Samy Wu Fung



Appointments

- Assistant Professor. Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics. Colorado School of Mines. August 2021 - present
- Assistant Professor. Department of Computer Science. Colorado School of Mines. May 2022 - present
- Assistant Adjunct Professor. Department of Mathematics, University of California, Los Angeles. July 2019 - August 2021
- Givens Associate. MCS Division, Argonne National Laboratory. May 15, 2018 Nov 30, 2018

Education

- PhD. in Applied Mathematics, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, May 2019
 Advisor: Lars Ruthotto
- BSc. in Applied Mathematics, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2014
 Advisor: Johnny Guzmán
- O AA. in Mathematics, Miami Dade College, Miami, FL, May 2011

Research Interests

Inverse Problems, Deep Learning, Optimization, Optimal Control, Mean Field Games

Preprints/Submitted Articles

- 1. McKenzie D, Wu Fung S, Heaton H, Yin W. Faster Predict-and-Optimize with Three-Operator Splitting, arXiv:2301.13395, 2023.
- 2. Heaton H, McKenzie D, Li Q, Wu Fung S, Osher S, Yin W. Learn to Predict Equilibra via Fixed Point Networks, arXiv:2106.00906, 2021

Published/Accepted Articles

1. Heaton H, Wu Fung S. Explainable Al via Learning to Optimize, *Scientific Reports*, accepted, 2023

- 2. Osher S*, Heaton H*, Wu Fung S*. A Hamilton-Jacobi-based Proximal Operator, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 120 (14), 2023
- 3. Vidal A, Wu Fung S, Tenorio L, Osher S, Nurbekyan L. Taming Hyperparameter Tuning in Continuous Normalizing Flows Using the JKO Scheme, *Scientific Reports*, 13 (4501), 2023.
- 4. Chow YT, Wu Fung S, Liu S, Nurbekyan L, Osher S. A Numerical Algorithm for Inverse Problem from Partial Boundary Measurement Arising from Mean Field Game Problem, *Inverse Problems*, 39(1), 014001, 2022
- Heaton H, Wu Fung S, Osher S. Global Solutions to Nonconvex Problems by Evolution of Hamilton-Jacobi PDEs, Communications on Applied Mathematics and Computation, accepted, 2022
- 6. Ye J[†], Wan C[†], Wu Fung S. Adaptive Uncertainty-Weighted ADMM for Distributed Optimization, *Journal of Applied and Numerical Optimization*, 4(2), pp. 273-290. 2022
- 7. Agrawal S, Lee W, Wu Fung S, Nurbekyan L. Random Features for High-Dimensional Nonlocal Mean-Field Games, *Journal of Computational Physics*, 459, pp. 111136. 2022
- 8. Onken D, Nurbekyan L, Li X, Wu Fung S, Osher S, Ruthotto L. A Neural Network Approach for High-Dimensional Optimal Control, *Transactions on Control Systems Technology*, accepted, 2022
- 9. Wu Fung S*, Heaton H*, McKenzie D, Li Q, Osher S, Yin W. JFB: Jacobian-free Backpropagation for Implicit Networks, *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 36(6), 6648-6656, 2022
- Heaton H*, Wu Fung S*, Lin AT*, Osher S, Yin W. Wasserstein-based Projections with Applications to Inverse Problems, SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science, 40(2), 581-603, 2022
- 11. Heaton H*, Wu Fung S*, Gibali A, Yin W. Feasibility-based Fixed Point Networks, Fixed Point Theory and Algorithms for Sciences and Engineering, 21, 2021
- 12. Kan K, Wu Fung S, Ruthotto L. PNKH-B: A Projected Newton-Krylov Method for Large-Scale Bound-Constrained Optimization, *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing*, 43(5), S704–S726, 2021
- 13. Lin AT*, Wu Fung S*, Li W, Nurbekyan L, Osher S. Alternating the Population and Agent Control via Two Neural Networks to Solve High-Dimensional Stochastic Mean Field Games, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(31). 2021
- Onken D, Nurbekyan L, Li X, Wu Fung S, Osher S, Ruthotto L. A Neural Network Approach Applied to Multi-Agent Optimal Control, *European Control Conference 2021 (ECC21)*, pp. 1036-1041. 2021
- 15. Onken D, Wu Fung S, Li X, Ruthotto L. OT-Flow: Fast and Accurate Continuous Normalizing Flows via Optimal Transport, *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 35(10), 9223-9232, 2021

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[†]undergraduate student at time of publication

