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### Current Position and Work Experience

**Associate Professor** (PhD supervisor, Program Principal Investigator)

**Beijing, CN**

in Chemical Engineering, Tsinghua University, China

09/2021 – Present

- Leading the Systems Engineering discipline to conduct research on smart energy, intelligent manufacturing and low-carbon technologies and systems, contributing to the carbon neutrality target.
- Emerging interdisciplinary areas of next-generation chemical engineering and energy laboratory, pilot plant, and industrial applications, from the perspective of multi-scale system integration and optimization, achieving environmentally friendly and sustainable development.
- Awarded by the Overseas High-Level Talent Program, building national-scale platform and policy.

**Assistant Professor** (PhD supervisor)

**Singapore, SG**

in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, NUS, Singapore

07/2017 – 09/2021

- Leading a Smart Systems Engineering research group of more than 20 team members as PI to build a systematic and inclusive planning platform for smart city and engineering development that combines model-based and data-driven approaches for overall economic, environmental and social benefits.
- Systems modelling, control and optimization, aiming to combining theories, models, and real-world practice in many fundamental domains (energy, process engineering, advanced materials, healthcare manufacturing and supply chain) through intelligent algorithms development and applications.
- Novel machine learning, AI and IoT technologies applied in Energy, Environment and Sustainability related research, as well as Advanced Materials and Biomedical fields.

**Deputy Director** of the Accelerated Materials Development for Manufacturing programme in Singapore

- Leading the machine learning and data analytics expertise and delivering a series of education workshops (<http://www.acceleratedmaterials.org/>)

09/2018 – Present

**Program Leader** of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)'s Sustainable Waste Management Program

01/2020 – Present

**Postdoctoral Research Associate:** *Centre for Process Systems Engineering*

**London, UK**

Department of Chemical Engineering at Imperial College London	08/2015- 06/2017
<b>Lecturer, Master supervisor</b> at <i>Energy Futures Lab</i> , Imperial College London	06/2016- 06/2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simulation, Modeling and Optimization Platform for Smart City Development – resilience.io</li> </ul>	

### ***Education***

<b>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS</b>	<b>CA, USA</b>
<b>Ph.D.</b> in Chemical Engineering, Minor in Control Science	07/2015
Dissertation: Modeling, Operation and Optimization of Energy Systems Integrating Demand Management	
<b>Master of Science</b> in Chemical Engineering	06/2012
<b>TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>Beijing, China</b>
<b>Bachelor of Science</b> in Chemical and Industrial Biological Engineering	07/2011

### ***Awards, Honors and Distinctions***

Future Chemical Engineers Award by Global Chinese Chemical Engineering Symposium (GCCES)	07/2021
AICHE-SLS Outstanding Young Principal Investigator Award	02/2021
Young Researcher Award for Engineering Sustainable Development	12/2020
Best Assistant Editor award of Applied Energy	12/2020
Applied Energy - 2020 Highly Cited Paper Award	10/2020
Mathematics Best Paper Award (third award of 2018)	03/2020
Applied Energy Awards: Outstanding Paper for ICAE 2018	08/2019
Royal Society International Exchanges Award	03/2018
Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) Global Awards 2017 <b>Young Researcher</b> finalist	09/2017
Nominated for the UC Davis College of Engineering Award for the <b>Best Doctoral Dissertation</b>	12/2016
<b>Graduate Student Association Travel Award</b> , University of California, Davis	06/2015
Two <b>Best Presentation in Session Awards</b> at 2014 American Control Conference (ACC), Power Systems/ Fault Detection and Control	06/2014
<b>Graduate Studies Travel Award</b> , University of California	05/2014
<b>Conoco Phillips/Phillips 66 Fellowship</b> in Energy Research and Development	05/2013
Mentee in UC Entrepreneurship Academy for commercializing science and engineering innovations	09/2012
<b>Graduate Student Researcher Award</b> for Engineering or Computer-related Applications	05/2012
Award for Outstanding Party member in Beijing	05/2011
<b>Scholarship for Excellent Student Leader</b> (President of ChemEng Class), Tsinghua University	10/2008
<b>Senior Editor</b> of Sustainable Environment (by Taylor & Francis Group).	

