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EDUCATION

• 2020.10 - 2023.04	Shanghai Maritime University (PhD) Major: Traffic information engineering and control Advisor: Huafeng Wu, Pro. Dr.
• 2021.09 - 2022.09	University of Victoria (Visiting PhD student) Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering Advisor: T. Aaron Gulliver, Pro. Dr.
• 2017.09 - 2020.06	Shanghai Maritime University (Master) Major: Traffic information engineering and control Advisor: Huafeng Wu, Pro. Dr.
• 2013.09 - 2017.06	Jiangsu University of Technology (Bachelor) Major: Electronic Information Engineering
• 2014.09 - 2017.06	Jiangsu University of Technology (Bachelor) Major: Business English

WORK EXPERIENCE

• 2023.5 - present Lecturer, Changzhou Institute of Technology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Wireless Communications, signal processing
- Wireless and Underwater Sensor Networks
- Target Localization, and Tracking
- Deep Learning and Intelligent Optimization

PROJECTS

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR

- Research on Key Technologies of Localization and Tracking in Ocean Sensor Networks, Grant No. CJ20240068 (Sponsored by Changzhou Science and Technology Committee)
- Application of Underwater Acoustics and Wireless Sensor Network in Transportation, Grant No. 202108310196 (Sponsored by China Scholarship Council)

PARTICIPATION

- Theory and Key Technologies for Optimal Dynamic Deployment of Polar Situational Awareness Cluster System, Grant No. 52331012 (**Sponsored by Natural Science Foundation of China**)
- Research on Key Technologies and System Development of Communication and Navigation Support in the Arctic waterway, Grant No.2021YFC2801002 (Sponsored by National Ministry of Science and Technology)
- Dynamic Self-adaptive Clustering Based Intelligent Data Prediction and Reconstruction in Ocean Sensor Networks, Grant No. 52071200 (Sponsored by Natural Science Foundation of China)
- Research on Key Technologies of Distributed Estimation and Optimization of Marine Intelligent Clustered Sensor Networks Based on Deep reinforcement learning, Grant No. 23010502000 (Sponsored by Shanghai Science and Technology Committee)
- Three-Dimensional Dynamic Cooperative Localization Mechanism of Marine Sensor Networks Based on Wave Shadowing Effect Model, Grant No. 51579143 (Sponsored by Natural Science Foundation of China)
- Coastal Meteorological Monitoring and Warning System Based on Buoy Internet of Things and Its Navigation Aid Application, Grant No. 18040501700 (Sponsored by Shanghai Science and Technology Committee)

PUBLICATION

Journal publications

- 1. **Y. Zhang**, J. Li, T. A. Gulliver, H. Wu, G. Xie, X. Mei, J. Xian, W. Wang, L. Liang, "Metaheuristic Optimization for Robust RSSD-Based UAV Localization with Position Uncertainty," *Drones*, vol. 9, no. 2, p. 147, 2025. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 4.4)
- 2. **Y. Zhang**, T. Aaron Gulliver, H. Wu, X. Mei, J. Li, F. Lu, W. Wang, "An Efficient Estimator for Source Localization in WSNs using RSSD and TDOA Measurements," *Pervasive and Mobile Computing*, vol. 102, art. 101936, 2024. (SCI, JCR Q2, IF: 4.3)
- 3. **Y. Zhang**, H. Wu, T. Aaron Gulliver, X. Li, J. Li, J. Xian, W. Wang, "Real-Time RSS-based Target Localization for UWSNs using an IDE-BP Neural Network," *Journal of Supercomputing*, 2024, doi: 10.1007/s11227-024-06245-z. (SCI, JCR Q2, IF: 3.3)

