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	Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science and Engine Advisor: Dr. Rong Jin (now VP at Twitter)	ering	2012
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Honors and Awards	<ul> <li>Google Research Scholar, 2022.</li> <li>The 1st Place at MIT AICURES Challenge, 06/2022.</li> <li>The 1st Place at CheXpert Medical Imaging Compe</li> <li>NSF CAREER Award, 2019.</li> <li>Dean's Excellence in Research Scholar, 2019.</li> <li>Old Gold Fellowship, UIowa, 2015.</li> <li>Excellence in Teaching, Berlin-Blank Center, UIowa,</li> <li>Runner-up, Detection competition in Large Scale Vi</li> <li>Best Student Paper Award, The 25th Conference of</li> </ul>	tition, 08/31/2020.  2015. sual Recognition Challenge, 201	
Publications	Refereed Journal Publications: (* supervised/mentored student)  1. Zhishuai Guo*, Zhuoning Yuan*, Yan Yan*, Tianbao Yang. Fast Objective and Duality Gap  Convergence for Non-convey Strongly conveys Min may Problems. Accorded to IMLP with		

- 1. Zhishuai Guo\*, Zhuoning Yuan\*, Yan Yan\*, Tianbao Yang. Fast Objective and Duality Gap Convergence for Non-convex Strongly-concave Min-max Problems. Accepted to JMLR with minor revision.
- 2. Bokun Wang\*, Zhuoning Yuan, Yiming Ying, **Tianbao Yang**. Memory-based Optimization Methods for Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning. Accepted to JMLR with minor revision.

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- Mingrui Liu\*, Hassan Rafique\*, Qihang Lin, Tianbao Yang. First-order Convergence Theory for Weakly-Convex-Weakly-Concave Min-max Problems. *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2021.
- Hassan Rafique\*, Mingrui Liu\*, Qihang Lin, Tianbao Yang. Non-Convex Min-Max Optimization: Provable Algorithms and Applications in Machine Learning. Optimization Methods and Software, 2020.
- 8. Qihang Lin, Selvaprabu Nadarajah, Negar Soheili, **Tianbao Yang**. A Data Efficient and Feasible Level Set Method for Stochastic Convex Optimization with Expectation Constraints. *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2020.
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- 10. **Tianbao Yang**, Lijun Zhang, Qihang Lin, Shenghuo Zhu, Rong Jin. High-dimensional model recovery from random sketched data by exploring intrinsic sparsity. *Machine Learning*, 2019.
- 11. Yi Xu\*, Qihang Lin, **Tianbao Yang**. Accelerate Stochastic Subgradient Method by Leveraging Local Growth Condition. *In Analysis and Applications*, 2019
- 12. Lijun Zhang, **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Zhi-hua Zhou. Relative Error Bound Analysis for Nuclear Norm Regularized Matrix Completion. *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2019.
- 13. **Tianbao Yang**, Qihang Lin. RSG: Beating Subgradient Method without Smoothness and/or Strong Convexity. *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2018.
- 14. **Tianbao Yang**, Lijun Zhang, Rong Jin, Shenghuo Zhu, Zhi-Hua Zhou. A Simple Homotopy Proximal Mapping for Compressive Sensing. *Machine Learning*, 2018.
- 15. Yongan Tang, Jianxin He, Xiaoli Gao, **Tianbao Yang**, Xiangqun Zeng. Continuous amperometric hydrogen gas sensing in ionic liquids. *Analyst*, 2018.
- Dixian Zhu\*, Changjie Cai, Tianbao Yang, Xun Zhou. A Machine Learning Approach for Air Quality Prediction: Model Regularization and Optimization. *Journal of Big Data and Cognitive Computing*, 2018.
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- 21. **Tianbao Yang**, Mehrdad Mahdavi, Rong Jin, Shenghuo Zhu. "Regret Bound by Variation for Online Convex Optimization". *Machine Learning*, 95(2): 183-223, 2014.

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- 24. Steven Hoi, Rong Jin, Peilin Zhao, **Tianbao Yang**. "Online Multiple Kernel Classification". *Machine Learning*, 90(2): 289-316, 2012.
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- Tianbao Yang, Yun Chi, Shenghuo Zhu, Yihong Gong, Rong Jin. "Detecting Communities and Their Evolutions in Dynamic Social Networks: A Bayesian Approach". *Machine Learning*, 82(2): 157-189, 2010.

