

# BO ZHOU

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## EMPLOYMENT

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### Postdoctoral Research Fellow

*September 2022 - Present*

Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, United States

- Faculty co-advisors: Prof. Siqian Shen and Prof. Ruiwei Jiang

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.**, Electrical Engineering

*June 2022*

**Huazhong University of Science and Technology**, Wuhan, China

- Advisor: Prof. Jinyu Wen

**B.S.**, Electrical Engineering and Automation

*June 2017*

**Huazhong University of Science and Technology**, Wuhan, China

## RESEARCH AREAS

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**Theories:** Integer programming, robust optimization, convex/non-convex optimization, machine learning

**Applications:** Power systems, green energy, energy storage, energy market

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Best Student Paper Award, ACPEE 2024, Hong Kong Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2024
- Frontrunner 5000 top article, Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China, 2023
- University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association Conference Award, University of Michigan, 2023
- National Scholarship for Postgraduate, Ministry of Education, China, 2020
- Excellent Paper Award, iSPEC 2019, IEEE Power & Energy Society, 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Papers in Optimization & Learning

- [1] **Bo Zhou**, Ruiwei Jiang, Siqian Shen, “Submodularity and Supermodularity in Min-Cost Flow Interdiction,” in preparation.
- [2] **Bo Zhou**, Ruiwei Jiang, Siqian Shen, “Bilevel Mixed-Integer Linear Program with Binary Tender,” submitted, 2025. [[arXiv](#)]
- [3] **Bo Zhou**, Ruiwei Jiang, Siqian Shen, “Learning to solve bilevel programs with binary tender,” *the 12th International Conference on Learning Representation (ICLR)*, Vienna, Austria, May, 2024. [[Link](#)]
- [4] Yanru Guo, **Bo Zhou**, Ruiwei Jiang, Siqian Shen, Xi (Jessie) Yang, “Distributionally robust resource allocation with trust-aided parametric information fusion,” in *Proceedings of the 63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, Milan, Italy, December 2024. [[Link](#)]
- [5] Wenjia Shen, **Bo Zhou**, Ruiwei Jiang, Siqian Shen, “Sequential charging station location optimization under uncertain charging behavior and user growth,” in *Proceedings of the 63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, Milan, Italy, December 2024. [[Link](#)]

