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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Finite element and discontinuous Galerkin methods
- Scientific machine learning and data-driven methods
- Computational inverse and ill-posed problems
- Numerical methods for radiative transfer
- Electromagnetic and elastic/viscoelastic waves

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University
- Assistant Professor — Oct 2024 – now

University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Visiting Assistant Professor — Sep 2020 – Sep 2024

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- Visiting Doctoral Student — Sep 2019 – June 2020

EDUCATION

University of Delaware
- **Ph.D** in **Applied Mathematics** — 2020
  Advisor: Dr. Francisco-Javier Sayas
  Thesis: Generalized projection-based error analysis of hybridizable discontinuous Galerkin methods

Wuhan University
- M.S. in Computational Mathematics — 2015
- B.S. in Pure Mathematics — 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Submitted

19. B. Cockburn, **S. Du**, M. A. Sánchez. A spectral analysis of hp-hybridized mixed and HDG methods for parametric second-order elliptic problems.
18. **S. Du**, T. Le, S. N. Stechmann. Element learning with hp-adaptivity: Machine learning-based acceleration of hp-adaptive spectral element methods, and application to atmospheric radiative transfer

Peer-reviewed

17. J. L. Torchinsky, **S. Du**, and S. N. Stechmann. Angular-spatial hp-adaptivity for radiative transfer with discontinuous Galerkin spectral element methods. *J. Quant. Spectrosc. Radiat. Transf. 348 (2026)*.
    DOI: 10.1016/j.jqsrt.2025.109687

16. D. H. Marsico, **S. Du**, S. N. Stechmann. Can second-order numerical accuracy be achieved for Moist Atmospheric Dynamics with non-smoothness at cloud edge? *J. Adv. Model. Earth Syst. 17 (2025).*
DOI: 10.1029/2025MS005293
15. **S. Du**, and S. N. Stechmann. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning, with applications to radiative transfer. *J. Comp. Math. (2024)*.
DOI: 10.4208/jcm.2407-m2024-0047
14. **S. Du**, and S. N. Stechmann. Inverse radiative transfer with goal-oriented hp-adaptive mesh refinement: adaptive-mesh inversion. *Inverse Probl. 39 (2023), no. 11.*
DOI: 10.1088/1361-6420/acf785
13. B. Cockburn, **S. Du**, M. A. Sánchez. A priori error analysis of new semidiscrete, Hamiltonian HDG methods for the time-dependent Maxwell's equations. *ESAIM: M2AN 57 (2023), no.4, 2097-2129.*
DOI: 10.1051/m2an/2023048
12. **S. Du**, and S. N. Stechmann. Fast, low-memory numerical methods for radiative transfer via hp-adaptive mesh refinement. *J. Comput. Phys. 480 (2023)*.
DOI: 10.1016/j.jcp.2023.112021
11. **S. Du**, and S. N. Stechmann. A universal predictor-corrector approach for minimizing artifacts due to mesh refinement. *J. Adv. Model. Earth Syst. 15 (2023)*.
DOI: 10.1029/2023MS003688
10. B. Cockburn, **S. Du**, M. A. Sánchez. Combining finite element space-discretization with symplectic time-marching schemes for linear hamiltonian systems. *Front. Appl. Math. Stat. 9 (2023)*.
DOI: 10.3389/fams.2023.1165371
9. M. A. Sánchez, **S. Du**, B. Cockburn, N.-C. Nguyen, J. Peraire. Symplectic Hamiltonian finite element methods for electromagnetics. *Comput. Methods Appl. Mech. Engrg. 396 (2022)*.
DOI: 10.1016/j.cma.2022.114969
8. B. Cockburn, M. A. Sánchez, **S. Du**. Discontinuous Galerkin methods with time-operators in their numerical traces for time-dependent electromagnetics. *Comput. Meth. Appl. Math. (2022)*.
DOI: 10.1515/cmam-2021-0215
7. **S. Du**, and F.-J. Sayas. A note on devising HDG+ projections on polyhedral elements. *Math. Comp. 90 (2021), 65-79.*
DOI: 10.1090/mcom/3573
6. **S. Du**. HDG methods for Stokes equation based on strong symmetric stress formulations. *J. Sci. Comput. 85, 8 (2020)*.
DOI: 10.1007/s10915-020-01309-7
5. **S. Du**, and F.-J. Sayas. A unified error analysis of hybridizable discontinuous Galerkin methods for the static Maxwell equations. *SIAM J. Numer. Anal. 58 (2020), no. 2, 1367–1391.*
DOI: 10.1137/19M1290966
4. **S. Du**, and F.-J. Sayas. New analytical tools for HDG in elasticity, with applications to elastodynamics. *Math. Comp. 89 (2020), 1745-1782.*
DOI: 10.1090/mcom/3499

