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US citizen, Applied Mathematics/Mechanical engineer

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Work Experience

Senior Developer Technology Engineer, NVIDIA

2026-present

- Accelerating high performance computing codes on graphics processing units

Computational Scientist, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

2019-2025

- **Principal Investigator**, Scalable Parallel Discrete Events Simulations, \$550k
Developed a GPU solver for parallel discrete events simulations, 2023-2025
- **Principal Investigator**, Adaptive Mesh and Algorithm Refinement, \$500k
Developed two-way coupled continuum-atomistic modeling framework, 2021-2023
- **Acting Group Manager**, High Performance Algorithms and Complex Fluids
Group lead for a team of 15+ scientists, 2020-2021
- **Principal developer** of Exascale Computing Project software (Pele, ExaWind)
Wrote GPU performance portability for reacting flows and wind turbine physics
- **Lead scientist** of AI/ML investigations
Developed AI/ML reduced order models for physics applications using GPUs
- **Mentor** for scientists and students
Mentored more than 10 students, post-docs, and junior scientists

Post-doctoral Researcher, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

2016-2019

- Next-generation simulations of wind farms and reacting flow processes
- Performance analysis and improvement on GPUs for exascale software
- Deep learning and deep reinforcement learning models for physics applications

Education

Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering

2011-2016

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Thesis: *Numerical simulations of shock and rarefaction waves interacting with interfaces in compressible multiphase flows*

Advisor: E. Johnsen, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering

M.S. in Applied Mathematics Engineering

2009-2011

Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Thesis: *Implementation of a Discontinuous Galerkin Method for hyperbolic PDEs on GPUs*

Advisors: Prof. J-F Remacle, Prof. P. Chatelain, Prof. V. Legat.

B.S. in Applied Mathematics Engineering

2007-2009

Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Journal Articles

L. Cheung, G. Yalla, P. Mohan, A. Hsieh, K. Brown, N. deVelder, D. Houck, M. T. Henry de Frahan,

M. Day, M. A. Sprague, **Modeling the effects of active wake mixing on wake behavior through large-scale coherent structures**, *Wind Energy Science*, 2025

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M. Hassanaly, N. T. Wimer, A. Felden, L. Esclapez, J. Ream, M. T. Henry de Frahan, J. Rood, M. Day, **Symbolic construction of the chemical Jacobian of quasi-steady state (QSS) chemistries for Exascale computing platforms**, *Comb. and Flame*, vol. 270, 113740, 2024

I. Barrio Sanchez, A. S. Almgren, J. B. Bell, M. T. Henry de Frahan, W. Zhang, **A New Redistribution Scheme for Weighted State Redistribution with Adaptive Mesh Refinement**, *J. Comp. Phys.*, vol. 504, 1, 112879, 2024

M. T. Henry de Frahan, L. Esclapez, J. Rood, N. T. Wimer, P. Mullowney, B. A. Perry, L. Owen, H. Sitaraman, S. Yellapantula, M. Hassanaly, M. J. Rahimi, M. J. Martin, O. A. Doronina, Sreejith N. A., M. Rieth, W. Ge, R. Sankaran, A. S. Almgren, W. Zhang, J. B. Bell, R. Grout, M. S. Day, and J. H. Chen, **The Pele Simulation Suite for Reacting Flows at Exascale**, *Proc. 2024 SIAM Conf. Parallel Proc. Sc. Comput.*, 15-25, 2024

A. Sharma, M. J. Brazell, G. Vijayakumar, S. Ananthan, L. Cheung, N. deVelder, M. T. Henry de Frahan, N. Matula, P. Mullowney, J. Rood, P. Sakievich, A. Almgren, P. S. Crozier, M. Sprague, **ExaWind: Open-source CFD for hybrid-RANS/LES geometry-resolved wind turbine simulations in atmospheric flows**, *Wind Energy*, vol 27, 3, 225-257, 2024

N. Wimer, L. Esclapez, N. Brunhart-Lupo, M. T. Henry de Frahan, M. Rahimi, M. Hassanaly, J. Rood, S. Yellapantula, H. Sitaraman, B. Perry, M. Martin, O. Doronina, S. Appukuttan, M. Reith, M. Day, **Visualizations of a Methane/Diesel RCCI Engine using PeleC and PeleLMeX**, *Phys. Rev. Fluids*, 8, 110511, 2023

