Dr. Feng Li

Personal Information

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Work Information

Associate Professor School of Statistics and Mathematics, Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing 102206, China

Associate Dean (June 2016 – December 2022)

Education

2008–2013 Ph.D. of Statistics, Stockholm University, Sweden.

Supervisor: Prof. Mattias Villani.

Thesis: Bayesian Modeling of Conditional Densities.

(won the 2014 Cramér Prize for the best Ph.D. thesis in Statistics and Mathematical Statistics, awarded by

the Swedish Statistical Society)

Thesis opponent: Prof. Sylvia Frühwirth-Schnatter.

Assistant supervisor: Prof. Daniel Thorburn.

2007–2008 Master of Statistics, Darlarna University, Sweden.
 2003–2007 Bachelor of Statistics, Renmin University of China.

Research Interests

Bayesian Inference o Econometrics & Forecasting o Machine Learning o Distributed Statistical Computing

Grants and Projects

- Hierarchical economic forecasting from a global modeling perspective. Funded by the National Social Science Found of China (2022-). Principal Investigator.
- Complex Time Series Forecasting for E-commerce. Funded by Alibaba Innovative Research Program (2021). Principal investigator.
- Development of the Methodologies of Objective Performance Criteria Based Single-Armed Trials for The Clinical Evaluation of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China (2020). Major Investigator.
- Efficient Bayesian Flexible Density Methods with High Dimensional Financial Data. Funded by **National Natural Science Foundation** of China (2016 2019). Principal investigator.
- Bayesian Multivariate Density Estimation Methods for Complex Data. Funded by **Ministry of Education**, **China** (2014 2016). Principal investigator.

Selected Publications

(Complete publication list available at https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=IN2QMXYAAAAJ)

- [30] Li Li, Yanfei Kang & Feng Li (2023a). "Bayesian Forecast Combination Using Time-Varying Features". *International Journal of Forecasting* 39.(3), pp. 1287–1302. DOI: 10.1016/j.ijforecast.2022.06.002.
- [29] Li Li, Yanfei Kang, Fotios Petropoulos & Feng Li (2023b). "Feature-Based Intermittent Demand Forecast Combinations: Accuracy and Inventory Implications". *International Journal of Production Research* (In Press). DOI: 10.1080/00207543.2022.2153941.
- [28] Xiaoqian Wang, Yanfei Kang, Rob J. Hyndman & Feng Li (2023). "Distributed ARIMA Models for Ultra-Long Time Series". *International Journal of Forecasting* 39.(3), pp. 1163–1184. DOI: 10.1016/j.ijforecast.2022.05.001.
- [27] Bohan Zhang, Yanfei Kang, Anastasios Panagiotelis & Feng Li (2023). "Optimal Reconciliation with Immutable Forecasts". *European Journal of Operational Research* 308.(1), pp. 650–660. DOI: 10.1016/j.ejor.2022.11.035.

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[26] Matthias Anderer & Feng Li (2022). "Hierarchical Forecasting with a Top-down Alignment of Independent-Level Forecasts". *International Journal of Forecasting* 38.(4), pp. 1405–1414. DOI: 10.1016/j.ijforecast.2021.12.015.

