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## Education

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### Southwest Jiaotong University

*Bachelor of Electronics Information Science and Technology*

Sep. 2015 – May 2019

Chengdu, Sichuan, China

### East China Normal University

*Master of Theoretical Physics*

Sep. 2019 – June 2022

Shanghai, China

### Arizona State University

*Ph.D. of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering*

Sep. 2021 – Now

Arizona, USA

## Publications

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- [8] Mohammadamin Moradi, **Zheng-Meng Zhai**, Aaron Nielsen, and Ying-Cheng Lai. “Random forests for detecting weak signals and extracting physical information: A case study of magnetic navigation,” *APL Machine Learning*, **2**, 016118, (2024).
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## Technical Skills

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**Languages:** Python, Matlab, Java, C, R, Mathematica

**Developer Tools:** VS Code, Eclipse

**Technologies/Frameworks:** Linux, GitHub, Tensorflow, Keras, Pytorch

**Research Interests:** Machine learning (e.g., Transformer, RNN, VAE), Time series forecasting, Nonlinear dynamics and chaos, Reservoir computing, Nonlinear control, Complex networks, Power grids

## Service

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**Journal Reviewer:** Physical Review X, Physical Review X Energy, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence, Information Fusion, Information Sciences, IEEE Access, Plos One

## News and Media Coverage

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- Helping robots follow a new path, *Nanowerk* (Oct. 2023)
- Helping robots follow a new path, *ASU News* (Oct. 2023)
- Machine Learning Research Allows Robots to Navigate Complex Trajectories, *Fagen Wasanni Technologies* (Oct. 2023)
- Nat. Commun. Express: Model-free tracking control of complex dynamic trajectories based on machine learning, *Jizhi Clue* (Oct. 2023)
- Nat. Commun. Express: Model-free tracking control of complex dynamic trajectories based on machine learning, *The Paper* (Oct. 2023)
- Nature Communications: Model-free tracking control of complex dynamic trajectories based on machine learning, *AI Energy* (Sept. 2023)
- ‘Time Zero’ tool adds dimension to COVID-19 arrival, spread and mutations, *ASU News* (Feb. 2021)

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- Prof. Ying-Cheng Lai, Arizona State University, Advisor.