

Matthew Hull

Ph.D. Student (*ML* + *Simulation*)

I am a Ph.D. student in Machine Learning at Georgia Tech advised by Duen Horng (Polo) Chau. My research focuses on adversarial machine learning and simulation with differentiable rendering. I've also been a professional pilot for 20+ years and currently captain the Boeing 767 at FedEx.



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Education

May. 2023 —

Ph.D. in Machine Learning

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Jan. 2015 — May 2018

M.S. in Computer Science

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Aug. 2000 — May 2004

B.M. in Piano Performance

Samford University, Birmingham, AL

Academic Research Experience

June 2023 — Present

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

PhD Researcher

PhD Researcher working on machine learning and data visualization projects.

May 2021 — May 2023

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Instructional Associate Researcher

Instructional Associate Researcher supporting teaching and research efforts.

May 2021 — May 2023

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Instructional Associate

Instructional Associate assisting in large-scale courses and academic projects.

Industry Experience

Aug. 2016 — Present

FedEx Express, Cologne, Germany | Oakland, CA

Pilot - Captain, Boeing 767 Aircraft

Captain on the Boeing 767 aircraft, responsible for international and domestic flight operations.

- Jan. 2014 — Aug. 2016 **ExpressJet Airlines**, Atlanta, GA
Manager - Advanced Qualification Program
Manager for the Advanced Qualification Program, overseeing pilot training data and compliance.
- May 2007 — Dec. 2013 **ExpressJet Airlines**, Houston, TX
Lead Ground and Simulator Instructor
Lead Ground and Simulator Instructor for the Embraer 145 Aircraft, providing training for new and current pilots.
- May 2006 — Aug. 2016 **ExpressJet Airlines**, Houston, TX
Pilot - Captain, Embraer 145 Aircraft
Captain on the Embraer 145 aircraft, responsible for regional airline operations.

Honors and Awards

- 2023 **Google Research Award**
Co-authored winning proposal for scaling up educators' capacities by automating visualization assessment via generative AI
- 2022 **Outstanding Instructional Associate - Georgia Tech, College of Computing**
As co-head TA of CSE 6242 - Data and Visual Analytics
- 2021 **Best Poster Award at IEEE VIS Conference**
For "Towards Automatic Grading of D3.js Visualizations"

Publications

Journal

- J1 **VisGrader: Automatic Grading of D3 Visualizations**
Matthew Hull, Vivian Pednekar, Hannah Murray, Nimisha Roy, Emmanuel Tung, Susanta Routray, Connor Guerin, Justin Chen, Zijie J. Wang, Seongmin Lee, Mahdi Roozbahani, and Duen Horng Chau
IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG), Melbourne, Australia, 2023.

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Conference

- C1 **RenderBender: A Survey on Adversarial Attacks Using Differentiable Rendering**
Matthew Hull, Haoran Wang, Matthew Lau, Alec Helbling, Mansi Phute, Chao Zhang, Zsolt Kira, Willian Lunardi, Martin Andreoni, Wenke Lee, and Duen Horng Chau
International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), Montréal, Canada, 2025.

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- C2 **Robust Principles: Architectural Design Principles for Adversarially Robust CNNs**
ShengYun Peng, Weilin Xu, Cory Cornelius, **Matthew Hull**, Kevin Li, Rahul Duggal, Mansi Phute, Jason Martin, and Duen Horng (Polo) Chau
British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), Aberdeen, UK, 2023.

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- C3 **Argo Lite: Open-Source Interactive Graph Exploration and Visualization in Browsers**
Siwei Li, Zhiyan Zhou, Anish Upadhayay, Omar Shaikh, Scott Freitas, Haekyu Park, Zijie J Wang, Susanta Routray, **Matthew Hull**, and Duen Horng Chau
Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), Virtual, 2020.

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Workshop

- W1 **3D Gaussian Splat Vulnerabilities**
Matthew Hull, Haoyang Yang, Pratham Mehta, Mansi Phute, Aeree Cho, Haoran Wang, Matthew Lau, Wenke Lee, Willian Lunardi, Martin Andreoni, and Duen Horng Chau
CVPR Workshop on Neural Fields Beyond Conventional Cameras (NFBCC), Nashville, TN, 2025.