Refereed Conference Publications: (Highlights: 30 NeurIPS, 29 ICML, 5 COLT, \* supervised/mentored student)

- 1. Quanqi Hu\*, Yongjian Zhong\*, Tianbao Yang. Multi-block Min-max Bilevel Optimization with Applications in Multi-task Deep AUC Maximization. Accepted to NeurIPS 2022
- 2. Wei Jiang\*, Gang Li\*, Yibo Wang, Linjun Zhang, Tianbao Yang. Multi-block-Single-probe Variance Reduced Estimator for Coupled Compositional Optimization. Accepted to NeurIPS 2022
- 3. Yao Yao\*, Qihang Lin, Tianbao Yang. Large-scale Optimization of Partial AUC in a Range of False Positive Rates. Accepted to NeurIPS 2022
- 4. Lijun Zhang, Wei Jiang, Jinfeng Yi, Tianbao Yang. Smoothed Online Convex Optimization Based on Discounted-Normal-Predictor. Accepted to NeurIPS 2022
- Dixian Zhu\*, Gang Li\*, Bokun Wang, Xiaodong Wu, Tianbao Yang. When AUC meets DRO: Optimizing Partial AUC for Deep Learning with Non-Convex Convergence Guarantee. In Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 2022.
- Bokun Wang\*, Tianbao Yang. Finite-Sum Coupled Compositional Stochastic Optimization: Theory and Applications. In Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 2022.
- 7. Zhuoning\* Yuan, Yuexin Wu, Zihao Qiu, Xianzhi Du, Lijun Zhang, Denny Zhou, Tianbao Yang. Provable Stochastic Optimization for Global Contrastive Learning: Small Batch Does Not Harm Performance. In Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 2022.
- 8. Zi-hao Qiu\*, Quanqi Hu\*, Yongjian Zhong, Lijun Zhang, **Tianbao Yang**. Large-scale Stochastic Optimization of NDCG Surrogates for Deep Learning with Provable Convergence. In *Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2022.
- Wei Jiang\*, Bokun Wang\*, Yibo Wang, Lijun Zhang, Tianbao Yang. Optimal Algorithms for Stochastic Multi-Level Compositional Optimization. In Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 2022.
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- 11. Lijun Zhang, Guanghui Wang, Jinfeng Yi, **Tianbao Yang**. A Simple yet Universal Strategy for Online Convex Optimization In *Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2022 (long talk, 118/5630=2%).

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- 15. Qi Qi\*, Youzhi Luo\*, Zhao Xu\*, Shuiwang Ji, **Tianbao Yang**. Stochastic Optimization of Area Under Precision-Recall Curve with Provable Convergence. In *Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing System 32 (NeurIPS)*, 2021.
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- Yunwen Lei, Zhenhuan Yang, Tianbao Yang, Yiming Ying. Stability and Generalization of Stochastic Gradient Methods for Minimax Problems. In Proceedings of International Conference on Machine Learning, 2021.
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- Mingrui Liu\*, Youssef Mroueh, Wei Zhang, Xiaodong Cui, Jerret Ross, Tianbao Yang, Payel Das. Decentralized Parallel Algorithm for Training Generative Adversarial Nets. In Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing System 30 (NeurIPS), 2020.
- 24. Yan Yan\*, Yi Xu, Qihang Lin, Wei Liu, **Tianbao Yang**. Optimal Epoch Stochastic Gradient Descent Ascent Methods for Min-Max Optimization. To Appear in NeurIPS 2020.
- Zhuoning Yuan\*, Zhishuai Guo\*, Xiaotian Yu, Xiaoyu Wang, Tianbao Yang. Accelerating Deep Learning with Millions of Classes. In Proceedings of European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2020
- Qi Qi\*, Yan Yan\*, Xiaoyu Wang, Tianbao Yang. A Simple and Effective Framework for Pairwise Deep Metric Learning. In Proceedings of European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2020
- 27. Zhishuai Guo\*, Mingrui Liu\*, Zhuoning Yuan\*, Li Shen, Wei Liu, **Tianbao Yang**. Communication-Efficient Distributed Stochastic AUC Maximization with Deep Neural Networks. In *Proceedings of Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2020.
- 28. Yan Yan\*, Yi Xu\*, Lijun Zhang, Xiaoyu Wang, **Tianbao Yang**. Stochastic Optimization for Non-convex Inf-Projection Problems. In *Proceedings of Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2020.

