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EDUCATION

University of California San Diego, United States

September 2013 – August 2018

Ph.D. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering , GPA: 3.96/4.0

Advisor: [Carlos F. M. Coimbra, Ph.D.](#)

Thesis: “Spectral Modeling of Solar and Atmospheric Radiation for Solar Power Integration”

University of Pennsylvania, United States

September 2011 – August 2013

M.S. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering , GPA: 3.91/4.0

Advisor: [Noam Lior, Ph.D.](#)

Thesis: “Energy and Exergy Analysis and Thermodynamic Optimization of Deep Hot Dry Rock Geothermal Energy Extraction and Power Generation”

Tsinghua University, China

August 2007 – June 2011

B.Eng in Building Environment and Equipment Engineering, GPA: 87.4/100

Advisor: [Xudong Yang, Ph.D.](#)

Thesis: “Simulation and Experimental Research of Combustion and Heat Transfer Process in Stoves”

RESEARCH INTEREST

Radiative Heat Transfer; Energy Meteorology; Solar Power; Solar Forecasting; Thermal Storage; Renewable Power Systems

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Energy Research, UC San Diego September 2018 - now
- Graduate Student Researcher, Coimbra Energy Group, UC San Diego September 2013 – August 2018
- Researcher, Oracle Labs, San Diego February 2017 – September 2017
- Research Assistant, Micro and Nano Fluidics Lab, Univ. of Pennsylvania May 2012 - August 2013
- Research Assistant, Energy Conversion Lab, Univ. of Pennsylvania May 2012 - August 2013

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. **M. Li**, and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “Local Thermal Effects Caused by Surface Albedo Replacement of Large Scale Photovoltaic and Concentrated Solar Farms”. In preparation to *Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy*.
2. Z. Liao, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “Monte Carlo Methods for Thermal Radiation Applications”. In preparation to *Progress in Energy and Combustion Science*.
3. D. P. Larson, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “SCOPE: Spectral Cloud Optical Property

Estimation from GOES-R Imagery”. Submitted to *Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy*.

4. **M. Li**, Z. Liao and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “Spectral Solar Irradiance on Inclined Surfaces: a Monte Carlo Approach”. Submitted to *Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy*.
5. **M. Li**, H. Peterson and Coimbra, C. F. M. (2019) “Radiative Cooling Resource Maps for the Contiguous United States”. *Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy* (11), 036501.
<https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5094510>
6. Z. Liao, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “Anisotropic Corrections for the Downwelling Radiative Heat Transfer Flux from Various Types of Aerosols”. *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer* (136), pp. 1006–1016. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2019.03.031>
7. **M. Li**, and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “On the Effective Spectral Emissivity of Clear Skies and the Radiative Cooling Potential of Selectively Designed Materials”. *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer* (135), pp. 1053–1062. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheatmasstransfer.2019.02.040>
8. **M. Li**, Z. Liao and C. F. M. Coimbra (2018). “Spectral model for clear sky atmospheric longwave radiation”. *Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy and Radiative Transfer* (209), 196–211.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jqsrt.2018.01.029>
9. **M. Li**, Y. Jiang and C. F. M. Coimbra (2017) “On the Determination of Atmospheric Longwave Irradiance under All-Sky Conditions.” *Solar Energy* (144), 40–48.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.solener.2017.01.006>
10. Y. Chu, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2016) “Sun-tracking imaging system for intra-hour DNI forecasts.” *Renewable Energy* (96), 792–799. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2016.05.041>
11. **M. Li**, Y. Chu, H. T. C. Pedro and C. F. M. Coimbra (2016) “Quantitative Evaluation of the Impact of Cloud Transmittance and Velocity Derivation on Short-term DNI Forecast.” *Renewable Energy* (86), pp.1362–1371. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2015.09.058>
12. **M. Li** and N. Lior (2015) “Energy analysis for guiding the design of well systems of deep Enhanced Geothermal Systems”. *Energy* (93), pp.1173–1188. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2015.09.113>
13. Y. Chu, **M. Li**, H. T. C. Pedro and C. F. M. Coimbra (2015) “Real-time Prediction Intervals for Intra-hour DNI Forecasts.” *Renewable Energy* (83) pp.234–244.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2015.04.022>
14. **M. Li**, and N. Lior (2015) “Analysis of Hydraulic Fracturing and Reservoir Performance in Enhanced Geothermal Systems.” *Journal of Energy Resources Technology*, 137(4), 041203.
<https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4030111>
15. **M. Li**, H. H. Hu and H. H. Bau (2015). “Range of Validity of a Simplified Model for Diffuse Charge Dynamics.” *Electroanalysis*, 27(2), 473–484. <https://doi.org/10.1002/elan.201400397>
16. **M. Li**, H. H. Hu and H. H. Bau (2015) “Capacitive charging and desalination dynamics of a packed-bed reactor.” *Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics*, 17(11), 7181–7195.
17. Y. Chu, H. T. C. Pedro, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2015) “Real-Time Forecasting of GHI and DNI Solar Ramps with Smart Image Processing.” *Solar Energy* (114) pp.91–104.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.solener.2015.01.024>
18. **M. Li** and N. Lior (2014) “Comparative Analysis of Power Plant Options for Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)”. *Energies*, 7(12), 8427–8445. <https://doi.org/10.3390/en7128427>

