

Haoyang Zheng

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Education

Purdue University, College of Engineering

Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering (advised by Prof. Guang Lin, GPA 4.0/4.0)

West Lafayette, IN

Jun. 2021 - May. 2025 (expected)

Purdue University, College of Engineering

M.S. in Mechanical Engineering (GPA 3.8/4.0)

West Lafayette, IN

Sep. 2019 - May. 2021

Southwest University, School of Computer and Information Science

B.Eng. in Automation (advised by Prof. Yong Deng, Rank 1/92)

Chongqing, China

Sep. 2014 - Jun. 2018

Conference

- [1] **Haoyang Zheng**, Wei Deng*, Christian Moya, Guang Lin*, “Accelerating Approximate Thompson Sampling with Underdamped Langevin Monte Carlo”, *AISTATS 2024*;
- [2] **Haoyang Zheng**, Hengrong Du, Qi Feng, Wei Deng*, Guang Lin*, “Constrained Exploration via Reflected Replica Exchange Stochastic Gradient Langevin Dynamics”, to appear in *ICML 2024*.

Journal

- [1] **Haoyang Zheng**, Yao Huang, Ziyang Huang, Wenrui Hao, Guang Lin*, “HomPINNs: Homotopy Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Solving the Inverse Problems of Nonlinear Differential Equations with Multiple Solutions”, *Journal of Computational Physics* (2024);
- [2] **Haoyang Zheng**, Jeffrey R. Petrella, P. Murali Doraiswamy, Guang Lin*, Wenrui Hao, “Data-Driven Causal Model Discovery and Personalized Prediction in Alzheimer’s Disease”, *NPJ Digital Medicine* (2022);
- [3] **Haoyang Zheng**, Ziyang Huang, Guang Lin*, “A Physics-Constrained Neural Network for Multiphase Flows”, *Physics of Fluids* (2022);
- [4] **Haoyang Zheng**, Yong Deng*, Yong Hu, “Fuzzy Evidential Influence Diagram and Its Evaluation Algorithm”, *Knowledge-Based Systems* (2017);
- [5] **Haoyang Zheng**, Yong Deng*, “Evaluation Method Based on Fuzzy Relations Between Dempster-Shafer Belief Structure”, *International Journal of Intelligent Systems* (2018);
- [6] Tian Bian, **Haoyang Zheng**, Yong Deng*, “Failure Mode and Effect Analysis Based on D Numbers and Topsis”, *Quality and Reliability Engineering International* (2018);
- [7] Likang Yin, **Haoyang Zheng**, Tian Bian, Yong Deng*, “An Evidential Link Prediction Method and Link Predictability Based on Shannon Entropy”, *Physica A* (2017).

Research Experience

Argonne National Laboratory, Mathematics and Computer Science Division

Lemont, IL

Givens Associate

May. 2023 - Jul. 2023

- Investigated suitable hyperparameters for **proximal policy optimization (PPO)** models through centralized Bayesian optimization search.
- Integrate the DeepHyper framework with the **MPI program** to achieve parallel computing and improve exploration.
- The designed algorithm intelligently identified the critical hyperparameters and suitable selections for specific tasks.

Purdue University, School of Mechanical Engineering

West Lafayette, IN

Research Assistant

Jul. 2019 - Present

- Proposed reflected **replica exchange stochastic gradient Langevin dynamics** to avoid the over-exploration in high-temperature chains and improve sample efficiency;
- Introduced advanced **Thompson Sampling** methods using **underdamped Langevin algorithms** to improve the sample complexity from $\mathcal{O}(d)$ to $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{d})$;
- Proposed **homotopy physics-informed neural networks** to solve the inverse problems of nonlinear differential equations with multiple solutions.
- Proposed a **data-driven causal model** described by ODEs to reveal **Alzheimer's disease** progression in different stages and provide accurate personalized disease progression predictions for patients.
- Proposed a **physics-constrained neural network** to predict sequential patterns and motions of multiphase flows with implicit and explicit physical constraints.

Teaching Experience

Purdue University, School of Mechanical Engineering

West Lafayette, IN

Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2019 - May. 2021

- Guided students through **hands-on lab tasks** in ME375 and ME475, ensuring understanding of key principles and safe practice.
- Conducted regular **office hours** to provide individualized support and address questions in homework and lab sections.
- Collaborated with instructors to **organize and execute in-class robot competitions**.

Skills

Programming Python (TensorFlow, PyTorch), MATLAB, R, C, Java

Research skills LaTeX, Origin Lab, EndNote, Visio, Notion

Achievements

SELECTED HONORS

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| 2017 | Finalist (0.5%) , Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling | COMAP |
| 2016 | Special prize (2/3568) , International Mathematical Contest in Modeling | GMMCA |

SELECTED AWARDS

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| 2024 | Student Travel Awards,
Nonlocality: Challenges in Modeling and Simulation | Providence, RI |
| 2023 | Student Travel Awards,
2023 Mathematical and Scientific Foundations of Deep Learning Annual Meeting | New York, NY |
| 2018 | Pacemaker to Technological Innovation in Chongqing,
Awarded 10 college students every two years | Chongqing, China |
| 2018 | Outstanding undergraduates in Chongqing,
Awarded 1% of all college undergraduate students every year | Chongqing, China |
| 2015 | China National Scholarship,
Awarded 1% of all undergraduates in China | China |