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## Education

<b>University of Michigan</b> <i>Ph.D. - Electrical Engineering</i> Advisor: Johanna L. Mathieu	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b> 2023
<b>University of Michigan</b> <i>M.S. - Electrical Engineering</i>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b> 2019
<b>Boston University</b> <i>B.S. - Electrical Engineering</i> <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	<b>Boston, MA</b> 2017

## Positions

<b>Michigan Technological University</b> <i>Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>	<b>Houghton, MI</b> 2023-Present
<b>University of Michigan</b> <i>Graduate Student Research Assistant</i> <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i> <i>Undergraduate Researcher, Summer Research Opportunity Program</i>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b> 2017-2023 Fall 2021 Summer 2016
<b>National Renewable Energy Laboratory</b> <i>Power Systems Control and Optimization Intern</i>	<b>Golden, CO</b> Summer 2021
<b>Boston University</b> <i>Undergraduate Research Assistant in Joshua Semeter's Lab</i>	<b>Boston, MA</b> 2014-2017

## Publications and Presentations

\* indicates presenter, underline indicates students mentored

### Journal Papers

[J6] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, A. Kody, and M. Wu, "Optimizing Biogas Use in Wastewater Treatment Plants For Demand Flexibility", In: Sustainable Energy, Grids and Networks - Special Issue for the 2025 IREP Symposium on Bulk Power System Dynamics and Control, Sorrento, Italy, June 2025 (Accepted for publication).

[J5] **A. Stuhlmacher**, S. Guikema, and J. L. Mathieu, "Assessing Power and Water Network Resilience When Water Pumps Provide Frequency Regulation", In: IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 2025. DOI: 10.1109/TPWRS.2025.3539288

[J4] **A. Stuhlmacher**, C. Ten, L. Dilworth, and Y. Tang, "Operational Planning for Emerging Distribution Systems: A Unique Perspective on Grid Expansion", In: Foundations and Trends in Electric Energy Systems, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 63-164, 2023. DOI: 10.1561/31000000033.

[J3] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Flexible Drinking Water Pumping to Provide Multiple Grid Services", In: Electric Power Systems Research - Special Issue for the 2022 Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC), vol. 212, p. 108491. Porto, Portugal, June 2022. DOI: 10.1016/j.eprsr.2022.108491.

[J2] **A. Stuhlmacher** and J. L. Mathieu, "Chance-Constrained Water Pumping to Manage Water and Power Demand Uncertainty in Distribution Networks," In: Proceedings of the IEEE, vol. 108, no. 9, pp. 1640-1655. 2020. DOI: 10.1109/JPROC.2020.2997520.

[J1] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Water Distribution Networks as Flexible Loads: A Chance-constrained Programming Approach", In: Electric Power Systems Research - Special Issue for the 2020 Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC), vol. 188, p. 106570. (virtual), June 2020. DOI: 10.1016/j.eprsr.2020.106570. *Presentation Link*.

## Conference Proceedings.....

- [C6] A. N. Sakib\* and **A. Stuhlmacher**, "Leveraging Drinking Water Pumps as Flexible Loads Using Input Convex Neural Networks", In: Proceedings of the IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting (PES GM), Austin, Texas, July 2025 (Accepted).
- [C5] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Demand Response Potential of Drinking Water Distribution Networks", In: Proceedings of the 58th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS). Waikoloa Village, Hawaii, January 2025. DOI: 10.125/109192.
- [C4] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, J. L. Mathieu, and P. Seiler, "Optimizing Dual-Axis Solar Panel Operation in an Agrivoltaic System and Implications for Power Systems", In: Proceedings of the 57th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS). Waikiki, Hawaii, January 2024. DOI: 10.125/106735.
- [C3] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Uncertainty-Aware Methods for Leveraging Water Pumping Flexibility for Power Networks", In: Proceedings of the IREP Symposium on Bulk Power System Dynamics and Control. Banff, Canada, August 2022. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2207.04943.
- [C2] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, L. A. Roald, and J. L. Mathieu, "Tractable Robust Drinking Water Pumping to Provide Power Network Voltage Support", In: Proceedings of the Conference on Decision and Control (CDC). (virtual), pp. 4206-4213, December 2021. DOI: 10.1109/CDC45484.2021.9683419.
- [C1] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Chance-Constrained Water Pumping Managing Power Distribution Network Constraints", In: Proceedings of the North American Power Symposium (NAPS). Wichita, KS, October 2019. DOI: 10.1109/naps46351.2019.9000282.

