WENQIONG (WEN) TU

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Objective: Use established CAE expertise to help company to solve problems and power innovation

Summary of Qualifications

- 6 years of experience in structural and stress analysis via various finite element software
- 6 years of experience in programming and code development for solid mechanics applications
- Proficiency in analysis and design of various structural components
- 6 peer-reviewed journal articles in composite materials, structural analysis, fracture and damage, finite deformation, plasticity, optimization, biomaterials

Education

University of Virginia (UVA), PhD (2016)   Charlottesville, VA, US

➢ Applied mechanics in Civil Engineering; GPA 3.9/4.0

Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)   Wuhan, China

➢ **M. S.** in Solid Mechanics, 2010, GPA 3.8/4.0; **B. S.** in Engineering Mechanics, 2008, GPA 3.7/4.0

Skills: Abaqus, 3DEXPERIENCE Platform, Isight, fe-safe, ANSYS, LS-DYNA, HyperMesh, Matlab, Python, Fortran

Work Experience

➢ **Dassault Systèmes Simulia Corp**   Minneapolis , MN

Technical Intern   June 2015- November 2015

- Working on industry consulting project regarding fracture modeling via cohesive zone model; resolving customer support problems in a timely manner; and preparing high-quality Abaqus workshops for both academic and industrial customers.
- Evaluation of homogenized moduli of composite materials with Finite-Volume micromechanics and Abaqus and the work was presented in the poster session of SIMULIA Regional User Meeting.
- Extensive training with Abaqus in fracture and failure modelling, user subroutine, convergence and contact, analysis of flexible multibody system, etc.
- Training in Fe-safe (fatigue package), Isight (automation and optimization package) and 3DEXPERIENCE platform

➢ **Applied mechanics, UVA**   Charlottesville, VA

Graduate Research Assistant   January 2011- present

- **"Investigation of damage evolution in composite materials"**
- Developed an efficient numerical tool in modeling crack initiation and propagation with excellent stability.
- Simulated fiber/matrix debonding in SiC/Ti composites and damage evolution in cross-ply laminates.
- One peer-reviewed article has been published and another one is under review.

- **"Computational evaluation of homogenized properties of periodic materials via Abaqus"**
- Utilized python to create periodic unit cell and apply periodic conditions via constraint equations.
- Applied unit strain and analyzed the unit cell 6 times to obtain a complete set of homogenized properties.

- **"Finite deformation analysis and optimization of bio-inspired materials"**
- Developed an efficient homogenization-based Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) method.
- Optimized unit cell architectures of heart-valve chordae tendineae using parallelized PSO algorithm via HPC clusters.
- Research results are published in a journal article and featured by the Global Medical Discovery website.

- **"Plastic strain localization in periodic materials with wavy brick-and-mortar architectures"**
- Directed the research work of 3 fourth year undergraduates and published one peer-reviewed article.
- Systematically examined the combined effects of waviness and platelet arrangement on the elastic-plastic response.

➢ **Solid mechanics, HUST**   Wuhan, China

Graduate Research Assistant   September 2008-November 2010

• **"Study of the delamination of fiber/Aluminum laminates under low-velocity impact"**

- Simulated delamination between single plies via Cohesive Zone Model (CZM) in LS-DYNA.

- Quantitated plastic effects of Al plies in absorbing impact energy and in reducing delamination between plies.

- Identified the preferred stacking sequence for laminates with strong delamination resistance.

• **"Strength analysis and optimization of Carbon Fiber Reinforced Plastic (CFRP) joints"**

- Designed CFRP joints with AutoCAD and created 3D finite element model in ANSYS.

- Predicted the delamination bearing strength of CFRP joints considering contact effects.

- Optimized the delamination bearing strength via PSO approach by varying ply angles.

Undergraduate Research Assistant   May 2007-June 2008

• **"Stress and strength analysis of tube connections on air cooled heat exchanger"**

- Built 3D finite element model in ANSYS from technical drawing provided by collaborated company.

