



AI at Scale: From Models to Systems to Markets



2026 HYSTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE Program Book

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Santa Clara Convention Center

Letter from the 2026 Chairwoman

Welcome to the 27th Annual HYSTA Conference!

Dear Esteemed Speakers, Attendees, Volunteers, and Friends,

On behalf of the HYSTA Board, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 27th Annual HYSTA Conference.

For 27 years, HYSTA has been rooted in Silicon Valley and dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship, leadership, innovation, and collaboration within the Chinese American community, the broader Asian American community, and beyond. Our mission remains steadfast: to empower our community and create a platform where ideas flourish, connections deepen, and people come together to shape a better future.



This year's conference brings together distinguished researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, and technology leaders to explore how artificial intelligence is being built, scaled, trusted, and brought into the physical and everyday world. From the systems behind intelligence and next-generation AI models to responsible AI, scientific discovery, enterprise applications, and real-world autonomy, today's conversations reflect both the extraordinary promise of this technological moment and the responsibility we share in guiding its progress.

Our program also celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit at the heart of HYSTA. The Founders Club Annual Roadshow will spotlight emerging companies and the next generation of founders, while discussions on building through market cycles and scaling physical AI will offer valuable perspectives for innovators at every stage of their journey. I am especially inspired by the breadth of our community represented here today: accomplished leaders advancing the frontiers of technology, bold entrepreneurs turning ideas into impact, and young people preparing to become tomorrow's leaders. This evening's VIP Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony will give us an opportunity to recognize excellence and service, celebrate our Youth Leadership Program, and enjoy a special performance by Joe Wong. As we gather at the Santa Clara Convention Center, I invite each of you to approach the day with curiosity and openness. Exchange ideas, ask thoughtful questions, reconnect with old friends, and form new relationships. The true strength of HYSTA lies not only in the accomplishments of its members, but also in our willingness to support one another and build the future together.

Thank you to our speakers, attendees, volunteers, partners, and friends for making this gathering possible. Your passion, generosity, and participation continue to make HYSTA a vibrant and enduring community.

Welcome to the 2026 HYSTA Annual Conference. I hope you leave inspired, energized, and connected.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yanbing Li".

Yanbing Li
Chair of the Board, HYSTA

Welcome Remark from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are living through an extraordinary moment of technological change. In just a few short years, the frontier of artificial intelligence has shifted again and again. ChatGPT captured the world's imagination. Llama and Gemini brought new momentum and new possibilities. DeepSeek reshaped the competitive landscape, and Claude Code has since opened another frontier in how software is built. From generative AI to agentic AI, and increasingly to physical AI, each new wave is pushing intelligence beyond the screen and deeper into the way we work, build, and interact with the world.



One breakthrough follows another; new challengers emerge, and yesterday's boundaries quickly become today's starting points. What feels dominant today may be overtaken tomorrow. The frontier keeps moving. In many ways, this is the story of every great era of innovation. Technologies change. Companies rise and fall. Each generation brings its own breakthroughs and its own protagonists. But beneath these waves of change, something far more enduring remains: the ambition to explore what comes next, the courage to build what does not yet exist, and the belief that progress is created by those willing to step into the unknown.

For more than two decades, HYSTA has had the privilege of standing alongside generations of entrepreneurs, technologists, investors, and leaders who share that spirit. The industries they build may be different. The technologies they pursue may be different. Even the definition of the “frontier” continues to change. Yet the aspiration remains remarkably constant: to push boundaries, to turn ideas into reality, and to create something that matters. That is also what HYSTA has always sought to be—a platform where generations meet, where ideas cross boundaries, where experience is passed forward, and where the next generation of builders can find community, opportunity, and support. As we gather for this year's HYSTA Annual Conference, “AI at Scale: From Models to Systems to Markets” captures not only how technology is evolving, but also the journey of the people building it. We celebrate those who came before us, those building today, and those who will define the next chapter.

The frontier will keep moving. And HYSTA will keep moving forward with those who dare to pursue it. To everyone joining us this year, welcome. And to our speakers, board members, and volunteers, thank you for your time, commitment, and continued support in making this community—and this gathering—possible.

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Dan Zhang
CEO & Executive Director of HYSTA



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About HYSTA



HYSTA is a Silicon Valley-based nonprofit organization for Chinese American professionals and entrepreneurs. Founded by a group of visionary leaders and entrepreneurs, HYSTA's mission is to foster leadership, entrepreneurship, and professional growth within our community, particularly in the fields of science and technology.

We strive to empower today's professionals while creating sustainable support that meets the evolving needs of our community and inspires generations to come.



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(Sort by first name in alphabetical order)

Agenda

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS
8:00 - 9:00	Check-in and Networking	
Emcee: Connie Chan — a16z Board Partner; HYSTA Board Member		
09:00 - 09:10	Opening Remarks	• Yanbing Li — Chairwoman, HYSTA; Chief Product Officer, Datadog
09:10 - 9:50	Keynote Fireside Chat - The Systems Behind Intelligence: From Cloud Computing to AI Platforms	Speaker: • Ion Stoica — Professor, UC Berkeley Moderator: • Yangqing Jia — Co-founder & CEO, Intent Lab; Co-founder & CEO, Lepton AI (Acquired by NVIDIA); HYSTA Board Member
9:50 - 10:40	Panel - Next-Generation AI Models: Reasoning, Multimodal Systems, and Superintelligence	Panelists: • Yuandong Tian — Co-founder, Recursive Superintelligence • Andrew Dai — CEO, Elorian AI • Jiantao Jiao — Professor, UC Berkeley; Director of Research and Distinguished Scientist, NVIDIA • Chi Jin — Member of Technical Staff, OpenAI; Associate Professor, Princeton University Moderator: • Michael Chen — Chief Business Officer, Applied Compute
10:40 - 11:10	Keynote - The Future of Personalized Universal Agents	• Ed Chi — VP of Research, Google DeepMind
11:10 - 11:45	Keynote Fireside Chat - When AI Starts to Act: Trust, Security and the Future of Agentic AI	Speaker: • Dawn Song — Professor, Computer Science, UC Berkeley; Director of Berkeley RDI (Berkeley Center for Responsible Decentralized Intelligence) Moderator: • Li Fan — Chief Technology and AI Officer, Circle; HYSTA Board Member
11:45-13:00	Lunch and Networking	

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TRACK 1: AI AT SCALE: FROM SYSTEMS TO INDUSTRY		
Emcee: Yiyan (Grace) Wang , HYSTA Head of Program		
13:30 - 14:15	Panel - From Compute to Scale: The Future of AI Infrastructure	Panelists: • Ruoming Pang — Member of Technical Staff, OpenAI • Ramine Roane — Corporate Vice President of AI Product Management & Ecosystem Development, AMD • Banghua Zhu — Co-founder & CTO, RadixArk • Junchen Jiang — CEO, Tensormesh; Co-creator, LMCache; Associate Professor, UChicago Moderator: • Bill Jia — VP of Engineering, Core ML/AI, Google; HYSTA Board Member
14:15 - 15:00	Panel - Enterprise AI at Scale: From Pilots to Production	Panelists: • Giovanni Ge — CTO, AppLovin • Bo Li — CEO, Virtue AI; Professor, UIUC • Ping Wu — CEO, Cresta • Shanshan Song — Head of Infrastructure, Harvey AI Moderator: • Yanbing Li — Chief Product Officer, Datadog; Chairwoman, HYSTA
15:00 - 15:40	Panel - From Intelligence to Discovery: AI for Science and Breakthrough Research	Panelists: • Peidong Yang — Professor, Chemistry, UC Berkeley • Cheng Liu — Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Eureka Therapeutics • Ding Zhao — Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University; Co-founder, SafeWorld Moderator: • Lake Dai — Adjunct Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

