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## CURRENT POSITION AND RESEARCH FOCI

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*Ph.D. Candidate.* I'm currently a Ph.D. candidate under the supervision of Dr. Guido Cervone. I conduct a multidisciplinary research in the area of Geosciences, Data Sciences, and High-Performance Computing. My primary research interest concerns the application of learning algorithms and distributed computing technologies to ensemble modeling and uncertainty quantification, specifically in ensemble forecasts and renewable energy production assessment.

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Geography with Minor in Computer Science** 2021 (expected)  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, U.S.A.  
*Thesis: Uncertainty Quantification for Photovoltaic Energy Production Using Analog Ensemble*

**M.Sc. in Geography** 2018  
The Pennsylvania State University  
University Park, U.S.A.  
*Thesis: Short-Term Temperature Prediction Using Adaptive Computing on Dynamic Scales*

**B.Eng. in Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics** 2016  
Wuhan University, China

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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**Arctic in Hot Water**  
*Quantifying Maritime Transport under Declining Sea Ice and Increasing Geopolitical Tension* 2020 - Present

- Sponsor: Center for Security Research and Education, Pennsylvania State University.
- Objectives: Using machine learning to quantify linkages between changing sea ice coverage and maritime traffic in the Arctic Ocean, and to assess recent and future changes in Arctic maritime traffic with Earth system models.
- Responsibilities: Evaluation of Earth system model simulation for its applicability in Arctic maritime traffic projection and implementation of a machine learning algorithm for maritime traffic simulation and forecast.

**Wind Resource Assessment with Analog Ensemble**  
*Offshore Wind Resource Assessment for California Pacific Outer Continental Shelf* 2019 - Present

- Sponsor: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of U.S.A.
- Objectives: Presenting a state-of-art wind resource dataset for the outer continental shelf off the coast of California and assessing the predictability of the uncertainty with WRF ensemble simulations.
- Responsibilities: Integration of Analog Ensemble as a method for uncertainty quantification for comparison with other machine-learning based methods and the deployment of Analog Ensemble on the NREL supercomputer, Eagle.

## Parallel Analog Ensemble

*The Power of Weather Analogs*

2017 - Present

- Objectives: An efficient and scalable implementation of the Analog Ensemble technique for its flexible deployment on supercomputers and its convenient integration into research workflows.
- Responsibilities: Main developer and maintainer of the Analog Ensemble implementation. Current deliverables include a C++/R implementation of Analog Ensemble, *PAnEn* <sup>1</sup>, and its extension R module, *RAnEnExtra* <sup>2</sup>.

## Power of Many

*Co-Design of Scalable Cyberinfrastructure for Complex Ensemble Simulations*

2017 - 2020

- Sponsor: National Science Foundation of U.S.A.
- Objectives: Designing an end-to-end solution for ensemble-based science problems that are robust, scalable, and extensible in sizes of ensembles, the computational requirement, and the computational platforms.
- Responsibilities: Python implementation and test of such a solution with Analog Ensemble for photovoltaic energy assessment on the NCAR supercomputer, Cheyenne.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Published

- Fanfarillo, A., Roozitalab, B., **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G.. Probabilistic forecasting using deep generative models. *Geoinformatica* (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10707-020-00425-8>. [Link](#). 2020
- **Hu, W.**, Del Vento, D., & Su, S. (Eds.). Proceedings of the 2020 Improving Scientific Software Conference (No. NCAR/TN-564+PROC). doi:10.5065/p2jj-9878. [Link](#). 2020
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Clemente-Harding, L., Calovi, M.. PAnEn: Parallel Analog Ensemble. Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3384321>. [Link](#). 2019
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G.. Dynamically Optimized Unstructured Grid (DOUG) for Analog Ensemble of numerical weather predictions using evolutionary algorithms. *Computers & Geosciences*. 2019 Dec 1;133:104299. [Link](#). 2019
- Balasubramanian, V., Turilli, M., **Hu, W.**, Lefebvre, M., Lei, W., Cervone, G., Tromp, J., Jha, S.. Harnessing the Power of Many: Extensible Toolkit for Scalable Ensemble Applications. arXiv preprint arXiv:1710.08491. [link](#). 2017
- Li, H., **Hu, W.**, Yao, J., Zhang, W.. Anti-excessive filtering model based on sliding window. 2015 2nd International Conference on Electrical, Computer Engineering and Electronics. Atlantis Press. [link](#). 2015

### Submitted

- Calovi, M., **Hu, W.**, Delle Monache, L., Cervone, G.. Downscaled temperature prediction using VGI and the Analog Ensemble technique. 2020

