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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	<i>January 2017 - August 2021</i>
Ph. D in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics	GPA: 4.0/4.0
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	<i>August 2014 - December 2016</i>
M. S in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics	GPA: 3.88/4.0
Seoul National University	<i>March 2008 - February 2014</i>
B. S. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (Summa cum laude)	GPA: 3.96/4.3

RESEARCH

- **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory** *April 2024 - Present*
Computational Scientist *Livermore, CA*
- **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory** *January 2023 - March 2024*
Postdoctoral Staff Member *Livermore, CA*
 - Developed a scalable reduced order model with discontinuous Galerkin domain decomposition
 - Orchestrated the development of `pylibROM`, python interface for the library of reduced order modeling
 - Advised and mentored three student interns (Ping-Hsuan Tsai, Seung-Won Suh, Axel Larsson)
- **University of Texas at Austin** *September 2021 - December 2022*
Postdoctoral Fellow (with Prof. R. Moser, Prof. L. Raja, Dr. T. Oliver) *Austin, TX*
 - Uncertainty quantification of electron-argon collision cross sections via Bayesian inference
 - Physics-based reduced-modeling of inductively-coupled argon plasma torch
 - Developed a discontinuous-Galerkin HPC solver for large-scale non-equilibrium plasma simulations
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** *January 2015 - August 2021*
Graduate Researcher (with Prof. Jonathan Freund) *Urbana, IL*
 - Developed multi-point penalty-based optimization framework for chaotic turbulent flows.
 - Implemented and validated turbulence statistics and sound radiation of a compressible Mach-1.3 jet.
- **Sandia National Laboratories** *January 2017 - May 2017*
Student Intern (with Dr. Stephen D. Bond, Dr. Eric C. Cyr) *Albuquerque, NM*
 - Developed a novel regular gradient computing method for chaotic particle plasma simulations.
 - Demonstrated gradient computation for Debye shielding response and sheath edge formation.

SKILLS

Computer Languages	Python, C++, MATLAB, Fortran, pybind11
Parallel Programming	MPI
Simulation Libraries	MFEM , libROM , Gmsh
Scripting	Python, Bash, Flux
Version Control	Git, Docker
Documentation	LATEX , Vi/Vim, Mendeley
Visualization and I/O	PLOT3D, HDF5, Paraview
Presentation	Beamer, Keynote, Adobe Illustrator/Premiere

PUBLICATIONS

- S. W. Chung**, C. Miller, Y. Choi, P. Tranquilli, H. K. Springer & K. Sullivan, “Latent Space Dynamics Identification for Interface Tracking with Application to Shock-Induced Pore Collapse,” *arXiv preprint*, arXiv:2507.10647, (2025).
- W. Anderson, **S. W. Chung**, & Y. Choi, “mLaSDI: Multi-stage latent space dynamics identification,” *arXiv preprint*, arXiv:2506.09207, (2025).
- Y. Choi *et al.* (**S. W. Chung**) “Defining Foundation Models for Computational Science: A Call for Clarity and Rigor,” *arXiv preprint*, arXiv:2505.22904, (2025).
- S. W. Chung**, T. A. Oliver, L. Raja & R. D. Moser, “Characterization of uncertainties in electron-argon collision cross sections,” *Plasma Sources Science and Technology*, (2025).
- N. A. Petersson, S. Günther & **S. W. Chung**, “A time-parallel multiple-shooting method for large-scale quantum optimal control,” *Journal of Computational Physics* (2025) 113712.
- T. Moore, A. A. Wong, B. Giera *et al.* (**S. W. Chung**) “Accelerating climate technologies through the science of scale-up,” *Nature Chemical Engineering* (2024).
- S. W. Cheung, Y. Choi, **S. W. Chung**, J.-L. Fattebert, C. Kendrick, & D. Osei-Kuffuor, “Theory and numerics of subspace approximation of eigenvalue problems,” *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, 511, (2026) 129722.
- I. Zanardi, A. N. Diaz, S. W. Chung, M. Panesi, & Y. Choi, “Scalable nonlinear manifold reduced order model for dynamical systems,” *arXiv preprint*, arXiv:2412.00507, (2024)
- S. W. Chung**, Y. Choi, P. Roy, T. Roy, T. Lin, D. T. Nguyen, C. Hahn, E. B. Duoss & S. E. Baker “Scaled-up prediction of steady Navier-Stokes equation with component reduced order modeling,” *arXiv preprint*, arXiv:2410.21534, (2024).
- S. W. Chung**, Y. Choi, P. Roy, T. Roy, T. Lin, D. T. Nguyen, C. Hahn, E. B. Duoss & S. E. Baker “Scalable physics-guided data-driven component model reduction for steady Navier-Stokes flow,” *arXiv preprint*, arXiv:2410.21583, (2024).
- D. Chakraborty, **S. W. Chung** & R. Maulik, “Divide And Conquer: Learning Chaotic Dynamical Systems With Multistep Penalty Neural Ordinary Differential Equations,” *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, (2024).
- S. W. Chung**, Y. Choi, P. Roy, T. Moore, T. Roy, T. Lin, D. T. Nguyen, C. Hahn, E. B. Duoss & S. E. Baker, “Train small, model big: scalable physics simulators via reduced order modeling and domain decomposition,” *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, **427**, (2024).
- S. W. Chung** & J. B. Freund, “An optimization method for chaotic turbulent flows,” *Journal of Computational Physics*, **457**, (2022).
- S. W. Chung**, S. D. Bond, E. C. Cyr, & J. B. Freund, “Regular sensitivity computation avoiding chaotic effects in particle-in-cell plasma methods,” *Journal of Computational Physics*, **400** (2020).

