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Education

North Carolina State University

Raleigh, NC, USA

Ph.D. in Design (Design for Energy and Sustainability)

Aug. 2022 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Soolyeon Cho

Dissertation: NC STATE Energy Hub - Developing a Virtual Testbed for Implementing Control Strategies in Grid-Interactive Smart Campus Buildings- (Ongoing)

Gyeongsang National University

Jinju, South Korea

M.E. in Architectural Engineering

Aug. 2017 - Aug. 2019

Advisor: Prof. Young-hak Song

Thesis: A Study on Circulation Pump Configuration and Cooling Tower Control for Improving the Efficiency of Cooling Source System in Buildings "Outstanding Master's Thesis Award (AIK)"

Gyeongsang National University

Jinju, South Korea

B.S. in Architectural Engineering

Mar. 2011 - Aug. 2017

- Thesis: A Study on the Quantitative Understanding of Cost-saving Effects of Thermal Storage Operations
- Completion of Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea (ABEEK)

Interests and Skills

Interests

- Grid-Interactive Connected Community for Supporting Microgrid
- Grid-edge resource (Grid-Interactive Efficient Building (GEB), Vehicle to Building (V2B))
- Coordinated or Cooperative energy management from building level up to urban level.
- Energy efficiency improvement of Building HVAC&R systems.
- Building HVAC&R system control for robustness and stability.

Modelling Control

Model-based (Data-driven (Physics-informed, Black-box) Physics-based), Model-free. Coordinated Control, Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL), Multi-agent Reinforcement

Learning (MARL), Model Predictive control (MPC), Robust control

Etc.

Smart Buildings, Zero Energy Buildings (ZEB), Retrofit, District Cooling Plant, Data Center, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), Distributed Energy Resources (DERs: Electric Vehicle, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Thermal Energy Storage (TES), Building Envelope as Virtual Battery), Fault Detection and Diagnosis (FDD), Convex Optimization.

Skills

Programming Language Python (PyTorch, Gym, CVXPY, SALib, Eppy), MATLAB (Simulink).

Software

Modelica Building Library, EnergyPlus & Openstudio, DesignBuilder, JEPlus,

BCVTB, FlowMaster, ArcGIS.

Research Experience_____

Synthetic study on the energy potential of solar power systems at community level using AI and spatiotemporal data (Next-Generation Science & Technology (S&T) Leaders NET, Korean Federation of Science & Technology Societies (KOFST))

Principal Investigator (PI)

NCSU., Raleigh, NC, USA. Apr. 2024 – Dec. 2024

- · Wrote the proposal and lead the project with 2 Ph.D. students in NCSU.
- Target Community: NCSU Campus / Tool: ArcGIS and Pytorch

Development of EMS with Optimal Control Algorithm for Energy Efficiency Improvement in Commercial Building Using AI and Digital Twin Technology (MOTIE of Korea, No.20014154)

Graduate Research Assistant

BET Lab., NCSU., Raleigh, NC, USA.

Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2024

- · Real-time Model predictive control (MPC) using machine learning.
- · Experience with building automation system and protocols (BACNet using BACpypes)
- Target building: Fitts-Woolard Hall (Office, Class, Laboratory; NCSU), Home manufacturing factory building (Columbia, SC)
- Target system: Packaged air conditioning system (rooftop unit (RTU), ground mounted unit (GMU)),
 VRF system (Heat pump), Chiller, Boiler, Dedicated Outdoor Unit system (DOAS)

A Development of One-day Build-up Modular Airborne Infection Isolation Ward based on Free-plan (MOHW of Korea, No. HG22C0044)

Graduate Research Assistant

BEL Lab., Gyeongsang National Univ., Jinju, Korea.

Apr. 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) system development of Modular Negative Pressure Isolation rooms (NPIR)
- · Contributed to full proposal writing and concept development

Green remodeling(retrofit) regional hub platform project.

- Gyeongsang Province- (MOLIT of Korea)

Graduate Research Assistant

BEL Lab., Gyeongsang National Univ., Jinju, Korea.

Oct. 2020 – Aug. 2022

- Finding ways to improve the aging of public and medical facilities mainly used by the socially disadvantaged and to improve indoor air quality and energy performance
- Promotion of regional industrial ecosystem creation and capacity strengthening of public building green remodeling project, which is one of the core projects of the Korean New Deal

A study on primary system retrofit methods for high energy performance. (NRF of Korea, No. 2017R1A2B2006424)

Graduate Research Assistant

BEL Lab., Gyeongsang National Univ., Jinju, Korea.