## Dissertation.....

**A. Stuhlmacher**, "Optimal Scheduling and Control of Uncertain Coupled Power-Water Distribution Networks". PhD Thesis. University of Michigan. May 2023. DOI: 10.7302/7426.

## Technical Reports.....

- [T1] R. O'Neil, K. Oikonomou, M. Parvania, V. Tidwell, A. T. Al-Awami, M. Panteli, S. Conrad, T. Brekken, E. Goharian, N. Voisin, "Integrated Water and Power Systems: Current State and Research Roadmap," IEEE PES Task Force on Water-Power Systems, Technical Report No. PES-TR114, September 2023.  
*\*Contributor to the 'Integrated Operation of Water and Power Systems' Topic Area*

## Abstracts with Oral Presentations.....

- [A3] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, S. Guikema, and J. L. Mathieu, "Assessing the Resilience of an Optimal Water Pumping Control Strategy to Provide Frequency Regulation", INFORMS Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ, October 2023.
- [A2] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Stochastic Optimization of Water Distribution Network Operation to Provide Power Grid Flexibility", SIAM Conference on Optimization Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA, May 2023.
- [A1] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, L. A. Roald, and J. L. Mathieu, "An Adjustable Robust Optimization Model for Drinking Water Pumping as a Flexible Load", INFORMS Annual Meeting. (virtual), October 2021.

## Posters.....

- [P15] C. Carrillo\* and **A. Stuhlmacher**, "Modeling Electric Heating Load and Flexibility in Cold Climate Homes Using the OCHRE Model", Undergraduate Research Symposium. Houghton, MI, June 2025.
- [P14] A. N. Sakib\* and **A. Stuhlmacher**, "Leveraging Drinking Water Pumps as Flexible Loads Using Input Convex Neural Networks", Graduate Research Colloquium. Houghton, MI, March 2025.
- [P13] M. Wu\* and **A. Stuhlmacher**, "Investigating the Impact of Agrivoltaic Design Choices on Crop Shading and Electricity Production", Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Symposium, Houghton, MI, March 2025.
- [P12] A. N. Sakib\* and **A. Stuhlmacher**, "Flexible Operation of Drinking Water Pumps using Input Convex Neural Network Approximations", Institute of Computing and Cybersystems's Computing Showcase. Houghton, MI, October 2024. (2<sup>nd</sup> place within Graduate Student Category)
- [P11] M. Wu\* and **A. Stuhlmacher**, "Investigating the Impacts of Agrivoltaic Design Choices on Inter-Row Shading and Electricity Production", Institute of Computing and Cybersystems's Computing Showcase. Houghton, MI, October 2024. (2<sup>nd</sup> place within Undergraduate Student Category, selected for publication in the College of Computing's undergraduate journal, *Infinite Loop*)
- [P10] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Assessing the Resilience of an Optimal Water Pumping Strategy to Provide Frequency Regulation", IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting. Orlando, FL, July 2023.

