Zhiyang Wang

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Education

- **University of Pennsylvania** *Philadelphia, USA*
  Ph.D. in Electrical and Systems Engineering 2019 - 2025
  - Advisor: Prof. Alejandro Ribeiro
  - Thesis: Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit
  - Committee: Prof. George Pappas (Chair), Prof. René Vidal, Prof. Mikhail Belkin, Prof. Tara Javidi
- **University of Science and Technology of China** *Hefei, China*
  Master in Electrical Engineering 2016 - 2019
  - Advisor: Prof. Cong Shen
  - Thesis: Small Cell Resource Allocation with Multi-Armed Bandit Theory
- **University of Science and Technology of China** *Hefei, China*
  Bachelor in Electrical Engineering 2012 - 2016
  - Advisor: Prof. Cong Shen

Research Interest

Graph Signal Processing, Graph Neural Networks, Manifold Neural Networks, Geometric Deep Learning, Wireless Communication Networks, Autonomous Systems.

Honors and Awards

- **Rising Stars in Data Science** *November 2024*
  2024 Rising Stars in Data Science Workshop at University of California San Diego
- **Finalist for Asilomar 2024 Best Student Paper Award** *October 2024*
  10 out of 150 were selected for the Best Student Paper Competition at Asilomar
- **EECS Rising Stars** *November 2023*
  2023 Rising Stars in EECS Workshop at Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Rising Star Program in Signal Processing** *June 2023*
  Awarded by International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)
- **EUSIPCO Best Student Paper Award** *September 2021*
  Awarded by European Association For Signal Processing to 3 student finalists at the paper competition Q&A
- **Bruce Ford Memorial Fellowship** *August 2019*
  Awarded by the University of Pennsylvania in recognition of impressive achievements
- **The Dean's Fellowship** *August 2019*
  Awarded by the University of Pennsylvania ESE Department in recognition of exceptional performance
- **National Award for Graduates** *September 2017*
  Granted by Ministry of Education of China to graduate students with excellent academic performance
- **IEEE ICC Student Travel Grant** *2017*
  Awarded by IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC)
- **First Prize in Graduate Academic Scholarship** *2016 - 2019*
  Awarded by the University of Science and Technology of China
- **Excellent Award in the Undergraduate Research Program** *October 2015*
  Awarded by the University of Science and Technology of China
- **First Prize in Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Anhui Division** *September 2015*
  Awarded by China Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics
- **Outstanding Student Scholarship** *2013 - 2015*
  Awarded by the University of Science and Technology of China
- **Outstanding Volunteer of the China Young Volunteers Association** *2013*
  Awarded by China Young Volunteers Association

PUBLICATIONS GOOGLE SCHOLAR

Preprints:

[P.1] **Z. Wang**†, J. Cerviño†, and A. Ribeiro, "A Manifold Perspective on the Statistical Generalization of Graph Neural Networks," *arXiv*, arXiv:2406.05225, 2024. [**arXiv**]

Journals:

[J.9] **Z. Wang**, J. Cerviño, and A. Ribeiro, "Generalization of Geometric Graph Neural Networks With Lipschitz Loss Functions," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 73, pp. 1549-1561, 2025.

[J.8] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro, "Geometric Graph Filters and Neural Networks: Limit Properties and Discriminability Trade-offs," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 72, pp. 2244-2259, 2024. [**pdf**]

[J.7] C. Battiloro, **Z. Wang**, H. Riess, P. Di Lorenzo, and A. Ribeiro, "Tangent Bundle Convolutional Learning: from Manifolds to Cellular Sheaves and Back," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 72, pp. 1892-1909, 2024.

[J.6] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro, "Stability to Deformations of Manifold Filters and Manifold Neural Networks," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 72, pp. 2130-2146, 2024. [**pdf**]

[J.5] A. Parada-Mayorga, **Z. Wang**, F. Gama, and A. Ribeiro, "Stability of Aggregation Graph Neural Networks," *IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks*, vol. 9, pp. 850-864, 2023.

[J.4] A. Parada-Mayorga, **Z. Wang**, and A. Ribeiro, "Graphon Pooling for Reducing Dimensionality of Signals and Convolutional Operators on Graphs," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 71, pp. 3577-3591, 2023.

[J.3] **Z. Wang**, M. Eisen, and A. Ribeiro, "Learning Decentralized Wireless Resource Allocations with Graph Neural Networks," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 70, pp. 1850-1863, 2022. [**pdf**]

[J.2] **Z. Wang**, R. Zhou, and C. Shen, "Regional Multi-Armed Bandits with Partial Informativeness," *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, vol. 66, pp. 5705-5717, 2018.