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15:40 - 16:20	Panel - Physical AI: From Simulation to World Models and Real- World Autonomy	Panelists: • Yunzhu Li — Assistant Professor, Columbia University; Co-founder, SceniX (Acquired by World Labs) • Zhenjia Xu — Co-founder, Genesis AI • Changan Chen — Co-founder & Chief Research Officer, Rhoda AI Moderator: • Jan Liphardt — Associate Professor, Stanford University; Founder, OpenMind
16:20 - 17:00	Panel - Scaling to Millions: From Early Adoption to Mass-Market Growth	Panelists: • Nathan Xu — CEO & Co-founder, Plaud • Manish Chandra — Founder & Board Member, Poshmark • Angie Zeng — Head of Innovation and Cross Border Banking, East West Bank Moderator: • Connie Chan — a16z Board Partner; HYSTA Board Member
17:00 - 17:30	Keynote - Building Specialized Intelligence	• Lin Qiao — CEO & Co-founder, Fireworks
TRACK 2: FOUNDERS CLUB ANNUAL DEMO DAY NEXT-GEN ENTREPRENEURS & STARTUP FRONTIERS		
13:00 - 13:10	Opening Remarks	• Steven Guan — Co-Lead of HYSTA Founders Club • Nikita Lin — Co-Lead of HYSTA Founders Club
13:10 - 13:40	Fireside Chat - Cut Through the Noise: How Next-Gen Entrepreneurs Get Started and Stay Focused	• Brad Bao — Founder, Pear; Founder, Lime • Hans Tung — Managing Partner, Notable Capital

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13:40 – 14:50	Start-Up Roadshow — Part I	8 Startup Teams - Minara - Snaplii - ChronoSense - Escha Labs - echoknows - DeepReach AI - Stampede Robotics - Devol Robots
14:50–15:10	Keynote - From Eigen AI to Nebius: Building at the AI Infrastructure Frontier	Ryan Hanrui Wang — SVP, Nebius; Co-founder & CEO, Eigen AI (Acquired by Nebius)
15:10–16:20	Start-Up Roadshow — Part II	8 Startup Teams - AGIGA - Prosgrow AI Infra - Velda - Invisible Product - Quantabreeze - SATORI Life Tech - MicroTrace BioAI - Yesod AI
16:20 – 17:05	Panel - From Demo to Deployment: What It Actually Takes to Put Robots to Work	Panelists: Jason Ma — Co-founder, Dyna Robotics Leo Ma — Founder & CEO, RoboForce Shuyun Chung — Co-founder & Chief Robotics Scientist, Flexiv Tony Zhao — Co-founder & CEO, Sunday Robotics Moderator: Kyle Qi — Principal, Llama Ventures
17:05 – 17:10	Scoring & Award Setup	HYSTA Founders Club
17:10 – 17:30	Rankings Reveal and Winner Announcement	Dan Zhang — CEO & Executive Director, HYSTA; Vice President, Q Bay Center Dongxu Huang — Partner, LlamaVentures; Co-Founder & CTO, PingCAP

Agenda

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EVENING: VIP GALA DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY		
17:30 – 18:20	Registration & Networking	
18:20 – 18:25	Raffle	Six bottles of HYSTA 27th Anniversary Limited Edition Red Wine
18:25 – 18:30	Opening Remarks	
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner	
19:30 – 20:00	Talkshow by Joe Wong - Stand-up Comedian & Host - Headlined the 66th Radio & TV Correspondents' Dinner - Former host of <i>Is It True?</i> - Featured performer at Netflix Is A Joke Fest 2024 & 2026 2024 Asian Hall of Fame Inductee	
20:00 – 20:10	Youth Leadership Program Annual Showcase	- Youth Leadership Program Showcase Video - Youth Leadership Mentor Representative Remarks: Dr. Junqiao Wu, UMC Distinguished Professor & Chair, Materials Science and Engineering, UC Berkeley - Presentation of HYSTA 2026 Youth Leadership Program Certificates
20:10 – 20:40	Award Ceremony	- Entrepreneur of the Year Award Reynold Xin, Co-founder, Databricks, Nominated By Yanbing Li, Bill Jia - Advisor of the Year Award East West Bank, Nominated By Cheng Liu, Lili Zheng - Leadership of the Year Award Ed Chi, VP of Research, Google DeepMind, Nominated By Li Fan, Fengmin Gong - Volunteer of the Year Award Yiyan (Grace) Wang, HYSTA Head of Program, Nominated By Dan Zhang, Barbara Zhang
20:40 – 21:00	Volunteer MV & Group Photo	- Annual Video by the 2026 HYSTA Volunteer Team - Group Photo — HYSTA Board, Executive Team & Volunteers

AI Frontier Roundtable

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ROUNDTABLE DIRECTORY · TABLES 01-11

AREA	TABLE	TOPIC	HOST
AI Applications	01	LLM Apps from Demo to Production	Kun Peng Founding Partner, xBuilders
	02	Agent Workflows and Reliability	Rex (Zhitao) Ying Assistant Professor, Yale University
	03	RAG Search and AI Infrastructure	Ye Liu Architect and Tech Lead, TikTok Bowen Li AI Engineer, LinkedIn
	04	AI Product Evals and Feedback Loops	Yudong Tao Co-founder, ManiphysAI
	05	Recommendations Ads and Large-scale ML	Wenfeng Zhuo Staff Machine Learning Engineer, Snap
	06	Agentic Commerce and AI Product Growth (TBD)	Bhushit Agarwal Senior Staff Engineer, Circle Ming Hua Vice President, Wearables Devices, Meta
Systems and Infrastructure	07	Training Infrastructure and Distributed Systems	Jiadi Zhu CEO, CDimension Inc Yiming Yue Senior Staff Software Engineer, AI Infrastructure, LinkedIn
	08	Inference Serving Latency and Cost	Guest Host xAI
	09	Data Platforms and Data Quality (TBD)	Dongxu Huang Co-founder and CTO, PingCAP
	10	Platform Architecture and Engineering Efficiency	Dingding (Sherri) Wang Member of Technical Staff, Anthropic to Databricks
	11	Reliability On-call and Incident Review	Guest Host OpenAI

Pick up lunch, choose any table with an open seat, and join the conversation.

Roundtables conclude at 1:20 PM. Afternoon breakout sessions begin at 1:30 PM.