**Associate editor** of Results in Control and Optimization (Elsevier); **Associate editor** of Frontiers in Blockchain; **Associate editor** of AI, Industry and Sustainability (Springer).

**Assistant Editor/Editorial board member** of Applied Energy. **Subject editor** of Advances in Applied Energy. **Editorial board member** of Renewable and Sustainable Energy Transition; ACS ES&T Engineering; Environmental Research Infrastructure and Sustainability; Digital Chemical Engineering.

**Guest editor** of Energies/Processes Journal. Regularly serves as a reviewer for more than 50 international journals and conferences, including Nature, Joule, Advanced Materials, Environment Science & Technology, Water Research, and Computers & Chemical Engineering (outstanding reviewer of 2018) etc.

**Senior Member** of American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), American Chemical Society (ACS) and IChemE  
Committee member of IEEE Cybernetics and Intelligent Systems (CIS) and Robotics, Automation and Mechatronics (RAM) Society; **Secretary** in the Systems, Man and Cybernetics Chapter of the IEEE Singapore Section; **Treasurer** of AIChE Singapore Local Section.

**Program Chair/ Organizing Committee Chair/ Scientific Committee/ Area Chair/ Session Chair/organizer** and panellist of international conferences (more than ten IEEE, AIChE and Applied Energy International Conferences).

**Selected Journal Publications** (More than 80 SCI papers, > 50 as first or corresponding author, h-index = 23, 3 highly cited articles in Engineering, Google Scholar citation > 2000, more than 10 in press or under review)

[53] Shidang Xu, Jiali Li, Pengfei Cai, Xiaoli Liu, Bin Liu\*, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Self-Improving Photosensitizer Discovery System via Bayesian Search with First-Principle Simulations." *Journal of the American Chemical Society* (2021).

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[51] Yuan, Xiangzhou, Xiaonan Wang, Binoy Sarkar, and Yong Sik Ok\*. "The COVID-19 pandemic necessitates a shift to a plastic circular economy." *Nature Reviews Earth & Environment* (2021): 1-2.

[50] Li, Jiali, Mykola Telychko, Jun Yin, Yixin Zhu, ..., Jiong Lu and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Machine Vision Automated Chiral Molecule Detection and Classification in Molecular Imaging." *Journal of the American Chemical Society* (2021).

[49] Li, Yinan, Song Lan, Morten Ryberg, Javier Pérez-Ramírez\*, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "A quantitative roadmap for China towards carbon neutrality in 2060 using methanol and ammonia as energy carriers." *iScience* (2021): 102513.

[48] Yuan, Xiangzhou, Manu Suvarna, Sean Low, Pavani Dulanja Dissanayake, Ki Bong Lee, Jie Li, **Xiaonan Wang\***, and Yong Sik Ok\*. "Applied Machine Learning for Prediction of CO<sub>2</sub> Adsorption on Biomass Waste-Derived Porous Carbons." *Environmental Science & Technology* (2021). **((cover article))**

