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EDUCATION

Purdue University

Environmental & Ecological Engineering

Carnegie Mellon University

M.S. in Engineering and Public Policy

Northeastern University (CN)

B.E. in Energy and Power Engineering, School of Metallurgy

West Lafayette, Indiana, USA

01/2024-now

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

09/2022-12/2023

Shenyang, China

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (LCA&TEA)

University of Kentucky & Purdue University

01/2024-now

TEA & LCA of Carbon-negative Copper Communication and Extraction Process

- Developing a new framework combining TEA and LCA information.
- Provide insights on decarbonization through evaluating the environmental performance in the early stage of technology.

Purdue University 08/2024-now

TEA of Gallium recycling technologies

- Complete the preliminary techno-economic analysis of bioleaching of Ga from E-waste.
- Compare the cost of bioleaching of Ga with primary Ga production.

Purdue University & University of Utah

10/2024-now

LCA of rare earth metal mining

Research on life cycle assessment of rare earth metal extraction using bioleaching

Master's Project, Carnegie Mellon University

08/2022-05/2023

Life Cycle Assessment of Blue Hydrogen Production

- Assessed the life cycle greenhouse gas emissions and water usage of blue hydrogen.
- Incorporated IECM (Integrated Environmental Control Model) analysis.

Summer & Winter GEARS Program, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill TEA & LCA of Vanadium Redox Flow Battery

05/2021-09/2021

- Predicted the price and cost of VRB (Vanadium Redox Flow Battery) with a learning curve; Obtained the trade-off between the economic and environmental performance of VRB; Analyzed the feasibility of large-scale production volume of VRB.
- Completed a scientific research poster and digital presentation.

Life cycle assessment of molten salt energy storage

01/2022-02/2021

 Assessed the potential of CO2, NOx, and SO2 emissions of molten salt energy storage installed at the natural gas power plant in the U.S.

SEP Key Laboratory of Eco-Industry, Northeastern University

07/2021-09/2021

Forecast of China's Power Structure Adjustment: 2020-2060

Conducted a comprehensive literature review and academic writing.

PUBLICATIONS

https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&view_op=list_works&gmla=AC6lMd9EfBSdsZX-3EdB3anQEnmnvBoEzc6fGE4k3QV1ibPhjFNhPt4EUFIJ78FHtU2F_XD8hBcHIZUkBnMVFw&user=65X2JTEAAAAJ

LEADERSHIP

Carnegie Mellon University Team

10/2022-06/2023

NASA's Clean Aviation Energy Competition

- Model scenarios to minimize cost and emissions with hydrogen applied in aviation, focusing on hydrogen production, transportation, and storage.
- Gained insights into hydrogen from various industrial experts.
- Won the "Best Presentation Award". https://www.cmu.edu/epp/news/2023/cmu-team-wins-best-presentation-award-at-nasa-competition.html

American Center for Life Cycle Assessment (ACLCA) conference volunteer

09/2024

- Led the sustainable assessment team to conduct LCA of the conference.
- Calculated the carbon footprint of each conference attendee from transport and logging.

WORK EXPERIENCE

World Resources Institute

Beijing, China

Energy data analyst (remote)

03/2022-06/2022

- Research on energy consumption and carbon emissions data from China's transport industry in the last decade.
- Drafted a report on considerations affecting carbon emissions of China's transport industry.

Presentations

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Activities

- Starring, 1st Prize of "English Drama Competition", NEU, 11/2018
- Contestant, 2nd Prize of "Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction Technology Competition", NEU, 11/2018
- Player, 3rd Prize of "National English Contest for College Students, NEU Division", NEU, 10/2018~11/2018
- Contestant, 2nd Prize of "NEU United Nations Knowledge Contest", NEU, 11/2018
- Team member, men's rugby team in UIC, 09/2021

SKILLS & CERTIFICATES

- Computer Skills: Python & MATLAB for optimization
- Professional Skills: GIS for pollution distribution; CAD for mechanical design; ANSYS for fluent dynamics
- Other: Basketball, Rugby, Chinese Calligraphy, Violin