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EDUCATION AND HONORS

Rice University, Houston, TX

Ph.D. in Mathematics (Advisor: Dr. Mike Wolf, GPA 3.96)

May 2016

May 2012

Dissertation Title: "Handle crushing harmonic maps between surfaces"

M.A. in Mathematics (GPA: 4.04) University of California, Davis, Davis, CA

B.S. in Mathematics with Departmental Citation (Major GPA: 3.85)

(Major GPA: 3.85) May 2010

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary

Dec 2009

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming languages: C++, C, Python

Software: Trilinos, Git, MATLAB, Mathematica, CUBIT, ParaView, LATEX, OpenCV, scikit-learn

Professional Experience

Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

Jan 2019 - present

Senior Member of the Technical Staff, Computer Science

Code developer for two MPI-parallel and GPU supported C++ physics simulation codes, for semiconductor physics and electromagnetcs. Main work and research focus on numerical formulations, solver acceleration and stability, and physics implementation. On-going work include:

- Acceleration of frequency-domain analysis in semiconductor physics simulation code, Charon (project homepage: https://charon.sandia.gov).
- Multi-physics coupling of some of Sandia's simulation codes, including Xyce.
- Electromagnetics simulation code solver acceleration for high-performance computing platforms.

Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

Jul 2016 - Jan 2019

Postdoctoral appointment (within Sandia's semiconductor device modelling team)

Designed and implemented (in C++) a frequency-domain analysis method in Sandia's semiconductor device physics simulation code, Charon. Required extensive communication and cooperation with other developers to minimize disruption while extending code capability.

Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

May 2015 - Jun 2016

Graduate student intern, mentor: Xujiao (Suzey) Gao

Compared and analyzed numerical stabilization schemes for finite element and control volume methods for the simulation of coupled transient drift-diffusion equations modelling semiconductor physics. Implemented these stabilization schemes in Sandia's TCAD program, Charon (in C++).

RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

Modeling of harmonic maps between surfaces

Mar 2012 - Jun 2016

Implementation of finite element methods in Matlab, and porting to Python with C libraries for optimization. Analyzed a transient semi-linear elliptic PDE. Obtained for examples considered in thesis.

Developed a Windows 8.1 phone app: "KnowYoNotes"

Feb 01, 2015

GitHub repo avilable at: https://github.com/andy-c-huang/KnowYoNotes

Developed the interface for a sheet music reading learning app. Written in C#, involving event driven programming. Further development ongoing. Created for Rice's 2015 24 hour hackathon, HackRice.

Travelling wave phenomena: Wave reflection in excitable media

Sept 2008 - Jun 2009

Investigated wave reflection phenomena in modified, coupled Fitzhugh-Nagumo equations. Explored existence and stability of anti-phase behavior in periodic solutions - interpreted biologically as a cause for cardiac arrhythmia. McNair Scholars Program funded. Advisor: Dr. Timothy Lewis (UC Davis).

Spread of Avian Influenza Across Heterogeneous Farmscapes

Sept 2007 - Sept 2008

Modeled spread of the H5N1 virus on farm networks of varying spatial heterogeneity using coupled, stochastic compartment models. Analyzed effect of heterogeneity on potential for a large outbreak. Presented to panel of poultry industry leaders, including Foster's Farms. UC Davis and NSF funded.

GRANTS AND
Awards

1. SIAM Science Policy Fellowship

Jan 2019 - Dec 2020

2. GEAR Graduate Internship award to work with Dr. Domingo Toledo at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah

3. GEAR short-term visit award

Jun 2015

Mar 2016

to work with Dr. Bill Goldman at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley, CA

4. National Association of Math Circles Exchange grant

2014

5. National Association of Math Circles Seed grant

2013

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. An Isofrequency Remapping Scheme for Harmonic Balance Methods SIAM Conf. on Computational Science and Engineering in Spokane, WA

Feb. 26, 2019

 Analytic band-to-trap tunneling model including band offset for heterojunction devices Xujiao Gao, Bert Kerr, and Andy Huang In: Journal of Applied Physics 125, 054503 (2019) https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5078685

3. *Non-degenerate harmonic balance via isofrequency remapping* (in preparation)

4. *Developing a harmonic balance method for Charon* Trilinos Users Group meeting in Albuquerque, NM

