, with UMD Artificial Intelligence Institute, UMD Center for Artificial Intelligence in Business and Capital Area Food Bank Jan-Apr 2025 • Media: <a href="#">CBS Boston: How college kids used AI to improve the Capital Area Food Bank</a>, Dec 17, 2025</p>	24 Jun 2024 13 May 2024 20 Jun 2023 16 March 2023

	<b>Workshop Organizer</b>		
	3rd Chinese Human-AI Colloquium, Pittsburgh, PA <i>Colocated with UIST 2024</i>		13 Oct 2024
	2nd Chinese Human-AI Colloquium, NYC, NY		14 Aug 2024
	1st Chinese Human-AI Colloquium, Honolulu, HI <i>Colocated with CHI 2024</i>		16 May 2024
	Riding the LPM Wave: The Future of Academic Research in the Era of LPMs, UMD		3 Nov 2023
	<b>Panelist</b>		
	Center for an Informed Public Student Meeting, University of Washington		10 Oct 2024
	Virtual Admitted PhD Student Open House, iSchool, UMD		5 Apr 2024
	Admitted PhD Student Open House, iSchool, UMD		18 Mar 2024
MENTORING	<b>Yuanchen Bai</b> , Cornell PhD		
	<b>Shaoyue Wen</b> , NYU MS, now Imperial College London PhD	[16]	
	<b>Ziyi Wang</b> , UMD MS	[17], [2]	
	<b>Fenghai Li</b> , UIUC BS	[15]	
	<b>Qinshi Zhang</b> , UCSD MS	[2], [4]	
	<b>Arvind Srinivasan</b> , UMD MS, now Aarhus University PhD	[7]	
	<b>Kexin Quan</b> , UCSD BS/MS, now UIUC PhD	[1], [12], [20]	
OPEN SOURCE PROJECTS	<a href="#">Tiny Scientist</a> , a lightweight framework for building research agents designed for developers [15]		
	<a href="#">Frontend Diffusion</a> , an end-to-end LLM-powered tool that generates high-quality websites from user sketches. As part of [2]		
	<a href="#">EcoEcho</a> , a demo of multi-agents influencing humans' behaviors in an RPG game. As part of [4]		
TALKS & PRESENTATIONS	<b>Invited Talk</b> , Microsoft Research		15 Dec 2025
	From Automation to Augmentation: Scaffolding and Structuring Human-AI Collaboration through Intent-oriented Interaction Paradigms		
	<b>Invited Talk, hosted by Prof. Qiao Jin</b> , North Carolina State University		9 Oct 2025
	Modeling from Words to Worlds: Exploring Mixed-Initiative Modeling beyond Language		
	<b>Invited Talk, hosted by Prof. Fumeng Yang</b> , University of Maryland		6 Oct 2025
	Modeling from Words to Worlds: Exploring Mixed-Initiative Modeling beyond Language		
	<b>Thesis Proposal</b> , University of Maryland		4 Aug 2025
	From Automation to Augmentation: Scaffolding and Structuring Human-AI Collaboration through Intent-oriented Interaction Paradigms		
	<b>Invited Talk, hosted by Yuexing Hao</b> , Cornell University		16 Jul 2025
	Trend Analysis of Human-centered AI		
	<b>Invited Talk, hosted by Prof. Yukang Yan</b> , University of Rochester		17 Jun 2025
	Trend Analysis of Human-centered AI		
	<b>Talk &amp; Poster at 2025 HCIL Annual symposium</b> , University of Maryland		29 May 2025
	Towards Human-AI Alignment on the Conceptual Level: GenAI-assisted Hypotheses Exploration and Evaluation		
	<b>Talk &amp; Poster at 2025 HCIL Annual symposium</b> , University of Maryland		29 May 2025
	Rolling into the Future: Navigating Career Pathways with a GenAI-Powered Pool World Model		
	<b>Graduate Research Appreciation Day 2025</b> , University of Maryland		9 Apr 2025
	Rolling into the Future: Navigating Career Pathways with a GenAI-Powered Pool World Model		

