

# Chunyan Li

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The Pennsylvania State University – University Park, PA, US  
Postdoc researcher | Mentor: Professor Wenrui Hao

Jan. 2024-now

## Education

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University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC, US

Aug. 2018-Dec. 2023

*Ph.D. in Applied and Computational Mathematics* | Advisor: Professor Qi Wang

Xiangtan University – Xiangtan, Hunan, P. R. China

Sept. 2014-June 2018

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in honors class*

## Research Interests

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General interests: Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations, Machine Learning, Deep Learning

- Data-driven modeling and computation, such as discovering PDE models and dynamical systems from data using deep neural networks (eg. multi-scale neural networks), Neural ODE, and recurrent neural networks (LSTM), etc..
- Application of machine learning to scientific computing and computational science, such as solving PDE models and dynamical system with deep neural networks (eg. structure-preserving and multi-scale neural networks), and physics-informed learning.
- Application of data science and machine learning in materials and life science, such as digital twin for health.
- High order numerical methods for thermodynamically consistent partial differential equations, such as energy stable numerical schemes, asymptotic preserving numerical schemes, symplectic RK method, invariant energy quadratization approach (IEQ) and scalar auxiliary variable approach (SAV).
- Non-equilibrium theories for thermodynamics, such as Generalized Onsager principle, and thermodynamically consistent dynamic boundary conditions.

## Publications

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\* means equal contribution

1. Wetthasinghe, Shehani T., **Chunyan Li**, Huina Lin, Tianyu Zhu, Chuanbing Tang, Vitaly Rassolov, Qi Wang, and Sophya Garashchuk. *Correlation between the Stability of Substituted Cobaltocenium and Molecular Descriptors*. The Journal of Physical Chemistry A 126, no. 1 (2022): 80-87. (Impact factor: 2.781)
2. **Li, Chunyan**, Shehani T. Wetthasinghe, Huina Lin, Tianyu Zhu, Chuanbing Tang, Vitaly Rassolov, Qi Wang, and Sophya Garashchuk. *Stability Analysis of Substituted Cobaltocenium [Bis (cyclopentadienyl) cobalt (III)] Employing Chemistry-Informed Neural Networks*. Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation 18, no. 5 (2022): 3099-3110. (Impact factor: 6.006)
3. Hou, Jianguo, Jun Deng, **Chunyan Li**, and Qi Wang. *Tracing and Forecasting Metabolic Indices of Cancer Patients Using Patient-Specific Deep Learning Models*. Journal of Personalized Medicine 12, no. 5 (2022): 742. (Impact factor: 4.453)

4. **Chunyan Li\***, Lu Wang\*, Kexun Li, Hongfei Deng, Yu Wang, Li Chang, Ping Zhou, Jun Zeng, Mingwei Sun, Hua Jiang, and Qi Wang. *Prognostic Models for Sepsis Built on Small Datasets*. (Submitted)
5. Lu Wang\*, **Chunyan Li\***, Kexun Li, Hongfei Deng, Yu Wang, Li Chang, Ping Zhou, Jun Zeng, Mingwei Sun, Hua Jiang, Qi Wang. *Prognostic Models for Sepsis Based on Limited Data*. (Submitted)
6. **Chunyan Li**, Qi Wang. *Learning Dynamic Boundary Conditions Effects: A Dynamic Physics-Informed Neural Network Approach for Thermodynamically Consistent Phase Field Models in Arbitrary Domains* (To be submitted, 2024)

## Presentations and Posters

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1. *Title: Energy dissipation rate based adaptive dynamic PINN for solving thermodynamically consistent phase field models with thermodynamically consistent dynamic boundary conditions in arbitrary domains*  
Symposium on computational mathematics for engineering and sciences, State College, PA, US Nov. 2023
2. *Title: Tracing and Forecasting Metabolic Indices of Cancer Patients Using Patient-Specific Deep Learning Models* June 2023
3. *Title: Tracing and Forecasting Metabolic Indices of Cancer Patients Using Patient-Specific Deep Learning Models* Nov.12th 2022  
The 40th Southeastern-Atlantic Regional Conference on Differential Equations, Raleigh, NC, US
4. *Title: Stability analysis of cobaltocenium employing chemistry-informed neural networks and quadratic neural networks* (poster presentation) Oct.28th 2022  
The 2022 Made in SC Research Fellows and Faculty Conference and Celebration, Greenville, SC, US
5. *Title: Applications of deep learning in Chemistry and Life Science and the experience of pursuing my Ph.D* (invited talk & online) May 14th 2022  
Department of Mathematics, Xiangtan University, Xiangtan, Hunan, P.R. China
6. *Title: An introduction of Variational Autoencoder (VAE)* Feb.25th 2022  
ACM Student Seminar, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, US
7. *Title: An introduction of Principal Component Analysis (PCA)* Oct.15th 2021  
ACM Student Seminar, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, US