## Selected Papers in Energy System Operations

- [1] Mohammad Rajabdorri, **Bo Zhou**, Lukas Sigrist, Enrique Lobato, “Implementing General-Order Frequency Dynamic Response Model and Frequency Excursion Duration Criterion in Unit Commitment Problem,” submitted, 2025. [[arXiv](#)]
- [2] Huang Zhou, Shichang Cui, Jiye Wang, Kun Li, Lishen Wei, **Bo Zhou**, Xiaomeng Ai, Jiakun Fang, Jinyu Wen, “Robust Wind Farm Frequency Support for Rapid and Reliable Load Restoration Under Decision-Dependent Uncertainty,” submitted, 2025. [[SSRN](#)]
- [3] Yu-Yang Tang, Liang Chen, Sheng-Jie Chen, Yu-Hong Dai, **Bo Zhou**, Xiaomeng Ai, “A Dynamic Relaxation Framework for Global Solution of ACOPF Problem,” submitted, 2025. [[arXiv](#)]
- [4] Menglin Zhang, Jian Gong, Xiaofei Wang, Qiuwei Wu, **Bo Zhou**, Fangxing Li, Jinyu Wen, “Coordinated Scheduling of Virtual Power Plants Driven by Unbalanced Distribution LMP,” *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, early access, 2025. [[Link](#)]
- [5] Menglin Zhang, Sheng Cai, Yunyun Xie, **Bo Zhou**, Weiye Zheng, Qiuwei Wu, Jinyu Wen, “Supply resilience constrained scheduling of MERs for distribution system restoration: A stochastic model and FW-PH algorithm,” *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, 16(01), 194-2087, 2025. [[Link](#)]
- [6] Xiaomeng Ai, Huang Zhou, Jun Zhou, **Bo Zhou**, Shichang Cui, Jiakun Fang, Jinyu Wen, “Multi-Week Continuous-Time Scheduling of Integrated Electricity and Natural Gas System Against Long-Lasting Stressful Weather,” *Applied Energy*, 383, 125305, 2025. [[Link](#)]
- [7] **Bo Zhou**, Ruiwei Jiang, Siqian Shen, “Frequency stability-constrained unit commitment: Tight approximation using Bernstein polynomials,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 39(04), 5907-5919, 2024. [[Link](#)]
- [8] **Bo Zhou**, Xiaomeng Ai, Jiakun Fang, Kun Li, Wei Yao, Zhe Chen, Jinyu Wen, “Function-space optimization to coordinate multi-energy storage across the integrated electricity and natural gas system,” *International Journal of Electrical Power & Energy System*, 2023(151), 109181, 2023. [[Link](#)]
- [9] **Bo Zhou**, Jiakun Fang, Xiaomeng Ai, Yipu Zhang, Wei Yao, Zhe Chen, Jinyu Wen, “Partial-dimensional correlation-aided convex-hull uncertainty set for robust unit commitment,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 38(03), 2434-2446, 2023. [[Link](#)]
- [10] **Bo Zhou**, Jiakun Fang, Xiaomeng Ai, Shichang Cui, Wei Yao, Zhe Chen, Jinyu Wen, “Storage right-based hybrid discrete-time and continuous-time flexibility trading between energy storage station and renewable power plants,” *IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy*, 14(01), 465-481, 2023. [[Link](#)]
- [11] Menglin Zhang, Qiuwei Wu, Jinyu Wen, **Bo Zhou**, Qingyue Guan, Jin Tan, Zhongwei Lin, Fang Fang, “Day-ahead stochastic scheduling of integrated electricity and heat system considering reserve provision by large-scale heat pumps,” *Applied Energy*, 307, 118143, 2022. [[Link](#)]
- [12] **Bo Zhou**, Jiakun Fang, Xiaomeng Ai, Wei Yao, Jinyu Wen, “Flexibility-enhanced continuous-time scheduling of power system under wind uncertainties,” *IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy*, 12(04), 2306-2320, 2021. [[Link](#)]
- [13] **Bo Zhou**, Jiakun Fang, Xiaomeng Ai, Chengxiang Yang, Wei Yao, Jinyu Wen, “Dynamic Var reserve-constrained coordinated scheduling of LCC-HVDC receiving-end system considering contingencies and wind uncertainties,” *IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy*, 12(01), 469-481, 2021. [[Link](#)]
- [14] Menglin Zhang, Jiakun Fang, Xiaomeng Ai, **Bo Zhou**, Wei Yao, Qiuwei Wu, Jinyu Wen, “Partition-combine uncertainty set for robust unit commitment,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, 35(04), 3266-3269, 2020. [[Link](#)]
- [15] **Bo Zhou**, Xiaomeng Ai, Jiakun Fang, Wei Yao, Jinyu Wen, “Continuous-trajectory robust unit commitment considering beyond-the-resolution uncertainty,” in *Proceedings of the 2020 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM)*, Montreal, Canada, August 2020. [[Link](#)]

- [16] **Bo Zhou**, Jiakun Fang, Xiaomeng Ai, Menglin Zhang, Wei Yao, Zhe Chen, Jinyu Wen, “Linear network model for integrated power and gas distribution systems with bidirectional energy conversion,” *IET Renewable Power Generation*, 14(17), 3284-3291, 2020. [[Link](#)]
- [17] **Bo Zhou**, Jiakun Fang, Xiaomeng Ai, Wei Yao, Zhe Chen, Jinyu Wen, “Pyramidal approximation for power flow and optimal power flow,” *IET Generation, Transmission & Distribution*, 14(18), 3774-3782, 2020. [[Link](#)]
- [18] **Bo Zhou**, Xiaomeng Ai, Jiakun Fang, Wei Yao, Wenping Zuo, Zhe Chen, Jinyu Wen, “Data-adaptive robust unit commitment in the hybrid AC-DC power system,” *Applied Energy*, 254, 113784, 2019. [[Link](#)]

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

- [1] “Sequential Charging Station Location Optimization under Uncertain Charging Behavior and User Growth,” *2024 INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Seattle, United States, October, 2024.
- [2] “Power System Flexibility Trading through Bilevel Optimization,” School of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering, *Southern Illinois University*, Carbondale, United States, October, 2024.
- [3] “Risk-Averse Reinforcement Learning for Real-Time Economic Dispatch,” *2023 INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Seattle, United States, October, 2023.
- [4] “Frequency Stability-Constrained Unit Commitment: Tight Approximation using Bernstein Polynomials,” *2023 INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Phoenix, United States, October, 2023.
- [5] “Differential algebraic equation-constrained frequency-secured stochastic unit commitment,” *SIAM Conference on Optimization (SIAM OP23)*, Seattle, United States, June, 2023.