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- Pingbo Pan, Ping Liu, Yan Yan, Tianbao Yang, Yi Yang. Adversarial Localized Energy Networks for Structured Prediction. In Proceedings of the 34st Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2020.
- 34. Dixian Zhu\*, Dongjin Song, Yuncong Chen, Cristian Lumezanu, Wei Cheng, Bo Zong, Jingchao Ni, Takehiko Mizoguchi, **Tianbao Yang**, Haifeng Chen. Deep Unsupervised Binary Coding Networks for Multivariate Time Series Retrieval. In *Proceedings of the 34st Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2020.
- 35. Zhuoning Yuan\*, Yan Yan, Rong Jin, **Tianbao Yang**. Why Does Stagewise Training Accelerate Convergence of Testing Error Over SGD? In *Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing System 30 (NeurIPS)*, 2019.
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- 37. Zaiyi Chen\*, Yi Xu\*, Haoyuan Hu, **Tianbao Yang**. Katalyst: Boosting Convex Katayusha for Non-Convex Problems with a Large Condition Number. In *Proceedings of Proceedings of the 36th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2019.
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- 39. Yi Xu\*, Zhuoning Yuan\*, Sen Yang, Rong Jin, **Tianbao Yang**. On the Convergence of (Stochastic) Gradient Descent with Extrapolation for Non-Convex Optimization. In *Proceedings of the International Joint Conference on AI (IJCAI)*, 2019.
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- 50. Mingrui Liu\*, Xiaoxuan Zhang\*, Zaiyi Chen, Xiaoyu Wang, **Tianbao Yang**. Fast Stochastic AUC Maximization with O(1/n)-Convergence Rate. In *Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2018. (acceptance rate: 25%).
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- 52. Qihang Lin, Runchao Ma, **Tianbao Yang**. Level-Set Methods for Finite-Sum Constrained Convex Optimization. In *Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2018. (acceptance rate: 25%).
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- 92. **Tianbao Yang**, Mehrdad Mahdavi, Rong Jin, Jinfeng Yi, Steven C.H. Hoi. "Online Kernel Selection: Algorithms and Evaluations". In *Proceedings of the 26th Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2012.
- 93. Chao-Kai Chiang, **Tianbao Yang**\*, Chia-Jung Lee, Mehrdad Mahdavi, Chi-Jen Lu, Rong Jin, Shenghuo Zhu. "Online Optimization with Gradual Variations". In *Proceedings of the 25th Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, 2012. (\*Equal contributions.)
- 94. **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Mehrdad Mahdavi, Lijun Zhang, Yang Zhou. "Multiple Kernel learning from Noisy Labels by Stochastic Programming". In *Proceedings of the 29th International Conference On Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2012. (acceptance rate: 27.3%)
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- 96. Mehrdad Mahdavi, **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Shenghuo Zhu, Jinfeng Yi. "Stochastic Gradient Descent with Only One Projection". In *Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing System 23 (NIPS)*, 503-511, 2012. (acceptance rate: 25%)
- 97. **Tianbao Yang**, Yu-Feng Li, Mehrdad Mahdavi, Rong Jin, Zhi-Hua Zhou. "Nystrom Method vs Random Fourier Features: A Theoretical and Empirical Comparison". In *Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing System 23 (NIPS)*, 485-493, 2012. (acceptance rate: 25%)
- 98. Jinfeng Yi, Rong Jin, Anil Jain, Shaili Jain, **Tianbao Yang**. "Semi-Crowdsourced Clustering: Generalizing Crowd Labeling by Robust Distance Metric Learning". In *Proceedings of Advances in Neural Information Processing System 23 (NIPS)*, 1781-1789, 2012. (acceptance rate: 25%)
- 99. Jinfeng Yi, **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Anil Jain. "Robust Ensemble Clustering by Matrix Completion". In *Proceedings of 12nd International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, 1176-1181, 2012. (acceptance rate: 20%)
- 100. Wei Tong, Fengjie Li, Tianbao Yang, Rong Jin, Anil Jain. "A Kernel Density Based Approach for Large Scale Image Retrieval". In Proceedings of the 1st ACM International Conference on Multimedia Retrieval (ICMR), 2011.
- 101. Peilin Zhao, Steven Hoi, Rong Jin, **Tianbao Yang**. "Online AUC Maximization". In *Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 233-240, 2011. (acceptance rate: 26%)
- 102. **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Anil Jain. "Learning from Noisy Side Information by Generalized Maximum Entropy Model". In *Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 1199-1206, 2010. (acceptance rate: 26%)
- 103. **Tianbao Yang**, Rong jin, Anil Jain, Yang Zhou and Wei Tong. "Unsupervised Transfer Learning: Application to Text Categorization". In *Proceedings of the 16th ACM SIGKDD conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, 1159-1168, 2010. (acceptance rate: 17.4%)
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- 106. Tianbao Yang, Rong Jin, Yun Chi, Shenghuo Zhu. "Combining Link and Content for Community Detection-A Discriminative Approach". In Proceedings of the 15th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining (KDD), 927-936, 2009. (acceptance rate: 19.6%)
- 107. **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Yun Chi, Shenghuo Zhu. "A Bayesian framework for community detection integrating content and link". In *Proceedings of the 25th Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)*, 990-1001, 2009.
- 108. **Tianbao Yang**, Yun Chi, Shenghuo Zhu, Yihong Gong, Rong Jin. "A Bayesian Approach Toward Finding Communities and Their Evolutions in Dynamic Social Networks". In *Proceedings of the 2009 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM)*, 615-622, 2009. (acceptance rate: 15.7%)

