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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Urban building energy model (UBEM)
- Urban microclimate
- Mobility and heat risk
- Inequity in heat exposure
- Resilient urban design under extreme weather

SKILLS

- Coding: Python (Machine learning, Deep learning)
- Geography: ArcGIS, QGIS (UMEP), ENVI, SAGA
- Simulation: DesignBuilder, Ecotect, Radiance, Daysim, Dpethmap, Ladybug, Honeybee, Dragonfly, Eddy3D
- 3D Modeling: Rhino + Grasshopper, SketchUp
- 2D Graphic: AutoCAD, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, PowerPoint
- Statistics: Excel, SPSS, Minitab, Origin
- Rendering: Enscape, V-ray
- Video Editing: Premiere, Audition

EDUCATION

• 2020.08 – 2025.09	School of Architecture, Tsinghua University	Beijing, China
	Ph.D. in Engineering (Supervisor: Prof. Nian-xiong Liu)	
	Dissertation: Design Optimization of Outdoor Thermal Environment	and Building Form
	Layout under Extreme Climate Risks	
• 2023.10 – 2024.10	Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore	Singapore
	Visiting Ph.D. student of Architecture (Supervisor: Associate Prof. Ch	ao Yuan)
• 2017.08 – 2020.06	School of Architecture, South China University of Technology	Guangzhou, China
	M.Arch of Architecture (Supervisor: Prof. Yang Wang)	
	Dissertation: Research on Space and Morphology Design of Umbrella	Structures Building
• 2012.08 – 2017.06	School of Architecture and Art, Hefei University of Technology	Hefei, China
	B.arch of Architecture	

LIST OF ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

(† co-first author; * Corresponding Author)

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Web of Science Researcher ID: OIR-4914-2025 (Total citations: 61, H-index: 5)

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=GW 6fuUAAAAJ (Total citations: 77, H-index: 5)

Scopus: https://www.scopus.com/authid/detail.uri?authorId=57349228300 (Total citations: 62, H-index: 4)

ResearchGate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Shuyang-Zhang-17/research (Total citations: 75, H-index: 5)

• **Publications in Refereed Journals** (published 11 papers, with 7 of them as the first author):

- Zhang S, Yuan C, Chen T, Ma B, Liu N*. (2024). A cross-scale indicator framework for the study of annual stability of land surface temperature in different land uses. *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 116, 105936. (SCI Q1, IF=12, 7 citations) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2024.105936
- Zhang S, Yuan C, Ma B, Liu N*, Li W. (2024). Coupling effects of building-vegetation-land on seasonal land surface temperature on street-level: A study from a campus in Beijing. *Building and Environment*, 262, 111790. (SCI Q1, IF=7.6, 13 citations) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.buildenv.2024.111790
- 3. **Zhang S**, Liu N*, Li W, Yan S. (2022). Umbrella structure building design method via case-based design and statistical analysis of structural morphological parameters. *Journal of Building Engineering*, 45, 103542. (SCI Q1, IF=7.4, 9 citations, the article is cited in *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology*) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jobe.2021.103542
- 4. **Zhang S**, Liu N*, Ma B, Yan S. (2024). The effects of street environment features on road running: An analysis using crowdsourced fitness tracker data and machine learning. *Environment and planning B: Urban analytics and city science*, 51(2), 529-545. (SSCI Q1, IF=3.1, 34 citations) https://doi.org/10.1177/23998083231185589
- 5. **Zhang S**, Wang Y*. (2020).Balance of form and force: research on architectural design strategies based on application of eccentric umbrella structure. *The Architect*, 2020(03), 91-99 (in Chinese, Tier 2 Chinese National Core Journal in Building Science) https://d.wanfangdata.com.cn/periodical/jzs202003013
- 6. **Zhang S**, Wang Y*. (2020). The historical evolution and contemporary value of umbrella structure: cases study based on the practice in Western Europe and Latin America since the 20th century. **South Architecture**, 2020(06), 22-29 (in Chinese, Tier 3 Chinese National Core Journal in Building Science, 4 citations) https://d.wanfangdata.com.cn/periodical/nfjz202006004
- 7. **Zhang S**, Wang Y*.(2019). Dynamic exterior sunshade design and shading effect analysis of southeast and southwest facing buildings in Guangzhou. *Building Energy Efficiency*, 47(08), 91-95+100 (in Chinese, Tier 3 Chinese National Core Journal in Building Science, 10 citations) https://d.wanfangdata.com.cn/periodical/fcyyy201908022
- 8. Zhang X, Chen T*, **Zhang S**, Yuan C, PY Tan. (2025). Toward healthy neighborhood thermal environments: Interpretation of thermal comfort and rapid identification of hotspot areas using image-based metrics and explainable machine learning. **Sustainable Cities and Society**, 106648 (SCI Q1, IF=12, 2 citations) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2025.106648
- 9. Chen T, Singh V K, **Zhang S**, Zhang L, Yuan C*. A city-scale mapping tool for assessing effects of urban greenery and morphologies on thermal comfort: A case study in Singapore. *Building and Environment*, 113760. (SCI Q1, IF=7.6, In Press) https://doi.org/10.1016/j.buildenv.2025.113760
- 10. Li W, Zhou Z*, **Zhang S**, Feng J. (2022). Study on relationship between shading and outdoor air temperature based on the comparison of two high-rise residential estates with field measurements. *Buildings*, 12(11), 1813. (SCI Q2, IF= 3.1, 5 citations) https://doi.org/10.3390/buildings12111813
- 11. Wang Y, Lin M, Xu K, **Zhang S**, Ma H*. (2021). Energy consumption analysis of glass house using electrochromic window in the subtropical region. *Journal of Engineering, Design and Technology*, 19(1), 203-