L. Esclapez, M. Day, J. Bell, A. Felden, C. Gilet, R. Grout, M. T. Henry de Frahan, E. Motheau, A. Nonaka, L. Owen, B. Perry, J. Rood, N. Wimer, and W. Zhang, **PeleLMeX: an AMR Low Mach Number Reactive Flow Simulation Code without level sub-cycling**, *J. Open Source Software*, 8, 90, 5450, 2023

N. T. Wimer, M. T. Henry de Frahan, S. Yellapantula, **Deep reinforcement learning to discover multi-fuel injection strategies for compression ignition engines**, *Int. J. Eng. Res.*, vol 24, 9, 2023

A. Giuliani, A.S. Almgren, J.B. Bell, M.J. Berger, M.T. Henry de Frahan, D. Rangarajan, **A weighted**

state redistribution algorithm for embedded boundary grids, *J. Comp. Phys.*, 111305, 2022

M. T. Henry de Frahan, J. S. Rood, M. S. Day, H. Sitaraman, S. Yellapantula, B. A. Perry, R. W. Grout, A. Almgren, W. Zhang, J. B. Bell, J. H. Chen, **PeleC: An adaptive mesh refinement solver for compressible reacting flows**, *Int. J. High. Perf. Comp. App.*, vol. 37, 2, 2022

B. Perry, M. T. Henry de Frahan, S. Yellapantula, **Co-optimized machine-learned manifold models for large eddy simulation of turbulent combustion**, *Comb. and Flame*, 244, 112286, 2022

H. Sitaraman, N. Brunhart-Lupo, M. T. Henry de Frahan, S. Yellapantula, B. Perry, J. Rood, R. Grout, M. S. Day, R. Binyahib, K. Gruchalla, **Visualizations of direct fuel injection effects in a supersonic cavity flameholder**, *Phys. Rev. Fluids*, 6, 110504, 2021

J Quick, R. King, M. T. Henry de Frahan, S. Ananthan, M. Sprague, P. Hamlington, **Field Sensitivity Analysis of Turbulence Model Parameters for Flow Over a Wing**, *Int. J. Uncert. Quant.*, vol. 12, 1, 85–106, 2022

H. Sitaraman, S. Yellapantula, M. T. Henry de Frahan, B. Perry, J. Rood, R. W. Grout, M. S. Day, **Adaptive mesh based combustion simulations of direct fuel injection effects in a supersonic cavity flame-holder**, *Comb. and Flame*, 232, 111531, 2021

M. T. Henry de Frahan, N. T Wimer, S. Yellapantula, R. W. Grout, **Deep reinforcement learning for dynamic control of fuel injection timing in multi-pulse compression ignition engines**, *Int. J. Eng. Res.*, vol 23, 9, 2021

S. Yellapantula, M. T. Henry de Frahan, R. King, M. S. Day, R. W. Grout, **Machine learning of combustion LES models from reacting direct numerical simulation**, *Data Analysis for Direct Num. Sim. of Turb. Comb.*, Pages 273-292, 2020

M. T. Henry de Frahan, S. Yellapantula, R. King, M. S. Day, and R. W. Grout, **Deep learning for presumed probability density function models**, *Comb. and Flame*, 208:436–450, Pages 436-450, 2019

P. Mohan, M. T. Henry de Frahan, R. King, and R. Grout, **A block-random algorithm for learning on distributed, heterogeneous data**, *arXiv:1903.00091*, 2019

M. T. Henry de Frahan, and R. Grout, **Data recovery in computational fluid dynamics through deep image priors**, *arXiv:1901.11113*, 2019

M. T. Henry de Frahan, J. L. Belof, R. M. Cavallo, V. A. Raevsky, O. N. Ignatova, A. Lebedev, D. S. Ancheta, B. S. El-dasher, J. N. Florando, G. F. Gallegos, E. Johnsen, and M. M. LeBlanc, **Experimental and Numerical Investigations of Beryllium Strength Models Using the Rayleigh-Taylor Instability**, *featured article in J. Appl. Phys.*, 117(22):225901, 2015

M. T. Henry de Frahan, S. Varadan, and E. Johnsen, **A new limiting procedure for discontinuous Galerkin methods applied to compressible multiphase flows with shocks and interfaces**, *J. Comput. Phys.*, 280(0):489 – 509, 2015

M. T. Henry de Frahan, P. Movahed, and E. Johnsen, **Numerical simulations of a shock interacting with successive interfaces using the Discontinuous Galerkin method: the multilayered**

Richtmyer-Meshkov and Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities, *Shock Waves*, 25(4):329–345, 2015

