JINMING XU

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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: top 5% among 204
- Excellent Undergraduate Thesis Award (top 5%), 2009

Research Interests

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

Academic Positions

Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

9/2019-Present

9/2018-8/2019

Tenure-Track Professor, College of Control Science and Engineering

Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA

Postdoctoral Scholar, School of Industrial Engineering; Host: Prof Gesualdo Scutari

Arizona State University, Phoenix, USA 10/2017-8/2018

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Host: Prof

Angelia Nedich and Prof Anna Scaglione

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

8/2016-9/2017

Research Fellow, School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Honors & Awards

- "Outstanding Overseas Talent Young Scholars", Zhejiang Province, 2020
- "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,
- Provided a unified algorithmic framework for these proposed distributed algorithms and achieved *fast (even optimal) rates* under this framework,
- 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.

Project Experience

- Jinming Xu (PI), "Distributed Optimization Algorithms: Unified Framework and Fundamental Complexity Analysis", National Natural Science Foundation, China, 240,000RMB, 2021-2023,
- **Jinming Xu (PI)**, "Development of communication-efficient distributed machine learning algorithms", Huawei Technologies, China, 897,000RMB, 2020-2021
- **Jinming Xu (PI)**, "Fundamental Theory and Methods for Distributed Optimization over Networks", Zhejiang University, China, 2000,000RMB, 2020-2025
- **Jinming Xu (Main Participant)**, "Distributed Fog Computing for Non-Convex Big-Data Analytics", NSF-CIF, USA, 270,000USD, 2017-2021.
- **Jinming Xu (Main Participant)**, "Identification and Isolation of Malicious Behavior in Multi-Agent Optimization Algorithms", NSF-CCF, USA, 180,000USD, 2017-2020.

Publications Journal Articles

- J10 Jinming Xu, Ye Tian, Ying Sun and Gesualdo Scutari, "Distributed Algorithms for Composite Optimization: Unified Framework and Convergence Analysis," IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, Early Access, 2021:10.1109/TSP.2021.3086579. [pdf]
- J9 Tie Ding, Shanying Zhu, Cailian Chen, **Jinming Xu** and Xinping Guan, *Differentially Private Distributed Resource Allocation via Deviation Tracking*, **IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks**, vol. 7: 222-235, 2021.
- 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, vol. 7, no. 3, pp. 1366-1378, 2020. [pdf]
- J7 Shi Pu, Wei Shi, **Jinming Xu**, Angelia Nedich, *Push-Pull Gradient Methods for Distributed Optimization in Networks*, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control (Regular)**, vol. 66, no. 1, pp. 1-16, 2020; online available. [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 (Regular), vol. 63, no. 11, pp. 3809-3824, 2018. [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 (Regular), vol. 63, no. 2, pp. 434-448, 2018. [pdf]
- J2 **Jinming Xu** and Yeng Chai Soh, *A Distributed Simultaneous Perturbation Approach for Large-scale Dynamic Optimization Problems*, **Automatica (Regular)** 72 (2016):194-204.
- 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

J12 Jinming Xu, Ye Tian, Gesualdo Scutari and Ying Sun, Optimal Primal-Dual Algorithms for Distributed Optimization over Networks, In Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), Italy, pp. 2381-2391, 2020. [pdf]

- C11 **Jinming Xu**, Ye Tian, Ying Sun and Gesualdo Scutari, "A unified algorithmic framework for distributed composite optimization," In Proceedings of 59th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), Jeju, Korea, pp. 2309-2316, 2020.
- C10 Zhibin Wang, **Jinming Xu**, Shanying Zhu, and Cailian Chen, "A dual splitting method for distributed economic dispatch in multi-energy systems,"In Proceedings of 21st IFAC World Congress, Berlin (Virtual), Germany, pp. 12566-12571, 2020.
- 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 quantization 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 Automation, Tsinghua University, "Distributed Optimization over Networks: Efficient Algorithms and Fundamental Limits", Beijing, China, 06/2020
- Institute of High Performance Computing, A*Star, "When do distributed optimization algorithms meet centralized counterparts and beyond", Singapore 05/2020
- School of Mathematical Sciences, Shanghai Jiaotong University, "Distributed Optimization over Networks: From Algorithms to Complexity Bounds", Shanghai, China 11/2019
- School of Control Science and Engineering, Zhejiang University, "Distributed Optimization over Networks: From Algorithms to Applications", Hangzhou, China 4/2019
- 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
- School of Electrical Engineering, Shanghai Jiaotong University (SJTU), "Augmented Distributed Optimization: A General Primal-Dual Perspective", Shanghai, China 1/2017

Conference Talks

- 59th IEEE CDC, "A unified algorithmic framework for distributed composite optimization", Jeju (virtual), Korea, USA, 12/2020.
- 8th IEEE CAMSAP, "A Unified Contraction Analysis of a Class of Distributed Algorithms for Composite Optimization", Guadeloupe, France, 12/2019.
- 33rd AISTATS, "Accelerated Primal-Dual Algorithms for Distributed Optimization over Networks", Italy (virtual), 06/2020
- 56th IEEE CDC, "A dual splitting algorithm for distributed resource allocation problems", Melbourne, Australia, 12/2017.
- 54th IEEE CDC, "A Forward-Backward Bregman Splitting Scheme for Regularized Distributed Optimization Problems", Las Vegas, USA
- 52nd IEEE CDC, "Distributed Extremum Seeking Control of Networked Large-scale Systems under Constraints", Florence, Italy 12/2013

Professional Services **Activities**

- Guest Editor for Journal of Control Theory and Applications
- Associated Editor for ICCA 2019, 2020
- Session (co)-Chair for CCC 2021, SIAM OPT 2021, ICCA 2020 and CDC 2020
- Program Chair for Global Automation ECR Workshop 2019; TPC members for ICPADS 2020, CACRE 2020

Reviews

- Automatica
- 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
- International Conference on Networked Systems
- International Federation of Automatic Control

Memberships

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

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