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## EDUCATION

### Cornell University

M.S. in Mechanical Engineering

THESIS: TBD

ITHACA, NY

Sep. 2021 – June 2023

ADVISOR: Jingjie Yeo

### Shanghai University

B.S. in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (*Outstanding Graduate of Shanghai*)

THESIS: *Predicting microbubble system dynamics with physics-informed deep learning*

SHANGHAI, CHINA

Sep. 2017 – June 2021

ADVISOR: Guohui Hu

## HONORS & AWARDS

### Outstanding Graduate of Shanghai

Shanghai Ministry of Education

May, 2021

[\[Name List\]](#)

### Second Class Award

The 3rd Undergraduate Academic Forum of Shanghai University

Dec., 2020

[\[School News\]](#)

### Outstanding Student Nomination

Shanghai University

Dec., 2020

[\[Name List\]](#)

### Top Class Academic Scholarship

School of Mechanics and Engineering Science, Shanghai University

Nov., 2020

[\[Name List\]](#)

### Arts and Sports Scholarship

School of Mechanics and Engineering Science, Shanghai University

Nov., 2020

[\[Name List\]](#)

### Outstanding Undergraduate Course Project

School of Mechanics and Engineering Science, Shanghai University

Dec., 2019

[\[Photos\]](#)

### Athletic Scholarship

Shanghai University American Football Team

Nov., 2018

[\[Name List\]](#)

### Outstanding Student Nomination

Shanghai University

July, 2018

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## EXPERIENCE

### Research Intern

Institute of Mechanics, Chinese Academy of Sciences

BEIJING, CHINA

May 2021 – Present

Supervisor: Xu Zheng

- Topic: Active particles in complex fluids

### Research Assistant

Shanghai Institute of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics

SHANGHAI, CHINA

May 2020 – Present

Supervisor: Guohui Hu

- Course projects: Apply linear regression algorithm to predict concrete strength [1]; decision tree algorithm to predict frigate propulsion velocity [2]; naïve Bayes classification for yacht hydrodynamics velocities [3].
- Designed and carried out bubbly flows numerical simulations with biomedical backgrounds in microscale with COMSOL Multiphysics.
- Initiated and proposed BubbleNet, a novel deep learning framework for inferring bubble dynamics with physics-informed neural networks, and open the project on GitHub [4], prove the effectiveness of BubbleNet [5].

### Scientific Editor Intern

QbitAI

BEIJING, CHINA

Jan. 2021 – Feb. 2021

- Translate research articles assigned by QbitAI instructors from *Nature*, *Science*, *PNAS*, & *Quanta*, *Phys.org*, etc.
- Wrote five scientific reporting articles on programmable meta-materials, gas components of Saturn, NASA mars plan, California earthquake simulation, using deep learning to solve partial differential equations. And assist with sorting out materials with other articles.
- My articles reached 25600+ reads, with 150+ likes, which can be viewed at [1], [2], [3], [4], [5].

## Research Assistant

Shanghai University & University of Washington

SHANGHAI, CHINA

Sep. 2019 – Mar. 2020

Supervisor: Bingbing An, Dongsheng Zhang, Dwayne D. Arola

- Carried out research in Arola Lab on enamel microstructure fracture resistance investigation and found that the band decussation can effectively resist fracture. [[Project Page](#)]
- Writing tech reports and doing presentations directly or remotely with the project principal Dwayne D. Arola from University of Washington.
- Carrying simulations and numerical analysis with Abaqus CAE & MATLAB to analyze the mechanical properties of several bioinspired & biomimic materials, i.e., enamel, nacre, dentin. ([[1](#)], [[2](#)], [[3](#)])

## Student Athlete

China University American Football League

SHANGHAI, CHINA

Nov. 2017 – June 2019

- Played Defensive End & Linebacker at Shanghai University Bombers American football team, won 3rd place twice in 2017 - 2018 & 2018 - 2019 seasons.
- Joined Russell Wilson football training camp as a DB. (July, 2018) [[Media Coverage](#)].

## SELECTED PROJECTS

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### Inferring Bubble Dynamics with Physics-Informed Deep Learning

Independent Researcher

Research project at Shanghai Institute of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics

Sep. 2020 – Present

Supervisor: Guohui Hu

- Carried out several microfluidic numerical simulation of bubbly flow based on the biomedical backgrounds.
- Implemented deep neural network to predict the physics fields (i.e., velocities, pressure, phase.) of the microfluids.
- Proposed a novel deep learning framework inspired by physics-informed neural network to predict bubbly flow and validate that the new framework can predict bubbly flow with higher accuracy.
- The source code can be downloaded through GitHub [[1](#)], and paper can be seen from arXiv [[2](#)].