C. A. Di Stefano, G. Malamud, M. T. Henry de Frahan, C. C. Kuranz, A. Shimony, S. R. Klein, R. P. Drake, E. Johnsen, D. Shvarts, V. A. Smalyuk, and D. Martinez, **Observation and modeling of mixing-layer development in high-energy-density, blast-wave-driven shear flow**, *Phys. Plasmas*, 21(5):056306, 2014

Conference Proceedings

N. T. Wimer, L. Esclapez, M. T. Henry de Frahan, M. Rahimi, M. Hassanaly, B. Perry, J. Rood, S. Yellapantula, H. Sitaraman, M. Martin, O. Doronina, S. Nadakkal Appukuttan, M. Rieth, M. Day, **Examination of a Methane/Diesel RCCI Engine Using Pele**, 13th U.S. National Combustion Meeting, 2023

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M. T. Henry de Frahan, M. Rahimi, O. Doronina, B. Perry, S. Yellapantula, I. Cormier, M. Day, M. Martin, **Simulation of Methane Oxycombustion in Supercritical Carbon Dioxide**, *Turbomachinery Technical Conference and Exposition, ASME*, doi: 10.1115/GT2023-101568, 2023

S. A Beig, G. R. Whitehouse, A. H. Boschitsch, A. Sharma, M. J. Brazell, M. T Henry de Frahan, M. A. Sprague, **Developing a Vorticity-Velocity-Based Off-Body Solver to Perform Multifidelity Simulations of Wind Farms**, *2022 AIAA SCITECH Forum. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics*, doi: 10.2514/6.2023-1542, 2022

C. Adcock, M. T. Henry de Frahan, J. Melvin, G. Vijayakumar, S. Ananthan, G. Iaccarino, R. D. Moser, and M. Sprague, **Hybrid RANS-LES of the Atmospheric Boundary Layer for Wind Farm Simulations**, *2022 AIAA SCITECH Forum. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics*, doi: 10.2514/6.2022-1922, 2021

J. Melvin, M. T. Henry de Frahan, S. Ananthan, G. Vijayakumar, M. Sprague, R. Moser, **Using the Active Model Split Hybrid Turbulence Model for the Simulation of Blade-Resolved Wind Turbines**, *Wind Energy Science Conference*, 2021

S. Yellapantula, B. A. Perry, M. T. Henry de Frahan, M. E. Mueller, and R. W. Grout, **Machine Learning based models for joint PDF shapes for multi-scalar mixing in turbulent flows**, 11th U.S. National Combustion Meeting, 2019

M. T. Henry de Frahan, L. Khieu, and E. Johnsen, **High-order Discontinuous Galerkin Methods Applied to Multiphase Flows**, 22^d AIAA Computational Fluid Dynamics Conference. *American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics*, doi: 10.2514/6.2015-3045, 2015, AIAA CFD Best Student Paper Award (3^d place)

M. T. Henry de Frahan and E. Johnsen, **Discontinuous Galerkin method for multifluid Euler equations**, *In 21st AIAA Computational Fluid Dynamics Conference. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics*, doi: 10.2514/6.2013-2595, 2013

M. T. Henry de Frahan, P. Movahed, and E. Johnsen, **Investigating the multilayered Richtmyer-Meshkov instability with high-order accurate numerical methods**, *In 29th International Symposium on Shock Waves 2, Springer International Publishing*, 2015

Awards and Fellowships

President's Team Award , for GPU speedup of ExaWind, NREL	2024
Best Visualization Award for ExaWind at Supercomputing 2023	2023
Chairperson's Team Award for GPU speedup of Pele, NREL	2023
Milton van Dyke Award for Pele visualization, American Physical Society	2022
President's Award for Exceptional Performance , AI/ML development, NREL	2022
Gallery of Fluid Motion Award Winners for Pele Visualization, APS	2020
President's Team Award for AI work on GPUs, NREL	2019
Better Scientific Software Fellowship (honorable mention) , Dep. of Energy	2018
AIAA CFD Best Student Paper Award (3^d place) , AIAA	2015
Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship , University of Michigan	2015
Rackham Centennial Fellowship , University of Michigan	2013
High Distinction , M.S. in Applied Mathematics at the Univ. Catholique de Louvain	2011

