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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Civil Engineering @ Northwestern University	Advisor: Gianluca Cusatis	09/2018 – Present
M.S. in Civil Engineering @ University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)		09/2016 – 05/2018
B.S. in Civil Engineering @ China Agricultural University (CAU)		09/2012 – 06/2016

PUBLICATIONS

- **Yin, H.**, Landis, E.N., and Cusatis, G., 2023. **Connector-beam lattice model for wood: from micromorphology simulation to macroscopic behaviors prediction.** *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids, In preparation.*
- **Yin, H.**, Cibelli, A., Brown, S.A., Yang, L., Shen, L., Alnaggar, M., Cusatis, G., and Di Luzio, G., 2023. **Flow lattice model for the simulation of chemistry dependent transport phenomena in cementitious materials.** *European Journal of Environmental and Civil Engineering, In press.*
- Tong, D., Brown, S.A., **Yin, H.**, Corr, D., Landis, E., Di Luzio, G. and Cusatis, G., 2022. **Orthotropic Hygroscopic Behavior of Mass Timber: Theory, Computation, and Experimental Validation.** *Materials and Structures, In press.*
- **Yin, H.** and Cusatis, G., 2023. **RingsPy: A Python package for Voronoi mesh generation of cellular solids with radial growth pattern.** *Journal of Open Source Software, 8(83), p.4945.*
- Eliáš, J., **Yin, H.** and Cusatis, G., 2022. **Homogenization of discrete diffusion models by asymptotic expansion.** *International Journal for Numerical and Analytical Methods in Geomechanics, 46(16), pp.3052-3073.*
- Shen, L., Zhang, H., Di Luzio, G., **Yin, H.**, Yang, L. and Cusatis, G., 2022. **Mesoscopic discrete modeling of multiaxial load-induced thermal strain of concrete at high temperature.** *International Journal of Mechanical Sciences, 232, p.107613.*
- **Yin, H.**, Lale, E. and Cusatis, G., 2022. **Generalized Formulation for the Behavior of Geometrically Curved and Twisted Three-Dimensional Timoshenko Beams and Its Isogeometric Analysis Implementation.** *Journal of Applied Mechanics, 89(7), p.071003.*
- Wang, C., Peng, H., Bian, L., **Yin, H.**, Sofi, M., Song, Z. and Zhou, Z., 2021. **Performance of alkali-activated cementitious composite mortar used for insulating walls.** *Journal of Building Engineering, 44, p.102867.*
- Jing, G.Q., Aela, P., Fu, H. and **Yin, H.**, 2019. **Numerical and experimental analysis of single tie push tests on different shapes of concrete sleepers in ballasted tracks.** *Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part F: Journal of Rail and Rapid Transit, 233(7), pp.666-677.*
- **Yin, H.**, Qian, Y., Edwards, J.R. and Zhu, K., 2018. **Investigation of Relationship between Train Speed and Bolted Rail Joint Fatigue Life Using Finite Element Analysis.** *Transportation Research Record, 2672(10), pp.85-95.*

- Shao, S., Jing, G. and **Yin, H.**, 2016. **Ballast Flight Risk Assessment Based on Reliability Theory**. *International Journal of Simulation Systems, Science & Technology*, 17, p.36.
- Wang, Z., Jing, G., Yu, Q. and **Yin, H.**, 2015. **Analysis of Ballast Direct Shear Tests by Discrete Element Method under Different Normal Stress**. *Measurement*, 63, pp.17-24.

PATENTS

- **Yin, H.**, “**A Water Damage Test Device for Asphalt Concrete Pavements**”. *CN Patent #2014207575876*, 2015.
- **Yin, H.**, “**A Railway Ballast Cover Plate**”. *CN Patent #2014203065268*, 2014.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

High Performance Fiber Reinforced Concrete Systems using Carbon Fibers at Multiple Length Scales 01/2023 – Present

Project Funded by ExxonMobil

- Performed mix design and casting of nanomodified concrete specimens with carbon nanotubes (CNT) and turbostratic graphene materials.
- Conducted lab testing for mechanical properties of nanomodified concrete specimens.