- Ruthotto L, Osher S, Li W, Nurbekyan L, Wu Fung S. A Machine Learning Framework for Solving High-Dimensional Mean Field Game and Mean Field Control Problems, *Proceedings* of the National Academy of Sciences, 117(17), 2019-22204, 2020 †
- 17. Wu Fung S, Tyrväinen S, Ruthotto L, Haber E. ADMM-Softmax: An ADMM Approach for Multinomial Logistic Regression, *Electronic Transactions on Numerical Analysis*, 52, 214-229, 2020
- 18. Wu Fung S, Di Z. Multigrid Optimization for Large-Scale Ptychographic Phase Retrieval, *SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences*, 13(1), 214–233. 2020
- Wu Fung S, Ruthotto L. An Uncertainty-Weighted Asynchronous ADMM Method for Large-Scale PDE Parameter Estimation, SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing, 41(5),S129-S148, 2019
- 20. Wu Fung S, Ruthotto L. A Multiscale Method for Model Order Reduction in PDE Parameter Estimation, *Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics*, 350, 19-34, 2019

Grants and Awards

- NSF DMS 2309810: Optimization-based Implicit Deep Learning, Theory and Applications.
 Total budget \$294,995. Principal Investigator. June 2023 May 2026.
- NSF DMS 2110745*: Development of Geometrically-Flexible Physics-Based Convolution Kernels, funded by the US National Science Foundation. Total budget \$297,627. Principal Investigator. June 2021 - May 2024.
- 2022 MGB-SIAM Early Career (MSEC) Fellowship
- 2019 Emory Graduate Student Research Award

Contributed and Invited Research Presentations

- Using Hamilton Jacobi PDEs in Optimization
 - invited talk at Data-Driven Methods for Science and Engineering Seminar, University of Washington. April 7, 2023
 - invited talk at the Mathematical Machine Learning Seminar, Max Planck Institute. March 2, **2023**
 - invited talk at the Center for Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence, George Mason University. February 24, **2023**.
 - invited talk at the Center for Research in Signals and Networks Seminar, Colorado School of Mines. February 11, **2023**.
 - invited talk at the Applied and Computational Mathematics Division Seminar Series. National Institute of Standards and Technology. Boulder, CO, January 24, **2023**

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^{*}Grant received via PI Transfer

- Global Solutions to Nonconvex Problems by Evolution of Hamilton-Jacobi PDEs
 - invited talk at the Spatial Statistics and Kernel Club. Colorado School of Mines. Golden, CO, October 12, 2022
 - invited talk at the Optimal Transport and Mean Field Game Seminar at University of South Carolina. April 7, 2022.
 - invited talk at Level Set Collective Seminar, Department of Mathematics, UCLA, Los Angeles, Ca. September, 20, 2022
 - invited talk at the Early Career Math Colloquium at The University of Arizona. September 21, **2022**.
- o A Deep Learning Approach for Real-Time High-Dimensional Optimal Control
 - invited talk at the 4th AFOSR Monterey Training Workshop on Computational Issues in Nonlinear Control. May 24, 2023
 - invited talk at Colorado School of Mines, Math Club/SIAM Student Chapter. March 16, 2022.
 - invited talk at the Center for Research in Signals and Networks Seminar, Colorado School of Mines. February 18, **2022**.
 - invited talk at the Hamilton-Jacobi PDEs Reunion Conference I, at the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, Los Angeles, California, January 13, **2022**.
- Efficient Training and Design of Implicit Networks with Applications in Contextual Games
 - invited talk at the Center for Research in Signals and Networks Seminar, Colorado School of Mines. December 10, **2021**.
 - invited talk at SIAM Conference on Optimization. Seattle, Wa. May 31, 2023
- Efficient Training of Infinite-depth Neural Networks via Jacobian-free Backpropagation
 - invited talk at Sacred Heart University. Fairfield, CT. October 3, 2022.
 - invited talk at SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science. San Diego, CA. September 30, **2022**.
 - invited talk at the CS@Mines Seminar at Colorado School of Mines. Golden, CO. May 3, 2022.
 - invited talk at SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification. Atlanta, Ga. April 14, 2022.
 - invited talk at the Math Colloquium Series, at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, March 31, 2022.
 - invited talk at the Los Alamos National Lab ML Seminar, February 17, 2022.
 - invited talk at the The Carl Heiland Lecture Series, at the Department of Geophysics, Colorado School of Mines, February 9, **2022**.
 - invited talk at the Applied Math/Inverse Problems Seminar, at Colorado State University, February 3, 2022.