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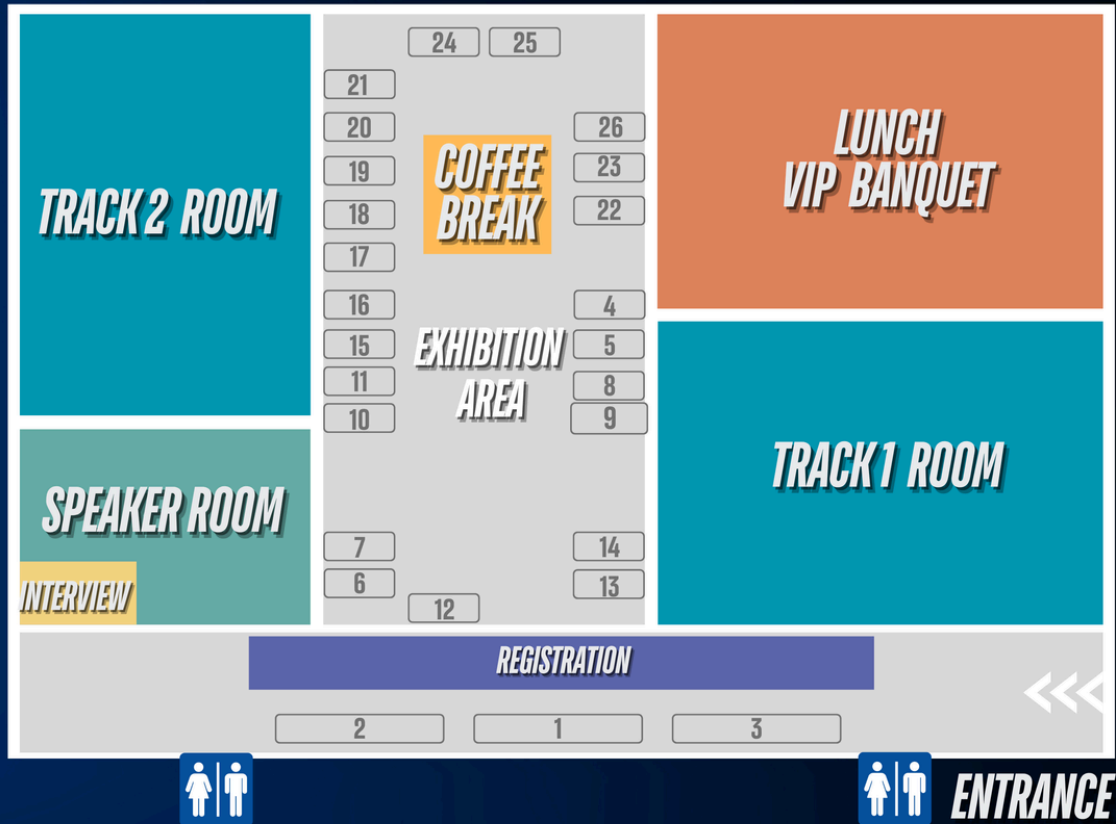
ROUNDTABLE DIRECTORY · TABLES 12-22

AREA	TABLE	TOPIC	HOST
Systems and Infrastructure	12	AI Application Security and Privacy	Ben Ren CEO and Co-founder, ScamAI
Robotics and Startups	13	Embodied AI and Real-world Robotics	Chris Liu CTO, DeepReach AI
	14	Commercializing General-purpose Robots	Thomas Tang CEO, Anyware Robotics
	15	Inference Infrastructure for Autonomous Systems	Zhen Dong Assistant Professor, UCSB / NVIDIA
	16	Multimodal Models and World Models	Zixuan (Lance) Lan Robotics Product Manager, Google
	17	Technical Founding from Zero to One (TBD)	Guest Host OpenAI Kobe Wang Founder, IDitor
	18	Agentic Payments and Cross-border Commerce (TBD)	Elvin Du Director of Engineering, Circle Shawn Song CEO and Co-founder, Sonilo
Technical Leadership	19	Tech Lead Decision-making and Cross-team Influence	Yi Gu Head of Engineering, Mercor
	20	Growing to Staff Plus	Guest Host Google DeepMind
	21	IC and Manager Career Tracks	Guest Host Meta
	22	Global-scale Data Infrastructure and Technical Leadership	Steven Guan Technical Lead, Google

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CONFERENCE MAP



2026 Venue Booth Map

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| 1. East West Bank | 2. Llama Ventures | 3. Google |
| 4. Deloitte | 5. EY | 6. Flatkey AI |
| 7. Duncan Peak | 8. CBIZ | 9. Fenwick |
| 10. Han Kun | 11. Architect Labs | 12. Tachin Tech |
| 13. Upmarket | 14. K&L Gates | 15. Q Bay Center |
| 16. Anchron Law | 17. West Coast Community Bank | 18. Pairsys AI |
| 19. Altos Bank | 20. Zenthya | 21. PuppyGraph |
| 22. Minara | 23. Snaplii | 24. DeepReach |
| 25. SpatialReal | 26. Miniso | |

Keynote Fireside Chat

The Systems Behind Intelligence: From Cloud Computing to AI Platforms



Ion Stoica

Professor, UC Berkeley

Ion Stoica is a Professor in the EECS Department and holds the Xu Bao Chancellor Chair at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the Director of the Sky Computing Lab and the Executive Chairman of Databricks and Anyscale. His current research focuses on AI systems and cloud computing, and his work includes numerous open-source projects such as vLLM, SGLang, Chatbot Arena, SkyPilot, Ray, and Apache Spark. He is a Member of the National Academy of Engineering, an Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy, and an ACM Fellow. He has also co-founded several companies, including LMArena (2025), Anyscale (2019), Databricks (2013), and Conviva (2006).



Yangqing Jia

Co-founder & CEO, Intent Lab; Co-founder & CEO, Lepton AI (Acquired by NVIDIA); HYSTA Board Member

Yangqing Jia is Founder and CEO of Intent Lab. He previously founded and led Lepton AI, an AI cloud company acquired by NVIDIA, where he then served as Vice President. Earlier, he was Vice President at Alibaba Group and President of Alibaba Cloud's Computing Platform, and Director of Engineering at Facebook, where he built the company's general-purpose AI platform and co-led PyTorch 1.0. He created Caffe and Caffe2, co-created ONNX, and worked on TensorFlow and GoogLeNet as a research scientist at Google Brain. He holds a PhD in EECS from UC Berkeley and BS and MS degrees from Tsinghua University.

Panelists

Panel | Next-Generation AI Models: Reasoning, Multimodal Systems, and Superintelligence



Yuandong Tian

Co-founder, Recursive Superintelligence

Yuandong Tian is a cofounder of Recursive Superintelligence Inc. He was a Research Scientist Director in Meta FAIR. His research direction covers multiple aspects of decision making, including reinforcement learning, planning and efficiency, as well as theoretical understanding of LLMs. He led OpenGo project that beats professional players with a single GPU using self-improvement with zero human knowledge. He has received multiple awards in top-tier conference, including ICML 2021 Outstanding Paper Honorable Mentions, ICCV 2013 Marr Prize Honorable Mentions and 2022 CGO Distinguished Paper Award. Prior to that, he worked in Google Self-driving Car team in 2013-2014 and received a Ph.D in Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University in 2013. He has been appointed as area chairs for NeurIPS, ICML, ICLR, AAAI, CVPR and AISTATS.



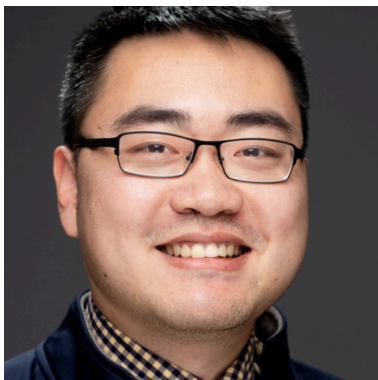
Andrew Dai

CEO, Elorian AI

Andrew Dai is a pioneering AI researcher and engineering leader who has spent the last decade building the foundation of modern generative AI. After earning his PhD from the University of Edinburgh, Andrew joined Google Brain in 2014, where he authored the industry's first paper on language model pretraining and fine-tuning in 2015. His applied research translated directly into billion-user products, powering the underlying technology for SmartReply, SmartCompose, and Google AI Overviews, alongside groundbreaking work applying deep learning to healthcare.

Operating at the absolute frontier of AI scale, Andrew has co-led the development of Google's most critical production LLMs since 2020. His leadership footprint includes co-leading GLaM (the first Mixture-of-Experts LLM) and serving as co-lead for pretraining and architecture on PaLM 2. Most recently at Google DeepMind, he co-led the core data organization for the Gemini family of models. His published research has accumulated over 78,000 citations.

