

# Hemanth Hariharan

Applying to: PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University



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Program	Institution	%/CGPA	Year of Graduation
MS in Sustainable Design and Construction	Stanford University	4.036/4.3	2024
B. Tech in Civil Engineering	Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai	9.17/10	2020
AISSCE (12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Bala Vidya Mandir, Adyar, Chennai	97.2%	2016

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Carbon Capture and Sequestration

100% Clean, Renewable Energy and Storage for Everything

Convex Optimization \*\*

Global Project Finance

Machine Learning \*

Urban Systems Engineering

Skill Set

Python

MATLAB

Machine Learning

Data Analytics

Systems Modeling

## PROJECTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning for Wind Turbine Output Prediction

*Dr. Andrew Ng*

Sep 23' - ongoing

- Performed **exploratory data analysis** on wind-energy SCADA dataset comprising features including wind speed, direction and energy generated.
- Used an **ensemble machine learning method** comprising linear regression, gradient boosting, and long short-term memory (LSTM) networks to perform time-series forecasting of wind energy.
- Performed **ablation study** to identify feature importance and evaluate model reliability.

Crane Data Analysis

*Dr. Martin Fischer*

Sep 23' - ongoing

- Conducted **data analysis and visualization** of crane data from two building projects in Honolulu.
- Determined production rates and cycle times for key activities and assessed productivities for both projects.
- Proposed recommendations on measures to improve key performance indicators for future projects.

ERCOT Interconnection Queue Analytics

*Intern @ Cypress Creek Renewables*

Jun 23' - Sep 23'

- Carried out data analysis and visualization of publicly available historical data from **ERCOT interconnection queue**.
- Predicting screening and interconnection study times and project outcomes using various **machine learning models**.
- Proposed recommendations based on analysis to assist with early-stage development and green-fielding of solar and storage projects.

<p>24/7 Carbon-Free Charging Project</p> <p><i>Dr. Ram Rajagopal</i></p>	<p>Apr 23' – Jun 23'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applied California's <b>Low Carbon Fuel Standards (LCFS)</b> to calculate potential monetary benefits for Stanford Transportation in both charging and capacity pathways.</li> <li>Application of data analytics to <b>identify trends</b> in charging patterns, electricity costs incurred (energy and demand costs) and grid-related emissions.</li> <li>Overall goal of <b>simultaneously minimizing costs and emissions</b> by solving a <b>large optimization problem</b> for routing and charging.</li> </ul>
<p>Developing a roadmap for a 100% WWS California</p> <p><i>Dr. Mark Jacobson</i></p>	<p>Apr 23' – Jun 23'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantified <b>end-use demand in California</b> and converted to WWS (Wind-Water-Solar) energy.</li> <li>Resource allocation of rooftop and utility-scale solar, onshore, and offshore wind, and existing geothermal and hydroelectric power.</li> <li>Resource sizing (number of devices) and proposal of a <b>final energy mix</b> for California.</li> </ul>
<p>Urban Systems Modelling</p> <p><i>Dr. Rishee Jain</i></p>	<p>Apr 23' – Jun 23'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed literature review and peer review of papers on systems engineering.</li> <li>Developed a <b>systems model</b> to manage growth and pollution of a city. Performed sensitivity analyses and formulated policy interventions to minimize pollution and maximize urban growth.</li> <li>Designed an <b>Urban Systems Sustainability Index (USSI)</b> as a weighted average composite of indices such as Gini Index, Air Quality Index, National Risk Index etc. to perform a holistic assessment of the sustainability of a city.</li> </ul>
<p>Global Infrastructure Policy Research</p> <p><i>Dr. Michael Bennon</i></p>	<p>Apr 23' – ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted in writing sections on the rise of Industrial Policy and World Trade Organization for a paper exploring the failure of the global neoliberal project.</li> <li>Compiled industry-wise statistics of Industrial Policy based on historical instances of government intervention and support.</li> <li>Currently researching import substitution industrialization (ISI) and local content regulations.</li> </ul>
<p>Renewable Energy Financial Modeling</p> <p><i>Dr. Mike Bennon</i></p>	<p>Jan 23' - Mar 23'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Built a <b>financial model</b> of an <b>undersea HVDC cable project</b> to utilize excess renewable energy capacity.</li> <li>Performed <b>sensitivity analyses</b> based on exchange rate, inflation, schedule delays and outages to test resilience of model.</li> <li>Prepared an investment recommendation consisting of targeted shareholding, valuation, and shaped debt to achieve target IRR and ROE.</li> </ul>
<p>Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) comparison</p> <p><i>Dr. Michael Lepech</i></p>	<p>Sep 22' - Dec 22'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted an <b>LCA comparison</b> of a carbon nanotube (CNT) building with US average building.</li> <li>Performed Life Cycle Inventory analysis, Life Cycle Impact Assessment and Life Cycle Cost estimate for both alternatives.</li> <li>Proposed recommendations to enhance the benefits of utilizing CNT as a building material.</li> </ul>
<p>Net-Zero Building Design (Renewable Energy Lab)</p> <p><i>Dr. Gil Masters</i></p>	<p>Sep 22' - Dec 22'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redesigned an existing summer home (Wolfeboro, NH) into an <b>NZE building</b> using passive solar design strategies, rooftop solar and geothermal heat pump.</li> <li>Used an iterative process to optimize R-value of building envelope and minimize shading losses. Achieved <b>NPV of savings of ~\$30k</b> over 20 years.</li> <li>Performed experiments on characterizing solar PV performance, blower door testing, heat recovery ventilators, infiltration, and heat pumps.</li> </ul>