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Poster

- P1 **Revamp: Automated Simulations of Adversarial Attacks on Arbitrary Objects in Realistic Scenes**
Matthew Hull and Zijie J. Wang and Duen Horng Chau
International Conference on Learning Representations (Tiny Papers at ICLR), Vienna, Austria, 2024.

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- P2 **LLM Self Defense**
Mansi Phute, Alec Helbling, **Matthew Hull**, ShengYun Peng, Sebastian Szyller, Cory Cornelius, and Duen Horng Chau
International Conference on Learning Representations (Tiny Papers at ICLR), Vienna, Austria, 2024.

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- P3 **Towards Automatic Grading of D3.js Visualizations**
Matthew Hull, Connor Guerin, Justin Chen, Susanta Routray, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau
IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), Virtual, 2021.

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Talks

- Aug. 2025 **RenderBender: A Survey on Adversarial Attacks Using Differentiable Rendering**
International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence
- Oct. 2024 **Georgia Tech Ph.D. Qualifying Oral Exam**
- REVAMP: Automated Simulations of Adversarial Attacks on Arbitrary Objects in Realistic Scenes**
- Feb. 2024 2nd Workshop on Deployable AI (DAI) at AAAI
- VisGrader: Automatic Grading of D3 Visualizations**
- Oct. 2023 IEEE Visualization
- Flying Cargo During the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- Sep. 2022 Palo Alto University Rotary Club, Palo Alto, CA, USA
- Line Oriented Evaluation Design**
- Oct. 2015 Advanced Qualification Program Working Group, Las Vegas, NV, USA
- Tactical Reporting of Advanced Qualification Program Training Data**
- Apr. 2015 World Airline Training Symposium, Orlando, FL, USA
- Reason Code & Instructor Comments Data Analysis Methodology**
- Feb. 2015 Advanced Qualification Program Working Group, Dallas, TX, USA

Teaching

- Aug. 2019 - Present **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA
Head Teaching Assistant / Instructional Associate — Data and Visual Analytics (CSE 6242)
Served as Head Teaching Assistant and Instructional Associate for Data and Visual Analytics (CSE 6242), coordinating course logistics, managing teaching staff, and supporting 1200+ students each semester.
- Aug. 2018 - May 2019 **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA
Teaching Assistant / Instructional Associate — Data and Visual Analytics (CSE 6242)
Served as Teaching Assistant and Instructional Associate for Data and Visual Analytics (CSE 6242), supporting 900+ students each semester with assignments, office hours, and project mentoring.
- Jan. 2018 - May. 2018 **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA
Graduate Teaching Assistant — Data and Visual Analytics (CSE 6242)
Graduate Teaching Assistant for Data and Visual Analytics (CSE 6242), mentoring student teams, holding office hours, and assisting with coursework for 800+ students.
- Jan. 2016 - Aug. 2016 **ExpressJet Airlines**, Houston, TX
Simulator Instructor — Embraer 145 Aircraft

Simulator Instructor for the Embraer 145 Aircraft, conducting training sessions for pilots on flight operations and procedures.

Jan. 2012 - Dec. 2013

ExpressJet Airlines, Houston, TX

Lead Ground Instructor — Embraer 145 Aircraft

Lead Ground Instructor for the Embraer 145 Aircraft, overseeing curriculum development and conducting classroom training for pilot trainees.

Jul. 2007 - Dec. 2012

ExpressJet Airlines, Houston, TX

Ground Instructor — Embraer 145 Aircraft

Ground Instructor for the Embraer 145 Aircraft, delivering ground school lessons on aircraft systems and operations.

Service

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International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) (**IJCAI**) 2025

ACM International Conference on Information & Knowledge Management (CIKM) (**CIKM**) 2020

Member

2021 — Present

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (**IEEE**)

Certifications

Boeing 757 / 767 Type Rating

Boeing 737 Type Rating

Embraer 135/145 Type Rating

Airline Transport Pilot

Certified Flight Instructor - Single Engine, Multi Engine, Instrument

Remote Pilot - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems

References

Dr. Polo Chau, Professor

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Dr. Mahdi Roozbahani, Lecturer

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