[J.1] **Z. Wang** and C. Shen, "Small Cell Transmit Power Assignment Based on Correlated Bandit Learning," *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*, vol. 35, pp. 1030-1045, 2017.

Machine Learning Conference Proceedings:

[MC.4] **Z. Wang**, J. Cerviño, and A. Ribeiro, "Generalization of Graph Neural Networks is Robust to Model Mismatch," *Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2025.

[MC.3] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro,"Convolutional Neural Networks on Manifolds: From Graphs and Back," *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS), Workshop: New Frontiers in Graph Learning, 2022.

[MC.2] C. Shen, **Z. Wang**, S. S Villar, and M. van der Schaar, "Learning for Dose Allocation in Adaptive Clinical Trials with Safety Constraints," *International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML), 2020.

[MC.1] **Z. Wang**, R. Zhou, and C. Shen, "Regional Multi-Armed Bandits," *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics* (AISTATS), 2018.

Signal Processing and Communications Conference Proceedings:

[C.16] C. F. Deberaldini Netto, **Z. Wang**, and L. Ruiz, "Improved Image Classification with Manifold Neural Networks," *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (ICASSP), 2025.

[C.15] **Z. Wang**, J. Cerviño, and A. Ribeiro, "Generalization of Geometric Graph Neural Networks," *Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2024. **Finalist for Best Student Paper Award.**

[C.14] **Z. Wang**, Jianlin Guo, Kieran Parsons, Yukimasa Nagai, Takenori Sumi, and Philip Orlik, "Learning Based Routing Link Scheduling in Heterogeneous Wireless loT Networks," *IEEE International Conference on Communications Workshops*, 2024.

[C.13] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro, "Convergence of Graph Neural Networks on Relatively Sparse Graphs," *Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2023.

[C.12] C. Battiloro, **Z. Wang**, H. Riess, P. Di Lorenzo, and A. Ribeiro, "Tangent Bundle Filters and Neural Networks: from Manifolds to Cellular Sheaves and Back," *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (ICASSP), 2023.

[C.11] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro, "Convolutional Filtering on Sampled Manifolds," *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (ICASSP), 2023.

[C.10] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro, "Convolutional Neural Networks on Manifolds: From Graphs and Back," *Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2022.

[C.9] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro, "Stability of Neural Networks on Manifolds to Relative Perturbations," *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (ICASSP), 2022.

[C.8] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, M. Eisen, and A. Ribeiro, "Stable and Transferable Wireless Resource Allocation Policies via Manifold Neural Networks," *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (ICASSP), 2022.

[C.7] **Z. Wang**, L. Ruiz, and A. Ribeiro, "Stability of Neural Networks on Riemannian Manifolds," *European Signal Processing Conference* (EUSIPCO), 2021. **Best Student Paper Award.** [**pdf**]

[C.6] **Z. Wang**, M. Eisen, and A. Ribeiro, "Unsupervised Learning for Asynchronous Resource Allocation in Ad-hoc Wireless Networks," *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (ICASSP), 2021.

[C.5] L. Ruiz, **Z. Wang**, and A. Ribeiro, "Graph and Graphon Neural Network Stability," *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (ICASSP), 2021.

[C.4] **Z. Wang**, M. Eisen, and A. Ribeiro, "Decentralized Wireless Resource Allocation with Graph Neural Networks," *Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2020.

[C.3] **Z. Wang**, Z. Ying, and C. Shen, "Opportunistic Spectrum Access via Good Arm Identification," *IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing* (GlobalSIP), 2018.

[C.2] **Z. Wang** and C. Shen,"Small Cell Power Assignment with Unimodal Continuum-armed Bandits," *IEEE International Conference on Communications* (ICC), Workshop: 5G-UDN, 2018.

[C.1] **Z. Wang**, C. Shen, X. Luo, and M. van der Schaar, "Learn to Adapt: Self-Optimizing Small Cell Transmit Power with Correlated Bandit Learning," *IEEE International Conference on Communications* (ICC), 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

Talks:

- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *April 2025*
  Invited talk at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Department
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *March 2025*
  Invited talk at Colorado State University, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *March 2025*
  Invited talk at North Carolina State University, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *March 2025*
  Invited talk at Texas A&M University, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *February 2025*
  Invited talk at University of Delaware, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Graph Neural Networks: Architectures, Fundamental Properties and Applications** *February 2025*
  Tutorial at AAAI 2025, together with Navid NaderiAlizadeh, Alejandro Ribeiro, and Luana Ruiz
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *February 2025*
  Invited talk at Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *February 2025*
  Invited talk at the Syracuse University, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *January 2025*
  Invited talk at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, School of Data Science
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *January 2025*
  Invited talk at New Jersey Institute of Technology, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *November 2024*
  Rising Stars in Data Science

