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RESEARCH INTEREST

- Smart grids and data centers: Energy management, grid monitoring and AI for energy
- Cyber-physical IoT systems: Optimal resource allocation
- Optimization and learning: Distributed, stochastic and online optimization
- Data analytics: High dimensional statistical inference and deep learning

POSITION

Associate Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering University of California, Santa Cruz	07/2025 – Present
Assistant Professor Electrical and Computer Engineering University of California, Santa Cruz	07/2017 – 06/2025
Postdoctoral Employee Energy Analysis and Environmental Impacts Division Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	05/2017 – 06/2017
Postdoctoral Scholar Industrial Engineering & Operations Research Department University of California, Berkeley	01/2016 – 04/2017
Postdoctoral Associate Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Minnesota	08/2015 – 01/2016

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering	08/2010 – 07/2015
Shanghai Jiao Tong University M.S. in Electrical Engineering (Summa Cum Laude)	09/2007 – 03/2010
Wuhan University of Technology B.E. in Electrical Engineering (Summa Cum Laude)	09/2002 – 07/2006

PUBLICATION

[Google scholar citations 2551](#), [h-index 19](#), [i10-index 29](#).

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PhD Thesis

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Committee: Prodromos Daoutidis, Sairaj Dhople, Georgios Giannakis, and Mostafa Kaveh (chair).

Posters

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Patents

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FUNDING

- Principal Investigator, “Empowering Grid Resilience: Harnessing Campus Microgrids and Battery Storage for Reinforcing Community Power Enhancement,” CITRIS Interdisciplinary Innovation Program (I2P) Fund, Oct. 2023.
- Principal Investigator, “Feasibility Study of UC MBEST Microgrid and SGIP Proposal,” Encored Technologies USA, Inc., Aug 2021.
- Principal Investigator, Innovative Mentoring Program Funding Award, Feb. 2020.
- Principal Investigator, “Modernizing Power System Planning and Operation to Improve Grid Resilience Against Hazardous Events”, Hellman Fellowship Award, June 2019.
- Lead Principal Investigator, “Multi-hazard risk analysis to inform distribution grid upgrades for reliability and resilience,” CITRIS and the Banatao Institute 2019 Seed Fund, Apr. 2019.
- Principal Investigator for the Faculty Research Grant (FRG): “Modernizing Power Grid Infrastructure Against Extreme Natural Hazards,” Committee on Research of UC Santa Cruz, Apr. 2019.
- Principal Investigator, “Smart Monitoring and Predictive Learning for Sustainable Microgrids,” UCSC Faculty Research Grant (FRG), May 2018.
- Input for the NSF-CCSS proposal “Smart-Grid Powered Green Communications in Heterogeneous Networks,” Jun. 2015. This proposal was funded under grant number ECCS-1508993 (PI: Xin Wang, co-PI: Georgios Giannakis).
- Input for the NSF-CCF proposal “From Communication to Power Networks: Adaptive Energy Management for Power Systems with Renewables,” Sep. 2014. This proposal was funded under grant number CCF-1423316 (PI: Georgios Giannakis).
- Input for the NSF-CyberSEES proposal “Tenable Power Distribution Networks,” Sep. 2014. This proposal was funded under grant number CCF-1442686 (PI: Georgios Giannakis, Co-PI: Sairaj Dhople).
- Input for the NSF-RIPS proposal “Distributed Power and Fuels in Rural Grids,” Mar. 2014 (PI: Georgios Giannakis).
- Input for the NSF-EPAS proposal “Robust Energy Control for Microgrids with Renewables,” Oct. 2012 (PI: Georgios Giannakis).
- Input for the NSF-CPS proposal “Inference and Management for the Power Grid: Distributed and Robust Designs,” Mar. 2012 (PI: Georgios Giannakis).

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- [AI-system Boosts Microgrid Efficiency for Rapid Power Outage Recovery](#), *Interesting Engineering*, 12/2023.
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- [The Role of Microgrids in Providing Reliable and Equitable Access to Electricity](#), *California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) Panel*, 03/2022.
- [How UC Santa Cruz Engineers are Proposing Ways to Improve Electrical Delivery](#), *Santa Cruz Tech Beat*, 01/2020
- [The Coming Revolution in Smart Electric Power](#), *The New York Academy of Sciences*, Fall 2017.

HONOR & AWARD

- Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE) Energy Systems Division Outstanding Young Investigator Award (runne-up), 2025
- Early Career Best Paper Award in the Energy, Natural Resources, and the Environment (ENRE) section, INFORMS, 2021
- IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS) Travel Grant, 2014
- SIAM Student Travel Award, 2014
- PhD Student Travel Fellowship, Dept of ECE, UMN, 2014
- TCIPG Summer School Scholarship, 2013
- ECE Departmental Fellowship, UMN, 2010
- Shanghai Outstanding Graduate, 2010
- Merit Student of SJTU, 2009
- Huawei Scholarship, 2009
- Infineon Technologies Scholarship, 2009
- First-Class/Second-Class Academic Excellence Scholarship, SJTU, 2008/2007
- The Valedictorian at the WUT Commencement 2006
- Merit Student of Hubei Province, 2006
- Outstanding Graduate of WUT, 2005
- Pacemaker to Merit Student of WUT, Highest Honor (1‰), 2005
- Outstanding Merit Student of WUT, First-Class Scholarship, 2004
- Merit Student of WUT, Second-Class Scholarship, 2003

