

## RESEARCH INTEREST

My research explores scalable frameworks and algorithms that empower LLM agents to reason, collaborate, and self-improve in complex, open-ended environments. I focus on understanding, debugging, and optimizing the behaviors of agentic systems, and on developing adaptive methods for forming and managing effective multi-agent teams.

## EDUCATION

- Penn State University** State College, PA  
Ph.D in Informatics 08/2024 - 06/2028 (Expected)  
GPA: 3.9/4.0.
- Xidian University** Xi'an, China  
B.Eng in Computer Science and Engineering 09/2020 - 06/2024  
GPA: 3.9/4.0; Major score: 92.0/100; Rank: 1/134

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Jiale Liu**, Yifan Zeng, Shaokun Zhang, Chi Zhang, Malte Højmark-Bertelsen, Marie Normann Gadeberg, Huazheng Wang, Qingyun Wu. Divide, Optimize, Merge: Fine-Grained LLM Agent Optimization at Scale. **EMNLP Findings**, 2025
- Chelsi Jain, Yiran Wu, Yifan Zeng, **Jiale Liu**, Zhenwen Shao, Qingyun Wu, Huazheng Wang. SimpleDoc: Multi-Modal Document Understanding with Dual-Cue Page Retrieval and Iterative Refinement. **EMNLP**, 2025
- Linxin Song\*, **Jiale Liu**\*, Jieyu Zhang, Shaokun Zhang, Ao Luo, Shijian Wang, Qingyun Wu, Chi Wang. Adaptive In-conversation Team Building for Language Model Agents. Conference on Language Modeling (**COLM**) workshop on AI Agents. [Now integrated into AG2 \[Blog\]](#)
- Shaokun Zhang, Ming Yin, Jieyu Zhang, **Jiale Liu**, et al. Which agent causes task failures and when? on automated failure attribution of llm multi-agent systems  
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML Spotlight**), 2025
- Xiaobo Xia, **Jiale Liu**, Shaokun Zhang, Qingyun Wu, Tongliang Liu. Refined Coreset Selection: Towards Minimal Coreset Size under Model Performance Constraints.  
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML Spotlight**), 2024
- Shaokun Zhang, Jieyu Zhang, **Jiale Liu**, Linxin Song, Chi Wang, Ranjay Krishna, Qingyun Wu. Offline Training of Language Model Agents with Functions as Learnable Weights  
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), 2024
- Qingyun Wu, Gagan Bansal, Jieyu Zhang, Yiran Wu, Beibin Li, Erkang Zhu, Li Jiang, Xiaoyun Zhang, Shaokun Zhang, **Jiale Liu**, Ahmed Hassan Awadallah, Ryen W White, Doug Burger, Chi Wang. Autogen: Enabling next-gen llm applications via multi-agent conversation framework.  
**ICLR** workshop on LLMAgents (**Best paper award**). Conference on Language Modeling (**COLM**), 2024
- Shaokun Zhang, Xiaobo Xia, Zhaoqing Wang, Ling-Hao Chen, **Jiale Liu**, Qingyun Wu, Tongliang Liu. IDEAL: Influence-Driven Selective Annotations Empower In-Context Learners in Large Language Models  
International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), 2024.
- Xiaobo Xia, **Jiale Liu**, Jun Yu, Xu Shen, Bo Han, Tongliang Liu. Moderate Coreset: A Universal Method of Data Selection for Real-world Data Analysis.  
International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), 2023.
- Zhenxin Lei\*, Wenjing Zhu\*, **Jiale Liu**\*, Cong Hua, Johann Li, Syed Afaq Ali Shah, Liang Zhang, Mohammed Bennamoun, Cuiping Mao. RLAD: A Reliable Hippo-guided Multi-task Model for Alzheimer's Disease Diagnosis. **IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics (J-BHI)**
- Xudong Guo, Kaixuan Huang, **Jiale Liu**, Wenhui Fan, Natalia Vélez, Qingyun Wu, Huazheng Wang, Thomas L Griffiths, Mengdi Wang. Embodied llm agents learn to cooperate in organized teams  
NeurIPS workshop on Language Gamification, 2024.

## PREPRINTS

- Xiaobo Xia, Xiaofeng Liu, **Jiale Liu**, Kuai Fang, Lu Lu, Samet Oymak, William S Currie, Tongliang Liu. Identifying Trustworthiness Challenges in Deep Learning Models for Continental-Scale Water Quality Prediction

## EXPERIENCE

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- **AG2AI, Inc.** Seattle, WA  
Research Scientist Intern. (Part time) 09/2025 - Present  
Topic: Creating integrated, LLM-compatible environments to support advanced capabilities of LLM agents.
- **Adobe Research** San Jose, CA  
Research Scientist Intern. Mentor: Victor S. Bursztyn, Saayan Mitra 05/2025 - 08/2025  
Topic: Multi-agent intelligence for creative support.
- **Penn State** Remote  
Research Assistant. Advisor: Qingyun Wu 05/2023 - 08/2024  
Topic: Agentic framework AutoGen, AG2; Black-box optimization library FLAML
- **University of Sydney** Remote  
Research Assistant. Advisor: Tongliang Liu 06/2022 - 06/2023  
Topic: Data-efficient Machine Learning; Coreset selection

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- OpenAI Reseacher Access Grant 06/2024
- **Chinese National Scholarship**, Ministry of Education of P.R. China 12/2021
- First Prize Scholarship, Xidian University 12/2022
- Finalist Winner (First prize), International Mathematical Contest in Modeling 04/2022
- First Prize in Jiangsu Province, Chinese Physics Olympiad (Rank 66) 10/2019

## SERVICE

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- Reviewer for ICML'24 25, ICLR'25 26, NIPS'24 25, CVPR'24, AAAI'26, CHI'26, ARR, ACML'24, AJCAI'24 25, TIST, IJCNN, TMLR, etc.
- Co-creator and maintainer of open source project **AutoGen** (**50k stars**), **AG2** (**3.7k stars**). Maintainer of FLAML (**4.2k stars**).