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POSITIONS

Columbia University

January 2020 - Present

Assistant Professor

Earth and Environmental Engineering

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

July 2018 - December 2019

Postdoctoral Associate

MIT Energy Initiative and Lab for Info. & Decision Systems

EDUCATION

University of Washington

September 2014 - June 2018

PhD in Electrical Engineering

Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

September 2011 - January 2014

MS in Electrical Engineering

Shanghai Jiaotong University

September 2007 - August 2011

BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Dual degree with University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. N. Zheng, X. Qin, D. Wu, G. Murtaugh, and B. Xu, “Energy storage state-of-charge market model,” *IEEE Transactions on Energy Markets, Policy and Regulation*, 2023
2. B. Xu, “The role of modeling battery degradation in bulk power system optimizations,” *MRS Energy & Sustainability*, pp. 1–14, 2022
3. U. Salman, S. Belaish, Z. Ji, D. Huang, N. Zheng, and B. Xu, “Comparing the economic value of lithium-ion battery technologies in the nine wholesale electricity markets in north america,” *iEnergy*, vol. 1, no. 3, pp. 363–373, 2022
4. N. Zheng, J. J. Jaworski, and B. Xu, “Arbitraging variable efficiency energy storage using analytical stochastic dynamic programming,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 2022
5. B. Xu, “Dynamic valuation of battery lifetime,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 2021
6. I. Mathews, B. Xu, W. He, V. Barreto, T. Buonassisi, and I. M. Peters, “Technoeconomic model of second-life batteries for utility-scale solar considering calendar and cycle aging,” *Applied Energy*, vol. 269, p. 115127, 2020
7. Y. Liu, B. Xu, A. Botterud, N. Zhang, and C. Kang, “Bounding regression errors in data-driven power grid steady-state models,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 36, no. 2, pp. 1023–1033, 2020
8. B. Xu, Y. Shi, D. S. Kirschen, and B. Zhang, “Optimal battery participation in frequency regulation markets,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 33, no. 6, pp. 6715–6725, 2018
9. B. Xu, J. Zhao, T. Zheng, E. Litvinov, and D. S. Kirschen, “Factoring the cycle aging cost of batteries participating in electricity markets,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 33, no. 2, pp. 2248–2259, 2017

10. Y. Dvorkin, R. Fernandez-Blanco, Y. Wang, B. Xu, D. S. Kirschen, H. Pandžić, J.-P. Watson, and C. A. Silva-Monroy, “Co-planning of investments in transmission and merchant energy storage,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 33, no. 1, pp. 245–256, 2017
11. Y. Wang, Y. Dvorkin, R. Fernandez-Blanco, B. Xu, T. Qiu, and D. S. Kirschen, “Look-ahead bidding strategy for energy storage,” *IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy*, vol. 8, no. 3, pp. 1106–1117, 2017
12. Y. Shi, B. Xu, D. Wang, and B. Zhang, “Using battery storage for peak shaving and frequency regulation: Joint optimization for superlinear gains,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 33, no. 3, pp. 2882–2894, 2017
13. B. Xu, Y. Wang, Y. Dvorkin, R. Fernández-Blanco, C. A. Silva-Monroy, J.-P. Watson, and D. S. Kirschen, “Scalable planning for energy storage in energy and reserve markets,” *IEEE Transactions on Power systems*, vol. 32, no. 6, pp. 4515–4527, 2017
14. B. Xu, A. Oudalov, A. Ulbig, G. Andersson, and D. S. Kirschen, “Modeling of lithium-ion battery degradation for cell life assessment,” *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, vol. 9, no. 2, pp. 1131–1140, 2016
15. R. Fernández-Blanco, Y. Dvorkin, B. Xu, Y. Wang, and D. S. Kirschen, “Optimal energy storage siting and sizing: A wecc case study,” *IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy*, vol. 8, no. 2, pp. 733–743, 2016
16. T. Qiu, B. Xu, Y. Wang, Y. Dvorkin, and D. S. Kirschen, “Stochastic multistage coplanning of transmission expansion and energy storage,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, vol. 32, no. 1, pp. 643–651, 2016

CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. N. Zheng and B. Xu, “Impact of bidding and dispatch models over energy storage utilization in bulk power systems,” in *IREP Symposium on Bulk Power System Dynamics and Control*, vol. 2022, 2022
2. Y. Bian, N. Zheng, Y. Zheng, B. Xu, and Y. Shi, “Demand response model identification and behavior forecast with optnet: a gradient-based approach,” in *Proceedings of the Thirteenth ACM International Conference on Future Energy Systems*, pp. 418–429, 2022
3. W. Ma and B. Xu, “A data-driven nonlinear recharge controller for energy storage in frequency regulation,” in *2021 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM)*, pp. 1–5, IEEE, 2021
4. B. Xu, M. Korpås, and A. Botterud, “Operational valuation of energy storage under multi-stage price uncertainties,” in *2020 59th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, pp. 55–60, IEEE, 2020
5. B. Xu, M. Korpås, A. Botterud, and F. OSullivan, “A lagrangian policy for optimal energy storage control,” in *2020 American Control Conference (ACC)*, pp. 224–230, IEEE, 2020
6. Y. Wang, Y. Dvorkin, R. Fernández-Blanco, B. Xu, and D. S. Kirschen, “Impact of local transmission congestion on energy storage arbitrage opportunities,” in *2017 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting*, pp. 1–5, IEEE, 2017
7. B. Xu, Y. Shi, D. S. Kirschen, and B. Zhang, “Optimal regulation response of batteries under cycle aging mechanisms,” in *2017 IEEE 56th Annual Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, pp. 751–756, IEEE, 2017

8. Y. Shi, B. Xu, Y. Tan, and B. Zhang, “A convex cycle-based degradation model for battery energy storage planning and operation,” in *2018 Annual American Control Conference (ACC)*, pp. 4590–4596, IEEE, 2018
9. Y. Shi, B. Xu, B. Zhang, and D. Wang, “Leveraging energy storage to optimize data center electricity cost in emerging power markets,” in *Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Future Energy Systems*, pp. 1–13, 2016
10. B. Xu, Y. Dvorkin, D. S. Kirschen, C. A. Silva-Monroy, and J.-P. Watson, “A comparison of policies on the participation of storage in us frequency regulation markets,” in *2016 IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM)*, pp. 1–5, IEEE, 2016
11. B. Xu, A. Oudalov, J. Poland, A. Ulbig, and G. Andersson, “Bess control strategies for participating in grid frequency regulation,” *IFAC Proceedings Volumes*, vol. 47, no. 3, pp. 4024–4029, 2014
12. B. Xu, A. Ulbig, and G. Andersson, “Impacts of dynamic line rating on power dispatch performance and grid integration of renewable energy sources,” in *IEEE PES ISGT Europe 2013*, pp. 1–5, IEEE, 2013

INVITED TALKS

1. Temple University, March 2022.
2. EPRI ISO/RTO Energy Storage Market Modeling Technical WG, December 2021.
3. John Hopkins University Energy Seminar, Online, December 2020.
4. Stanford Smart Grid Seminar, Online, November 2020.
5. MIT Energy Initiative Electric Power Systems Center Fall Workshop, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 2018.
6. Seminar for the Next Generation of Researchers in Power Systems, Banff International Research Station, Canada, May 2018.
7. Future Information Technology International Forum for Young Scholars, Shanghai Jiaotong University, China, May 2018.

AWARDS

NSF CAREER Award, 2022
 Clean Energy Institute Scientific Achievement Award, 2018
 Clean Energy Institute Graduate Fellowship, 2015
 Grainger Foundation Fellowship, 2014
 Best Poster Award, IEEE 4th European ISGT Conference at Copenhagen, 2013
 Dean’s List, University of Michigan, 2010
 Excellence Student Scholarship, Shanghai Jiaotong University, 2008
 Outstanding Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy, 2018
 Outstanding Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, 2020, 2022

GRANTS

1. **B. Xu**, “Career: Computation-efficient algorithms for grid-scale energy storage control, bidding, and integration analysis,” *National Science Foundation*, 2022-2023, Amount: \$500,557
2. **B. Xu**, “Assessing energy storage bidding models in caiso wholesale electricity markets,” *Department of Energy (PNNL Lead)*, 2022-2023, Amount (Columbia): \$80,000

3. **B. Xu** and U. Lall, “Positioning energy storage technologies under stochastic climate scenarios,” *Columbia University Data Science Institute*, 2022-2023. Amount: \$150,000
4. **B. Xu**, “Advanced iso models for storage and hybrid resources operation,” *Department of Energy (LBNL Lead)*, 2023-2026. Amount (Columbia): \$300,000
5. **B. Xu**, “Machine learning for energy storage bidding in real-time wholesale energy markets,” *Gift from Red River Clean Energy*, 2023-2025. Amount: \$150,000

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Doosan Gridtech , WA USA Power System Research Engineer Intern	<i>June 2017 - September 2017</i>
ISO New England , MA USA Research Intern Business Architecture & Technology Group	<i>June 2016 - August 2016</i>
China Electric Power Research Institute , Beijing China Research Intern in Distributed Energy Resource Group	<i>February 2014 - August 2014</i>
ABB Corporate Research Center , Baden Switzerland Research Intern in Utility Solutions Group	<i>February 2012 - August 2012</i>

INDUSTRY ADVISOR ROLES

Recurrent Motors, 2020-2021
 Sensai Analytics, 2021-
 Storlytics, 2022-

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy, IEEE IAS, Applied Energy, IET Generation, Transmission & Distribution, PES General Meeting, CDC, IFAC