<b>Talk at UMD HCIL Brown Bag Series</b> , University of Maryland	21 Nov 2024
<b>Intent-AI Interaction: Elevating Human-Computer Interaction to the Intent and Conceptual Level</b>	
<b>Intern Project Final Presentation</b> , MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab	8 Aug 2024
Structuring GenAI-assisted Hypotheses Exploration with an Interactive Shared Representation	
<b>Poster at C&amp;C 2024</b> , Chicago, Illinois	24 Jun 2024
Towards Intent-based User Interfaces: Charting the Design Space of Intent-AI Interactions Across Task Types	
<b>Talk &amp; Poster at 2024 HCIL Annual symposium</b> , University of Maryland	23 May 2024
Towards Intent-based User Interfaces: Charting the Design Space of Intent-AI Interactions Across Task Types	
<b>Invited Talk, hosted by Prof. Steven Dow</b> , University of California, San Diego	8 May 2024
Towards Intent-based User Interfaces: Charting the Design Space of Intent-AI Interactions Across Task Types	
<b>Talk &amp; Poster at IUI 2024</b> , Greenville, South Carolina	18 Mar 2024
Advancing GUI for Generative AI: Charting the Design Space of Human-AI Interactions through Task Creativity and Complexity	
<b>Invited Talk, hosted by Prof. Stephen MacNeil</b> , Temple University	15 Mar 2024
Advancing GUI for Generative AI: Charting the Design Space of Human-AI Interactions through Task Creativity and Complexity	
<b>Talk at UMD HCIL Brown Bag Series</b> , University of Maryland	8 Feb 2024
Harness Generative AI for Real-time Data Visualization Management	
<b>Virtual Poster at EMNLP 2023</b> , Singapore	8 Dec 2023
Harnessing the Power of LLMs: Evaluating Human-AI Interaction through the Lens of News Headline Generation	
<b>Talk at UMD HCIL Brown Bag Series</b> , University of Maryland	16 Nov 2023
Design-Like Data Analysis through Rapid Prototyping, Iteration and Curation	
<b>Presentation &amp; Demo to Senior Leadership Team of Microsoft Mesh</b> , Microsoft	25 Jul 2023
<b>Presentation &amp; Demo, SYNC Meeting</b> , Microsoft Research Redmond	11 Jul 2023
<b>Presentation &amp; Demo on HC(AI)X Day</b> , Microsoft Research Redmond	28 Jun 2023
<b>Paper Presentation at C&amp;C 2023</b> , Online	21 Jun 2023
Fluid Transformers and Creative Analogies: Exploring Large Language Models' Capacity for Augmenting Cross-Domain Analogical Creativity	
<b>Poster at 2023 HCIL Annual symposium</b> , University of Maryland	25 May 2023
Fluid Transformers and Creative Analogies: Exploring Large Language Models' Capacity for Augmenting Cross-Domain Analogical Creativity	
<b>Presentation at AI Org Meeting</b> , Dataminr Inc.	9 Aug 2022
Harnessing the Power of LLMs: Evaluating Human-AI Interaction through the Lens of News Headline Generation	
<b>Talk &amp; Poster at 2022 HCIL Annual symposium</b> , University of Maryland	26 May 2022
Computational Analogy: Supporting Creative Problem Reformulation with AI-generated Analogies	
<b>Talk &amp; Poster at 2022 HCIL Annual symposium</b> , University of Maryland	26 May 2022
Exploring Presentation Interaction Effects on Mechanism of Inspiration from Diverse Examples	
<b>Paper Presentation at CHI 2022</b> , New Orleans, Louisiana	2 May 2022
TalkTive: A Conversational Agent Using Backchannels to Engage Older Adults in Neurocognitive Disorders Screening	
<b>Talk at UMD HCIL Brown Bag Series</b> , Online	10 Feb 2022
Computational Analogy: Supporting Creative Problem Reformulation with AI-generated Analogies	

<b>Demo at UIST 2021</b> , Online	12-13 Oct 2021
Automatically Constructing Design Galleries through Feature Extraction and Semantic Clustering	
<b>Paper Presentation at C&amp;C 2021</b> , Online	23 Jun 2021
Framing Creative Work: Helping Novices Frame Better Problems through Interactive Scaffolding	
<b>Paper Presentation at CHI 2021</b> , Online	12 May 2021
CoNotate: Suggesting Queries Based on Notes Promotes Knowledge Discovery	
<b>Poster at CHIIR 2021</b> , Online	16-18 Mar 2021
The "Active Search" Hypothesis: How Search Strategies Relate to Creative Learning	
<b>Poster at World Innovation &amp; Entrepreneurship EXPO (WIEE)</b> , Tongji University	19 May 2018
Bright Building: Additive Construction for Post-Disaster Redevelopment	
<b>Poster at Forum "From Disaster Management to Disaster Risk Reduction"</b> , PolyU	7 May 2018
Bright Building: Additive Construction for Post-Disaster Redevelopment	
<b>Invited Talk at Research Seminar</b> , Dept of Building and Real Estate (BRE), PolyU	8 Mar 2018
Bright Building: Additive Construction for Post-Disaster Redevelopment	