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Education

Ph.D. in Geophysics, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA	2011
B.Sc. in Geophysics, Wuhan University, China	2005

Research Interests

- Cryosphere
- Remote Sensing
- Artificial Intelligence for Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Geodesy and Geophysics
- Planetary Geomorphology

Professional Experience

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	2020–present
Associate Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Science	
Head, Graduate Division of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences	
Research Fellow, Institute of Environment, Energy and Sustainability (since 2014)	
Research Fellow, Institute of Space and Earth Information Science (since 2014)	
Assistant Professor (2014–2019)	
Visiting Scholar, University of Utah	2024
Visiting Scholar, Stanford University	2014–2019
George Thompson Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University	2011–2013
Research Assistant, University of Colorado	2006–2011

Honors and Awards (selected)

Distinguished Faculty Stay Award, Department of Geology and Geophysics, University of Utah	2024
AGU John Wahr Early Career Award	2021
Exemplary Teaching Award, Faculty of Science, CUHK	2016, 2023
George Thompson Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University	2011–2013
NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship	2008–2011

Teaching

Exploring the Earth System (ESSC1000), CUHK	since Fall 2016
Solid Earth Dynamics (ESSC2010), CUHK	2014–2023
Applied Geophysics (ESSC4110 & EASC5110), CUHK	since Fall 2017
Remote Sensing: Principles and Applications (ESSC4540 & EASC5540), CUHK	since Fall 2014
Geodesy and Gravity (ESSC4601 & EASC5601), CUHK	2020, 22
Earth System Science (ESGS5001), CUHK	since 2021
Engineering Geology and Applied Geophysics (co-taught with Teng-fong Wong), CUHK	Spring 2016
Research Frontiers in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences (EASC5001/5002), CUHK	2014–2020
Hydrogeology (ESSC3220, co-taught with Teng-fong Wong), CUHK	Fall 2014
Undergraduate Research Mentor, Stanford University	2012–2013

Publications (annotations: graduate students, postdocs[×], undergraduate^{*}, and visiting students[◦])

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8. Ran, J., Ditmar, P., van den Broeke, M., **Liu, L.**, Klees, R., Khan, S. A., Moon, T., Li, J., Bevis, M., Zhong, M., Fettweis, X., Liu, J., Noël, B., Shum, C.K., Chen, J., Jiang, L., and van Dam, T. (2024), Vertical bedrock shifts reveal summer water storage in Greenland ice sheet, *Nature*, 635, 108–113, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-024-08096-3>.
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Active Research Projects

1. Multi-sensor monitoring, geophysical interpretation and prediction of sea level rise in Hong Kong (Co-PI, Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) Collaborative Research Fund) 2024–
2. Thermokarst Landforms on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau: Spatio-temporal Evolution and Future Changes (Co-PI, National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC)/RGC Joint Research Scheme) 2022–
3. Characterization of ancient lake basins on Mars using advanced topographic modelling and innovative spectroscopic techniques (Co-PI, RGC Collaborative Research Fund) 2022–

Completed Research Projects

1. Deep-learning-based mapping of rock glaciers on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau (PI, RGC General Research Fund) 2022–2024
2. Rock glacier distribution across the Hindu Kush Himalaya and the French Alps based on remote sensing and deep learning (Co-PI, PROCORE-France/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme) 2023–2025
3. Hydrological significance of rock glaciers: potential water resources in a warming climate (Co-PI, CUHK–University of Exeter Joint Centre for Environmental Sustainability & Resilience) 2021–2024
4. DeepThaw: Deep-learning-based mapping of thermokarst landforms on the Tibetan Plateau (PI, RGC GRF) 2020–2023
5. GNSS-RECIPE: Global Navigation Satellite System Reflectometry Studies of Elevation Changes in Permafrost Areas (PI, RGC GRF) 2019–2021
6. Kinematics and dynamics of active rock glaciers in western China (PI, RGC GRF) 2018–2021
7. Earth observation to investigate the characteristics and changes of the cryosphere in High Mountain Asia (Co-I, NRSCLC/ESA Dragon 4 Programme) 2016–2020
8. Investigation of characteristics and mechanism of earthquakes associated with the Hutubi gas reservoir (Co-I with T-f Wong as PI, NSFC/RGC Joint Research Scheme) 2016–2019
9. Radar remote sensing investigations on thermokarst dynamics on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, China (PI, RGC GRF) 2016–2019
10. Mass Balance of Greenland Outlet Glaciers: Non-secular Variations From Space Geodetic Measurements (PI, RGC Early Career Scheme Grant) 2015–2018
11. The combined use of L- and P-band radar to retrieve active layer thickness over Arctic permafrost (PI, CUHK Direct Grant for Research) 2017–2018
12. Synergistic investigations of surface deformation in permafrost areas using field and remote sensing observations (Co-PI, Hong Kong RGC Germany/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme) 2016–2017
13. Radar Remote Sensing and Field Investigation of Permafrost Changes in Svalbard (PI, CUHK Direct Grant for Research) 2014–2015
14. Remotely-Sensed Active Layer Thickness (ReSALT) product derived from InSAR data over North Amer-

ican Arctic regions (Co-I, NASA Terrestrial Ecology Program)	2013–2016
15. Collaborative Research: Exploring the Dynamics of the Active Layer and Near-surface Permafrost across the North Slope of Alaska (Co-I, NSF Arctic Natural Science Program)	2012–2015

