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## **EDUCATION**

## PhD in Mechanical Engineering

August 2023 - Present

Texas A&M University

Major: Mechanical Engineering

## **Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

**September 2019 - June 2023** 

China University of Geosciences, China

Major: Mechanical Engineering (89.41/100, top 10%)

Selected coursework: C Language Programming, Engineering Fluid Mechanics, Mechanics of Materials, Mechanism Design Project, Metal Processing, Computational Mathematics, Electromechanical Drive Control, Robot Technology

Minor: Big Data Science and Technology

Selected coursework: *Machine Learning, Object-Oriented Programming, Data Structure, Data Acquisition and Pre-processing, Big Data Storage and Management* 

\*China University of Geosciences is a national leading research university in China, one of the first group universities listed in the national "211" Project.

**English Proficiency:** IELTS: 7.0 (Listening: 8.0; Reading: 7.5; Speaking: 6.0; Writing: 6.0) GRE: 326 (Verbal: 159(81<sup>st</sup> percentile); Math: 167 (87<sup>th</sup> percentile))

#### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Programming: Python, C/C++, MATLAB (Passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> level Computer Proficiency Test)

Software: LAMMPS (Molecular Dynamics Simulation), Origin (Scientific Graphing), Tensorflow and Keras (Machine Learning)

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Experimental Research Project: Experimental synthesis and analysis of supercapacitor materials

- Collaboration project with Prof. Siyi Cheng at China University of Geosciences
- Synthesized new energy storage materials of supercapacitor with Metal-Organic Framework (MOF) structures
- Conducted electrochemical experiments (cyclic voltammetry (CV), galvanostatic charge/discharge (GCD), electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS)) on the supercapacitor

Computational Research Project: Predicting and designing silicon-based anode battery materials

- Collaboration project with Prof. Shengfeng Yang from the Purdue School of Engineering at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)
- Built atomistic models of silicon-based anode materials with complex microstructure
- Conducted molecular dynamics simulations (LAMMPS) to simulate the dynamic deformation of materials
- Designed reinforcement learning models to optimize the design of the microstructure to achieve better capacity for anode materials

Machine Learning Course Project: Building machine learning models

- Developed deep neural network (DNN) models by using Tensorflow and Keras libraries.
- Preprocessed the data from open-source datasets from University of California, Irvine (UCI) Open.
- Predicted the CO emission intensity using the developed DNN machine learning model

#### **INTERNSHIP**

Chery Automobile Co., Ltd.

- Work on Chery Products Development Process for automobile fuel system
- Involved in the manufacturing process of vehicles (stamping, welding, painting, assembling)
- Studied power battery pack and battery materials and finished two internship summary reports

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

*University Awards* 

- 2021 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Scholarship (Top 3%)
- 2021 Foreign Studies Society National Talent Cup Reading Contest (1st Prize University wide)
- 2020 Foreign Studies Society National Talent Cup Speech Contest (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize University wide)
- 2022 National English Competition for College Students (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize University wide)
- 2020, 2021 University Talent Project Grant Program
- 2019 University Ambassador (Local High School Outreach) (3<sup>rd</sup> Prize University wide)

# National Awards

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in the Hubei Province, Word Master Cup National Student English Vocabulary Proficiency Competition (2021)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in the Hubei Province, 7<sup>th</sup> National Student Engineering Comprehensive Ability Competition (2021)