CONFERENCE TALKS

- S. W. Chung**, Y. Choi, P. Tranquilli, C. Miller, H. K. Springer & K. Sullivan, “Bayesian Parametric Latent Dynamics Modeling of Shock-Induced Pore Collapse Process,” *International Annual Conference of the Fraunhofer ICT* (2025).
- S. W. Chung**, Y. Choi, P. Tranquilli, C. Miller, H. K. Springer & K. Sullivan, “Gaussian-Process-Based Parametric Latent Dynamics Modeling of Shock-Induced Pore Collapse Process,” *SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering* (2025).

S. W. Chung, Y. Choi, P. Roy, T. Roy, T. Moore, T. Lin & S. E. Baker, “Scalable physics-guided data-driven component model reduction for steady Navier-Stokes flow,” *NeurIPS 2024 Workshop on the Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences* (2024).

I. Zanardi, A. N. Diaz, S. W. Chung, M. Panesi, & Y. Choi, “Scalable nonlinear manifold reduced order model for dynamical systems,” *NeurIPS 2024 Workshop on the Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences* (2024).

D. Chakraborty, **S. W. Chung** & R. Maulik, “Divide and Conquer: Improved Training of Neural Ordinary Differential Equations Through Time-domain Splitting,” *SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science* (2024).

S. W. Suh, **S. W. Chung** & Y. Choi, “On-the-fly Dynamic Mode Decomposition,” *16th World Congress on Computational Mechanics and 4th Pan American Congress on Computational Mechanics* (2024).

D. Chakraborty, **S. W. Chung** & R. Maulik, “Divide and Conquer: Improved Training of Neural Ordinary Differential Equations Through Time-domain Splitting,” *16th World Congress on Computational Mechanics and 4th Pan American Congress on Computational Mechanics* (2024).

S. W. Chung, Y. Choi, P. Roy, T. Roy, T. Moore, T. Lin & S. E. Baker, “Train Small, Model Big: Scalable Robust Physics Simulator via Reduced Order Modeling and Domain Decomposition,” *16th World Congress on Computational Mechanics and 4th Pan American Congress on Computational Mechanics* (2024).

S. W. Chung, Y. Choi, P. Roy, T. Roy, T. Moore, T. Lin & S. E. Baker, “Scalable physics-guided data-driven component model reduction for Stokes flow,” *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on the Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences* (2023).

P.-H. Tsai, **S. W. Chung**, D. Ghosh, J. Loffeld, Y. Choi & J. L. Belof, “Accelerating Kinetic Simulations of Electrostatic Plasmas with Reduced-Order Modeling,” *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on the Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences* (2023).

S. W. Suh, **S. W. Chung**, T. Bremer & Y. Choi, “Accelerating Flow Simulations using Online Dynamic Mode Decomposition,” *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on the Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences* (2023).

S. W. Chung & J. B. Freund. ”Finding an optimal flow control with multi-point penalty method,” *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, **67** (2022).

S. W. Chung, T. A. Oliver, L. L. Raja & R. D. Moser, “Characterization of uncertainties in electron-argon collision cross sections under statistical principles,” *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, **67** (2022).

S. W. Chung & J. B. Freund. ”Multi-point penalty-based optimization for optimal control of chaotic turbulent flow,” *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, **66** (2021).

S. W. Chung & J. B. Freund, “Multi-point augmented Lagrangian optimization for chaotic flows,” *SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering*, (2021).

S. W. Chung & J. B. Freund. ”Multi-point augmented Lagrangian optimization for chaotic flows,” *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, **65** (2020).

S. W. Chung & J. B. Freund, “Adjoint-based analysis of controllability of turbulent jet noise,” *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, **64** (2019).

S. W. Chung, S. D. Bond, E. C. Cyr, & J. B. Freund, “Regular sensitivity computation avoiding chaotic effects in particle-in-cell plasma methods,” *International Conference on Numerical Simulation of Plasmas*, (2019).