### Conference Presentations and Posters

- [1] “Learning to Solve Bilevel Programs with Binary Tender,” *Midwest Optimization & Statistical Learning Conference (MOSL)*, Evanston, IL, May, 2025.
- [2] “Learning to Solve Bilevel Programs with Binary Tender,” *the 12th International Conference on Learning Representation (ICLR)*, Vienna, Austria, May, 2024.
- [3] “Differential Algebraic Equation-constrained Frequency-secured Stochastic Unit Commitment,” *2023 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM)*, Orlando, United States, July, 2023.
- [4] “Continuous-trajectory robust unit commitment considering beyond-the-resolution uncertainty,” *2020 IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (PESGM)*, Montreal, Canada, August, 2020.
- [5] “Steady state security region considering post contingency cascaded DC commutation failure,” *2019 IEEE Sustainable Power and Energy Conference (iSPEC)*, Beijing, China, November, 2019.

## TEACHING

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### Mentoring

Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- [1] **Wenjia Shen**, visiting master’s student from Nanjing University, Fall 2023 - Fall 2024  
Main tasks: Advising Wenjia to prepare models and numerical results for her paper that was published in the Proceedings of the *63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC 2024)*.
- [2] **Yanru Guo**, master’s student (currently a PhD student at UMich), Fall 2022 - Spring 2024  
Main tasks: Helping Yanru with formulation setup and preparing instances for her paper that was presented as an invited talk “Trust-Aided Distributionally Robust Resource Allocation with Multi-Source Reference Information” in the *2023 INFORMS Annual Meeting*, and as her paper that was published in the Proceedings of the *the 63rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC 2024)*.

School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Huazhong Uni. of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China

[3] **Huang Zhou**, PhD student, Fall 2022 - Spring 2025

Main tasks: Advising Huang in optimization theory, model formulation, coding, experiment design, and thesis writing during his undergraduate thesis titled “Continuous-time Unit Commitment Considering Interruptible Load” and helping him with model reformulation, algorithm design, and paper writing to expand the work as a journal paper that was published in *Applied Energy*.

## SERVICES

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### Peer Reviewer for Journals and Conferences

- *Power and Energy Systems*:  
 IEEE Transactions on Power Systems | IEEE Transactions on Sustainable Energy  
 IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid | IEEE Transactions on Energy Markets, Policy and Regulation  
 IEEE Power Engineering Letters | IEEE Power & Energy Society General Meeting (2019 – 2025)  
 IEEE Transactions on Transportation Electrification | Sustainable Energy, Grids and Networks  
 Applied Energy | Energy Conversion and Management | Energy | Global Energy Interconnection  
 CSEE Journal of Power and Energy Systems | IET Generation, Transmission & Distribution
- *Operations Research*:  
 INFORMS Journal on Computing | IIESE Transactions

## PROFESSIONAL

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### Professional Affiliations

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Member, 2019 – present
- Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS), Member, 2022 – present

## PROJECT EXPERIENCE

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### Project Participation

- [1] Theories and Computational Algorithms for Optimizing Bilevel Mixed-Integer Nonlinear Programs  
*Funded by U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research* Sep. 2023 - present
- [2] Extreme-Scale Stochastic Optimization via Learning-enhanced Decomposition and Parallelization  
*Funded by U.S. Department of Energy* Sep. 2022 - Aug. 2023
- [3] Adaptive Extreme Scenario Method for Unit Commitment with Wind Power Ramp Event  
*Funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China* Jan. 2018 - Dec. 2020
- [4] Robust Coordinated Planning of Energy Storage in Integrated Electricity and Natural Gas System  
*Funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China* Jan. 2018 - Dec. 2020
- [5] Configuration Optimization and Control Strategy of Energy Storage Stations for the Power System  
*Funded by State Grid Corporation of China* Jan. 2018 - Dec. 2019

### Proposal Writing

- [1] Wildfire-Resilient Electric Power Grids  
*Submitted to the FIRE Program of U.S. National Science Foundation*  
 Role: Helping the PI to prepare literature review and research descriptions.
- [2] Bilevel Program with Ambiguous Followers  
*Submitted to the Operations Engineering Program of U.S. National Science Foundation*  
 Role: Helping the PI to prepare the initial draft including research descriptions and preliminary results.
- [3] Theories and Computational Algorithms for Optimizing Bilevel Mixed-Integer Nonlinear Programs  
*Funded by U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research*  
 Role: Helping the PI to prepare literature review and figures used in the proposal.