#### Publications

## Workshop Papers and Others

- Mingrui Liu\*, Tianbao Yang. "Stochastic Non-convex Optimization with Strong High Probability Second-order Convergence". In NIPS workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, 2017.
- 2. Yi Xu\*, Qihang Lin, **Tianbao Yang**. "Accelerate Stochastic Subgradient Method by Leveraging Local Error Bound". In NIPS workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, 2016.
- 3. Zhuoning Yuan, Xun Zhou, **Tianbao Yang**, James Tamerius, Ricardo Mantilla. "Predicting Traffic Accidents Through Heterogeneous Urban Data: A Case Study". In 6th International Workshop on Urban Computing (UrbComp 2017) in conjunction with ACM KDD 2017.
- 4. **Tianbao Yang**, Qihang Lin. "Stochastic subGradient Methods with Linear Convergence for Polyhedral Convex Optimization." In *NIPS workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning*, 2015.
- 5. Adams Wei Yu, Qihang Lin, **Tianbao Yang**. "Doubly Stochastic Primal-Dual Coordinate Method for Regularized Empirical Risk Minimization with Factorized Data." In NIPS workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, 2015.
- Zhe Li\*, Tianbao Yang, Lijun Zhang, Rong Jin. "A Two-stage Approach for Learning a Sparse Model with Sharp Excess Risk Analysis." In NIPS workshop on Learning from Easy Data, 2015.
- 7. Syed Shabih Hasan, Ryan B. Brummet, Octav Chipara, Yu-Hsiang Wu, **Tianbao Yang**. "In-situ Measurement and Prediction of Hearing Aid Outcomes Using Mobile Phones". In *International Workshop on Smart and Connected Health (IWSCH 2015)*, 2015.
- 8. **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Yun Chi, Shenghuo Zhu. "Combining Link and Content for Community Detection". In *Encyclopedia of Social Network Analysis and Mining*, Springer Verlag, 190-201, 2014.
- 9. **Tianbao Yang**, Lei Wu, Piero Bonissone. "A Directed Inference Approach Towards Multiclass Multi-model Fusion". In *Proceedings of 11st International Workshop on Multiple Classifier System (MCS)*, 2013.
- 10. Mehrdad Mahdavi, **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin. "Online Decision Making Under Stochastic Constraints". In NIPS workshop on Discrete Optimization in Machine Learning, 2012.
- 11. Mehrdad Mahdavi, **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin. Online Stochastic Optimization with Multiple Objectives. In NIPS workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, 2012.
- 12. **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin, Anil Jain. Learning Kernel Combination from Noisy Pairwise Constraints. In *IEEE SSP Workshop of Statistical Signal Processing*, 2012.

13. Wei Tong, **Tianbao Yang**, Rong Jin. Co-training For Large Scale Image Classification: An Online Approach. In *ICPR workshop on Analysis and Evaluation Large-Scale Multimedia*, 2010.