Computational Tools for the Multiscale Simulation of Engineered Wood Products (EWP) Under Dynamic Loading Conditions 07/2022 – 12/2022

Project Funded by the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

- Formulated a mixed-mode constitutive model for dynamic and strain-rate effects in wood fracture.
- Developed a **dynamic Connector-Beam Lattice (dynaCBL)** model for simulating strain-rate dependent behaviors of Engineered Wood Products (EWP) under impact loading conditions.

Enabling Innovation in Sustainable Structural Building Systems Through Multiscale Modeling and Experimentation of Mass Timber 07/2018 – 06/2022

The National Natural Science Foundation Project CMMI-1762757

- Derived a Generalized Timoshenko beam theory and implemented with Isogeometric analysis (IGA) in finite element software Abaqus.
- Developed **Connector-Beam Lattice (CBL) model** – a multiscale discrete model focusing on the heterogeneous and anisotropic fracture behaviors of wood.
- Developed **RingsPy** – a Python package for generating Voronoi-based cellular wood mesostructure.
- Developed a computational pipeline for the preprocessing-analysis-postprocessing for CBL model.

Study of Modified Rail Joint Bolt-Hole Arrangement Options

01/2017 – 12/2017

Project Funded by the New York City Transit Authority and WSP (formerly Parsons-Brinkerhoff)

- Developed a numerical model of bolted rail joint and performed the dynamic finite element analysis to investigate the mechanical responses of rail-joints under various train speeds using Abaqus.
- Designed and conducted lab measurements of strains at near-bolt hole areas of rail joints under cyclic loads

High-speed Railway Ballast Flight Protection with Ballast Glue Specialized in Ballast Flight

07/2015 – 07/2016

Joint Project of Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) and China Academy of Railway Sciences

- Participated in the wind tunnel tests for ballast flight phenomenon at BJTU wind engineering center.
- Conducted vertical stiffness tests and cubic uniaxial unconfined compression tests of ballast bed.

Study on Characteristics of Direct Shear Test on Ballast Particle of High-Speed Railway

11/2013 – 06/2014

High-speed Railway Key Joint Project Funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China

- Developed part of the numerical modeling code of the micro-process analysis of ballast direct shear tests using discrete element modeling (DEM) framework PFC3D.
- Conducted direct shear tests of railway ballasts.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

09/2018 – present

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Northwestern University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

01/2019 – 04/2022

Northwestern University

- CIV_ENV 216: Mechanics of Materials (19 Winter, 20 Winter, 20 Spring, 21 Spring, 22 Winter)
- MECH_ENG 327: Finite Elements Methods in Mechanics (20 Fall)

Graduate Research Assistant

01/2017 – 12/2017

Rail Transportation and Engineering Center (RailTEC), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Structural Design Intern

06/2015 – 09/2015

Beijing Institute of Architectural Design (BIAD), Beijing, China

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Math Tools Linear Algebra, ODE, PDE, Optimization

Programming C, C++, Python, MATLAB, Fortran, JavaScript, HTML5, Markdown, L^AT_EX

Technological Tools Abaqus, OpenFOAM, PFC (a Discrete Element Modeling Framework), Rhino 3D, Git, Docker

Experimental MTS testing, additive manufacturing – FDM and SLS

HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate Research Fellowship	<i>Northwestern University</i>	09/2018
Excellent Student Scholarship	<i>China Agricultural University</i>	06/2014
Academic Excellence Scholarship	<i>China Agricultural University</i>	06/2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Journal Paper Reviewer	2018 & 2023
<i>Transportation Research Record & SN Applied Sciences</i>	
Conference Volunteer & Session Moderator	06/2021