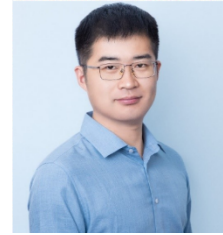


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## PROFILE

- Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering at the National University of Singapore, specializing in additive manufacturing, computational mechanics, and multi-scale multi-physics modeling.
- Senior editor of the top journal *Additive Manufacturing*.
- My work integrates physics-based simulation, data-driven modeling, and process-structure-property prediction for advanced manufacturing systems.

## EDUCATION

- **2008-2012** B.E., Mechanical Engineering, Tsinghua University, China
- **2012-2017** Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Tsinghua University (China) & Northwestern University (U.S.)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **2017-2018** Postdoctoral Fellow, Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern University, U.S.
- **2018-2024** Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, National University of Singapore
- **2025-Present** Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, National University of Singapore

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Additive manufacturing / 3D printing
- Computational mechanics and multi-scale multi-physics modeling
- Data-driven modeling and integration of data analytics with physics-based modeling

## RESEARCH IMPACT

- **Over 10,000 citations; h-index 59; i10-index 125 (accessed May 2026).**
- More than **140** papers published in leading journals, including *Nature Communications*, *International Journal of Machine Tool and Manufacture*, *International Journal of Plasticity*, *Acta Materialia*, *Additive Manufacturing*, *Computer Methods in Applied Mechanics and Engineering*, and *Journal of the Mechanics and Physics of Solids*.
- High research visibility in additive manufacturing, computational mechanics, powder-bed-fusion process modeling, and process-structure-property prediction.
- Research contributions cover defect formation, powder spreading, pore elimination, multi-physics modeling, and data-driven characterization of additive manufacturing processes.

## HONORS & AWARDS

**2018** Young Investigator Award, 5th International Conference on Additive Manufacturing and Bio-Manufacturing

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS IN RECENT YEARS

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