- invited talk at the The Scientific Al Research Group, at the University of Texas at Austin, January 28, **2022**.
- invited talk at the Center for Wave Phenomena Seminar, Colorado School of Mines.
 December 6, 2021
- invited talk at the AMS Fall Western Sectional Meeting, at University of New Mexico.
 October 23, 2021.
- invited talk at the PDE and Applied Math Seminar at the University of California, Riverside.
 October 20, 2021.
- invited talk at the Statistics, Optimization and Machine Learning Seminar at University of Colorado, Boulder. October 12, **2021**.
- contributed talk at the Applied Math and Statistics Colloquium at Colorado School of Mines. September 10, 2021.
- Wasserstein-based Projections for Inverse Problems
 - invited talk at the Applied and Computational Mathematics Seminar at Dartmouth College.
 January 26, 2021.
 - invited talk at the PDE and Applied Math Seminar at the University of California, Riverside.
 January 20, 2021.
 - invited talk at the Deep Learning Seminar at University of South Carolina. December 1, **2020**.
 - invited talk at the Optimal Transport and Mean Field Game Seminar at University of South Carolina. October 14, **2020**.
 - invited talk at the Mathematics and Deep Learning Collective at Iowa State University.
 October 2, 2020.
- o A GAN-based Approach for High-Dimensional Stochastic Mean Field Games, held at
 - invited talk at the Spatial Statistics and Kernel Club. Colorado School of Mines. Golden, CO, March 11, 2022
 - invited talk at the SIAM Virtual Conference on Mathematics of Data Science. June 25, 2020
 - invited talk at the Laboratory for Applied Mathematics, Numerical Software, and Statistics (LANS) Seminar at Argonne National Laboratory. June 17, **2020**.
 - invited talk at the Numerical Analysis and Scientific Computing Seminar at Emory University. Atlanta, Ga. March 27, **2020**.
- A Machine Learning Framework for High-Dimensional Mean Field Games, held at
 - invited talk at the Optimal Transport and Applications to Machine Learning and Statistics workshop at MSRI, Berkeley, Ca, May 5, 2020 (Online Recording)
 - invited talk (joint with Stanley Osher) at the High Dimensional Hamilton-Jacobi Methods in Control and Differential Games workshop at IPAM, Los Angeles, Ca, April 1, 2020 (Online Recording)

- contributed poster in the Intersections between Control, Learning and Optimization workshop at IPAM, Los Angeles, Ca, February 24, **2020**
- invited talk at the Level Set Collective Seminar, Department of Mathematics, UCLA, Los Angeles, Ca. December 3, 2019
- Adaptive Multiscale and Asynchronous Optimization Methods for Large-Scale PDE Parameter Estimation, held at
 - invited talk at the Level Set Collective Seminar, Department of Mathematics, UCLA, Los Angeles, Ca. July 30, 2019
 - invited talk at AMS Spring Southeastern Sectional Meeting, Auburn, AL, March 17, 2019
 - invited talk at SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, Spokane, Wa. February 27, 2019.
- Large-Scale Classification using Multinomial Regression and ADMM
 - contributed poster at Georgia Scientific Computing Symposium. Atlanta, Ga. February 16, **2019**
- Multilevel Algorithms for Ptychographic Phase Retrieval, held at various occasions:
 - contributed talk at the Summer Argonne Student Symposium at Argonne National Laboratory. Lemont, II. July 26, 2018
 - invited talk at the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory. Lemont, II.
 July 16, 2018
- An Uncertainty-Weighted ADMM Method for Large-Scale PDE Parameter Estimation, held at various occasions:
 - invited talk at SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification. Garden Grove, Ca. April 19, 2018
 - contributed talk at Fifteen Copper Mountain Conference on Iterative Methods. Copper Mountain, Co. March 26, 2018
 - invited talk at Spelman College. Atlanta, Ga, February 26, 2018
 - contributed poster at Georgia Scientific Computing Symposium. Atlanta, Ga. February 24, 2018
 - contributed talk at the Scientific Computing Seminar at Emory University. Atlanta, Ga, USA, October 13, 2017
- o jInv A Flexible Julia Package for Parallel PDE Parameter Estimation, held at various occasions:
 - contributed e-poster at SIAM Conference on Computer Science and Engineering, Atlanta,
 GA, March 1, 2017
 - contributed poster, Georgia Scientific Computing Symposium. Atlanta, Ga. February 20, 2016
- PDE-Constrained Optimization with Multiscale Methods, held at various occasions:

- invited talk at SIAM Annual Meeting Conference. Pittsburgh, Pa, USA. July 10 14,
 2017
- invited talk at SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering. Atlanta, Ga, USA, March 3, 2017
- contributed talk at the Scientific Computing Seminar at Emory University. Atlanta, Ga, USA, February 17, 2017

