Tyler H. Chang – CV

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EXPERIENCE

Jun 2020 - Present. Postdoctoral appointee: Argonne National Laboratory, MCS Division

- Designed and implemented a Python framework for building and deploying multiobjective optimization solvers
- Explored trade-offs between accuracy and latency in neural network architecture search on 1000+ node HPCs
- Reduced time and cost of material design by factor of over 100x via active learning in a wet-lab environment

Aug 2016 - May 2020. Research fellow: Virginia Tech, Dept. of Computer Science

- Researching novel methods for error-bounded scientific machine learning and statistical regression
- Designed parallel algorithms and software for machine learning, blackbox optimization, and computational geometry
- Achieved 3x reduction in performance variability in leadership-class HPC at Argonne via above techniques

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

Ph.D., May 2020, Computer Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)

B.S., May 2016, Computer Science & Mathematics (double-major), Virginia Wesleyan University, summa cum laude



TECHNICAL SKILLS

Mathematical Skills: numerical optimization, scientific machine learning, approximation theory, computational geometry

Computing Skills: high-performance computing, open source software design, data structures & algorithms

Languages (expert): Python, Fortran
Languages (proficient): C, C++, Java, Matlab

Libraries (expert): BLAS, jax, LAPACK, numpy, OpenMP, scipy

Libraries (proficient): CUDA, CvxPy, keras, matplotlib, MPI, pandas, plotly/dash, pytorch, scikit-learn Tools/Workflow: CI/CD, GitFlow, GitHub Actions, kernprof, perf, pytest, qsub, slurm, sphinx



Publicly Available Software

4. 2023. ParMOO: Python library for parallel multiobjective simulation optimization. Release: 0.3.1

Devs: T. H. Chang (lead), S. M. Wild, and H. Dickinson¹ 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

¹= DOE SULI (undergraduate intern) at Argonne in my supervision



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (FROM 32 INDEXED ON SCHOLAR)

- 4. 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. *In 11th Intl. Conf. on Learning Representation (ICLR 2023), Workshop on Machine Learning for Materials (ML4Materials)*. url: https://openreview.net/forum?id=8KJS7RPjMqG
- 3. 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
- 2. 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
- 1. 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



FUNDING AND AWARDS

Research Funding

- 3. Mar 2024 Present. **Key contributor**, \$400K/y for 1 year. *High performance computing for development of critical thermodynamic inputs for next generation thermal barrier coatings*, external grant
- 2. Mar 2023 Sep 2023. **Co-PI**, \$50K/y for 1 year. *A Scalable Multi-Physics Optimization Framework for Particle Accelerator Design*, institutional seed funding (LDRD 2023-0246)
- 1. Jun 2019 Dec 2019. **Primary awardee**, \$3K/mo for 6 months. *An Adaptive Weighting Scheme for Multiobjective Optimization*, DOE award for PhD students (DE-SC0014664)

Research Fellowships

- 5. Aug 2016 May 2020. Cunningham Doctoral Fellowship, Virginia Tech, Graduate School, guaranteed research funding
- 4. Aug 2019 May 2020. Davenport Leadership Fellowship, Virginia Tech, College of Engineering, \$4k supplemental award
- 3. Aug 2018 May 2019. Pratt Fellowship, Virginia Tech, College of Engineering, \$4k supplemental award
- 2. Aug 2017 May 2018. Pratt Fellowship, Virginia Tech, College of Engineering, \$4k supplemental award
- 1. Aug 2016 May 2017. Davenport Leadership Fellowship, Virginia Tech, College of Engineering, \$4k supplemental award

Awards and Accomplishments

- 4. Jan 2021. Nominee for Outstanding Dissertation Award, Virginia Tech, Graduate School
- 3. Apr 2016. Outstanding Student in Computer Science & Mathematics, Virginia Wesleyan University
- 2. Feb 2016. ACM International Collegiate Programming Competition (ICPC), winning team for CNU site, VA, USA
- 1. Feb 2015. ACM International Collegiate Programming Competition (ICPC), winning team for CNU site, VA, USA



LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Interns Advised

Jun 2022 - Aug 2022. Manisha Garg (UIUC), NSF MSGI (PhD student intern) at ArgonneJun 2022 - Aug 2022. Hyrum Dickinson (UIUC), DOE SULI (undergraduate intern) at Argonne

Teaching

Jan 2022 - Present. Adjunct Professor: College of DuPage, Dept. of Computer and Info. Science (Intro to Python)

Jan 2020 - May 2020. Instructor of Record: Virginia Tech, Dept. of Computer Science (Data structures and algorithms)

Journal / Conference Referee

INFORMS Journal on Computing (2023–Present); ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software (2021–Present); Quantum Information Processing (2021–Present); The Visual Computer Journal (2021); MDPI: Mathematical and Computer Applications (2021); Journal of Machine Learning Research (2019); ICIAM (2023); Supercomputing (2021); IEEE SoutheastCon (2018–2020)

Minisymposium Organizer

Multiobjective Optimization Software track in SIAM Conference on Optimization (2021); Geometric Methods for Machine Learning track in SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (2021)