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EDUCATION

2011.08-2017.07	Tsinghua University	<i>Ph.D. in Building Science</i>
2016.08-2017.07	Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University	<i>M. Sci. in Public Policy</i>
2013.10-2014.09	University of Cambridge	<i>M.Phil. in Energy Technology</i>
2008.09-2011.07	Tsinghua University	<i>B. Eng. in Economics</i>
2007.09-2011.07	Tsinghua University	<i>B. Sci. in Civil Engineering</i>

RESEARCH

2021.10 to present	Assistant Professor, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2018.07 – 2021.10	Project Scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Model Predictive Control<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and deploy Model Predictive Control to control the energy system at building and campus level➤ Reinforcement Learning<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop virtual environments of buildings for RL training• Develop DRL controller, and test it in Flexlab, a testing facility located in LBNL➤ End-Use Load Profiles for the U.S. Building Stock<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occupant behavior modelling to produce realistic building load shape• Propose data-driven approach to generate building load, and validate it with real smart meter data➤ Low-cost smart sensing<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infer building thermal dynamics of US residential buildings using connected smart thermostat (Ecobee DYD Database), and then estimate demand response potential and thermal resilience• Infer occupant counts using Wi-Fi data
2017.10-2018.06	Postdoc Researcher, UC Berkeley <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Human-building interaction<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore the most efficient way to collect occupants' feedback about the built environment• Develop data-driven model to predict individual comfort demands, develop comfort standards• Develop and test energy efficient comfort wearable to address personal demand
2016.12-2018.06	Energy Consultant, World Bank <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Urban Scale Building Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Project<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversee the technical progress, provide technical supports

OPEN-SOURCE TOOL

<i>MPCPy</i>	Python-based open-source platform for model predictive control in buildings https://github.com/lbl-srg/MPCPy
<i>Modelica Buildings Library</i>	Dynamic simulation models for building energy and control systems https://github.com/lbl-srg/modelica-buildings

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2020 till now	Editor, <i>Building Simulation, Building Energy Conservation</i>
2020	Grant Proposal Reviewer <i>The Dunhill Medical Trust, UK</i>
2020, 2021	Member of Technical Program Committee, <i>First International Workshop on Reinforcement Learning for Energy Management in Buildings & Cities (RLEM)</i> , https://rlem-workshop.net/
till now	Reviewer, <i>Applied Energy, Energy, Building and Environment, Energy and Building, Journal of Building Engineering, Building Simulation, Environmental Science and Pollution Research, Science and Technology for the Built Environment, SoftwareX, Journal of Building Performance Simulation, Applied Thermal Engineering, Advanced Engineering Informatics, Frontiers in Built Environment, International Journal of Biometeorology, Journal of Asian Architecture and Building Engineering, Journal of the Taiwan Institute of Chemical Engineer, Sustainable Cities and Society</i>

AWARDS & HONORS

1. Key Technology for the Environmental and Energy-Efficient Design of Green Building, Second Class Award of 2019 Chinese State Science and Technology Prize (2019 年国家科学技术进步奖二等奖), Award Number: 2019-J-22101-2-01-R09
 2. Outstanding Graduate of Beijing, 2017
 3. Boeing Scholarship, Boeing Company, 2010, 2015
 4. Wing Yip Scholarship, University of Cambridge, 2013 (3 awardees per year)
 5. China National Scholarship, Chinese Government, 2009, 2010, 2012 (award ratio: 0.2%)
 6. Outstanding Undergraduate of Beijing, 2011
 7. Outstanding Undergraduate of Tsinghua, 2011 (top 2% of Tsinghua Undergraduates)
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PATENT

1. Lin, BR., Zhao, HT., and **Wang, Z.**, A Waste Heat Recovery System Designed for Dishwasher. Chinese Patent Number: ZL 201320328067.9
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PUBLICATION

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