Mar. 2020 – Feb. 2022

- · Development of a method to efficiency improvement of central chilled water system
- · Energy cut-off evaluation with low liquid to gas ratio operation of cooling tower
- Development control algorithm of cooling tower for low-approach temperature on Python EMS
- Verification of low-temperature condenser water and operation time in HVAC&R system

Development of THI chart for each type of livestock and poultry and THI internal cage prediction model (RDA of Korea, No. PJ013446)

Graduate Research Assistant

BEL Lab., Gyeongsang National Univ., Jinju, Korea.

Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2019

- · Development of the heat-wave notification system for layer chicken
- · CFD simulation analysis on windowless laying hen houses which employing a cross or tunnel -type ventilation system
- · Verification of thermal environment and development THI Index prediction model of laying hen house
- · Measurement and Verification (M&V) of actual laying hen house

A study on economic analysis of altitude tracking PV systems. (Gyeongsang National Univ., UNIC-Lab program)

Graduate Research Assistant

BEL Lab., Gyeongsang National Univ., Jinju, Korea.

Jul. 2017 - Nov. 2017

- Technology proposal of PV systems according to the altitude tracking of the sun
- · Energy savings and economic analysis of altitude tracking PV systems

Publications

Journals

- J.W. Ha, S.M. Lee, S.Y. Cho., "Practical VRF Heat Pump Modeling using Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) with Multi-Fidelity Data sets for Model Predictive Control (MPC). (In-Progress)
- K.H. Kim, Y.J. Kim, *J.W. Ha*, Y.H. Song "Development of Integrated Loop Control Algorithm for Improvement of Water-side Economizer Efficiency and Expansion", International Journal of Refrigeration (I.F. 3.5), submitted (under review).
- J14 B.M. Seo, J. W. Ha, Y. B. Yoon, S. Y. Cho "Energy Consumption in Office Building using ANN based AHU-DAT Control with Cooling Load-interval Division Methods", Journal of Building Engineering (I.F. 7.144), submitted (under review).
- Y.J. Kim, K.H. Kim, *J.W. Ha*, Y.H. Song "Research on a Plan of Free Cooling Operation Control for the Efficiency Improvement of Water-side Economizer", Energies (I.F. 3.2), 2024, 17(12), 2804.
- J. W. Ha, Y. J. Kim, Y. H. Song "Energy Saving Evaluation with Low Liquid to Gas Ratio Operation in HVAC&R system", Energies (I.F. 3.252), 2022, 15, 7327.
- Y. J. Kim, *J. W. Ha*, Y. H. Song "Energy Efficiency Analysis on Free Cooling Operation Mode with Water-side Economizer System in Data Center", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol. 16, No. 1, pp. 1-13, Feb. 2022.
- J. W. Ha, Y. J. Kim, H. Y. Kim, Y. H. Song "Development of Control Algorithm for Cooling Tower Low-Approach Temperature", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol. 15, No. 5, pp.431-442, Oct. 2021.
- S. C. Park, *J. W. Ha*, K. S. Park, Y. H. Song "Sensitivity Analysis and Bayesian MCMC based on Artificial Neural Network Surrogate Model for Input Variable Uncertainty Calibration", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol. 15, No. 4, pp.326-337, Aug. 2021. "*Annual Best Paper*"
- J8 Y. J. Kim, *J. W. Ha*, K. S. Park, Y. H. Song "A Study on the Energy Reduction Measures of Data Centers through Chilled Water Temperature Control and Water-side Economizer", Energies (I.F. 3.004), 2021, 14(12), 3575.

- Y. J. Kim, *J. W. Ha*, K. S. Park, K.H. Lee, Y. H. Song "Energy Evaluation of Data Center with Low Cooling Water Temperature and Free Cooling", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol. 14, No. 5, pp.427-438, Oct. 2020. "*Annual Best Paper*"
- J. W. Ha, Y. J. Kim, H. Y. Kim, Y. H. Song "Verification of Low-temperature Condenser Water and Operation Time considering Climate Zones", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol. 14, No. 3, pp.298-309, Jun. 2020.
- J. W. Ha, H. H. Chang, K. J. Cha, Y. H. Song "Verification of Thermal Environment and THI Prediction Equation of Hen House by Field Measurement and Model-based Simulation", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol. 14, No. 2, pp.208-219, Apr. 2020.
- J. W. Ha, S. Y. Cho, H. Y. Kim, Y. H. Song, "Annual Energy Consumption Cut-off with Cooling System Design Parameter Changes in Large Office Buildings", Energies (I.F. 2.707), 2020, 13(8), 2034.
- J. W. Ha, K. S. Park, H. Y. Kim, Y. H. Song "A Study on Annual Cooling Energy Consumption Cut-off with Cooling Tower Control Change", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol.13, No.6, pp.503-514, Dec. 2019.
- S. C. Park, *J. W. Ha*, H. Y. Kim, Y. H. Song, "An Operation Status of Library Building using BEMS Data -Energy Performance Evaluation on Initial Stage of Completion-", Journal of KIAEBS, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Vol. 12, No. 6, pp.669-679, Dec. 2018.
- J. W. Ha, K. S. Park, H. Y. Kim, Y. H. Song "A Study of Zero Energy Building Verification with Measuring and Model-based Simulation in Exhibition Building", ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH, Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK), Vol. 20, No. 3, pp.93-102, Sep. 2018. "Annual Best Paper"

