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EDUCATION	<b>University of Maryland</b> , College Park, Maryland, USA Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering Topic: Data-Driven Geometric Design Space Exploration and Design Synthesis Adviser: Mark D. Fuge Committee: Mark D. Fuge (Chair), David W. Jacobs, Shapour Azarm, Linda Schmidt, & Katrina Groth Aug 2015 – Aug 2019
	<b>Chongqing University</b> , Chongqing, China M.S., Mechanical Engineering B.S., Mechanical Engineering Sep 2012 – Jun 2015 Sep 2008 – Jun 2012
WORK EXPERIENCE	<b>Assistant Professor, Texas A&amp;M University</b> College Station, Texas August 2023 – Present
	<b>Postdoctoral Scholar, Northwestern University</b> Professor Wei Chen's Group Evanston, Illinois Apr 2021 – July 2023
	<b>Research Scientist, Siemens</b> Design & Simulation Systems Princeton, New Jersey Sep 2019 – Mar 2021
	<b>Research Assistant, University of Maryland</b> Professor Mark Fuge's Group College Park, Maryland Aug 2015 – Aug 2019
	<b>Graduate Intern, Siemens</b> Princeton, New Jersey Jun 2018 – Aug 2018
HONORS & AWARDS	ASME Journal of Mechanical Design Reviewer of the Year Award (Feb 2023)
	ASME's Design Engineering Division Design Automation Committee Best Paper Award (Aug 2022) Doksoo Lee, Yu-Chin Chan, <b>Wei (Wayne) Chen</b> , Liwei Wang, Wei Chen "T-METASET: Task-Aware Generation of Metamaterial Datasets by Diversity-Based Active Learning"
	2021 Journal of Mechanical Design Editors' Choice Honorable Mention (Jul 2022) <b>Wei (Wayne) Chen</b> and Faez Ahmed "PaDGAN: Learning to Generate High-Quality Novel Designs"
SELECTED PUBLICATIONS	<u>Journal</u> 15. Zhang, H., <b>Chen, W.</b> , Rondinelli, J. M., & Chen, W. (2023). Et-al: Entropy-targeted active learning for bias mitigation in materials data. <i>Applied Physics Reviews</i> , 10(2), 021403. 14. <b>Chen, W.</b> , Lee, D., Balogun, O., & Chen, W. (2023). GAN-DUF: Hierarchical Deep Generative Models for Design Under Free-Form Geometric Uncertainty. <i>Journal of Mechanical Design</i> , 145(1), 011703. 13. Lee, D., Chan, Y., <b>Chen, W.</b> , Wang, L., van Beek, A., & Chen, W. (2023). t-METASET: Task-Aware Acquisition of Metamaterial Datasets through Diversity-based Active Learning. <i>Journal of Mechanical Design</i> , 145(3), 031704.

12. Zhang, H., **Chen, W.**, Iyer, A., Apley, D. W., & Chen, W. (2022). Uncertainty-Aware Mixed-Variable Machine Learning for Materials Design. *Scientific Reports*, 12(1), 19760.
11. Wang, J., **Chen, W.**, Da, D., Fuge, M., & Rai, R. (2022). IH-GAN: A Conditional Generative Model for Implicit Surface-Based Inverse Design of Cellular Structures. *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, 396, 115060. doi:10.1016/j.cma.2022.115060.
10. Heyrani Nobari, A., **Chen, W.**, & Ahmed, F. (2021). RANGE-GAN: Design Synthesis Under Constraints Using Conditional Generative Adversarial Networks. *Journal of Mechanical Design*, 144(2). doi:10.1115/1.4052442.
9. Chen, Q., Wang, J., Pope, P., **Chen, W.**, & Fuge, M. (2021). Inverse Design of 2D Airfoils using Conditional Generative Models and Surrogate Log-Likelihoods. *Journal of Mechanical Design*, 144(2). doi:10.1115/1.4052846.
8. **Chen, W.**, & Ahmed, F. (2021). MO-PaDGAN: Reparameterizing Engineering Designs for Augmented Multi-objective Optimization. *Applied Soft Computing*, 113, 107909. doi:10.1016/j.asoc.2021.107909.
7. **Chen, W.** & Ahmed, F. (2020). PaDGAN: Learning to Generate High-Quality Novel Designs. *Journal of Mechanical Design*, 143(3). doi:10.1115/1.4048626.
6. **Chen, W.**, Chiu, K., & Fuge, M. (2020). Aerodynamic design optimization and shape exploration using generative adversarial networks. *AIAA Journal*, 58(11), 4723-4735. doi:10.2514/1.J059317.
5. **Chen, W.** & Fuge, M. (2019). Synthesizing designs with interpart dependencies using hierarchical generative adversarial networks. *Journal of Mechanical Design*, 141(11), 111403. doi:10.1115/1.4044076.
4. **Chen, W.** & Fuge, M. (2018). Active expansion sampling for learning feasible domains in an unbounded input space. *Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization*, 57(3), 925-945. doi:10.1007/s00158-017-1894-y.
3. **Chen, W.** & Fuge, M. (2017). Beyond the known: Detecting novel feasible domains over an unbounded design space. *Journal of Mechanical Design*, 139(11), 111405. doi:10.1115/1.4037306.
2. **Chen, W.**, Fuge, M., & Chazan, J. (2017). Design manifolds capture the intrinsic complexity and dimension of design spaces. *Journal of Mechanical Design*, 139(5), 051102. doi:10.1115/1.4036134.
1. Luo, J., **Chen, W.**, & Fu, G. (2014). Hybrid-heat effects on electrical-current aided friction stir welding of steel, and Al and Mg alloys. *Journal of Materials Processing Technology*, 214(12), 3002-3012. doi:10.1016/j.jmatprotec.2014.07.005.