Leadership Experience

Principal Investigator, Scalable Parallel Discrete Events Simulations, NREL	2023-2025
Develop performance portable GPU parallel discrete events simulations (550k)	
Principal Investigator, Adaptive Mesh and Algorithm Refinement, NREL	2021-2023
Develop two-way coupled continuum-atomistic modeling framework (500k)	
Acting Group Manager for the High Performance Algorithms and Complex Fluids group, NREL	2020-2021
Group lead for a team of 15+ scientists	
Mechanical Engineering Graduate Council, University of Michigan	2013-2016
- STEM Communication Chair Communicate graduate student research to lay audiences	
- President Promote social, academic and professional development for ME graduate students	
- Graduate Seminar Chair Organize monthly seminars to showcase graduate student research	
Graduate Student Advisory Committee, University of Michigan	2014-2015
Representative for Department of Mechanical Engineering Identify and plan activities to promote community among engineering graduate students	

Mentorship and Teaching Experience

Prakash Mohan, National Renewable Energy Laboratory	2022-Present
Postdoctoral research mentor	

Arth Sojitra	2023
Mentor for summer internship on the lattice boltzmann method	
Grace Wei	2023
CSGF practicum mentor on the kinetic Monte-Carlo methods	
Nick Wimer, National Renewable Energy Laboratory	2019-2021
Postdoctoral research mentor	
Bruce Perry, National Renewable Energy Laboratory	2019-2021
Postdoctoral research mentor	
Likhit Ganedi, Carnegie-Mellon University	2021
Mentor for summer internship on hybrid particle-continuum solvers	
Jani Adcock, Stanford University	2020-2023
CSGF practicum mentor, Ph.D. committee member	
Julia Ream, Florida State University	2019-2023
Co-advisor of Ph.D. committee for work on turbulent supercritical CO ₂ simulations	
Prakash Mohan, University of Texas-Austin	2018
Mentored Ph.D. graduate student for a project on deep learning for LES models	
Jalil Alidoost, University of Michigan	2015-2016
Mentored senior undergraduate for a project on diffusive and kinetic properties of chair motion in the Shapiro Library	
Colby Hanley, University of Michigan	2015-2016
Mentored freshman undergraduate for a project on multi-GPU profiling for high-performance computing	
Graduate Student Instructor for ME 523: Computational Fluid Dynamics	Fall 2013
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	

Research Experience

DOE I-Corps Cohort 15	Fall 2022
Department of Energy	
Immersive two-month training for researchers to define technology value propositions, conduct stakeholder discovery interviews, and develop viable market pathways for their technologies.	
Deep Learning Specialization	2017-2018
Coursera	
Topics: neural networks (CNN, RNN), deep learning frameworks (Keras, Tensorflow)	
Argonne Training Program on Extreme-Scale Computing, Argonne National Laboratory	Summer 2017
Invited to an intensive 2-week workshop on high performance computing	
NextProf Engineering Future Faculty Workshop, University of Michigan	Fall 2015
Invited to participate in a workshop to prepare for faculty positions	

International High Performance Computing Summer School, Hungary	Summer 2014
Invited to attend NSF workshop to learn new paradigms in scientific computing	
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA	Summer 2012
Student intern	
Comparing Beryllium strength models with experimental data	
Supervisors: Dr. B. Remington and Dr. R. Cavallo	
Computational Methods in High Energy Density Plasmas, UCLA, CA	Spring 2012
Invited to attend a 6 week long workshop by the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics at the University of California - Los Angeles	
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA	Summer 2010
Student intern	
Studied hydrodynamic instabilities in inertial confinement fusion targets	
Characterized growth factors during capsule compression	
Supervisors: Dr. L. J. Suter and Dr. D. S. Clark	
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA	Summer 2009
Student intern	
Studied hot electron signatures and capsule preheat in the context of inertial confinement fusion as developed at the National Ignition Facility	
Supervisors: Dr. L. J. Suter and Dr. C. A. Thomas	
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA	Summer 2008
Student intern	
Studied and optimized National Ignition Facility inertial confinement fusion target geometries using view factor calculations	
Supervisors: Dr. L. J. Suter and Dr. C. A. Thomas	

Volunteer Service and Outreach

NREL Postdoctoral Committee	2016-2018
Organizing networking and professional development activities	
DAPCEP Instructor	Spring 2015
Organized and taught a 6-week long engineering discovery course for Detroit-area middle school students	
Volunteer Instructor, Adams Academy Engineering Club	2014-2016
Instructed fun basic science and engineering projects at a local primary school	
Graduate Student Recruiter, University of Michigan	2012-2016
Organized and participated in recruitment events graduate students visiting the Mechanical Engineering department	

Skills

Scientific programming

C/C++, Python, GPU (CUDA, SYCL, ROCM, Kokkos, AMReX), MPI, OpenMP, OpenACC, Git, Pytorch, Tensorflow, OpenGym

Operating systems

GNU/Linux, OSX

Languages

English, French