TEACHING

- *ECE279: Optimization and Control for Electric Power Systems*, Winter 2018, Spring 2019, Winter 2021-2024
- *ECE253/CMPS250: Introduction to Information Theory*, Spring & Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022-2023
- *ECE180J: Advanced Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Storage, and Smart Grids*, Spring 2018-2024
- *ECE103: Signals and Systems*, Fall 2021, 2024
- *ECE290: Graduate Seminar*, 2017-2019
- *ECE280Z: Seminar on Smart Grids and Data Analytics*, 2017-2025
- *Cluster 6: Introduction to Smart and Sustainable Power*, The California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science (COSMOS), Summer 2021-2024
- *IEOR290 Control and Optim. for Power Syst.*, Spring 2016-17, guest lecturer, UCB
- *EE8581 Detection and Estimation Theory*, Spring 2015, TA, UMN
- *EE3005 Fundamental of Electrical Engr.*, Fall 2010 & Spring 2011, TA, UMN
- *ES320 Fundamental Circuits for Commun.*, Fall 2008, TA, SJTU

COMPETITION

- My team won 1st prize in the competition: [2025 INFORMS Data Mining Society Data Challenge](#), seeking accurate short-term outage forecasts during extreme weather using a high-resolution Michigan dataset, despite irregular outage patterns, noisy high-frequency data, and the absence of future weather inputs.

- My team won 1st place in the competition: [Learning to Run a Power Network - Delft 2023](#), an international challenge focused on optimizing power grid operations through advanced machine learning techniques.

TALK

- Panel, INFORMS-SF Bay Area IRAC 2025, UC Berkeley, Sept. 2025
- Panel “Community Choice Energy and Electricity Market,” 2025 Global Green Development Summit (GGDS), Stanford University, Aug. 2025
- Keynote at the 2nd Intl. Conference on AI and Machine Learning, June 2025
- Smart Grid Seminar, Bits & Watts Initiative, Stanford University, Feb. 2025
- MADDD Seminar, Department of Mathematics, UC Davis, Oct. 2019
- EECS Department Seminar, UC Merced, Sep. 2019
- CROSS Symposium, UC Santa Cruz, CA, 2017
- Nicholas school of the Environment, Duke University, NC, 2017
- ECE Department, Missouri University of Science and Technology, MO, 2017
- Department of Engineering Technology, University of Houston, TX, 2017
- ECE Department, New York University, NY, 2017
- eCAL Seminar, UC Berkeley, CA, 2016
- ECE Department, University of Louisville, KY, 2016
- ECE Department, Southern Illinois University, IL, 2015
- Foundations of Resilient CybEr-physical Systems (FORCES), UC Berkeley, CA, 2015
- WindLogics Inc., Saint Paul, MN, 2013
- Honeywell, Minneapolis, MN, 2012

Completed Ph.D. Theses

- [S4] Sifat-E-Tanzim Chowdhury, “Enhancing the Resilience of Electric Power Systems During Extreme Weather Events,” Oct. 2025.
- [S3] Kejun Chen, “Power Flow Analysis and Optimal Power Flow with Physics-Informed Deep Learning,” Feb. 2025; now a postdoc at NREL.
- [S2] Gabriel Intriago, “Advanced Anomaly Detection Techniques for Cyber-Physical Power Systems,” June 2024; now a Machine Learning Scientist at Expedia Group.
- [S1] Jing Xiong, “Deep Learning Based Load Forecasting and Monitoring for Electric Power Systems,” Dec. 2023; now a Machine Learning Engineer at Airbnb.

SERVICE

- Panelist/Panel Reviewer
 - NSF Energy, Power, Control, and Networks (EPCN) review panel, Oct. 2023
 - California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) Expert Briefing Panel on “The Role of Microgrids in Providing Reliable and Equitable Access to Electricity”, Mar. 2022
- Conference/Workshop Organizer, Session Chair, or TPC Member:
 - *IEEE SmartGridComm Workshop on Machine Learning and Big Data Analytics in Power Distribution Systems* (2020)
 - *The Fifth Bay Area Optimization Meeting* (May 2019)
 - *Smart Power and CPS Workshop, CROSS Symposium* (Oct. 2018)
 - *IEEE Global Conf. on Signal and Information Processing* (2018-2019)
 - *IEEE Intl. Conf. on Smart Grid Communications* (2016-2015)
 - *IEEE Conf. on Decision and Control* (2014)
 - *INFORMS Annual Meeting* (2015-2020)

- Committee/Board Member:
 - IEEE IES Technical Committee on Resilience and Security for Industrial Applications (ReSia) (2020-present).
 - Associate Editor, Conference Editorial Board of IEEE Control Systems Society (2018-2022)
 - Committee on Research of UC Santa Cruz (2018-2019)
 - PhD/MS thesis and qualifying exam committee member
 - Faculty recruitment search committee member
 - ABET and undergraduate/graduate committee member
 - Swiss Innovation Valley (2017-present)
- Broader Service: Faculty mentor for Cultivamos Excelencia and Cal-Bridge programs
- Paper Reviewer:
 - *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*
 - *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*
 - *IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy*
 - *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*
 - *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*
 - *IEEE Transaction on Control of Network Systems*
 - *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*
 - *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*
 - *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*
 - *IEEE Transactions on Communications*
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