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#### **EDUCATION**

PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering
University of Utah

Sep. 2019-Jun. 2024
GPA:4.0/4.0

M.A. in Statistics

University of California, Santa Barbara

Sep. 2017-Jun. 2019

GPA: 3.9/4.0

B.S. in Statistics
Sep. 2013-Jun. 2017
Sichuan University
GPA: 3.6/4.0

#### **INTERNSHIP**

## **Student Intern (AI4Science)**

May. 2022-Aug. 2022

Lawrence Livermore National Security

- Develop a backpropagation-free training algorithm for a GNN containing non-differentiable modules.
- Paper submitted to AAAI 2024.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou. *Understanding the Impact of Model Incoherence on Convergence of Incremental SGD with Random Reshuffle.*ICML 2020.

**Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou, Shaofeng Zou. *Variance-Reduced Off-Policy TDC Learning: Non-Asymptotic Convergence Analysis*.

NeurIPS 2020.

**Shaocong Ma**, Ziyi Chen, Yi Zhou, Shaofeng Zou. *Greedy-GQ with Variance Reduction: Finite-time Analysis and Improved Complexity.* 

Ziyi Chen, **Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou. *Sample Efficient Stochastic Policy Extragradient Algorithm for Zero-Sum Markov Game*. ICLR 2022.

Ziyi Chen, **Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou. *Accelerated Proximal Alternating Gradient-Descent-Ascent for Nonconvex Minimax Machine Learning*. IEEE ISIT 2022.

Ziyi Chen, **Shaocong Ma**, Yi Zhou. *Finding Correlated Equilibrium of Constrained Markov Game: A Primal-Dual Approach*.

NeurIPS 2022.

**Shaocong Ma**, Ziyi Chen, Yi Zhou, Kaiyi Ji, Yingbin Liang. *Data Sampling Affects the Complexity of Online SGD over Dependent Data*.

UAI 2022.

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

**Reviewer Experiences:** NeurIPS 2021; IEEE BigData 2021; IJCAI-ECAI 2022; ICML 2022; NeurIPS 2022; ICLR 2023; IJCAI 2023; ICML 2023; UAI 2023; NeurIPS 2023; TMLR; IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence.

**Teaching Assistant:** Statistics; Statistics for Life Science; Statistics for Economics; Survival Analysis; Actuarial Statistics; Fundamentals of Signals and Systems.