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Position

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

Aug 2022-present

• Postdoctoral Research Associate, Program in Applied and Computational Mathematics. Supervisor: Amit Singer.

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Sep 2017–Jun 2022

 Ph.D. in Computational and Applied Mathematics. Advisor: Daniel Sanz-Alonso.

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

Sep 2013–Jun 2017

• B.S. in Mathematics. College Honors Program.

PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS (Authors are ordered alphabetically in all papers.)

- 1. Daniel Sanz-Alonso and Ruiyi Yang. Gaussian process regression under computational and epistemic misspecification. *To appear in SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis*, 2024+. Preprint available at https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.09225
- Amit Singer and Ruiyi Yang. Alignment of density maps in Wasserstein distance. Biological Imaging, 4:e5, 2024
- 3. Hwanwoo Kim, Daniel Sanz-Alonso, and Ruiyi Yang. Optimization on manifolds via graph Gaussian processes. SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science, 6(1):1–25, 2024
- 4. Bryon Aragam and Ruiyi Yang. Uniform consistency in nonparametric mixture models. *The Annals of Statistics*, 51(1):362–390, 2023
- Nicolás Garcia Trillos, Daniel Sanz-Alonso, and Ruiyi Yang. Mathematical foundations of graphbased Bayesian semi-supervised learning. Notices of the American Mathematical Society, 69(10), 2022
- 6. Daniel Sanz-Alonso and Ruiyi Yang. Finite element representations of Gaussian processes: Balancing numerical and statistical accuracy. SIAM/ASA Journal on Uncertainty Quantification, 10(4):1323–1349, 2022
- 7. Daniel Sanz-Alonso and Ruiyi Yang. Unlabeled data help in graph-based semi-supervised learning: a Bayesian nonparametrics perspective. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 23(97):1–28, 2022
- 8. Daniel Sanz-Alonso and Ruiyi Yang. The SPDE approach to Matérn fields: Graph representations. Statistical Science, 37(4):519–540, 2022
- 9. John Harlim, Daniel Sanz-Alonso, and Ruiyi Yang. Kernel methods for Bayesian elliptic inverse problems on manifolds. SIAM/ASA Journal on Uncertainty Quantification, 8(4):1414–1445, 2020
- 10. Nicolás García Trillos, Daniel Sanz-Alonso, and Ruiyi Yang. Local regularization of noisy point clouds: Improved global geometric estimates and data analysis. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 20(136):1–37, 2019

Awards

• Travel Award, SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification.

2022

- Harper Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago.
 In recognition of record or achievement and professional promise, one of University of Chicago's highest honors.
- Travel Award, SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering. 2021
- Travel Award, SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science. 2020
- Travel Award, GTDAML Graduate Student Conference.

2019

 Alignment of Density Maps in Wasserstein Distance. Oct 2024 SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, Atlanta GA.
 Minisymposium: "Processing data with geometric structure: optimal transport and manifold learning".

• Optimization on Manifolds via Graph Gaussian Processes. University of California Davis MADDD Seminar. $\mathrm{Feb}\ 2024$

Jan 2024

• Optimization on Manifolds via Graph Gaussian Processes. IMS Young Mathematical Scientists Forum—Applied Mathematics, Singapore.

• Optimization on Manifolds via Graph Gaussian Processes. New Jersey Institute of Technology Statistics Seminar. Mar 2023

• Unlabeled Data Help in Graph-Based Bayesian Semi-Supervised Learning. Sep 2022 SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, San Diego CA.
Minisymposium: "Graph-Based Methods in Low-Label Rate Machine Learning".

Graph-Based Approximation of Matérn Gaussian Fields. Aug 2022
 IMSI Workshop on Expressing and Exploiting Structure in Modeling, Theory, and Computation with Gaussian Processes, Chicago IL.

Balancing Numerical and Statistical Accuracy in the SPDE Approach to Gaussian Processes.
 SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification, Atlanta GA. Apr 2022
 Minisymposium: "New Developments in Gaussian Processes".

 Matérn Gaussian Fields on Graphs: Theory and Applications. Joint Statistical Meetings (Virtual).
 Topic-contributed Session: "Algorithms for Threat Detection". Aug 2021

• Graph-Based Methods for Bayesian Elliptic Inverse Problems on Manifold. SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (Virtual). Minisymposium: "Data-Driven Scientific Computing".

Mar 2021

• Graph-Based Approximation of Matérn Gaussian Fields. University of Wisconsin-Madison Statistics Seminar (Virtual). Feb 2021

• Graph-Based Methods for Inverse Problems on Manifolds and Point Clouds. SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science (Virtual). Minisymposium: "Bridging Data Assimilation with Data-driven analysis". Jun 2020

Local Regularization of Noisy Point Clouds.
 GTDAML Graduate Student Conference, The Ohio State University.

Jun 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• Princeton University Course Instructor

- MAT321/APC321 Numerical Analysis and Scientific Computing

Fall 2023

• University of Chicago Guest Lecturer

- CAAM 31440: Applied Analysis.

Fall 2021

• University of Chicago Teaching Assistant

- CAAM 31440: Applied Analysis.

Fall 2021

CAAM 31210: Applied Functional Analysis.
 Fall 2018, 2019, Winter 2021, 2022

- STAT 24300: Numerical Linear Algebra.

Fall 2020

- CAAM 31511: Monte Carlo Simulation. Spring 2020, 2022

- STAT 31700: Introduction to Probability Models.

Winter 2020

- CAAM 31450: Applied Partial Differential Equations.

Spring 2019

- CAAM 31220: Partial Differential Equations.

Winter 2019

Professional Services

- Conference Session Organizer
 SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, Atlanta GA.
 Minisymposium: "Recent Advances in Gaussian Process and Kernel Methods" (with Daniel Sanz-Alonso).
- Journal Referee

 Journal of the American Statistical Association (twice); Journal of the Royal Statistical Society
 Series B; Statistics and Computing; Signal Processing
- Conference Reviewer NeurIPS (2023,2024); ICML (2024); ICLR (2024,2025); AAAI (2025); AISTATS (2025)

Skills Matlab, Python, R.