218. (SCI Q1, IF= 2.7, 5 citations, the article is cited in *Cell Reports Physical Science*) https://doi.org/10.1108/JEDT-12-2019-0348

• Publications Under Review (Recent research works):

- 1. **Zhang S**, Liu N*, Wu X, Han Y, Li W, Guo F, Song X, Yuan C*. An empirical study on the compound effects of extreme weather and UHI on building energy consumption under urban microclimate. **Building and Environment**. (SCI Q1, IF=7.6, Second-round review, originally submitted in May 2025) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5552898
- 2. **Zhang S**, Chen T, Zhang X, Liu N*, Yuan C*. UBEM driven by localized weather data for addressing urban building energy risks under compound heatwaves and UHI: a Beijing campus case study. *Sustainable Cities and Society*. (SCI Q1, IF=12, <u>First-round review</u>, originally submitted in August 2025) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5555721
- 3. **Zhang S**, Wu X, Xu P, Liu N*, Li N*. Local UHI mitigation and utilization: Urban building energy modeling, simulation, and urban design responses based on localized weather data. *Building Simulation*. (SCI Q1, IF=5.9, <u>First-round review</u>, originally submitted in September 2025) https://papers.ssrn.com/s ol3/papers.cfm?abstract id=5555862
- 4. Xu P†, Zhao P†, Xia B, Zhao Z, **Zhang S***, Du J*. A free-form and structural-redundant timber reciprocal frame configuration: intelligent design, optimization and fabrication. *Nature communication*. (SCI Q1, IF=15.7, <u>Third-round review</u>, originally submitted in September 2024) https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-4799666/v1

• Manuscripts in Preparation:

- 1. **Zhang S**, Chen T, Liu N, Li N, Yuan C. Planting evergreen and deciduous trees: A study on the balance between cooling effects and radiative heat gains in Beijing's summer and winter.
- 2. **Zhang S**†, Chen T†, Liu N, Li N, Yuan C. Spatial-temporal variations in mobility flow heat risks in China's megacities under heatwave.

• Theses:

- 1. **Zhang S**. (2025). Design Optimization of Outdoor Thermal Environment and Building Form Layout under Extreme Climate Risks. *Tsinghua University*, PhD thesis, (Excellent PhD Thesis Award, Supervisor: Prof. Nian-xiong Liu)
- 2. **Zhang S**. (2020). Research on Space and Morphology Design of Umbrella Structures Building. **South China University of Technology**, M.Arch thesis, (Supervisor: Prof. Yang Wang)

· Book Chapters:

- 1. Liu N et al. (2021). A data supported object and performance-based design method for green dwellings. *Beijing: Tsinghua University Press* (in Chinese, **Authored Chapter 2**)
- 2. Zhang Y, Liu N, Cheng X et al. (2025). Design Theories and Indicator Framework for High-Quality Green Building. *Beijing: China Architecture Publishing Press* (in Chinese, Co-authored Chapter 6)

PATENTS

• Granted Patents:

1. Hao C, **Zhang S**, Shi S, Liu S, Zhao S, Song Y, Chu Y. (2025). High airtight flush doors with replaceable thresholds and construction methods. China: CN113914746A. (Invention patents)

