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RESEARCH INTERESTS	<p>I am interested in causal inference, semiparametric statistics, and machine learning methods. I am passionate about applying advanced methods in statistics and machine learning to answer meaningful questions in biomedical research. My recent research has focused on the estimation of heterogeneous treatment effects in clinical trials or observational studies and identification of individualized treatment rules.</p>	
EDUCATION	<p>Stanford University Stanford, California, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postdoctoral scholar in Biomedical Informatics 11/2020 – present Advisor: Nigam Shah </p> <p>University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ph.D. in Population Health Sciences (Emphasis in Biostatistics) 08/2016 – 08/2020 Thesis advisor: Jincheng Shen and Tom Greene Thesis paper I title: Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule from a cost-effectiveness perspective. Thesis paper II title: An Efficient Approach for Optimizing the Cost-effective Individualized Treatment Rule Using Conditional Random Forest. M.Sc. Statistics 2014 - 2016 Thesis advisors: Nan Hu </p> <p>Liaoning Medical University Liaoning, China <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B.Sc. Nursing 2008 - 2012 </p>	
AWARDS	<p>Joint Statistical Meeting, Student Paper Award 2021 Health Policy Statistics Section, Virtual Conference</p> <p>American Statistical Association, Student Travel Award 2019 Biopharmaceutical Section Regulatory-Industry Statistics Workshop Program, Washington D.C., USA.</p> <p>Student of the Year, Master of Statistics, University of Utah 2017</p> <p>Phi Kappa Phi Inductee, Division of Public Health, University of Utah 2017</p> <p>Student of the Year, Liaoning Medical University 2011</p>	
SKILLS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Statistical programming in R, SAS, Stata, and Python Statistical software building and sharing using GitHub High-performance computing using SLURM Manage (using BigQuery/SQL) and analyze (using virtual machine instances) large database in Google Cloud Platform (GCP) Cohort extraction from claims data and electronic health records (EHRs) using SNOMED, ICD9/10, and LONIC codes Formal scientific writing and presentations Formal mathematical writing using LaTeX Collaborate with diverse groups, e.g., physicians, epidemiologists, computer scientists, etc. 	
BOOK CHAPTER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yizhe Xu, Nikolaos Ignatiadis, Erik Sverdrup, Scott Fleming, Stefan Wager, Nigam Shah (2022). Handbook of Matching and Weighting Adjustments for Causal Inference. Chapter 21: Treatment Heterogeneity with Survival Outcomes. Edited by José R. Zubizarreta, Elizabeth A. Stuart, Dylan S. Small, Paul R. Rosenbaum. Chapman & Hall/CRC Press. ArXiv. 	

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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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PREPRINTS

28. Yizhe Xu, Katelyn Bechler, Alison Callahan, and Nigam Shah (2022). **A Careful Estimation and Evaluation Process of Treatment Effect Heterogeneity: A case study application to dabigatran for patients with atrial fibrillation.** Working paper.
29. Yizhe Xu, Agata Foryciarz, Ethan Steinberg, and Nigam H. Shah (2022). **Clinical Utility Gains from Incorporating Comorbidity and Geographic Location Information into Risk Estimation Equations for Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease.** Working paper.
30. Ethan Steinberg, Nikolaos Ignatiadis, Steve Yadlowsky, Yizhe Xu, and Nigam Shah (2022). **Using Public Clinical Trial Reports to Evaluate Observational Study Methods.** [ArXiv](#)

SOFTWARE

R packages:

- [survlearners](#): Metalearners for estimating heterogeneous treatment effects for survival outcomes.
 - [Treatment heterogeneity with survival outcomes](#): An introduction to five state-of-art metalearners (S-, T, M-, X-, and R-learners)
 - [Metalearners selection](#): A summary of the main considerations and suggestions for choosing metalearners, based on the results from our benchmarking study
 - [A case study with metalearners](#): An illustration of applying metalearners to two large randomized

- controlled trials (SPRINT and ACCORD)
- **CEAOptimalITR**: Estimating the optimal individualized treatment rule (ITR) from a cost-effectiveness perspective.
- **CEAOptimalITREfficient**: An improved version of CEAOptimalITR, and it provides more accurate estimates of the optimal cost-effective ITR with less variability.
- **ECETH**: Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Center for Biomedical Informatics Research (BMIR) Stanford University, California, USA Postdoctoral fellow, funded by the NHLBI R01 grant 'applying statistical learning tools to personalize cardiovascular treatment'.	2020 – Present
Department of Population Health Sciences (PHS) University of Utah, Utah, USA Graduate assistant, funded by the R01 grant 'Optimize-SPRINT study'.	2018 – 2020
Value and Epidemiology Research Using Causal Inference and Data Veteran Affairs, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA Research assistant in the group of Dr. Brian Sauer	2017 - 2020
Study Design and Biostatistics Center (SDBC) University of Utah, Utah, USA Research assistant in the group of Prof. Tom Green.	2016 - 2019
Department of Family and Preventive Medicine (FPMD) University of Utah, Utah, USA Research assistant in the group of Prof. Joseph Stanford.	2014 - 2016

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Metalearners for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects on Survival Outcomes in Experiments. May 2022 American Causal Inference Conference University of California, Berkeley	
Calibration Error for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects. International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) Virtual Conference	March 2022
A Conditional Random Forest Approach to Estimating the Most Cost-effective Individualized Treatment Rule. Journal of Statistical Meetings, Health Policy Statistics Section Virtual Conference	August 2021
Estimating the Optimal Individualized Treatment Rule from A Cost-Effectiveness Perspective. American Statistical Association, Biopharmaceutical Section Regulatory-Industry Statistics Workshop Program Washington D.C.	September 2019
Random-Forest Based Personalized Treatment Rule Optimization from A Cost-Effectiveness Perspective with An Application to the SPRINT Study. The 3rd Annual Translational Hypertension Symposium and Early-Stage Investigator Workshop University of Utah	September 2019
Was the Effect of Intensive Blood Pressure Intervention on CVD Risk Heterogeneous in the SPRINT Study? The 2nd Annual Translational Hypertension Symposium and Early-Stage Investigator Workshop Salt Lake City, Utah	September 2018
Optimal Study Design for Diagnostic Accuracy Studies: Differential Verification versus Partial Verification. Association for Clinical and Translational Science Washington D.C.	September 2017

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant (TA) at University of Utah Math 5010: Introduction to Probability	Fall 2016
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Math 5080: Statistics Inference I.
Math 5090: Statistics Inference II.

Fall 2017
Fall 2018

PEER REVIEW

Journals

Journal of Biomedical Informatics
Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety
npj Digital Medicine

Conferences

AISTATS 2022