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EDUCATION

2014 – 2018 **Ph.D.**, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, *Lehigh University,* Bethlehem, PA
Thesis advisors: *Katya Scheinberg, Martin Takac,* and *Alexander L. Stolyar*
Thesis title: A Service System with On-Demand Agents, Stochastic Gradient Algorithms and the SARAH Algorithm
Elizabeth V. Stout Dissertation Award
Research areas: Optimization for Large Scale Problems, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Stochastic Models, Optimal Control

2011 – 2013 **M.B.A.**, College of Business, *McNeese State University,* Lake Charles, LA
Beta Gamma Sigma (Academic Honor)

2004 – 2008 **B.S.**, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics, *Lomonosov Moscow State University*, Moscow, Russia
Thesis advisor: *Vladimir I. Dmitriev*
Thesis title: Methods for Detecting Hidden Period in Some Economics Processes

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

06/2022 – Present **Staff Research Scientist,** *IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center,* Yorktown Heights, NY
Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Time Series

04/2021 – 06/2022 **Research Staff Member,** *IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center,* Yorktown Heights, NY
Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning

09/2020 – Present **Principal Investigator,** *MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab,* Cambridge, MA
Research areas: Dynamical Systems, Time Series, Reinforcement Learning, Adversarial Robustness

10/2018 – 03/2021 **Research Scientist,** *IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center,* Yorktown Heights, NY
Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, AI Solutions, Explainable AI

05/2018 – 08/2018 **Research Intern,** *IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center,* Yorktown Heights, NY
Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning

08/2017 – 05/2018 **Research Co-op,** *IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center,* Yorktown Heights, NY
Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning

06/2017 – 08/2017 **Research Intern,** *IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center,* Yorktown Heights, NY
Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning

09/2014 – 05/2017 **Research Assistant,** *Lehigh University,* Bethlehem, PA
Research areas: Optimization for Large Scale Problems, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Stochastic Models, Optimal Control

01/2012 – 12/2013 **Graduate (Research) Assistant,** *McNeese State University,* Lake Charles, LA
Research areas: Operations Management and Finance

EDITORSHIP / PROGRAM COMMITTEE / ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

EDITORSHIP (PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)

06/2022 – Present **Action Editor**, Journal of Machine Learning Research

06/2021 – Present **Action Editor**, Machine Learning

06/2022 – Present **Associate Editor**, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications

01/2022 – 12/2023 **Associate Editor**, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems

01/2022 – 12/2022 **Action Editor**, Neural Networks

SENIOR AREA CHAIR / SENIOR META-REVIEWER (PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES)

2024 - 2025 **Senior Area Chair**, Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

2026 **Senior Area Chair**, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

2025 - 2026 **Senior Area Chair**, International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)

AREA CHAIR / META-REVIEWER / SENIOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE (PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES)

2020 – 2025 **Area Chair**, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)

2022 – 2023 **Area Chair**, Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

2021 – 2025 **Area Chair**, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

2021 – 2024 **Area Chair**, International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)

2022 – 2024 **Area Chair**, Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)

2023 – 2025 **Area Chair**, Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)

2022 **Senior Program Committee**, AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

2025 **Journal Chair**, The 39th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2025)

2024 **Journal Chair**, The 38th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2024)

2023 **Journal Chair**, The 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023)

2023 **General Chair & Program Chair**, When Machine Learning meets Dynamical Systems: Theory and Applications, AAAI 2023 Workshop

2021 **General Chair & Program Chair**, New Frontiers in Federated Learning: Privacy, Fairness, Robustness, Personalization and Data Ownership (NFFL 2021), NeurIPS 2021 Workshop

REVIEWER (PROPOSALS)

2022 **Reviewer & Panelist**, Grant proposals, National Science Foundation (NSF)

2022, 2024 **Evaluation Member**, Grant proposals, AI Singapore (AISG) Research Programme

2021 **Reviewer**, Workshop proposals, NeurIPS 2021 Workshops

GRANT EXPERIENCE

01/2025 – 12/2025 **Principal Investigator,** *"Interpretable Foundation Models for General-Purpose Time Series Analysis",* RPI - IBM Future of Computing Research Collaboration, *$150K*
IBM PI: **Lam M. Nguyen**
RPI PI: Agung Julius
RPI Student: Yunshi Wen

