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Education

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering. Advised by Prof. Matthias Ihme. Sept. 2018 - Exp. June 2024

Thesis (WIP): *Overcoming Small Datasets in ML Studies of Computational Reacting Flows.*

Research Focus: Machine Learning, AI4Science, High-Performance Computing, Energy.

Courses: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Mining Massive Datasets, Parallel Computing, Linear Algebra, Numerical Methods, Fluid Mechanics, etc.

Imperial College London

United Kingdom

B.Eng. M.Eng. Mechanical Engineering. First Class Honours. Sept. 2013 - Aug. 2017

Thesis: *Two-dimensional Probability Density Function Model for HCCI Combustion.*

Experience

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Machine Learning Research Assistant Sept. 2018 - Exp. June 2024

Investigating machine learning for multi-physics energy, propulsion, and wildfire modeling.

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Livermore, CA

Deep Learning Research Intern June 2022 - Sept. 2022

Explored deep learning methods for climate modeling and COVID-19 drug discovery.

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

United Kingdom

Financial Messaging Software Engineer Sept. 2017 - Aug. 2018

Developed, deployed, and tested a Java-based global financial messaging application.

Imperial College London

United Kingdom

Environmental Engineering Research Assistant June 2017 - Aug. 2017

Prototyped light and acoustic sensor networks for flood warning systems in Nepal.

Selected Publications*

W.T. Chung, K.S. Jung, J. H. Chen, M. Ihme, The Bearable Lightness of Big Data: Towards Massive Public Datasets in Scientific ML. In: *ICML AI4Science Workshop*, 2022. [[.pdf](#)]

D.D. Wu, W.T. Chung, M. Ihme, ML4LM: ML for Safely Landing on Mars. In: *NeurIPS ML4PS Workshop*, 2022. [[.pdf](#)]

M. Ihme, W.T. Chung, A.A. Mishra, Combustion ML: Principles, Progress, and Prospects, *Prog. Energy Combust. Sci.* 91:101010, 2022.[[.pdf](#)]

W.T. Chung, A.A. Mishra, M. Ihme, Interpretable Data-driven Methods for Subgrid-scale Closure in LES for Transcritical LOX/GCH₄ Combustion, *Combust. Flame* 239:111758, 2022. [[.pdf](#)]

W.T. Chung, A.A. Mishra, N. Perakis, M. Ihme, Accelerating High-fidelity Combustion Simulations with Classification Algorithms. In: *AAAI MLPS Spring Symposium*, 2021. [[.pdf](#)]

*Refer to my [Google Scholar](#) for a complete list.

Awards

Stanford Climate-Centered AI Affinity Group Award	2023
Stanford Human-Centered AI Graduate Fellowship	2022-2023
Stanford School of Engineering Graduate Fellowship	2018-2019
Imperial College Mechanical Engineering Most Outstanding Thesis Prize	2017
Imperial College Mechanical Engineering Dean's List (Top 10% of Class)	2017
Imperial College Engineering Undergraduate Research Award	2017

Professional Activities

Wrote Google Award for Inclusion Research Grant (Awarded \$60,000): *Forecasting wildfire pollutant transport using physics-informed ML*, PI: M. Ihme, 2022. [[info](#)]

Wrote NERSC Award Grant (Awarded 11.2M CPU hours): *High-fidelity simulations of multi-mode compression and alternative-fuel effects in rapid compression machines*, PI: M. Ihme, 2022. [[info](#)]

Wrote NASA Early Stage Innovations Grant (Awarded \$650,000): *Supersonic retropropulsion wind tunnel data analysis*, PI: M. Ihme, 2021. [[info](#)]

Invited Speaker, Potential and Challenges of ML in Industrial and Environmental Reacting Flows. In: *K1st World Symposium*, 2022.

Invited Speaker, The Bearable Lightness of Big Data: Towards Massive Public Datasets in Scientific ML. In: *Stanford HAI Graduate Seminar*, 2022.

Reviewer for the *ASME Turbo Expo*, 2023.

Reviewer for the *Int. J. Engine Res.*, 2023.

Reviewer for the *ML and the Physical Sciences Workshop at NeurIPS*, 2021, 2022.

Reviewer for the *AI for Science: Progress and Promises Workshop at NeurIPS*, 2022.

Session Chair for Turbulent Combustion at the *U.S. Natl. Combust. Meet.*, 2022.

Session Chair for Numerical/Computational Combustion at the *Int. Symp. Combust.*, 2022.

Lead organizer for *Stanford HAI Climate-Centered AI Seminar Series*, 2023.

Co-organizer for *Stanford Mechanical Engineering Student Committee*, 2019-2022.

Co-organizer for *Imperial College London Mechanical Engineering Society*, 2016-2017.

Open-source Projects

BLASTNet simulation dataset. [blastnet.github.io]

Multi-GPU deep learning tutorials for 3D datasets. [github.com/blastnet/kaggle_tutorials]

Intro. to ML tutorials. [github.com/IhmeGroup/CombML_Tutorials]

Skills

Programming

Proficient: Python, PyTorch (Lightning), TensorFlow, MATLAB.

Familiar: C++, PyG, PySpark, MPI, Java.

Languages

Proficient: English, Malay.

Familiar: Mandarin, Cantonese.