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Research Areas

Professor Sun's field of research is computational mechanics, with a focus on material modeling of geological, energetic, granular, porous, and multi-phase solids with enhanced/enabled by machine learning. His research group specializes in the formulation, derivation, implementation, verification and validation of theoretical, computational, data-driven, and machine learning inverse and forward problems for sustainable engineering applications.

Education

PhD. Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Northwestern University, 09/2008-06/2011
M.A. Civil Engineering, Princeton University, 06/2007-05/2008
M.S. Civil Engineering (Geomechanics), Stanford University, 09/2005-06/2007
B.S. Civil Engineering, University of California, Davis, 09/2002-06/2005

Work Experience

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Columbia University, New York, since 07/2020
Editor, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering, Wiley, since 04/2025
Advisor, Visko Platform, Inc, Palo Alto, CA, since 09/2025.
UPS Foundation Visiting Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University, 08/2022-08/2023
Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Columbia University, 01/2014-07/2020
Senior Member of Technical Staff, Mechanics of Materials, Sandia National Laboratories (Livermore), 12/2012-01/2014

Postdoctoral Appointee, Mechanics of Materials, Sandia National Laboratories (Livermore), 06/2011-12/2012

Visiting Scholar, California Institute of Technology, 09/2010-12/2011

Honors and Awards

Selected individual awards received by the PI (Post-tenure)

- **Walter L. Huber Civil Engineering Research Prize**, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2023. In July 1946, the Board of Direction authorized annual awards on recommendation by the Society’s Committee on Research to stimulate research in civil engineering. In October 1964, Mrs. Alberta Reed Huber endowed these prizes in honor of her husband, Walter L. Huber, Past President, ASCE.
- **UPS Foundation Visiting Professorship**, Stanford University (Fall 2022 to Spring 2023). The UPS Foundation Visiting Professorship is made possible by UPS Foundation to invite a leading scholar annually in a selected field related to Civil Engineering to be in residence at Stanford for research interaction with faculty and students in the area of their specialty.
- **John Argyris Award for Young Scientists**, the International Association for Computational Mechanics, 2020. The IACM recognizes outstanding accomplishments, particularly outstanding published papers, by researchers 40 or younger. Eligibility requires that the nominee not turn 41 in the year the award is presented. The IACM John Argyris Award for Young Scientists is sponsored by Elsevier to honor Professor John Argyris’ significant contributions in the field.

Selected individual awards received by the PI (Pre-tenure)

- **NSF CAREER Award**, National Science Foundation (Mechanics of Materials and Structures Program, Civil, Mechanics and Manufacturing Innovation Division), 2019. The NSF’s most prestigious award in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholar through outstanding research and excellent education.
- **EMI Leonardo Da Vinci Award**, the Engineering Mechanics Institute of American Society of Civil Engineers, 2018. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding young investigators early in their careers for promising ground-breaking developments in the field of Engineering Mechanics and Mechanical Sciences as relevant to Civil Engineering, understood in the broadest sense. The award is given annually to a young investigator, generally under 35 years of age or have worked no more than 7 years since receiving their doctoral degree, and whose contributions have the promise to define new directions in theory and application of Engineering Mechanics, in the vein of Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), a man of unquenchable curiosity and feverishly inventive imagination. The EMI of ASCE selected the PI “*for his fundamental contributions to computational multiscale poromechanics*”.

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- **Zienkiewicz Numerical Methods in Engineering Prize**, Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and John Wiley & Sons, 2017. Instituted following a donation by John Wiley & Sons Ltd to commemorate the work of Professor Olgierd Cecil Zienkiewicz CBE. DSc FRS FREng of the Institute for Numerical Methods in Engineering, University of Wales, Swansea. The medal is awarded biennially by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) to a researcher under 40 for the paper which contributes most to research in numerical methods in engineering, among 8 prime peer-reviewed journals published by ICE or Wiley, i.e., *Géotechnique*, *Géotechnique Letters*, *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering*, *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Biomedical Engineering*, *International Journal for Numerical Methods in Fluids*, *International Journal for Numerical and Analytical Methods in Geomechanics*, *International Journal of Numerical Modelling: Electronic Networks, Devices and Fields*, and *ICE Proceedings*.
 - **AFOSR Young Investigator Program Award**, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, US Air Force, 2017. The Air Force’s Young Investigator Program (YIP) award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed by the US Air Force to outstanding scientists beginning their independent careers. The program is designed to identify and support talented scientists and engineers who show exceptional promise for doing creative research in order to encourage their teaching and research careers.
 - **ARO Young Investigator Program Award**, Army Research Office, US Army, 2015. The Army’s Young Investigator Program (YIP) award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed by the US Army to outstanding scientists beginning their independent careers. The program is designed to identify and support talented scientists and engineers who show exceptional promise for doing creative research in order to encourage their teaching and research careers.
 - **Caterpillar Best Paper Prize**, Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 2013. Selected annually among all journal articles published in *Acta Geotechnica* in 2013. Previous awardees include Yannis Dafalias (2014) and Franz-Josef Ulm (2012).

Other individual awards received by the PI

- **Dresden Fellowship**, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, 2016.
- **Recognition Award** for contribution to Albany Project, Sandia National Laboratories, Department of Energy, 2016.
- **DURIP Award**, United States Department of Defense and Army Research Office, 2015.
- **Claude R. Hocott Lectureship**, Department of Petroleum and Geosystem Engineering, the University of Texas at Austin, 2015.
- **Provost Diversity Award**, Provost’s Office, Columbia University, 2015.

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- **Visiting Professorship**, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
 - **Visiting Professorship**, University of Perugia, Italy, 2015.
 - **Visiting Professorship**, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 2014, 2015.
 - **IUTAM Travel Fellowship**, selected as one of the six young investigators to present at IUTAM symposium on "Connecting Multiscale Mechanics to Complex Material Design", International Union of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, 2014.
 - **USNCTAM Travel Fellowship**, 16th US National Congress of Theoretical & Applied Mechanics, 2010
 - **USACM Travel Fellowship**, 9th World Congress of Computational Mechanics, 2010
 - **NSF Travel Fellowship**, International Workshop on Multiscale and Multiphysics Processes in Geomechanics, 2010
 - **Tuition Scholarship**, Summer School on Accelerators for Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 2008
 - **Graduate Fellowship**, Northwestern University, 2008
 - **Graduate Fellowship**, Princeton University, 2007
 - **Graduate Fellowship**, Stanford University, 2005
 - **John W. and Ernestine L. Heinrich Scholarship**, University of California, Davis, 2004
 - **American Public Works Associations Scholarship**, American Public Works Associations, 2004
 - **PEER Scholarship**, Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, 2004
 - **MORE Undergraduate Research Fellowship**, University of California, Davis, 2004

Awards received by PI's students and group Members

- **Harold Agnew National Security Postdoctoral Fellowship** (Eric Bryant), Los Alamos National Laboratory, 2021.
- **Department of Defense Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) scholarship** (Nhon Ngoc Phan), US Department of Defense, 2021.
- **Department of Defense National Defense Science and Engineering Fellowship (NDSEG)** (Jarett Poliner), US Department of Defense, 2020.
- **Mindlin award** (SeonHong Na, Kun Wang, Nikolaos Vlassis, Bahador Bahmani), Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia University, 2018, 2019, 2021 & 2024.

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- **NSF Conference Fellowship** (Nikolaos Vlassis, Bahador Bahmani, Zeyu Xiong, Ran Ma, Qing Yin and Jarett Poliner), Mechanistic Machine Learning and Digital Twins for Computational Science, Engineering & Technology, MMLDT-CSET, San Diego, registration waiver, 2021.
 - **NSF Conference Fellowship** (Nikolaos Vlassis, Bahador Bahmani), 16th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, registration waiver, 2021.
 - **Travel Scholarship** (Kun Wang and Chuanqi Liu), Workshop on Meshfree and Particle MEthods: Applicatiopn and Theory, Santa Fe, 2018.
 - **Travel Scholarship** (Eric Bryant), 3rd Biennial CO2 for EOR as CCUS conference, Petroleum Research School of Norway, 2017.
 - **Dongju Lee Memorial Award** (SeonHong Na), Columbia University, 2017.
 - **Travel Scholarship** (SeonHong Na), US National Congress of Computational Mechanics, Montreal, Canada, 2017.
 - **Teaching Assistant Award** (SeonHong Na), Columbia University (Soil MEchanics), 2017.
 - **2nd Place in Best Paper Student Competition** (SeonHong Na), Engineering Mechanics Institute, Modeling Inelasticity and Multiscale Behavior Committee, EMI 2016 & PMC 2016, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2016.
 - **Best Poster Presentation Award** (Yang Liu), US National Congress of Computational Mechanics, San Diego, CA, 2015.
 - **Travel Scholarship** (Kun Wang), Society of Engineering Science Meeting at Texas A&M University, 2015.
 - **Travel Scholarship** (Yang Liu), US National Congress of Computational Mechanics, San Diego, CA, 2015.
 - **Travel Scholarship** (SeonHong Na), Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Stanford, 2015.
 - **Travel Scholarship** (SeonHong Na), deal.ii Workshop, Texas A&M University, 2015.

Journal Articles

(* indicates current or former students, ★ indicates postdocs, † indicates visiting scholars. First author credited to author who contributed the most; the senior author listed as the last author regardless of her/his contribution. Total citations = 6,493 (2,145 at the time of tenure in 2020, 22 when joining Columbia); H-index= 47; i10-index=100 (Google scholar [\[URL\]](#)) as of 12/18/2025.)