3. **S. Du**, and N. Du. A factorization of least-squares projection schemes for ill-posed problems. *Comput. Meth. Appl. Math. 20 (2020), no. 4, 783-798.* DOI: 10.1515/cmam-2019-0173
2. T.S. Brown, **S. Du**, H. Eruslu, and F.-J. Sayas. Analysis of models for viscoelastic wave propagation. *Appl. Math. Nonlin. Sci. 3 (2018), no. 1, 55-96.* DOI: 10.21042/AMNS.2018.1.00006

Books

1. **S. Du**, and F.-J. Sayas. An invitation to the theory of the Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin Method. *SpringerBriefs in Mathematics (2019).* DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-27230-2

GRANTS

- NSF (DMS–2324368): Breaking the 1D Barrier in Radiative Transfer: Fast, Low-Memory Numerical Methods for Enabling Inverse Problems and Machine Learning Emulators. Senior personnel. $498,832 total, $350,000 at UW (2023–2026).
- NSF (AGS–2326631): Convective Processes in the Tropics Across Scales. Senior personnel. $768,471 total, $471,155 at UW (2024–2026).

PRESENTATION

Invited talks

34. Inverse radiative transfer via goal-oriented adaptive mesh refinement
SIAM New York–New Jersey–Pennsylvania Section *Nov 2025*
33. Accelerating finite element-type methods with machine learning on substructures
Third HKSIAM Biennial Conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong July 2025
32. Element learning: accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning, with applications to radiative transfer
SIAM sectional meeting, Fort Worth, Texas March 2025
31. Forward and inverse computation for radiative transfer via hp-adaptive mesh refinements
14th AIMS Conference, Abu Duhabi Dec 2024
30. Inverse radiative transfer via goal-oriented hp-adaptive mesh refinement
14th AIMS Conference, Abu Duhabi Dec 2024
29. Element learning: accelerating finite element-type methods via operator learning with cost-effective training
SIAM sectional meeting, Rochester Institute of Technology Nov 2024
28. Forward and inverse computation for radiative transfer via hp-adaptive mesh refinement and machine learning acceleration
Analysis seminar, Binghamton University Oct 2024
27. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning
CCAM seminar, Purdue University Mar 2024
26. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning
Analysis and Data Science Seminar, SUNY at Albany Feb 2024

25. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning
Math Department Colloquium, Syracuse University Jan 2024
24. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning
Math Department Colloquium, Chinese University of Hong Kong Dec 2023
23. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods, with applications to radiative transfer
University of Electronic Science and Technology of China Nov 2023
22. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning, with applications to radiative transfer
Scientific Computing Seminars, University of Houston Nov 2023
21. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods via machine learning, with applications to radiative transfer
Applied Math seminar, University of Louisiana at Lafayette Oct 2023
20. Element learning: a systematic approach of accelerating finite element-type methods, with applications to radiative transfer
Numerical analysis and PDE seminar, University of Delaware Sep 2023
19. Energy-conserving discontinuous Galerkin methods with time-operators in their traces for time-dependent electromagnetics
17th UCNCCM, Albuquerque, NM July 2023
18. Fast, low-memory methods for radiative transfer through hp-adaptive mesh refinement
13th AIMS Conference, Wilmington, NC June 2023
17. Unified analysis of HDG methods for the static Maxwell equations
CILAMCE-PANACM 2021, Brazil Nov 2021
16. Generalized projection-based error analysis of hybridizable discontinuous Galerkin (HDG) methods
CEDYA2021, Spain June 2021
15. Projection-based analysis of hybridizable discontinuous Galerkin (HDG) methods
Wenbo Li Prize Talk, U of Delaware Feb 2020
14. Unified analysis of HDG methods for the static Maxwell equations
SIAM CSE2021, Virtual Meeting Mar 2021
13. New analysis techniques of HDG+ method
SIAM Sectional Meeting, Iowa State U Oct 2019
12. Uniform-in-time optimal convergent HDG method for transient elastic waves with strong symmetric stress formulation
WAVES2019, TU Wien, Vienna Aug 2019
11. Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin schemes for elastic waves
ICIAM2019, Valencia July 2019
10. HDG for transient elastic waves
WONAPDE2019, U of Concepcion Jan 2019

