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Research Interests

Model selection, High-dimensional statistics, Graphical model, Causal discovery

Education

Ph.D. in Econometrics and Statistics	2021.09 – now
M.B.A.	2023.09 – now
Booth School of Business, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA Advisor: Bryon Aragam	
M.Sc. in Statistics	2019.09 – 2021.04
Department of Statistics, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA Advisor: Jingshu Wang	
B.Sc. in Statistics	2015.09 – 2019.06
School of Statistics, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China	

Research

10. **Ming Gao**, Yuhao Wang, and Bryon Aragam, 2025. [Optimal structure learning and conditional independence testing](#)
9. **Ming Gao** and Cong Zhang. [Optimizing return forecasts: A bayesian intermediary asset pricing approach](#). *SSRN*, 2024.
8. Jin-Hong Du, Tianyu Chen, **Ming Gao**, and Jingshu Wang. [Joint trajectory inference for single-cell genomics using deep learning with a mixture prior](#). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2024.
7. Yuhao Wang, **Ming Gao**, Wai Ming Tai, Bryon Aragam, and Arnab Bhattacharyya. [Optimal estimation of gaussian \(poly\)trees](#). In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*PMLR, 2024.
6. **Ming Gao**, Wai Ming Tai, and Bryon Aragam, 2023. [Optimal neighbourhood selection in structural equation models](#)
5. Yuxuan Guo, **Ming Gao**, and Xiaoling Lu. [Multivariate change point detection for heterogeneous series](#). *Neurocomputing*, 2022.
4. **Ming Gao**, Wai Ming Tai, and Bryon Aragam. [Optimal estimation of gaussian dag models](#). In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*PMLR, 2022.

3. **Ming Gao** and Bryon Aragam. [Efficient bayesian network structure learning via local markov boundary search](#). *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 34:4301–4313, 2021.
2. Goutham Rajendran, Bohdan Kivva, **Ming Gao**, and Bryon Aragam. [Structure learning in polynomial time: Greedy algorithms, bregman information, and exponential families](#). *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 34:18660–18672, 2021.
1. **Ming Gao**, Yi Ding, and Bryon Aragam. [A polynomial-time algorithm for learning nonparametric causal graphs](#). *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 33:11599–11611, 2020.

Professional Service

Reviewer

- **Journals:** JMLR, JCGS, CSDA, TMLR
- **Conferences:** ICML 2023-2025, NeurIPS 2022-2025, AISTATS 2022-2026, ICLR 2025-2026, CLeaR 2025, AAAI 2025, UAI 2025

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

- BUSN 41901: Probability and Statistics (PhD), Autumn, 2023-2024
- BUSN 41000: Business Statistics (MBA), Winter, 2024-2025

Awards

Arnold Zellner Doctoral Prize	Chicago Booth, 2024
Stevens Doctoral Program research funding	Chicago Booth, 2023 – 2024
Ph.D Program Fellowship	Chicago Booth, 2021 – now
Outstanding Thesis Award	RUC, 2019

Internship Experience

- Research Intern**, 2025.06 – 2025.08
[The Voleon Group](#), Berkeley, USA
- Data Analyst Intern**, 2018.12 – 2019.05
[Department of Dynamic Drilling Computing Engineering, Schlumberger](#), Beijing, China
- Data Analyst Intern**, 2018.07 – 2018.08
[Department of Science and Technology, Industrial Bank of China](#), Shanghai, China
- Quantitative Research Intern**, 2018.01 – 2018.03
[Lion Fund Management](#), Beijing, China