Multi-scale Modeling and Simulation in Solid Mechanics:  
Introduction to Data-Driven Integrated Computational 
Materials Engineering (ICME)  
ME417  
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Class Time: Tu, Th 9:30am-10:50am, Tech L160  
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Course Objectives:  
1) Understand the underlying principles of molecular dynamics (equations of motion for atoms, atomic interactions).  
2) Understand the connection between information available on small (atomistic) and large (continuum) scales.  
3) Understand the concept of Integrated Computational Material Engineering (ICME) though multiscale modeling approach. Gain exposure the role of data-science in multiscale modeling and ICME process.  
4) Applications  
   a. Polymer nano-composite: polymer mechanics, polymer and polymer-fillers modeling, Multi-scale modeling (MD, Continuum)  
   b. Nanostructure materials: Nanowires: single crystal Si; Nano Carbons: nanotube  
   c. Data driven multiscale simulation: Self-consistent clustering analysis (SCA), deep learning in Materials Genome Initiative, design of microstructural materials system.

Homework  
There will be two homework assignments during the term. The purpose of the homework is to provide the students with an opportunity to apply theoretical and computational concepts to multi-scale problems.

Projects  
Projects typically include an ICME aspect and some preliminary theoretical concepts on the expected observations. There will be one midterm project and one final project.  
Topic of midterm project: An ICME study on Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer material system. Topic for the final project: students will have the opportunity to apply the concepts that they have learned in class to a research problem of their own interest.

Grading  
Homework (30%), Midterm project (30%), Final project (30%), Participation (10%)

Textbook  
There is no required textbook. Some resources relevant to this class are provided below:  
Software: LAMMPS, ABAQUS, and MATLAB will be used for the simulations. Lab session may be held on Wed (if needed) or mutually agreeable time. We will be using Northwestern’s super computer system QUEST for Midterm and Final projects.
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<th>Molecular dynamics and multiscale modeling</th>
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<td>Introduction to MD I</td>
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<td>Introduction to MD II</td>
<td>Hamiltonian, Lagrangian mechanics (HW#1 Due, HW#2a Assigned)</td>
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Module 1: Introduction (3 wks)
   A. Introduction_MD (1.5wk)
      1. Why multi-scale modeling?
      2. Lagrangian and Hamiltonian equations of motion
      3. Interatomic potentials
         a. Particle dynamics (Multi-body interaction) using interatomic potential
      4. Algorithms, Periodic Boundary Condition
   B. Introduction to Integrated Computational Material Engineering (ICME)
      Processing (0.5wk)
      1. What is ICME?
      2. How are scales connected together?
   B. Midterm tutorial (1 wk)
      1. What is LAMMPS and the basics how it works
      2. Quest HPC login and job submission
      3. VMD and post-processing of your MD results
      3. Details of Midterm explained
   G. Midterm Project (0.5 wk)
      1. Students present their midterm project

Module 2: Polymer Nanocomposite (2.0 wks)
   1. Introduction to Polymer
   2. Molecular modeling and simulation of polymer
   3. Force field for polymer
   4. Mechanics of polymer and composite
      - Viscoelasticity, Creep, Stress relaxation, DMA test, Time-temperature superposition
   5. Coarse graining molecular dynamics of polymer composite
   6. Tube model for viscoelasticity

Module 3: Thermodynamics and Lattice Mechanics (2.5 wks)
   A. Nanostructure (0.5 wk)
      1. Single crystal silicon nanowire and carbon nanotubes
   B. Thermodynamics (1 wk)
      1. First and second law of thermodynamics, Entropy
      2. Statistical ensembles: NVE, NVT, NPT
      3. Free energy, Enthalpy,
   C. Lattice Mechanics(1 wk)
      1. Regular lattice structure
      2. Equation of motion
Module 4: Data-driven Multiscale Modeling (1.0 ~ 1.5 wk)

A. Introduction of Mechanistic Data-driven Method
   1. What is data-science
   2. Mechanistic Machine Learning approach
   3. Data-driven Multiscale Modeling