



# Yue Qiu

# **Professional Summary**

An Engineering PhD graduate with 5+ years of combined industry and research experience in thermal and flow simulations:

- Proficient in CFD-based multiphysics simulation with Flotherm, ANSYS Fluent, and Open-FOAM. Well-versed in solver development, implementation, and HPC optimization across academic and industrial projects.
- 🌋 Demonstrated ability in experimental validation and benchmarking to assess solver performance and sensitivity.
- ${igwedge}$  Strong programming skills in C++, Python, and MATLAB with experience in data analysis, automated testing and simulation workflows.
- Strong background in heat transfer, thermodynamics, and fluid mechanics, providing a thorough understanding of CFD theories and numerical algorithms.
- 🤗 Experienced in effective collaboration across R&D divisions and the manufacturing teams for innovative engineering solutions.

# **Industry & Research Experience**

#### **Lund University**

2025 Apr. - PhD researcher, Department of Physics.

- 2025 Aug. O Developed and tested a multi-region biomass pellet pyrolysis model to enable the prediction of temperature evolution, species distribution, and pellet shrinkage.
  - o Developed a heterogeneous kinetic solver to compare pyrolysis mechanisms and validate the results against the experimental Thermogravimetric (TG) data.

## **Lund University**

2021 Jan. - PhD researcher, Department of Physics.

- 2025 Apr. O Conducted an extensive literature review on the physio-chemical properties of metallic particles (Iron and Aluminum) under high-T conditions, with applications for more efficient energy release.
  - Developed two advanced CFD solvers in OpenFOAM Eulerian and Lagrangian frameworks to model the transient multiphase heat and mass transfer under extreme conditions.
  - Collaborated closely with the experimental teams, using optical diagnostic techniques to validate models and enhance the understanding of metallic particle combustion behavior under extreme conditions.

## Finisar Corp. (Now Coherent Corp.)

2019 Dec. Thermal Engineer, R&D.

- −2020 Dec. Conducted CFD simulations with Flotherm to optimize thermal-fluid performance of high-speed optical transceivers, ensuring reliability under diverse conditions.
  - Designed and performed wind-tunnel tests to validate and update models.
  - o Developed a standardized database and test manual for Thermal Interface Materials (TIMs) to improve prediction accuracy and streamline workflows.

#### **GE** Aerospace

#### 2018 Jul. Summer Intern, Edison Engineering Development Program.

- -Aug. Ocntributed to aircraft tube redesign projects, integrating thermal and mechanical analysis to enhance performance and reduce costs.
  - Received training in proposing design modifications, and gained exposure to cross-disciplinary collaboration across thermal, structural, and manufacturing teams in aerospace component design.

## Shanghai Jiao Tong University

2016 Dec. Research assistant.

- -2019 Jun. O Designed and performed controlled high-T and high-P experiments in shock tube and rapid compression machine to study the ignition behavior of transportation fuels.
  - o Conducted 0-D and 1-D simulations with CHEMKIN PRO and MATLAB to capture the transient evolution of temperature and composition which was not measured in experiments.
  - Performed parameterized studies in both simulation and experiments to assess how variations in environmental conditions (pressure, composition, and temperature) will impact system performance.
  - Developed a MATLAB-based mechanism reduction program implementing Directed Relation Graph (DRG) and DRG with Error Propagation (DRGEP) algorithms to simplify and accelerate ignition simulations. simulations.

## Cummins Fuel Systems (Wuhan)

#### 2015 Feb. Summer Intern, Product Engineering.

- Assisted in product quality inspection of high-precision fuel injectors and pumps. Gained practical exposure to fuel injection system components.
- Completed Six Sigma training for quality control and process improvement.

## Education

2021–2025: PhD, Department of Physics, Lund University (LUND), Lund, Sweden.

Advisor: Prof. Elna Heimdal Nilsson, Prof. Xue-Song Bai

metal combustion, multiphase physics, thermal analysis, reaction kinetics, computational fluid dynamics (CFD), numerical simulation

2016–2019: Master of Engineering, School of Mechanical Engineering, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

(SJTU), Shanghai, China.

Advisor: Prof. Xingcai Lu

experiments and modeling of reactive flow systems, mechanism reduction, data analysis

GPA: 3.84/4, top 5%

2012–2016: Bachelor of Engineering, New Energy Science & Technology, Huazhong University of

Science & Technology (HUST), Wuhan, China.

Advisor: Prof. Xiaobei Cheng

thermodynamics, heat transfer, fluid mechanics, renewable energy systems (solar, wind, biomass, hydrogen,

fuel cells)

GPA: 91.09/100, top 5%

#### **Technical Skills**

System & Component Simulation: Flotherm, ANSYS Fluent, OpenFOAM

Design: AutoCAD / Inventor, ProE

**Experiments:** climatic chamber, thermal conductivity measurements

Programming & Automation: C++, MATLAB, Python, SIMULINK (simulation workflows &

data analysis)

Multiphysics Modeling: Cantera, CHEMKIN, Matlab-based solvers

# **Teaching Assistantship**

Fall, 2021–24 Quantum physics lab of Introduction to University Physics

Spring, 22-24

Fall, 2023 Spectroscopy lab for Atomic and Molecular Physics

Spring, 2023 Vibration lab for Energy and Environmental Physics

## Honors & Awards

- 2025 Travel grant from the Styrelsen vid Lunds Tekniska Högskola (SLTH).
- 2024 PhD student grant from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- 2024 Travel grant from the **ÅForsk Foundation**.
- 2023 PhD student grant from the **Royal Physiographic Society of Lund**.
- 2021 Awarded the Best Popular Science Article in Communicating Science LTH.
- 2018/2017 Zeyuan Scholarship, Don You Shuqi Scholarship in SJTU.
  - 2016 Outstanding Graduation Thesis of Hubei Province.
- 2013/2014 National Scholarship.