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4. **W.C. Sun**, J.E. Andrade, J.W. Rudnicki and P. Eichhubl, Connecting microstructural attributes and permeability from 3-D tomographic images of in situ compaction bands using multi-scale computation, *Geophysical Research Letter*, doi:10.1029/2011GL047683, 2011. (featured in EARTH magazine September 2011 issue [\[LINK\]](#))[\[URL\]](#)
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2. **W.C. Sun**, Modeling geomaterials under extreme conditions, Keynote Lecture, American Rock Mechanics Association, School of Mining & Mineral Resource at the University of Arizona, June 21-24, 2026 (scheduled).
3. **W.C. Sun**, Deep generative graphs for microstructure generation with tailored mechanical properties, keynote lecture, 16th Annual CEE Graduate Research Symposium, Cornell Duffield Engineering, Cornell University, March 6th, 2026.
4. **W.C. Sun**, Mechanics of frozen soils, Keynote Lecture, the 17th international conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics, Hong Kong, China, December 18-21, 2025.
5. **W.C. Sun**, Constitutive Modeling in the Era of AI, Distinguished Lectures on Computational Mechanics at International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition (IMECE), Memphis, TN, November 16-20, 2025.
6. **W.C. Sun**, Cold region computational mechanics, plenary lecture, 8th Biot Conference on Poromechanics, October 7, Salt Lake City, 2025. [\[Slides\]](#)
7. **W.C. Sun**, Constitutive Laws as Generative Graphs and Trees, COMPLAS 2025, XVII International Conference on Computational Plasticity. Fundamentals and Applications, Barcelona, plenary lecture, Spain 2-5 September, 2025. [\[Video\]](#)

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 9. **W.C. Sun**, EUROMECH Colloquium "Data-driven mechanics and physics of materials", Invited Plenary Lecture, Gothenburg, Sweden, 21-23- May 2025.
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 11. **W.C. Sun**, Pursuing trustworthy machine learning for multiscale meta-modeling of materials, Keynote Lecture, Workshop on Experimental and Computational Fracture Mechanics, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 4th, 2024.
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 14. **W.C. Sun**, High-fidelity MPM simulations for single- and multi-particle fracture fragmentations in the finite deformation/rotation regime, keynote lecture, Virtual Laboratory Testing and micromechanics, Norwegian Geotechnical Institute, Oslo, Norway, September, 22nd-23rd, 2022.
 15. **W.C. Sun**, Deep geometric prior for plasticity of geomaterials, HKSTAM Distinguished lecture, Hong Kong Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, August 20, 2022.
 16. **W.C. Sun**, A triple-scale discrete-continuum coupling method for path-dependent porous media enhanced by recurrent and recursive deep learning, Thematic Plenary Lecture, 9th International Conference on Computational Methods, Rome, Italy, August 6-10th, 2018.
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Invited Department Seminars

1. **W.C. Sun**, Universal meshing for material modeling, Research Seminar, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Washington State University, April 20th, 2026.
2. **W.C. Sun**, Reasoning and interacting language models for computational mechanics, Department Seminar, Department of Mechanical Engineering & Material Science, Washington University at St. Louis, March 26th, 2026.
3. **W.C. Sun**, Learning graph, tress and manifold for computational mechanics, Special Seminar, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, March 3rd, 2026.
4. **W.C. Sun**, Generative constitutive laws as graphs and trees, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, University of Pennsylvania, February 3rd, 2026.
5. **W.C. Sun**, Digital Twins for geomechanics, Graduate Seminar, Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering, Texas A&M University, January 20th, 2026.

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6. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric representation of constitutive laws represented by points, graphs and equations, Department seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, May 5th, 2025.
 7. **W.C. Sun**, Machine learning enabled inverse and forward problems for polymer-bonded energetic materials, Structures and Applied Mechanics Seminar Series, University of Connecticut, April 4, 2025.
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 10. **W.C. Sun**, Computational geomechanics for frozen soils, Bruce Podwal Seminar Series at City College of New York, February 27th, 2024.
 11. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven embedding for computational mechanics: from mode-based to model-free predictions and back, Computational Mechanics at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, January 18th, 2024.
 12. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric Learning for solid mechanics, Structural Engineering, Structural Engineering Seminar Series, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 27, November 2023.
 13. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric learning for mechanics of materials and structure, Frontiers in Computational Mechanics, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University, October 30th, 2023.
 14. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric learning enhanced computational mechanics, Apple FEM/ML Forum, Apple, Inc, May 11th, 2023.
 15. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric learnings for anisotropic materials of complex structures, Invited seminar, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, April 27th, 2023.
 16. **W.C. Sun**, model-free data-driven engineering, graduate seminar, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Pittsburgh, April 21, 2023.
 17. **W.C. Sun**, Machine learning for geomechanics, Geosystem Graduate Seminar Series, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California, Berkeley, April 12th, 2023.
 18. **W.C. Sun**, Non-Euclidean data-driven computational Mechanics, Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, Caltech, April 5th, 2023.
 19. **W.C. Sun**, Multi-scale phase field modeling of freeze-thaw actions in frozen soils under changing climates, SEG department seminar, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University March 3rd, 2023.
 20. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric machine learning for computational solid mechanics, Materials Research Interest Group MRIG seminar, University of Missouri, January 23rd, 2023.
 21. **W.C. Sun**, N.N. Vlassis, B. Bahmani, M. Xiao, Geometric Learning for plasticity, ML-SIG seminar, ANSYS, January 19th, 2023.
 22. **W.C. Sun**, HS, Suh, Q Yin, Computational geomechanics of the thawing and freezing frozen soils, Department seminar, Department Seminar, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California, Davis, January 18th, 2023.

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23. **W.C. Sun**, Graph embedding for interpretable multiscale plasticity, LSU Colloquium on Artificial Intelligence Research and Optimization, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 2nd, 2022.
 24. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric learning for multiscale granular plasticity, Machine-ground interaction consortium (MaGIC) meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September, 20th-22nd, 2022.
 25. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven geometric mechanics for path-dependent materials, Distinguished departmental seminar, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Houston, September 1st, 2022.
 26. **W.C. Sun**, Multiscale geometric learning for modeling path-dependent materials, KDF Guest Seminar Lecture, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, August 23, 2022.
 27. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven solid mechanics for big and small data, Department of Structural Engineering Seminar, University of California, San Diego, April 13th, 2022.
 28. **W.C. Sun**, Manifold embedding model-free finite strain elasticity, Joint seminars for Structural Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Data-driven Engineering Science seminar series, University of Colorado, Boulder, March 17th, 2022. [\[URL\]](#)
 29. **W.C. Sun**, Simulating dynamic fracture and fragmentation for brittle materials, Department Seminar, University of Texas at El Paso, January 22nd, 2022.
 30. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven Simulations: from model-free poroelasticity to level set plasticity enabled by deep learning, invited lecture, International Symposium of Soft ground and smart geotechnology, Hong Kong Polytechnics University, January 6th, 2022.
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 32. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric learning for computational solid mechanics, Invited Seminar, Hamburg University of Technology, November 8th, 2021.
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 34. **W.C. Sun**, Thermodynamic-informed machine learning for polycrystal plasticity, ME Seminar Series, University of Connecticut, February 26th, 2021.
 35. **W.C. Sun**, Thermodynamic-informed machine learning for solid mechanics, Sandia National Laboratories, January 28th, 2021.
 36. **W.C. Sun**, The meta-modeling of a plasticity modeler: a level set approach, Machine Learning in Science & Engineering Conference, Columbia University, December 14-15, 2020.
 37. **W.C. Sun**, Geometric learning for computational plasticity with limited data, Department Seminar, ETH Zurich, November 26, 2020.
 38. **W.C. Sun**, Spotting hidden weakness of constitutive laws with non-cooperative game, CRUNCH seminar, Brown University, November 7, 2020.
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 44. **W.C. Sun**, A Gradient damage-plasticity framework for fluid-infiltrating geomaterials with size-dependent anisotropy, University of Nottingham., December 13th, 2019.
 45. **W.C. Sun**, A non-cooperative game for creating, validating and falsifying predictive polycrystal and granular materials with non-Euclidean internal variables, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering colloquium, Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Cornell University, October 29th, 2019.
 46. **W.C. Sun**, A non-cooperative game for creating, validating and falsifying predictive polycrystals with non-Euclidean internal variables, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Northwestern University, October 17th, 2019.
 47. **W.C. Sun**, A micromorphic phase field framework for geomaterials with size-dependent strong anisotropy, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 16th, 2019.
 48. **W.C. Sun**, Micromorphic gradient plasticity for shale, soil and other polycrystalline rock, Invited Seminar, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2019.
 49. **W.C. Sun**, A cooperative multi-agent game for self-generating/improved physics-constrained constitutive laws with AI-guided experimentations, Computational Data Science Approach for Materials, J.R. Oppenheimer Study Center, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 2019.
 50. **W.C. Sun**, Machine Learning for Solid Mechanics, Invited Seminar, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, June, 2019.
 51. **W.C. Sun**, Phase field damage-plasticity frameworks for fluid-infiltrating geomaterials with size-dependent anisotropy for geological disposals, , Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University, 2019.
 52. **W.C. Sun**, A cooperative multi-agent game for automated physical model generations with AI-guided experimentation, Mesh-free Methods and Advances in Computational Mechanics Workshop, Meshfree Methods and Advances in Computational Mechanics Workshop, Pleasanton, California , 2019.
 53. **W.C. Sun**, W.C. Sun, Computational soil mechanics beyond critical state plasticity, Winter Workshop on Mineral-bonded Composite for Enhanced Structural Impact Safety, Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, 2019.
 54. **W.C. Sun**, A meta-modeling game for deriving theory-consistent microstructure-based constitutive laws for poromechanics problems, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, 2018.
 55. **W.C. Sun**, An adaptive micromorphic-regularized Cam-clay-type model for fluid-infiltrating geological materials, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, US Army Corps of Engineers, Hanover, New Hampshire, 2019.