### Fracture Resistance of Human Enamel Microstructure

Group Member

Research project at Shanghai University

Sep. 2019 – Mar. 2020

Supervisor: Dongsheng Zhang and Dwayne D. Arola

- Polished and etch the enamel specimen and observe enamel microstructure through SEM and took photos.
- Proposed a specific band structure based on the SEM photos for enamel microstructure.
- Verifies that the band structure can resist crack growth through simulations carried out by Abaqus CAE.

### Mechanical Properties of Biomaterials

Independent Researcher

Projects series on solid mechanics

Apr. 2020 – Aug. 2020

Supervisor: Bingbing An

- **Structural design of composite materials with superior mechanical behaviors: lesson from the microstructure of nacre and enamel** [[Report](#)]  
*Course project: CAD Application in Structural Mechanics*  
Designed a specific microstructure that displays higher fracture toughness and stiffness inspired from the microstructures of enamel and nacre.
- **Formulation and application of rate-independent stress update algorithm of hydrostatic pressure: elastoplastic yielding in composite.** [[Report](#)]  
*Course project: Plasticity Theory*  
Construct the constitutive model of fibre reinforced composite through rate-independent stress update algorithm, and estimate the fracture influence on the composite.
- **An investigation of the elastoplastic nature of ITD on the toughness of the dentin microstructure.** [[Report](#)]  
*Shanghai University Summer Research Program*  
Designed a specific microstructure that displays higher fracture toughness and stiffness inspired from the microstructures of enamel and nacre.

### Structural Design of Lightweight Compressive Layers

Team Leader

Course project: Finite Element Method and Its Applications

Sep. 2019 – Dec. 2019

Supervisor: Yicheng Song

- Designed different compression structures inspired from traditional Chinese arch bridge and truss structure.
- Built three models by CAD software and 3D printed them successfully.

- Repeated debugging before added a large metal block plate above the test piece to produce uniform loading, and then carried out loading on the test piece.
- Estimated the results of both experiments and simulations and proposed the best design of compressive interlayer.
- The project is nominated ” *Outstanding Undergraduate Course Project*”. The [poster](#) can be viewed on my page, which were displayed at the school hall.

## Thermal Estimation of Smartphone Chip

Independent Researcher

Course project: *Elastic Mechanics*

Dec. 2019 – Mar. 2020

Supervisor: Junqian Zhang

- Model the smartphone with ANSYS workbench with basic structure of battery and chip.
- Construct mathematical derivation and theoretical analysis of chip under thermal field adopting the theory of plate in multiphysics fields.
- Carried out thermal simulation with ANSYS and compare the results with theoretical results.
- Explain how the chip will change undergoes battery’s thermal influence from both the results.
- The [tech report](#) can be viewed on my page, and I posted a [intro video](#).

## Design of Intelligent Tuning Equipment for Stringed Instruments

Project Principal

National College Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Project, No. 201910280001

Oct. 2019 – Aug. 2020

Supervisor: Kai Li

- Modeled independently the integrated guitar structure, performed string vibration simulation in ANSYS and specified the effect of the guitar resonance cavity on the overall sound quality and the effect of pitch.
- Designed materials and fixtures according to the theoretical model, and settled on fixing the guitar strings by winding welding to minimize the measurement error under tension.
- Recorded accurately the experimental data, including frequency acquisition of recorded sounds with software.
- Instructed teammate with GUI programs and successfully imported data into MATLAB and Origin Pro for spectrum analysis.
- The details can be viewed on the [NCIE](#) website, the [report](#) and [poster](#) is available on my page.

## SOFTWARE

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### BubbleNet

A deep learning package for inferring microbubble dynamics with physics-informed neural networks.

**Environment:** Python, MATLAB, TensorFlow. [\[Website\]](#) · [\[Code\]](#) · [\[Paper\]](#) · [\[Video\]](#)

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## PUBLICATION

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**H. Zhai** and G. Hu\*. (2021) ”Inferring micro-bubble dynamics with physics-informed deep learning”. *arXiv preprint*. [arXiv:2105.07179](#).

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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1. **Computation Methods for Applied Mechanics Problem.** *The 3rd Undergraduate Academic Forum of Shanghai University.* Dec. 30th, 2020. [\[Poster\]](#) [\[Paper\]](#) [\[News\]](#)
2. **A brief introduction of deep learning algorithms applied to mechanics.** *Prof. Zhansheng Guo’s Lab, Shanghai University.* Apr. 20th, 2021. [\[Slides\]](#)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Coding & Programming:** Python, MATLAB & Octave, Mathematica, C++, HTML, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Bash, MPI, TensorFlow, PyTorch.

**Computer Systems:** Ubuntu, macOS, Windows 7 & 10.

**Simulation Softwares:** COMSOL Multiphysics, OpenFOAM, LAMMPS, ANSYS workbench & APDL, Abaqus CAE.

**Knowledge & Theories:** Computational Fluid Dynamics, Fluid & Solid Mechanics (Elasticity & Plasticity), Structural Mechanics, Machine Learning & Deep Learning, etc.

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