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Associate Professor, Institute of Energy, Environment, and Economy, Tsinghua University, 06/2020 – 12/2024
Assistant Professor, Institute of Energy, Environment, and Economy, Tsinghua University, 12/2018 – 06/2020
Research Scientist, Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 07/2017 – 11/2018
Postdoctoral Associate, Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 06/2014 – 06/2017

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Ph.D., Institute of Energy, Environment and Economy, Tsinghua University, China, 06/2014.
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Publications

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Grants

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Co-PI, "Tsinghua-China Forestry Group Forestry Carbon Sink Research Program", University-level Research Program (RMB 6,000,000), 08/2022-06/2024.

Co-PI, "Tsinghua-Three Gorges Climate Governance and Green Transition Research Program" , University-level Research Program (RMB 30,000,000), 08/2021-08/2026.

PI, "Spatially Resolved Land and Grid Model for Carbon Neutrality", the National Science Foundation of China (RMB 3,000,000), 01/2023-12/2025.

PI, "Overseas High - level Talent Program Youth Project" (RMB 2,000,000), 01/2021-12/2023.

Co-PI, "Research on Optimizing the Funding Mechanism of Youth Science Foundation Projects", the National Science Foundation of China (RMB 330,000), 09/2024 - 12/2025.

PI, "System Mapping for Power Sector Reform in China", University College London (GBP 70,000),

12/2024 - 07/2025.

PI, “Research on Recycling and Reuse of New Energy Power Generation Equipment”, China Renewable Energy Engineering Institute (RMB 828,000), 11/2024 - 06/2025.

PI, “Research on the Development Trend of Carbon Electricity Market Reform and Group Participation Strategy”, China Guangdong Nuclear Power Co.,Ltd. (RMB 798,000), 11/2024 - 06/2025.

PI, “Legislation to support future renewable energy development in China and broader carbon reduction research”, Environmental Defense Fund (RMB 450,000), 10/2024 - 12/2025.

PI, “Theoretical underpinnings, policy frameworks, and practical applications of renewable energy market mechanisms”, Tsinghua University Research Institute (RMB 200,000), 09/2024 -09/2025.

PI, “Research on the Assessment and New Type of Power System Modeling of Renewable Energy(Phase III)”,Tsinghua University Research Institute (RMB 150,000), 05/2024 - 04/2025.

PI, “Research on Paid Allocation in the National Carbon Emission Trading Market”, Ministry of Ecology and Environment and Tsinghua University’ s National Governance and Global Governance Research Institute (RMB 100,000), 04/2024 - 12/2024.

PI, “Expanding Renewable and Clean Electricity for Global Corporate Supply Chains”, Carnegie Mellon University (USD 75,000), 03/2024 - 10/2024.

PI, “Market and policy mechanisms for decarbonizing the power sector in the EU and China”, Sino-German Center of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (RMB 629,600), 11/2022 - 10/2025.

PI, “Continuous Emissions Monitoring in China’s Carbon Market: A Case Study of the Power Sector”, Environmental Defense Fund (RMB 490,000), 10/2023 - 12/2024.

PI, “Research on the Mechanism of Coordinated Support for the Development of Renewable Energy by Green Electricity, Green Certificates, and Carbon Markets”, Tsinghua University Research Institute (RMB 300,000), 09/2023 - 09/2024.

PI, “Research on the Path of Green Electricity and Green Certificate Trading and Carbon Asset Trading for New Energy Flat-rate Projects to Increase Income and Efficiency”, Guohua Energy Co., Ltd. (RMB 420,000), 09/2023 - 06/2024.

PI, “Research on the Assessment and New Type of Power System Modeling of Renewable Energy”, Tsinghua University Research Institute (RMB 128,000), 10/2023 - 03/2024.

PI, “Research on the Assessment of Green Energy Development and Transformation in Urban Parks”, China Renewable Energy Engineering Institute (RMB 470,000), 10/2023 - 12/2023.

