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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 (*ICML'25 DataWorld Oral*), (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) bias-reduced evaluation framework via *program-as-a-judge*.

Research Experience

May. 2025 - Sep. 2025

Research Intern. Meta GenAI.

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 *ICML Workshop: Programmatic Representations for Agent Learning (PRAL)*, 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 *ICML Workshop: 3rd Workshop on Efficient Systems for Foundation Models* (ES-FoMo III), and ICML Workshop: Multi-Agent Systems in the Era of Foundation Models: Opportunities, Challenges and Futures (MAS), 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 ICML Workshop: Unifying Data Curation Frameworks Across Domains (DataWorld), and ICML Workshop: Data in Generative Models (The Bad, the Ugly, and the Greats) (DIG-BUGS), 2025. **OURL:** 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 *ICML Workshop: Unifying Data Curation Frameworks Across Domains (DataWorld)* [Oral Paper], 2025. OURL: 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 Paper (Top 2.08%)], 2024. OURL: 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. 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 2.08%): The Alchemist, selected by NeurIPS'24.
- 2023 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.

Miscellaneous (continued)

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.
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, and DMLR.
2023	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, 上下X, and Shell Programming.

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