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## ABOUT ME

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I am currently a research assistant at Vanderbilt University, where I am pursuing a PhD in computer science under the guidance of Professor David Hyde. My research is centered around leveraging advanced machine learning techniques to traditional computer graphics, focusing on physics-based simulation and animation. My research interests also span computational physics, fluid dynamics, deep learning, computer vision, parallel computing, virtual reality, and rendering.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### Doctor of Philosophy - PhD

**Vanderbilt University** [ 01/09/2022 – Current ]

Country: United States

Field(s) of study: Computer Science

### Bachelor of Science - BS

**Peking University** [ 01/09/2017 – 01/07/2022 ]

Country: China

Field(s) of study: Computer Science

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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Python / C, C++, CUDA / PyTorch / Matlab / Linux / SideFX Houdini / COMSOL Multiphysics / FEniCS / Unity 3D / Blender / OpenGL / JavaScript / Git

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Research Assistant

**Vanderbilt University** [ 01/09/2022 – Current ]

City: NASHVILLE

Country: United States

Advisor: [Dr. David Hyde](#)

- Advancing traditional computational fluid and thermodynamics by leveraging deep learning techniques
- Hot air balloon physics simulation based on Material Point Method (MPM)

### Teaching Assistant

**Vanderbilt University** [ 01/09/2022 – Current ]

City: NASHVILLE

Country: United States

- CS 3281 (Principles Operating Systems) - Fall 2022
- CS 3891/5891 (Numerical Methods) - Fall 2023
- CS 3891/5891 (Quantum Computing) - Spring 2024

## Research Intern

**University of California, Davis** [ 01/07/2021 – 01/12/2021 ]

City: Davis

Country: United States

Advisor: [Dr. Joseph Teran](#)

- Finite Element Methods (FEM) for simulating elastic materials
- Material Point Method (MPM)

## Research Intern

**Institute of Software, Chinese Academy of Sciences** [ 01/01/2021 – 01/12/2021 ]

City: Beijing

Country: China

Advisor: [Dr. Xiaowei He](#)

- Improving fluid surface tension simulation using semi-analytical method
- Fluid simulation using Smoothed-particle hydrodynamics (SPH)
- Parallel computing with CUDA
- Physics-based Simulation Engine: [PeriDyno](#)

## Undergraduate Research Assistant

**Peking University** [ 01/05/2020 – 01/12/2020 ]

City: Beijing

Country: China

Advisor: [Dr. Guoping Wang](#)

- Physics-based Simulation Engine: [PhysIKA](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Toward Improving Boussinesq Flow Simulations by Learning with Compressible Flow

Nurshat Mangnike, David Hyde, Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing (PASC), 2024 (In review)

### [Semi-Analytical Surface Tension Model for Free Surface Flows](#)

N. Menglik, H. Yao, Y. Zheng, J. Shi, Y. Qiao, X. He, IEEE VR, Poster, 2022.

Link: <https://nurshat317.github.io/video/PosterVideo.mp4>

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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### Dean's Graduate Fellowship

Vanderbilt University [ 01/09/2022 ]

### Russell G.Hamilton Scholar

Vanderbilt University [ 01/09/2022 ]

### 1st Place FortyAU Award for VR Project

Department of Computer Science, Vanderbilt University [ 01/12/2022 ]

Our VR project, '**Accessibility Quest**', won the 1st place award (worth \$4,000) in the VR project competition. The project focuses on using VR technology to improve urban accessibility for people with disabilities, providing valuable insights for city designers.

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