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EDUCATION

National University of Singapore, Singapore

2020 - Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Operations Research and Analytics

Advisors: Joel Goh, Sıdıka Tunç Candoğan

University of Science and Technology of China, China

2016 - 2019

M.S. in Management Science and Engineering

Jiangnan University, China

2012 - 2016

B.S. in Industrial Engineering

Research Interests

Topics: Data-Driven Medical Decision-Making and Healthcare Operations; Behavioral Interventions in Healthcare

Methodologies: Econometric Analysis; Field Experiments; Data Analytics; Causal Inference

Published Work

- 1. Guang Cheng, Jingui Xie, Zhichao Zheng, Haidong Luo, Oon-Cheong Ooi. Extubation Decisions with Predictive Information for Mechanically Ventilated Patients in the ICU. *Management Science*. Article in Advance.
- 2. Stephanie Q. Ko, Guang Cheng, Tze Yeong Teng, Joel Goh. Home-First or Hospital-First? A Propensity Score-Weighted Retrospective Cohort Study. *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association*, 2024, 25(9):105154.
- 3. Guang Cheng, Sarah Y. Gao, Yancheng Yuan, Chenxiao Zhang, Zhichao Zheng. On the Test Accuracy and Effective Control of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case Study in Singapore. *INFORMS Journal on Applied Analytics*, 2022, 52(6):524-538.
- 4. Jingui Xie, Guang Cheng, Zhichao Zheng, Haidong Luo, Oon-Cheong Ooi. To Extubate or Not to Extubate: Risk Factors for Extubation Failure and Deterioration with Further Mechanical Ventilation. *Journal of Cardiac Surgery*, 2019, 34(10): 1004–1011.

Working Papers

- 5. Guang Cheng, Sıdıka Tunç Candoğan, Joel Goh, Bilal Gokpinar. The Role of Contextual Information in Customer Reviews: A Field Experiment on a Mental Health Platform. **Major Revision** at *Management Science*.
 - Finalist, 2025 POMS PITM Best Student Paper Competition
- 6. Guang Cheng, Joshua M. Hagood, Ryan L. Melvin, Adam F. Kohutnicki, Mitchell H. Tsai, Joel Goh. The Impact of Introducing Release Times for Operating Rooms on Surgery Waiting Times.

WORK-IN-PROGRESS

- 7. Understanding Hospital-at-Home Adoption: A Game-Theoretic Analysis (with Eryn J. He, Joel Goh and Sergei Savin)
- 8. Reducing No-Shows and Encouraging Proactive Cancellations in Outpatient Clinics: A Behavioral Nudge Intervention Study (with Hong Ming Tan and Joel Goh)
- 9. Keep the Progress Going: Using Behavioral Nudges to Encourage Continued Mental Health Support (with Yueyang Zhong and Sıdıka Tunç Candoğan)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

• DAO1704 Decision Analytics using Spreadsheets (BBA)

Spring 2023

- o Class size: 35 students
- Delivered core analytics course for business undergraduates, integrating real-world healthcare and business applications.
- Teaching evaluation: 4.2/5 (department average: 4.0)
- o Teaching Excellence for Graduate Instructor

Guest Lecturer

• DBA4811 Analytics for Consulting (BBA)

Spring 2025

- Conducted two lectures on machine learning techniques and their applications in operations and analytics.
- PHM5014 Causal Inference in Precision Medicine (MScPHM)

Fall 2024

 Presented the Safe Space experiment to illustrate real-world applications of causal inference, demonstrating how empirical methods inform policy and operational decisions in real business.

Teaching Assistant

• DBA4811 Analytics for Consulting (BBA)	Spring 2025
• DBA5103 Operations Research and Analytics (MSBA)	Fall 2022
• IE4214 Revenue Management and Pricing Analytics (BEng)	Spring 2022

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Role of Contextual Information in Customer Reviews: A Field Experiment on a Mental Health Platform

• POMS Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, USA (scheduled)	May 2025
• Workshop on Empirical Operations Management, Hong Kong, China	Jan 2025
• The 15th POMS-HK International Conference, Hong Kong, China	Jan 2025
• INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, USA	Oct 2024
• The 16th International Annual Conference of CSAMSE, Xiamen, China	Jul 2024

The Impact of Introducing Release Policy for Operating Rooms on Surgery Waiting Times

• INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, USA	Oct 2023
• POMS Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, USA	May 2023
• The 13th POMS-HK International Conference, Hong Kong, China	Jan 2023
• INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA	Oct 2022

• POMS Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, USA (Online)

Apr 2022

Extubation Decisions with Predictive Information for Mechanically Ventilated Patients in ICU

• POMS Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida, USA (Online)

Apr 2022

• The 13th International Annual Conference of CSAMSE, Shanghai, China (Online)

Jul 2021

• The 10th POMS-HK International Conference, Hong Kong, China

Jan 2019

Professional Experience

- Visiting Scholar, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA, Aug 2023 Dec 2023
- Research Assistant, Singapore Management University, Singapore, Jul 2019 Jun 2020

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Conference Session Chair

• INFORMS Annual Meeting	Oct 2025
• INFORMS International Meeting	Jul 2025
• POMS-HK International Conference	Jan 2025
• POMS Annual Conference	May 2023
• Analytics for X Conference	Sept 2022
• POMS Annual Conference	Apr 2022

Organizing Committee

• Analytics for X Conference

Sept 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

• Finalist, POMS PITM Best Student Paper Competition	2025

• Teaching Excellence for Graduate Instructor

2023

• NUS Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore

2020-2024

• JData Data Mining Competition Top 10, JD.com, inc.

2017

• National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of People's Republic of China

2015

SKILLS

Programming & Packages: Python, R, MATLAB, SQL, Gurobi

Languages: English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native)