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56. **W.C. Sun**, A cooperative two-player game for automated generations of elasto-plasticity theories and models with AI-guided experimentation, the 3rd Mesoscale Modeling of Explosive Initiation Workshop, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, 2018.
 57. **W.C. Sun**, A multiscale damage-plasticity model for capturing brittle-ductile transition in anisotropic fluid-infiltrating porous rock, Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Nuclear Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2018.
 58. **W.C. Sun**, Meta-modeling of geological materials: generating mathematical models by hybridizing theory and data, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 2018.
 59. **W.C. Sun**, Meta-modeling of porous media with strain localization and embedded strong discontinuities, Sandia National Laboratories, 2018.
 60. **W.C. Sun**, Deep-learning enabled multiscale poromechanics: from brittle fracture to ductile flow, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Duke University, 2018.
 61. **W.C. Sun**, A reinforcement learning approach for modeling the brittle-ductile transition in geological materials, ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company, 2018.
 62. **W.C. Sun**, K-fold validation for hybridized theory-based/data-driven anisotropic path-dependent constitutive models for geological materials and beyond, Naval Research Laboratory, 2018.
 63. **W.C. Sun**, A multiscale damage-plasticity model for anisotropic fluid-infiltrating crystalline rock salt, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the George Washington University, 2018.
 64. **W.C. Sun**, Hybrid data-driven multiscale modeling of brittle and ductile responses of fluid-infiltrating geomaterials, 2017 AFOSR Young Investigator Research Program Meeting, Basic Research Innovation and Collaboration Center (BRICC), Arlington, 2017.
 65. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven computational geomechanics, Department of Civil Engineering, the University of Hong Kong, 2017.
 66. **W.C. Sun**, Accelerating multiscale discrete-continuum modeling of fluid-infiltrating geomaterials with deep learning, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 2017.
 67. **W.C. Sun**, A multiscale damage-plasticity model for compaction band and fractures in anisotropic fluid-infiltrating porous media, Department of Earth Science and Engineering, Imperial College London, the United Kingdom, 2017.
 68. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven multiscale modeling of fractured porous media with cross-validations, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, 2017.
 69. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven multiscale geomechanics, Geomechanics Department, Sandia National Laboratories, 2017.
 70. **W.C. Sun**, A discrete-continuum coupling model for fractured porous media with embedded branched-discontinuities in the finite deformation range, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Princeton University, 2017.
 71. **W.C. Sun**, A critical comparison of variational phase field and eigen-erosion modeling of fractures in fluid-infiltrating porous media: from brittle faulting to cataclastic flow, Department Seminar, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2017.

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72. **W.C. Sun** Data-driven computational poromechanics across length scales, Henry L. Pierce Laboratory Seminar Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017.
 73. **W.C. Sun** Multiscale discrete-continuum modeling of porous media in extreme environments, Department Seminar, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology, 2017.
 74. **W.C. Sun**, Data-driven multiscale poromechanics for cold region applications, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, US Army Corps of Engineers, Hanover, New Hampshire, 2016.
 75. **W.C. Sun**, A variational eigen-deformation model for simulating compaction band and fracture propagation in fluid-infiltrating porous media, Jointed Department Seminar, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern University, 2016.
 76. **W.C. Sun**, Multiscale discrete-continuum modeling of fluid-infiltrating, partially-frozen and quasi-brittle porous media, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California, 2016.
 77. **W.C. Sun**, Modeling fluid-infiltrating, partially-frozen and quasi-brittle porous media with nonlocal discrete-continuum techniques, Lecture Series on Interaction Modeling in Mechanized Tunneling, Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany, 2016.
 78. **W.C. Sun**, Computational mechanics for porous media in extreme environments, Department Seminar, Technical University of Dresden, Germany, 2016.
 79. **W.C. Sun**, Computational geomechanics for fluid-infiltrating, thermal-sensitive and partially frozen granular materials, Machine-ground Interaction Consortium Workshop: Next Generation Mobility Modeling and Simulation, the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan, 2016.
 80. **W.C. Sun**, Some remarks on modeling fluid-infiltrating, thermal-sensitive, and partially-frozen porous media across length scales, Applied Mechanics Colloquia, John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University, 2016.
 81. **W.C. Sun**, Computational Thermoporomechanics, University of Perugia, Perugia, Italy, 2015.
 82. **W.C. Sun**, Validation and Verification of Discrete-continuum coupling modeling of granular materials, 3D Printing and Digital Rock Physics Workshop, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2015. Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2015.
 83. **W.C. Sun**, Coupling dissimilar hydromechanical models for fluid-saturated porous media from grain to field scales, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 2015.
 84. **W.C. Sun**, Multiscale Modeling for fluid-infiltrating fractured porous media, Claude R. Hottel Lecture, Department of Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering, the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, 2015.
 85. **W.C. Sun**, Concurrent and hierarchical multiscale modeling of shear bands in fluid infiltrating solids multiscale modeling of deformation bands, Civil and Material Engineering Seminar, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2014.
 86. **W.C. Sun**, Two-scale modeling of shear bands in fluid infiltrating solids, Joint Materials/Solid Mechanics Seminar Series, Brown University, 2014.

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87. **W.C. Sun**, Modeling Thermo-hydro-mechanics at finite strain, UC Davis Geotechnical Seminar Series, University of California, Davis, 2013.
 88. **W.C. Sun**, Modeling multiphysical coupling effects of deformation bands across length scales, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California, 2013.
 89. **W.C. Sun**, Modeling fully coupled hydromechanical process in porous media across different length scales, invited seminar, department of civil and environmental engineering, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, China, 2013.
 90. **W.C. Sun**, Multiscale modeling of thermo-hydro-mechanical coupling effects in deformation band, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Carnegie Mellon university, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2013.
 91. **W.C. Sun**, Modeling fully coupled hydromechanical process in porous media across different length scales, Shell Westhollow Technology Center, November 28th, Houston, Texas, 2012.
 92. **W.C. Sun**, Computational poromechanics across different length scales, Engineering Science Center, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2012.
 93. **W.C. Sun**, Analyzing interplays between microstructures and macroscopic transport properties of shear-enhanced bands with a multi-scale framework, Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, 2011.
 94. **W.C. Sun**, A multiscale analysis on porous microstructures of deformation bands and their implications on macroscopic transport of pore-fluid, Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico, 2011.
 95. **W.C. Sun**, A multiscale analysis of strain localizations in fully saturated porous media, Naval Research Laboratory, John C. Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, 2011.
 96. **W.C. Sun**, Connecting micro-structural attributes and macroscopic fluid transport properties of two-phase porous media with a multi-scale framework, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 2011.

Teaching Experience

Term	Subject Number	Title	Course Level	Role
Spring 2014	CIENE3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2014	ENMEE6320	Computational Poromechanics	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2015	CIENE3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2015	CIENE4253	Finite Elements for Geotech	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2016	CIEN3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2016	ENMEE6320	Computational Poromechanics	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2017	CIEN3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2017	CIENE4253	Finite Elements for Geotech	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2018	CIEN3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2018	ENMEE6320	Computational Poromechanics	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2019	CIEN3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2019	CIENE4253	Plasticity and Finite Element	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2020	CIEN3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2020	ENMEE6320	Computational Poromechanics	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2021	CIEN3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2021	ENMEE6320	Plasticity and Finite Element	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2022	CIEN3141	Soil Mechanics	Undergraduate	Lecturer
Fall 2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sabbatical
Spring 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sabbatical
Fall 2023	CIENE4253	Computational Mechanics with AI	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2024	ENMEE6320	Computational Poromechanics	Graduate	Lecturer
Fall 2024	CIENE4253	Computational Mechanics with AI	Graduate	Lecturer
Spring 2025	ENMEE6320	Computational Poromechanics	Graduate	Lecturer
Fall 2025	CIENE4253	Computational Mechanics with AI	Graduate	Lecturer

Teaching Evaluation

The mean and standard deviation of the course and instructor qualities are reported. The complete teaching evaluation record have been stored at [\[URL\]](#). All graduate courses are taught without TA support provided.

