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#### **Education**

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

2011-2016

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Electrical and Electronic Engineering

- Thesis: Augmented Distributed Optimization for Networked Systems
- Advisor: Prof. Yeng Chai Soh and Prof. Lihua Xie (IEEE Fellow, IFAC Fellow)

Shandong University, Jinan, China

2005-2009

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Mechanical Engineering

- Ranking: 9/204
- Excellent Undergraduate Thesis Award (top 5%), 2009

#### Research Interests

- Distributed Optimization and Control
- Large-Scale Machine Learning
- Security of Algorithms and Data Privacy
- Network Science

#### Academic **Positions**

- Assistant Professor, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China 9/2019-Present - Postdoctoral Scholar, Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA 9/2018-8/2019 - Postdoctoral Scholar, Arizona State University, Phoenix, USA 10/2017-8/2018
- Research Fellow, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore 8/2016-9/2017

#### **Honors & Awards**

- "One-Hundred Talent Young Scholars", Zhejiang University, 2019
- Excellent Undergraduate Thesis Award (top 5%), 2009
- Outstanding Student Scholarship (top 5%), 2006-2008

### Research **Experience**

Distributed Optimization over Networks [J3, 5, 6-7, 9-10; C2, 5, 7, 8] 5/2013-Present

- Developed several novel distributed algorithms for multi-agent optimization and resource allocation problems over general and adversarial networks,
- Achieved fast (even optimal) rates for these proposed distributed algorithms,
- Investigated the fundamental communication-computation trade-off,
- Applied to sensor fusion problems and economic dispatch of power systems.

Coordinated Control for Networked Dynamical Systems [J2; C1] 8/2011-8/2015

- Designed a new distributed derivative-free scheme for networked dynamic optimization,
- Proposed a primal-dual extremum seeking approach for unknown constraints,
- Applied the proposed scheme to wind farms for energy maximization.

#### Occupancy Modeling for Optimal HVAC Control [J1]

9/2012-5/2013

- Proposed *new stochastic models* for occupancy modeling and prediction,
- Designed distributed model predictive control schemes for large-scale HVAC systems.

# **Projects**

- Participated "Distributed Fog Computing for Non-Convex Big-Data Analytics", NSF-CIF, USA, 2017-2020, Main Participant.
  - "Identification and Isolation of Malicious Behavior in Multi-Agent Optimization Algorithms", NSF-CCF, USA, 2017-2020, Main Participant.
  - "New Generation HVAC Systems Total Energy Efficiency Solutions", NRF-CRP, Singapore, 2012-2017, Participant.
  - "Building Efficiency and Sustainability in the Tropics (SinBerBEST)", NRF (led by UC Berkeley), Singapore, 2012-2017, Participant.

#### **Publications** Journal Articles

- J10 **Jinming Xu**, Ye Tian, Ying Sun and Gesualdo Scutari, "Distributed Algorithms for Composite Optimization: Unified and Tight Convergence Analysis," preprint; online: [pdf]
- J9 **Jinming Xu**, Ye Tian, Gesualdo Scutari and Ying Sun, "Optimal Primal-Dual Algorithms for Distributed Optimization over Networks," *AISTATS 2020*. [pdf]
- J8 Yongyang Xiong, **Jinming Xu**, Keyou You, Jianxing Liu, and Ligang Wu, "Privacy Preserving Distributed Online Optimization over Unbalanced Digraphs via Subgradient Rescaling," *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems*, to appear, 2020.
- J7 Shi Pu, Wei Shi, **Jinming Xu**, Angelia Nedich, "Push-Pull Gradient Methods for Distributed Optimization in Networks," *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, revised and resubmitted, 2018. [pdf]
- J6 **Jinming Xu**, Shanying Zhu, Yeng Chai Soh and Lihua Xie, "A Dual Splitting Approach for Distributed Resource Allocation with Regularization," *IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems*, vol. 6, no. 1: 403-414, 2019. [pdf]
- J5 **Jinming Xu**, Shanying Zhu, Yeng Chai Soh and Lihua Xie, "A Bregman Splitting Scheme for Distributed Optimization over Networks," *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, vol. 63, no. 11, pp. 3809-3824, 2018 (Regular). [pdf]
- J4 Shanying Zhu, Cailian Chen, **Jinming Xu**, Lihua Xie and Johansson Karl Henrik, "Mitigating Quantization Effects on Distributed Sensor Fusion: A Least Squares Approach," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 66, no. 13, pp. 3459-3474, 2018. [pdf]
- J3 Jinming Xu, Shanying Zhu, Yeng Chai Soh and Lihua Xie, "Convergence of Asynchronous Distributed Gradient Methods over Stochastic Networks," *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, vol. 63, no. 2, pp. 434-448, 2018 (Regular). [pdf]
- J2 **Jinming Xu** and Yeng Chai Soh, "A Distributed Simultaneous Perturbation Approach for Large-scale Dynamic Optimization Problems," *Automatica* 72 (2016):194-204 (Regular).
- J1 Zhenghua Chen, **Jinming Xu**, Yeng Chai Soh, "Modeling Regular Occupancy in Commercial Buildings Using Stochastic Models", *Energy and Buildings* 103 (2015): 216-223.

