Minghan Xu

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy 2019 — 2024 (expected)

McGill University

- Thesis: Development of phase change materials (PCM) for cold thermal energy storage under today's changing climate.
- Department: Mining and Materials Engineering.
- GPA: 4.00/4.00

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

2014 - 2019

Scopus: 57214594954

McGill University

- Honours Project: Modeling and design of 3D printing biocomposites with non-Fourier heat conduction on cellular structures.
- · Department: Bioresource Engineering.
- GPA: 3.73/4.00

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant (Ph.D. Thesis)

Sep 2019 — Present

Department of Mining and Materials Engineering, McGill University

Montreal, Canada

- Experimental and mathematical frameworks for phase change materials (PCM) for cold thermal energy storage.
- Permafrost adaptation due to climate change in Northern Canada using artificial ground freezing (AGF).
- Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Agus P. Sasmito.

Part-time Researcher at Natural Resources Canada (Contract)

Jul 2022 — Jun 2023

CanmetENERGY, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)

Varennes, Canada

- Experimental performance evaluation of a CO2 ground source heat pump system. | Évaluation des performances expérimentales d'un système de pompe à chaleur géothermique au CO2.
- Project Supervisor: Dr. Parham Eslami Nejad.

Research Scholar in MSSI Northern Landscapes Working Group

Sep 2019 — Apr 2021

Trottier Institute for Sustainability in Engineering and Design (TISED), McGill University

Montreal, Canada

- Sustainable northern landscapes and engineering systems to adapt the effect of climate change for Canada's Arctic regions.
- Project Director: Prof. Laxmi Sushama.

Undergraduate Research Assistant (B.Eng. Honours Project)

Jun 2017 — Dec 2018

Department of Bioresource Engineering, McGill University

Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Canada

- Finite-element simulations of thermal waves for cellular structure in advanced and biological materials.
- Sustainable 3D printing of wood fibre reinforced polyethylene composites using fused deposition modeling (FDM) printers.
- Project Supervisor: Prof. Abdolhamid Akbarzadeh.

Summer Research Assistant (Intern)

May 2018 — Aug 2018

Agricultural Greenhouse Gases Program, McGill University in collaboration with AAFC

Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, Canada

- Numerical simulations of variably saturated flow in different soil types under surface and subsurface irrigation.
- Field-scale experimental measurements of soil, water and gas flux in Saint Emmanuel, Quebec.
- Project Director: Prof. Chandra Madramootoo.

HONOURS & DISTINCTIONS

Ranked 22nd out of 172 nominees in a National Competition of Doctoral Students (Vanier CGS)	2022
Ranked 1st out of 31 candidates in a Provincial Competition of Graduate Students at Doctoral Level (FRQ-NT B2X)	2021
Ranked 2nd out of 15 candidates in a Provincial Competition of Graduate Students at Master's Level (FRQ-NT B1X)	2021
First Class Honours in Bioresource Engineering at McGill University	2019
Achievement with Honours (Academic Excellence and Leadership) in Maple Leaf International High School	2014

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AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

TEACHING & TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Mining & Materials Engineering, McGill University

Jan 2021 — Present

- Courses: MIME 422 Mine Ventilation, MIME 333 Materials Handling.
- Teach weekly tutorials, design assignments/projects, and mark assignments/projects/exams.
- Enrolment: 33 students [Summer 2023], 28 students [Winter 2023], 47 students [Winter 2021], 31 students [Summer 2021].

Course Assistant, Dept. of Animal Science, McGill University

Sep 2018 — Dec 2018

- Course: AEMA 101 Calculus I.
- Teach semiweekly tutorials, mark midterm exams, hold office hours, and manage course website.
- Enrolment: 163 students [Fall 2018].

Course & Evening Tutorial Coordinator, Freshman Program, McGill University

Sep 2016 — Apr 2018

- Courses: AEMA 105 Precalculus, AEPH 114/115 (Introductory) Physics II, AEMA 102 Calculus II.
- Teach weekly lectures/tutorials, assign problems and quizzes, give review sessions, and manage course website.