Undergraduate course

Term	Title	Response	Course Quality	Instructor Quality
Pre-tenure				
Spring 2014	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	29.17%	3.29 ± 1.16	3.14 ± 1.23
Spring 2015	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	27.91%	3.33 ± 1.15	3.33 ± 1.15
Spring 2016	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	39.29%	2.25 ± 1.30	2.25 ± 1.44
Spring 2017	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	33.33%	3.11 ± 1.27	3.60 ± 0.55
Spring 2018	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	27.27%	2.50 ± 1.05	2.17 ± 1.17
Spring 2019	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	35.71%	3.20 ± 1.14	2.90 ± 0.88
Post-tenure				
Spring 2020	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	91.3%	4.05 ± 0.86	4.14 ± 0.73
Spring 2021	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	84.21%	4.13 ± 0.89	4.13 ± 0.89
Spring 2022	CIEN3141 Soil Mechanics	93.10%	4.41 ± 0.80	4.22 ± 0.85
Spring 2023	Sabbatical			

Graduate courses

Term	Title	Response	Course Quality	Instructor Quality
Pre-tenure				
Fall 2014	ENME6320 Comp. Poromech.	66.67%	3.38 ± 1.30	3.75 ± 1.28
Fall 2015	CIEN4253 FEM for Geotech.	100%	4.50 ± 0.84	5.0 ± 0.00
Fall 2016	ENME6320 Comp. Poromech.	85.71%	4.83 ± 0.41	5.0 ± 0.00
Fall 2017	CIEN4253 FEM for Geotech	60.00%	5.00 ± 0.0	5.0 ± 0.00
Fall 2018	ENME6320 Comp. Poromech.	Evaluation not available	in Courseworks	
Fall 2019	CIEN4253 Plasticity & FEM	40.00 %	5.00 ± 0.0	4.14 ± 0.73
Post-tenure				
Fall 2020	ENME6320 Comp. Poromech.	Evaluation not available	Courseworks	
Fall 2021	ENME6320 Plasticity & FEM	33.33%	4.00 ± 0.00	3.67 ± 0.58
Fall 2022	Sabbatical			
Fall 2023	CIEN4253 Comp. Mech. w/ AI	66.67%	4.75 ± 0.50	4.75 ± 0.50
Spring 2024	ENME6320 Comp. Poromech.	42.86%	5.00 ± 0.00	5.00 ± 0.00
Fall 2024	CIEN4253 Comp. Mech. w/ AI	22.22%	4.50 ± 0.00	4.50 ± 0.00
Spring 2025	ENME6320 Comp. Poromech.	Evaluation not available	in Courseworks	

Computational Poromechanics. New course introduced in Fall 2014. Course description: A fluid infiltrating porous solid is a multiphase material whose mechanical behavior is significantly influenced by the pore fluid. In particular, the diffusion, advection, capillarity, heating, cooling and freezing of pore fluid, the build-up of pore pressure and the mass exchanges among the solid and fluid constituents may all influence the stability and integrity of the solid skeleton, cause shrinkage, swelling, fracture or liquefaction. These coupling phenomena are important for numerous disciplines, including but not limited to geophysics, biomechanics, and material sciences. The objective of this course is to present the fundamental principles of poromechanics that are essential for engineering practice and to prepare students for more advanced study on porous media. We will cover a selected number of topics, including but not limited to balance principles, Biot's poroelasticity, mixture theory, constitutive modeling of path independent and dependent multiphase materials, numerical methods for parabolic and hyperbolic systems, inf-sup conditions and common stabilization procedures for mixed finite element models, explicit and implicit time integrators, and operator splitting techniques for poromechanics problems.

Computational Mechanics with AI. New course introduced in Fall 2023. Course description: Realistic physical simulations of solid materials have a wide range of applications, from designing dam and earth structures and predicting failures of structural components in vehicles and building collapses to physical modeling for computer animation, computer graphics, and virtual and augmented realities. A fundamental building block of computer simulations is the material models or constitutive laws, which predict the relationships among strain history, microstructure evolution, and stress responses. This course aims to teach students the most recent trends in the art of constitutive models for a variety of natural (e.g., sand, clay, rock) and manufactured materials (e.g., rubber, concrete, alloys) in modern engineering applications. This course will cover theories, computational models, and machine learning skills necessary for forecasting elastic and path-dependent material behaviors of solids. The course will have three types of lectures (theory (T), computation (C), and machine learning (ML)) delivered in sequential order for three topics (1) elastic materials with hyper-elasticity functionals, (2) plasticity theory for solids, and (3) selected advanced topics (e.g., Lie group interpolation, manifold learning, graph embedding, neural network inverse problems, designs of experiments, physics informed neural network, non-convex optimization, model-free solvers) for data-driven mechanics.

Grants and Contracts

Sun research group has been supported the Department of Energy, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Army Research Office, National Science Foundation (CMMI and EAR divisions), Department of Defense, Sandia National Laboratories, the National Nuclear Security Administration, and Columbia University, including the Young Investigator Program Awards from ARO and AFOSR and the NSF CAREER award. Since joining Columbia in January 2014, the PI has been awarded more than \$7.8 million US dollars of research expenses for the research group with total budget over \$26 million US dollars , returning over 190,00% and 650,00% of the startup package (61.3% and 82.7% annualized returns) invested in startup package by Columbia initially in 2014. Pending proposals are not included in this CV.

1. Towards foundation AI prediction of material microstructural behaviors for modular micro-storage of nuclear waste
Funding Agency: Columbia University
Duration 9/1/2025- 8/31/2026 Amount: \$100,000
PI: Shaina A. Kelly, co-PI: **W.C. Sun**
2. Generative AI-enabled high-precise digital twins of patient-specific polytetrafluoroethylene artificial heart valves for children
Funding Agency: Columbia University
Duration 9/1/2025- 8/31/2026 Amount: \$100,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**, co-PI: Jeffrey W. Kysar
3. Geometric Machine Learning Integrated Experiments and Modeling for High-Strain-Rate Responses of Frozen Soil: from Morphology to Characterization
Funding Agency: Army Research Office
Duration: 4/15/2024-4/14/2027 Amount: \$ 766, 844
PI: **W.C. Sun**, A. Kidane
4. Meso-Scale Modeling of Damage Initiation and Propagation in heterogeneous Energetic Materials and its Impact on Sensitivity
Funding Agency: Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Duration: 8/1/2022-7/42/2026 Amount: \$ 750,000
PI: A. Kidane, **W.C. Sun**
5. Generative-AI-Enabled Multiscale Artificial Ground Freezing Engineering for Safe and Sustainable Mining
Funding Agency: Qiu Zhong Wei Program, Columbia University
Duration: 9/1/2023-8/1/2024
Amount: \$145, 000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
6. UPS Foundation Visiting Professorship
Funding Agency: Stanford University and UPS Foundation
Duration: 8/1/2022-8/1/2023
Amount: \$200, 000 (for sabbatical leave expense)
PI: **W.C. Sun**

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7. Game-theoretic machine learning design of experiment
Funding Agency: Sandia National Laboratories
Duration: 10/1/2021-9/30/2022 Amount: \$ 121,689
PI: **W.C. Sun** (as a subcontractor of a DOE-LDRD proposal)
 8. Machine Learning Anisotropy Plasticity modeling for extruded Al 7079: Establishing AI-enable workflow from experiment to deployable machine learning plasticity models
Funding Agency: Sandia National Laboratories
Duration: 1/1/2022-12/31/2023 Amount: \$157,404
PI: **W.C. Sun** (as a subcontractor of a DOE-LDRD proposal)
 9. Equivariant geometric learning paradigm for interpretable polycrystal plasticity models of energetic materials with evolving microstructures
Funding Agency: Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Duration: 9/1/2021-8/31/2024 Amount: \$ 413,244
PI: **W.C. Sun**
 10. Title: CAREER: Computational failure mechanics across multiple scales with deep reinforcement learning
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Duration: 1/1/2019-12/31/2023
Amount: \$664,156
PI: **W.C. Sun**
 11. Title: DURIP: A TPU-enhanced deep reinforcement learning approach for automated generations of interpretable models for energetic materials across length scales
Funding Agency: Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Duration: 1/1/2019-12/31/2023
Amount: \$94,156
PI: **W.C. Sun**
 12. Title: Phase field modeling of ice-segregation induced fracture and thawing plasticity in frozen geomaterials with unfrozen water
Funding Agency: Army Research Office
Duration: 6/1/2018-5/31/2022
Amount: \$360,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
 13. Title: Broaden undergraduate and high school student participation for cold-region soil mechanics
Funding Agency: Army Research Office
Duration: 6/1/2019-5/31/2021
Amount: \$20,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
 14. Title: INTERN: Adaptive phase field Arlequin models for material failures
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Duration: 1/1/2019-12/31/2019
Amount: \$50,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
 15. Title: Young Investigator Program Award: Modeling the High-rate Responses of Wetted Granular Materials Across Scales and the Third-party Replicable Validation Exercises Utilizing 3D Printers

Funding Agency: Air Force Office of Scientific Research

Duration: 1/1/2017-12/31/2020

Amount: \$360,000

PI: **W.C. Sun**

16. Title: Broaden undergraduate and high school student participation for cold-region computational geomechanics
Funding Agency: Army Research Office
Duration: 6/1/2018-5/31/2019
Amount: \$13,206
PI: **W.C. Sun**
17. Title: An integrated multiscale experimental-numerical analysis on reconsolidation of salt-clay mixture for disposal of heat-generating waste
Funding Agency: Department of Energy
Duration: 10/1/2016-9/31/2019
Amount: \$800,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
18. Title: A phase field Arlequin model for resolving non-local hydromechanical effects of porous media across time and spatial Scales
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Duration: 8/1/2015-7/31/2019
Amount: \$300,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
19. Title: Young Investigator Program Award: Understanding hydro-mechanical coupling mechanism of wetted granular matters beyond the pendular regime
Funding Agency: Army Research Office
Duration: 9/1/2015-8/31/2018
Amount: \$150,000 from ARO (\$347,000 including cost sharing)
PI: **W.C. Sun**
20. Title: Cryo-mechanics of unsaturated frozen soils during freeze-thaw cycle
Funding Agency: Army Research Office, Department of Defense
Duration: 9/1/2015-9/1/2017
Amount: \$108,889
PI: **W.C. Sun**
21. Title: A multiscale analysis on the moisture effect of dynamics responses of granular matters
Funding Agency: Army Research Office
Duration: 1/1/2015-9/1/2015
Amount: \$50,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
22. Title: Phase field modeling of anisotropic damages in orthotropic material
Funding Agency: Sandia National Laboratories
Duration: 1/1/2016-7/31/2017
Amount: \$30,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**