Contributed talks

9. Element learning: accelerating finite element methods via operator learning
FEM Circus, U of Notre Dame Oct 2023
8. Three-dimensional radiative transfer: fast, low-memory numerical methods
Collective Madison Meeting, Madison, WI Aug 2022

7. Projection-based analysis of HDG methods with reduced stabilization
   DelMar Num Day 2019, U of Maryland May 2019
6. Projection-based error analysis of HDG methods for transient elastic waves
   FEM Circus, U of Delaware Nov 2018
5. Devising a tailored projection for a new HDG method in linear elasticity
   FEM Circus, U of Tennessee Mar 2018
4. A new HDG projection and its applications
   Mid-Atlantic Numerical Analysis Day, Temple U Nov 2017

Poster presentation

3. Fast, low-memory numerical methods for radiative transfer: forward and inverse problems
   New Trends in Computational and Data Sciences, Caltech Dec 2022
2. Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin methods in transient elastodynamics
   FACM2018, New Jersey Institute of Technology Aug 2018
1. Building a computational code for 3D viscoelastic wave simulation
   Mid-Atlantic Numerical Analysis Day, Temple U Nov 2016

TEACHING

Instructor

- Applied Linear Algebra (MAT532) at Syracuse University Fall 2025
- Multivariable calculus (MAT397) at Syracuse University Spring 2025
- Linear Algebra and Differential Equations (Math320) at UW-Madison Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant

- Analytic Geometry and Calculus C (Math243) 2016&2017 Fall
- Analytic Geometry and Calculus B (Math242) 2017 Spring
- Calculus I (Math221) 2018 Spring
- Review of Advanced Mathematical Problems
  (summer courses offered to incoming graduate students) 2018 Fall

MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Graduate mentorship

- Jason Torchinsky (co-mentored with S. N. Stechmann) 2022 – 2023

Undergraduate mentorship

- WISCERS project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison 2023
- GEMS summer research project at the University of Delaware Fall 2016

JOURNAL REFEREE

Journal of Scientific Computing • SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing • SIAM Multiscale Modelling and Simulation • ESAIM: Mathematical Modelling and Numerical Analysis • Inverse Problems and Imaging • Computers and Mathematics with Applications • Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics

AWARDS AND HONORS

Wenbo Li Prize	2020
University Doctoral Fellowship Award at the University of Delaware	2019
ICIAM2019 travel grant	2019
Graduate Enrichment Fellowship at the University of Delaware	2018
GEMS project fund at the University of Delaware	Summer 2016
National Scholarship for Graduate Students of China	2013
People's Scholarship of Wuhan University	2011
Outstanding Student of Wuhan University	2009 – 2011

SERVICES

- Organizing minisymposium "Recent Developments on Hybrid Methods Combining Neural Networks with Classical Numerical Methods"
  SIAM Pacific Northwest Section — Oct 2025
- Mentor for SIAM Virtual Resume Building Workshop — Oct 2024

CODING PROJECTS

Fast, low-memory methods for radiative transfer — 2020 – 2022

- Build a cell-based structured adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) data structure
- Implement discontinuous Galerkin (DG) methods with hp-adaptivity for the full radiative transfer equation

Hybridizable Discontinuous Galerkin (HDG) methods — 2016 – 2020
(based on HDG3D library: github.com/team-pancho/HDG3D)

- Build Matlab codes of high order HDG methods on computing cluster for transient elastic/viscoelastic waves and Maxwell equations
- Write documentation with detailed implementation procedures for HDG methods for Maxwell equations

Finite Element Method (FEM) — 2016
(based on Team Pancho FEM library: team-pancho.github.io)

- Build Matlab codes of high order FEM methods on computing cluster for simulation of viscoelastic waves.

Multiscale modeling — 2013 – 2015

- Implement algorithms to calculate Cauchy stress tensor based on micro-scale molecular dynamics information

COMPUTER SKILLS

Theory
Data Structures • Algorithm • Object Oriented Programming
Languages & Software
Matlab • Python • C • C++ • Fortran • openMPI • LISP • Linux Shell

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