- [47] Ashraf, Waqar Muhammad, Ghulam Moeen Uddin, Syed Muhammad Arafat, Jaroslaw Krzywanski, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Strategic-level performance enhancement of a 660 MWe supercritical power plant and emissions reduction by AI approach." *Energy Conversion and Management* 250 (2021): 114913.
- [46] Jing, Rui, **Xiaonan Wang\***, Yingru Zhao\*, Yue Zhou, Jianzhong Wu, and Jianyi Lin\*. "Planning urban energy systems adapting to extreme weather." *Advances in Applied Energy* (2021): 100053.
- [45] Daniel Tan, Manu Suvarna, Yee Shee Tan, Jie Li, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "A three-step machine learning framework for energy profiling, activity state prediction and production estimation in smart process manufacturing." *Applied Energy* 291 (2021): 116808.
- [44] Mekki-Berrada, Flore, Ren, Zekun, Huang, Tan, ... and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Two-step machine learning enables optimized nanoparticle synthesis." *npj Computational Materials* (2021).
- [43] Tian, Hailin, **Xiaonan Wang\***, Ee Yang Lim, Jonathan TE Lee, Alvin WL Ee, Jingxin Zhang, and Yen Wah Tong\*. "Life cycle assessment of food waste to energy and resources: Centralized and decentralized anaerobic digestion with different downstream biogas utilization." *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 150 (2021): 111489.
- [42] Liu, Zuming, Shukun Wang, Mei Qi Lim, Markus Kraft, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Game theory-based renewable multi-energy system design and subsidy strategy optimization." *Advances in Applied Energy* (2021): 100024.
- [41] Burnett, Joseph William H., Ziying Sun, Jianwei Li, **Xiaonan Wang\***, and Xiaodong Wang. "Comparative Life Cycle Assessment of NAD (P) H Regeneration Technologies." *Green Chemistry* (2021).
- [40] Li, Lanyu, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Design and operation of hybrid renewable energy systems: current status and future perspectives." *Current Opinion in Chemical Engineering* 31 (2021): 100669.
- [39] Li, Jie, Xinzhe Zhu, Yinan Li, Yen Wah Tong, Yong Sik Ok, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Multi-task prediction and optimization of hydrochar properties from high-moisture municipal solid waste: Application of machine learning on waste-to-resource." *Journal of Cleaner Production* 278 (2021): 123928.
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- [36] Liu, Xiaoli, Yang Xu, Jiali Li, Xuanwei Ong, Salwa Ali Ibrahim, Tonio Buonassisi, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "A robust low data solution: dimension prediction of semiconductor nanorods." *Computers & Chemical Engineering* (2021): 107315.
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- [34] Xie, Qian, Manu Suvarna, Jiali Li, Xinzhe Zhu, Jiajia Cai\*, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Online prediction of mechanical properties of hot rolled steel plate using machine learning." *Materials & Design* 197 (2020): 109201.

- [33] Wang, Shukun, Chao Liu\*, Jie Li, Zhuang Sun, Xiaoxue Chen, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Exergoeconomic analysis of a novel trigeneration system containing supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton cycle, organic Rankine cycle and absorption refrigeration cycle for gas turbine waste heat recovery." *Energy Conversion and Management* 221 (2020): 113064.
- [32] Liu, Zuming, Mei Qi Lim, Markus Kraft, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Simultaneous design and operation optimization of renewable combined cooling heating and power systems." *AIChE Journal* (2020): e17039.
- [31] Li, Yinan, Song Lan, Javier Pérez-Ramírez\*, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Achieving a low-carbon future through the energy–chemical nexus in China." *Sustainable Energy & Fuels* 4 (2020): 6141-6155
- [30] Zhu, Xinzhe, Chi-Hung Ho, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Application of life cycle assessment and machine learning for high-throughput screening of green chemical substitutes." *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering* 8, no. 30 (2020): 11141-11151.
- [29] Jiali Li, Kaizhuo Lim, Haitao Yang, Zekun Ren, Shreyaa Raghavan, Po-Yen Chen, Tonio Buonassisi\*, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "AI applications through the whole life cycle of material discovery." *Matter* 3 (2020): 1-40.
- [28] Liu, Zuming, Yingru Zhao, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Long-term economic planning of combined cooling heating and power systems considering energy storage and demand response." *Applied Energy* 279 (2020): 115819.
- [27] Han, Xi, Wenbo Ning, Xiaoqiang Ma, **Xiaonan Wang\***, and Kang Zhou\*. "Improving protein solubility and activity by introducing small peptide tags designed with machine learning models." *Metabolic engineering communications* 11 (2020): e00138.
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- [18] Han, Xi, Liheng Zhang, Kang Zhou\*, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "ProGAN: Protein solubility generative adversarial nets for data augmentation in DNN framework." *Computers & Chemical Engineering* 131 (2019): 106533.
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- [13] Zhu, Xinzhe, Yinan Li, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Machine learning prediction of biochar yield and carbon contents in biochar based on biomass characteristics and pyrolysis conditions." *Bioresource technology* 288 (2019): 121527.
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- [11] **Wang, Xiaonan\***, Koen H. van Dam, Charalampos Triantafyllidis, Rembrandt HEM Koppelaar, and Nilay Shah. "Energy-water nexus design and operation towards the sustainable development goals." *Computers & Chemical Engineering* 124 (2019): 162-171.
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- [6] **Xiaonan Wang\***, Lanyu Li, Ahmet Palazoglu, Nael H. El-Farra, and Nilay Shah. "Optimization and control of offshore wind systems with energy storage." *Energy Conversion and Management* 173 (2018): 426-437.
- [5] **Xiaonan Wang\***, Miao Guo, Rembrandt H.E.M. Koppelaar, Koen H. van Dam, Charalampos Triantafyllidis, and Nilay Shah. "A nexus approach for sustainable urban Energy-Water-Waste systems planning and operation", *Environmental science & technology* 52, 5 (2018): 3257–3266.