#### **Patent**

1. **Chen, W.** & Ramamurthy, A. (2021). Deep neural networks for synthesis and optimization of smooth surfaced 3D objects (International Publication Number WO2021247662A1). World Intellectual Property Organization.

#### **Conference (Full Length, Peer-Reviewed)**

9. **Chen, W.**, Lee, D., Balogun, O., & Chen, W. (2022, August). Hierarchical Deep Generative Models for Design Under Free-Form Geometric Uncertainty. In *ASME 2022 International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC-CIE)*. St. Louis, MO. Vol. 86236, p. V03BT03A042.
8. Lee, D., Chan, Y. C., **Chen, W.**, Wang, L., van Beek, A., & Chen, W. (2022, August). T-METASET: Task-Aware Generation of Metamaterial Datasets by Diversity-Based Active Learning. In *ASME 2022 International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC-CIE)*. St. Louis, MO. Vol. 86229, p. V03AT03A011.

7. Nobari, A., **Chen, W.**, & Ahmed, F. (2021, August). PcDGAN: A Continuous Conditional Diverse Generative Adversarial Network For Inverse Design. In *Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD '21)*. Virtual. pp. 606-616. doi:10.1145/3447548.3467414
6. Nobari, A., **Chen, W.**, & Ahmed, F. (2021, August). Range-GAN: Range-Constrained Generative Adversarial Network for Conditioned Design Synthesis. In *ASME 2021 International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC-CIE)*. Virtual. Vol. 85390, p. V03BT03A039. doi:10.1115/DETC2021-69963.
5. **Chen, W.** & Ramamurthy, A. (2021, January). Deep Generative Model for Efficient 3D Airfoil Parameterization and Generation. In *AIAA Scitech 2021 Forum*. Virtual. p. 1690. doi:10.2514/6.2021-1690.
4. **Chen, W.** & Ahmed, F. (2020, August). PaDGAN: A Generative Adversarial Network for Performance Augmented Diverse Designs. In *ASME 2020 International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC-CIE)*. Virtual. Vol. 84003, p. V11AT11A010. doi:10.1115/DETC2020-22729.
3. **Chen, W.**, Chiu, K., & Fuge, M. (2019, January). Aerodynamic design optimization and shape exploration using generative adversarial networks. In *AIAA Scitech 2019 Forum*. San Diego, CA. p. 2351. doi:10.2514/6.2019-2351. **(Invited talk)**
2. **Chen, W.**, Jeyaseelan, A., & Fuge, M. (2018, August). Synthesizing designs with inter-part dependencies using hierarchical generative adversarial networks. In *ASME 2018 International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC-CIE)*. Quebec City, Canada. Vol. 51753, p. V02AT03A007. doi:10.1115/DETC2018-85339.
1. **Chen, W.**, Chazan, J., & Fuge, M. (2016, August). How designs differ: Non-linear embeddings illuminate intrinsic design complexity. In *ASME 2016 International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference (IDETC-CIE)*. Charlotte, NC. Vol. 50107, p. V02AT03A014. doi:10.1115/DETC2016-60112.

#### **Workshop (Peer-Reviewed)**

3. Wang, J., **Chen, W.**, Da, D., Fuge, M., & Rai, R.. (2022, July). IH-GAN: A Conditional Generative Model for Inverse Design of Heterogeneous Cellular Structures. In: Workshop on Machine Learning in Computational Design, *Thirty-ninth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*.
2. **Chen, W.**, Lee, D., & Chen, W. (2022, February). Deep Generative Models for Design Under Uncertainty. In: Workshop on AI for Design and Manufacturing (ADAM), *Thirty-Sixth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*.
1. **Chen, W.** & Ahmed, F. (2020, July). MO-PaDGAN: Generating Diverse Designs with Multivariate Performance Enhancement. In: Workshop on Negative Dependence and Submodularity: Theory and Applications in Machine Learning, *37th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*.