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23. Title: Modeling chemical driven fractured rocks by integrating 3D printing digenesis and multiscale computations
Funding Agency: Columbia University Provost's Grants Program
Duration: 1/1/2015-12/31/2015
Amount: \$25,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
24. Title: Computational Modeling of hydraulic fracture
Funding Agency: Sandia National Laboratories
Duration: 5/25/2016-8/31/2016
Amount: \$20,000 (cost sharing from Dean's office \$3,478)
PI: **W.C. Sun**
25. Title: A discrete-continuum coupling method for environmental-driven fracture in rock
Funding Agency: Sandia National Laboratories
Duration: 6/1/2015-12/31/2015
Amount: \$15,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**
26. Title: Adaptive phase field modeling of crack and anticrack
Funding Agency: Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE)
Duration: 9/1/2015-8/31/2016
Amount: 50,000 Service Unit (roughly equivalent to \$50,000)
PI: **W.C. Sun**
27. Title: Broaden undergraduate and high school student participation for cold-region soil mechanics
Funding Agency: Army Research Office
Duration: 6/1/2020-8/31/2020 (tentative, recommended for funding on 1/16/2020)
Amount: \$10,222 in total, \$10,222 per year
PI: **W.C. Sun**
28. Title: Center for micromorphic multiphysics porous and particulate materials simulations within exascale computing workflows
Funding Agency: National Nuclear Security Administration
Duration: 6/1/2020-5/31/2025 (tentative, recommended for funding on 1/23/2020)
Amount: \$16,000,000 in total (Sun's activities: \$846,868 in total)
PI: Richard A Regueiro (Colorado), co-PIs (incomplete list): Christian Linder (Stanford), Amy Clarke (Colorado School of Mine), Khalid Alshibli (University of Tennessee), Hongbing Lu (UT Dallas), **W.C. Sun** (Columbia)
29. Title: MURI: Integrating Multiscale Modeling and Experiments to Develop a Meso-Informed Predictive Capability for Explosives Safety and Performance
Funding Agency: Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Duration: 6/1/2019-5/31/2024
Amount: \$7,500,000 (Sun's activities: \$ 861,250)
PI: T. Sewell (University of Missouri-Columbia) , co-PI: H.S. Udaykumar (University of Iowa), D. Dlott (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), C. Picu (Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute), S. Chauhuri (University of Illinois at Chicago), **W.C. Sun** (Columbia), S Baek (University of Iowa)

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30. I-AIM: Interpretable Augmented Intelligence for Multiscale Material Discovery
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Duration: 10/1/2019-9/30/2021
PI: **W.C. Sun** Amount: \$2,000,000 (Sun's activities: \$ 418,000)
31. Title: GPU-accelerated computing for CUIT Habanero Cluster
Funding Agency: Columbia University
Duration: One-time equipment grant
Amount: \$39,000 (with \$39,000 matching fund)
PI: P. Gentine, co-PI: D. Blei, S. Agrawal, **W.C. Sun**, H. Waisman
32. Title: Purdue Workshop on Damage Mechanics Challenge
Funding Agency: Purdue University
Duration: One-time grant for workshop expense
Amount: \$25,000
PI: L. Pyrak-Nolte (Purdue), co-PI: H. Yoon (Sandia), A. Bobet (Purdue), **W.C. Sun**.
33. Title: 13th World Congress in Computational Mechanics; New York, New York; July 22-27, 2018
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Duration: 1/1/2018-8/31/2018
Amount: \$50,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**, co-PI: J. Fish, H. Waisman
34. Title: Data-driven multiscale poromechanics – bridging scales and physics through graph-based machine learning with uncertainty quantification
Funding Agency: Columbia University
Duration: 1/2/2017-8/31/2017
Amount: \$70,000
PI: **W.C. Sun**, co-PI: Q. Du
35. Title: A Combined experimental and theoretical investigation of reactive flow in brittle media with applications to solid earth geodynamics
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Duration: 8/1/2015-7/31/2018
Amount: \$409,036 (Sun's activities: \$34,298)
PI: M. Spiegelman , co-PI: **W.C. Sun**, H. Savage, P. Kelemen
36. Title: STTR: Particulate Composite Mixing Processes
Funding Agency: Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Duration: 2/1/2016-1/31/2018 Amount: \$414,000 (Sun's activities: \$182,896)
PI: H. Yin, co-PI: **W.C. Sun**
37. Title: Collaborative Research: Alteration of mantle peridotite: Geochemical fluxes and dynamics of far from equilibrium transport
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation
Duration: 8/1/2015-7/31/2018
Amount: \$1,968,362
(Sun's activities: \$68,589)
PI: P. Kelemen, co-PI: **W.C. Sun**, H. Savage, M. Stute, M. Spiegelman

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38. Title: Experimental and digital rock physics in relation to hydraulic and electrical transport properties of porous sandstone
Funding Agency: Hong Kong Research Council
Duration: 6/1/2015-12/31/2015
Amount: \$160,530 (Sun's activities: \$20,000)
PI: T.F. Wong, co-PI: **W.C. Sun**

Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Advising

On average, the research group graduates one PhD student graduated per year. In total, 10 PhD students graduated; 9 of the 10 students are solely advised by the PI. As of August 2025, 12 former group members (5 PhD students and 7 postdocs) obtained faculty positions (Northwestern University (Bahmani), McMaster (Na), Case Western (Suh), Rutgers (Vlassis), Chinese Academy of Sciences (C. Liu), Southeast University (Ma), the University of Hong Kong (Choo), Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (Choo), Inha University (Korea) (Na), Northeastern (Y. Liu), Rowan University (YX. Liu), the University of Kassel (Germany)(Heider)). One PhD graduate (Bryant) joined national laboratory (Los Alamos as research scientist level-2), two former graduate joins industry (Apple (Q. Yin) and Exxonmobil (K. Wang)). Six former postdoc obtained tenure (Ma, C. Liu, Heider, Choo, Zhang, Tong), one former postdoc obtained full professorship (Heider).

Graduate Students (current team members)

1. Nhon Ngoc Phan, PhD student, *Graph, group and manifold learning for computational mechanics*, pre-qualification exam, Fall 2020-current.
2. Georgios Barkoulis Gavris, PhD student, *Geometric learning for mechanics under extreme conditions*, Fall 2022-current.
3. Huijian Cai, PhD student, , *Geometric deep learning for energetic materials*, pre-qualification exam, Fall 2023-current.
4. Shiqi Zheng, PhD student, *Foundation model for solid mechanics*, pre-qualification exam, Fall 2024 - current.

Associate Research Scientist (past team member)

1. Yousef Heider, PhD, now full professor of Artificial Intelligence in Mechanics (KI in der Mechanik) at the Institute of Mechanics, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Kassel, *Machine learning for solid mechanics*, Fall 2018-Fall 2020.
2. Ran Ma, PhD (University of Tennessee), now associate professor at Southeast University (China), *Computational crystal plasticity of reconsolidated salt*, Fall 2018-Spring 2022.

Postdoctoral Research Scientist (past team member)

1. Yingxiao Liu, PhD (Stanford University, *Computational mechanics for frozen soils*, Summer 2023-Summer 2025 (now assistant professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rowan University).

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2. Hyoung Suk Suh (Columbia University), *Computational microporomechanics for phase-changing geological materials*, Fall 2022 - Fall 2023 (now assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University).
 3. Nikolaos N. Vlassis (Columbia University), *Toward trustworthy geometric deep learning for elastoplasticity problems*, Fall 2022-Spring 2023 (now assistant professor at Rutgers).
 4. Qing Yin, PhD (Stanford University), now senior research and development engineer, Apple, *Data-driven plasticity for frozen soil*, Spring 2021 - Fall 2023
 5. Camilo Alberto Durate Cordon, PhD (Purdue University), *Data-driven modeling of energetic materials*, Spring 2022-Spring 2023.
 6. Chuanqi Liu (Tsinghua University), now professor at Chinese Academy of Sciences, *Contact problems for immersed MPM method*, Fall 2018-Spring 2020.
 7. Guodong Zhang, PhD, (University of Notre Dame), now associate professor at Southeast University (China), *Fast Fourier solver for geomechanics problems*, Spring 2020.
 8. Jinhyun Choo, PhD (Stanford), now associate professor at National Seoul University, Korea, *Multiscale damage-plasticity of geological materials*, Fall 2016-Fall 2017.
 9. Chukwudi Chukwudozie (Louisiana State University, last known position: intern at Exxon-mobil), *High-strain-rate responses of geomaterials*, Fall 2017-Spring 2018.
 10. Qi Tong, PhD (UC Berkeley, last known position: professor at Fudan University), co-advised with Professor Huiming Yin, *discrete element simulations of granular mixing*, Summer 2016-Fall 2016.