<p>Energy @ Stanford &amp; SLAC</p> <p><i>Precourt Institute of Energy</i></p>	<p>Sep 22'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended summer conference (week-long multidisciplinary session on Energy) and presented <b>solutions for a &lt; 2°C future</b>.</li> <li>• Measures proposed included a combination of carbon taxes, building and industrial energy efficiency, and carbon capture, sequestration, and storage.</li> </ul>
<p>Machine learning to predict masonry spandrel strength <b>(Undergraduate Thesis)</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Arun Menon</i></p>	<p>Aug 19' - Aug 20'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed tool for <b>parametric study</b> of existing masonry strength formulations.</li> <li>• Characterized the <b>lateral resistance</b> of a masonry wall based on geometry, boundary conditions, strength, and stiffness.</li> <li>• Parametric analysis done through <b>non-linear FE modeling</b> on <b>TNO-DIANA</b>.</li> <li>• Formulated predictive equation using <b>Machine Learning</b> toolbox of <b>MATLAB</b>.</li> </ul>
<p>Inelastic Buckling of Concrete Filled Tubes (CFTs)</p> <p><i>Dr. Amit Varma</i></p>	<p>May 19' - July 19'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed a Graphical User Interface (<b>GUI</b>) on MATLAB with a <b>pre-processor</b> and a <b>post-processor</b> for an existing MATLAB code to analyze CFT columns.</li> <li>• <b>Column curves</b> and <b>interaction curves</b> were generated iteratively.</li> <li>• Used <b>higher order interpolation</b> to develop a tool that provides column designs.</li> <li>• Worked on <b>Bowen Lab Floor, Purdue University</b> in setting up test specimen of composite walls.</li> </ul>

EXTRA CURRICULARS - INDIAN PERCUSSION DRUM (TABLA)

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- Completed graduation concert in July 2017 at Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai.
- Two-time winner of the Classical Arts Percussion competition held at IIT Madras in 2016 and 2017.
- Currently conducting online and offline classes for beginner and intermediate students and performing with senior musicians in the Bay Area.

\* Currently doing the course

\*\* Will be taken in the upcoming quarter