### In preparation

- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Young, G.. Weather Analogs with a Learnable Similarity Metric for Renewable Resource Forecasting. 2020
- Sidel, A., **Hu, W.**, Calovi, M., Cervone, G.. Heat wave identification using an operational weather model and analog ensemble. 2020
- Bodini, N., **Hu, W.**, Optis, M., Cervone, G.. Assessing Uncertainty in Numerical Weather Prediction Modeled Long-Term Offshore Wind Speed Through Machine Learning and Analog Ensemble. 2020

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<sup>1</sup>PAnEn: <https://weiming-hu.github.io/AnalogEnsemble/>

<sup>2</sup>RAnEnExtra: <https://weiming-hu.github.io/RAnEnExtra/>

- (Book chapter - Invited) Calovi, M., **Hu, W.**, Clemente-Harding, L., Cervone, G.. On Extreme weather forecasting: state of the science, uncertainty and impacts. Edited by Marina Astitha and Efthymios Nikolopoulos, Elsevier. 2020
- Calovi, M., **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G.. Spatio-temporal downscaled prediction of extreme heat wave using the Analog Ensemble technique. 2020

## CONFERENCES

- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Turilli, M., Merzky, A., Jha, S.. Predictability Assessment of Photovoltaic Solar Energy Production with Analog Ensemble. ePoster. JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting. [Link](#). 2020
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone G., Clemente-Harding L., Calovi M.. Parallel Analog Ensemble: The Power of Weather Analogs. ePoster. JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting. [Link](#). 2020
- Sidel, A., **Hu, W.**, Calovi, M., Cervone, G.. Heat Wave Identification Using an Operational Weather Model and Analog Ensemble. Poster. American Meteorological Society 100th Annual Meeting 2020. Boston, MA. [Link](#). 2020
- Calovi, M., Cervone, G., Clemente-Harding, L., **Hu, W.**. Extreme Heat Identification with High Spatio-Temporal Resolution Using the Analog Ensemble Technique. Talk. American Geophysical Union 2019 Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA. [Link](#). 2019
- Fanfarillo, A., Roozitalab, B., **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G.. Analog Ensemble Probabilistic Forecasting using Deep Generative Models. ePoster. American Geophysical Union 2019 Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA. [Link](#). 2019
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G.. “Empirical Inverse Transform Function for Ensemble Forecast Member Selection”. Poster. American Geophysical Union 2019 Fall Meeting. San Francisco, CA. [Link](#). 2019
- **Hu, W.**, “Using a Genetic Algorithm for Optimal Location Finding in Weather Predictions”. Talk. Penn State GIS Day. University Park, PA. [Link](#). 2019
- Cervone, G., **Hu, W.**, Calovi, M.. Extreme values forecasting using an Analog Ensemble. Talk. SCRIPPS Institute, University of California, San Diego, CA. 2019
- **Hu, W.**. A Review on Analog Ensemble and the HPC Implementation. Talk. Chinese Meteorological Center. Beijing, China. 2019
- **Hu, W.**. Uncertainty Quantification with Analog Ensemble at Scale. Talk. 2019 Annual Software Engineering Assembly (now Improving Scientific Software) Conference. Boulder, CO. [Link](#). 2019
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Balasubramanian, V., Turilli, M., Jha, S.. A High-Performance Computing System for Probabilistic Weather Forecasts. Poster. Institute of CyberScience Symposium 2019: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Science and Society. University Park, PA. 2019
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Balasubramanian, V., Turilli, M., Jha, S.. A High-Performance Computing System for Probabilistic Weather Forecasts. Poster. American Geophysical Union 2018 Fall Meeting. Washington, D.C. [Link](#). 2018
- Calovi, M., Cervone, G., Delle Monache, L., **Hu, W.**. GFS Downscaling Using Personal Weather Stations for Heat Wave Vulnerability. Poster. American Geophysical Union 2018 Fall Meeting. Washington, D.C. [Link](#). 2018
- Cervone, G., Calovi, M., Clemente-Harding, L., **Hu, W.**. An Analog Ensemble for Photovoltaic Energy Forecasts. Talk. Penn State Center for Advanced Data Assimilation and Predictability Techniques Seminar. [Link](#). 2018
- Calovi, M., Cervone, G., Delle Monache, L., **Hu, W.**. GFS Downscaling Using Personal Weather Stations for Heat Wave Vulnerability. Talk. Penn State GIS Day. University Park, PA. [Link](#). 2018
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G.. A High Resolution Photovoltaic Energy Production Simulator With A Probabilistic Approach. Poster. Graduate Climate Conference. Pack Forest, WA. [Link](#). 2018
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Jha, S., Balasubramanian, V., Turilli, M.. Automatic Unstructured Grid Refinement Using Machine Learning for the Analog Ensemble of Numeric Weather Prediction. Poster. EarthCube Projects All Hands Meeting. Washington, DC. [Link](#). 2018
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Jha, S., Balasubramanian, V., Turilli, M.. Automatic Unstructured Grid Refinement Using Machine Learning for the Analog Ensemble of Numeric Weather Prediction. Poster. Institute of