PhD Graduate (past team members)

1. Jarett Stephen Lo Poliner, PhD graduate, *Generative modeling with sparse data for solid mechanics*, Fall 2020-Summer 2025 (now postdoctoral appointment at Los Alamos National Laboratory).
2. Mian Xiao, PhD graduate, *Learning non-Euclidean representation for solid mechanics*, Fall 2020-Spring 2025.
3. Zeyu Xiong, PhD graduate, *Nonlinear dimension reduction with neural kernel for path-dependent solid mechanics problems*, Fall 2020-Fall 2024.
4. Bahador Bahimani, PhD graduate, *Geometry-informed data-driven mechanics*, Fall 2019-Fall 2023 (now assistant professor at Northwestern University).
5. Hyoung Suk Suh, PhD graduate, *Computational microporomechanics for phase-changing geological materials*, Fall 2018 - Fall 2022 (now assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University).
6. Nikolaos N. Vlassis, PhD graduate, *Toward trustworthy geometric deep learning for elastoplasticity problems*, Summer 2017-Summer 2021 (now assistant professor at Rutgers).
7. Eric C. Bryant, PhD graduate, *Capturing evolving size-dependent anisotropy from brittle fracture to plasticity for geological materials*, Fall 2016-Spring 2020 (now Harold Agnew National Security Postdoctoral Fellow at Los Alamos National Laboratory).
8. Kun Wang, PhD graduate *From multiscale modeling to meta-modeling of fluid-infiltrating porous media*. Spring 2015-Spring 2019 (now computational physicist at ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company).

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9. SeonHong Na, PhD graduate, (now assistant professor in the department of civil and environmental engineering at McMaster University), *Multiscale thermo-hydro-mechanical-chemical coupling effects for fluid-infiltrating dual-porosity crystalline solids and geomaterials: theory, implementation, and validation*. Fall 2014- 2018.
 10. Yang Liu, PhD graduate (now assistant professor in the department of mechanical and industrial engineering at Northeastern University), *Modeling shear bands with multiscale DEM-FEM coupling method in loose and dense grain assemblies*. Spring 2014-Summer 2015.

MS Graduate (past team members)

1. Chulmin Kweon, PhD student, *Machine learning plasticity for UMAT*, Spring 2022-Spring 2024.
2. Alberto Martini, MS graduate, *Computational plasticity for reconsolidated rock salt*, Fall 2016-December 2016 (last known employment: Eng.ScD student in Professor Maria Feng's group).
3. Weiyi Li, MS student, *Particulate methods for unsaturated granular materials*, Fall 2016-Spring 2017 (PhD student in Professor Marco Giometto's group since 2017).
4. Zhijun Cai, MS graduate, *Adaptive Arlequin Mechanics*. Fall 2014-Spring 2016 (last known employment: CFD engineer at Schuco USA).
5. Qi Wang, MS graduate, *Microstructural attributes and effective conductivity of Fontainebleau sandstone*. Spring 2014-Spring 2015 (now structural engineer at Patuxent Engineering Group).
6. Xian Zhang, MS student, *Multi-phase field method for fluid-driven fractures*. Fall 2015-Spring 2016 (last known employment: PhD student in Martin Ostojca-Starzewski's research group at UIUC).
7. Francisco J. Contreras, MS student, *Membrane effect on triaxial compression tests*. Fall 2015-Summer 2016.

Undergraduate Researchers

1. Emma Liebowitz, Undergraduate research student, *Deep reinforcement learning for symbolic regression for hyperelasticity problems*, Summer 2021.
2. Mark Bereck, Undergraduate research student, *Deep reinforcement learning for symbolic regression for hyperelasticity problems*, Summer 2021.
3. Duy Van Tran, Undergraduate research student, *Convolutional neural network for adaptive mesh refinement for path-dependent problems*, Fall 2020.
4. Nhon Ngoc Phan, Undergraduate research student, *Convolutional neural network for adaptive mesh refinement for path-dependent problems*, Fall 2020.
5. Elizabeth Rossi, Undergraduate research student, *Machine learning for traction-separation law*, Fall 2020.
6. Tracy Paltoo, Undergraduate research student, *wettability of porous media*. Fall 2018.
7. Imer Jasiel del Cid, Undergraduate research student, *Micro-structural attributes of sandstone with low porosity*. Fall 2014-Spring 2015 (now engineer at Boeing).
8. Efram J. Stone, Undergraduate research student, *Micro-structural attributes of sandstone with low porosity*. Summer 2014 (now master student at University of Southern California).

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9. Steven M. Lowinger, Undergraduate research student, *Application of graph theory for double-porosity system*, Fall 2015-current.
 10. Ji Hoo Woo, Undergraduate research student, *Experimental mechanics of thawing soil*, Fall 2016-current

High School Summer Interns

1. Daniel Lyalin (Stuyvesant High School), *Army Educational Outreach Program*, Summer 2020 & Summer 2021.
2. Sophia Wang (Amit Regional High School), *Army Educational Outreach Program*, Summer 2019.
3. Brooke Lauren (Mother Seton Regional High School), co-advised with PhD student Eric Bryant, *Army Educational Outreach Program*, Summer 2018.
4. Anish Avasthi (Woodlands High School), co-advised with PhD student Eric Bryant, *Army Educational Outreach Program*, Summer 2018.

Short Term Visiting Students (from other universities)

1. Joep Storm (TU Delft, Netherland), Visiting student, *Mixture of experts for multiscale phase field modeling*, 3/2024-4/2024.
2. Karl Kalina (TU Dresden, Germany), Visiting student, *Machine learning constitutive modeling*, 6/2023-12-2023.
3. Jan-Hendrik Bastek (ETH Zurich, Switzerland), Visiting student, *Physics-informed denoising diffusion*, 9/2023-12-2023
4. Alessandro Milleri (University of Perugia, Italy), Visiting student, *Undrained stress path of frozen sand*, 10/2018-03/2019.
5. Nico De Marchi (University of Padova, Italy), Visiting student, *Shear wave splitting in anisotropic rock*, 09/2018-02/2019.
6. Feng Du, (China University of Mining and Technology-Beijing, China), Visiting Student, *Digital rock physics for dual-porosity media*, 09/2018-09/2019.
7. Yingfeng Sun (China University of Mining and Technology-Beijing, China), Visiting Student, *Digital rock physics for dual-porosity media*, 09/2017-09/2018.
8. Xinran Zhong (Tongji University, China), Visiting Student, *Proper orthogonal decomposition method for poroelastic shell*, 9/2016-09/2018.
9. Haohui Xin (Tongji University, China), Visiting Student, *Multiscale modeling of selective laser sintering*, 9/2015-8/2017.
10. Xin Qin (Tsinghua University, China), Visiting Student, *Proper orthogonal method for dynamic responses of soil*, 9/2016-9/2017.
11. Yingfeng Sun (China University of Mining and Technology, China), Visiting Student, *Multi-phase lattice-Boltzmann simulations of dual-porosity porous media*, 12/2016-12/2017.
12. Luca Tassini (University of Perugia, Italy), Visiting Student, *Climate-controlled undrained triaxial compression tests for freezing and thawing soils*, 2/2016-8/2016.

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13. Federica Ronchi (University of Perugia, Italy), Visiting Student, *Thermo-hydro-mechanical coupling effect of thermal hardening/softening of soil*, 2/2015-6/2015.
 14. Guang Liu (Wuhan University), Visiting Student, *Discrete Element Modeling of Hydraulic Fracture*, 9/2014-8/2015.
 15. Zhilin Liu (Nanjing University of Science and Technology), *Meshless method for predicting off-road mobility of vehicle*, 9/2015-9/2016.
 16. Ning Liu (Bei-Hang University), *Microstructural modeling of reconsolidated salt*, 9/2015-10/2016.
 17. Fadi Abdeljawad (Princeton University, now associate professor at Northwestern University), Summer Internship at Sandia National Laboratories (co-advised with Dr. James W Foulk, III), *Localized diffusion in hydrogen embrittled steel*. Summer 2012.

Service to University and Scientific Communities

Technical Committee and Editorial Board Membership

- Editor, International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering, since 2025.
- Editor, Data-Centric Engineering, Cambridge University Press, 2021 - 2024.
- Associate Editor, Computer Modeling in Engineering and Sciences, since 2018.
- Editorial Board Member, International Journal for Multiscale Computational Engineering, since 2016.
- Editorial Board Member, Acta Geotechnica, 2021-current.
- Editorial Board Member, Computer and Geotechnics, 2022-current.
- Editorial Board Member, International Journal for Numerical and Analytical Methods in Geomechanics, since 2024.
- Editorial Board Member, Finite Elements in Analysis and Design, since 2025.
- Guest Editor (Physics-based Machine Learning for Computational Mechanics: Current Trends and Open Problems), International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering, 2025.
- Guest Editor (Computational Poromechanics), International Journal for Multiscale Computational Engineering, 2016.
- Guest Co-editor, ASCE Journal of Engineering Mechanics (special collection on machine learning enabled modeling and discovery for engineering mechanics), 2022.
- Guest Co-editor, Computer and Geotechnics (special issue on machine learning and data-driven geomechanics), 2022.
- Guest Co-editor, Granular Matter (special issue on physics-informed artificial intelligence for granular matter), 2022-2023.
- Guest Co-editor, International Journal for Numerical and Analytical Methods in Geomechanics (special issue on Machine Learning in Geomechanics), since 2024.
- Guest Co-editor, with Gregory Wagner (Northwestern) and Miugel Bessa (TU Delft), Data-driven computational Modeling and simulations, Computer Modeling in Engineering and Sciences, 2018.

