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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, AI for Science, High-Performance Computing, Energy.

Courses: Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Mining Massive Datasets, AI and Society, Linear Algebra, Parallel Computing, 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 ML for multi-physics energy, propulsion, and wildfire modeling.

Wildfire Science Teaching Assistant

Mar 2023 - June 2023

Developed learning material for empirical/computational/ML-based 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*

P. Sharma, **W.T. Chung**, B. Akoush, M. Ihme. A Review of Physics-informed ML in Fluid Mechanics. *Energies* 16(5):2343 (2023). [[.pdf](#)]

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 W.*, 2022. [[.pdf](#)]

D.D. Wu, **W.T. Chung**, M. Ihme. ML for Safely Landing on Mars. In: *NeurIPS ML4PS W.*, 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 Symp.*, 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
WSSCI Student Travel Award	2022
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). PI: M. Ihme, 2022. [[info](#)]

Wrote NERSC Award Grant (Awarded 11.2M core-hours). PI: M. Ihme, 2022. [[info](#)]

Wrote NASA Early Stage Innovations Grant (Awarded \$650,000). PI: M. Ihme, 2021. [[info](#)]

Invited Speaker. Addressing Gaps in Scientific Data within ML studies of Thermo-fluid Systems. In: *Stanford Thermal and Fluid Sciences Industrial Affiliates Conference*, 2023.

Invited Speaker. Potential and Challenges of ML in Industrial and Environmental Reacting Flows. In: *K1st World Symposium*, 2022. [[video](#)]

Invited Speaker. Towards Massive Public Datasets in Scientific ML. In: *Stanford HAI Grad Seminar*, 2022.

Invited Speaker. Data-assisted simulations using a classification algorithm. In: *Stanford Thermal and Fluid Sciences Industrial Affiliates Conference*, 2020.

Reviewer for *Synergy of Scientific and Machine Learning Modeling Workshop at ICML*, 2023.

Reviewer for *ReScience C (ML Reproducibility Challenge)*, 2023.

Reviewer for *ASME Turbomachinery Technical Conference & Exposition*, 2023.

Reviewer for *International Journal of Engine Research*, 2023.

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

Reviewer for *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.

AI/ML Technical Lead for *Stanford Fx Lab (PI: M. Ihme)*, 2022-Present.

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, Gym, PySpark, MPI, FORTRAN, Java.

Languages

Proficient: English, Malay.

Familiar: Mandarin, Cantonese.