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Education

University of Chicago   Chicago, US
Ph.D. Student   *2022 – Now*
- Committee on Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Advisor: Daniel Sanz-Alonso

Shanghai Jiao Tong University   Shanghai, China
Undergraduate Student   *2018 – 2022*
- Major: Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (Honors), Zhiyuan College
- Minor: Economics, Antai College of Economics and Management
- GPA ranked 1st

Research Interests

My research lies at the interface of applied and computational mathematics, statistics, and data science. I am broadly interested in the mathematics of data science and scientific machine learning.

Publications and Preprints

- Convergence rates for learning pseudo-differential operators. With D. Sanz-Alonso.
  In preparation.

- High-dimensional quasi-Monte Carlo via combinatorial discrepancy. With H. Jiang and N. Kirk.
  arXiv: 2508.18426

- Sharp concentration of simple random tensors II: asymmetry. With D. Sanz-Alonso.
  arXiv: 2505.24144

- Optimal estimation of structured covariance operators. With O. Al-Ghattas, D. Sanz-Alonso and N. Waniorek. *arXiv*: 2408.02109

- On the estimation of Gaussian moment tensors. With O. Al-Ghattas and D. Sanz-Alonso.
  Electronic Communications in Probability, 30, 1-15, (2025).

- Sharp concentration of simple random tensors. With O. Al-Ghattas and D. Sanz-Alonso.
  Information and Inference: A Journal of the IMA, 14(4), 1-41, (2025).

- Precision and Cholesky factor estimation for Gaussian processes. With D. Sanz-Alonso.
  SIAM/ASA Journal on Uncertainty Quantification, 13(3), 1085-1115, (2025).

- Covariance operator estimation: sparsity, lengthscale, and ensemble Kalman filters. With O. Al-Ghattas, D. Sanz-Alonso and N. Waniorek.
  Bernoulli, 31(3), 2377-2402, (2025).

- A machine learning framework for geodesics under spherical Wasserstein-Fisher-Rao metric and its application for weighted sample generation. With Y. Jing, L. Li and J. Lu.
  Journal of Scientific Computing, 98(5), 1-34, (2024).

- Fluctuation suppression and enhancement in interacting particle systems. With L. Li.
  arXiv: 2204.07757

Fellowships and Awards

- Neubauer Family Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago   2022 – 2027
- Zhiyuan Outstanding Student Scholarship, Shanghai Jiao Tong University   2022
- Excellent Bachelor Thesis (1%), Shanghai Jiao Tong University   2022
- Outstanding Graduate in Shanghai   2022
- Outstanding Winner (0.1%), SIAM Award, COMAP Scholarship Award   2021
  Mathematical Contest in Modeling and Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling
- National Scholarship, Ministry of Education of P.R.China   2020
- Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship (First Class), Shanghai Jiao Tong University   2020
- Zhiyuan Honors Scholarship, Shanghai Jiao Tong University   2018 – 2022
- China Mathematics Olympiad, Silver Medal   2017

Conferences and Seminars

- SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification, Minneapolis, US   March 22 – 25, 2026
  Co-organizing the minisymposium "Recent Advancements in Operator Estimation and Learning"
- Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), Nashville, US   August 2 – 7, 2025
  Section: "Functional and Shape-Constrained Data Analysis: Methods and Applications"
- DACO Seminar, Department of Mathematics, ETH Zurich (*Zoom Seminar*)   May 22, 2025
- Stat & CAM Student Research Poster Day, University of Chicago   May 20, 2025
- Workshop "Statistics Meets Tensors: Methodology, Theory, and Applications", Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Innovation (IMSI)   May 5 – 9, 2025
- Reading Seminar on Stochastic Many-body Systems (*Zoom Seminar*)   April 2, 2025
- Workshop "Kernel Methods in Uncertainty Quantification and Experimental Design", Institute for Mathematical and Statistical Innovation (IMSI)   March 31 – April 4, 2025
- Institute of Natural Sciences, Shanghai Jiao Tong University   September 1, 2024
- SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification, Trieste, Italy   February 27 – March 1, 2024
  Minisymposium: "Statistical and Data-Assisted Modeling Approaches for Forecasting and Uncertainty Quantification of Complex Multiscale Systems in Real-World Applications"
- CAM & Statistics Student Seminar, University of Chicago   October 10, 2023

Referee Service

Biostatistics

Teaching

Teaching Assistant at University of Chicago

∘ STAT/CAAM 31521: Applied Stochastic Processes   Spring 2025

∘ STAT/CAAM 31050: Applied Approximation Theory   Spring 2024

∘ STAT/CAAM 38100: Measure-Theoretic Probability I   Winter 2024

∘ STAT/CAAM 31150: Inverse Problems and Data Assimilation   Autumn 2023