Private Tutor, Freshman Program, McGill University

Sep 2015 — Apr 2017

- Courses: AEPH 112/113 (Introductory) Physics I, AEPA 114/115 (Introductory) Physics II.
- Privately tutor at least 2 hours per week during the academic years [Fall 2015 Winter 2017].

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Peer Mentor, Mine Multiphyscis Laboratory, McGill University

May 2019 — Present

- Mohammaderfan Mohit (PhD Student) on spray freezing technology for mine heating.
- Mohammad Zolfaqharroshan (PhD Student) on geothermal heat extraction using thermosiphons.
- Erlei Su (Visiting PhD Student from Chongqing University, CN) on CO2 sequestration.
- Jiyuan Zhao (Visiting PhD Student from Shandong University of Science and Technology, CN) on mine water inrush.
- Victor Auger (Graduate Research Trainee from Universite de Lorraine, FR) on two-phase Stefan problems for ground freezing.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Lab Safety Liaison Officer, Dept. of Mining & Materials Engineering

Jan 2022 — Present

• Responsible of safety and safe work in the lab and safety communication within the department.

Vice President, Mining and Materials Graduate Engineering Student Association (MMGESA)

Sep 2019 — Aug 2022

- Representative of graduate students in mining engineering at McGill University.
- Cultivate the executive association team to reason as a unit. Organize various social events and academic seminars. Actively involve in new-idea generation, decisions making, compromise negotiation, and task execution.

Volunteer, Montreal Metropolitan Area

Oct 2017 — Aug 2022

- Judge. Summer Undergraduate Research in Engineering (SURE) Program Poster Presentation/Competition at McGill (Downtown).
- Staff Volunteer. Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) 2019; North American Mine Ventilation Symposium (NAMVS) 2019; Max Amini Stand-up Comedy Show (Montreal 2020).
- Student Representative Speaker. Internship Poster Symposium 2017 at McGill (Macdonald).

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- Representative of graduate students in the Department of Mining and Materials Engineering at a university level.
- Promote sustainable and multicultural development projects around campus (e.g., COVID-19 transparency, climate change protests, and cultural corners in library). Speak up for students with visible minority at the university.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Operating Systems

Editing and Graphing Tools LATEX, Office 365 (Words, Excel, PowerPoint, Visio), Inkscape, tecplot

MATLAB, Python, Mathematica, R, SAS **Programming Languages**

3D Modeling & Segmentation Solidworks, AutoCad, 3D Slicer, Fie (Biomedical)

3D Printing, Filament Extruding, Silicone Rubber Molding **Experimental Tools** Finite-Element/Volume Simulations

ANSYS FLUENT, COMSOL, FiPy, FEBio Software Suite

LAMMPS

VentSim DESIGN Linux, Windows, macOS

Languages English (Fluent), Mandarin (Fluent), French (Basic)

PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Molecular Dynamics Simulations

Mine Ventilation Simulations

Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews	2023
ASME-International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE) 2023	2023
Journal of Engineering Mathematics	2021
ASME-International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE) 2021	2021
ASME-International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE) 2020	2020

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

(* denotes equal authorship)