Research Students Supervised

CUHK Postgraduates

- Joseph H.Y. Ma, *Understanding temporal changes of glacial dynamics with numerical modeling: A case study of Upernivik Isstrøm, Greenland*, MPhil, 2016, PhD at National University of Singapore, now research scientist at Halliburton
- Lingcao Huang, *Mapping non-lake thermokarst landforms on the Tibetan Plateau using remote sensing and deep learning*, PhD, 2019, now Research Assistant Professor at CUHK
- Jie Chen, *Studying permafrost and active layer dynamics in Tibet and Arctic by multi-temporal radar interferometry*, PhD, co-supervised with Hui Lin, 2019, now postdoc at University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Enze Zhang, *Investigating front variations of Greenland glaciers using multi-temporal remote sensing images and deep learning*, PhD, 2020, now postdoc at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Xiyu Chen, *Detecting landscape freeze/thaw onsets and states using active and passive microwave remote sensing data*, PhD, 2021, now at Chongqing Forestry Research Institute
- Yan Hu, *Rock glacier kinematics: A proxy for assessing periglacial dynamics and ground ice content on the Tibetan Plateau*, PhD, 2021, now postdoc at University of Fribourg
- Jiahua Zhang, *Investigating frozen ground dynamics by using Global Navigation Satellite System interferometric reflectometry*, PhD, 2021, now Project Scientist at UCAR
- Billy Ho Ming Tsang, MPhil, 2022, now PhD student at University of Hong Kong
- Xingyu (Carol) Xu, *Investigating Glacial Lakes in the Hindu Kush Karakoram Himalaya Region Using Multi-Source Remote Sensing and Deep Learning*, PhD, 2023, now postdoc at CUHK
- Zhuoxuan (Summer) Xia, PhD, 2020–
- Zhangyu (Joe) Sun, PhD, 2021–
- Jianlong (Herbert) He, PhD, 2022–
- Wensong (Bill) Zhang, PhD, 2023–
- Mengze Li, PhD, 2024–

Postdocs: Bo Hu (2015), Zhiwei Zhou (2016–17), Bao Zhang (2017–18), Guoyan Jiang (2016–19, co-supervised with T-f. Wong), Jiangjun Ran (2018), Lingcao Huang (2020), Yan Hu (2021–24), Xiaofan Zhu (2022), Zhuoyi (Joey) Zhao (2022–23)

Visting Students: Enze Zhang (USTC, 2015), Weiyu Zheng (USTC, 2016), Xiaowen Wang (SWJTU, 2016–17), Wanwan Shao (Lanzhou U, 2016), Zhenming Wu (CAS, 2017), Jiahui Wang (USTC, 2017), Yongxin Liu (Wuhan U, 2017), Yufeng Hu (Wuhan U, 2017–18), Weifan Zhou (Jilin U, 2018), Linyang Xin (Wuhan U, 2019), Yidan Ding (Jilin U, 2019), Haoran Wang (Jilin U, 2019), Chengyan Fan (Lanzhou U, 2021–22)

Services

University, College, and Department Services at CUHK

Member, Executive committee, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences	2022–present
Head, Graduate Division of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences	2020–2025
Member, Search committee of Research Assistant Professor, Dept. of Earth & Environmental Sciences	2024
Member, Faculty of Science Working Group for Earth & Environmental Sciences Programme	2021–2022
Chair, Search committee of Ng Yin Ying Assistant Professor, Earth System Science	2021
Member, Graduate committee, Graduate Division of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences	2014–2024
Department coordinator, Chung Chi College	2015–present
Institutional representative for CUHK, UNAVCO and WInSAR	2015–2023
Member, Expert Committee of the Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change	2019–present