01/2023 – 12/2025 **Principal Investigator,** *"Safe Learning for Time Series Problems: Data, Structure and Optimization",* MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Foundational Project, *$750K + $150K*
IBM PI: **Lam M. Nguyen**, IBM Co-PI: Subhro Das
MIT PI: Luca Daniel, MIT Co-PI: Alexandre Megretski
MIT Students: Wang Zhang, Ziwen (Martin) Ma (Harvard)

01/2022 – 12/2022 **Principal Investigator,** *"Safe AI Certification",* MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Project, *$150K*
IBM PI: **Lam M. Nguyen**, IBM Co-PI: Subhro Das
MIT PI: Alexandre Megretski, MIT Co-PI: Luca Daniel
MIT Student: Wang Zhang

01/2021 – 12/2021 **Principal Investigator,** *"Safety Structures, Certification, and Training for AI in the Feedback Loop",* MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Exploratory Project, *$150K.*
IBM PI: **Lam M. Nguyen**, IBM Co-PI: Subhro Das, Tsui-Wei Weng
MIT PI: Alexandre Megretski, MIT Co-PI: Luca Daniel
MIT Student: Wang Zhang

09/2020 – 09/2021 **Co-Principal Investigator,** *"Hierarchical Disentangled Representations for Scalable Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning",* MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Exploratory Project, *$100K.*
IBM PI: Tsui-Wei Weng, IBM Co-PI: **Lam M. Nguyen**
MIT PI: Cathy Wu
MIT Student: Vindula Jayawardana

BOOK

[1] Federated Learning: Theory and Practice.
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[53] Correlated Attention in Transformers for Multivariate Time Series.
Quang M. Nguyen, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Subhro Das
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*The 2025 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (**ICASSP 2025**), 2025*

[51] Foundation Model and Temporal Prios-guided Transductive Few-shot Action Recognition.
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*The 2025 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (**ICASSP 2025**), 2025*

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Quan M. Tran, Suong N. Hoang, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dzung Phan, Hoang Thanh Lam
*2024 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (**IEEE BigData 2024**), 2024 (19.7% acceptance rate)*

[49] Abstracted Shapes as Tokens - A Generalizable and Interpretable Model for Time-series Classification.
Yunshi Wen, Tengfei Ma, Tsui-Wei Weng, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Anak Agung Julius
*The 38th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2024**), 2024 (25.8% acceptance rate)*

[48] Shuffling Gradient-Based Methods for Nonconvex-Concave Minimax Optimization.
Quoc Tran-Dinh, Trang H. Tran, **Lam M. Nguyen**
*The 38th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2024**), 2024 (25.8% acceptance rate)*

[47] Probabilistic Federated Prompt-Tuning in Data Imbalance Settings.
Pei-Yau Weng, Minh Hoang, **Lam M. Nguyen**, My T. Thai, Tsui-Wei Weng, Trong Nghia Hoang
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[46] Improving Time Series Encoding with Noise-Aware Self-Supervised Learning and an Efficient Encoder.
Anh Duy Nguyen, Trang H. Tran, Hieu H. Pham, Phi Le Nguyen, **Lam M. Nguyen**
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[45] Proactive DP: A Multiple Target Optimization Framework for DP-SGD.
Marten van Dijk, Nhuong Van Nguyen, Toan N. Nguyen, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Phuong Ha Nguyen
*The 41th International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2024**), 2024 (27.5% acceptance rate)*

[44] Shuffling Momentum Gradient Algorithm for Convex Optimization.
Trang H. Tran, Quoc Tran-Dinh, **Lam M. Nguyen**
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[43] Multi-polytope Machine for Classification.
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[42] On Partial Optimal Transport: Revising the Infeasibility of Sinkhorn and Efficient Gradient Methods.
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[41] One Step Closer to Unbiased Aleatoric Uncertainty Estimation.
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[40] On Unbalanced Optimal Transport: Gradient Methods, Sparsity and Approximation Error.
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[39] On the Convergence to a Global Solution of Shuffling-Type Gradient Algorithms.
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[38] Analyzing Generalization of Neural Networks through Loss Path Kernels.
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[37] Attacking c-MARL More Effectively: A Data Driven Approach.
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[36] Promoting Robustness of Randomized Smoothing: Two Cost-Effective Approaches.
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[35] ConCerNet: A Contrastive Learning Based Framework for Automated Conservation Law Discovery and Trustworthy Dynamical System Prediction.
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[34] Scalable and Secure Federated XGBoost.
Quang Nguyen, Nhan Khanh Le, **Lam M. Nguyen**.
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[33] Label-free Concept Bottleneck Models.
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[32] Optimal Control via Linearizable Deep Learning.
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*The 2023 American Control Conference (**ACC 2023**), 2023*