Teaching

o Spring 2023

- MATH 598: Numerical Optimization (Graduate Level), Colorado School of Mines
- o Fall 2022
 - MATH 307: Intro to Scientific Computing, Section A, Colorado School of Mines
- O Spring 2022
 - MATH 307: Intro to Scientific Computing, Section A, Colorado School of Mines
- o Fall 2021
 - MATH 307: Intro to Scientific Computing, Section A, Colorado School of Mines
 - CSCI 499: Independent Study
- o Spring 2021
 - MATH199: Directed Research in Mathematics, Section 9, UCLA (online)
 - MATH 151A: Applied Numerical Methods I, Sections 1 & 2, UCLA (online)
- O Winter 2021
 - MATH 270C: Computational Linear Algebra (Graduate Level), Section 1, UCLA (online)
- o Fall 2020
 - MATH 151B: Applied Numerical Methods II, Section 1, UCLA (online)
- o Spring 2020
 - MATH 151A: Applied Numerical Methods I, Sections 1 & 2, UCLA (online)
- O Winter 2020
 - MATH 151B: Applied Numerical Methods II, Section 1, UCLA
- o Fall 2019
 - MATH 151A: Applied Numerical Methods I, Section 3, UCLA
- o Fall 2016

- MATH 111: Introductory Calculus, Emory University
- O Spring 2016
 - MATH 111: Introductory Calculus, Emory University
- o Fall 2015
 - MATH 111: Introductory Calculus, Emory University
- O Spring 2015
 - MATH 351: Partial Differential Equations, Emory University (TA)
- o Fall 2014
 - MATH 212: Ordinary Differential Equations, Emory University (TA)

Mentoring

- Graduate Student Supervision
 - Michael Ivanitsky. Project: Reinforcement Learning Informed by Biological Processes.
 Co-advised with Cecilia Diniz-Behn, Colorado School of Mines, since January 2022.
 - Soraya Terrab. Project: Data-Driven Multiwavelet Methods for Discontinuity Detection. Co-advised with Jennifer Ryan, Colorado School of Mines, since January 2022.
 - Alexander Vidal. Project: Optimal Transport-based Continuous Normalizing Flows, since August 2022.
- Undergraduate Student Supervision
 - Amandin Chyba and Jordan Pettyjohn. Project: Logical Extrapolation via Implicit Deep Learning. Colorado School of Mines, since August 2022.
 - Ibrohim Nosirov. Project: *Deep Learning Methods for Signal Processing*. Colorado School of Mines, September 2021 December 2021. Co-advised with Mike Wakin
 - Sudhanshu Agrawal. Project: *Machine Learning for High-Dimensional Non-Local Mean Field Games*. UCLA, January 2020 February 2022. Co-advised with Levon Nurbekyan
 - Richard Yim. Project: Learned Inverse Scale Space Flows. UCLA, January 2020 June 2020.
 - Caleb Wan and Jiangping Ye. Project: *Adaptive Uncertainty-Weighted ADMM Methods for Machine Learning*. UCLA, July 2020 December 2021.
- Emory 2022 REU/RET Program on Model Meets Data. Project: Implicit Deep Learning for Inverse Problems.
 - Linghai Liu, Brown University
 - Allen Tong, UCLA
 - Lisa Zhou, UC Berkeley

- Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS). Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, UCLA. June 2020 Aug 2020. Project: Large-Scale Inventory Optimization
 - Miranda Kaiser, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 - Julia Balukonis, Providence College
 - Rachel Fan, Vanderbilt University
 - Rong (Hugh) Jiang, UC Berkeley

Other Skills

- O Programming Languages: Python, Julia, Matlab
- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Cantonese (fluent)

Workshop and Minisymposium Organization

- Co-organizer of mini-symposium on Advances in Optimization and Feasibility Methods for and with Machine Learning at SIAM Conference on Optimization, Seatle, Washington. May 2023
- Co-organizer of mini-symposium on Advances in Learning to Optimize and Optimizing to Learn at SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, San Diego, California. September 2022
- Co-organizer of mini-symposium on Deep Learning Methods for Optimization at SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. April 2022
- Co-organizer of mini-symposium on Advances in Regularization Techniques for III-Posed Problems at the SIAM Conference on Imaging Sciences, Toronto, Canada. July, 2020
- Co-organizer of mini-symposium on Advances in Optimal Control for and with Machine Learning at the SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, Cincinnati, Ohio. May, 2020
- Co-organizer of mini-symposium on Mathematical Advances in Deep Learning at the SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, Spokane, Washington. February, 2019

Professional Activities and Affiliations

- O Reviewer for the following journals and conferences:
 - SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis
 - SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing
 - SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences
 - Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics

- Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning Conference (MSML)
- Journal of Applied and Numerical Optimization (JANO)
- Inverse Problems
- O Board Member for the Emory SIAM Student Chapter. Aug 2014 May 2019
- o Member of the Brown University Immigrant Rights Coalition. Aug 2011 May 2014
- O Member of Students Working for Equal Rights. Aug 2009 May 2011