Oct. 24, 2018

A versatile harmonic balance method in a parallel framework
 A. Huang, X. Gao, R. Pawlowski, J. Gates, L. Musson, G. Hennigan, M. Negoita
 International Conference on Simulation of Semiconductor Processing and Devices (SISPAD)
 http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/SISPAD.2018.8551620

- 6. A harmonic balance method for PDEs (SAND2016-12293)
- 7. Development of harmonic balance capability for Charon (SAND2018-3623)
- 8. Efficient band-to-trap tunneling model including heterojuntion band offset Xujiao Gao, Andy Huang, and Bert Kerr In: ECS Transactions, vol. 80, pp. 10051015, 2017.
- Harmonic maps of punctured surfaces to the hyperbolic plane
 In: Communications in Analysis and Geometry (to appear)
 Preprint available at http://arxiv.org/abs/1605.07715
- 10. *Using geometric maximum principles to harmonically crush handles* **Sep 10, 2016** GEAR Workshop: Analytic Aspects of Higher Teichmüller Theory at Rutgers University, Newark

11. *Handle crushing harmonic maps between surfaces*Max Dehn Seminar at the University of Utah, Math Department

Mar 30, 2016

12. On harmonic maps between non-compact surfaces of different genera

Nov 15, 2015

AMS Special Session (at Rutgers Univ.): Aspects of Minimal Surfaces in Riemannian Manifolds

13. Implementation of different stabilization schemes in Charon using Trilinos/Panzer X. Gao, A. Huang, K. Peterson, G. Hennigan, L. Musson, and P. Bochev Presented by X. Gao at the Trilinos User Group meeting Albuquerque, NM

Professional Development

Enthought's Machine Learning Mastery Workshop (May 21-23 2018)

Kokkos tutorial (Dec. 5, 2017)

Enthought's Python for Scientists and Engineers (Sept. 11-15, 2017)

Introduction to CUBIT (Nov. 15, 2016)

ParaView (Aug. 3-5, 2016)

Oct. 27, 2015

Conferences

Trilinos User-Developer Group meeting in Albuquerque, NM (Oct 23-25, 2018)

Intl. Conf. on Simulation of Semiconductor Processing and Devices in Austin, TX (Sept. 24-26, 2018)

IEEE Intl. Symp. on Antennas and Propagation APS/USRI in Boston, MA (Jul 8-13, 2018)

Trilinos User-Developer Group meeting in Albuquerque, NM (Oct. 23-25, 2017)

SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering in Atlanta, GA (Feb 27 - Mar 3, 2017)

LEADERSHIP

Head Mechanic at Rice Bikes

Jul 2013 - May 2016

Oversaw student-run bike shop mechanic training at Rice University. Organized bike builds for the rental bike fleet, using it as a training platform for team of 10. Coordinated monthly, themed bike rides for Rice students to safely tour areas of Houston. Re-structured mechanics operations for efficiency.

Rice Math Circle co-organizer

Aug 2012 - May 2014

Coordinated and designed 3-hour, bi-weekly sessions run by graduate students exploring math topics through problems, puzzles, and games. Middle- and high-school student audience. Topics included: graph theory, discrete probability, combinatorics, game theory, minimal surfaces, programming.

Instructor (at Rice University)

Ordinary Differential Equations (Math 211), Calculus II (Math 102)

Spring 2013, Summer 2012

Teaching Assistant

Sept 2010 - May 2016

Conducted office hours, led weekly discussions, and graded homework. *Courses:* Single and multivariable calculus, Ordinary and partial differential equations, Riemannian geometry, Real Analysis

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Math Counts volunteer

Feb 10, 2018

scored exams from Math COUNTS competition at Albuquerque Academy

Community Involvement brainstorm

Dec 12, 2016

Participated in a discussion lead by Tineca Quintana (org 3652)

"Changing the Equation" Career Spotlight interview

Dec 6, 2016

used in Explora math kits designed for after school activities, put together by Amy Tapia (org 3652)

Mars Bus Experience volunteer

Oct 27, 2016

at Van Buren Middle School, organized by Tineca Quintana (org 3652)

Invited presenter: "How to be efficient (in some sense)"

Mar 14, 2015

as part of a Pi Day celebration at NASA's Space Center Houston

Minimal surfaces and soap films demonstration

Nov 4, 2012

as part of the Weiss School of Natural Sciences alumni open house at Rice University