[31] Nesterov Accelerated Shuffling Gradient Method for Convex Optimization.
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[28] StepDIRECT - A Derivative-Free Optimization Method for Stepwise Functions.
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*SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (**SDM22**), 2022 (27.8% acceptance rate)*

[27] Besting the Black-Box: Barrier Zones for Adversarial Example Defense.
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[26] Interpretable Clustering via Multi-Polytope Machines.
Connor Lawless, Jayant Kalagnanam, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dzung Phan, Chandra Reddy
*The 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2022**), 2022 (15% acceptance rate)*

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[24] Ensembling Graph Predictions for AMR Parsing.
Thanh Lam Hoang, Gabriele Picco, Yufang Hou, Young-Suk Lee, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dzung T. Phan, Vanessa López, Ramon Fernandez Astudillo
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[23] On the Equivalence between Neural Network and Support Vector Machine.
Yilan Chen, Wei Huang, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Tsui-Wei Weng
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[22] A Unified Convergence Analysis for Shuffling-Type Gradient Methods.
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*Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), volume 22, 1-43, 2021*

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Trang H. Tran, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Quoc Tran-Dinh
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Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Pavankumar Murali, Nhan H. Pham, Hongsheng Liu, Jayant R. Kalagnanam
*The 2021 American Control Conference (**ACC 2021**), 2021*

[19] Hogwild! over Distributed Local Data Sets with Linearly Increasing Mini-Batch Sizes.
Nhuong V. Nguyen, Toan N. Nguyen, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Quoc Tran-Dinh, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Marten van Dijk
*The 24th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (**AISTATS 2021**), 2021 (29.8% acceptance rate)*

[18] A Hybrid Stochastic Optimization Framework for Stochastic Composite Nonconvex Optimization.
Quoc Tran-Dinh, Nhan H. Pham, Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**
*Mathematical Programming (**MAPR**), 2021*
IBM 2022 Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Award

[17] Hybrid Variance-Reduced SGD Algorithms for Nonconvex-Concave Minimax Problems.
Quoc Tran-Dinh, Deyi Liu, **Lam M. Nguyen**
*The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2020**), 2020 (20.1% acceptance rate)*

[16] A Scalable MIP-based Method for Learning Optimal Multivariate Decision Trees.
Haoran Zhu, Pavankumar Murali, Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Jayant R. Kalagnanam
*The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2020**), 2020 (20.1% acceptance rate)*

[15] Inexact SARAH Algorithm for Stochastic Optimization.
Lam M. Nguyen, Katya Scheinberg, Martin Takac
*Optimization Methods and Software (**GOMS**), volume 36(1), 237-258, 2020*

[14] Pruning Deep Neural Networks with L0-constrained Optimization.
Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Nam H. Nguyen, Jayant R. Kalagnanam
*The 20th IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (**ICDM 2020**), 2020 (19.7% acceptance rate)*

[13] Stochastic Gauss-Newton Algorithms for Nonconvex Compositional Optimization.
Quoc Tran-Dinh, Nhan H. Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**
*The 37th International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2020**), PMLR 119, 2020 (21.8% acceptance rate)*

[12] ProxSARAH: An Efficient Algorithmic Framework for Stochastic Composite Nonconvex Optimization.
Nhan H. Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dzung T. Phan, Quoc Tran-Dinh
*Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), volume 21(110), 1-48, 2020*
IBM 2020 Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Competition - Finalist

[11] A Hybrid Stochastic Policy Gradient Algorithm for Reinforcement Learning.
Nhan H. Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dzung T. Phan, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Marten van Dijk, Quoc Tran-Dinh
*The 23rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (**AISTATS 2020**), PMLR 108, 2020*

[10] New Convergence Aspects of Stochastic Gradient Algorithms.
Lam M. Nguyen, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Peter Richtarik, Katya Scheinberg, Martin Takac, Marten van Dijk
*Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), volume 20(176), 1-49, 2019*

[9] Tight Dimension Independent Lower Bound on the Expected Convergence Rate for Diminishing Step Sizes in SGD.
Phuong Ha Nguyen, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Marten van Dijk
*The 33th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2019**), 2019 (21.17% acceptance rate)*

[8] PROVEN: Verifying Robustness of Neural Networks with a Probabilistic Approach.
Tsui-Wei Weng, Pin-Yu Chen, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Mark S. Squillante, Akhilan Boopathy, Ivan Oseledets, Luca Daniel
*The 36th International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2019**), PMLR 97, 2019 (22.5% acceptance rate)*

[7] Characterization of Convex Objective Functions and Optimal Expected Convergence Rates for SGD.
Marten van Dijk, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Dzung T. Phan
*The 36th International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2019**), PMLR 97, 2019 (22.5% acceptance rate)*

[6] ChieF: A Change Pattern based Interpretable Failure Analyzer.
Dhaval Patel, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Akshay Rangamani, Shrey Shrivastava, Jayant Kalagnanam
*2018 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (**IEEE BigData 2018**), 2018*

[5] SGD and Hogwild! Convergence Without the Bounded Gradients Assumption.
Lam M. Nguyen, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Marten van Dijk, Peter Richtarik, Katya Scheinberg, Martin Takac
*The 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2018**), PMLR 80, 2018 (25% acceptance rate)*
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[4] SARAH: A Novel Method for Machine Learning Problems Using Stochastic Recursive Gradient.
Lam M. Nguyen, Jie Liu, Katya Scheinberg, Martin Takac
*The 34th International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2017**), PMLR 70:2613-2621, 2017 (25% acceptance rate)*
Van Hoesen Family Best Publication Award

[3] A Queueing System with On-demand Servers: Local Stability of Fluid Limits.
Lam M. Nguyen, Alexander L. Stolyar
*Queueing Systems (**QUESTA**), 1-26, Springer, 2017*

[2] A Service System with Randomly Behaving On-demand Agents.
Lam M. Nguyen, Alexander L. Stolyar
*The 42nd International Conference on Measurement and Modeling of Computer Systems (**SIGMETRICS 2016**), ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review, 44(1):365-366, 2016 (25% acceptance rate)*

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Prasad Vemala, **Lam Nguyen**, Dung Nguyen, Alekhya Kommasani
International Business Research, 7(4):125-131, 2014

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[8] Guaranteeing Conservation Laws with Projection in Physics-Informed Neural Networks.
Anthony Baez, Wang Zhang, Ziwen Ma, Subhro Das, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Luca Daniel
*The 38th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2024**), Data-driven and Differentiable Simulations, Surrogates, and Solvers (D3S3), 2024*

[7] Stochastic FISTA Step Search Algorithm for Convex Optimization.
Trang H. Tran, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Katya Scheinberg
*The 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2023**), Optimization for Machine Learning (OPT 2023), 2023*

[6] c-MBA: Adversarial Attack for Cooperative MARL Using Learned Dynamics Model.
Nhan H. Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Jie Chen, Hoang Thanh Lam, Subhro Das, Tsui-Wei Weng
*The 36th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2022**), ML Safety, 2022*

[5] Fast Convergence for Unstable Reinforcement Learning Problems by Logarithmic Mapping.
Wang Zhang, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Subhro Das, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel, Tsui-Wei Weng
*The 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2022**), Decision Awareness in Reinforcement Learning, 2022*

[4] Robust Randomized Smoothing via Two Cost-Effective Approaches.
Linbo Liu, Trong Nghia Hoang, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Tsui-Wei Weng
*The 10th International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR 2022**), PAIR2Struct: Privacy, Accountability, Interpretability, Robustness, Reasoning on Structured Data, 2022*

[3] Addressing Solution Quality in Data Generated Optimization Models.
Orit Davidovich, Parikshit Ram, Segev Wasserkrug, Dharmashankar Subramanian, Nianjun Zhou, Dzung Phan, Pavankumar Murali, **Lam M. Nguyen**
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[2] Automated Decision Optimization: Data and Knowledge Driven Optimization Model Generation with Human-in-the-loop.
Lisa Amini, Arunima Chaudhary, Yishai Feldman, Pavankumar Murali, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dzung Phan, Aviad Sela, Carolina Spina, Dharmashankar Subramanian, Abel Valente, Long Vu, Dakuo Wang, Segev Wasserkrug, Ritesh Yadav, Nianjun Zhou
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Segev Wasserkrug, Orit Davidovith, Evgeny Shindin, Dharmashankar Subramanian, Parikshit Ram, Pavankumar Murali, Dzung Phan, Nianjun Zhou, **Lam M. Nguyen**
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[14] A Supervised Contrastive Learning Pretrain-Finetune Approach for Time Series.
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[13] Batch Clipping and Adaptive Layerwise Clipping for Differential Private Stochastic Gradient Descent.
Toan N. Nguyen, Phuong Ha Nguyen, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Marten van Dijk
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[11] Generalizing DP-SGD with Shuffling and Batching Clipping.
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[9] Finite-Sum Optimization: A New Perspective for Convergence to a Global Solution.
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[8] Differential Private Hogwild! over Distributed Local Data Sets.
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Deyi Liu, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Quoc Tran-Dinh
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[6] Asynchronous Federated Learning with Reduced Number of Rounds and with Differential Privacy from Less Aggregated Gaussian Noise.
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[5] Finite-Time Analysis of Stochastic Gradient Descent under Markov Randomness.
Thinh T. Doan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Nhan H. Pham, Justin Romberg
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Thinh T. Doan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Nhan H. Pham, Justin Romberg
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[3] Hybrid Stochastic Gradient Descent Algorithms for Stochastic Nonconvex Optimization.
Quoc Tran-Dinh, Nhan H. Pham, Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**
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[2] When Does Stochastic Gradient Algorithm Work Well?
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Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Nam H. Nguyen, Jayant R. Kalagnanam

[6] Federated Learning for Training Machine Learning Models. *Patent I822290*
Lam M. Nguyen, Dung Tien Phan, Jayant R. Kalagnanam

[5] A Method for Tuning Hyper-Parameters for Classification. *Patent 11823076*
Dung Tien Phan, Hongsheng Liu, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[4] Optimal Interpretable Decision Trees Using Integer Linear Programming Techniques. *Patent 11676039*
Pavankumar Murali, Haoran Zhu, Dung Tien Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[3] Site-wide Operations Management Optimization for Manufacturing and Processing Control. *Patent 11656606*
Dung Tien Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Pavankumar Murali, and Hongsheng Liu

[2] A Shuffling-Type Gradient Method for Training Machine Learning models with Big Data. *Patent 11568171*
Lam M. Nguyen, Dung Tien Phan

[1] Prediction Optimization for System-level Production Control. *Patent 11099529*
Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Pavankumar Murali, Jayant R. Kalagnanam

PATENTS APPLICATIONS

[27] Deep Learning Architecture For Multivariate Time Series. *Filed on December 14, 2024*
Quang Minh Nguyen, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Subhro Das

[26] Generative Schrodinger Network. *Filed on March 11, 2024*
Thanh Lam Hoang, Marcos Martínez Galindo, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Niall Robertson, Vanessa Lopez Garcia

[25] Process Control Based on Simultaneous Machine Learning of Spatial and Temporal Relations of Time Series Data. *Filed on January 05, 2024*
Lam M. Nguyen, Trang H. Tran

[24] Neural Network-Based Dynamical System Modeling for Contrastively Learned Conservation Laws. *Filed on July 21, 2023*
Lam M. Nguyen, Wang Zhang, Subhro Das, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel

[23] Generative Modeling and Representational Learning from Multi-Sequence Alignment and Phylogenetic Tree Data. *Filed on June 30, 2023*
Thanh Lam Hoang, Marcos Martínez Galindo, Gabriele Picco, Mykhaylo Zayats, Nhan Huu Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Marco Luca Sbodio, Dzung Tien Phan, Vanessa Lopez Garcia

[22] Time Series Forecasting Using Multivariate Time Series Data with Missing Values. *Filed on January 28, 2023*
Lam M. Nguyen, Trang H. Tran, Kyong Min Yeo, Nam H. Nguyen, Dzung Tien Phan, Roman Vaculin, Jayant R. Kalagnanam

[21] Multivariable Time-Series Feature Extraction. *Filed on January 27, 2023*
Lam M. Nguyen, Wang Zhang, Subhro Das, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel

[20] Privacy Enhanced Machine Learning over Graph Data. *Filed on January 23, 2023*
Ambrish Rawat, Naoise Holohan, Heiko H. Ludwig, Ehsan Degan, Nathalie Baracaldo Angel, Alan Jonathan King, Swanand Ravindra Kadhe, Yi Zhou, Keith Coleman Houck, Mark Purcell, Giulio Zizzo, Nir Drucker, Hayim Shaul, Eyal Kushnir, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[19] Unsupervised Learning from Public Tabular Datasets. *Filed on December 15, 2022*
Thanh Lam Hoang, Gabriele Picco, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dzung Tien Phan

