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Education

2021 – 2026 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Computer Science. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Advised by Frederic Sala.

2016 - 2020

B.S. in Computer Science. National Chengchi University. Advised by Man-Kwan Shan and Ling-Jyh Chen. Major GPA: *3.96*.

Research Interests

My research focuses on *data-centric AI for multimodal models*, enabling models to learn more with less supervision. Several works I have worked on, including (i) *online data mixing* for multimodal models, (ii) *fine-grained data selection* for efficient pretraining (e.g., training CLIP on 100+ million samples), (iii) *data curation* using ensemble and objective detection (*1st place on the DataComp'23 leaderboard*), (iv) a 500x cheaper *auto-labeling* system over LLM annotators (*NeurIPS'24 Spotlight*), and (v) a new accelerated training framework via *model merging*.

Research Experience

May. 2025 - Sep. 2025

Research Intern. Meta GenAI Llama Team.

advised by David Kant, Yiting Lu, and Ernie Chang.

May. 2024 – Dec. 2024

AIML Research Intern. Apple Inc.

advised by Javier Movellan and Manjot Bilkhu.

Automated Model-aware Data Selection for Efficient Pretraining.

— Optimizing Domain Mixtures for MLLM Pretraining.

Aug. 2021 – Present

Graduate Research Student. UW-Madison.

advised by Frederic Sala.

— Data-centric AI for Foundation Models: Auto-labeling and Data Curation.

— Parameter Marketplace: Through Model Merging and Auction Agents.

May. 2023 – May. 2024

Co-Founder. Awan.AI LLC.

— LLM for Traditional Chinese Medicine and Tongue Syndrome Diagnosis.

— Automating TCM Diagnosis: RAG-Enhanced LLMs with Reasoning Agents.

Jun. 2019 - Sep. 2019

Research Intern. Argonne National Laboratory.

advised by Charlie Catlett and Rajesh Sankaran.

— Ensemble-based Time Series Calibration for Low-cost Sensors.

Sep. 2018 - Aug. 2021

Research Assistant. National Chengchi University.

advised by Man-Kwan Shan.

— Spatio-temporal Modeling in Large-scale Sensor Networks.

Feb. 2018 - Jul. 2020

Research Intern. Academia Sinica.

advised by Ling-Jyh Chen.

— Large-scale Air Quality Sensor Networks.

Research Publications

- **T.-H. Huang**, H. Vishwakarma, and F. Sala, "Time to Impeach LLM-as-a-Judge: Programs are the Future of Evaluation," in *submission*, 2025.
- J. Saad-Falcon, E. K. Buchanan, M. F. Chen, **T.-H. Huang**, B. McLaughlin, T. Bhathal, S. Zhu, B. Athiwaratkun, F. Sala, S. Linderman, A. Mirhoseini, and C. Re, "Shrinking the Generation-Verification Gap by Scaling Compute for Verification," in *submission*, 2025.

- J. Zhao, C. Shin, **T.-H. Huang**, S. S. S. Namburi, and F. Sala, "From Many Voices to One: A Statistically Principled Aggregation of LLM Judges," in *submission*, 2025.
- A. Ge, **T.-H. Huang**, J. Cooper, A. Trost, Z. Chu, S. S. S. Namburi, Z. Cai, K. Park, N. Roberts, and F. Sala, "R&B: Domain Regrouping and Data Mixture Balancing for Efficient Foundation Model Training," in *submission*, 2025. **9** URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.00358.
- **T.-H. Huang**, M. Bilkhu, J. Cooper, F. Sala, and J. Movellan, "Evaluating Sample Utility for Efficient Data Selection by Mimicking Model Weights," in *submission*, 2025. **O** URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2501.06708.
- T.-H. Huang, C. Cao, V. Bhargava, and F. Sala, "The ALCHEmist: Automated Labeling 500x CHEaper than LLM Data Annotators," in *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)* [Spotlight (Top 3%)], 2024.

 Our URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.11004.
- W. Tan, N. Roberts, **T.-H. Huang**, J. Zhao, J. Cooper, S. Guo, C. Duan, and F. Sala, "MoRe Fine-Tuning with 10x Fewer Parameters," in *ICML Workshop: Efficient Systems for Foundation Models (ES-FoMo) and ICML Workshop: Foundation Models in the Wild.*, 2024. **9** URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.17383.
- N. Roberts, X. Li, D. Adila, S. Cromp, **T.-H. Huang**, J. Zhao, and F. Sala, "Geometry-Aware Adaptation for Pretrained Models," in *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2023. **9** URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.12226.
- 7.-H. Huang, C. Shin, S. J. Tay, D. Adila, and F. Sala, "Multimodal Data Curation via Object Detection and Filter Ensembles," in ICCV Workshop: Towards the Next Generation of Computer Vision Datasets (TNGCV) [1st place on the Datacomp leaderboard (small-scale filtering track)], 2023. © URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.12225.
- T.-H. Huang, H. Vishwakarma, and F. Sala, "Train 'n Trade: Foundations of Parameter Markets," in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.04740.
- T.-H. Huang, C. Cao, S. Schoenberg, H. Vishwakarma, N. Roberts, and F. Sala, "ScriptoriumWS: A Code Generation Assistant for Weak Supervision," in *ICLR Workshop: Deep Learning For Code (DL4C)*, 2023.

 Our URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.12366.
- N. Roberts, X. Li, **T.-H. Huang**, D. Adila, S. Schoenberg, C.-Y. Liu, L. Pick, H. Ma, A. Albarghouthi, and F. Sala, "AutoWS-Bench-101: Benchmarking Automated Weak Supervision with 100 Labels," in *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022. **9** URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.14362.
- T.-H. Huang, C.-H. Tsai, and M.-K. Shan, "Key Sensor Discovery for Quality Audit of Air Sensor Networks," in ACM International Conference on Mobile Systems, Applications, and Services (MobiSys), 2020.

 Our URL: https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3386901.3396606.

Miscellaneous

Awards

- Spotlight Paper (Top 3%): The Alchemist, selected by NeurIPS'24.
- **ICCV Datacomp Competition**, won the first place in the small-scale filtering track.
 - **Scholar Award**, granted by NeurIPS'23.
- First-year Departmental Scholarship, granted by UW-Madison.
- 2020 Research Intern Scholarship, granted by National Chengchi University.
 - **Undergrad Research Scholarship**, granted by Ministry of Science and Technology.

Invited Talks

- Apr. 2025 Spatio-temporal Modeling for Underwater Sensor Networks, invited by National Taipei University of Technology.
- Dec. 2019 Air Quality Sensor Network Developments, invited by Nangang High School (Taiwan).
- Sep. 2019 Internship Research Talk, invited by National Chengchi University.

Miscellaneous (continued)

Jul. 2019 LASS Conference: International Session, invited by Academia Sinica.

Mar. 2019 **Techbang Magazine: PiM25 Project**, invited by Techbang Magazine.

Raspberry Pi Jam: PiM25 Project, invited by Raspberry Pi Foundation (Taiwan).

Jan. 2019 Raspberry Pi Meetup: PiM25 Project, invited by Raspberry Pi Foundation (Taiwan).

Academic Services

2021 – Present Paper Reviewer, NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML, CVPR, CoLLAs, and DMLR.

Co-organizer, AutoML Cup in AutoML Conference.

2022 – 2023 **President of Student Association of Taiwan**, UW-Madison.

2021 – 2022 Vice President of Student Association of Taiwan, UW-Madison.

Skills

Programming Languages Python, R, C++/C, SQL, Land Shell Programming.

Technologies (Distributed) PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, PostgreSQL, and Vim.