Softwares

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# RESEARCH GRANTS

- 1. Deep Learning for Fine-Grained Image Classification (\$20,000), Research Fund from NEC Labs America, 2014 2015, PI.
- 2. Scaling up Distance Metric Learning for Large-scale Ultrahigh-dimensional data (\$174,576), NSF CRII Program, 2015 2017, PI.
- 3. New Algorithms of Online Machine Learning for Big Data (\$712,401), NSF Big Data Program, 2015 2018, PI, with Co-PI Padmini Srinivasan.
- 4. Machine Learning for Personalized Asthma Exacerbation Prediction (\$38,038), Pilot Grant, 2017 2018, the Environmental Health Sciences Research Center (EHSRC), PI, with Co-PI Thomas Peters, Philip Polgreen.
- SCH: INT: Collaborative Research: A Framework for Optimizing Hearing Aids In Situ Based on Patient Feedback, Auditory Context, and Audiologist Input (\$701,956). NSF Smart and Connected Health Program, 2018 - 2021, Co-PI, with PI Octav Chipara and Co-PI Yu-Hsiang Wu.
- CAREER: Advancing Constrained and Non-Convex Learning (\$529,066), NSF Career, 2019 -2024. PI.
- 7. Research Award from Tencent AI Lab (\$50,000), 2019 2020. PI.
- 8. Collaborative Research: Online Data Stream Fusion and Deep Learning for Virtual Meter in Smart Power Distribution Systems (\$109,444), NSF, 2019 2022. PI, with Saeed Lotfifard (PI, WSU), Yinghui Wu (Co-PI, WSU)
- 9. Unrestricted Gift Fund from Alibaba Group (\$200,000), 2018 2020. PI.
- 10. Collaborative Research: RI: Small: Robust Deep Learning with Big Imbalanced Data (Total: \$500,000), NSF, 2021 2024. Lead PI, with Yiming Ying (Co-PI, UAlbany)
- 11. FAI: Advancing Optimization for Threshold-Agnostic Fair AI Systems (Recommended for Award, Total: \$800,000). NSF, 2022 2025. Lead PI, with Qihang Lin (Co-PI, UI), Mingxuan Sun (Co-PI, LSU)

Dec. 2016 - Present

Feb. 2019 - Present

12. (Pending) 6 NSF grants.

# Professional Service

#### **Associate Editor**

- Neurocomputing.
- Mathematical Foundations of Computing.

# Senior Program Committee/Area Chair

- The International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML-23).
- Advances in Neural Information Processing System (NeurIPS-22).
- The International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML-22).
- 2022 International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-22).
- The Thirty-six Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-22).
- Advances in Neural Information Processing System (NeurIPS-21).
- The International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML-21).
- The Thirty-fifth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-21).
- The Thirty-fourth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-20).
- 2020 International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-20).
- 2019 International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-19).

- The Thirty-third Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-19).
- The Twenty-Ninth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-15).

# Program Committee

- The Thirtieth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-17).
- The Thirtieth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-16).
- The Twenty-third International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2013).
- ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM 2013).
- ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM 2012).
- The 2012 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT 2012).
- The Twenty-Sixth Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-12), the Fourth Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML 2012).

#### Reviewer

- The 34st Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2020).
- The 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML-19).
- The 21st International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS-18).
- The 34th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML-18).
- The 31st Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2017)
- The 20th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS-17).
- The 33rd International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML-17).
- The 30th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2016)
- The 25th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2016)
- The 22nd ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD 2016)
- The 33rd International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2016)
- The 19th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2016)
- ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data
- Asian Conference on Pattern Recognition, Information Sciences
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks
- Advances in Neural Information Processing System (NIPS) 2013
- Advances in Neural Information Processing System (NIPS) 2014.
- X-risk Optimization: A New Paradigm for Deep Learning Invited Talks at Amazon, NEC Labs, Google, UTHealth, Queensland University.
- Deep AUC Maximization and Applications in Medical Imaging. Invited Talk at INFORMS.
- Deep AUC Maximization. Invited Talk at Google.
- Deep AUC Maximization and Applications in Medical Image Classification.
   Invited Talk at ISU Theoretical and Applied Data Science Seminar, 2020.
- Deep AUC Maximization and Applications in Medical Image Classification. Invited Talk at ICONIP, 2020.
- Deep AUC Maximization and Applications in Medical Image Classification. Invited Talk at RPI Mathematics Seminar, 2020.
- The Power of Stagewise Learning.

