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## Technical Skills

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**Languages:** Python, Fortran, C/C++, Java, Matlab  
**OS:** MacOS, Unix/Linux  
**Markup:** HTML/CSS, GNU Make, TeX/LaTeX/bibTeX  
**Libraries:** numpy, pandas, scipy, matplotlib, keras, sklearn, MPI, OpenMP, CUDA, BLAS, LAPACK  
**Tools/Frameworks:** pytest, sphinx, slurm, CI/CD, GitHub Actions, GitFlow

## Relevant Experience

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- Jun 2020 - Present. **Postdoctoral appointee: Argonne National Laboratory**, MCS Division
- Designed and implemented a Python framework for building and deploying multiobjective optimization solvers
  - Deployed solvers for particle accelerator design, autonomous material discovery, and neural-network architecture search
  - Applied for grants, supervised interns, authored scientific papers, and represented Argonne at international conferences
- Aug 2016 - May 2020. **Cunningham fellow: Virginia Tech**, Dept. of Computer Science
- Designed parallel algorithms and software for predictive modeling, blackbox optimization, and computational geometry
  - Applied solvers to model and tune HPC systems to control performance variability
  - Published papers in academic journals and conferences
- Jun 2019 - Dec 2019. **US DOE SCGSR awardee: Argonne National Laboratory**, MCS Division
- Conducting research in multiobjective optimization software via DOE SCGSR program (see awards)
- Feb 2016 - Aug 2016. **Research assistant: Old Dominion University**, Dept. of Computer Science
- Aided in parallelizing NASA's FUN3D CFD kernel on NVIDIA GPUs using CUDA and MPI
- Dec 2015 - Jan 2016. **Intern: US Army Research Labs**, Computational Science Division
- May 2015 - Aug 2015. **Intern: US Army Research Labs**, Computational Science Division
- Accelerating software for real-time optimal control (summer) & using AR technology for info viz (winter)
- Dec 2014 - Jan 2015. **Intern: US Army Research Labs**, Guidance Technology Branch
- May 2014 - Aug 2014. **Intern: US Army Research Labs**, Guidance Technology Branch
- Using OpenCV for real-time sensing (summer) & developing software for embedded systems (winter)

## Education

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- Ph.D., May 2020, Computer Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)
- Advisor: Layne Watson
  - Dissertation: Mathematical Software for Multiobjective Optimization Problems
- B.S., May 2016, Computer Science & Mathematics (double-major), Virginia Wesleyan University
- Summa cum laude; 2x ACM ICPC site champion; 8x Dean's list; 4x all-ODAC (conference) for varsity tennis

## Relevant Projects

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- Oct 2021 - Present.      **Self-Driving Labs, automating material discovery via continuous-flow chemistry**
- Discovered ideal mixtures/settings to produce the battery electrolyte 2,2,2-TFMC in a continuous-flow reactor (CFR)
  - Used a Bayesian/active learning framework to steer an automated feed, CFR, and NMR in a user-free feedback loop
- Sep 2016 - May 2020.      **The VarSys Project, NSF-funded study of performance variability in HPC systems**
- Member of the math and algorithms team on an interdisciplinary project to model and control performance variability
  - Tuned the Linpack solver on the leadership-class HPC Bebop, resulting in a 3x reduction in performance variability

## Selected Publications (from 25 total)

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5. 2023. **T. H. Chang**, J. R. Elias, S. M. Wild, S. Chaudhuri, and J. A. Libera. A framework for fully autonomous design of materials via multiobjective optimization and active learning: challenges and next steps. *11th Intl. Conf. on Learning Representation (ICLR 2023), Workshop on Machine Learning for Materials (ML4Materials)*. Kigali, Rwanda. url: <https://openreview.net/forum?id=8KJS7RPjMqG>
4. 2023. **T. H. Chang** and S. M. Wild. ParMOO: a Python library for parallel multiobjective simulation optimization. *Journal of Open Source Software* 8(82), Article 4468, 5 pages. doi: 10.21105/joss.04468
3. 2022. **T. H. Chang**, L. T. Watson, J. Larson, N. Neveu, W. I. Thacker, S. Deshpande, and T. C. H. Lux. Algorithm 1028: VTMOP: Solver for blackbox multiobjective optimization problems. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* 48(3), Article 36, 34 pages. doi: 10.1145/3529258
2. 2020. **T. H. Chang**, L. T. Watson, T. C. H. Lux, A. R. Butt, K. W. Cameron, and Y. Hong. Algorithm 1012: DELAUNAYSPARSE: Interpolation via a sparse subset of the Delaunay triangulation in medium to high dimensions. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* 46(4), Article 38, 20 pages. doi: 10.1145/3422818
1. 2018. **T. H. Chang**, L. T. Watson, T. C. H. Lux, B. Li, L. Xu, A. R. Butt, K. W. Cameron, and Y. Hong. A polynomial time algorithm for multivariate interpolation in arbitrary dimension via the Delaunay triangulation. *Proc. 2018 ACM Southeast Conference (ACMSE '18)*, Article 12, 8 pages. Richmond, KY, USA. doi: 10.1145/3190645.3190680

## Publicly Available Software

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4. 2023. ParMOO: Python library for parallel multiobjective simulation optimization. Release: 0.3.1  
Devs: **T. H. Chang** (lead), S. M. Wild, and H. Dickinson<sup>1</sup>      Primary Prog. Lang: Python 3  
git: <https://github.com/parmoo/parmoo>
3. 2022. VTMOP: Solver for blackbox multiobjective optimization problems.  
Devs: **T. H. Chang** (lead) and L. T. Watson      Primary Prog. Lang: Fortran 2008  
git: <https://github.com/vtopt/VTMOP>
2. 2020. DelaunaySparse: Interpolation via a sparse subset of the Delaunay triangulation.  
Devs: **T. H. Chang** (lead), T. C. H. Lux, and L. T. Watson      Primary Prog. Lang: Fortran 2003  
git: <https://github.com/vtopt/DelaunaySparse>
1. 2019. QAML: Quantum annealing math library.  
Devs: T. C. H. Lux (lead), **T. H. Chang**, and S. S. Tipirneni      Primary Prog. Lang: Python 3  
git: <https://github.com/tchlux/qaml>

## Leadership Activities

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### Students Advised

Jun 2022 - Aug 2022.      Manisha Garg (UIUC), NSF MSGL (PhD student intern) at Argonne

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<sup>1</sup>= DOE SULI (undergraduate intern) at Argonne in my supervision

Jun 2022 - Aug 2022.     Hyrum Dickinson (UIUC), DOE SULI (undergraduate intern) at Argonne