- [4] Niclas Bieber, Jen Ho Ker, **Xiaonan Wang\***, Koen H. van Dam, Charalampos Triantafyllidis, Rembrandt H.E.M. Koppelaar, and Nilay Shah. "Sustainable planning of the Energy-Water-Food nexus using decision making tools", *Energy Policy* 113 (2018): 584-607. **(ESI highly cited paper)**
- [3] Lanyu Li, Pei Liu, Zheng Li and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "A Multi-Objective Optimization Approach for Selection of Energy Storage Systems", *Computers & Chemical Engineering* 115 (2018): 213-225.
- [2] **Xiaonan Wang**, Ahmet Palazoglu, and Nael H. El-Farra\*. "Optimal scheduling of responsive industrial production with hybrid renewable energy systems". *Renewable Energy* 100 (2017): 53–64.
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#### ***Selected Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings Full Paper***

- [10] Han Wang, Wei Lin, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Special Issue on Selected Papers from CIS-RAM2019—Cybernetics and Intelligent Systems (CIS) and Robotics, Automation and Mechatronics (RAM)". *Unmanned Systems* (2020): 1-2.
- [9] Lanyu Li, Siming You, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "Optimal design of standalone hybrid renewable energy systems with biochar production in remote rural areas: a case study." *Energy Procedia* 158 (2019): 688-693.
- [8] Lanyu Li, and **Xiaonan Wang\***. "A Data-Driven Approach for Design and Optimization of Energy Storage Systems." In *Computer Aided Chemical Engineering*, vol. 44, pp. 1759-1764. Elsevier, 2018.
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- [4] **Xiaonan Wang\***, Miao Guo, Rembrandt H.E.M. Koppelaar, Koen H. van Dam, Charalampos Triantafyllidis, and Nilay Shah. "Waste-Energy-Water systems in sustainable city development using the resilience.io platform." *Computer Aided Chemical Engineering*, vol. 40, pp. 2377-2382. Elsevier, 2017.
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#### ***Book Chapters***

- [3] *Intelligent Decarbonisation* (Chapter: Blockchain for decarbonization) Springer Nature, 2021.



[2] *Biochar from Biomass and Waste* (Chapter: The impact of biochar on the economic and environmental feasibility of gasification systems: Cost-benefit and life cycle assessment) Elsevier, 2019.

[1] *Sustainability Assessment: Focusing on different technologies recovering energy from waste* (Chapter: Sustainability Assessment: Focusing on different technologies recovering energy from waste) Elsevier, 2019.

### **Patents Filed**

Po-Yen Chen, Lin Jing, Xiaonan Wang, Qian Xie, Programmable Architecturing of 2D Materials for Anti-Counterfeiting with Deep Learning Authentication (provisional, 2020)

### **Selected Presentations**

Delivered more than 40 presentations/invited talks at international conferences and universities on 5 continents:

[15] “A sustainable carbon-neutral future aided by waste management and AI”, Nature Conference on Waste Management and Valorisation for a Sustainable Future. October, 2021, hybrid. (Plenary Speaker)

[14] “Smart System Engineering leading to a Carbon-Neutral Future”, Global Chinese Chemical Engineering Symposium (GCCES). September, 2021, hybrid. (Invited Speaker)

[13] “AI and Machine Learning through Life Cycle of Environmental Systems”, 2nd Engineering Sustainable Development Conference. December, 2020, virtual. (Plenary Speaker)

[12] “Materials Design: Active Learning Guided Online Materials Synthesis”, 2020 MRS Spring/Fall Meeting. November, 2020, virtual. (Invited Speaker)

[11] “AI aided advanced materials and intelligent manufacturing”, PSE China. November, 2020, Chongqing, China. (Plenary Speaker)

[10] “Active Learning Guided Materials Synthesis and Full-Map Understanding”, The 4th Forum of Materials Genome Engineering. October, 2020, Mianyang, China. (Invited Speaker)

[9] “Sustainable energy-water-food-waste nexus for a circular economy in smart city development” Asian Pacific Confederation of Chemical Engineering (APCChE) Congress, September 2019, Sapporo, Japan. (Keynote Speaker)

[8] “Machine Learning and Data-driven Optimization in Urban Energy and Environmental Systems” The 3rd International Conference on Bioresources, Energy, Environment, and Materials Technology 2019 (BEEM2019) June, 2019, Hong Kong, China. (Invited Speaker)

[7] “Smart City, Smart Energy, Smart Decision Making”, PSE ASIA, the 8th International Symposium on Design, Operation, and Control of Chemical Processes, January 2019, Bangkok, Thailand. (Invited Keynote Speaker)

[6] “Surrogate-Based Optimization for Biocatalytic Manufacturing of Diabetes Drug” 2018 AIChE Annual Meeting, October 2018, Pittsburgh, PA, U.S. (Given more than 15 AIChE talks since 2013)

[5] “Blockchain-based smart contract for energy demand management” (recommended to be published on a special issue of Applied Energy), The 10<sup>th</sup> ICAE, August 2018, Hong Kong, China. (Invited Theme Chair)

[4] "From clean energy research into innovation" Panel at Applied Energy Symposium and Forum: REM2017, October 2017, Tianjin, China. (Invited Chair)

[3] "Waste-Energy-Water systems in sustainable city development using the resilience.io platform", ESCAPE-27 and 10th World Congress of Chemical Engineering, October 2017, Barcelona, Spain.



[2] “Water and energy systems in sustainable city development- resilience.io,” conference talk at Urban Transitions Global Summit, September 2016, Shanghai, China.

[1] “Heat mitigation strategies to reduce urban heat island effects,” Researchers Link - Newton Fund - UFRGS & University of Nottingham, May 2016, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

### ***Selected Funding Applications and Participation***

[15] PI, Smart Systems Engineering, Talent Program at Tsinghua University and MOE, China (total funded ~RMB6,000,000 over 3 years) 2021-2024

[14] **Deputy Director**, Accelerated Materials Development for Manufacturing, Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Programmatic Grant (total funded S\$24,774,600 over 5 years) 2018-2023

[13] PI, Pharmaceutical Innovation Program in Singapore: Pfizer funded project, Data-driven knowledge discovery in pharmaceutical manufacturing through batch process optimization (total funded S\$378,000 over 2 years) 2020-2022

[12] PI, A\*STAR Industrial Alignment Fund, Cyber-Physical Production System (CPPS) - Towards contextual and intelligent response (total funded S\$18,473,400 over 3 years) 2019-2021

[11] PI, National Research Foundation Seed Grant, An intelligent Platform for Efficient Energy Management in an Eco-Industrial Park (total funded S\$ 249,960 over 18 months) 2019-2020

[10] PI, MOE Tier 1 Grant, Pathways to Resilient Food-Energy-Water-Waste (FEW2) Nexus in Singapore (total funded S\$150,527 over 3 years) 2018-2021

[9] PI, AcRF Tier 1 Start-up Grant, Precision Healthcare Development, Manufacturing and Supply Chain Optimization (total funded S\$ 167,998 over 4 years) 2017-2021

[8] PI, MOE Tier 2, “Intelligent Soft Robots with 2D Material Artificial Skin and AI Neural Networks”. (total funded S\$770,000 over 3 years) 2019-2022

[7] Co-PI, Competitive Research Programme (Water), “Highly permeable, superior anti-fouling thin film nanocomposite hollow fibre membranes for energy-efficient desalination”. (total funded S\$2,184,000 over 3 years) 2019-2022

[6] Co-PI, Energy and Environmental Sustainability for Megacities (E2S2), CREATE Singapore 2018-2023

[5] Co-PI, Cambridge Centre for Carbon Reduction in Chemical Technology (C4T), CREATE Singapore

[4] Co-PI, NUS Flagship Green Energy Program, Singapore 2018-2023

[3] Lead researcher, Future Proofing African Cities for Sustainable Growth (total funded £4,915,000 for 4 agencies), by UK Government (DFID) 2014-2016