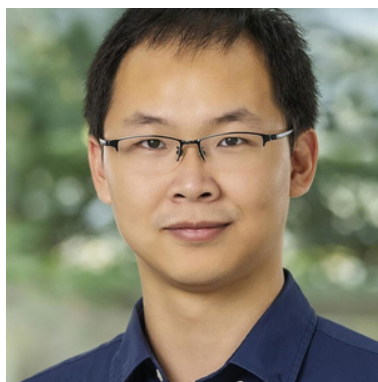
Following the successful launch of Gemini 3, Andrew now leads Elorian, a company building AI systems that understand the visual medium and apply reasoning the way humans do. Elorian AI recently launched with \$55M of funding, backed by Striker Venture Partners, Menlo Ventures, Altimeter, NVIDIA and Jeff Dean.



Jiantao Jiao

Professor of UC Berkeley; Director of Research and Distinguished Scientist, NVIDIA

Jiantao Jiao is a professor of Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences and Statistics at UC Berkeley, where his work spans generative AI and foundation models. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford University. He is deeply involved in fostering collaboration between academia and industry, with research funded by the NSF, OpenAI, Meta, Google, among others. He also co-founded and served as CEO of Nexusflow.ai, a startup focused on the post-training of LLM agents. He is currently Director of Research & Distinguished Scientist at NVIDIA, where he is focused on advancing the frontier of Artificial Superintelligence.



Chi Jin

Member of Technical Staff, OpenAI; Associate Professor, Princeton University

Chi Jin is a researcher at OpenAI and an Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Princeton University. He received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from UC Berkeley, where he was advised by Michael I. Jordan. His research has contributed to fundamental advances in reinforcement learning and nonconvex optimization, with a recent focus on automated theorem proving and recursive self-improvement. He is a recipient of the NSF CAREER Award and a Sloan Research Fellowship



Michael Chen

Chief Business Officer, Applied Compute

Michael Chen is the Chief Business Officer at Applied Compute. He previously was at Scale AI where he cofounded the International Public Sector applications business and started Scale's audio data business, growing it to a \$100M run rate in less than six months. Michael studied Math, Economics, and Public Policy at Harvard, where he founded his first company at age 18.

Keynote | The Future of Personalized Universal Agents



Ed Chi

VP of Research, Google DeepMind

Ed H. Chi is VP of Research at Google DeepMind, leading research on large language models and machine learning---focusing on reasoning, recommendation, and planning. As project team leader and Distinguished Scientist in Google Brain, he oversaw LLM modeling and post-training in Project LaMDA, initiated and oversaw LLM reasoning, including co-inventing Chain-of-Thought. Then, as the Research Platform Lead, he helped launch Bard/Gemini chatbots in 2023. More recently, his team demonstrated Astra universal assistant agents. With 39 patents and ~240 research articles, he is also known for research on user behavior in web/social media, delivering >1000 product improvements and significant \$xxB+ revenue for YouTube, News, Ads, Google Play Store since 2013.

Keynote Fireside Chat

When AI Starts to Act: Trust, Security and the Future of Agentic AI



Dawn Song

Professor, Computer Science, UC Berkeley; Director of Berkeley RDI (Berkeley Center for Responsible Decentralized Intelligence)

Dawn Song is a Professor in Computer Science at UC Berkeley and Co-Director of Berkeley Center for Responsible Decentralized Intelligence. Her research interest lies in AI safety and security, Agentic AI, deep learning, security and privacy, and decentralization technology. She is the recipient of numerous awards including the MacArthur Fellowship, the Guggenheim Fellowship, the NSF CAREER Award, the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, the MIT Technology Review TR-35 Award, ACM SIGSAC Outstanding Innovation Award, and more than 10 Test-of-Time Awards and Best Paper Awards from top conferences in Computer Security and Deep Learning. She has been recognized as Most Influential Scholar (AMiner Award), for being the most cited scholar in computer security. She is an ACM Fellow and an IEEE Fellow, and an Elected Member of American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She obtained her Ph.D. degree from UC Berkeley. She is also a serial entrepreneur and has been named on the Female Founder 100 List by Inc. and Wired25 List of Innovators.



Li Fan

Chief AI Officer, Circle; HYSTA Board Member

Li Fan is Chief AI Officer at Circle, where she leads the company's AI strategy and enterprise-wide transformation. She partners across every function to embed AI into products, operations, and decision-making, redesigning workflows and organizational capabilities to drive measurable business impact. Having previously served as Circle's Chief Technology Officer, she now focuses on helping the company realize AI as a core operating model while advancing Circle's mission of fostering global economic prosperity through the seamless exchange of financial value. Before her tenure at Circle, Li held various leadership roles, including Chief Technology Officer at Lime, SVP of Engineering at Pinterest, Senior Director of Engineering at Google, and VP of Engineering at Baidu, China. Li holds a bachelor's degree from Fudan University in Shanghai and a master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Track 1 — AI at Scale: From Systems to Industry

Panel | From Compute to Scale: The Future of AI Infrastructure



Roming Pang

Member of Technical Staff, OpenAI

Ruoming Pang is a Member of Technical Staff at OpenAI. His work spans AI infrastructure, distributed systems, and large-scale machine learning, combining experience in foundational systems with the development of AI models.

Before joining OpenAI, he led the infrastructure pod at Meta's TBD Lab and built Apple's foundation models project from scratch. Earlier in his career, he worked at Google, where he led speech research at Google Brain and the Zanzibar project.



Ramine Roane

Corporate Vice President of AI Product Management & Ecosystem Development, AMD

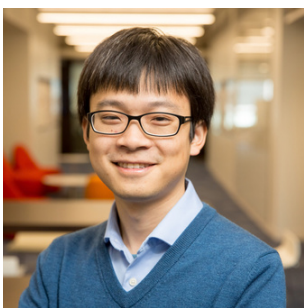
Ramine Roane is the Corporate Vice President of AI Product Management and ecosystem development at AMD, based in San Jose, California. Prior to this role, he served as Vice President of Data Center Acceleration within AMD's Adaptive and Embedded Computing Group in 2022. Before the AMD-Xilinx merger, Ramine was Vice President of Software and AI Product Management at Xilinx, where he oversaw Electronic Design Automation (EDA) software tools. Earlier in his career, he held leadership roles at EDA companies including Synopsys and Mentor Graphics. Ramine holds a Master's degree in Electronic Engineering and Computer Science from the National Polytechnic Institute of Grenoble in France.



Banghua Zhu

Co-founder & CTO, RadixArk

Banghua is the cofounder and CTO of RadixArk, working on open source AI infra including SGLang and Miles. He got his bachelor degree from Electronic Engineering department in Tsinghua University, and PhD from EECS, UC Berkeley, advised by Michael I. Jordan and Jiantao Jiao. Before RadixArk, he was co-founder of Nexusflow AI, which got acquired by Nvidia.



Junchen Jiang

CEO, Tensormesh; Co-creator, LMCache; Associate Professor, UChicago

Junchen Jiang is CEO and Co-Founder of Tensormesh, and the Faculty Lead of the LMCache project, and Associate Professor of Computer Science at the University of Chicago. He received his PhD degree from Carnegie Mellon University and Bachelor from Yao Class, Tsinghua University. He has received CMU Computer Science Doctoral Dissertation Award (2017), two Google Faculty Research Awards on ML Systems (2018, 2026), an NSF CAREER Award, and multiple best paper awards.



Bill Jia

VP of Engineering, Core ML/AI, Google; HYSTA Board Member

As Google's VP of Engineering for Core Machine Learning and AI, Bill Jia oversees key initiatives in AI software and hardware (TPU), the development of AI compilers and frameworks, AI training and inference software services, and enhancing AI developer experiences. Prior to this role, he served as Senior VP of Engineering at Meta, where he managed AI infrastructure, data platforms, software performance, and hardware engineering. He also has experience at Microsoft, focusing on optimizing online services. Bill holds a Ph.D. in Operations Research from USC Viterbi Engineering School.

Panel|Enterprise AI at Scale: From Pilots to Production



Giovanni Ge

CTO, AppLovin

Giovanni Ge is Chief Technology Officer at AppLovin, a leading advertising technology company. He oversees AppLovin’s product and engineering teams and is responsible for driving the development of its core technology platforms. Giovanni is the founding engineer of Axon AI, the company’s core recommendation engine and foundational infrastructure built from the ground up, and today he leads Axon AI’s evolution across its major components, including the ad exchange, recommendation systems, and product platform. Under his leadership, Axon AI has grown into a global-scale platform at the center of AppLovin’s business.

Earlier in his career, Giovanni conducted machine learning research at Meta, BlackRock, and Uber. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Science and Technology of China and a Ph.D. in condensed matter and materials physics from Scuola Internazionale Superiore di Studi Avanzati (SISSA).



Bo Li

CEO, Virtue AI; Professor, UIUC

Dr. Bo Li is the CEO of Virtue AI and professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is the recipient of the IJCAI Computers and Thought Award, Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, NSF CAREER Award, AI’s 10 to Watch, MIT Technology Review TR-35 Award, Dean’s Award for Excellence in Research, C.W. Gear Outstanding Faculty Award, Intel Rising Star Award, Symantec Research Labs Fellowship, Rising Stars in EECS, Research Awards from Tech companies such as Amazon, Meta, Google, Intel, MSR, eBay, and IBM, and best paper awards at several top machine learning and security conferences. Her research focuses on both theoretical and practical aspects of trustworthy machine learning, which is at the intersection of machine learning, security, privacy, and game theory. Her work has been featured by major publications and media outlets such as Nature, Wired, Fortune, and New York Times.



Ping Wu

CEO, Cresta

Ping Wu is the CEO of Cresta. One of the foremost experts in the field of customer experience AI, Ping co-founded and led Google’s Contact Center AI and Vertex AI platforms. An engineering leader at Google and YouTube, Ping joined Cresta in 2021 to build the future of AI-driven customer experiences. Ping holds a PhD in computer science from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



Shanshan Song

Head of Infrastructure, Harvey AI

Shanshan Song is Head of Infrastructure at Harvey, a company building domain-specific AI for legal and professional services. She leads the platform organization responsible for model infrastructure, compute, storage, and data infrastructure — the systems that route every AI request and keep Harvey fast, reliable, and scalable across multiple clouds and regions.

Shanshan brings more than 20 years of experience building large-scale distributed systems. Before joining Harvey, she served as Senior Director of Engineering at Uber, where she led the storage, search, and data infrastructure organizations. She previously held R&D leadership roles at VMware and Oracle. Shanshan holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Southern California.



Yanbing Li

Chief Product Officer, Datadog; Chairwoman, HYSTA

Dr. Yanbing Li is a global technology and business leader with a distinguished track record of building market-leading products, scaling high-growth businesses, and leading organizations through periods of rapid transformation. She brings deep expertise across AI/ML, autonomous systems and self-driving, cloud and data infrastructure, cybersecurity, and electronic design automation (EDA).

Yanbing is currently Chief Product Officer at Datadog, the leading AI-powered observability and security platform, where she leads the company's product strategy and business growth across observability, security, and AI. Previously, she served as Senior Vice President of Engineering at Aurora, where she was responsible for delivering Aurora's flagship self-driving trucking product and played a key role in bringing commercial driverless trucks to public roads in the United States.

Prior to Aurora, Yanbing was Vice President of Product and Engineering at Google Cloud. Earlier in her career, she was Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Storage and Availability Business Unit at VMware. Yanbing serves on the Board of Directors of Equinix (Nasdaq: EQIX), the global digital infrastructure company. She holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University, a master's degree from Cornell University, and a bachelor's degree from Tsinghua University.

Panel | From Intelligence to Discovery: AI for Science and Breakthrough Research



Peidong Yang

Professor, Chemistry, UC Berkeley

Peidong Yang is a Chemistry professor, S. K. and Angela Chan Distinguished Chair Professor in Energy at the University of California, Berkeley. He is a senior faculty scientist at the Materials and Chemical Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He is a member of both the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a foreign member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the European Academy of Engineering.

Prof. Yang is known particularly for his work on semiconductor nanowires and their photonic and energy applications including artificial photosynthesis. He is the director of the California Research Alliance by BASF and the Kavli Energy Nanoscience Institute at Berkeley. He is an Executive Editor for the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Yang received his B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Science and Technology of China in 1993. He then received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Harvard University in 1997, and did his postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Soon after, he joined the faculty at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the recipient of the Global Energy Prize, MacArthur Fellowship, E. O. Lawrence Award, Alan T. Waterman Award, ACS Nanoscience Award, MRS Medal, ACS Baekeland Medal, Julius Springer Prize for Applied Physics, Alfred P. Sloan research fellowship, the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Young Investigator Award, National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award, MRS Young Investigator Award, ACS Pure Chemistry Award. He is the 2014 Thomas Reuters Citation Laureate for Physics.



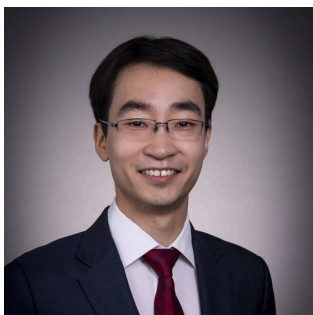
Cheng Liu

Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Eureka Therapeutics

Dr. Cheng Liu is a leading figure in biotechnology, recognized for his pioneering work in T cell engineering and immunotherapy aimed at developing innovative cancer treatments. He is the Founder and CEO of Eureka Therapeutics, Inc., a clinical-stage biotechnology company headquartered in Emeryville, California, dedicated to advancing cellular immunotherapies for cancer.

Dr. Liu's career reflects a sustained commitment to novel cancer therapies, guided by his vision of achieving a true "cure for cancer" through T cell engineering. He ranks among the top 20 global patent holders in CAR-T therapy, recognized as the #14 inventor worldwide with 169 patents (Nature Biotechnology, Vol. 38, 2020). He is also the inventor of the ARTEMIS® T Cell Engineering Platform, a technology reshaping the landscape of T cell-based cancer therapy. Under his leadership, Eureka has advanced multiple first-in-class and best-in-class T cell immunotherapy programs targeting pediatric liver cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and multiple myeloma, several of which are now in Phase I and Phase II clinical trials.

Beyond his research, Dr. Liu has authored numerous publications in leading journals, including Science and Nature, and edited a comprehensive reference on biosimilar antibody development. He is deeply engaged in the scientific community as co-founder and board member of the World Leading Scientists Institute, former President of the Chinese American Biopharmaceutical Society, and a board member of HYSTA. Dr. Liu holds a Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a B.S. in Cell Biology and Genetics from Peking University.