- **Generalization of Geometric Graph Neural Networks** *October 2024*
  Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *October 2024*
  2024 INFORMS Annual Meeting
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *September 2024*
  Johns Hopkins University Jr. MINDS Seminar
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *April 2024*
  University of Pennsylvania ESE PhD Colloquium
- **Convergence of Graph Neural Networks on Relatively Sparse Graphs** *October 2023*
  Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers
- **THEORINET Critique Retreat** *September 2022*
  Flatiron Institute
- **Learning Decentralized Wireless Resource Allocations with Graph Neural Networks** *May 2022*
  University of Pennsylvania ESE PhD Colloquium
- **Decentralized Wireless Resource Allocation with Graph Neural Networks** *May 2020*
  Intel WAS ISTC Review Meeting
- **Opportunistic Spectrum Access via Good Arm Identification** *November 2018*
  IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing
- **Learn to Adapt: Self-Optimizing Small Cell Transmit Power with Correlated Bandit Learning** *May 2017*
  IEEE International Conference on Communications

Posters:

- **Generalization of Graph Neural Networks is Robust to Model Mismatch** *February 2025*
  Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *November 2024*
  Rising Stars in Data Science
- **Generalization of Geometric Graph Neural Networks** *October 2024*
  Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *October 2024*
  IPAM workshop II: Theory and Practice of Deep Learning
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *September 2024*
  Simons Collaboration on Mathematical and Scientific Foundations of Deep Learning Annual Meeting
- **Manifold Filters and Neural Networks: Geometric Graph Signal Processing in the Limit** *June 2023*
  Rising Stars in Signal Processing Program at ICASSP
- **Convolutional Filtering on Sampled Manifolds** *June 2023*
  International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)
- **Convolutional Neural Networks on Manifolds: From Graphs and Back** *December 2022*
  NeurIPS Workshop: New Frontiers in Graph Learning
- **Convolutional Neural Networks on Manifolds: From Graphs and Back** *October 2022*
  Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

- **Mentor for Graduate Student Javier Porras Valenzuela** *September 2024 - Present*
  University of Pennsylvania
- **Mentor for Graduate Student Romina Garcia** *May 2024 - Present*
  University of Pennsylvania
- **Teaching Assistant for ESE 514 Graph Neural Networks** *Fall 2021*
  University of Pennsylvania
- **Teaching Assistant for ESE 224 Signal and Information Processing** *Spring 2021*
  University of Pennsylvania
- **Teaching Assistant for ESE 680 Graph Neural Networks** *Fall 2020*
  University of Pennsylvania

- **Mentor for Undergraduate Student Martin Alijaj** *June 2020 - August 2020*
  University of Pennsylvania
- **Teaching Assistant for MIMO Wireless Communications** *Fall 2017*
  University of Science and Technology of China
- **Teaching Assistant for C Programming** *Spring 2015*
  University of Science and Technology of China

Grant Writing Experience

- **NSF-SNSF: Generative Graph Models at Scale: Discrete Diffusion, Transferability and Requirements** *2024*
  Responsible for the section on graph representation learning and learning by transference Status: Granted
  Intended award amount: $450,000.00

Work Experience

- **Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories** *Boston, USA*
  Research Intern June 2023 - August 2023
  ◦ Host: Dr. Jianlin Guo
  ◦ Project: Worked on IoT network route scheduling using heterogeneous GNNs
- **Pennsylvania State University** *University Park, USA*
  Visiting Scholar July 2018 - December 2018
  ◦ Host: Prof. Jing Yang
  ◦ Project: Worked on algorithms for constraint bandit models and analyzed their performance

Professional Service

Reviewer:

- **Sampling Theory, Signal Processing, and Data Analysis** *2025*
- **Journal of Manufacturing Systems** *2025*
- **IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications** *2024*
- **IEEE Internet of Things Journal** *2024*
- **IEEE Access** *2024*
- **SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science** *2024*
- **IEEE Wireless Communications Letters** *2024*
- **IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing** *2023 - 2025*
- **IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology** *2021, 2024*
- **IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications** *2023*
- **IEEE Sensors Journal** *2023*
- **International Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering Systems** *2023*
- **IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory** *2024*
- **IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)** *2023 - 2024*
- **Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers** *2022 - 2024*
- **IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)** *2021 - 2025*

Professional Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, C, MATLAB
- **Machine Learning Libraries:** scikit-learn, PyTorch, TensorFlow
- **Natural Languages:** English, Mandarin

Professional Memberships

- **Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)** *2024 - Present*
- **IEEE Signal Processing Society** *2019 - Present*
- **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)** *2017 - Present*

References

Available upon request.