- 19. Xu, M., Hanawa, Y., Akhtar, S., Sakuma, A., Zhang, J., Yoshida, J., Sanada, M., Sasaki, Y., Sasmito, A. P., 2023. Multi-scale analysis for solidification of phase change materials (PCMs): Experiments and modeling. International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, 212, p.124182. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2023.124182
- 18. Gao, Y., Ren, Y., Xu, M., Liu, J., Mujumdar, A. S., Sasmito, A. P., 2023. Influence of thermal cycling on stability and thermal conductivity of nanofluid ice slurry. International Journal of Thermal Sciences, 185, p.108113. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijthermalsci.2022.108113
- 17. Gao, Y., Ning, Y., Wu, C., Xu, M., Akhtar, S., Mujumdar, A. S., Sasmito, A. P., 2023. Experimental investigation of producing ice slurry with water using opposed-nozzle impinging jet method. Applied Thermal Engineering, 219, p.119568. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.applthermaleng.2022.119568
- 16. Hefni, M.A.*, Xu, M.*, Zueter, A.F., Hassani, F., Eltaher, M.A., Ahmed, H.A., Saleem, H.A., Ahmed, H.A.M., Hassan, G.S.A., Ahmed, K.I., Moustafa, E.B., Ghandourah, E., Sasmito, A.P., 2022. A 3D space-marching analytical model for geothermal borehole systems with multiple heat exchangers. Applied Thermal Engineering, 216, p.119027. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.applthermaleng.2022.119027
- 15. Gao, Y., Ning, Y., Xu, M., Wu, C., Mujumdar, A. S., Sasmito, A. P., 2022. Numerical investigation of aqueous graphene nanofluid ice slurry passing through a horizontal circular pipe: Heat transfer and fluid flow characteristics. International Communications in Heat and Mass Transfer, 134, p.106022. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.icheatmasstransfer.2022.106022
- 14. Zhao, J., Liu, W., Shen, J., Xu, M., Sasmito, A. P., 2022. A real-time monitoring temperature-dependent risk index for predicting mine water inrush from collapse columns through a coupled thermal-hydraulic-mechanical model. Journal of Hydrology, 607, p.127565. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2022.127565
- 13. Xu, M., Gao, Y., Fang, F., Akhtar, S., Chaedir, B. C., Sasmito, A. P., 2022. Experimental and unified mathematical frameworks of water-ice phase change for cold thermal energy storage. International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, 187, p.122536. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2022.122536
- 12. Agson-Gani, P. H., Zueter, A. F., Xu, M., Ghoreishi-Madiseh, S. A., Kurnia, J. C., Sasmito, A. P., 2022. Thermal and hydraulic analysis of a novel double-pipe geothermal heat exchanger with a controlled fractured zone at the well bottom. Applied Energy, 310, p.118407. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apenergy.2021.118407
- 11. Hefni, M.A.*, Xu, M.*, Hassani, F., Ghoreishi-Madiseh, S.A., Ahmed, H.A., Saleem, H.A., Ahmed, H.A.M., Hassan, G.S.A., Ahmed, K.I., Sasmito, A.P., 2021. An analytical model for transient heat transfer with a time-dependent boundary in solar- and waste-heat-assisted geothermal borehole systems: From single to multiple boreholes. Applied Sciences, 11(21), p.10338. https://doi.org/10.3390/app112110338