- Cyberscience Symposium 2018: Harnessing the Power of Data. University Park, PA. [Link](#). 2018
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G., Jha, S., Balasubramanian, V., Turilli, M.. Short-Term Temperature Predictions Using Adaptive Computing on Dynamic Scales. Poster. American Geophysical Union 2017 Fall Meeting. Now Orleans, LA. [Link](#). 2017
- **Hu, W.**, Cervone, G.. Short-Term Probabilistic Photovoltaic Power Prediction Using Analog Ensemble. Poster. Energy Days. University Park, PA. [Link](#). 2017
- **Hu, W.**. Local Humidity Prediction Using an Analog Ensemble. Talk. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. [Link](#). 2017

## WORKSHOPS

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- **Hu, W.**, Clemente-Harding, L., Cervone, G.. Parallel Analog Ensemble Forecasts with Ensemble Toolkit on HPC. Workshop. 2019 Annual Software Engineering Assembly (now Improving Scientific Software) Conference. Boulder, CO. [Link](#). 2019
- Clemente-Harding, L., Delle Monache, L., Cervone, G., Calovi, M., **Hu, W.**, Shahriari, M.. The Analog Ensemble Technique for Probabilistic Forecasts. Workshop. Software Engineering Assembly (SEA) 2018 Conference and Tutorials. Boulder, CO. [Link](#). 2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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### Instructor

- GEOG 365, Introduction to GIS Programming Fall 2019
- GEOG 160 WEB, Mapping Our Changing World Spring 2020

### Mentor

- Jeremy Diaz, Ph.D. Student in Geography, PSU 2019 - 2020
- Alon Sidel, B.Sc. Candidate in Meteorology and Atmospheric Science, PSU 2019 - 2020
- Hanzhou Chen, M.Sc. in Geography, PSU 2018

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Academic Enrichment Award from the Knight Fund in the Department of Geography (\$190). 2020
- Free Software Foundation Scholarship to attend LibrePlanet 2020, Boston, MA (\$500). 2020
- Ruby S. Miller Endowment for Geographic Excellence (\$500). 2019
- Research covered by Penn State News. [Link](#) 2019
- 2019 Open Science Grid User School Scholarship at Madison, WI (\$1,000). 2019
- Third place in the Penn State Graduate Exhibition poster competition, Physical Sciences & Mathematics section (\$100). [Link](#). 2019
- Research covered by Penn State News. [Link](#). 2018
- Ruby S. Miller Endowment for Geographic Excellence (\$200). [Link](#). 2018
- Sustainable Energy Fund for EnergyPath 2018 (\$400). [Link](#). 2018
- 12th Annual Graduate Climate Conference Scholarship (\$325). [Link](#). 2018
- First place (out of 46) in 2018 Institute of CyberScience Symposium Student Poster Competition (\$750). 2018
- Research covered by Penn State News. [Link](#). 2017
- “Jiwei Era” Top 10 (out of 200) New Remote Sensing Star Award Nomination, Wuhan University. 2015
- First-class (1 out of 40) scholarship in Geoinformatics, Wuhan University (\$300). 2013, 2015

## CERTIFICATES

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- Graduate Student Online Teaching Certificate. Penn State World Campus. [Link](#). 2019

## ACADEMIC SERVICES AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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- Program Chair, *SEA's Improving Scientific Software Conference and Tutorials*. [Link](#). 2021
- Program Committee, *SEA's Improving Scientific Software Conference and Tutorials*. [Link](#). 2020
- Research Intern, *Chinese Meteorological Administration*. Beijing, China. 2019  
Host: Dr. Kan Dai
- Mentor, *Mentor-Mentee matching program in geography*. 2019
- Co-Chair, *GEOLab prospective graduate student selection committee*. 2018, 2019
- Liason, *The Outstanding Student Awards program at AGU 2018 Fall Meeting*. 2018, 2019
- Visitor, *International Research Institute of Disaster Science*, Tohoku University. Japan. 2018  
Host: Dr. Shunichi Koshimura
- Research Intern, *Foothills Laboratory at National Center of Atmospheric Research*. Boulder, CO. 2017, 2018  
Host: Dr. Guido Cervone
- Student Representative, *Graduate student representative in Geography, Penn State*. 2017

State College, PA, U.S.A. - November 10, 2020