- Carried out stress analysis to check stress distribution at tube connections and verified the strength of steel.

Journal Articles

➢ **W. Tu** and M. J. Pindera, 2015. Dissipative response of unidirectional composites with two brittle constituents (in preparation).

➢ **W. Tu** and M. J. Pindera, Damage Evolution in Cross-Ply Laminates Revisited via CZM-Based Finite-Volume Homogenization, Composites Part B: Engineering, 2016, 86, 40-60.

➢ A. Katz, C. Trinh, J. Wright, **W. Tu**, M. J. Pindera, Plastic Strain Localization in Periodic Materials with Wavy Brick-and-Mortar Architectures and Its Effect on the Homogenized Response, Composites Part B: Engineering, 2015,68,270-278.

➢ **W. Tu** and M. J. Pindera, Cohesive Zone-Based Damage Evolution in Periodic Materials via Finite-Volume Homogenization, Journal of Applied Mechanics, 2014, 81: 101005(1-16).

➢ **W. Tu** and M. J. Pindera, Targeting the Finite-deformation Response of Wavy Biological Tissues with Bio-inspired Material Architectures, 2013, Journal of the Mechanical Behavior of Biomedical Materials, 2013, 28: 291-308.

➢ **W. Tu,** J. Chen, J. Wei, Study on the Delamination of Fiber-metal Laminates under Low-velocity Impact, Chinese Journal of Solid Mechanics, 2012, 33(2): 182-188.

➢ W. Peng, J. Chen, J. Wei., **W. Tu**, Optimal Strength Design for Fiber Metal Laminates, Journal of Composite Materials, 2010, 45: 237-254.

➢ W. Peng, J. Chen, M. Gu, **W. Tu**, A Particle Swarm Optimization(PSO) Algorithm for Minimizing Interlaminar Normal Stresses at the Free-edge of Composite laminates, Mechanical Science and Technology for Aerospace Engineering,2009, 28(11):1496-1500.

Selected Conference Presentations

➢ **W. Tu** and M. J. Pindera, CZM-Based FVDAM Analysis of Damage Evolution in Cross-Ply Laminates, American Society for Composites 30th Technical Conference, Sep 28-30, 2015, East Lansing, MI.

➢ **W. Tu**, Y. Yang and M. J. Pindera, Evaluation of homogenized moduli of composite materials with Finite-Volume micromechanics and Abaqus, SIMULIA Regional User Meetings, Sep 22-23, 2015, Minneapolis, MN.

➢ **W. Tu** and M. J. Pindera, A Unified Methodology for the Homogenization of Periodic Materials with Damage, the 4th International Conference on Integrity, Reliability and Failure, June 23-27 2013, Funchal, Portugal, pp. 793-794.

- ➤ **W. Tu,** Z. Tang, M.J. Pindera, Interfacial Damage Mechanics of Composite Materials Via Finite-Volume Micromechanics, 20th Annual International Conference on Composite Materials, July 22-28, 2012, Beijing, CHINA.
- ➤ M.J. Pindera, **W. Tu,** M. Cavalcante, K. Bixel, Microstructural Effects in Tailoring the Response of Engineered Bio-Materials, 2012 NSF CMMI Engineering Research and Innovation Conference, July 9–12, Boston.

Journal Reviews

- ➤ Journal of Reinforced Plastics and Composites

Honors and Awards

- ➤ Travel Award for Graduate Students (2012) - University of Virginia
- ➤ Excellent Master Thesis in Hubei Province, China (2011)
- ➤ Excellent Graduate Student (2009) - Huazhong Univ. of Sci. & Tech
- ➤ Excellent undergraduate (2008) - Huazhong Univ. of Sci. & Tech
- ➤ Excellent Thesis of Undergraduate (2008) - Huazhong Univ. of Sci. & Tech