

Miguel Martin (PhD)

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW · SPECIALIST IN CLIMATE-NEUTRAL AND HEAT-RESILIENT CITIES



About me

I am a specialist in building energy performance and urban overheating, with over 12 years of experience conducting outdoor field experiments (utilizing large network sensors and infrared cameras) and developing coupled models (leveraging physics and machine learning). My expertise lies in multi-scale building physics, urban microclimate modelling, and physics of sustainable materials. My upcoming research will investigate how sustainable building materials and urban designs can transform cities into carbon sinks, offering a key solution for the transition to low-carbon and livable urban environments.

Interests

- Building Energy Performance
- Urban Overheating
- Climate-Neutral Cities
- Physics-based Modelling
- Machine Learning
- Meteorological Sensing
- Infrared Thermography
- Building Materials
- Urban Designs

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EDUCATION

2021 PhD in Building Science

DEPARTMENT OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

Thesis: "Physically-based modelling of interactions between a building and its outdoor conditions at the urban microscale".

2011 MSc in Computer Science

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

SWITZERLAND

Dissertation: "Biometric authentication using human brain activity".

2009 BSc in Computer Science

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

SWITZERLAND

End-year project: "An asynchronous web application to navigate over a large set of images".

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 - now Scientific Collaborator

ROWAN WILLIAMS DAVIES & IRWIN INC.

CANADA

- Extract social, environmental, and adaptive capability data in various regions of the world.
- Process the data using an unsupervised learning approach to assess a heat vulnerability index map.
- Validate the heat vulnerability index map using mortality and hospitalization data.

2011 - 2012 Software Engineer

ENERGY CENTER, ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FEDERALE DE LAUSANNE

SWITZERLAND

- Developed the back-end of a web platform to study energy flows in Switzerland.
- Managed the front-end development of the web platform.
- Communicated the progress of the web development platform to superiors and future users.

2011 Software Engineer

SWISS INSTITUTE OF SPELEOLOGY AND KARSTOLOGY

SWITZERLAND

- Developed the back-end of a web platform to study caves in Switzerland.
- Developed the front-end of the web platform.
- Communicated the progress of the web development platform to superiors and future users.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2022-now Postdoctoral Fellow

DEPARTMENT OF URBANISM, DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

NETHERLANDS

- Generate inputs for computational fluid dynamics using the [City4CFD tool](#).
- Estimate outdoor air temperature and carbon dioxide concentration using computational fluid dynamics with tools such as OpenFOAM and [uDALES](#).
- Assess emissions of anthropogenic heat and carbon dioxide using urban building energy models such as EnergyPlus, [CitySim](#), and [CEA](#).
- Compare the accuracy and performance of various coupled schemes between urban building energy models and computational fluid dynamics.

2023-2025 Visiting Scholar

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

UNITED STATES

- Collected data in campus using weather stations and an infrared camera.
- Coupled detailed building energy models with a data-driven urban canopy model.
- Studied the impact of thermal interactions between buildings and their outdoor environment on the calibration of urban building energy models.
- Determined how machine learning can be used to improve simulations of thermal interactions between buildings and their outdoor environment at multiple scales, in different climates, and across several urban morphologies.

2020-2022 Senior Research Fellow

SINBERBEST 2, BERKELEY EDUCATION ALLIANCE FOR RESEARCH IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

- Reviewed the literature in infrared thermography for the built environment.
- Collected thermal images of the built environment on a university campus in Singapore.
- Assessed contributors and mitigators of urban overheating using thermal images.

Languages

French	Native
English	Proficient
Spanish	Fluent
Italian	Intermediate
German	Basic

Programming

Python
Matlab
Java
C/C++
Julia

Operating Systems

Windows
Linux

Building Simulation

EnergyPlus
Design Builder
CitySim
City Energy Analyst (CEA)
BREATH

CFD

OpenFOAM
uDALES

Co-simulation

BCVTB
EnergyPlus Python API

Other Skills

Critical Thinking
Scientific Communication
Adaptability
Time Management
Leadership
Active Learning
Creativity

2015 - 2016 Research Fellow

DEPARTMENT OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

- Analyzed the importance of thermal interactions between buildings and their outdoor environment in the assessment of their energy consumption.
- Monitored the concentration of PM2.5 during haze episodes in Singapore.

2013 - 2015 Research Engineer

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SYSTEMS AND MANAGEMENT, MASDAR INSTITUTE

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- Coupled a detailed building energy model with a single-layer urban canopy model.
- Validated the coupled scheme using measurements of the outdoor air temperature and humidity in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) and Basel (Switzerland).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2025 Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Cartography (GEO1002)

DEPARTMENT OF URBANISM, DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

NETHERLANDS

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2025 Modelling Wind and Dispersion in Urban Environments (GEO5015)

DEPARTMENT OF URBANISM, DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

NETHERLANDS

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2024 Autonomous Sustainable Buildings (12-770)

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

UNITED STATES

Co-instructor with overall teaching score of 4.2

Spring 2019 Digital construction (PF1103)

DEPARTMENT OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2010 Project in Software Engineering (CS 13X008)

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

SWITZERLAND

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2009 Software Engineering (CS 13X003)

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

SWITZERLAND

Teaching Assistant

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022 Global Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Granted (297,000 EUR) to conduct two years of research at the Carnegie Mellon University and one year at the Delft University of Technology in contribution to the mission Climate Neutral and Smart Cities.

2019 Best Paper Award

SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

TOKYO, JAPAN

Awarded for my scientific contribution to the analysis of retro-reflective facades in Tokyo and Singapore.

2019 Best Presentation Award,

SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

TOKYO, JAPAN

Awarded for my presentation on the analysis of retro-reflective facades in Tokyo and Singapore.

2018 President's Graduate Fellowship

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

Granted (72,000 EUR) for my exceptional promises and accomplishments during my Ph.D. research in physics-based modelling of interactions between a building and its outdoor conditions.

2018 Virtual Singapore Grant

NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

Granted (670,000 EUR) for my suggestion to incorporate physics-based models of interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions into Virtual Singapore, a city digital twin platform for Singapore.

2016 NUS Research Scholarship

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

Granted (61,000 EUR) for accomplishing my Ph.D. research in physics-based modelling of interactions between a building and its outdoor conditions within 4 years.

TALKS

2025	ZHAW Seminar Series ZHURICH UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (ZHAW) Invited talk on forging cool and carbon-sink cities: a multiscale synergy of sensing, physics, and AI.	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND
	Idiap Research Institute Seminar Series IDIAP RESEARCH INSTITUTE Invited talk on forging cool and carbon-sink cities: a multiscale synergy of sensing, physics, and AI.	MARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND
	Jared L. Cohen Student Seminar Series SCOTT INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY INNOVATION Invited talk on modelling interactions between buildings and their outdoor environment.	PITTSBURGH, PA, UNITED STATES
2024	Civil Engineering Seminar Series ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FEDERALE DE LAUSANNE Invited talk on simulations of interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions at multiple scales.	FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND
	ClimateChange.AI Discussion Seminar Series CLIMATECHANGE.AI SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY Webinar on machine learning applied to urban building energy modelling and climate risk assessment.	ONLINE
2023	CAPS Seminar Series CENTER FOR AMERICAN POLITICAL STUDIES Invited talk on the project Smart City Innovations and Experiments using New Climate and Energy Simulations (SCIENCES).	PITTSBURGH, PA, UNITED STATES
	AIS Seminar Series CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY Invited talk on the project Smart City Innovations and Experiments using New Climate and Energy Simulations (SCIENCES).	PITTSBURGH, PA, UNITED STATES
2020	Cooling Singapore Seminar Series SINGAPORE-ETH CENTER Invited talk on coupling EnergyPlus with urban canopy models.	SINGAPORE

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

2025	Martin, M., Berges, M., Stoter, J. and Garcia-Sanchez, C.. MORICHI: a Dataset to Study Urban Overheating during an Extreme Heat Event in a Hot-Summer Humid Continental Climate. <i>Scientific Data (Under Review)</i> , 113973 (2025).
2024	Martin, M., Ramani, V. and Miller, C.. InfraRed Investigation in Singapore (IRIS) Observatory: Urban heat island contributors and mitigators analysis using neighborhood-scale thermal imaging. <i>Energy and Buildings</i> 307, 113973 (2024).
2023	Lin, S., Ramani, V., Martin, M., Arjunan, P., Chong, A., Biljecki, F., Ignatius, M., Poolla, K. and Miller, C.. District-scale surface temperatures generated from high-resolution longitudinal thermal infrared images. <i>Scientific Data</i> 10, 859 (2023).
	Ramani, V., Martin, M., Arjunan, P., Chong, A., Poolla, K. and Miller, C.. Longitudinal thermal imaging for scalable non-residential HVAC and occupant behaviour characterization. <i>Energy and Buildings</i> 287, 112997 (2023).
2022	Martin, M., Chong, A., Biljecki, F. and Miller, C.. Infrared thermography in the built environment: A multi-scale review. <i>Renewable and sustainable energy reviews</i> 165, 112540 (2022).
2021	Miguel, M., Hien, W. N., Marcel, I., Chung, H. D. J., Yueer, H., Zhonqi, Y., Ji-Yu, D., Raghavan, S. V. and Son, N. N.. A physically-based model of interactions between a building and its outdoor conditions at the urban microscale. <i>Energy and Buildings</i> 237, 110788 (2021).
	Lim, T. K., Wong, N. H., Ignatius, M., Martin, M., Juang, H. H., Lou, J. and Tiong, R. L. K.. Singapore: an integrated multi-scale urban microclimate model for urban planning in Singapore. <i>Urban Climate Science for Planning Healthy Cities</i> 189--217 (2021).
	Wong, N. H., He, Y., Nguyen, N. S., Raghavan, S. V., Martin, M., Hii, D. J. C., Yu, Z. and Deng, J.. An integrated multiscale urban microclimate model for the urban thermal environment. <i>Urban Climate</i> 35, 100730 (2021).
2019	Ignatius, M., Wong, N. H., Martin, M. and Chen, S. C.. Virtual Singapore integration with energy simulation and canopy modelling for climate assessment. in <i>IOP Conference Series Earth and Environmental Science</i> 294, 012018 (2019).
	Martin, M., Wong, N. H. and Ichinose, M.. Impact of retro-reflective glass façades on the surface temperature of street pavements in business areas of Singapore and Tokyo. in <i>IOP Conference Series Earth and Environmental Science</i> 294, 012020 (2019).
2017	Lim, T. K., Ignatius, M., Miguel, M., Wong, N. H. and Juang, H. H.. Multi-scale urban system modeling for sustainable planning and design. <i>Energy and Buildings</i> 157, 78--91 (2017).
	Martin, M., Wong, N. H., Hii, D. J. C. and Ignatius, M.. Comparison between simplified and detailed EnergyPlus models coupled with an urban canopy model. <i>Energy and Buildings</i> 157, 116--125 (2017).
2016	Martin, M., Afshari, A., Armstrong, P. R. and Norford, L. K.. A new validation protocol for an urban microclimate model based on temperature measurements in a Central European city. <i>Energy and Buildings</i> 114, 38--53 (2016).