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- Guest Co-editor, with Christian Linder (Stanford) and Leon Mishnaevsky (TU Denmark), Multiscale Multiphysics modeling of materials, International Journal for Multiscale Computational Engineering, 2018.
 - Guest Co-editor (Physics-informed artificial intelligence for granular matter), with Antoinette Tordesillas, Granular Matter, 2021-2023.
 - Members-at-large, Committee on Novel Methods in Computational Engineering and Sciences, the US Association of Computational Mechanics, 2019-2023.
 - Member, Committee on Multi-Scale, Multi-functional Materials and Structures, the US Association of Computational Mechanics, 2019-2021.
 - Member, Committee on Computing in Applied Mechanics, the US Association of Computational Mechanics, since 2019.
 - Member, 2022 General Awards Committee, International Association of Computational Mechanics, since 2022.
 - Founding Vice Chair (2020), Chair (2021-2022) Machine Learning in Mechanics, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Technical Committee.
 - Founding Co-Chair, Committee on Energy and Earth System, the US Association of Computational Mechanics, since 2024.
 - Committee Member, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Technical Committee (Computational Mechanics, Granular Mechanics, Elasticity, Poromechanics), since 2015.
 - Committee Member, ASCE Geo-institute, Computational Geotechnics Committee, since 2016.

Reviewer of the following peer-reviewed journal articles

- Acta Geotechnica
- ASCE Journal of Engineering Mechanics
- ASCE Journal of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering
- Computer and Geotechnics
- Computational Particle Mechanics
- Computational Mechanics
- Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering
- European Journal of Mechanics A/Solids
- European Journal of Civil Engineering
- Finite Elements in Analysis and Design
- Granular Matters
- Géotechnique
- International Journal of Fracture
- International Journal for Multiscale Computational Engineering
- International Journal for Numerical and Analytical Methods in Geomechanics
- International Journal for Numerical Methods in Engineering

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- International Journal of Engineering Science
 - International Journal of Solids and Structures
 - International Journal of Plasticity
 - International Journal of Solids and Structures
 - Journal of Computational Physics
 - Journal of Fluid Mechanics
 - Journal of Geophysical Research (Solid Earth)
 - Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids
 - Meccanica
 - Mechanics Research Communications
 - Nature Scientific Reports
 - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America
 - Soil Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering
 - the Geological Society of America Bulletin

Reviewer for the conferences and professional meeting

- 51th US Rock Mechanics/Geomechanics Symposium, San Francisco, 2017.
- Engineering Mechanics Institute International Conference, Hong Kong, 2015.
- Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Stanford, California, 2015.
- ASCE GeoFlorida 2010: Advances in Analysis, Modeling and Design, Florida, 2010.
- The Thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations, 2024.

Reviewer of grant proposals for the following agencies (as ad-hoc reviewers or panel members)

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Army Research Laboratories
- US Army Research Office
- U.S. National Science Foundation (Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation, Division of Earth Sciences, Division of Computer and Information Science and Engineering)
- U.S. Department of Energy
- Columbia University
- Hong Kong Research Council
- German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
- European Union Liaison Office (Cellule Europe)
- Polish National Science Center
- Swiss National Science Foundation

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- Irish Research Council
 - Czech Science Foundation

Committee and panelist for awards

- General Award Committee, the United States Association for Computational Mechanics, 2025.
- General Award Committee, International Association for Computational Mechanics, 2022 & 2023.
- da Vinci Award Medal Committee, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute, 2022 (for the 2023 cycle).

Organizer or co-organizer of domestic and international conferences and professional meetings

- Co-chair, Machine Learning and Digital Twins for Computational Science and Engineering, San Diego, 2021.
- Track chair, Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Mechanics and Civil Engineering, 2020, Machine Learning in Science and Engineering Conference, Columbia University, New York City, 2020.
- Co-chair & member of Local Organizing Committee, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Conference New York City, 2020.
- Chair, Local organization committee of World Congress of Computational Mechanics, New York (2018).
- Member, Scientific Committee, 18th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Chciago, IL, 2025.
- Member, Scientific Committee, 17th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Albuquerque, NM, 2023.
- Member, Technical Program Committee, 16th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, online, 2021.
- Member, International Advisory Board, 2nd International Conference on Energy Geotechnics, La Jolla, CA, 2020.
- Member, Organizing Committee, 5th Rock Mechanics/Geomechanics Symposium, New York City (2019).
- Member, Organizing Committee, 5th International Workshop on Rock Physics, Hong Kong (2019).
- Member, Scientific Organizing Committee, 15th US National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Austin, Texas (2019).
- Member, Scientific Organizing Committee, Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Caltech, Pasadena (2019).

Organizer or co-organizer of mini-symposia

- Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Physics-guided and data-driven predictions for solid mechanics, 18th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Chciago, IL (2025).

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- Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Computational Geomechanics, Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Anaheim, California (2025).
 - Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Data-Driven Computational Solid and Geological Mechanics, 17th U.S. National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Albuquerque, NM (2023).
 - Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Immersed/Unfitted Discretizations in Computational Mechanics: Mathematics, Algorithms, and Applications, U.S. National Committee for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (USNC/TAM), Austin, Texas (2022).
 - Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Trustworthy augmented intelligence and data-driven material modeling, U.S. National Committee for Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (USNC/TAM), Austin, Texas (2022).
 - Lead organizer, Mini-symposium on Computational Geomechanics, 15th US National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Austin, Texas (2019).
 - Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Crystalline and Anisotropic Rock Mechanics, Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Caltech, Pasadena (2019).
 - Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Computational Geomechanics, Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Caltech, Pasadena (2019).
 - Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Additive Manufacturing and Digital Rock Physics for Granular and Fractured Materials, 20th International Conference on Fluid Flow Problems (FEF-2019), Northwestern University, Evanston (2019).
 - Co-organizer, Damage Mechanics Challenge Workshop, Purdue University (2019).
 - Co-chair, Geomechanics and Geomaterials Track, Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Caltech, Pasadena (2019).
 - Chair, Planning Team, Workshop on Verification and Validation of Computational Models Associated with the Mechanics of Materials, the Minerals, Metals and Materials Society (2018).
 - Lead organizer, Minisymposium on Computational Geomechanics, Computational Geomechanics Mini-symposium at Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Boston (2018).
 - Lead organizer, Computational Geomechanics Mini-symposium at 18th US National Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Northwestern University (2018).
 - Co-organizer, International Symposium on Multiscale Computational Analysis of Complex Materials, Copenhagen/Lyngby, Denmark (2017).
 - Primary convener, Data-driven and theoretical approaches for modeling, prediction, analysis of thermo-hydro-mechanical behaviors of frozen soil and rocks, AGU Fall Meeting 2017 (2017).
 - Lead organizer, Computational Geomechanics Mini-symposium at 14th US National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Montreal, Canada (2017).
 - Lead organizer, Computational Geomechanics Mini-symposium at Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, San Diego (2017).
 - Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Fluid- and chemical-driven fractures of porous media, AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco (2016).
 - Lead Organizer, Failure and instabilities in soft materials and geomaterials Mini-symposium at the 7th International Conference on Computational Methods, Berkeley (2016).

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- Co-organizer, Mini-symposium on Multiscale multiphysical process in fractured rock and modeling of coupled transport phenomena in fracture networks, AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco (2016).
 - Co-organizer, Symposium on Computational Mechanics of Materials and Structures, University of Maryland, College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center (2016).
 - Lead organizer, Computational Geomechanics Mini-symposium at Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville (2016).
 - Lead organizer, Digital Rock and Granular Physics, Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Stanford University (2015).
 - Lead organizer, Multiscale Modeling of Granular Materials, 13th US National Congress on Computational Mechanics, San Diego (2015).
 - Lead organizer, Multiphysical Modeling of Geomaterials, 13th US National Congress on Computational Mechanics, San Diego (2015).
 - International scientific committee member of the Engineering Mechanics Institute International Conference at Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2015).
 - Lead organizer, Digital Rock Physics, 3D printing and More, Mineral and Rock Physics Sessions, AGU 2014 Fall Meeting, San Francisco (2014).
 - Lead organizer, Computational Geomechanics Mini-symposium at United States National Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics at Michigan State University (2014).

Thesis Defense and Examination Committees

- PhD graduate candidate at Columbia University (as primary advisor)
 - * Yang Liu, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, August 2015.
 - * SeonHong Na, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, July 2017.
 - * Kun Wang, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, October 2018.
 - * Eric Bryant, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, June 2019.
 - * Nikolaos Vlassis, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, June 2021.
 - * Hyoung Suk Suh, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, June 2022.
 - * Bahador Bahmani, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, October 2023.
 - * Zeyu Xiong, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, January 2025.
 - * Mian Xiao, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, June 2025.
 - * Jarett Poliner, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, August, 2025.
 - * Nhon Phan, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, December 2025 (tentatively scheduled).
- **PhD graduate candidate at Columbia University (not served as primary advisor)**
 - * Daniel Marasco, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, May 2014.
 - * Abdulhamit Sarac, Mechanical Engineering, May 2014.
 - * Lingqi Yang, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, December 2014.
 - * Shuoshuo Han, Earth and Environmental Science, January, 2015.
 - * Raha Hakimdavar, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, January 2016.

