# Jie Wang

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

# The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, China

2025.06 -

Joint appointment in the School of Artificial Intelligence (home department) and the School of Data Science

#### **EDUCATION**

# Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

2020.08-2025.05

Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering at Statistics Track

Advisor: Dr. Yao Xie

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, China

2016.08-2020.11

**B.S** in Pure Mathematics

Department: School of Science and Engineering (SSE)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

His research focuses on decision-making under uncertainty, through the lens of statistics and optimization. Especially, he develops robust and computationally efficient methodology with strong performance guarantees using offline/online, noisy, small-sample/ultra-large-sample, and high-dimensional datasets. He also explores the practical applications of his work in machine learning, healthcare, operations management, and wireless communication.

## HONOR & AWARDS

Winner, INFORMS 2024 Data Mining Society's Data Competition

Runner-up, INFORMS 2024 Computing Society Student Paper Award

Runner-up, INFORMS 2024 Data Mining Best Paper Award Competition

Finalist, Next-Gen Scholar's Symposium 2024

Finalist, INFORMS 2023 Data Mining Society's Data Competition

Winner, Data Mining Best Theoretical Paper, 2023 INFORMS Workshop on Data Mining and Decision Analytics

Travel Award, Mixed Integer Programming Workshop 2023

2022 ISyE Robert Goodell Brown Research Excellence award (Data Science and Statistics Track)

Honorable Mention, Best Student Poster Award, Georgia Statistics Day 2022

Winner, 2022 INFORMS Poster Competition

Best Performance Award for Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam in Statistics, 2021

Travel Award, 2024 IEEE Information Theory Workshop

Travel Award, IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory 2019 and 2024

## Journal Articles Published

- 1. **J. Wang**, R. Gao and H. Zha. Reliable Off-policy Evaluation for Reinforcement Learning. *Operations Research*, 2024.
- 2. **J. Wang**, R. Gao and Y. Xie. Sinkhorn Distributionally Robust Optimization. *Accepted at Operations Research*, 2025.
  - Winner of INFORMS 2022 Best Poster Award.
- 3. **J. Wang**, M. Chen, T. Zhao, W. Liao and Y. Xie. A Manifold Two-Sample Test Study: Integral Probability Metric with Neural Networks. *Information and Inference: A Journal of the IMA*, 2023.
- 4. **J. Wang**, S. Yang, Y. Dong and Y. Zhang. On Achievable Rates of Line Networks with Generalized Batched Network Coding. *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communication*, 2024.
- 5. Y. Dong, S. Yang, **J. Wang** and F. Cheng. Throughput and Latency Analysis for Line Networks With Outage Links . *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory*, 2024.

#### Journal Articles Submitted

- 1. Y. Hu, J. Wang, X. Chen, and N. He. Multi-level Monte-Carlo Gradient Methods for Stochastic Optimization with Biased Oracles. *Major Revision at Operations Research*, 2025.
- 2. **J. Wang**, S. Dey and Y. Xie. Variable Selection for Kernel Two-Sample Testing. *Major Revision at Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 2024.
  - Runner-up of the INFORMS 2024 Computing Society (ICS) Student Paper Award
  - Selected for Poster Presentation at Mixed Integer Programming (MIP) Workshop 2023.

## Working Papers/Preprints

- 1. J. Wang, R. Gao and Y. Xie. Regularization for Adversarial Robust Learning.
  - Winner of 18th INFORMS Data Mining and Decision Analytics Workshop Best Paper Competition Theoretical Track.
  - In preparation to submit to Operations Research.

# Conference Papers Published in Machine Learning

- 1. **J. Wang**, M. Boedihardjo and Y. Xie. Statistical and Computational Guarantees of Kernel Max-Sliced Wasserstein Distances. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2025.
  - Runner-up of the INFORMS 2024 Data Mining Best Paper Award Competition.
- 2. Y. Hu, J. Wang, Y. Xie, A. Krause and D. Kuhn. Contextual Stochastic Bilevel Optimization. Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2023.
  - Journal version to be submitted to Operations Research
- 3. **J. Wang**, R. Moore, R. Kamaleswaran and Y. Xie. Improving Sepsis Prediction Model Generalization With Optimal Transport. *Machine Learning for Health (ML4H) 2022*.
- 4. **J. Wang**, R. Gao and Y. Xie. Two-sample Test with Kernel Projected Wasserstein Distance. *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, 2022.
  - Oral Presentation, acceptance rate 44/1685 = 2.6%.

## Conference Papers Published in Statistics

1. **J. Wang**, R. Gao and Y. Xie. Non-Convex Robust Hypothesis Testing using Sinkhorn Uncertainty Sets. IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), 2024.

