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Education

Ph.D. 2002, Applied Mathematics, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
B.S. 1998, Mathematics, Peking University, Beijing, China.

Employment

July 2016 – present
Full Professor
Department of Mathematics, Penn State University
July 2010 – June 2016
Associate Professor
Department of Mathematics, Penn State University
August 2005 – June 2010
Assistant Professor
Department of Mathematics, Penn State University
August 2004 – August 2005
Postdoctoral Fellow
Institute for Mathematics and its
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September 2002 – August 2004
Research Associate
Program in Applied and Computational Mathematics
Princeton University

Other Affiliations at Penn State

Center for Computational and Applied Mathematics (Co-director)
Center for Interdisciplinary Mathematics
PSU Institute for Computational and Data Science
Center for Advanced Data Assimilation and Predictability Techniques

Research Interest

Quantum computing algorithms
Reduced-order modeling; Data assimilation
Analysis of Machine learning algorithms; stochastic algorithms
Open quantum systems; Quantum master equations
Quantum transport

Electron structure calculations
Coarse-graining molecular dynamics; non-Markovian dynamics
Anomalous nano-scale heat conduction; generalized Fourier's Law
Computational mechanics and nano-scale materials

Graduate Students

Former students: Chao Liang; Adam Telatovich; Xiaojie Wu; Weiqi Chu;
He Zhang, Yushuang Luo, Taehee Ko.

Current students: Ke Wang, HsuanCheng Wu and Pegah Mohammadipour;

Publications

a. Submitted or published.

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3. Zhenning Liu, Jin-Peng Liu, Xiantao Li and Chunhao Wang, Toward end-to-end quantum simulation for protein dynamics, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2411.03972>.
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8. Ding, Z., Ko, T., Yao, J., Lin, L., & Li, X. Random coordinate descent: a simple alternative for optimizing parameterized quantum circuits. Physical Review Research, Volume 6, 033029, 2024.
9. Wang, K., & Li, X. Simulation-assisted learning of open quantum systems. *Quantum*. Volume 8, 1407, 2024. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2307.03858>
10. Ozgul, G., Li, X., Mahdavi, M., & Wang, C. "Stochastic Quantum Sampling for Non-Logconcave Distributions and Estimating Partition Functions." *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*. 2024. DOI:

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14. Jin, S., Li, X. (Author), Liu, N., & Yu, Y. (2023). Quantum simulation for partial differential equations with physical boundary or interface conditions. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 498, 112707. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcp.2023.112707>
15. Li, [Enabling Quantum Speedup of Markov Chains using a Multi-level Approach](#), preprint, 2022.
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17. Ko and Li, [A Local Convergence Theory for the Stochastic Gradient Descent Method in Non-Convex Optimization With Non-isolated Local Minima](#), . J. Mach. Learn., 2, 138-160. DOI: 10.4208/jml.230106, 2023.
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20. Ko and Li, Stochastic Algorithms for Self-consistent Calculations of Electronic Structures, Mathematics of Computation, 92, 1693-1728. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2107.01454 **2023**.
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37. [Q. Du, Xiantao Li and L. Yuan, Analysis of coarse-grained lattice models and connections to nonlocal interactions](#), *SIAM Trans. Appl. Math*, Vol 1, 155-185, **2020**.
38. Jingze Li and Xiantao Li, Exponential Integrators for Stochastic Schrödinger Equation, *Physical Review E*, Vol 101, 013312, **2020**.
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c. Book chapters and conference proceedings

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91. Coarse-graining molecular dynamics. *Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach, Report 21, 2008, page 1148.*
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Recent Research Support

NSF PI, 2024-2027 (DMS, Award Amount, \$300,000).
 NSF Co-PI, 2023 – 2026 (FET, Award Amount \$600,000)
 Penn State Institute of Computational and Data Science Grant
 2022-2023) \$30,000.

NSF Principal Investigator, 2021--2024 (DMS- 2111221, Award Amount \$395,391).

NSF Principal Investigator, 2020--2023 (DMS- 1953120, Award Amount \$120,000).

NSF Principal Investigator, 2018--2021 (DMS-1819011, Award Amount \$200,000).

NSF Co-Principal Investigator, 2016--2019 (DMS-1619661, Award Amount \$300,867).

NSF Principal Investigator, 2015--2018 (DMS-1522617, Award Amount \$215,000)

Research Interest

Quantum Computing

Machine learning

Molecular modeling and simulations

Dimension reduction

Computational mechanics and material defects.

Numerical analysis

Students and Postdocs

- Qing Ruan, **MS, 2009**
- Chao Liang, **PhD 2014**
- Xiaojie Wu, **PhD 2018**
- Adam Telatovich, **PhD 2018**.
- Weiqi Chu, **PhD 2019**.
- He Zhang, PhD 2020.
- Yushuang Luo, PhD 2022.
- Taehee Ko, PhD 2023.
- Ke Wang, PhD Candidate, Current
- HsuanCheng Wu, PhD Candidate, Current
- Pegah Mohammadipour, PhD Candidate, Current
- Lina Ma, Postdoc, 2015-2017.

Invited talks

University of South Carolina, November, 2024.

Simon's Institute, October 2024.

SIAM Material Conference, March 2024.

University of California, Berkeley, March, 2023
 IPAM-UCLA, March and October 2023.
 Numerical Analysis of Galerkin ROMs (NA G-ROMs) Seminar series, Oct 2023.
 SIAM Annual Meeting, 2022.
 Crunch Seminar, Brown University, September 2022.
 Computational Mathematics for Quantum Technologies, July 2022.
 SIAM conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May, 2021.
 SIAM meeting on Mathematical Aspects of Material Sciences, May 2021.
 INS Colloquia, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Sep 2020.
 Applied Math Seminar, Purdue University, Feb 2020.
 ICIAM The International Council for Industrial and Applied Math, Valencia, July, 2019.
 Department Seminar, University of California at Santa Cruz, June, 2019.
 Workshop on dimension reduction in data and physical sciences, Duke, 2019.
 The 13th World Congress in Computational Mechanics, July 2018.
 SIAM Annual Meeting 2018, July 2018.
 14th National Congress on Computational Mechanics (USNCCM14), July 2017.
 SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical System, May 2017.
 SIAM Conference on computational science and engineering, Feb 2017.
 Applied Math Seminar, Colorado State University, Nov 2017.
 SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science (MS16), 2016.
 Mathematical and Computational Methods in Quantum Chemistry, Yale University, 2016.
 Pacific Northwest National Lab, June 2015.
 Department of Mathematics, University of California, Berkeley, April 2015.
 Department of Mathematics, Duke University, September 2014.
 Division of Applied Math, Brown University, October 2014.
 SIAM annual meeting, June 2014.
 Department of Math, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, June 2014
 Courant Institute, New York University, Nov 2013.
 SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science, June 2013.
 The 2nd Pacific Rim Mathematical Association Congress, June 2013.
 The International Conference on Applied Mathematics, April 2012.

Professional Services

Symposium organizer Symposium on Computational Mathematics for Engineering and Sciences at Penn State, 2024.

SIAM-sponsored Workshop on Dimension Reduction (March 22-25, 2015 at Penn State). Organized with colleague Chun Liu.

Mini-symposium organizer for the SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Materials Science, June 2014.

Mini-symposium organizer for the multiscale material modeling meeting (MMM 2014).

Manuscript reviewer for Journal of Computational Physics, Communication in Mathematical Science, Journal of Applied Numerical Mathematics, SIAM Multiscale Modeling and Simulation, Journal Numerische Mathematik, Communications of Computational Physics, Journal of Scientific Computing etc.