• Patents Pending:

- 1. Liu N, **Zhang S**, Shi S, Lin B. A simulation method for urban building energy consumption based on localized weather data and photovoltaic systems. (Invention patents, originally submitted in July 2025)
- 2. Liu N, **Zhang S**, Wu X. A method for calculating heat exposure risk considering urban mobility flows and built environment dynamics. (Invention patents, originally submitted in July 2025)
- 3. Liu N, **Zhang S**. A method and device for calculating the height and canopy distribution of urban evergreen and deciduous trees based on GF-7 satellite imagery. (Invention patents, originally submitted in July 2025)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

• 2025	Excellent PhD Thesis Award
	Tsinghua University, School of Architecture
• 2023	National Postgraduate Scholarship-Joint PhD Training Program
	China Scholarship Council, Grant Amount: SGD 26,400, Grant No. 202306210331
• 2017	Graduate Freshman Scholarship
	South China University of Technology
• 2017	Outstanding Bachelor's Graduate
	Hefei University of Technology

RESEARCH PROJECTS

• 2022-2025	The National Key R&D Program of China, Supervisor as Co-PI (Subproject
	coordinator, Principal Researchers)
	Funding amount: CNY 3,200,000, Grant No.2022YFC3803801
• 2021-2025	The National Natural Science Foundation of China (Key Program), Supervisor as Co-
	PI (Participation)
	Funding amount: CNY 3,000,000, Grant No.52130803
• 2020-2025	The National Natural Science Foundation of China (General Program), Supervisor
	as PI (Participation)
	Funding amount: CNY 580,000, Grant No.52078262
• 2016-2020	The National Key R&D Program of China, Supervisor as PI (Participation)
	Funding amount: CNY 2,690,000, Grant No.2016YFC0700206

ARCHITECTURE DESIGN

• 2021.02 - 2021.03	Ceramic cultural and creative park	Zibo, Shandong, China
	Plan drawing with CAD	
• 2019.06 - 2019.07	Gymnasium, Yihua Experimental School	Yueyang, Hunan, China
	Schematic design	
• 2019.05 - 2019.06	New campus planning for the Vocational Institute of	Jingdezhen, Jiangxi, China
	Ceramic Arts and Crafts (built)	
	Campus planning, training and laboratory center design, dor	mitory design
• 2019.03 - 2019.05	Urban design competition for the Core Area of the High-	Jingdezhen, Jiangxi, China
	speed Rail Business District (3rd Prize)	
	Concept design and southern building cluster planning	
• 2018.11 - 2018.12	Integrated practical training center, Vocational School	Yantai, Shandong, China
	of Health and Medicine (built)	

	Schematic design	
• 2018.05 - 2019.07	Foreign Languages Vocational College (Built)	Rizhao, Shandong, China
	Detailed construction plan, sunlight analysis report	
• 2017.11 - 2018.01	Jilin University - Zhuhai campus (built)	Zhuhai, Guangdong, China

Specialist apartments and national academy building design

DESIGN AWARDS

• 2017	i.FUTURE 1st "Future Cities" International Concept Design	2nd Prize (2/2)
	Competition	Award: CNY 5,000
	China Institute of Urbanization, Zhejiang University	
• 2016	The 6th IDEA-KING International Landscape Planning &	The Excellence
	Design Competition	Award (3/4)
	International Landscape Design Industry Association	
• 2015	Shekou Prince Bay Public Cultural Architecture Design	Top 50 (1/2)
	Competition	
	Young Bird Plan, China	
• 2014	National Green Building Design Competition, Light Green	3rd Prize (2/3)
	Category	
	China Green Building Association	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2022.02-2022.06	Teaching Assistant, "Building Physics - Thermal Environment" (junior undergraduate
	professional theory course), Tsinghua University
	Assisted with teaching, supervised experiments, and graded assignments (TA stipend provided)
• 2018.09-2018.12	Teaching Assistant, "Expert Studio Design" and "Youth Apartment Design" (second-
	year undergraduate professional design course), South China University of Technology
	Assist in design guidance, calculate grades, and scan design drawings for archiving

REVIEWER ASSIGNMENTS

• Since 2025.07 Sustainable Cities and Society, Cities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

• Since 2022 The Architectural Society of China (Member)

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

• 2017.11 - 2017.12 The Skycourt and Skygarden: Towards a Vertical City Theory School of Architecture, South China University of Technology

REFERENCES

• Prof. Nian-xiong Liu (Supervisor)

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