- [25] Yanfei Kang, Wei Cao, Fotios Petropoulos & Feng Li (2022). "Forecast with Forecasts: Diversity Matters". European Journal of Operational Research 301.(1), pp. 180–190. DOI: 10.1016/j.ejor.2021.10.024.
- [24] Rui Pan, Tunan Ren, Baishan Guo, Feng Li, Guodong Li & Hansheng Wang (2022). "A Note on Distributed Quantile Regression by Pilot Sampling and One-Step Updating". *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics* 40.(4), pp. 1691–1700. DOI: 10.1080/07350015. 2021.1961789.
- [23] Fotios Petropoulos, Daniele Apiletti, Vassilios Assimakopoulos, Mohamed Zied Babai, Devon K. Barrow, Souhaib Ben Taieb, Christoph Bergmeir, Ricardo J. Bessa, Jakub Bijak, John E. Boylan, Jethro Browell, Claudio Carnevale, Jennifer L. Castle, Pasquale Cirillo, Michael P. Clements, Clara Cordeiro, Fernando Luiz Cyrino Oliveira, Shari De Baets, Alexander Dokumentov, Joanne Ellison, Piotr Fiszeder, Philip Hans Franses, David T. Frazier, Michael Gilliland, M. Sinan Gönül, Paul Goodwin, Luigi Grossi, Yael Grushka-Cockayne, Mariangela Guidolin, Massimo Guidolin, Ulrich Gunter, Xiaojia Guo, Renato Guseo, Nigel Harvey, David F. Hendry, Ross Hollyman, Tim Januschowski, Jooyoung Jeon, Victor Richmond R. Jose, Yanfei Kang, Anne B. Koehler, Stephan Kolassa, Nikolaos Kourentzes, Sonia Leva, Feng Li, Konstantia Litsiou, Spyros Makridakis, Gael M. Martin, Andrew B. Martinez, Sheik Meeran, Theodore Modis, Konstantinos Nikolopoulos, Dilek Önkal, Alessia Paccagnini, Anastasios Panagiotelis, Ioannis Panapakidis, Jose M. Pavía, Manuela Pedio, Diego J. Pedregal, Pierre Pinson, Patrícia Ramos, David E. Rapach, J. James Reade, Bahman Rostami-Tabar, Michał Rubaszek, Georgios Sermpinis, Han Lin Shang, Evangelos Spiliotis, Aris A. Syntetos, Priyanga Dilini Talagala, Thiyanga S. Talagala, Len Tashman, Dimitrios Thomakos, Thordis Thorarinsdottir, Ezio Todini, Juan Ramón Trapero Arenas, Xiaoqian Wang, Robert L. Winkler, Alisa Yusupova & Florian Ziel (2022). "Forecasting: Theory and Practice". *International Journal of Forecasting* 38.(3), pp. 705–871. DOI: 10.1016/j.ijforecast.2021.11.001.
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- [19] Zhiru Wang, Yu Pang, Mingxin Gan, Martin Skitmore & Feng Li (2022c). "Escalator Accident Mechanism Analysis and Injury Prediction Approaches in Heavy Capacity Metro Rail Transit Stations". *Safety Science* 154, p. 105850. DOI: 10.1016/j.ssci.2022. 105850.
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- [17] Yanfei Kang, Evangelos Spiliotis, Fotios Petropoulos, Nikolaos Athiniotis, Feng Li & Vassilios Assimakopoulos (2021). "Déjà vu: A Data-Centric Forecasting Approach through Time Series Cross-Similarity". *Journal of Business Research* 132, pp. 719–731. DOI: 10. 1016/j.jbusres.2020.10.051.
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- [13] Yanfei Kang, Rob J. Hyndman & Feng Li (2020). "GRATIS: GeneRAting TIme Series with Diverse and Controllable Characteristics". Statistical Analysis and Data Mining: The ASA Data Science Journal 13.(4), pp. 354–376. DOI: 10.1002/sam.11461.
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 DOI: 10.1016/j.eswa.2020.113680.
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Software

I develop open-source statistical and machine learning software for large-scale data running on the Apache Spark distributed computing platform. Detailed software information is available at https://github.com/feng-li.

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Teaching

| Statistical Computing | U | CUFE | 2014- |
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| Distributed Statistical Computing | G | CUFE | 2014- |
| | UG | CUFE | 2020- |
| | G | PKU | 2020- |
| | G | CUEB | 2020-2021 |
| | G | RUC | 2014-2019 |
| Distributed Statistical Computing II | UG | CUFE | 2021- |
| Tools for Data Science | U | CUFE | 2019- |
| Statistics Case Studies | G | CUFE | 2017-2018 |
| Bayesian Statistics* | G | SU, CUFE, CNU | 2013, 2017 |
| Python for Big Data | G | CUFE | 2015,2021 |
| Programming with R* | U, G | LIU | 2012 |
| Statistical Software | U | CUFE | 2014 |
| Econometrics* | U | CUFE | 2013-2015 |
| Academic English in Statistics* | G | CUFE | 2013-2016 |
| Regression Analysis* | U | SU | 2008-2013 |
| Time Series Analysis | G | CUFE | 2015-2016 |
| Time Series Analysis* | U | SU | 2008-2013 |

(All course materials are available at https://feng.li/teaching/. Courses marked with * are taught in English. U: undergraduate level, G: graduate level.)