[18] Providing Trained Reinforcement Learning Systems. *Filed on December 12, 2022*
Lam M. Nguyen, Wang Zhang, Subhro Das, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel

[17] Active Learning in Model Training. *Filed on November 22, 2022*
Dzung Tien Phan, Huozhi Zhou, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Chandrasekhara K. Reddy, Jayant R. Kalagnanam

[16] Automated Decision Optimization for Maintenance of Physical Assets. *Filed on October 31, 2022*
Nianjun Zhou, Pavankumar Murali, Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[15] Adversarial Attacks for Improving Cooperative Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning Systems. *Filed on September 23, 2022*
Nhan Huu Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Jie Chen, Thanh Lam Hoang, Subhro Das

[14] Training Neural Networks with Convergence to a Global Minimum. *Filed on September 23, 2022*
Lam M. Nguyen

[13] Machine Learning-based Decision Framework for Physical Systems. *Filed on September 20, 2022*
Dzung Tien Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[12] Certification-based Robust Training by Refining Decision Boundary. *Filed on September 19, 2022*
Lam M. Nguyen, Wang Zhang, Subhro Das, Pin-Yu Chen, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel

[11] Training A Neural Network Using an Accelerated Gradient with Shuffling. *Filed on July 14, 2022*
Lam M. Nguyen, Trang H. Tran

[10] System and Method for unsupervised Learning of Semantic Graph from textual data and language generation from Semantic grapH via Reinforcement learning. *Filed on July 11, 2022*
Thanh Lam Hoang, Dzung Tien Phan, Gabriele Picco, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Marco Luca Sbodio, Vanessa Lopez Garcia

[9] Integrated Machine Learning Prediction and Optimization for Decision-Making. *Filed on March 30, 2022*
Dzung T. Phan, Long Vu, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Dharmashankar Subramanian

[8] Interpretable Clustering via Multi-Polytope Machines. *Filed on February 18, 2022*
Dzung T. Phan, Connor Lawless, Jayant R. Kalagnanam, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Chandrasekhara K. Reddy

[7] Optimal Control of Dynamic Systems via Linearizable Deep Learning. *Filed on February 07, 2022*
Dung Tien Phan, Jayant R. Kalagnanam, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[6] Boosting Classification and Regression Tree Performance with Dimension Reduction. *Filed on December 14, 2021*
Dzung T. Phan, Michael Huang, Pavankumar Murali, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[5] Optimizer Agnostic Explanation System for Large Scale Schedules. *Filed on November 23, 2021*
Surya Shravan Kumar Sajja, Kanthi Sarpatwar, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Yuan Yuan Jia, Stephane Michel, Roman Vaculin

[4] Multi-Polytope Machine for Classification. *Filed on September 30, 2021*
Dzung T. Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Jayant R. Kalagnanam, Chandrasekhara K. Reddy, Srideepika Jayaraman

[3] Site-Wide Optimization for Mixed Regression Models and Mixed Control Variables. *Filed on May 25, 2021*
Dung Tien Phan, Nhan H. Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[2] System-level Control using Tree-based Regression with Outlier Removal. *Filed on August 20, 2020*
Dung Tien Phan, Pavankumar Murali, **Lam M. Nguyen**

[1] A Method and System for Automated Generation of Optimization Model for System-Wide Plant Optimization. *Filed on July 24, 2020*
Dung Tien Phan, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Pavankumar Murali, Nianjun Zhou

THESES

2018 A Service System with On-Demand Agents, Stochastic Gradient Algorithms and the SARAH Algorithm.
Lam M. Nguyen
PhD dissertation, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
Elizabeth V. Stout Dissertation Award

2008 Methods for Detecting Hidden Period in Some Economics Processes.
Lam M. Nguyen
Undergraduate thesis, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

ORGANIZING WORKSHOPS

[2] When Machine Learning meets Dynamical Systems: Theory and Applications.
Lam M. Nguyen, Trang H. Tran, Wang Zhang, Subhro Das, Tsui-Wei Weng
*Workshop at The 37th Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI 2023**), 2023*