Member, Search committee of assistant and associate professors, Earth System Science Programme	2018
Member, Review panel of Master of Science in GeoInformation Science	2017
Member, Lecturer Search committee, Earth System Science Programme	2015
Library committee, Earth System Science Programme	2014
Science Advisor	
• Eos (AGU's science news magazine)	2024–present
Editorship	
• Member, Editorial Board, <i>Geodesy and Geodynamics</i>	2022–present
• Member, Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Cold Regions Engineering</i>	2023–present
• Guest Editor, <i>Remote Sensing</i>	2022–23
Member of international committees	
• AGU Geodesy Committee	2024–
• AGU Geodesy Awards Committee	2023–24
• Advisory board for International Permafrost Association Standing Committee for Rock Glacier Inventories and Kinematics Interim Executive Committee	2023–24
Reviewer for <i>Earth Surface Processes and Landforms</i> , <i>Earth System Science Data</i> , <i>Journal of Geodesy</i> , <i>Journal of Geophysical Research</i> , <i>Geophysical Research Letters</i> , <i>Earth and Planetary Science Letters</i> , <i>Remote Sensing of Environment</i> , <i>The Cryosphere</i> , <i>Geomorphology</i> , <i>Permafrost and Periglacial Processes</i> , <i>ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing</i> , <i>IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing</i> , <i>IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing</i> , <i>GPS Solutions</i> , <i>Journal of Hydrology</i> , <i>Soil Science Society of America Journal</i> , <i>Pure and Applied Geophysics</i> , <i>Scientific Reports</i> , <i>Frontiers in Earth Science</i> , <i>IPCC's Special Report on Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate</i> , US National Science Foundation, Netherlands Space Office, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, etc.	
Co-chair or session convener for international conferences	
• International Symposium on Polar Sciences – The 40th Anniversary of CHINARE	2024
• The 1st Chinese Symposium on InSAR	2024
• International Conference on Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences for Carbon Neutrality	2023
• The 2nd EAGE/SEG Workshop on Geophysical Aspects of Smart Cities	2022
• Recent Advances in SAR Technology for Earth Observation	AGU Meeting 2016
• Scientific Exploration of the Earth with Multi-modal Remote Sensing Mission	AGU Meeting 2015
• Advances in InSAR Data Processing for Earth System Applications	AGU Meeting 2014
• Advances in Geophysical Characterization of Permafrost Systems	AGU Meeting 2013
Scientific committee member for international conferences	
• 5th International Workshop on Rock Physics	2019
• The 2nd international conference of Digital Belt and Road (DBAR 2017) & The 3rd international conference on remote sensing applications in tropical and subtropical areas (RSATSA 2017)	2017
• The 3rd International Conference on Sensors and Models in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing	2015
• The 8th World Chinese Geosciences Congress	2015
Team member	
• Joint work group ‘Geodesy for the Cryosphere: advancing the use of geodetic data in polar climate modelling’, IAG Inter-Commission Committee on Geodesy for Climate Research	2020–present
• International Permafrost Association (IPA) Action Group ‘Retrogressive thaw slump inventory and machine learning training-data development’	2022–24
• IPA Action Group ‘Rock Glacier Inventories and Kinematics’	2018–23
• IPA Action Group ‘Towards a Permafrost Thaw Subsidence Product within the GTN-P database’	2018–20
• Vulnerability of Permafrost Carbon Research Coordination Network	2012–present
Member of thesis committee	
• Feier Yan, PhD, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	2025

• HO Chung Yan Joanne, MPhil, CUHK (Chair)	2025
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• Zhouyi Zhao, PhD, CUHK	2021
• Wei Lun Alan LIM, PhD, CUHK (Chair)	2021
• Shihan Sun, PhD, CUHK (Chair)	2020
• LAM Hoi Ki, MPhil, CUHK (Chair)	2020
• WONG Yat Chun, MPhil, CUHK (Chair)	2020
• Xueying Liu, PhD, CUHK (Chair)	2020
• Pengcheng Zhou, PhD, CUHK	2020
• Gaohua Zhu, PhD, CUHK	2020
• Xingfu Li, MPhil, CUHK	2020
• LEE Hing Bun, Martin, MPhil, CUHK	2019
• FUNG Ka Ming, PhD, CUHK (Chair)	2019
• Tanghua Li, PhD, University of Hong Kong	2018
• Bing He, MPhil, CUHK	2017
• Xiaowen Wang, PhD, Southwest Jiaotong University	2017
• Keren Dai, PhD, Southwest Jiaotong University	2017
Other	
Treasurer, IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRSS) Hong Kong Chapter	2022–24

Outreach Activities

Exhibition on permafrost carbon feedbacks, Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change	2017–present
Discussion panelist, public screening of ‘Ice and the sky’	2015
Public talk on the Arctic, cryosphere, and climate change	2014–present
• CUHK Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Forum	
• Hong Kong Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change	
• 13th Lau Oi Wah Memorial Science Lecture Series	
• CUHK Knowledge Enrichment Programme for Secondary School Students	
Interview with <i>Hong Kong Economic Journal</i> on Greenland and cryospheric studies	2020

Interview with *Radio and Television Hong Kong* on global climate change

2014

Interview with *Headline Daily* on Greenland and sea level change

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