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed conference papers and presentations

1. S. Sondur, K. C. Gross, and **M. Li** (2018) “Data Center Cooling System Integrated with Low-Temperature Desalination and Intelligent Energy-Aware Control”, *International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC18)*, Pittsburgh, PA (Oct. 21-24, 2018).
<https://doi.org/10.29007/1zzb>
2. **M. Li**, Z. Liao and C. F. M. Coimbra (2018) “An Efficient Spectral Model for Evaluating Spectral and Spatial Distributions of Clear Sky Atmospheric Longwave Radiation”. *Proceedings of the 16th International Heat Transfer Conference*, Beijing, China, pp.8287–8295. [10.1615/IHTC16.rti.023041](https://doi.org/10.1615/IHTC16.rti.023041)
3. K. C. Gross and **M. Li**, “Method for Improved IoT Prognostics and Improved Prognostic Cyber Security for Enterprise Computing Systems”. *Proceedings of the 2017 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence*.

Conference presentations

4. **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “Effects of local atmospheric conditions on plane-of-array solar irradiance”, AGU annual meeting, December 9-13, 2019, San Francisco, U.S.
5. D. P. Larson, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “SCOPE: Spectral Cloud Optical Property Estimation from GOES-R Longwave Imagery”, AGU annual meeting, December 9-13, 2019, San Francisco, U.S.
6. H. T. C. Hugo, D.P. Larson, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “Physics-based, Data-driven Solar Irradiance Forecasting”, AGU annual meeting, December 9-13, 2019, San Francisco, U.S.
7. **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2019) “Daytime Clear-Sky Radiative Cooling Potential Map of the Contiguous United States”, 99th American Meteorological Society annual meeting, January 6-10, 2019, Phoenix, U.S.
8. **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2018) “Spectral modeling of the radiative interactions between large scale solar farms and the atmosphere”, AGU annual meeting, December 10-14, 2018, Washington DC, U.S.
9. D. P. Larson, **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2018) “Direct Spectral Estimation of Cloud Optical Properties from GOES-R Imagery”, ASME 2018 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition, November 10-14, 2018, Pittsburgh, U.S.
10. **M. Li**, Y. Chu, H. T. C. Pedro and C. F. M. Coimbra (2018) “Sky-Imaging Network for Intra-Hour Spatial Solar Forecasts”, 98th American Meteorological Society annual meeting, January 7-11, 2018, Austin, U.S.
11. **M. Li** and C. F. M. Coimbra (2018) “Spectral Model for Clear-Sky Longwave Surface Irradiance”, 98th American Meteorological Society annual meeting, January 7-11, 2018, Austin, U.S.
12. **M. Li** and N. Lior “Analysis of hydraulic fracturing and reservoir performance in enhanced geothermal systems (EGS)”, ASME 2014 International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition, November 14-20, 2014, Montreal, Canada.
13. **M. Li** and N. Lior “Analysis of some power plant options for enhanced geothermal systems (EGS)”, 27th International Conference on Efficiency, Cost, Optimization, Simulation and Environmental Impact of Energy Systems, June 15-19, 2014, Turku, Finland.
14. **M. Li**, H. H. Hu, and H. H. Bau “Capacitive Charging and Desalination with Porous Electrodes”, 66th Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics, November 24-26, 2013, Pittsburgh, U.S.

US PATENTS

1. **M. Li** and K. C. Gross “Dequantizing Low Resolution IoT Signals to Produce High-Accuracy Prognostic Indicators.” Application No. 15/947,548, Publication Date: 10/10/2019.
2. K. C. Gross, **M. Li**, A. P. Wood, S. Jeffreys, A. Misra and L. Fumagalli “Synthesizing High-fidelity Time-series Sensor Signals To Facilitate Machine-learning Innovations.” Application No. 15/887,243, Publication Date: 08/08/2019.
3. K. C. Gross, **M. Li**, and D. Gawlick “Multivariate Memory Vectorization Technique to Facilitate Intelligent Caching in Time-Series Databases.” Application No. 15/885,600, Publication Date: 08/01/2019.
4. K. C. Gross, Z. H. Liu, D. Gawlick and **M. Li**, “MSET-based Process for Certifying Provenance of Time-Series Data in a Time-Series Database.” Application No. 15/850,027, Publication Date: 06/27/2019.
5. K. C. Gross, **M. Li** and T. Masoumi “Bivariate Optimization Technique for Tuning SPRT Parameters to Facilitate Prognostic Surveillance of Sensor Data from Power Plants.” Application No. 15/826,461, Publication Date: 05/30/2019.
6. K. C. Gross, **M. Li** and A. M. Urmanov “Detecting Degradation in Rotating Machinery by Using the FWHM Metric to Analyze a Vibrational Spectral Density Distribution.” Application No. 15/821,593, Publication Date: 05/23/2019.
7. K. C. Gross, **M. Li** and A. P. Wood “Hybrid Clustering-partitioning Technique that Optimizes Accuracy and Compute Cost for Prognostic Surveillance of Sensor Data.” I8b m, Publication Date: 04/25/2019.
8. K. C. Gross, **M. Li** and B. P. Franklin “Electric Load Forecasting Based on Smart Meter Signals.” ORA180084 (Disclosure Pending, September 26, 2017). Application No. 15/715,692, Publication Date: 03/28/2019.

GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE

1. California Energy Commission, “High-Fidelity Solar Power Forecasting Systems for the 392 MW Ivanpah Solar Plant (CSP) and the 250 MW California Valley Solar Ranch (PV) Project”. Carlos F. M. Coimbra (PI). Grant No. EPIC PON-13-303.
 - Contributions: provide preliminary analysis for the potential methods that could achieve the deliverables.
2. Department of Energy, “HAIMOS Ensemble Forecasts for Intra-day and Day-Ahead GHI, DNI and Ramps”. Carlos F. M. Coimbra (PI). Grant No. EE0008216.
 - Contributions: provide concept and methods for derive cloud optical properties from remote sensing data.
3. Oracle External Research Office, “Renewable Power and Passive Cooling for Data Centers”. Carlos F. M. Coimbra (PI), Kenny C. Gross (co-PI)
 - Contributions: analyze the proposed sustainable system that integrates solar PV power production and radiative cooling.
4. Oracle External Research Office, “Datacenter Cooling System Integrated with Low-Temperature Desalination and Intelligent Energy-Aware Control”. Carlos F. M. Coimbra (PI), Kenny C. Gross (co-PI)

- Contributions: demonstrate one active scheme and one passive scheme for desalination using waste heat from water-cooled datacenters.
- 5. UC San Diego Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program, “On the Impacts of Greenhouse Gases, Cloud Cover and Earth Albedo on Solar Energy Resourcing and Global Thermal Balance”. Carlos F. M. Coimbra (PI), Lynn M. Russell (co-PI)
 - Contributions: 1st draft of the proposal. Demonstrate the background, the methods of the analysis and proposed outcomes.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

- Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, UC San Diego
 - Instructor, MAE 256 Radiative Transfer for Energy Applications Fall 2019
 - Instructor, MAE 101C Heat Transfer Spring 2018 and Spring 2019
 - Teaching Assistant, MAE 101C Heat Transfer Fall 2014 and Fall 2015
 - Teaching Assistant, MAE 221B Mass Transfer Winter 2015, Winter 2016 and Winter 2017
 - Mentored students
 - Undergraduate researcher Hannah B. Peterson: the development of radiative cooling potential maps.
 - Graduate researcher Zhouyi Liao: 1-D and 3-D radiative modeling of the atmosphere.
 - Graduate researcher Lysha Matsunobu: analysis of hybrid solar power plants.
 - Graduate research Omar AlAli: design of liquid metal thermal storage.
- Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, University of Pennsylvania
 - Teaching Assistant, MEAM 203 Thermodynamics Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Academic Journal Reviewer

December 2015 - present

- Provide technical reviews to manuscripts submitted to journals *Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy*, *Scientific Report*, *Solar Energy*, *Renewable Energy*, *Energy* and *ASME-Journal of Solar Energy Engineering*.

Outreach activities

- U.S.-China Future Leaders Summer Program, UC San Diego July 2018, July 2019
- Expand Your Horizon, University of San Diego March 2018
- San Diego High Tech Fair, San Diego October 2014

Membership

- American Geophysical Union October 2018 – present
- American Meteorological Society December 2017 - present

Press Release

- “Which climates are best for passive cooling technologies?” <https://techxplore.com/news/2019-06-climates-passive-cooling-technologies.html>

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected to attend Rising Stars in Mechanical Engineering Workshop ([link](#)) October 2019
- Chinese government award for outstanding self-finance students abroad (USD \$6,000) April 2019
- UCSD MAE Department Fellowship (USD \$60,000), UC San Diego August 2013
- Excellent Thesis Writing of Tsinghua University (5/100) June 2011
- Outstanding Academic Performance Scholarship, Tsinghua University (20/90) July 2009

- Excellent League Leader of Tsinghua University (8/120)

July 2009

SKILLS

- Proficiency in English and Mandarin
- Technical Skills
Heat transfer, power system design and analysis, atmosphere radiative process modelling, remote sensing of clouds, solar forecasting, statistical analysis and data mining, artificial intelligence methods, image processing, signal processing, prognostic analysis, computational fluid dynamics, super capacitor simulation, technical writing and presentation.
- Computer Skills
Java/C/C++/Python/R/SQL programing, MATLAB, COMSOL, EES, Aspen Plus, Auto CAD, Sketch Up, LaTeX, MS Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Visio

REFEREES

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- Prof. Noam Lior, University of Pennsylvania, lior@seas.upenn.edu, Towne Building RM 212, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104
- Dr. Kenny C. Gross, Oracle Inc, kenny.gross@oracle.com, 9515 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego, CA 92121
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