S. W. Chung, S. D. Bond, E. C. Cyr, & J. B. Freund, “Sensitivity analysis in particle-in-cell methods,” *SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering*, (2019).

S. W. Chung, R. Vishnampet, D. Bodony, & J. B. Freund, “Adjoint-based sensitivity of jet noise to near-nozzle forcing,” *Bulletin of the American Physical Society*, **62** (2017).

INVITED TALKS

S. W. Chung, “Overview of data-driven finite element method and its pathway toward foundation model in computational science,” *Interdisciplinary Scientific Computing Laboratory Seminar*, Pennsylvania State University, (2025).

S. W. Chung, “Data-driven discontinuous Galerkin FEM via Reduced Order Modeling and Domain Decomposition,” *FEM@LLNL Seminar*, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, (2024).

J. B. Freund & **S. W. Chung**, “Sensitivity and Optimization within simulations of chaotic flow system,” Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, (2021).

S. W. Chung, “Sensitivity Calculation and Gradient-based Optimization for Chaotic Dynamical Systems,” *Fluid Mechanics Seminar*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (2020).

S. W. Chung, “Sensitivity Analysis in Particle-in-cell methods,” Sandia National Laboratories, (2017).

JOURNAL REFEREE

Journal of Fluid Mechanics (2022-present)

Physics of Fluids (2025-present)

RESEARCH TOOLS DEVELOPED

◦ **scaleupROM: Scalable Physics-guided Reduced Order Model**

<https://github.com/LLNL/scaleupROM>

- A data-driven discontinuous Galerkin FEM for general PDE systems based upon **MFEM** and **libROM**
- Developed and demonstrated the framework for various physics

◦ **pylibROM: python interface for libROM**

<https://github.com/LLNL/pylibROM>

- Implemented efficient python interface for **libROM** classes
- Demonstrated examples of DMD and projection-based ROM for various physics systems

◦ **libROM: Library for Reduced Order Models**

<https://www.librom.net/>

- Implemented and maintained Docker container and CI workflow

◦ **TPS: Torch Plasma Simulator**

with M. Bolinches, T. Oliver, K. Schulz, R. Moser

<https://github.com/pecos/tps>

- A discontinuous-Galerkin multi-physics application to support a plasma torch prediction, implemented upon a gpu-enabled finite-element library (**MFEM**)
- Formulated and implemented a two-temperature non-equilibrium reacting flow solver

◦ **magudi: Dual-consistent, Discrete-exact Adjoint solver for Compressible Flows**

with R. Vishnampet, J. B. Freund

<https://github.com/dreamer2368/magudi>

- A Fortran-based compressible flow solver, equipped with discrete-exact adjoint-based gradient.
- Incorporated a Python-based framework for multi-point penalty-based optimization capability.

- **torch1d**: one-dimensional reduced-model for inductively-coupled plasma torch
with T. Oliver, R. Moser <https://github.com/pecos/torch1d>
 · A Python-based finite-difference solver for a one-dimensional reduced torch model
 · Supports low-Mach limit formulation for two-temperature non-equilibrium plasma
- **adjoint playground**: Adjoint, penalty-based optimization for chaotic flow controls
with J. B. Freund *Available upon request*
 · A MATLAB-based penalty-based optimization framework for various chaotic dynamical systems.
 · Provides a discrete-exact adjoint gradient for semi-implicit Runge-Kutta 4th-order time integrator.
- **PASS**: Particle Adjoint Sensitivity Sandbox
with J. B. Freund <https://github.com/dreamer2368/PASS>
 · A Fortran-based 1D Particle-in-Cell code for plasma kinetics, with adjoint gradient capability

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Jeong-Song Fellowship <i>Jeong-Song Cultural Foundation, Korea</i>	2014 - 2016 \$110,000
Honor Graduation Award <i>Seoul National University</i>	2014 Ranked 5 of 139 (summa cum laude)
Presidential Science Fellowship <i>M. B. Lee, the President of Republic of Korea</i>	2008 - 2014 \$40,000

TEACHING

- **TAM 210/211: Statics**
Teaching Assistant Spring 2020
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 · Ranked as Excellent in the list of Spring 2020 semester.
 · Conducted discussion sessions (1 time/wk) for 27 students.
 · Prepared in-depth solution procedures.
 · Provided extended office hours: 6 hrs/wk

GRADUATE COURSES

Fluid Mechanics	Computational Methods	Applied Mechanics
Inviscid Flow	Computational Mechanics	Control System Theory & Design
Viscous Flow	Uncertainty Quantification	Solid Mechanics I
Instability and Transition	Asymptotic Method	Combustion Fundamentals
Turbulence	Mathematical Methods II	Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics & Rheology