  Invited Talk at the workshop of Theory and Modeling of Deep Learning at Duke University, 2020.
- Stochastic Optimization for DC Functions and Non-smooth Non-convex Regularizers with Non-

Talks

asymptotic Convergence.

Invited Talk at the Sixth International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT), 2019.

- Solving Weakly Monotone Variational Inequality and Its Application in GAN Training. Invited Talk at the Third International Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, 2019.
- Solving Weakly-convex Weakly-concave Saddle-point Problems as Successive Strongly Monotone Variational Inequalities.
   Invited Talk at the 3rd International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics (EcoSta), 2019.
- First-order Stochastic Algorithms for Escaping From Saddle Points in Almost Linear Time. Invited Talk at Peking University, 2018.
- First-order Stochastic Algorithms for Escaping From Saddle Points in Almost Linear Time. Invited Talk at ISMP 2018, Bordeaux.
- Fast Stochastic AUC Maximization with O(1/n)-Convergence Rate Oral Presentation Talk at ICML 2018.
- Level-Set Methods for Finite-Sum Constrained Convex Optimization.
   Oral Presentation Talk at ICML 2018.
- Faster Rates of Empirical Risk Minimization for Stochastic Convex Optimization. Invited Talk at University of Albany, 2017.
- Stochastic Convex Optimization: Faster Local Growth Implies Faster Global Convergence Invited Talk at SIAM Conference on Optimization, 2017
- Restarted Subgradient Methods. Invited Talk at INFORMS 2016.
- Restarted Subgradient Methods. Invited Talk at Baidu Research, Sunnyvale, 2016.
- Tracking Slowly Moving Clairvoyant: Optimal Dynamic Regret of Online Learning with True and Noisy Gradient.
   Oral Presentation Talk at ICML 2016.
- Big Data Analytics: Optimization and Randomization. Tutorial Talk at ACML 2015.
- Big Data Analytics: Optimization and Randomization. Tutorial Talk at KDD 2015.
- Theory of Dual-sparse regularized Randomized Reduction. Invited Talk at Nanjing University.
- Theory of Dual-sparse regularized Randomized Reduction. Invited Talk at University of Science and Technology of China.
- Theory of Dual-sparse regularized Randomized Reduction.
   Oral Presentation at ICML 2015.
- An Explicit Sampling Dependent Spectral Error Bound for Column Subset Selection.

Oral Presentation at ICML 2015.

- Distributed Optimization for Big Data Learning. Invited Talk at Statistic and Actuarial Science Department, University of Iowa, 2014.
- On Data Preconditioning for Regularized Loss Minimization. Invited Talk at MOPTA, Lehigh University, 2014.
- Stochastic Optimization for Big Data Analytics.
   Tutorial Talk at SIAM SDM 2014.
- Learning from Noisily Connected Data. Invited Talk at University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, Anhui, China, 2013.
- A Kernel Density Based Approach for Large Scale Image Retrieval.
   Oral Presentation at the 1st ACM International Conference on Multimedia Retrieval (ICMR), Trento, Italy, 2011.
- Online Multiple Kernel Learning: Algorithms and Mistake Bounds.
   Oral Presentation at the 21st International Conference on Algorithmic Learning Theory (ALT), Canberra, Australia, 2010.
- Unsupervised Transfer Learning: Application to Text Categorization.
   Oral Presentation at the 16th ACM SIGKDD conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), Washington, DC, 2010.
- Directed Network Community Detection: A Popularity and Productivity Link Model.
   Oral Presentation at the 2010 SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM), Columbus, Ohio, 2010.

### TEACHING

- Fall 2014, CS:4980, Introduction to Machine Learning
- Spring 2015, CS:3110, Introduction to Informatics
- Fall 2015, CS:3110, Introduction to Informatics
- Spring 2016, CS:4980, Machine Learning
- Fall 2016, CS:5110, Introduction to Informatics
- Spring 2017, CS:5430, Machine Learning
- Fall 2017, CS:3330, Algorithm
- Fall 2018, CS:3330, Algorithm
- Spring 2019, CS:5430, Machine Learning
- Spring 2020, CS:5430, Machine Learning
- Fall 2021, CS:5430, Machine Learning
- Fall 2022, CSCE:689, Large-scale Optimization for Machine Learning