ZHENYU ZHAO

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EDUCATION

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Ph.D. in Computer and Information Science (in 2021 Spring)

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

George Washington University, Washington D.C., USA

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering

Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, Hubei, China

Bachelor of Engineering in Automation

Jan 2021 – Dec 2024

Aug 2018 – May 2020

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate
Imperial College London

Apr 2025 - Present

London, England

- Participating in Horizon Europe projects R3volution and CSSBoost
- Supervised Master students' thesis projects

Research Associate
University of Birmingham
Nov 2024 - Mar 2025
Birmingham, England

- Contributed to the preparation of research and grant proposal
- Mentored first-year PhD students

Grid Software Intern

Jun 2024 - Aug 2024

Siemens

Minnetonka, MN

- Participated in upgrading Transmission Network Analysis from Fortran to Python

Intern

Jun 2023 - Apr 2024

PJM Interconnection

Audubon, PA

- Developed a periodic retrieval system to archive transmission-level nodal load data
- Applied machine learning models for net nodal load disaggregation and prediction

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan 2021 - Nov 2024 Philadelphia, PA

Temple University

- Designed and implmented deep learning model for nodal load disaggregation based on nodal-zonal mapping, in partnership with PJM Interconnection
- Developed an LSTM-based deep learning model for hydrogen fuel cell health monitoring with Plug Power, enabling predictive diagnostics

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Jan 2021 - Dec 2021

Temple University

Philadelphia, PA

- Lectured and graded for CIS 1051 (Introduction to Python) lab, CIS 3319 (Wireless Network and Security) lab, and CIS 3329 (Network Architectures) lab

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Reviewer for leading journals and conferences in power and transportation electrification, including: IET Smart Grid, IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, IEEE Transactions on Transportation Electrification, IEEE Vehicle Power and Propulsion Conference (VPPC), IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), and IEEE Energy Conversion Congress and Exposition (ECCE)
- Session Chair at the 2025 IEEE Energy Conversion Congress & Exposition (ECCE), Philadelphia, PA, October 19-23, 2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Data Science & Modeling: Quantitative analysis, time-series modeling, topological data analysis, graph neural networks (GNNs), forecasting, and anomaly detection
- Machine Learning: Supervised and semi-supervised learning, deep learning architectures, spatio-temporal modeling, and model interpretability
- Programming Languages: Python (NumPy, Pandas, PyTorch, scikit-learn), SQL, FORTRAN

RESEARCH AREAS

- Machine learning applications in life cycle assessment, circular economy evaluation, and risk management
- Transmission-scale renewable energy modeling and optimization
- Power systems monitoring using graph-based deep learning framework
- Hydrogen-based energy systems for industrial and transportation applications
- Prognostic health monitoring system via deep learning

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

PhD Thesis

- Z. Zhao. "Semi-Supervised Deep Learning Frameworks for Transmission-Scale Load Disaggregation and Behind-The-Meter Solar Prediction," Temple University, 2024

Journal Articles

- Z. Zhao, D. Moscovitz, S. Wang, L. Du, and X. Fan, "Deep Factorization Machine Learning for Disaggregation of Transmission Load Profiles With High Penetration of Behind-the-Meter Solar," *IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications*, doi: 10.1109/TIA.2025.3530864
- D. Moscovitz, **Z. Zhao**, L. Du, and X. Fan, "Semi-Supervised, Non-Intrusive Disaggregation of Nodal Load Profiles with Significant Behind-the-Meter Solar Generation," *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, doi: 10.1109/TP-WRS.2023.3334995
- S. Ziyabari, **Z. Zhao**, L. Du, and S.K. Biswas, "Multi-Branch ResNet-Transformer for Short-Term Spatio Temporal Solar Irradiance Forecasting," *IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications*, doi: 10.1109/TIA.2023.3285202

Conference Papers

- Z. Zhao, K. Swider-Lyons, D. Skidmore and L. Du, "Data-Driven Prognostic Health Monitoring of Key Components in Hydrogen Fuel Cells," 2025 IEEE/AIAA Transportation Electrification Conference and Electric Aircraft Technologies Symposium, Anaheim, CA, June 18–20, pp. 1-5, doi: 10.1109/ITEC63604.2025.11097992
- Z. Zhao, M. Chen, L. Du, D. Moscovitz, and X. Fan, "GNN-Based Autoformer For Imputing Missing Data in Transmission Grid Load Profiles Considering Seasonal Patterns," 2025 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM), Austin, TX, July 27–31, 2025, to be indexed
- M. Chen, **Z. Zhao**, L. Du, Y. Chen, and D. Moscovitz, "Characterization of Transmission Nodal Profiles via Graph-Embedded Topological Data Analysis," 2025 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM), Austin, TX, July 27–31, 2025, to be indexed
- Z. Zhao, D. Moscovitz, L. Du, and X. Fan, "Factorization Machine Learning for Disaggregation of Transmission Load Profiles with High Penetration of Behind-the-Meter Solar," 2023 IEEE Energy Conversion Congress & Exposition, Nashville, TN, October 29–November 2, 2023, pp. 1278-1282, doi:10.1109/ECCE53617.2023.1036210
- **Z. Zhao**, Y. Chen, and L. Du, "Modeling and Classification of EV Charging Profiles Utilizing Topological Data Analysis," 2023 IEEE Transportation Electrification Conference & Expo (ITEC), Detroit, MI, June 19–21, 2023, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/ITEC55900.2023.10187089
- Z. Zhao, D. Moscovitz, S. Wang, X. Fan, and L. Du, "Semi-Supervised Disaggregation of Daily Load Profiles at Transmission Buses with Significant Behind-the-Meter Solar Generations," 2022 IEEE Energy Conversion Congress & Exposition, Detroit, MI, October 9–13, 2022, pp. 1-5, doi: 10.1109/ECCE50734.2022.9948155