- 2. **J. Wang** and Y. Xie. A Data-Driven Approach to Robust Hypothesis Testing Using Sinkhorn Uncertainty Sets. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, 2022.
- 3. **J. Wang**, R. Gao and Y. Xie. Two-sample Test using Projected Wasserstein Distance. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, 2021.

Conference Papers Published in Wireless Communication

- 1. H. H. Yin and J. Wang. Sparse Degree Optimization for BATS Codes. Information Theory Workshop (ITW), 2024.
- 2. H. H. Yin, **J. Wang** and S. S. Chow. Distributionally Robust Degree Optimization for BATS Codes. IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), 2024.
- 3. **J. Wang**, T. Bozkus, Y. Xie and U. Mitra. Reliable Adaptive Recoding for Batched Network Coding with Burst-Noise Channels. *Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers* 2023.
  - Journal version to be submitted to IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing
- 4. **J. Wang**, Z. Jia, H. H. Yin and S. Yang. Small-Sample Inferred Adaptive Recoding for Batched Network Coding. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, 2021.
- 5. S. Yang and **J. Wang**. Upper Bound Scalability on Achievable Rates of Batched Codes for Line Networks. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, 2020.
- 6. S. Yang, **J. Wang**, Y. Dong and Y. Zhang. On the Capacity Scalability of Line Networks with Buffer Size Constraints. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, 2019.
- 7. **J. Wang**, S. Yang and C. Li. On the Tightness of a Cut-Set Bound on Network Function Computation. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, 2018.
- 8. **J. Wang**, J. Ma, J. Yang and S. Yang. Efficient Underwater Sensor Network Data Collection Employing Unmanned Ships. The 14th ACM International Conference on Underwater Networks & Systems (wuwnet), 2019.

## **TEACHING**

**Instructor** at Georgia Tech (In-person)

Spring 2025

Methods and Applications of Machine Learning (ISYE 4600)

**Instructor** at Georgia Tech (In-person)

Summer 2024

Simulation Analysis and Design (ISYE 3044)

Overall Evaluation: 4.8 out of 5.0

**Instructor** at Georgia Tech (In-person)

Spring 2024

Statistics and Applications (ISYE 3770)

Overall Evaluation: 4.2 out of 5.0

**Teaching Assistant** at Georgia Tech (In-person)

Fall 2021

Design and Analysis of Experiments (ISYE 6413)

Overall Evaluation: 4.7 out of 5.0

Teaching Assistant at Georgia Tech (Online)

Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

Engineering Optimization (ISYE 3133)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

## Journal Referee for:

- IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing
- IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory
- IEEE Transactions on Information Theory
- Mathematical Programming
- Journal of Global Optimization
- Optimization Letters
- Systems & Control Letters
- Statistics and Computing
- Operations Research
- Journal of Machine Learning Research
- Naval Research Logistics

## Conference Reviewer for:

- AISTATS 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- ICLR 2024, 2025
- NeurIPS 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- ICML 2023, 2024, 2025

Session Organizer for: INFORMS Optimization Society Conference, Houston, US, 2024

Program Committee for: AAAI 2025

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 9 December 2024, HKUST IEDA Seminar
- 4 December 2024, SJTU ACEM Seminar
- 30 November 2024, CUHK(SZ) SDS Program Seminar
- 18 November 2024, Tsinghua University IE Program Seminar
- 12 November 2024, Singapore University of Technology and Design ESD Pillar Seminar
- 18 October 2024, HKUST(GZ) IoT Thrust Seminar
- 2024 Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers
- 2024 SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science
- 2024 INFORMS Annual Meeting, oral talk
- 2024 Next-Gen Scholar's Symposium
- 2024 Purdue Operations Conference
- 2024 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)
- 2024 Princeton Workshop on Optimization, Learning, and Control
- 2024 International Symposium on Mathematical Programming

- 2024 ISyE Junior Researcher Workshop
- 2024 INFORMS Optimization Society Conference
- 2023 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, poster presentation
- 2023 INFORMS Annual Meeting, oral talk and poster presentation
- 2023 INFORMS Workshop on Data Mining and Decision Analytics
- 2023 SIAM Conference on Optimization
- 2023 Mixed Integer Programming (MIP) Workshop
- 2023 ICERM Linear and Non-Linear Mixed Integer Optimization Workshop
- 2022 INFORMS Annual Meeting, oral talk and poster presentation
- 2022 SIAM Seminar at University of Washington (Invited)
- 2022 SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science
- 2022 International Conference on Continuous Optimization
- 2022 North American School of Information Theory, poster presentation
- 2022 Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, virtual
- 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting, virtual
- 2021 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), virtual
- 2020 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), virtual
- 2019 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)
- 2019 International Conference on Underwater Networks & Systems
- 2018 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)