- 4. **Y. Zhang**, H. Wu, T. Aaron Gulliver, J. Xian, L. Liang, "Improved Differential Evolution for RSSD-Based Localization in a Gaussian Mixture Channel," *Computer Communications*, vol. 206, pp. 51–59, 2023. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 6.0)
- 5. **Y. Zhang**, H. Wu, T. Aaron Gulliver, J. Xian, W. Wang, "Fast Multi-Target Localization of RSSD in Wireless Sensor Networks," *Transactions of the Institute of Measurement and Control*, 2023, doi: 10.1177/01423312221148787. (SCI, JCR Q3, IF: 1.8)
- 6. **Y. Zhang**, H. Wu, X. Mei, L. Liang, T. Aaron Gulliver, "Unknown Transmit Power RSSD Based Localization in a Gaussian Mixture Channel," *IEEE Sensors Journal*, vol. 22, no. 9, pp. 9114-9123, 2022. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 4.3)
- 7. **Y. Zhang**, H. Wu, X. Mei, J. Xian, W. Wang, Q. Zhang, L. Liang, "Two-Phase Robust Target Localization in Ocean Sensor Networks Using Received Signal Strength Measurements," *Sensors*, vol. 21, no. 5, p. 1724, 2021. (SCI, JCR Q2, IF: 3.9)
- 8. **Y. Zhang**, H. Wu, J. Xian, and X. Mei, "Adaptive clustering algorithm in Ocean Wireless Sensor Network under double constraints," *Computer Engineering Application*, vol. 19, no. 55, pp. 128–133, 2019. (EI)
- 9. H. Wu, Y. Zhang, J. Wang, W. Wang, J. Xian, J. Chen, X. Zhou, P. Mohapatra, "iOceanSee: A Novel Scheme for Ocean State Estimation Using 3D Mobile Convolutional Neural Network," *IEEE Access*, vol. 8, pp. 153774-153786, 2020. (SCI, JCR Q2, IF: 3.9)
- 10. J. Li, **Y. Zhang**, L. Shen, J. Cao, W. Xie, Y. Zheng, S. Liu, "An Efficient and Secure Authentication Scheme with Session Key Negotiation for Timely Application of WSNs," *KSII Transactions on Internet and Information Systems*, vol. 18, no. 3, pp. 801-825, 2024. (SCI, JCR Q4, IF: 1.5)
- 11. H. Wu, L. Liang, X. Mei, **Y. Zhang**, "A Convex Optimization Approach for NLOS Error Mitigation in TOA-Based Localization," *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, vol. 29, pp. 677-681, 2022. (SCI, JCR Q2, IF: 3.9)
- 12. W. Wang, H. Wu, X. Kong, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Ye, Z. Zeng, J. Cheng, Q. Zhang, "Reinforcement Learning-based Dynamic Position Control of Mobile Node for Ocean Sensor Networks," *Transactions of the Institute of Measurement and Control*, vol. 44, no. 4, pp. 926-940, 2022. (SCI, JCR Q3, IF: 2.146)
- 13. J. Xian, H. Wu, X. Mei, **Y. Zhang**, X. Chen, Q. Zhang, L. Liang," Novel Energy-Efficient Opportunistic Routing Protocol for Marine Wireless Sensor Networks Based on Compressed Sensing and Power Control," *Journal of Ocean University of China*, vol. 21, no. 6, pp. 1504–1516, 2022. (SCI, JCR Q3, IF: 1.6)
- 14. J. Xian, H. Wu, X. Mei, **Y. Zhang**, H. Chen, J. Wang, "NMTLAT: A New robust mobile Multi-Target Localization and Tracking Scheme in marine search and rescue wireless sensor networks under Byzantine attack," *Computer Communications*, vol. 160, pp. 623–635, 2020. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 6.0)
- 15. H. Wu, J. Xian, X. Mei, **Y. Zhang**, J. Wang, J. Cao, and P. Mohapatra, "Efficient target detection in maritime search and rescue wireless sensor network using data fusion," *Computer Communications*, vol. 136, pp. 53–62, 2019. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 6.0)
- 16. J. Ma, J. Xian, H. Wu, Y. Yang, X. Mei, Y. Zhang, X. Chen, C. Zhou, "Novel High-Precision and High-Robustness Localization Algorithm for Underwater-Environment-Monitoring Wireless Sensor Networks," *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, vol.

- 11, no. 9, p. 1713, 2023. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 2.9)
- 17. J. Xian, J. Ma, H. Wu, X. Mei, F. Tan, **Y. Zhang**, X. Chen, W. Wang, "Coarse-to-Fine Localization Method for UASNs under Unknown Multi-Parameters, " *Control and Decision*, 2024, doi: 10.13195/j.kzyjc.2024.0521. (EI)
- 18. J. Xian; Z. Li; H. Wu, W. Wang, X. Chen, X. Mei, Y. Zhang, B. Han; J. Ma, "Novel Polarization Construction Method and Synchronization Algorithm for Underwater Acoustic Channel under T-distribution Noise Environment," *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, vol. 13, no. 2, p. 362, 2025. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 2.7)
- 19. X. Mei, F. Miao, W. Wang, H. Wu, B. Han, Z. Wu, X. Chen, J. Xian, **Y. Zhang**, Y. Zang, "Enhanced Target Localization in the Internet of Underwater Things through Quantum-Behaved Metaheuristic Optimization with Multi-Strategy Integration," *Journal of Marine Science and Engineering*, vol. 12, no. 6, p. 1024, 2024. (SCI, JCR Q1, IF: 2.9)

Conference publications

- 1. J. Xian, Z. Li, H. Wu, X. Mei, X. Chen, **Y. Zhang**, L. Liang, Qi. Zhang, and W. Wang "A novel polar codes construction method for OFDM hydroacoustic communication system under t-distribution noise", *Proc. SPIE 13542*, *Fourth International Computational Imaging Conference (CITA 2024)*, 135423S (25 February 2025).
- 2. X. Mei, H. Wu, J. Xian, H. Zhang, and **Y. Zhang**, "A Robust Localization with Outlier Measurements in Underwater Sensor Networks", *Proceedings of the 2019 Academic Conference of the Chinese Acoustics Society Hydroacoustic Branch*, Nanjing, China.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION/SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW

- 1. **Y. Zhang**, et. al, "Bias Mitigation for RSSD-Based Localization under Byzantine Attacks," (under review)
- 2. **Y. Zhang**, et. al, "RSSD Based 3-D Localization under Spoofing Attacks for Internet of Underwater Things," (In preparation)
- 3. **Y. Zhang**, et. al, "Maximum Correntropy Criterion Based Target tracking in NLOS UWSNs" (In preparation)
- 4. **Y. Zhang**, et. al, "A RSSD/TDOA Based Bias Compensation Technique for Source Localization with Corrupted Signals" (In preparation)
- 5. **Y. Zhang**, et. al, "An improved CNN for Robust Source Localization in a mixed LOS and NLOS environment" (In preparation)
- 6. **Y. Zhang**, et. al, "A Novel RSSD Localization Network with Uncertainty in Path Loss Exponent" (In preparation)

PATENTS

1. **Y. Zhang**, J. Li, P. Wang et al, "A Robust Positioning Method for Wireless Sensor Networks with Uncertain Anchor Position" CN Patent, 202410569694.4. (Submitted).

- 2. **Y. Zhang**, J. Li, L. Gu et al, "A Method and System for Constructing Efficient Estimator for Source Localization based on Mixed Measurement Information" CN Patent, 202410434928.4. (Submitted).
- 3. H. Wu, **Y. Zhang**, "An Estimation Method and Device of Wave Parameter", CN Patent, 202010994654.6. (Granted)
- 4. H. Wu, **Y. Zhang** et al, "A Real-time Underwater Acoustic Positioning Algorithm based on the IDE-BP Neural Network", CN Patent, 202310306368.X (Substantive examination)
- 5. H. Wu, **Y. Zhang** et al, "A RSSD localization method in Gaussian mixture noise environment", CN Patent, 202211551709.1 (Substantive examination)
- 6. H. Wu, **Y. Zhang** et al, "A Multi-Target Positioning Method, Device, and Medium for Alleviating Non-line-of-sight effects", CN Patent, 202211575091.2 (Substantive examination)
- 7. L. Gu, B. Chen, **Y. Zhang** et al, "A Full-node Detection Method for Brain Functional Network based on Random Matrix Analysis" CN Patent, 202410929069.6. (Submitted).
- 8. J. Xian, J. Ma, H. Wu, Y. Yang, **Y. Zhang** et al, "A Method and Device for Reconstructing Lost Data in a Marine Wireless Sensor Network", CN Patent, 202310897506.6. (Substantive examination)
- 9. H. Wu, J. Xian, X. Mei, X. Chen, **Y. Zhang** et al, "An Opportunistic Routing Protocol for Maritime Wireless Sensor Networks", CN Patent, 202111020086.0 (Substantive examination)
- 10. J. Xian, J. Ma, H. Wu, X. Mei, W. Wang, **Y. Zhang** et al, "A Highly Reliable and Robust Routing Method for Maritime Search and Rescue Wireless Sensor Networks", CN Patent, 202311207371.2 (Substantive examination)
- 11. J. Xian, J. Ma, H. Wu, Y. Yang, X. Mei, X. Chen, and **Y. Zhang**, "A Marine Search and Rescue Wireless Sensor Network Communication Method, Device and Storage Medium", CN Patent, 202210840637.6. (Substantive examination)

HONOR AND AWARDS

• 2023 Outstanding Research Award

Awarded by Shanghai Maritime University for Paper entitled: "Improved Differential Evolution for RSSD-Based Localization in a Gaussian Mixture Channel."

• 2022 Outstanding Research Award

Awarded by Shanghai Maritime University for Paper entitled: "Unknown Transmit Power RSSD Based Localization in a Gaussian Mixture Channel."

• 2021 First Class Scholarship

Awarded by Shanghai Maritime University, Office of Graduate Studies.

2021 National Study Abroad Fund

Awarded by China Scholarship Council (CSC).

• 2020 Principal Scholarship

Awarded by Shanghai Maritime University, Office of Graduate Studies.

• 2019 Second Class Scholarship

Awarded by Shanghai Maritime University, Office of Graduate Studies.

• 2018 Second Prize of Postgraduate's Forum of Shanghai

Awarded by Shanghai Graduate Academic Forum Academic Committee.

• 2017 Outstanding Graduate

Awarded by Jiangsu University of Technology.

• 2017 Learning Model

Awarded by School of Electrical and Information Engineering, Jiangsu University of Technology.

• 2016 First Class Scholarship

Awarded by Jiangsu University of Technology.

• 2015 Second Prize in the Jiangsu Division of Mathematical Modeling for National Undergraduates

Awarded by Chinese Society of Industry and Applied mathematics.

• 2014 Outstanding Student Leaders

Awarded by Jiangsu University of Technology.

• 2014 First Class Scholarship

Awarded by Jiangsu University of Technology.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

- China Computer Federation Member
- China Highway& Transportation Society Member
- Reviewer of IEEE Transactions on Signal and Information Processing over Networks
- Reviewer of IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology
- Reviewer of IEEE Signal Processing Letters
- Reviewer of Journal of Supercomputing
- Reviewer of Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience
- Reviewer of IEEE Sensors Letters
- Reviewer of Sensors
- Reviewer of Electronics