Conferences

- C14 J.W. Ha, S.M. Lee, S.Y. Cho, "Automated Energy Retrofit Potential Analysis of Building using Large Language Model-Based Energyplus (LLM-Based Energyplus)", 2025 Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) International Conference, College Park, MD & Washington DC, USA, April 2-5, 2025., (In-Progress).
- S.W. Ham, S.J. Lee, *J.W. Ha*, D.H. Kim, "Development of the Al-tech assistant to transfer research outcome knowledge for accelerating low-cost MPC technology deployment", 2025 ASHRAE Winter Conference, Orlando, FL, USA, February 10-12, 2025., submitted (under review).
- S.M. Lee, *J. W. Ha*, S.Y. Cho "A Review of Federated Learning Applications in Building Energy Management", US-KOREA Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (UKC) 2024, San Francisco, California, USA, August 21-24, 2024.
- C11 J. W. Ha, S.M. Lee, S.Y. Cho "Development of Heat pump prediction model based on limited experimental data in Factory Building", US-KOREA Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (UKC) 2024, San Francisco, California, USA, August 21-24, 2024. (Poster)
- C10 J.W. Ha, S.M. Lee, S.Y. Cho, "Development of Roof Top Unit (RTU) Prediction Model Based on Limited Experimental Data", Graduate Student Research Symposium, NC STATE, NC, USA, April 3, 2024. (Poster)
- S.M. Lee, *J. W. Ha*, J.H. Kim, S.Y. Cho "An Empirical Analysis of Korean Household Appliance Use Patterns: using a national Time Use survey dataset", US-KOREA Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (UKC) 2023, Dallas, Texas, USA, August 2-5, 2023.
- C8 J. W. Ha, B.M. Seo, S.M. Lee, S.Y. Cho "Fast Load Prediction Model of Chiller Using Bayesian Optimization", US-KOREA Conference on Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (UKC) 2023, Dallas, Texas, USA, August 2-5, 2023.

- C7 J. W. Ha, Y. J. Kim, Y. H. Song "A Study on the Verification Approach Temperature of Cooling Tower according to the Change L/G Ratio", Autumn Conference for Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Chungju, Republic of Korea, Nov. 2020.
- Y. J. Kim, *J. W. Ha*, Y. H. Song "A Study on the Cooling Performance of Water-side Economizer System on The Chilled Water Return-side Applying Partial Operation", Autumn Conference for Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Chungju, Republic of Korea, Nov. 2020. "*Best Paper Award of Fall Conference*"
- Y. J. Kim, *J. W. Ha*, Y. H. Song "A Study on the Cooling Energy Consumption Cut-off in the Intermediate Season of the Data Center" Summer Conference for The Society of Airconditioning and Refrigerating Engineers of Korea (SAREK), Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, Jun. 2020.
- S. C. Park, *J. W. Ha*, Y. J. Kim, Y. H. Song "A Study on the Thermal Storage Loss Rate for the Geothermal Storage System", Autumn Annual Conference of Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK), Daejeon, Republic of Korea, Oct. 2019.
- **J. W. Ha**, Y. H. Song "Comparison Analysis of Temperature and Humidity Index (THI) according to Ventilation Type of laying house", Autumn Conference for Busan-Ulsan-Gyeongnam Chapter of Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK), Jinju, Republic of Korea, Nov. 2018.
- C2 J. W. Ha, Y. H. Song "THI Index within Laying house according to the Predicted Outside Temperature", Autumn Conference for Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Incheon, Republic of Korea, Nov. 2018.
- C1 J. W. Ha, Y. H. Song "A Study on Economic Analysis for Adapting Ice Thermal Storage System to Retrofit of Heat Source System", Autumn Conference for Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS), Seoul, Republic of Korea, Nov. 2017.