[1] New Frontiers in Federated Learning: Privacy, Fairness, Robustness, Personalization and Data Ownership.
Nghia Hoang, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Pin-Yu Chen, Tsui-Wei Weng, Sara Magliacane, Bryan Kian Hsiang Low, Anoop Deoras
*Workshop at The 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2021**), 2021*

INVITED TALKS

10/2023	On the Convergence to a Global Solution of Shuffling-Type Gradient Algorithms. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Phoenix, AZ
10/2022	New Perspective On The Convergence To A Global Solution Of Finite-sum Optimization. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Indianapolis, IN
09/2022	Nesterov Accelerated Shuffling Gradient Method for Convex Optimization. *Johns Hopkins University*, Baltimore, MD
10/2021	Hogwild! Over Distributed Local Data Sets With Linearly Increasing Mini-batch Sizes. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Anaheim, CA
11/2020	A Unified Convergence Analysis for Shuffling-Type Gradient Methods. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Virtual Conference
10/2019	Finite-Sum Smooth Optimization with SARAH. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA
11/2018	Inexact SARAH for Solving Stochastic Optimization Problems. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Phoenix, AZ
08/2018	Inexact SARAH for Solving Stochastic Optimization Problems. *DIMACS/TRIPODS/MOPTA*, Bethlehem, PA
03/2018	When does stochastic gradient algorithm work well? *INFORMS Optimization Society Conference*, Denver, CO
10/2017	SARAH: Stochastic Recursive Gradient Algorithm. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Houston, TX
08/2017	SARAH Algorithm. *IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center*, Yorktown Heights, NY
11/2016	A Queueing System with On-demand Servers: Local Stability of Fluid Limits. *INFORMS Annual Meeting*, Nashville, TN
08/2016	A Queueing System with On-demand Servers: Local Stability of Fluid Limits. *Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications*, Bethlehem, PA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MEMBER

03/2024 – Present	**Senior Member**, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)
06/2020 – Present	**Editorial Board**, Journal of Machine Learning Research
06/2021 – Present	**Editorial Board**, Machine Learning
06/2022 – Present	**Editorial Board**, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications
01/2022 – 12/2023	**Editorial Board**, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems
01/2022 – 12/2022	**Editorial Board**, Neural Networks
2023	**Program Committee**, "*When Machine Learning meets Dynamical Systems: Theory and Applications (MLmDS 2023)*", AAAI 2023 Workshop
2021	**Program Committee**, "*New Frontiers in Federated Learning: Privacy, Fairness, Robustness, Personalization and Data Ownership (NFFL 2021)*", NeurIPS 2021 Workshop
2020	**Program Committee**, "*Optimization for Machine Learning (OPT 2020)*", NeurIPS 2020 Workshop
2018	**Program Committee**, "*Modern Trends in Nonconvex Optimization for Machine Learning*", ICML 2018 Workshop

REVIEWER / PROGRAM COMMITTEE (PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES)

2017 – 2019	International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
2017 – 2021	Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS/NeurIPS)
2018 – 2020	International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

2019 – 2020	International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
2021 – 2022	Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)
2019 – 2021	AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
2020	International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)
2019 – 2022	IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
2019 – 2021	IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)
2020	European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)
2019 – 2021	Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)
	REVIEWER (PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)
2018 – 2022	Journal of Machine Learning Research
2020 – 2022	Mathematical Programming
2020 – 2021	SIAM Journal on Optimization
2021	SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis
2020 – 2021	IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems
2019 – 2020	IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing
2019	Artificial Intelligence
2018	Optimization Methods and Software
2020	SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science
	SESSION CHAIR / ORGANIZER (CONFERENCES)
	International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
2022	- Sessions "*OPT: Non-Convex*" and "*Optimization/Reinforcement Learning*"
2021	- Sessions "*Optimization (Stochastic)*" and "*Optimization (Nonconvex)*"
	International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
2021	- Session "*Oral Session 6*"
	International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
2021	- Session "*Theory and Practice of Machine Learning*"
	INFORMS Annual Meeting
2023	- Session "*First-Order Methods for Machine Learning*"
2022	- Session "*Optimization for Machine Learning*"
2021	- Session "*Recent Advances in Stochastic Gradient Algorithms*"
2020	- Session "*Recent Advances in Stochastic Gradient Algorithms for Machine Learning*"
2019	- Session "*Fast and Provable Nonconvex Optimization Algorithms in Machine Learning*"
2018	- Session "*Recent Advances in Optimization Methods for Machine Learning*"
	DIMACS/TRIPODS/MOPTA
2018	- Sessions *"Sparse Optimization*" and "*Stochastic Gradient Descent*"
	IBM ACTIVITIES
01/2022 – Present	**Champion**, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
09/2024 – Present	**Co-Chair**, Invention Development Team (IDT)
11/2021 – Present	**Member**, Invention Development Team (IDT)
07/2021 – Present	**Champion**, Professional Interest Community (PIC) - Learning
2022	**Member**, Research AI Pillar Accomplishment Committee
2021 - 2023	**Reviewer**, Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Competition
2020	**Reviewer**, IBM Ph.D. Fellowships
	SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS
2023 – Present	INFORMS Optimization Society
2022 – Present	Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

