# Yifan Chen

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## EDUCATION

Caltech Pasadena, California

Ph.D. Candidate in Applied and Computational Mathematics

2018-present Advisors: Profs. Thomas Y. Hou, Andrew M. Stuart, Houman Owhadi

Tsinghua University

B.S. in Pure and Applied Mathematics, GPA: 96/100, ranked 1/89

Bejing, China 2014-2018

# Research Interest

I have my background in **Applied and Computational Mathematics**, working on theoretical and computational problems in *scientific computing* and *statistical data science*.

- Physics: theoretical and numerical analysis of multiscale PDEs [1]–[3]
- Information: statistical machine learning and hierarchical learning [4], [5]
- Computation: inverse problems [7], optimization [6], randomized algorithms [ongoing]

#### **Publications**

- [1] Y. Chen and T. Y. Hou, "Function approximation via the subsampled poincaré inequality", Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems-A, 2020.
- [2] Y. Chen and T. Y. Hou, "Multiscale elliptic pdes upscaling and function approximation via subsampled data", arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.04199, 2020.
- Y. Chen, T. Y. Hou, and Y. Wang, "Exponential convergence for multiscale linear elliptic pdes via adaptive edge basis functions", arXiv preprint arXiv:2007.07418, 2020.
- Y. Chen and W. Li, "Optimal transport natural gradient for statistical manifolds with continuous sample space", Information Geometry, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 1–32, 2020.
- [5] Y. Chen, H. Owhadi, and A. M. Stuart, "Consistency of empirical bayes and kernel flow for hierarchical parameter estimation", arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.11375, 2020.
- Y. Chen, Y. Sun, and W. Yin, "Run-and-inspect method for nonconvex optimization and global optimality bounds for r-local minimizers", Mathematical Programming, vol. 176, no. 1-2, pp. 39-67, 2019.
- J. Chen, Y. Chen, H. Wu, and D. Yang, "The quadratic wasserstein metric for earthquake location", Journal of Computational Physics, vol. 373, pp. 188–209, 2018.

All alphabetical order & Corresponding author: [2], [4], [5]

#### Referee Services

- Reviewer for SIAM on Numerical Analysis
- Reviewer for 4th International Conference, GSI 2019, Toulouse, France, August 27–29, 2019, Proceedings.

# Conferences and Seminars

- Second Symposium on Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, Fields Institute, Toronto, Sept. 21-25, 2020
  - Gave talk: Consistency of Hiearchical Parameter Learning: Empirical Bayesian and Kernel Flow Approaches
- Bernoulli-IMS One World Symposium 2020
  - Gave talk: Consistency of Hiearchical Parameter Learning: Empirical Bayesian and Kernel Flow Approaches
- Oberwolfach Seminar: Beyond Numerical Homogenization, June 9-15, 2019
- Machine Learning for Multiscale Model Reduction Workshop, Harvard University, March 27-29, 2019
- Mathematical Model and Computation of Nonlinear Problems, Tsinghua Sanya International Mathematics Forum, January 15-19, 2018
- Youth Forum in the 15th Annual Meeting of CSIAM, Qingdao, China, Oct 2017
  - Gave talk: The quadratic Wasserstein metric for Earthquake Location

#### TEACHING

• Teaching Assistant at Caltech

2020

ACM 109: Mathematical Modeling (Graduate)

ACM 117: Probability and Stochastic Processes (Graduate)

ACM 118: Stochastic Processes and Regression (Graduate)

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

#### Graduate:

•	Kortschak Scholars Program,	Department of Computational and Mathematical Sciences	2018-present

Undergraduate: multiple top scholarships

• Tsinghua Xuetang Mathematics Program, Department of Mathematical Sciences	2015–2018
• Outstanding Undergraduate, Tsinghua and Beijing	2018
• Baosteel Scholarship, Baosteel Corporation	2017
• Scholarship in Memory of the "12.9" Student Movement, Tsinghua	2016
• Qualcomm Scholarship, Qualcomm Corporation	2016
• Scholarship in Memory of Prof. Ou Li (Mathematics)	2016
• National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of China	2015

# COMPUTER SKILLS

• MATLAB: proficient

• LaTeX: proficient

• Python: proficient

### LANGUAGES

English: fluentChinese: native