#### **Conference Proceedings**

- C9 **Jinming Xu**, Ying Sun and Gesualdo Scutari, "A Unified Contraction Analysis of a Class of Distributed Algorithms for Composite Optimization,", *CAMSAP 2019*, To apear.
- C8 Shi Pu, Wei Shi, **Jinming Xu**, Angelia Nedich, "A Push-Pull Gradient Method for Distributed Optimization in Networks,", In *Proceedings of 57th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 2018.
- C7 **Jinming Xu**, Shanying Zhu, Yeng Chai Soh and Lihua Xie, "A Dual Splitting Algorithm for Distributed Resource Allocation Problems,", In *Proceedings of 56th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 2017.
- C6 Shanying Zhu, **Jinming Xu**, Cailian Chen, Xinping Guan and Binqiang Xue, "DINS: A Scheme for Distributed Sensor Fusion over Fading Channels," *IFAC-PapersOnLine* 50(1), 2017: 14284-14289.
- C5 **Jinming Xu**, Shanying Zhu, Yeng Chai Soh and Lihua Xie, "A Forward-Backward Bregman Splitting Scheme for Regularized Distributed Optimization Problems," In *Proceedings of 55th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, 2016.
- C4 Shanying Zhu, Jinming Xu, Cailian Chen and Xinping Guan, "A Least Square Approach for Distributed Sensor Fusion in Bandwidth-constrained Sensor Networks," In *Proceedings of 41st IEEE Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2016.
- C3 Shanying Zhu, Shuai Liu, **Jinming Xu**, Yeng Chai Soh, and Lihua Xie, "Averaging based distributed estimation algorithm for rate-constrained sensor networks with additive quanti-

- zation model," In Proceedings of 54th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2015.
- C2 Jinming Xu, Shanying Zhu, Yeng Chai Soh and Lihua Xie, "Augmented Distributed Gradient Methods for Multi-agent Optimization under Uncoordinated Constant Stepsizes," In Proceedings of 54th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2015.
- C1 Jinming Xu and Yeng Chai Soh, "Distributed Extremum Seeking Control of Networked Large-scale Systems under Constraints," In Proceedings of 52nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2013.

#### **Presentations** Invited Talks

- School of Mathematical Sciences, Zhejiang University, "Distributed Optimization over Networks: From Algorithms to Complexity Bounds", Shanghai, China 11/2019
- School of Control Science and Engineering, Zhejiang University, "Distributed Optimiza-4/2019 tion over Networks: From Algorithms to Applications", Hangzhou, China
- CSL lab, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "Augmented Distributed Optimization: From Algorithms to Applications", Champaign, IL USA 10/2018
- INFORMS Optimization, "Robust Distributed Optimization for Networks with Unreliable Nodes", Denver, USA 3/2018
- Shanghai Jiaotong University (SJTU), "Augmented Distributed Optimization: A General Primal-Dual Perspective", Shanghai, China 1/2017

#### Conference Talks

- IEEE CDC, "A Forward-Backward Bregman Splitting Scheme for Regularized Distributed Optimization Problems", Las Vegas, USA 12/2016
- IEEE CDC, "Distributed Extremum Seeking Control of Networked Large-scale Systems under Constraints", Florence, Italy 12/2013

### **Professional** Services Activities

- Associated Editor for ICCA 2019, 2020
- Session (co)-Chair for SIAM OPT 2020, ICCA 2020 and CDC 2020
- Program Chair for ECR workshop 2019

#### Reviews

- IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control
- IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems
- SIAM Journal on Optimization
- IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics
- IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics: Systems
- IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks
- IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing
- IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering
- IEEE Conference on Decision and Control
- IEEE International Conference on Control and Automation
- International Conference on Networked Systems
- International Federation of Automatic Control
- International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing

#### Memberships

- IEEE Member (since 2011) • IEEE Control Systems Society (since 2013).