#### **Preprint**

3. Lee, D., **Chen, W.**, Wang, L., Chan, Y. C., & Chen, W. (2023). Data-Driven Design for Metamaterials and Multiscale Systems: A Review. arXiv preprint arXiv:2307.05506. *(Submitted to Advanced Materials)*
2. **Chen, W.** & Fuge, M. (2020). Adaptive Expansion Bayesian Optimization for Unbounded Global Optimization. arXiv preprint arXiv:2001.04815.
1. **Chen, W.** & Fuge, M. (2018). BézierGAN: Automatic Generation of Smooth Curves from Interpretable Low-Dimensional Parameters. arXiv preprint arXiv:1808.08871.

<b>CITATIONS</b>	The total number of citations (both self and independent) from international journals and conferences is <b>687</b> with H-index <b>15</b> (as of July 29, 2023). Please see my Google Scholar page <a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=ULTyOWMAAAAJ&amp;hl">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=ULTyOWMAAAAJ&amp;hl</a> for more details.	
<b>RESEARCH GRANTS</b>	<p>Proposal “AI-Enabled Discovery and Design of Programmable Material Systems” (led by Prof. Wei Chen at Northwestern) won NSF <b>BRITE Fellow</b> award, 2022 (Role: <b>lead of “Task 2 – Learn and Generate: An Interpretable Machine Learning-Based Approach”</b>; Award amount: \$999,809)</p> <p>Proposal “NSF Engineering Research Center for Hybrid Autonomous Manufacturing Moving from Evolution to Revolution (ERC-HAMMER)” (led by Ohio State University) funded by NSF, 2022 (Role: contributor; Award amount: \$25,938,414)</p> <p>Proposal “AI-Driven Robust Geometric Optimization under Real-World Uncertainty” (led by Prof. Wei Chen at Northwestern) won Northwestern University’s Catalyst Award Fund, 2021 (Role: <b>primary contributor</b>; Award amount: \$100,000)</p> <p>Proposal “Generation of Structurally-Functional Parametric Mechanical Shapes” won Siemens’s Innovation Core Technology (ICT) funding, 2020 (Role: <b>Principal Investigator</b>; Award amount: €300,000)</p>	
<b>ACADEMIC SERVICE</b>	<p><b><u>Session Chair</u></b>  ASME IDETC, AI-Driven Design Innovation (proposed new session for IDETC 2023)  ASME IDETC, Novel AI or ML Frameworks for Design or Systems Science</p> <p><b><u>Journal Reviewer</u></b>  Structural and Multidisciplinary Optimization  Journal of Mechanical Design  Computer-Aided Design  Design Science  AIAA Journal  Journal of Computational Design and Engineering  Engineering Optimization  Journal of Industrial Information Integration  IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics  IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management  International Journal of Production Research  Frontiers of Information Technology &amp; Electronic Engineering</p> <p><b><u>Conference Reviewer</u></b>  ASME International Design Engineering Technical Conference (IDETC)  ACM Symposium on Computational Fabrication (SCF)  SME North American Manufacturing Research Conference (NAMRC)</p>	
<b>INVITED TALKS</b>	<p>“PaDGAN: Learning to Generate High-Quality Novel Designs”  ASME IDETC 2022 Spotlight Session</p> <p>“Deep Generative Models for Engineering Design”  Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p> <p>“Data-Driven Design Space Exploration and Design Synthesis”  University of Maryland, College Park</p> <p>“Aerodynamic design optimization and shape exploration using generative adversarial networks”  AIAA Scitech 2019 Forum</p>	<p>Aug 16, 2022</p> <p>Jun 21, 2021</p> <p>Apr 9, 2021</p> <p>Jan 11, 2019</p>

**TEACHING &  
MENTOR  
EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Assistant**

Northwestern University course ME 441 Engineering Optimization for Product Design and Manufacturing  
Winter 2022

**Project Teams Mentored**

Three project teams in MIT course 2.s997 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Engineering Design  
Fall 2021

**Students Mentored**

Yujia (Cynthia) Xie	M.S. Computer Science, Northwestern
George Bian	M.S. Computer Science, Northwestern
Vispi Karkaria	Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern
Akash Pandey	Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern
Hengrui Zhang	Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern
Doksoo Lee	Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern
Yu-Chin Chan (now at Siemens)	Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern
Krupal Jawanjal	M.S. Engineering Management, Northwestern
Raj Sekhar Madhurakavi (now at Mathworks)	M.S. Engineering Management, Northwestern
Bryan Horn (now at Epic)	M.S. Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern
Amin Heyrani Nobari (now at MIT)	M.S. Mechanical Engineering, MIT
Ashwin Jeyaseelan (now at Microsoft)	B.S. Computer Science, UMD
Noa Chazan (now at SOOT)	B.S. Computer Science, UMD

**OUTREACH  
ACTIVITIES**

Hosted a Society of Women Engineers (SWE) activity table at the annual *Kits, Cats, and Kids Block Party*, Evanston Township High School  
Sep 15, 2022