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- * Zifeng Yuan, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, January 2016.
 - * Po-Chieh Liu, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, June 2016.
 - * Nan Lu, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, August 2016.
 - * Mostafa Mobasher, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, May, 2017.
 - * Dimitrios Fafalis, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, September 2017.
 - * Lei Xu, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, November 2017.
 - * Nandan Hara Shetty, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, November 2017.
 - * Yang Jiao, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, January 2018.
 - * Breannan Smith, Computer Science, February 2018.
 - * Yunzhe Tao, Applied Mathematics, November, 2018.
 - * Siyan Wang, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 2018.
 - * Peter Yichen Chen, Computer Science, July 2019 (qualification), July 2022 (defense).
 - * Raymond Yun Fei, Computer Science, July 2019.
 - * Lompros Svolos, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, January 2020.
 - * Lei Shi, Mechanical Engineering, October 2020.
 - * Hwi Lee, Applied Mathematics, March, 2021.
 - * Kangrui Ruan, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, August 2024.
 - * Zhaobin Mo, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, November 2024.
 - * Vijendra Gupta, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, November 2024.
 - * Gurpreet Singh Hora, Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, April 2025.
- **Thesis Committee and Reader (External)**
- * Ritesh Gupta, experimental investigation on 3D printed particles to study grain geometry effect on mechanical response (MS Thesis), Universit’e Grenoble Alpes, June 2016.
 - * Ines Wollny, ALE formulation of inelastic temperature-dependent and fluid-infiltrated layered pavement structures at loading by steady state rolling tires (PhD Thesis), TU Dresden, January 2018.
 - * Alexander Fuchs, On the numerical multiscale analysis of mined based composites using Machine Learning (PhD Thesis), TU Dresden, December 2020.
 - * Yang Zhao, TBA (PhD Thesis), Stanford University, May 2021.
 - * Wei Alex Chen (Qualification Exam), Stanford University, November 2021.
 - * Alexandre Guevels (PhD Thesis), Duke University, November 2021.
 - * Hao Gao (PhD Thesis), Norwegian University of Science and Technology, 2021.
 - * Yitao Qiu (PhD Thesis), Physics and machine learning based approaches to model energy storage systems, Stanford University, November 2023.
 - * Daniel Chou, Deep learning characterization and mechanical ranking of microstructure features in geomechanics (PhD Thesis), Cornell University, October 2024.
 - * Jan-Hendrik Bastek, Data- and Physics-Driven Deep Learning for Forward and Inverse Problems in Computational Mechanics, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, November 2024.
 - * Ehsan Ghane, Learning from data and physics for multiscale modeling of woven composite, Department of Physics – Gothenburg University, Sweden, June 2025.

Department Committee Assignment and Other Services to Columbia University

- Head, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 2023-2024.
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 2016.
- Member, Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 2016-current.
- Academic Advisor, Master Students in Civil Engineering and Construction Management Concentrations, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 2014-current.
- Guest Lecturer, Inside Engineering Lab Visits (for Academy of the Holy Angels from New Jersey), 2017.
- Organizer (with Marco Giometto), organizer of department seminar, Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 2021-current.
- Reviewer, SEAS SIR Seed Fund program (Columbia University), 2018, 2019, 2021.
- Member, Artificial Intelligence Working Group, 2020-current.
- Reviewer, RISE program (Columbia University), 2018, 2019.
- Panelist for the SEAS CAREER Award workshop, 2021.
- Reviewer, ad hoc Promotion and Tenure committee (SEAS Columbia), 2021.
- Member, Cost Committee (SEAS Columbia), 2021.

Conference Presentations

1. B. Bahmani, **W.C. Sun**, Hyperelastic symbolic model discovery guided by polyconvex neural additive representation, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2024.
2. G. Barkoulis Gavris, **W.C. Sun**, Topological optimization with graph neural network enabled thresholding, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2024.
3. M. Xiao, **W.C. Sun**, A MPM Lagrangian-Eulerian hydrocode for simulating buried explosions in transversely isotropic geomaterials, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2024.
4. M. Xiao, **W.C. Sun**, Graph Isomorphism learning for geometrically nonlinear shell, Advances for Computational Mechanics Conference for Professor Tom Hughes' 80th birthday, Austin, Texas, 2023 (Invitation only).
5. N.N. Vlassis, **W.C. Sun**, K. Alshibli, R.A. Regueiro, Synthesizing realistic sand assemblies with denoising diffusion in latent space, Advances for Computational Mechanics Conference for Professor Tom Hughes' 80th birthday, Austin, Texas, 2023 (Invitation only).
6. M. Xiao, **W.C. Sun**, Geometric prior of yielding manifolds and the local closest point projection for non-smooth/non-convex plasticity, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute conference, Baltimore, Maryland, 2022.

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7. N. Vlassis, **W.C. Sun**, Graph embedding plasticity for granular solids, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute conference, Baltimore, Maryland, 2022.
 8. B. Bahmani, **W.C. Sun**, Manifold embedding data-driven elasticity, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute conference, Baltimore, Maryland, 2022.
 9. N. Vlassis, **W.C. Sun**, Graph embedding plasticity for solids with complex microstructures, 19th U.S. National Congress on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Austin, Texas, 2022.
 10. B. Bahmani, **W.C. Sun**, Manifold embedding model-free elasticity, 19th U.S. National Congress on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Austin, Texas, 2022.
 11. Q. Yin, J. Poliner, **W.C. Sun**, Deep reinforcement learning enabled design-of-experiments for path-dependent solids with live decision makings, 19th U.S. National Congress on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Austin, Texas, 2022.
 12. H.S. Suh, **W.C. Sun**, An immersed phase field model for coupled Darcy-Stokes flow with evolving interface, 2nd International Conference on Energy Geotechnics, La Jolla, California, 2022.
 13. H.S. Suh, **W.C. Sun**, Multi-phase-field approach for modeling ice lens growth and thaw in frozen soil, 2nd International Conference on Energy Geotechnics, La Jolla, California, 2022.
 14. K. Wang, **W.C. Sun**, A Non-cooperative Game for Automated Training, Validating Constitutive Laws, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 15. H. Suh, Q. Yin, **W.C. Sun**, Numerical investigation on freezing and thawing of saturated soil, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 16. Z. Xiong, R. Ma, **W.C. Sun**, Digital rock physics via FFT Solver, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 17. N.N. Vlassis, **W.C. Sun**, AI-generated interpretable plasticity theory, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 18. B. Bahmani, **W.C. Sun**, An accelerated model-free poroelasticity solver with multifidelity multiphysics data, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 19. R. Ma, **W.C. Sun**, Crystal plasticity with precipitation creeping, crack growth and healing in rock salt, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 20. M. Xiao, C. Liu, **W.C. Sun**, Domain partitioning MPM for thermal-mechanics contact mechanics with evolving fracture, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 21. C. Liu, **W.C. Sun**, ILS-MPM: an implicit level-based material point method for contact mechanics, ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference, Columbia University, 2021. [\[Video\]](#)
 22. **W.C. Sun**, K. Wang, Q. Du, A non-cooperative game for machine-learning computational mechanics, XV International Conference on Computational Plasticity. Fundamentals and Applications, Barcelona, Spain, 2019.
 23. K. Wang, **W.C. Sun**, Q. Du, A Cooperative Two-player Game for Data-driven Discovery of Elastoplasticity Knowledge Represented in Directed Graph, the 11th United States National Congress of Computational Mechanics (USNCCM), Austin, Texas, 2019.

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Outreach Efforts (General Public, Media, K-12, Underrepresented Groups)

The research group has participated in Inside Engineering Lab Visits and hosted Academy of the Holy Angels from New Jersey for a site visit and guest lecture.

Secured grant from Army Research Office to host high school student for summer research in Summer 2018-2021.

Graduated one PhD student (Yang Liu) from minority group (gender) who then landed a postdoc position at MIT, followed by a tenure-track position at Northeastern.

Graduated two MS research students (Francisco Contreras and Xian Zhang) from underrepresented group.

Mentored undergraduate research students (Imer Jasiel del Cid) from minority groups who successfully provided research results in the form of a manuscript and found engineer positions at Boeing.

Recruited faculty member Professor Addis Kidane, who is from an underrepresented group, to join CEEM as a tenured faculty member. The PI has secured two new grants with Professor Kidane since he joined the department.

Lectured short course at the MMLDT-CSET conference, WCCM, and USNCCM to promote machine learning and STEM to underrepresented graduate students. Our lectures are one of the most popular short courses in WCCM Vancouver and USNCCM Albuquerque.

Participated in the ENG program and mentored two high-school students from underrepresented groups to conduct summer research in the summer of 2022.

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Professional and Honor Society Membership

Member, American Physical Society, 2021-current

Member, Engineering Mechanics Institute, 2014-current

Member, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2014-current

Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2014-current

Member, International Society of Porous Media, 2014-current

Member, Sigma Xi the scientific research society, 2013-current

Member, American Geophysical Union, 2010-current

Member, UC Davis Chapter, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, since 2003

Member, California Lambda Chapter, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, since 2003

Member, UCAD Chapter, Golden Key International Honor Society, since 2003

Member, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2009