Ding Zhao

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University; Co-Founder, SafeWorld

Ding Zhao is an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, where he leads the Safe AI Lab, and a co-founder of SafeWorld, a robotics safety and simulation platform for physical AI. His research focuses on developing trustworthy physical AI systems for high-stakes applications at scale. He has authored foundational work on AI safety theory across more than 150 papers and has mentored 18 Ph.D. students and 7 postdocs. After the world's first fatal self-driving-car accident, he helped Uber improve fleet safety, and he serves as a committee member of ISO Standard 34505. He helped build Mcity, the world's first test ground for self-driving cars, and PennSTART, Pennsylvania's test grounds for intelligent autonomy. He collaborates with industry partners including Google DeepMind, NVIDIA, Apple, Amazon, IBM, Ford, GM, Uber, Bosch, Toyota, and Rolls-Royce. Alumni of his lab work on the foundation models behind ChatGPT, Gemini, Llama, Waymo, and Tesla FSD. His awards include the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the IEEE George N. Saridis Best Transactions Paper Award, MIT Technology Review's 35 Under 35 Award in China, and the CMU Dean's Early Career Fellow Professorship.



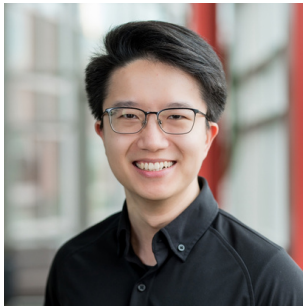
Lake Dai

Adjunct Professor, Carnegie Mellon University; Founder, Sancus Ventures

Lake Dai is a globally recognized expert on AI innovation, investment, and governance. She has delivered keynotes and training for institutions shaping AI policy and practice—including the UK Parliament, State of California, MIT Sloan Management Review, UC Berkeley Law AI Institute, and Fortune 500 companies. In 2025, she was on the 100 Women in AI list in 2025 and 2026, and recognized by BoardProspects as Top AI Talent in the Boardroom.

Lake has co-managed 4 VC funds with \$300M+ AUM. She is the Founder and Managing Partner of Sancus Ventures, a top-performing pre-seed and seed fund backing AI software infrastructure companies including Anyscale (acquired by Nscale for \$1.65B), Arena, Databricks, Discovery Loop, Dyna Robotics, and more. The fund also donates a significant share of its carry to nonprofit causes, underscoring its mission-driven approach. Lake began her career in product and engineering, with early roles at Apple, Alibaba, and Yahoo!. As Alibaba employee #84, she helped build its B2B marketplace from the ground up; at Yahoo!, she led the search engine team and later global partnership products, while launching operations across Asia, Latin America, India, and Israel.

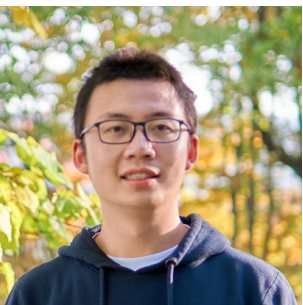
Panel | Physical AI: From Simulation to World Models and Real-World Autonomy



Yunzhu Li

Assistant Professor, Columbia University; Co-founder, SceniX (Acquired by World Labs)

Yunzhu Li is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Columbia University and co-founder of SceniX (now part of World Labs). Before joining Columbia, he was an Assistant Professor at UIUC, a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford, and earned his PhD from MIT. His work has been recognized with the Best Paper Award at ICRA, the Best Systems Paper Award, and a Best Paper Award Finalist at CoRL. He is also a recipient of the AAAI New Faculty Highlights, Sony Faculty Innovation Award, Amazon Research Award, Adobe Research Fellowship, and the First Place Ernst A. Guillemin Master's Thesis Award in AI and Decision Making at MIT. His research has been published in leading journals and conferences, including Nature and Science, and featured by major media outlets such as CNN, BBC, and The Wall Street Journal.



Zhenjia Xu

Co-founder, Genesis AI

Zhenjia Xu is a robotics researcher and engineer, and a co-founder of Genesis AI, where he focuses on building general-purpose robotics models and systems. Prior to Genesis AI, he was a research scientist in NVIDIA's GEAR group. He received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Columbia University, where he was advised by Prof. Shuran Song. His prior research spans imitation learning, dexterous manipulation, and physics simulation. His research has been recognized with multiple best paper awards and finalist nominations at top robotics conferences.

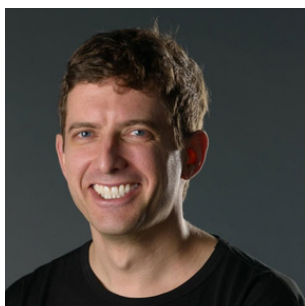


Changan Chen

Co-founder & Chief Research Officer, Rhoda AI

Changan Chen is the co-founder and Chief Research Officer at Rhoda AI, where he leads research on scaling direct video action models for physical intelligence and deploying them in real-world robotic systems. Previously, Changan was a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford University, working with Prof. Fei-Fei Li and Prof. Ehsan Adeli. He earned his Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Austin under the supervision of Prof. Kristen Grauman, and during his doctoral studies, he spent several years as a visiting researcher at Facebook AI Research (FAIR).

His research focuses on multimodal learning, embodied AI, and robot learning, and has been published at leading AI conferences. He was the recipient of the 2022 Adobe Research Fellowship, and his work has been featured by outlets including MIT Technology Review, VentureBeat, and Yahoo News. He has also organized multiple workshops on multimodal learning and embodied AI at top AI conferences.



Jan Liphardt

Associate Professor, Stanford University; Founder, OpenMind

Jan Liphardt is the founder & CEO of OpenMind, a San Francisco AI startup building social intelligence for robots. A Stanford bioengineering professor, Jan has worked at the intersection of data, healthcare, and hardware, supported by the NIH, NSF, NCI, the U.S. Department of Energy, and MITRE. His awards include a Sloan Research Fellowship, a Searle Scholarship, and a Mohr Davidow Ventures Innovator's Award. Jan likes building things that are useful and helpful.

Panel | Scaling to Millions: From Early Adoption to Mass-Market Growth



Nathan Xu

CEO & Co-founder, Plaud

Nathan Xu is the CEO and co-founder of Plaud, building the wearable AI interface between humans and AI agents, one that captures real-world conversation as the most upstream, source-of-truth conversational context. With the mission to amplify human intelligence, he is building the most trusted AI work companion for 50 million professionals by 2030.

Since launching Plaud Note in 2023, Nathan has built the company into the world's No. 1 AI note-taking brand, serving over 2.5 million users across 170+ countries and achieving 10× year-over-year growth for two consecutive years.



Manish Chandra

Founder & Board Member, Poshmark

Manish Chandra is the Founder and Board Member of Poshmark, a leading social marketplace for fashion resale that combines e-commerce with community engagement. Since founding the company in 2011, he has guided its vision, strategy, and growth, transforming Poshmark into one of the most recognized names in sustainable fashion commerce. Under his leadership, the platform continues to empower millions of sellers and buyers while shaping the future of social shopping.

He holds a B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Texas at Austin, and an MBA in Marketing and Finance from the Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley. His educational background uniquely blends deep technical expertise with strong business acumen, equipping him to lead and scale technology-driven enterprises.



Angie Zeng

Head of Innovation & Cross Border Banking, East West Bank

Angie Zeng has over 20 years of experience across financial services, technology, and innovation in the U.S. and Asia. She joined East West Bank in June 2025 as Managing Director and Head of Innovation & Cross Border Banking, where she leads the bank's commercial banking efforts to serve technology and cross-border clients.

Previously, Angie held several leadership roles at HSBC, including Head of FinTech Investment Banking for the Americas. She also spent a decade at JPMorgan and Morgan Stanley, advising clients on capital markets transactions and M&A strategies.

Angie brings a unique combination of commercial banking and investment banking expertise, entrepreneurial leadership, and cross-border experience. She holds an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



Connie Chan

a16z Board Partner; HYSTA Board Member

Connie Chan is a Board Partner at a16z where she oversees various consumer investments. She previously led the Consumer team at a16z and was the first investment professional at Andreessen Horowitz to ever be promoted to General Partner. In 2015, Connie's first blog post on China technology won a Sidney Award from The New York Times. She has been named on Wired's Next 20 Tech Visionary and Fast Company's Most Creative People lists, and was a Young Global Leader at the World Economic Forum. She received her B.A. in Economics and M.S. in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University.