Honors and Awards

Awards

- Next-Generation Science & Technology (S&T) Leaders NET, Korean Federation of Science & Technology Societies (KOFST).
- Annual Best Paper Award, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS).
- 2021 Annual Best Paper Award, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS).
- 2020 Best Paper Award of Fall Conference, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building Systems (KIAEBS).
- 2020 GNU Young Pioneer Researcher Award, Gyeongsang National University.
- 2020 Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK).
- 2019 GNU Young Pioneer Researcher Award, Gyeongsang National University.
- 2019 Annual Best Paper Award, Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK).
- 2018 Excellence Award, Waryong Mountain sustainable design competition (\$1,000), Samcheonpo Headquarters of Korean South-East power Co. (KOEN).
- 2017 Bronze Prize, Portfolio contest, Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea (ABEEK)
- 2017 Excellence Award, LINC-GPP, Gyeongsang National University.
- 2017 Best Award, Portfolio contest, Pusan National University (South Gyeongsang province chapter)
- 2017 Golden Prize, Portfolio contest (\$300), Gyeongsang National University.

Scholarships

2024 US-Korea Conference (UKC) 2024 Travel Support, Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA)

- 37th US-Korea Conference on Science, Technology, and Entrepreneurship (Aug. 21-24)
- · Venue: San Francisco, CA, USA

2024 IIBEC Travel Fellowship (\$2,500)

- · 2024 International Convention and Trade show (Mar. 8-11)
- · Venue: Phoenix, AZ, USA

2024 Ph.D. Travel Scholarship (\$1,000), North Carolina State University

- · 2024 ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE (Jan. 20-24)
- Venue: Chicago, Illinois, USA

Jan 2024 - Kennan Institute for Engineering, Technology, and Science (KIETS) Climate Leaders Dec 2024 Program Scholarship, North Carolina State University (\$13,000)

 The KIETS Climate Leaders Program focuses on mitigating or reversing the negative effects of climate change via technical, managerial, political, or economic approaches that, if adopted, will help humanity deal with this existential threat. Scholar's work with their faculty mentors to grow their leadership capacities through presentations held by industry leaders and professional internships with sustainably-focused ventures.

2023 US-Korea Conference (UKC) 2023 Travel Support, Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (KSEA)

- 36th US-Korea Conference on Science, Technology, and Entrepreneurship (Aug. 2-5)
- · Venue: Dallas, TX, USA

2023 AEE Scholarship (\$1,000), AEE Foundation

2023 IIBEC Travel Fellowship (\$2,500)

- 40th IIBEC International Convention and Trade show (Mar. 3-6)
- · Venue: Houston, TX, USA

2023 Ph.D. Travel Scholarship (\$1,000), North Carolina State University

- · 2023 ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE (Feb. 5-8)
- · Venue: Atlanta, GA, USA

2022-2023 University Graduate Fellowships (\$4,000), North Carolina State University

· This fellowship is awarded to outstanding new doctoral students

Spring 2017 Pioneer C Scholarships (\$1,220), Gyeongsang National University

· This scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding academic achievement

Fall 2016 Pioneer A Scholarship (\$1,760), Gyeongsang National University

 This scholarship is awarded to a student with the highest academic achievement in the semester

Fall 2016 Global Pioneer Program Scholarships (\$1,800), Gyeongsang National University

This scholarship supports students for overseas field tours relevant to green building, building retrofit trip to visit Sheffield Univ. (UK), KU Leuven Univ. (Prof. Staf Roels, Belgium), Physibel (Prof. Piet Standaert, Belgium), Scheldebouw of Permasteelisa Group (Group R&D Manager. Henk De Bleecker, Belgium), Green Buildings (UK, Netherlands, Germany), etc.

Spring 2016 Internationalization B Scholarship (\$700), Gyeongsang National University

Spring 2016 Gyeongsang Scholarships (\$2,160), Gyeongsang National University

This scholarship is awarded to a student in first place in the Department of Architectural Engineering

2016 Seonghwa Industrial Corporate Scholarships (\$2,000)

Fall 2015 Pioneer C Scholarships (\$1,000), Gyeongsang National University

This scholarship is awarded to students with outstanding academic achievement

Assistantships

2022-Present	Research Assistant, North Carolina State Univ. (\$21,000 For 1 Year)
2021	Research Assistant, Gyeongsang National Univ. (\$20,500 For 1 Year)
2020	Research Assistant, Gyeongsang National Univ. (\$21,500 For 1 Year)
Spring, 2019	Teaching Assistant, Gyeongsang National Univ. (\$1,200 For 1 Semester)
2019	Research Assistant, Gyeongsang National Univ. (\$19,400 For 1 Year)
2018	Research Assistant, Gyeongsang National Univ. (\$21,600 For 1 Year)

Patents and Certificates

Patents

P3 "Operation Control System and Method for High Difference and Low Condensing Temperature Water on Cooling Towers", Patent application:10-2021-0048529. Patent registration: 10-2325379. Republic of Korea.