- [P9] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, J. L. Mathieu, and P. Seiler, "Optimizing Dual-Axis Solar Panel Operation in an Agrivoltaic System under Uncertainty", AgriVoltaics2023 Conference and Exhibition, (virtual), April 2023. *Presentation Link*.
- [P8] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Computationally Tractable Uncertainty-Aware Framework for Optimal Water Pumping in Coupled Power-Water Systems", Fifth Workshop on Autonomous Energy Systems, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Golden, CO, July 2022.
- [P7] D. Li\*, **A. Stuhlmacher**, and J. L. Mathieu, "Estimating the Demand Response Potential of Drinking Water Distribution Networks in Arizona", University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Symposium. Ann Arbor, MI, April 2022.
- [P6] C. Bertcher\*, **A. Stuhlmacher**, and J. L. Mathieu, "Comparison of Linearized Three-Phase Unbalanced Power Flow Models", IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting. (virtual), July 2021. *Presentation Link*.
- [P5] C. Bertcher\*, **A. Stuhlmacher**, and J. L. Mathieu, "UM Bus Electrification: Challenges and Solutions", University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Symposium. Ann Arbor, MI, April 2019.
- [P4] **A. Stuhlmacher\*** and J. L. Mathieu, "Stochastic Water Distribution Network Operation Considering Power Distribution Network Constraints", Engineering Graduate Symposium, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI, October 2018.
- [P3] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, J. L. Mathieu, and V. Gupta, "Water-Power Distribution Network Coupling for Optimal Pumping to Reduce Energy Costs and Promote Resilience", Engineering Graduate Symposium, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI, November 2017.
- [P2] **A. Stuhlmacher\***, S. Crocker, and J. L. Mathieu, "Effects of Aggregate Load Control on the Physical Constraints of Distribution Networks", Rackham Summer Research Opportunity Program Symposium, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI, July 2016.
- [P1] S. Crocker\*, **A. Stuhlmacher**, and J. L. Mathieu, "Effects of Aggregate Load Control on the Physical Components of Distribution Networks", IEEE PES General Meeting. Boston, MA, July 2016.

## Honors and Awards

- Best paper award for the Electric Energy Systems Track, Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, January 2025
- Societal Impact Award, Senior Design Capstone Project, College of Engineering, Boston University, Spring 2017
- Entrepreneurial Award, Senior Design Capstone Project, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Boston University, Spring 2017

## Funding

<b>ERI: Optimal Demand Response Strategies Using Biogas from Wastewater Treatment</b> <i>National Science Foundation (NSF)</i> July 2025-June 2027 PI	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Stochastic Temperature-Dependent Models for Evaluating Flexible Load Dispatch</b> <i>Power Systems Engineering Research Center (PSERC)</i> August 2025-July 2027 Co-PI, with PI Constance Crozier (Georgia Tech) and Co-PI Daniel Molzahn (Georgia Tech)	<b>\$220,000</b>
<b>REF RS: Development and Validation of Single-Axis Solar Tracking Systems for Agrivoltaics</b> <i>Research Excellence Fund - Research Seed Grant, Michigan Technological University</i> July 2025-June 2026 PI, with co-PI Ana Dyreson (Michigan Tech) and co-PI Chelsea Schelly (Michigan Tech)	<b>\$36,340</b>
<b>Course Innovation Grant</b> <i>IDEAhub, Michigan Technological University</i> June 2024-August 2024	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Flexible Operation of Drinking Water Pumps Using Learning-Aided Optimization</b> <i>Rapid Seedling Award, GLRC-ICC Joint Institute, Michigan Technological University</i> May 2024-August 2024 PI	<b>\$9,445</b>

<b>Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship</b> <i>Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan</i> May 2022-April 2023	\$44,214
<b>Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)</b> <i>National Science Foundation</i> 2017-2020	\$138,000

