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Professional Positions

Oct. 24-Now Postdoctoral Fellow in Computational Multiphysics, University of Oxford.

- *Projects*:
 - 1. Commercialisation of machine-learning-accelerated platform for modelling aerochemical-catalytic interactions in novel turbomachinery environments.
 - 2. Collaboration: Computational multiphysics modelling of multiscale nanomembrane transport phenomena within CO_2 capture systems.
 - 3. *Collaboration:* Automating engineering simulation & design using multi-agent large language model systems.

Education and Research

2020–2024 PhD in Engineering Science (Scholarship), University of Oxford Thermofluids.

- Overall: Contributed to the aerothermal design, computational modelling and tool development for a new class of supersonic turbomachines to decarbonise over 40 high-temperature industrial processes.
- *Part* (A):
 - 1. Developed multi-fidelity machine-learning-assisted platform to accelerate multiphysics reacting flow modelling within industry-standard fluid solvers.
 - 2. Implemented and executed *chemical-reaction-guided* turbomachinery design optimisation for the first time.
- Part (B):
 - 1. Investigated the uniquely complex aerothermochemical flow interactions and heat transfer using high-fidelity simulations.
 - 2. Developed fully-featured multi-zone unstructured computational fluid dynamics solver for CPU & GPU backends.

2016–2020 MEng in Engineering Science, First Class (>80%), University of Oxford.

- Final Year Thesis: first numerical work to understand the working principles of a new class of supersonic turbomachines to decarbonise high-temperature industry.
- o *Achievements*: top mark in cohort for $4^{\rm th}$ year project (93%) and scored >80% overall.

- o 3rd-year Advanced Courses: Fluid Mechanics (Turbulence, Compressible Flow & Turbomachinery), Software Engineering, Information Engineering Systems, Electronic Devices, and Circuits & Communications.
- o 4th-year Advanced Courses: Aerothermal Engineering, Electrochemical Energy Technology, Hydraulics, Sustainable Energy, Machine Learning, Microelectronics.

2008–2016 **A-Levels**, *A*A*A*, **GCSEs** *8A*s*, *4As*.

Awards and Achievements

- 2024 ASME J. Davis Best Paper Award, International Gas Turbine Institute.
- 2024 Letter of commendation for PhD thesis, Oxford Engineering Dept.
- 2024-Now Drapers Junior Research Fellowship, St Anne's College (Oxford).
- 2024-Now Awarded competitive IAA Doctoral Impact Prize, University of Oxford.
- 2023–2025 Awarded 20k computing research grant, UKRI ARCHER2 HPC access.
 - 2023 **Best Paper Award**, Journal of Global Power & Propulsion Society.
- 2020–2024 **Doctoral Scholarship**, *UKRI DTP EPSRC*.
 - 2020 Prestigious IMechE Project Award, Institution of Mechanical Engineers.
 - 2020 Top mark in 4th year MEng project (93%), Oxford Engineering Dept.
- 2018–2020 Academic prize awards, Oriel College, University of Oxford.

Industry Experience

- Autumn 2024 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan, 2 Month Placement.
 - Predicting high-temperature corrosion in ammonia-fired boilers through coupled chemical thermodynamics, combustion & surface reaction modelling.
 - 2019–2024 Coolbrook Oy, Finland, Collaborator.
 - Collaborated on designing, modelling and developing tools for complex aerothermochemical flows within a new class of high-speed turbomachines for gas heating.
- Summer 2017 **GNL Quintero**, *Chile*, Intern.
 - o Investigated failures in liquefied natural gas piping systems.

Research Experience and Teaching

- Summer 2019 Research Intern, Oxford Thermofluids Institute.
 - MPI parallelisation of our in-house computational fluid dynamics solver.
- Summer 2018 Research Intern, Oxford Thermofluids Institute.
 - Design of instrumentation systems within a new wind tunnel.

University Teaching

- Winter 2025 Teaching 2nd year engineering mathematics and thermofluids.
- Winter 2025 Teaching 2nd year heat transfer lab.

PhD Student Supervision

2023-Present Accelerating multiscale numerical modelling 2024-Present Advanced compact heat exchanger design

Publications and Talks

2020–2024 **Publications**, 7 journal publications (dylanrubini.github.io).

2020–2024 **Talks**, 7 talks at conferences, universities & industry.

Technical Skills

Languages 1 Expert: Python, Fortran, Matlab, MPI programming, Domain Specific Languages (2012) Shall assisting MT-X

guages (e.g., OP2), Shell scripting, LATEX

Languages 2 Familiar: C/C++, Cuda, OpenMP programming

ML libraries TENSORFLOW, PYMOO (optimisation), agentic LLM libs (e.g., LANGCHAIN)

Software

Fluids Ansys (multiphysics), BoxerMesh (meshing), ICEM (meshing), in-house code TBLOCK (CFD), Lattice Boltzmann OPENLB (CFD), SolidWorks CAD, Par-AVIEW (post-processing)

Chemistry RMG-PY (generating micro-kinetic models), CANTERA (solving kinetics)

General Git, Visual Studio Code, Sublime Text, CorelDraw, Inkscape, Overleaf

HPC Facilities ARCHER2, Advanced Research Computing Facility (Oxford)

OS Linux (Ubuntu & CentOS), macOS, Windows

Certified Courses

OPENLB Developed custom lattice Boltzmann PDE solvers

Referees

Available upon request