Recent Presentations and Invited Talks

- The 2021 World Meeting of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis, 2 July, 2021.
- The 40th International Symposium on Forecasting, Virtual. 28 July, 2021.
- The 40th International Symposium on Forecasting, Virtual. 26 October, 2020.
- Twelfth International Conference on Monte Carlo Methods and Application (MCM 2019), Sydney, Australia, from July 8 to 12, 2019.
- 39th International Symposium on Forecasting, Thessaloniki, Greece 16-19 June 2019.
- ICSA Conference on Data Science, January 11-13, 2019, Xishuangbanna, China.
- School of Data Science, Fudan University, Oct 28-30, 2017, Shanghai, China
- International Symposium on Financial Engineering and Risk Management 2018, June 13, 2018, Shanghai, China.
- School of Data Science, Fudan University, Oct 28-30, 2017, Shanghai, China
- IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability, June 28 July 1, 2017, Nanning, China.
- The 1st International Conference on Econometrics and Statistics, Hong Kong, 15-17 June 2017.
- The 2016 World Meeting of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis, Jun 13—17, 2016, Sardinia, Italy.
- IMS-China International Conference on Statistics and Probability, June 1-4, 2015, Kunming, China.
- International Symposium on Financial Engineering and Risk Management 2014, June 27, 2014, Beijing, China.
- Guanghua School of Management Peking University, Oct 14, 2013, Beijing, China
- The Stockholm University Forskardagarna, 2-3 Oct, 2013, Stockholm, Sweden.
- The 59th World Statistics Congress, August 25-29, 2013, Hong Kong.
- The 2012 World Meeting of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis, Jun 25–29, 2012, Japan. Poster presentation.
- The third Linnaeus University Workshop in Stochastic Analysis and Applications, May 24–25, Växjö. Invited speaker.
- Seminar at Department of Energy and Technology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Apr 16, 2012, Sweden.
- Workshop on "Analysis of High-Dimensional Data", Jönköping International Business School, Feb 16–17, 2012, Sweden. Invited speaker.
- The LiU Seminar Series in Statistics and Mathematical Statistics, Linköping University, Oct 11, 2011, Sweden. Invited speaker.
- The 42nd Winter Conference in Statistics Incomplete data: semi-parametric and Bayesian methods, Mar 6–10, 2011, Sweden. Invited

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speaker.

• The 2010 World Meeting of the International Society for Bayesian Analysis, Jun 3–8, 2010, Spain. Poster presentation.

• Seminar at Department of statistics, Uppsala University, Sep 16, 2009, Sweden.

Other Conferences & Activities

Visiting Devision of Statistics, Department of Computer and Information Science, Linköping University, Sweden, Sep 1, 2011 – Feb 29,2012.

- Intensive PhD course: "Introduction to Bayesian Analysis and MCMC, and, Hierarchical Modelling of Spatial and Temporal Data" by Alan Gelfand (Duke University) and Sujit Sahu (University of Southampton), June 7–10, 2011, University of Southampton, UK.
- Intensive PhD course: "Semi-Parametric Bayesian Inference in Econometrics" by Peter Rossi (University of Chicago), May 27–29, 2009, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- Conference "Modeling and Forecasting Economic and Financial Time Series with State Space models", Central Bank of Sweden, Oct 17–18, 2008.

Awards

- The 2014 Cramér Prize, Mar 2014.
- International Society for Bayesian Analysis junior travel award, Jun, 2012.
- Travel grant from The Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation, Aug, 2011, Sweden.
- Outstanding graduate student, honored by Beijing Municipal Education Commission, Jul, 2007, China.

Computer Skills

- Proficient in R and Python and Matlab.
- Skilled in GNU/Linux and have experience on large Linux clusters with Hadoop/Spark.
- Good at C/C++.

Conferences Organized

- 2017: The 2017 Beijing Workshop on Forecasting.
- 2016: Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Quantitative Economics.
- 2014: Executive secretary of International Symposium on Financial Engineering and Risk Management 2014.
- 2013: The Swedish Research Students Conference in Statistics.
- 2013: 2012–2013, PhD Study Group, Department of Statistics, Stockholm University.

Referee Work

- Omega The International Journal of Management Science
- Pattern Recognition
- Neurocomputing
- Journal of Business and Economics Statistics
- International Journal of Forecasting
- Computational Statistics and Data Analysis
- Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation
- Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics
- Journal of Official Statistics
- Quantitative Finance
- Information Sciences
- Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics

Recent Academic Visits

- 2014 Aug, Toronto University, Canada
- 2013 Oct, Stockholm University, Sweden
- 2011 Sep -2012 March, Linköping University, Sweden

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- 2011 June, University of Southampton, UK
- 2009 May, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands