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## EDUCATION

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2015 – 2019      **Sun Yat-Sen University**, Guangzhou, China  
B.S. in Geographic Information Science (GPA: 3.9/4.0)  
Thesis: Deep learning for land use and land cover classification

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Oct 2019 – Present      **The University of Hong Kong**, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong  
Research Assistant, Department of Physics  
- Investigated artificial light at night and light pollution in Hong Kong using satellite and night sky brightness data  
- Satellite data including VIIRS Annual/Monthly Composite, Black Marble VNP46A1/A2, LuoJia-1, Jilin-1, and ISS

Jul – Aug 2019      **OneSpace Technology Co., Ltd.**, Chongqing, China  
Remote Sensing Engineer, Department of Spatial Information  
- Applied satellite data for crop mapping, and water and air quality assessment (e.g., chlorophyll a, PM2.5)  
- Reduced the need for human annotation and was the key to a three million crop mapping project in Chongqing

Oct 2017 – Apr 2019      **Guangdong Key Lab. of Urbanization and Geo-simulation**, Guangzhou  
Undergraduate Research Assistant (Part-time)  
- Developed machine learning methods for remote sensing image classification  
- Methods: convolutional neural network, multitask learning, active learning, object-based image analysis  
- Applications: land use and crop mapping, local climate zone, hyperspectral and PolSAR image classification

Jul 2017 – Dec 2018      **School of Geography and Planning**, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou  
Assistant Lab Manager (Part-time), GIS Lab  
- Maintained 82 computers and 2 multimedia systems for classes

Jun – Aug 2016      **Center of Social Survey**, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou  
Interviewer (Internship), China Labor-force Dynamic Survey (Zhuhai Team)  
- Conducted face-to-face interviews about job and migration history with 70 families in two communities

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- Liu, S.**, Shi, Q., and Zhang, L., 2020. Few-shot Hyperspectral Image Classification with Unknown Classes Using Multitask Deep Learning. *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, Early Access, 2020. doi:10.1109/TGRS.2020.3018879
- Liu, S.**, Luo, H., and Shi, Q., 2020. Active Ensemble Deep Learning for Polarimetric Synthetic Aperture Radar Image Classification. *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, Early Access, 2020. doi:10.1109/LGRS.2020.3005076
- Liu, S.**, and Shi, Q., 2020. Local Climate Zone Mapping as Remote Sensing Scene Classification Using Deep Learning: A Case Study of Metropolitan China. *ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, 164, 229-242, 2020. doi:10.1016/j.isprsjprs.2020.04.008
- Liu, S.**, and Shi, Q., 2020. Multitask Deep Learning with Spectral Knowledge for Hyperspectral Image Classification. *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, Early Access, 2020. doi:10.1109/LGRS.2019.2962768

**Liu, S.,** Qi, Z., Li, X., and Yeh, A.G.O., 2019. Integration of Convolutional Neural Networks and Object-Based Post-Classification Refinement for Land Use and Land Cover Mapping with Optical and SAR Data. *Remote Sensing*, 11(6), p.690. doi:10.3390/rs11060690

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#### PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

**Liu, S.,** Luo, H., Tu, Y., He, Z., and Li, J., 2018. Wide Contextual Residual Network with Active Learning for Remote Sensing Image Classification. In *IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium*, July 2018, pp. 7145-7148. doi:10.1109/IGARSS.2018.8517855

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#### CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Shengjie Liu**, 2020. Deep learning for remote sensing image classification: Scene classification of local climate zone and fine-grained classification with unknown classes. In *3<sup>rd</sup> Urban Remote Sensing Symposium*, November 2020, Shanghai, China.

Chun Shing Jason PUN, Chu Wing SO, Nok Yan Janet CHANG, **Shengjie LIU**, Lina CANAS, Constance E. WALKER, and Sze Leung CHEUNG, 2020. A Multinational Study of Night Sky Brightness patterns: preliminary results from the Globe at Night – Sky Brightness Monitoring Network (GaN-MN). In *6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Artificial Light at Night (ALAN)*, June 2020, Lleida, Catalonia, Spain.

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#### WORKING PAPERS

**Shengjie Liu**, Chu Wing So, Nok Yan Janet Chang, Chun Shing Jason Pun et al. Understanding remotely sensed nighttime lights with field measurements and land use data: A case study of Hong Kong. (manuscript available on request)

**Shengjie Liu**, Qian Shi. Multi-label local climate zone mapping as scene classification using very high resolution imagery: Preliminary result of Hong Kong. Preprint submitted to IGARSS 2021.

**Shengjie Liu**, Chu Wing So, Chun Shing Jason Pun. Analyzing Long-Term Artificial Light at Night Using VIIRS Monthly Product with Land Use Data: Preliminary Result of Hong Kong. Preprint submitted to IGARSS 2021.

**Shengjie Liu**, Chu Wing So, Chun Shing Jason Pun et al. High inequality of artificial light due to commercial and sports lighting in Hong Kong. (manuscript available on request)

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#### HONORS AND AWARDS

2020	Arctic Code Vault Contributor, GitHub
Nov 2019	Second Prize (5 000 CNY), The 1 <sup>st</sup> Orbita Hyperspectral Satellite Data Processing Paper Contest - Estimating PM2.5 and PM10 directly from TOA reflectance using hyperspectral data and multitask learning
Dec 2018	Scholarship of the EMBA Alumni Association for Real Estate of Sun Yat-Sen University
Dec 2018	The First Prize of Excellent Undergraduate Scholarship, Sun Yat-Sen University

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#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

2020 –	Reviewer for <i>IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing</i> (2), <i>Pattern Recognition Letters</i> , <i>Urban Climate</i> , <i>Remote Sensing Letters</i> (2).
2018 –	Member, IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society

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#### SKILLS

Coding languages: Python, C/C++, MATLAB, HTML5, LaTeX

Coding in Python: TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, NetworkX, Matplotlib

Academic software: GeoDa, ArcGIS, QGIS, ENVI, eCognition, Gephi, OriginLab  
General software: VideoPad Video Editor, Adobe Illustrator

## SELECTED PROJECTS

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**I have participated deeply in the following funded projects of my advisors or collaborators**

**Effects of external lighting on the environment**

- Environment and Conservation Fund (Hong Kong) 2018-125, PI: Dr Chun Shing Jason Pun

**Land use classification based on deep fusion of remote sensing imagery and social sensing data**

- NSFC 61976234, PI: Dr Qian Shi

**Scene-target-pixel transfer learning for remote sensing image classification**

- NSFC 61601522, PI: Dr Qian Shi

**Below are projects/subprojects that I was the main investigator (did the research)**

2020                    **High inequality of artificial light due to commercial and sports lighting in Hong Kong**

- Commercial and sports lighting contributed 41% and 17% of the total light emission in downtown Hong Kong
- Sports lighting had a Gini coefficient 0.25 higher than that of streetlights, while street lighting was evenly distributed across districts
- Buildings were bluer than streets: Ratios of light emission are 42:41 for blue lights and 37:47 for red lights
- Manuscript entitled *High inequality of artificial light due to commercial and sports lighting in Hong Kong*

2020                    **Analyzing the relationship of up-to-down and down-to-up nighttime lights**

- Found a linear relationship between up-to-down night sky brightness and down-to-up nighttime lights
- Correlation varies depending on the spaceborne data:  $R=0.73$  for LuoJia-1 nighttime images;  $R$  between 0.81 and 0.99 for images captured at the International Space Station (ISS)
- Switching off unnecessary external lights at midnight significantly reduced downtown lights by two orders of magnitude as observed in the ISS images
- Manuscript entitled *Understanding remotely sensed nighttime lights with field measurements and land use data: A case study of Hong Kong*

2020                    **U- and inverted U-shaped relationship between Flickr photo density and nightlight**

- Found that People prefer to take photos in bright urban centers and dark green parks
- Found a U- and inverted U-shaped relationship between nightlight (x-axis) and Flickr photo density (y-axis)
- Submitted to the Deep City Symposium Latsis EPFL 2020–21
- Flickr density map (change “Hong-Kong” to “Singapore” or “Toronto”): <https://sjliu.me/Flickr/Hong-Kong/>

2020                    **Hyperspectral crop mapping with unknown classes** (open-set recognition)

- Empowered deep learning models with the ability to say “I don’t know”
- Developed a multitask deep learning method (classification and reconstruction) to compare the reconstructed and original spectral profiles and reject the unknown classes
- Published in *IEEE TGRS* entitled *Few-shot Hyperspectral Image Classification with Unknown Classes Using Multitask Deep Learning*

2019                    **Local climate zone mapping in metropolitan China**

- Developed an artificial network named LCZNet to classify satellite scene images to local climate zones
- Generated local climate zone maps in fifteen major cities in China

- Published in *ISPRS Journal P&RS* entitled *Local Climate Zone Mapping as Remote Sensing Scene Classification Using Deep Learning: A Case Study of Metropolitan China*
- Project page: <https://siliu.me/lcz>

2019                    **Estimating PM2.5 and PM10 directly from TOA reflectance using Zhuhai-1 hyperspectral data**

- Developed a Python script to covert raw Zhuhai-1 hyperspectral data to Top-of-Atmosphere reflectance
- Developed a multitask artificial network to simultaneously predict PM2.5 and PM10 concentration
- Won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Price of the 1<sup>st</sup> Orbita Hyperspectral Satellite Data Processing Paper Contest
- Project page: <https://siliu.me/Estimation-of-PM2.5-PM10-from-Satellite-Imagery>

2019                    **Crop mapping in Chongqing, China**

- Developed advanced neural networks for crop mapping using Sentinel-2 and Gaofen satellite imagery
- Key to win a three-year three million project entitled *Digital Map of Agricultural Industry in Yubei District, Chongqing* supported by the Chongqing Agriculture and Rural Committee
- News: <https://web.archive.org/web/20200923163536/http://www.onespacechina.com/news20191130/>

2018                    **Using DMSP/OLS nighttime light data to capture the collapse and rise of post-Soviet states**

- Funded by the National Undergraduate Innovative Project (No. 201810558050, 10 000 CNY)
- Found that most light-decreased areas are related to mining industries based on spatial analysis
- Identified the sources of decreased night lights in fifteen post-Soviet countries by classifying high-resolution Google satellite images and locating their latitude and longitude in DMSP/OLS data

2018                    **Active deep learning for remote sensing image classification** (Class: Hyperspectral Analysis)

- Developed a light-weight convolutional network that can run on CPU for image classification
- Integrated the light-weight network with active learning to reduce the need of training samples
- Published in *IGARSS 2018* entitled *Wide Contextual Residual Network with Active Learning for Remote Sensing Image Classification*

2018                    **Urban structure discovery in the Pearl River Delta**

- Discovered urban structure in the Pearl River Delta using mobile GPS data with complex network analysis and community detection (Gephi, NetworkX, Fast-unfolding algorithm)
- Explored the distribution of online medical records using complex network and clustering analysis
- Identified urban functional zones in Guangzhou and Foshan

2017                    **Fusion of Sentinel optical and PolSAR data for land use and land cover mapping** (Class Project)

- Proposed an object-based refinement method to reduce the salt-and-pepper phenomenon and increase accuracy
- Evaluated the fusion of Sentinel Optical and PolSAR data using SVM, random forest, and neural network
- Published in *Remote Sensing* entitled *Integration of Convolutional Neural Networks and Object-Based Post-Classification Refinement for Land Use and Land Cover Mapping with Optical and SAR Data*

2017                    **Community detection with open street map road network and graph theory** (Class Project)

- Developed a C++ program to calculate the shortest path using Dijkstra algorithm (linked list implementation)
- Developed a label propagation algorithm with real distance constraint for community detection
- Evaluated the performance of community detection by calculating modularity
- Visualized the detected road network community in ArcGIS

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