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- 10. **Xu, M.**, Akhtar, S., Zueter, A. F., Alzoubi, M. A., Sushama, L., Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Asymptotic analysis of a two-phase Stefan problem in annulus: Application to outward solidification in phase change materials. *Applied Mathematics and Computation*, 408, p.126343. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amc.2021.126343
- 9. Zhao, J., Liu, W., Shen, J., **Xu, M.**, Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Fractal treelike fracture network model for hydraulically and mechanically induced dynamic changes in the non-Darcy coefficient during the process of mine water inrush from collapsed columns. *Fractals*, 29(7), p.2150218. https://doi.org/10.1142/S0218348X21502182
- 8. Akhtar, S., **Xu, M.**, Sasmito, A. P., 2021. A novel crystal growth model with non-linear interface kinetics and curvature effects: Sensitivity analysis and optimization. *Crystal Growth & Design*, *21*(6), p.3251-3265. https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.cgd.0c01652
- 7. Zueter, A. F., **Xu, M.**, Alzoubi, M. A., Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Development of computationally efficient conjugate reduced-order models for artificial ground freezing: Thermal and computational analysis. *Applied Thermal Engineering*, 190, p.116782. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.applthermaleng.2021.116782
- 6. Akhtar, S., **Xu, M.**, Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Development and validation of an asymptotic solution for a two-phase Stefan problem in a droplet subjected to convective boundary condition. *International Journal of Thermal Sciences, 164*, p.106923. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijthermalsci.2021.106923
- 5. Akhtar, S., **Xu, M.**, Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Development and validation of a semi-analytical framework for droplet freezing with heterogeneous nucleation and non-linear interface kinetics. *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, 166*, p.120734. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2020.120734
- 4. Su, E., Liang, Y., Zou, Q., **Xu, M.**, Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Numerical analysis of permeability rebound and recovery during coalbed methane extraction: Implications for CO2 injection methods. *Process Safety and Environmental Protection, 149*, p.93-104. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psep.2020.10.037
- 3. **Xu, M.**, Akhtar, S., Zueter, A. F., Auger, V., Alzoubi, M. A., Sasmito, A. P., 2020. Development of analytical solution for a two-phase Stefan problem in artificial ground freezing using singular perturbation theory. *Journal of Heat Transfer, 142*(12), p.122401. https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4048137
- 2. Alzoubi, M. A., **Xu, M.**, Hassani, F. P., Poncet, S., Sasmito, A. P., 2020. Artificial ground freezing: A review of thermal and hydraulic aspects. *Tunnelling and Underground Space Technology*, *104*, p.103534. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tust.2020.103534
- 1. Su, E., Liang, Y., Chang, X., Zou, Q., **Xu, M.**, Sasmito, A. P., 2020. Effects of cyclic saturation of supercritical CO2 on the pore structures and mechanical properties of bituminous coal: An experimental study. *Journal of CO2 Utilization, 40,* p.101208. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcou.2020.101208

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

(* denotes equal authorship; _ denotes presenting author)

- 16. Xu, M., Mohit, M., Akhtar, S., Sasmito, A. P., (Abstract accepted). Development of modified perturbation solutions to the one-phase Stefan problems with a convective boundary. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2023.* October 29 November 2, 2023, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- 15. Xu, M., Akhtar, S., Zueter, A. F., Mohit, M., Akhtar, S., Sasmito, A. P., (Abstract accepted). Analytical modeling of metal foam composite phase change materials (PCM) in thermal energy storage using asymptotic analysis. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2023.* October 29 November 2, 2023, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- 14. Zolfagharroshan, M., Zueter A.F., Xu, M., Sasmito, A. P., (Abstract accepted). Theoretical study of counter-current liquid-vapor flow under condensation conditions over non-isothermal vertical wall of two-phase closed thermosyphon. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2023.* October 29 November 2, 2023, New Orleans, LA, USA.
- 13. Zolfagharroshan, M., Zueter A.F., Xu, M., Sasmito, A. P., 2022. A novel reduced-order model for transient heat transfer in thermosyphon for geothermal systems. *Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Heat Transfer, Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics (HEFAT)*. August 8-10, 2022, Virtual Conference, Online.
- 12. Mohit, M., Akhtar, S., Xu, M., Sasmito, A. P., 2023. Incorporating droplet dynamics to improve the reduced-order model of spray freezing for mine heating applications. *Proceedings of the 19th North American Mine Ventilation Symposium (NAMVS).* June 17-22, 2023, Rapid City, SD, USA.
- 11. Xu, M.*, Akhtar, S.*, Sasmito, A. P., 2022. A multiscale modeling framework for droplet solidification using phase field method. *Proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Heat Transfer, Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics (HEFAT)*. August 8-10, 2022, Virtual Conference, Online.

