

AI ENGINEER SHANGHAI 2026

Conference program

November 5-6, 2026

Hilton Shanghai Hongqiao

Tentative program · Updated October 25, 2026

Date	Stage	Shanghai time (UTC+8)
November 5	Main stage	09:30-17:50
November 5	AI applications breakout	13:45-16:50
November 6	Main stage	10:00-17:50

Thursday · November 5

Open models, agents & infrastructure

Inference and evaluation, agent runtimes, search and data systems. A parallel afternoon breakout explores personal agents, enterprise applications and creative tools.

Friday · November 6

World models, physical AI & AI-native products

Spatial intelligence, generative video, real-time voice, embodied AI and on-device models, plus a conversation on AI startups and investment.

All times are Shanghai time (UTC+8). Titles, formats and timings remain tentative. Please check the online program for the latest updates.

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November 5 | Main stage

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Time	Speaker / Organization	Session
09:30 10:00	Shawn “swyx” Wang Live remote opening	Opening with swyx · Live remote
10:00 10:25	Marco Casalaina Microsoft	From Models to Working Enterprise Agents <i>Proposed focus</i>
10:25 10:45	Ryo Lu ex-Cursor	When We Can Do Anything, Do We Still Know What We Want?
10:45 10:50	Break	
10:50 11:10	David Li & Alex Triplett You.com	Post-Training at the Frontier: Teaching Open Models to Search and Browse the Web
11:10 11:20	Chen Wang Baseten	Rapid Fire · Inference engineering Full-Stack Inference Engineering: Latency, Throughput and Cost
11:20 11:30	Do Tuan Anh Techcombank	Optimizing Organization-Wide LLM Inference Cost: Seat License, Pay-per-Token, or Provisioned, and Beyond
11:30 11:45	Chen Peng Arena	Measure the frontier of AI for real world use
11:45 12:00	Audience Q&A & interaction	
12:00 13:00	Lunch · On your own	

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13:00	AJ	Community in the AI era
13:40	Founder, WaytoAGI	
	Koji	
	Founder, Crossing	
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	Co-founder, Linkloud	
	Tentative moderator: Yuzheng Sun, PhD Superlinear Academy	
13:40	Break	
13:45		
13:45	Ailing Teng	From Model Intelligence to Agent Harness: Enabling Long-Horizon Agents
14:05	StepFun	
14:05	Vincent Koc	Dark Factory to Lobsterville: Intent Engineering for Persistent Multiplayer Agents
14:25	OpenClaw Foundation	
14:25	Break	
14:30		
14:30	Xiaodong Zeng	On-Device AI: Bringing Intelligence Closer to Everyone
14:50	AutoArk	
14:50	Ivan Burazin	Kubernetes Is Not Your Sandbox
15:10	Daytona	
15:10	Fan Bin	AI-Native Work at Manus: One Monorepo, Open Tasks
15:30	Manus AI	
15:30	Break	
15:35		

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15:35 15:55	Jakub Hojsan Exa	Powering open source personal agents with Exa search
15:55 16:15	Charles Xie Zilliz	Your Agent's Memory Is Next Quarter's Training Data
16:15 16:35	Xinghong Fang Optiver	Building a reliable, multi-region LLM gateway
16:35 16:40	Break	
16:40 17:00	Lux Li TiDB / PingCAP	Nobody Planned AI Infra: How AI Builders Pushed a Database Beyond the Database
17:00 17:15	Audience Q&A & interaction	
17:15 17:25	Lena Onyshchenko NVIDIA	Rapid Fire · Model systems Async or Nothing: When TMA Pays Off in torch.compile
17:25 17:35	Tinsley Shi Google	Reinforcement Learning at Scale on Agent Substrate: Orchestrating Millions of Sandboxes
17:35 17:45	Tang Feihu (Xiaodao Laoshi) Kimi / Moonshot AI	Life of a Game Developer in AI era
17:45 17:50	Day 1 close	

November 5 | AI applications breakout

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13:45 14:05	Baoping Wang (Yubo) YouMind	Building a Personal Agent for Growth with YouMind
14:05 14:20	Joey Wang Harvey	Trust Your Own Evals, Not the Leaderboard: What 7,000 Internal Agent PRs Taught Us About Adopting Open Models
14:20 14:35	Andy Wang Dify	Beyond the Pilot: Managing Your 500th AI Agent
14:35 14:40	Break	
14:40 14:55	Robert Pei Visa	Beyond Reasoning: Building Infrastructure for AI Agents That Act
14:55 15:10	Peng Gong Meta / Instagram	Beyond Screenshots: Building Agent-Native Verification for Mobile Apps
15:10 15:25	Rabi Shanker Guha Thesys Inc	How We Make LLMs Render UI That Doesn't Break
15:25 15:30	Break	
15:30 15:40	Roman Shirochenko Agoda (Booking Holdings)	Application short talks · Coding & data context Your Repo. Your Benchmark.