- Wei, R., Song, D., Wong, N. H. and **Martin, M.**. Impact of urban morphology parameters on microclimate. *Procedia Engineering* 169, 142–149 (2016).
- 2015 **Martin, M.**, Afshari, A., Armstrong, P. R. and Norford, L. K.. Estimation of urban temperature and humidity using a lumped parameter model coupled with an EnergyPlus model. *Energy and Buildings* 221–235 (2015).
- 2014 Afshari, A., Nikolopoulou, C. and **Martin, M.**. Life-cycle analysis of building retrofits at the urban scale—A case study in United Arab Emirates. *Sustainability* 6, 453–473 (2014).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2025 **Martin, M.**, Garcia Sanchez, C., Stoter, J. and Berges, M.. A Dataset for Studying the Impact of Heat Waves on the Built Environment in a Humid Continental Climate. in *The 9th EACWE Conference in Trondheim, Norway* (2025).
- 2024 **Martin, M.**, Ignatius, M., Berges, M., Lim, J., Lu, Y., Xu, R., Stoter, J., Garcia Sanchez, C. and Wong, N. H.. Towards a Full Data Driven Coupled Scheme to Simulate Interactions Between Buildings and Their Outdoor Conditions at the City-Scale. in *ASim2024, The 5th Asia Conference of the IBPSA* (2024).
- Martin, M.**, Berges, M., Stoter, J. and Garcia Sanchez, C.. Coupling between detailed building energy models and a data driven urban canopy model. in *PLEA 2024: (Re)Thinking Resilience* (2024).
- Martin, M.**, Sanchez, C. G., Stoter, J. and Berges, M.. Impact of interactions between buildings and their outdoor conditions on the calibration of an urban building energy model. in *eSim 2024: 13th Conference of IBPSA-Canada* 151 (2024).
- 2016 **Martin, M.**, Hii, D. J. C., Ignatius, M. and Wong, N. H.. Comparison between a simplified and detailed building energy model coupled with an urban canopy model. in *4th International Conference on Countermeasures to Urban Heat Island* 1–16 (2016).
- Martin, M.**, Hii, D. J. C., Ignatius, M. and Wong, N. H.. Predictability of urban air temperature changes from variations of PM2. 5 concentration during the 2015 Southeast Asian transboundary haze episode. in *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Countermeasures to Urban Heat Island* (2016).
- 2015 **Martin, M.**, Afshari, A., Norford, L. K., Parlow, E. and Vogt, R.. Validation of a lumped thermal parameter model coupled with an EnergyPlus model using BUBBLE data. in *9th International Conference on Urban Climate* (2015).
- Martin, M.**, Afshari, A., Armstrong, P. and Marpu, P.. MOBO--An experimental network for urban heat island analysis in a green district of the Middle-East. in *9th International Conference on Urban Climate* (2015).
- 2014 **Martin, M.**, Afshari, A., Armstrong, P. R. and Norford, L. K.. Validation of a Coupled-Scheme Urban Canopy Model and Building Simulator. in *3rd International Conference on Countermeasures to Urban Heat Island* (2014).

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