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Education



## Research Interests

- Cryosphere
  - Remote Sensing
  - Solid Earth's Interactions with Cryosphere, Atmosphere, and Ocean
  - Geodesy and Geophysics
  - Deep Learning Applications in Earth System Science

## Professional Experience

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| The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)  | 2020–present |
| Associate Professor, Earth System Science Programme, 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, Stanford University   | 2014–present |
| George Thompson Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University                          | 2011–2013    |
| Research Assistant, University of Colorado  | 2006–2011    |

## Teaching Experience

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| Exploring the Earth System (ESSC1000), CUHK                                | since Fall 2016   |
| Solid Earth Dynamics (ESSC2010), CUHK                                      | since Spring 2014 |
| Applied Geophysics (ESSC4110 & EASC5110), CUHK                             | since Fall 2017   |
| Remote Sensing: Principles and Applications (ESSC4540 & EASC5540), CUHK    | since Fall 2014   |
| Engineering Geology and Applied Geophysics (co-taught with T-f Wong), CUHK | Spring 2016       |
| Research Frontiers in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences (EASC5001/5002), CUHK | 2014–2020         |
| Hydrogeology (ESSC3220, co-taught with T-f Wong), CUHK                     | Fall 2014         |
| Undergraduate Research Mentor, Stanford University                         | 2012–2013         |
| Teaching Assistant, Experimental Physics, University of Colorado           | 2005–2006         |
| Teaching Assistant, Electricity and Magnetism, University of Colorado      | 2005–2006         |

#### Honors and Awards (since graduate school)

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| AGU John Wahr Early Career Award   | 2021      |
| Nomination for Science Breakthroughs of the Year, Falling Walls Foundation | 2020      |
| Exemplary Teaching Award, Faculty of Science, CUHK                         | 2016      |
| George Thompson Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University               | 2011–2013 |
| NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowship                                    | 2008–2011 |
| CIRES Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship, University of Colorado       | 2006–2007 |

**Publications** (Annotations: graduate students, postdocs<sup>×</sup>, undergraduate\*, and visiting students<sup>◦</sup>)

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5. Ran, J., Ditmar, P., **Liu, L.**, Xiao, Y., Klees, R., and Tang, X. (2021), Analysis and mitigation of biases in Greenland ice sheet mass balance trend estimates from GRACE mascon products, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth*, 126, e2020JB020880, doi:10.1029/2020JB020880.
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9. Michaelides, R. J., Chen, R. H., Zhao, Y., Schaefer, K., Parsekian, A. D., Sullivan, T., Moghaddam, M., Zebker, H. A., **Liu, L.**, Xu, X., and Chen, J. (2021), Permafrost Dynamics Observatory (PDO) – Part I: Postprocessing and calibration methods of UAVSAR L-band InSAR data for seasonal subsidence estimation, *Earth and Space Science*, 8, e2020EA001630, doi:10.1029/2020EA001630.
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77. Panda S., K. Schaefer, **Liu, L.**, E. Jafarov, A. Parsekian, A. Chen, Connecting lake area change, ground subsidence and permafrost carbon dynamics in Prudhoe Bay, *Changing Ice: A Newsletter of Cryosphere Research in Alaska*, December 2015.
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79. Contributing author to Bartsch et al. (2014) Requirements for Monitoring of Permafrost in Polar Regions: A community white paper in response to the WMO Polar Space Task Group.
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81. **Liu, L.** (2011), Studying changes in the cryosphere using radar interferometry: permafrost surface subsidence and glacial unloading deformation, *PhD thesis*, University of Colorado.
82. **Liu, L.**, T. Zhang, K. Schaefer, and J. Wahr, InSAR Observations Revealed Surface Subsidence Over Permafrost in Northern Alaska, *Alaska Satellite Facility News and Notes*, 2011 Spring Volume.