## Awards and Honors

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1. **Travel Award by the ICERMS at Brown University** June 12th-16th 2023
2. **Travel Award by the ICERMS at Brown University** June 5th-9th 2023
3. **Travel Award by the University of South Carolina** 2023
4. **SPARC Graduate Research Grant \$5,000** May 1, 2023 - Aug. 15th, 2024  
The Office of the Vice President for Research, University of South Carolina  
*Only 49 Recipients among all graduate students are selected in the university*
5. **Travel Award by the 40th SEARCDE Conference \$500** Nov.12th-13th 2022

## Awards and Honors

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1. **Graduate International Student Achievement Award** Fall 2023  
*ISAA is awarded each semester to TWO international students, one at the graduate level and one at the undergraduate level*
2. **SEC Emerging Scholars Fellowship (UofSC)** 2022 – 2023 AY  
*Only 5 Recipients among all graduate and postdoctoral students are selected in the university*
3. **George W.Johnson Graduate Fellowship in Applied Mathematics (UofSC)** May 2022

4. **C.C. Royal Fellowship** (UofSC) Apr. 2022  
*Only one student is annually awarded to full-time graduate students who exhibit excellence in graduate study, research and scholarship by the Graduate School.*
5. **George W. Johnson Graduate Fellowship in Applied Mathematics** (UofSC) Apr. 2020  
*One graduate student is awarded annually by the Department of Mathematics.*
6. **Outstanding First-Year ACM Student** (UofSC) Apr. 2019  
*Given annually by the Department of Mathematics at the University of South Carolina*
7. Xiangjiang Scholarships for excellent students (XTU) Dec 2017
8. Scholarships for excellent students in honors class, 4-year tuition fellowship (XTU) Sept. 2014-June 2018
9. National Encouragement Scholarship (1/19, XTU) Nov 2016
10. Second class scholarship (2/19, XTU) May 2015

## Professional Services

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Reviewers for

- Mathematical Methods in the Applied Sciences

Organizer of the ACM Student Seminar in UofSC

Sept. 2021 – Present

- Organize the applied and computational mathematics seminar with McKenzie Black, Thomas Hamori.
- Invite Professors and Graduate students especially, underrepresented groups to give talks.

Vice president at SIAM student chapter of UofSC

Sept.2020 – Sept.2022

Proctor for the annual UofSC High School Math Contest

2019 & 2020

## Teaching

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**University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC, US**

Math 141 Calculus I (TA), Recitations and laboratory work, about 32 students Spring 2019

Math 142 Calculus II (TA), Recitations and laboratory work, about 45 students Fall 2019

Math 115 PreCalculus (Instructor), lectures and recitation, about 28 students Spring 2020

Math 141 Calculus I (TA and online), Recitations and laboratory work, about 58 students Fall 2020

Math 528 Mathematical Foundation of Data Science and Machine Learning (TA) Fall 2021

Lectures on PyTorch and scikit-learn programming for a week

## Mentor Experience

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**University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC, US**

**Mentor in REU Summer School**

June 6th – July 15th 2022

- Lectures on PyTorch and scikit-learn programming.
- Meet with students for at least 2 hours every day to update the research projects for each group (5 undergraduate students in 2 groups).
- Help 3 students in group I understand Neural Ordinary Differential Equation (NODE) and how to program using its package, and guide students to do research on “predicting biomarkers of cancer patients using NODE”.
- Help 2 students in group II understand Physics Informed Neural Network (PINN) and how to program using DeepXDE package and guide students to do research on ”solving a Partial Differential Equation using PINN”.

**Xiangtan University – Xiangtan Hunan, P.R. China**

Mentor for class 2 in Department of Mathematics

Fall 2016

Mentor for Honor class in Business School

Spring 2017

## Membership

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- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)
- American Mathematical Society (AMS)
- Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)

## Relevant Skills

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**Lagrange:** Chinese, English

**Technical skills:** Matlab, Python, PyTorch, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Neural ODE, Markdown.

## References

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