P2 "The Notification System for Layer chicken", Patent application: 10-2019-0173894. Patent registration: 10-2363864. Republic of Korea

Р1 "Method for Predicting a Temperature-Humidity Index in a Windowless Laying Hen Houses Which Employing a Cross-Type or Tunnel Type Ventilation System", Patent application: 10-2019-0064580. Patent registration: 10-2308895. Republic of Korea.

Certificates

CERT5 "Certificate of Attendance", Climate Change Al Summer School 2024, June 20 - August 05, 2024.

CERT4 "Certificate of Attendance", Climate Change Al Summer School 2023, June 23- July 26,

- Climate Change AI is a global non-profit that catalyzes impactful work at the intersection

of climate change and machine learning. - "Certificate of Engineer Building Facilities", The Human Resources Development Service CERT3 of Korea, Republic of Korea, 2018.

"Building Energy Analysis Skill UP Training (Based on ISO 13790, DIN V18599)", Institute for Passive Zero CERT2 Energy Building (IPAZEB), 2017.

"Certificate of Engineer Architecture", The Human Resources Development Service of CERT1 Korea, Republic of Korea, 2017.

Professional Experience_____

Journal Reviewer 2023 - Present

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ASHRAE Technical Committees (TC)

2023 - Present

- TC 6.2: District Energy
- TC 7.5: Smart Building Systems
- TC 9.9: Mission Critical Facilities, Data Centers, Technology Spaces and Electronic Equipment

ASHRAE Technical Paper Reviewer

Jun. 2024 - Present

- 2025 ASHRAE Winter Conference (Orlando, FL)
- 2024 ASHRAE Annual Conference (Indianapolis, IN)

Research Affiliate Lawrence Berkely National Laboratory (LBNL), Berkeley, CA, USA. Jun. 2024 - Aug. 2024

ASHRAE at NC STATE Univ., Raleigh, NC, USA.

President

Aug. 2024 – Present Aug. 2023 – Jul. 2024

Vice-President

Member

Student Energy Club at NC STATE Sep. 2023 - Present

Secretary PhD Student Association (PhDSA), Ph.D. in Design, NC STATE

Aug. 2023- Aug. 2024

Graduate research assistant BET Lab., NC STATE Univ., Raleigh, NC, USA.

Aug. 2022 – Present

Graduate research assistant BEL Lab., Gyeongsang National Univ., Jinju, South Korea.

Sep. 2017 - Aug. 2022

Administrative assistant Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and

Building Systems (KIAEBS) – Yeong Nam (YN) chapter

Jul. 2020 - Mar. 2021

Teaching assistant Gyeongsang National Univ., Jinju, South Korea

Spring, 2019

Administrative assistant Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK) Busan-Gyeongnam chapter

Apr. 2018 – Mar. 2019

Construction field engineer intern

HYUNDAI E&C Co., Singapore

Singapore Marina One Site: LEED Platinum, BCA Green Mark Platinum Jan. 2017 – Feb. 2017

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Tactical aircraft maintenance crew Republic of Korea Air Force., Sacheon, South Korea Sep. 2012 – Sep. 2014

Other Activities

Seminar

2024 Summer Climate Change Al Summer School (Virtual Session) ACM SIGEnergy Graduate Student Seminar.

2023 Summer Climate Change Al Summer School (Virtual Session)

Workshops

2017 The 2nd Joint Workshop of Architectural Engineering: Gyeongsang National Univ.

(South Korea) & Kyushu Univ. (Japan)

Professional Affiliations

2023-Present Student Member, Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)

2023-Present Student Member, International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants (IIBEC)

2023-Present Student Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) SIGEnergy

2022-Present Member, Korean Building Scientists and Engineers Association (KOBSIE) in USA Student Member, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning

Engineers (ASHRAE)

2023-Present Student Member, Korean American Scientists & Engineers Association (KSEA) 2018-Present Member, International Building Performance Simulation Association (IBPSA)

2018-Present Member, Architectural Institute of Korea (AIK)

2017-Present Member, Korean Institute of Architectural Sustainable Environment and Building

Systems (KIAEBS)