- 10. Gao, Y.*, Xu, M.*, Wu, C., Fang, F., Akhtar, S., Mujumdar, A. S., Sasmito, A. P., 2022. Experimental and analytical investigations of ice slurry production using spray freezing. *Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Applied Energy (ICAE)*. August 8-11, 2022, Bochum, Germany.
- 9. Agson-Gani, P. H., Zueter, A., Xu, M., Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Development of a 1+1D reduced-order model in double-pipe geothermal heat exchanger systems: From single to multiple boreholes. *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Applied Energy (ICAE)*. November 29 December 2, 2021, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 8. Xu, M., Akhtar, S., Sasmito, A. P., 2021. A heterogenous nucleation model for supercooled water and sucrose solution droplets under ultra-cold environments. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2021.* November 1-4, 2021, Virtual Conference, Online. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2021-68974
- 7. Xu, M., Ghoreishi-Madiseh, S. A., Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Analytical solution for computationally efficient closed-loop geothermal system using multiple boreholes equipped with coaxial heat exchangers. *Proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Heat Transfer, Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics (HEFAT)*. July 25-28, 2021, Virtual Conference, Online. (Best Paper Award)
- 6. Akhtar, S., Xu, M., Sasmito, A. P., 2021. Spray freezing for mine heating: A statistical perspective. *Proceedings of the 18th North American Mine Ventilation Symposium (NAMVS).* June 12–17, 2021, Virtual Conference, Online. https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003188476 (Best Student Paper Award)
- 5. Xu, M., Akhtar, S., Zueter, A. F., Alzoubi, M. A., Sasmito, A. P., 2020. Analytical modeling of outward solidification with convective boundary in cylindrical coordinates. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2020.* November 16-19, 2020, Virtual Conference, Online. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2020-23397
- 4. Zueter, A. F., Xu, M., Alzoubi, M. A., Sasmito, A. P., 2020. Effect of freeze pipe eccentricity in artificial ground freezing applications. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2020.* November 16-19, 2020, Virtual Conference, Online. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2020-23417
- 3. Xu, M., Akhtar, S., Alzoubi, M. A., Sasmito, A. P., 2019. Singular perturbation solution for a two-phase Stefan problem in outward solidification. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2019.* November 11-14, 2019, Salt Lake City, UT, USA. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2019-11033
- 2. Akhtar, S., Xu, M., Sasmito, A. P., 2019. Verification and validation of droplet freezing for convective boundary condition using matched asymptotic perturbation method and computational fluid dynamics. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers IMECE 2019.* November 11-14, 2019, Salt Lake City, UT, USA. https://doi.org/10.1115/IMECE2019-12081
- 1. **Xu, M.**, Akhtar, S., Alzoubi, M. A., Sasmito, A. P., 2019. Development and verification of two-phase Stefan problem using perturbation method for artificial ground freezing. *Proceedings of the 27th Canadian Congress of Applied Mechanics (CANCAM).* May 27-30, 2019, Sherbrooke, QC, CA.

ORAL & POSTER COMMUNICATIONS

(denotes presenting author)

- 3. Xu, M., Zueter, A. F., Sasmito, A. P., 2022. Development and validation of a space-marching analytical model for selective artificial ground freezing in underground mines. *Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Convention & EXPO 2022.*May 1-4, 2022, Vancouver, BC, CA. https://convention.cim.org/2022/en
- 2. Teufel, B., Oh, S., Poitras, C., Ruman, C., Pasco, A., Xu, M., Sushama, L., Kumral, M., Sasmito, A., 2019. Sustainable Northern Landscapes and Engineering Systems. *Annual McGill Sustainability Systems Initiative (MSSI) Research Symposium. McGill University.* October 16, 2019, Montreal, QC, CA. https://www.mcgill.ca/mssi/events
- 1. Xu, M., Akbarzadeh, A., Mirabolghasemi, A., Boldini, A., 2017. Thermal Analysis of Cellular Materials Based on Non-Fourier Heat Conduction: A Finite Element Approach. *McGill Internship Poster Event by the Office of Student Academic Services. McGill University.* October 5, 2017, Montreal, QC, CA. https://mcgill.ca/osas/files/osas/viewbook_2017.pdf