[2] Lead researcher, Integrated Monitoring and Fault-Tolerant Dispatch of Hybrid Energy Systems (total funded \$281,917), by National Science Foundation (NSF), USA 2014-2017

[1] PI, Energy Research Grant (individual recipient \$18,902), Phillips 66 2013

### ***Research Experience***

**Postdoctoral Research Associate:** *Centre for Process Systems Engineering*

**London, UK**

*Department of Chemical Engineering at Imperial College London*

08/2015- 06/2017

- Built an open-source decision-making platform combining social-economic databases and forecasting, as well as agent-based modeling and resource technology network optimization to deal with challenges of water, sanitation, energy and transportation issues in sustainable and smart city development.

**Research Assistant:** *Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at UC Davis* **CA, USA**

Design and Operational Optimization of Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems 12/2011- 05/2014

Co-generation and Grid-connected Industrial Plants Design and Operation 07/2013- 06/2015

Economic Impacts Analysis in conjunction with Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) 01/2014- 01/2016

**Research Assistant:** *Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center, Texas A&M University* **TX, USA**

Integrating Safety Issues into Process Design 07/2010-08/2010

**Research Assistant:** *National Environment Protection Agency & Tsinghua University* **Beijing, China**

Process Safety and Risk Management for Industrial Parks 02/2010-06/2010

### ***Teaching and Students Supervising Experience***

More than 8 years of teaching experience giving lectures and tutorials with excellent student rating

Lecturer for undergraduate and postgraduate students and practitioners (Optimization for Engineering, Process Dynamics and Control, Chemical Engineering Lab, Research and Communication), NUS

Lecturer for MSc in Sustainable Energy Futures: Urban Energy Systems at Imperial College London (2017)

Lead Teaching Assistant and lecturer for Process Design and Analysis (2012-2015)

Lead Teaching Assistant and reader for Separations and Unit Operations (2013-2014)

Lead Teaching Assistant and lecturer for Computational Methods and Matlab Application (2015)

Instructor of Aspen Plus training courses at UC Davis and Texas A&M University (2010-2015)

### *Alumni and Students trained to date*

- Visiting Professor: Qian Xie, Jijia Cai. Postdoc Research Fellows: Wee Chin Wong, Xinzhe Zhu, Xiaoli Liu, Zuming Liu, Hailin Tian, Tan Huang, Pulkit Chhabra, Song Lan.
- Research Associate/Engineer: Manu Suvarna, Qianyu Chen, Zhiyao Luo.
- PhD students: Xiuxin Yu, Honghao Chen, and Hakan Gul at Tsinghua University. Jiali Li, Lanyu Li, Yinan Li, Jie Li, Yee Shee Tan, Yixin Zhu, Zhiyuan Wang and Xi Han (co-supervised with Dr Zhou Kang), and Apoorva Katragadda (co-supervised with Prof IA Karimi) at NUS.
- MEng/MSc: (since 2017) Chi-Hung Ho, Wei Wang, Ewan Chee, Yun Bin Cho, MunSik Park, Rui Zhuang at NUS; (2016-2017) Sana Noor, Stephanie Travers, at Imperial College London.
- Final Year Project (FYP) Undergraduates (several of them won university-wide research awards: (2017-2020) Jun Yin, U S Vaitesswar, Bowen Feng, Daniel Tian, Tianxun Zhou, Qingyu Chong etc. at National University of Singapore; (2016-2017) Jen Ker, Niclas G Bieber, Yu TJ Cho at Imperial College London; (2014-2015) Holger Teichgraeber, Carson Yu, Sumit Sethi at University of California, Davis.

## ***Industry Experience***

<b>Scientific Advisor</b> to Ziggurat – a BaaS company (Blockchain as a Service)	03/2018 – Present	<b>SG/CH</b>
<b>Scientific consulting</b> to Hunter Water for waste and resource management	05/2018 – Present	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Scientific Service</b> for Ghana Government for sustainable development	01/2017 – 01/2018	<b>Ghana/UN</b>
<b>Researcher:</b> <i>California Independent System Operator (ISO)</i>	06/2014 – 08/2014	<b>CA, USA</b>