# Conferences and Workshops

- 2025 Poster presentation in the 12th European Combustion Meeting, 2025, UK: Numerical quantification of aluminum mass fraction profile around a steadily burning aluminum droplet with different gas-phase kinetics.
- 2025 3rd Metal-enabled Cycle of Renewable Energy (MECRE) Conference, Switzerland.
- 2024 Oral presentation in the 40th International Symposium, Italy: Detailed numerical simulation and experiments of a steadily burning micron-sized aluminum droplet in hot steam-dominated flows.
- 2024 Poster presentation in the 2nd Metal-enabled Cycle of Renewable Energy (MECRE) Conference, Germany: A five-stage combustion model for single micron-sized iron particles.
- 2023 Poster presentation in the 11th European Combustion Meeting, France: Modeling of single micron-sized aluminum particle burning in steam incorporating gas and surface reactions.

- 2023 15th International Conference on Combustion Technologies for a Clean Environment, Portugal.
- 2022 Poster presentation in the 1st Metal-enabled Cycle of Renewable Energy (MECRE) Conference, Netherlands / Poster presentation in the 39th International Symposium on Combustion, Canada: A five-stage combustion model for single micron-sized iron particles.
- 2018 1st Clean Combustion Winter School King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia.

## **Selected Publications**

- 10 Yue Qiu, Xue-Song Bai, and Elna JK Nilsson. An updated kinetic mechanism for aluminum gasphase combustion in oxygen and steam environments. *Energy Conversion and Management:* X. accepted, 2025.
- 9 **Yue Qiu**, Xue-Song Bai, and Elna JK Nilsson. A comprehensive review of aluminum gasphase combustion kinetics in oxygen and steam environments. *Applications in Energy and Combustion Science*. to be submitted, 2025.
- 8 **Yue Qiu**. Modeling of Metal Particle Combustion: Detailed Numerical Studies of Micron-sized Iron and Aluminum Particles. Doctoral thesis (compilation), Combustion Physics, Lund University, 2025.
- 7 Can Ruan, Zhiyong Wu, **Yue Qiu**, Edouard Berrocal, Marcus Aldén, Xue-Song Bai, and Zhongshan Li. Quantitative measurement of aluminum atom number density around a burning micron-sized aluminum droplet using spatially resolved laser absorption spectroscopy. *Combustion and Flame*, volume 279, page 114297, 2025.
- 6 Shijie Xu, **Yue Qiu**, Leilei Xu, Jianqing Huang, Shen Li, Elna JK Nilsson, Zhongshan Li, Weiwei Cai, Marcus Aldén, and Xue-Song Bai. Phase change and combustion of iron particles in premixed CH4/O2/N2 flames. *Combustion and Flame*, volume 259, page 113171, 2024.
- Yue Qiu, Sheng Feng, Zhiyong Wu, Shijie Xu, Can Ruan, Xue-Song Bai, Elna JK Nilsson, Marcus Aldén, and Zhongshan Li. Detailed numerical simulation and experiments of a steadily burning micron-sized aluminum droplet in hot steam-dominated flows. *Proceedings of the Combustion Institute*, volume 40, page 105717, 2024.
- 4 Sheng Feng, **Yue Qiu**, Shijie Xu, Zhiyong Wu, Can Ruan, Roth Adrian, Elna J. K. Nilsson, Edouard Berrocal, Zhongshan Li, Marcus Aldén, and Xue-Song Bai. Modeling of micron-sized aluminum particle combustion in hot gas flow. *Fuel*, volume 369, page 131718, 2024.
- 3 **Yue Qiu**, Wei Zhou, Yuan Feng, Sixu Wang, Liang Yu, Zhiyong Wu, Yebing Mao, Yong Qian, and Xingcai Lu. An experimental and modeling study of autoignition characteristics of butanol/diesel blends over wide temperature ranges. *Combustion and Flame*, volume 217, pages 175–187, 2020.
- 2 Liang Yu, Yue Qiu, Yebing Mao, Sixu Wang, Can Ruan, Wencao Tao, Yong Qian, and Xingcai Lu. A study on the low-to-intermediate temperature ignition delays of long chain branched paraffin: Iso-cetane. *Proceedings of the Combustion Institute*, volume 37, pages 631–638, 2019.
- 1 **Yue Qiu**, Liang Yu, Leilei Xu, Yebing Mao, and Xingcai Lu. Workbench for the reduction of detailed chemical kinetic mechanisms based on directed relation graph and its deduced methods: Methodology and n-cetane as an example. *Energy & Fuels*, volume 32, pages 7169–7178, 2018.