### **Active Research Projects**

1. Deep-learning-based mapping of rock glaciers on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau (PI, Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC) General Research Fund) 2022–present
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–present
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–present
4. DeepThaw: Deep-learning-based mapping of thermokarst landforms on the Tibetan Plateau (PI, HK RGC General Research Fund) 2020–present
5. GNSS-RECIPE: Global Navigation Satellite System Reflectometry Studies of Elevation Changes in Permafrost Areas (PI, HK RGC General Research Fund) 2019–present

### **Completed Research Projects**

1. Kinematics and dynamics of active rock glaciers in western China (PI, HK RGC General Research Fund) 2018–2021
2. Earth observation to investigate the characteristics and changes of the cryosphere in High Mountain Asia (Co-I, NRSCC/ESA Dragon 4 Programme) 2016–2020
3. 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
4. Radar remote sensing investigations on thermokarst dynamics on the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, China (PI, HK RGC General Research Fund) 2016–2019
5. Mass Balance of Greenland Outlet Glaciers: Non-secular Variations From Space Geodetic Measurements (PI, HK RGC Early Career Scheme Grant) 2015–2018
6. 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
7. 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
8. Radar Remote Sensing and Field Investigation of Permafrost Changes in Svalbard (PI, CUHK Direct Grant for Research) 2014–2015

9. Remotely-Sensed Active Layer Thickness (ReSALT) product derived from InSAR data over North American Arctic regions (Co-I, NASA Terrestrial Ecology Program) 2013–2016
10. 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
- Lingcao Huang, *Mapping non-lake thermokarst landforms on the Tibetan Plateau using remote sensing and deep learning*, PhD, 2019, now postdoc at University of Colorado at Boulder
- 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 CAS
- Enze Zhang, *Investigating front variations of Greenland glaciers using multi-temporal remote sensing images and deep learning*, PhD, 2020, now postdoc at University of Texas Austin
- Xiyu Chen, *Detecting landscape freeze/thaw onsets and states using active and passive microwave remote sensing data*, PhD, 2021
- Yan Hu, *Rock glacier kinematics: A proxy for assessing periglacial dynamics and ground ice content on the Tibetan Plateau*, PhD, 2021, now postdoc at CUHK
- Jiahua Zhang, *Investigating frozen ground dynamics by using Global Navigation Satellite System interferometric reflectometry*, PhD, 2021, now postdoc at University of Colorado at Boulder
- Xingyu (Carol) Xu, PhD, 2019–
- Billy Ho Ming Tsang, MPhil, 2020–
- Zhuoxuan (Summer) Xia, PhD, 2020–
- Zhangyu (Joe) Sun, PhD, 2021–

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)

CUHK undergraduate capstone projects (60 since 2014)

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)

Stanford SURGE: Elena Baluyut (Saint Louis U), Manuel Pichardo (Utah State U), Chris Cumberbatch (Morehouse College)

### **University, College, and Department Services at CUHK**

Chair, Search committee of assistant professor, Earth System Science	2021
Head, Graduate Division of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences	2020–present
Member, Graduate committee, Graduate Division of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences	2014–2019
Department coordinator, Chung Chi College	2015–present
Institutional representative for CUHK, UNAVCO and WInSAR	2015–present
Member, Expert Committee of the Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change	2019–present
Member, Search committee of assistant and associate professors, Earth System Science	2018
Member, Review panel of Master of Science in GeoInformation Science	2017
Member, Search committee of lecturer, Earth System Science	2015
Library committee, Earth System Science	2014

## Professional Services

Reviewer for *Journal of Geophysical Research*, *Geophysical Research Letters*, *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, *Remote Sensing of Environment*, *The Cryosphere*, *Geomorphology*, *Permafrost and Periglacial Processes*, *ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*, *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, *Soil Science Society of America Journal*, *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*, *Pure and Applied Geophysics*, *Scientific Reports*, *Frontiers in Earth Science*, *IPCC's Special Report on Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate*, US National Science Foundation, Netherlands Space Office, Hong Kong Research Grants Council, etc.

Session convener and co-chair for international conferences

- 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

Judge for the Outstanding Student Paper Awards AGU Fall Meetings 2011–2016, 2019

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 Action Group ‘Rock Glacier Inventories and Kinematics’ 2018–
- IPA Action Group ‘Towards a Permafrost Thaw Subsidence Product within the GTN-P database’ 2018
- Vulnerability of Permafrost Carbon Research Coordination Network 2012–present

Member of thesis committee

- Xiang Chen, PhD, CUHK (Chair) 2021
- Yi Luan, PhD, CUHK 2021
- NG Tsin Hung, MPhil, CUHK (Chair) 2021
- TAO Ka Chuen, MPhil, CUHK (Chair) 2021
- TAM Hiu Fai, MPhil, CUHK (Chair) 2021
- 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
- Ka Ming Fung, 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

## **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	2014–2017
• 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 <i>Radio and Television Hong Kong</i> on global climate change	2014
Interview with <i>Headline Daily</i> on Greenland and sea level change	2014

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