## Invited Talks

- Texas A&M, “Coordination of the Water and Power Sectors to Provide Grid Flexibility”, March 28th, 2025.
- IEEE Northeastern Wisconsin Section, “Coordination of the Water Supply System and the Power Grid to Support System Performance”, February 6th, 2025.
- Purdue University, Herrick Energy Seminar, “Coordination of the Water Supply System and the Power Grid to Support System Performance”, April 26th, 2024.
- IEEE Northeastern Wisconsin Section, “Agrivoltaics - Placing Solar Photovoltaic Panels Over Cropland”, February 15th, 2024.
- Polytechnique Montréal, Group for Research in Decision Analysis (GERAD), “Optimizing Dynamic Solar Panel Operation in an Agrivoltaic System and Implications for Power Systems” (virtual), January 24th, 2024.
- Michigan Technological University, Alternative Energy Enterprise, “Agrivoltaics - Placing Solar Photovoltaic Panels Over Cropland”, November 28th, 2023.
- Stanford University, Water and Energy Efficiency for the Environment Lab (WE3Lab), “Optimizing Flexible Drinking Water Networks to Support Power System Performance” (virtual), July 14th, 2023.
- Cornell University, “Optimizing Flexible Drinking Water Networks to Support Power System Performance”, March 13th, 2023.
- Oregon State University, “Optimizing Flexible Drinking Water Networks to Support Power System Performance”, February 22nd, 2023.
- Michigan Technological University, “Optimizing Flexible Drinking Water Networks to Support Power System Performance”, February 6th, 2023.
- Portland State University, “Optimizing Flexible Resources to Support Power System Resiliency”, January 11th, 2023.
- Hope College, “Drinking Water Networks as Flexible Loads in the Power Grid”, November 12th, 2021.

## Teaching

<b>MTU EE 4800/5900: Distributed Energy Resources</b> <i>Instructor</i>	<b>Houghton, MI</b> <i>Fall '25</i>
<b>MTU EE 5232: Power System Optimization</b> <i>Instructor</i>	<b>Houghton, MI</b> <i>Spring '24</i>
<b>MTU EE 3120: Electrical Energy Systems</b> <i>Instructor</i>	<b>Houghton, MI</b> <i>Fall '23, '24, '25</i> <i>Spring '25</i>
<b>UM EECS 460: Control Systems Analysis and Design</b> <i>Graduate Student Instructor</i>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b> <i>Fall '21</i>
<b>BU EC 402: Introduction to Control Systems</b> <i>Undergraduate Teaching Fellow</i>	<b>Boston, MA</b> <i>Spring '17</i>

### Guest Lecture

- UM EECS 534: Analysis of Electric Power Distribution Grids and Loads, “Power Flow Relaxations and Approximations for Unbalanced Networks”, October 12th, 2022.

<b>Graduate Teacher Certificate</b> <i>University of Michigan, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (CRLT)</i>	<b>Ann Arbor, MI</b> <i>Spring '22</i>
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Service

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Society Memberships.....  
\* *intermittently*

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), IEEE Power and Energy Society (PES), Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)\*, Graduate Society of Women Engineers, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society, IEEE HKN Boston University Chapter, Order of the Engineer

Technical Committees.....  
• IEEE PES Task Force on Water-Power Systems

Conferences, Workshops, and Panels.....  
• Publication chair for the North American Power Symposium (NAPS), Oct. 2026.  
• International Technical Committee Member for IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies (ISGT) Europe 2025 Conference  
• Panelist for "Tenure-Track Faculty Positions", University of Michigan ENGR 580 (Teaching Engineering), Dec. 2, 2024  
• Session organizer and chair of the Distributed, Renewable and Mobile Resources minitrack, Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS), 2025 and 2026

Reviewer.....

Journals  
IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, IEEE Transactions on Control of Networked Systems, IEEE Transactions on Smart Grids, IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy, Electric Power Systems Research, IEEE Power Engineering Letters, IEEE Control Systems Letters (L-CSS), ASCE Journal of Water Resources Planning & Management  
Conferences  
Power Systems Computation Conference (PSCC), IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Conference on Probabilistic Methods Applied to Power Systems (PMAPS), American Control Conference (ACC), Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS), IEEE PES Innovative Smart Grid Technologies (ISGT) Europe  
Proposals  
National Science Foundation

In The News

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- “MTU College of Engineering Debuts New Research Experience for Undergraduate Students”, Michigan Technological University Unscripted Research Blog, April 15th, 2025.
- “Johanna Mathieu and Anna Stuhlmacher receive HICSS Best Paper Award for work on the potential of drinking water networks as flexible electric loads”, University of Michigan ECE News, February 7th, 2025.
- “Holiday Lights Survey: When Do Americans Start Decorating?”, This Old House, October 29, 2024.