Keynote | Building Specialized Intelligence



Lin Qiao

CEO & Co-founder, Fireworks

Lin Qiao is the CEO and co-founder of Fireworks, the platform for specialized intelligence that enables companies to build, train, fine-tune, and serve AI models tailored to their own data, workflows, and business needs. Since founding the company, she has led Fireworks' rapid growth into one of the industry's leading AI infrastructure platforms, serving enterprises such as Uber, Shopify, and Doximity.

Before launching Fireworks, Lin co-created PyTorch at Meta, where she led the PyTorch engineering team and helped develop one of the world's most influential open source machine learning frameworks. Her work has shaped how millions of developers and researchers build AI systems today.

Lin is a leading voice on the future of enterprise AI, advocating for a world where every organization owns intelligence that is unique to its business through specialized models rather than relying on one-size-fits-all AI.

Track 2: Founders Club Annual Demo Day Next-Gen Entrepreneurs & Startup Frontiers

Fireside Chat

Cut Through the Noise: How Next-Gen Entrepreneurs Get Started and Stay Focused Through the Cycles



Brad Bao

Founder, Pear; Founder, Lime

Brad is the co-founder of Pear (Commerce Platform For Culture), and co-founder of Lime (Micro-mobility), co-founder of Kinzon Capital, GM and first employee for international at Tencent. Brad's personal mission is to advance human living through technology advancement, and foster entrepreneurship among the younger generation.



Hans Tung

Managing Partner, Notable Capital

Hans Tung is a Managing Partner at Notable Capital, where he leads the firm's AI-driven Prosumer, Commerce, and Fintech practice. He partners closely with exceptional founders to scale global businesses and navigate strategic exits. His investment portfolio features several companies that have scaled to become household names, including four investments with outcomes exceeding \$30 billion, including Airbnb, Coinbase, Slack, and Rednote, and four valued at over \$100 billion including ByteDance and Anthropic.

Hans has been named to the Forbes Midas List for 14 consecutive years, within the top ten for five straight years, and has been recognized among the Top 100 Asian Americans by Gold House. Originally from Taiwan and raised in Los Angeles, he began his career on Wall Street, where he covered the Taiwanese semiconductor sector. He also co-founded two Silicon Valley-affiliated startups. Most recently, after nearly a decade investing in Asia, he returned to Silicon Valley in 2013, focusing on supporting globally-minded founders.

Hans holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University, where he currently serves on the Asia Advisory Council for the School of Engineering and is a frequent guest speaker at the Graduate School of Business. His investment portfolio includes leading companies such as Affirm, Anthropic, Aven, Clara, dub, Gorgie, Ibotta, Lime, Otter.ai, Parafin, Phia, Poshmark, Quince, StockX, Stori, Turtlemint, Wispr, and more.

Keynote | From Eigen AI to Nebius: Building at the AI Infrastructure Frontier



Ryan Hanrui Wang

SVP, Nebius; Co-founder & CEO, Eigen AI (Acquired by Nebius)

Ryan Hanrui Wang is Senior Vice President at Nebius, where he leads inference, post-training, and agentic systems. He previously co-founded and served as CEO of Eigen AI, an AI inference and post-training optimization company acquired by Nebius in 2026. Under his leadership, Eigen AI built a full-stack inference platform that achieved leading performance across 25 major open-source models and was recognized as the #1 speed inference provider during NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang's keynote at GTC 2026.

Ryan received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from MIT, where he was the first Ph.D. student of Professor Song Han. His work focuses on efficient AI computing, generative AI inference, and computer architecture. He developed SpAtten (Sparse Attention), a pioneering framework for efficient generative AI that introduced cascaded KV Cache pruning and quantization. SpAtten has been widely adopted in academia and industry and is the most-cited HPCA paper published since 2020. He also introduced Hardware-Aware Transformers for optimized AI deployment. His open-source models and repositories have been downloaded more than one million times and incorporated into platforms including IBM products and the PyTorch Ecosystem.

Ryan's research has received Best Paper Awards at QCE and ICML RL4RL, a Best Paper Candidate recognition at DATE, first place in the ACM Student Research Competition, and Best Poster at an NSF AI Institute. He has received fellowships from Qualcomm and the Unitary Fund, was named a Rising Star in both ML & Systems and ISSCC, and was a finalist for the NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship. He received MIT Technology Review 35 Innovators Under 35 award. He also co-founded the QuCS Forum to promote AI education. Ryan earned his B.Eng. with highest honors from Fudan University.

Panel | From Demo to Deployment: What It Actually Takes to Put Robots to Work



Jason Ma

Co-founder, Dyna Robotics

Jason Ma is co-founder at Dyna Robotics and leads research. He received his PhD from University of Pennsylvania, where he developed scalable reinforcement learning algorithms and foundation models for robot learning. His research has been recognized with honors such as RSS Pioneers, Apple and OpenAI Fellowship, Best Paper Finalist at ICRA 2024, Top 10 NVIDIA Research Projects of 2023, and covered by popular media such as the Economist, Fox, Yahoo, and TechCrunch.



Leo Ma

Founder & CEO, RoboForce

Leo Ma is Founder and CEO of RoboForce, which builds Physical AI-powered Robo-Labor that enables businesses and protects people in demanding industrial environments. RoboForce was named World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer. Leo graduated from Carnegie Mellon University.



Shuyun Chung

Co-founder & Chief Robotics Scientist, Flexiv

Dr. Shuyun Chung is the Co-Founder and Chief Robotics Scientist of Flexiv, a pioneering robotics company recognized for its breakthroughs in adaptive robotics and industrial-grade force control, achieving unicorn status in 2022. With more than two decades of experience in robotics, Dr. Chung earned his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from National Taiwan University and later conducted postdoctoral research at Stanford University, where he developed advanced multi-degree-of-freedom torque control and real-time motion planning frameworks that have influenced industrial robotics, medical robotics, underwater systems, and humanoid platforms.

An entrepreneur based in Silicon Valley, Dr. Chung co-founded Orobotix in 2015 and led the development of the first commercially modular underwater drone. In 2016, he co-founded Flexiv and has since contributed to the development of the company's core robotic technologies. Flexiv introduced Rizon in 2019, the world's first adaptive robot combining industrial-grade force control with human-like task adaptability, followed by Moonlight in 2022, the world's first force-controlled parallel robot. Today, Flexiv's robotic systems are deployed across industries including automotive, consumer electronics, home appliances, food processing, and healthcare, reflecting the company's rapid growth and continued innovation in intelligent robotics.



Tony Zhao

Co-founder & CEO, Sunday Robotics

Tony Zhao is the co-founder and CEO of Sunday Robotics. He is building general-purpose home robots that give people time back for what matters most. He earned his B.S. in EECS from UC Berkeley in 2021 and later pursued a PhD in Computer Science at Stanford. His research in robotic fine manipulation contributed to ALOHA and ACT, influential projects and methods that helped advance imitation learning in robotics. Before founding Sunday Robotics, Tony worked at Google DeepMind and Tesla Autopilot.



Kyle Qi

Principal, Llama Ventures

Kyle Qi is a Principal at Llama Ventures, an early-stage venture firm investing in AI companies from Pre-Seed through Series A.

Before joining Llama Ventures, Kyle invested in software businesses at Serent Capital, where he served on the investment committee, and was Chief of Staff at Forta Health through its \$55M Series A. He began his career at Boston Consulting Group as a consultant.