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15:40 15:50	Alyssa Lee DataHub	Trusted Context: Building the Layer Between Enterprise Data and AI Agents
15:50 16:10	Peter Hoffmann Data4Life Asia	The Harness Is the First Reviewer
16:10 16:15	Break	
16:15 16:25	Harrison Zhao DatusAI	Application short talks · Agent applications & creation Your Data Agent Needs More Than a Knowledge Graph -- From Semantic Layers to Executable Ontologies with Apache Ossie
16:25 16:35	Utsav Singhal Interact AI	The Web That Talks Back: Turning Dead Pages into Live Agents
16:35 16:45	Sac Independent	From Idea to Viral Launch: How I Built a 3D Little Prince Game with AI
16:45 16:50	Breakout close	

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10:00 10:05	Welcome	
10:05 10:25	Christoph Lassner World Labs	Taxonomy of World Models
10:25 10:45	Bin Liu HeyGen	HTML is all your agents need: Redefining Context Engineering
10:45 11:05	Ying Yang CHILING CHUANYUE TECHNOLOGY	AGI is decoding. Encoding is the moat.
11:05 11:10	Break	
11:10 11:30	Rissa Cao Fish Audio	From Expressive Speech to Real-Time Voice Agents <i>Proposed focus</i>
11:30 11:45	James Hush Daily.co	Trusting Evals I Can't Read
11:45 11:55	Satvik Sinha AICET, NUS	Rapid Fire · Streaming speech The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: What 3,000 live sessions taught us about streaming speech-to-text
11:55 12:15	Audience Q&A & interaction	
12:15 13:15	Lunch · On your own	

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13:15 13:55	Yusen Dai ZhenFund	AI startups: products, markets & what comes next
	Harry Wang Linear Capital	
	Patrick Liu TaoZ Capital	
	Moderator: Bibi	
13:55 14:15	Ronny He MiniMax	Stronger Models, Leaner Harnesses: What to Control and What to Let Go
14:15 14:35	Dicong "David" Qiu QuantSparkle.ai 数耀量生	Real2Real: A Quantum Embodied AI Paradigm for Optimal Behaviors Generation
14:35 14:40	Break	
14:40 14:55	Gavin Luo VAST / Tripo AI	From 3D Generation to World Models: Building Persistent Interactive Worlds for Physical AI
14:55 15:10	Leonie Monigatti Liquid AI	How We're Building Open Decision Models for On-Device Agents
15:10 15:30	Mingke Luo masons.ai	Communication Among Sovereign Agents: The Foundation of Agent Economy
15:30 15:35	Break	
15:35 15:50	Xinghua Jia AiMoga Robotics	Beyond Vision-Language-Action: First Principles for Building Physical AI
15:50 16:05	Jun Lv Noematrix	Noe-0: A World Action Model Built on Real-World Human Experience

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16:05 16:20	Zhong Shen DYNA	Building Robot Hardware for Rapidly Evolving Models
16:20 16:25	Break	
16:25 16:40	Grace Li 1Password	Talk to be announced
16:40 16:50	Hao Zheng Futuring Robot	Rapid Fire · Robotics in practice From Hardware to Intelligence: Full-Stack Evolution and Real-World Deployment of Home Service Robots
16:50 17:00	Audience interaction & prize draw	
17:00 17:10	Ding Hao (Xuanwo) LanceDB	Rapid Fire · Data, memory & context Robot Data Needs a Build System
17:10 17:20	Siwei Gu Knowledge Labs, Inc	Memory Engineering, RSI and Team Knowledge Layer
17:20 17:30	Yanlong Wang Jina AI by Elastic	Reading the Web at Trillion-Token Scale
17:30 17:50	Closing ceremony	