PI, “The optimization and supporting mechanism of coordinated development of wind and solar power in China”, the National Science Foundation of China (RMB 495,000), 01/2020-12/2023.

PI, “Regional analysis of China’s carbon pricing policy implications on energy and CO_2 emissions”, the International Energy Agency (EUR 131,200), 07/2019-06/2023.

PI, “The role of grid companies in carbon emissions accounting and finance”, Southern Grid (RMB 1,775,000), 02/2022-12/2022.

PI, “Monitoring and diagnosis of urban carbon emissions using power data”, State Grid (RMB 1,600,000), 05/2022-12/2023.

PI, “Green power exchange and power-carbon market coordination for Xiong’an District”, State Grid (RMB 930,000), 05/2022-12/2022.

PI, “Key technologies for power-carbon nexus and green power certification”, State Grid (RMB 800,000), 05/2022-12/2023.

PI, “Integrated economic and social benefit evaluation of energy revolution led by renewable energy in

China", the National Energy Administration/ World Bank China Renewable Energy Scale-up Program (CRESP) (RMB 1,500,000), 10/2019-10/2020.
PI, "Impacts of carbon peaking on economy restructuring", the National Development and Reform Commission (RMB 100,000), 09/2021-06/2022.
PI, "The embodied domestic demand for oil to support energy security", the National Development and Reform Commission (RMB 100,000), 04/2020-12/2020.
PI, "Energy consumption forecast and control targets in the 14th Five-Year Plan period", the National Development and Reform Commission (RMB 100,000), 10/2019-04/2020.
PI, "Financing a new power system with high-share renewable penetration", the Ministry of Finance (RMB 220,000), 05/2021-12/2021.
PI, "Economic analyses on the heating renovation campaign", the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (RMB 100,000), 05/2021-12/2021.
PI, "Introducing auctioning in China's national emissions trading scheme", the Environmental Defense Fund (RMB 495,000), 10/2021-10/2022.
PI, "Data quality analysis and warning systems for the ETS firms", the Environmental Defense Fund (RMB 495,000), 10/2020-10/2021.
PI, "The application of big data in enterprise continuous online monitoring system to environmental governance practice: Statistical analysis and field trials", Tsinghua-INDITEX Sustainable Development Fund (RMB 300,000), 01/2020-12/2021.
PI, "Research and application demonstration of big data system for energy environment of new energy vehicles", Tsinghua University - Toyota Joint Research Institute (RMB 300,000), 01/2020-12/2021.

Conferences

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Forum on Carbon Neutrality and Energy System Transformation, Cambridge, USA, February 11-16, 2025.
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Workshop on Open Modeling Carbon Neutrality of the Power Sector, Berkeley, USA, July 16-25, 2024.
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The 27th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Fort Collins, USA, June 5-7, 2024.
The Second JEEM Conference in Environmental and Resource Economics, Hong Kong, China, December 9-10, 2023.
Research Workshop on Accelerating Green Steel, Pittsburgh, USA, September 30 to October 6, 2023.
The 26th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Bordeaux, France, June 14-16, 2023.
The 6th International Conference of China and Development Studies, Shanghai, China, June 10-11, 2023.
AERE 2023 Summer Conference, Portland, USA, May 31 to June 2, 2023.
Workshop on Climate, the Environment and U.S.-China Relations, Oslo, Norway, May 7-9, 2023.
NBER Environment and Energy Economics Program Meeting, Spring 2023, Cambridge, USA, March 30-31, 2023.

The EU China Climate Expert Dialogue, online, October 20, 2022.
Australia-China Decarbonisation Roundtable, online, March 16, 2022.
The 5th China International Academic Conference on Development, online, June 11-12, 2022.
Workshop on Carbon Pricing Designs for the Power Sector in Selected Countries, online, December 16, 2021.
2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting, online, October 24-27, 2021.
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