Kyle holds a degree in Economics from UC Berkeley, with minors in Data Science and Education, and is a Forbes 30 Under 30 Scholar. He is bilingual in English and Mandarin and works actively across the U.S. and Greater China technology ecosystems.

Evening Session | VIP Banquet



Joe Wong

Stand-Up Comedian & Host

Joe Wong is a stand-up comedian who performs in both English and Chinese. He made appearances on Letterman, Colbert, and Ellen shows. He headlined the 66th Radio and TV Correspondents' Dinner in Washington D.C. where he roasted the then vice president Joe Biden, as well as the Netflix Is A Joke Fest twice in both Chinese and English. Joe acted in blockbuster films and hosted his own Television talk show in China *Is This True?* for 10 years. In 2018, he was featured in the book *First Generation: 36 Trailblazing Immigrants and Refugees Who Make America Great*. Joe Wong also published a number of books and e-books.

Startup Roadshow | VC Judges



Chris Ma

Founder & Managing Partner at
xNova VC



Dongxu Huang

Partner at Llama Ventures



Jinsong Guo

Partner at 3LA Ventures



Jianan Zhan

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Senior Investment Manager at
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Andrew Maywah

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James Chen

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Jing Zhu

Partner at Northstar



Judy He

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Rivermount VC Fund



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Investor at Nexus Venture Partners



Nan Zhou

Sr. Director at Temasek



Peter Pan

Managing Partner at Hat-Trick
Capital



Ryan Wang

Founding Partner at Outpost Capital



Theresa Dai

Investor at Foothill Ventures



Tian Yu

VC Investor at Micron



Zheng Bu

Founding Partner at 421 Capital

Startup Roadshow | Pitch Startups



Minara

Minara.ai

Positioned as “Cursor for investing” — the first financial AI agent enabling users to express intent in natural language and autonomously execute and backtest trading strategies. Backed up by Circle, Sequoia, Qiming and Informed Venture.



Snaplii

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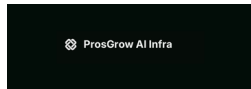
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Emerging Technology & AI

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Keynotes & Panel Discussions

Community & Networking

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2025 · HYSTA TALK · Behind and Beyond IPO w/Joe Chen

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Regular Pitch Night

Founders Workshop

Annual Demo Day

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2021 Founders Club



2022 Founders Club Startup & VC Forum



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2022 Founders Club with Dr. Kai-Fu Lee



2023 Founders Club Open House



2023 Mock Pitch with HYSTA Mentors



2024 Founders Club: Rubrik's Journey to IPO



2024 Founders Club on Scaling Business w/June Yang

Highlighted Moments



2024 Founders Club on Product Market Fit



2024 Founders Club Roundtable with Dawei Feng



2024 Founders Club Innovation Mixer BBQ



2024 Founders Club Legal Talk at K&L Gates



2025 Founders Club Open Day on AI Agents



2025 Founders Club Workshop on GTM and Growth



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2025 HYSTA Founders Club Pitch Competition

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2026 · Founders Club Workshop



May 2026 · Pitch Night



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Highlights — HYSTA Youth Leadership Program



Program Launch at 2025 Annual Conference



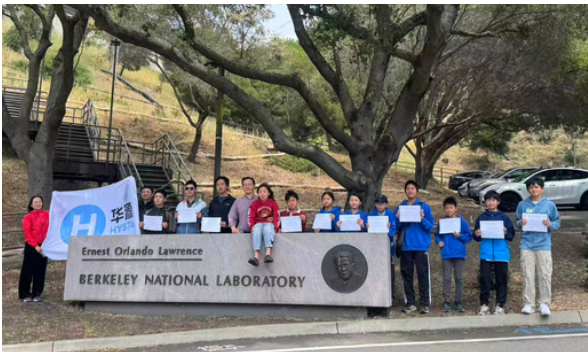
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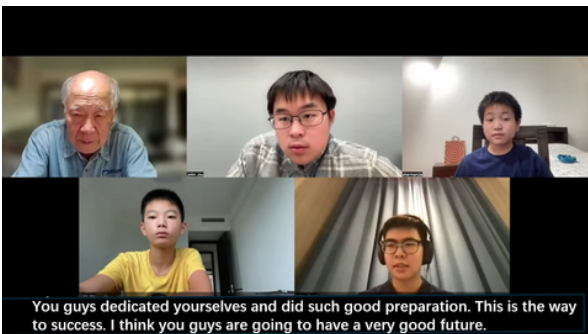
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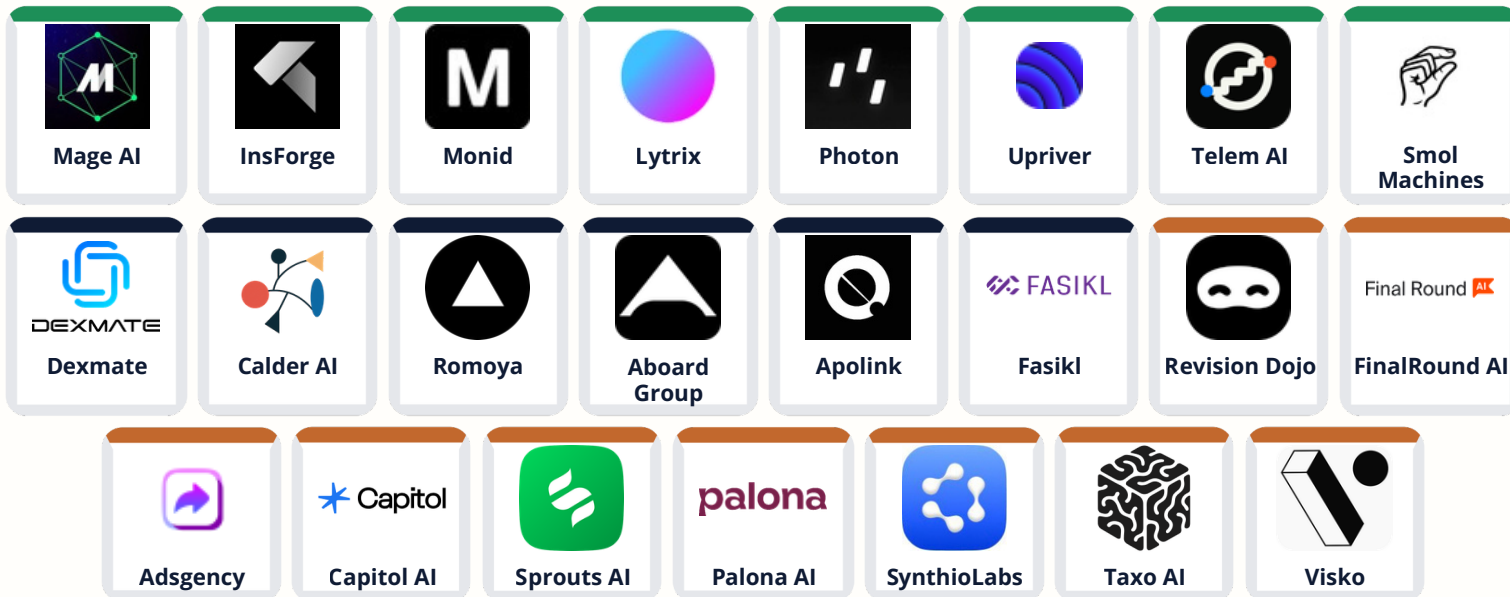
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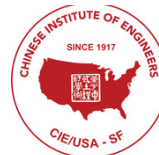
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