2016 – Present	Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)
2014 – Present	The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)
2014 – Present	Beta Gamma Sigma (The International Business Honor Society)

MENTORSHIP

PH.D. STUDENTS

03/2021 – 02/2025	**Wang Zhang**, Ph.D. student, Department of Mechanical Engineering, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (co-advise with Prof. Luca Daniel).
10/2019 – 01/2025	**Trang H. Tran**, Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engineering, *Cornell University* (co-advise with Prof. Katya Scheinberg).
08/2018 – 12/2021	**Nhan H. Pham**, Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* (co-advise with Prof. Quoc Tran-Dinh). Now at *IBM Research*, USA.

IBM RESEARCH INTERNS

05/2025 – Present	**Yating Zhou**, Ph.D. Student, Department of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering, *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*.
05/2025 – Present	**Yunshi Wen**, Ph.D. Student, Department of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering, *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*.
06/2023 – 09/2023	**Quang M. Nguyen**, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*.
06/2022 – 09/2022	**Tuomas Oikarinen**, Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, *University of California San Diego*.
05/2022 – 08/2022	**Vinicius Lima Silva**, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering, *University of Pennsylvania*.
05/2023 – 08/2023, 05/2022 – 08/2022	**Trang H. Tran**, Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engineering, *Cornell University*.
05/2021 – 08/2021	**Connor Lawless**, Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engineering, *Cornell University*.
05/2021 – 08/2021	**Huozhi Zhou**, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*.
05/2021 – 08/2021	**Nathanael Assefa**, Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*.
06/2020 – 09/2020	**Michael Huang**, Ph.D. student, Department of Data Science and Operations, Marshall School of Business, *University of Southern California*.
06/2020 – 08/2020	**Nhan H. Pham**, Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* (student of Prof. Quoc Tran-Dinh) (IBM Research Intern). Now at *IBM Research*, USA.
05/2019 – 12/2019	**Hongsheng Liu**, Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.* Now at *Huawei Technologies Co.*, Ltd., China.
01/2019 – 08/2019	**Haoran Zhu**, Ph.D. student, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, *University of Wisconsin – Madison. Now at Microsoft, USA*.

RPI-IBM PROJECT

01/2024 – Present	**Yunshi Wen**, Ph.D. Student, Department of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering, *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute* (student of Prof. Agung Julius).

MIT-IBM PROJECTS

04/2023 – 02/2025	**Martin Ma**, M.E. Student, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, *Harvard University*.

03/2021 – 02/2025 **Wang Zhang**, Ph.D. student, Department of Mechanical Engineering, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (student of Prof. Luca Daniel).

09/2020 – 09/2021 **Vindula Jayawardana**, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (student of Prof. Cathy Wu).

MIT SUPERUROP UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

09/2023 – 05/2024 **Anthony Baez**, Undergraduate student, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (co-advise with Prof. Luca Daniel).

06/2022 – 05/2023 **Angelos Assos**, Undergraduate student, Computer Science and Mathematics, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (co-advise with Prof. Luca Daniel).

EXTERNAL STUDENTS

09/2022 – 12/2024 **Anh Duy Nguyen**, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*.

10/2021 – 12/2022 **Linbo Liu**, Ph.D. student, Department of Mathematics, *University of California San Diego*.

06/2021 – Present **Quang M. Nguyen**, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*.

06/2021 – Present **Hoang H. Nguyen**, Ph.D. student, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, *Georgia Institute of Technology*.

03/2021 – 12/2022 **Yilan Chen**, Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, *University of California San Diego* (student of Prof. Tsui-Wei Weng).

01/2019 – 12/2022 **Toan N. Nguyen**, Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, *University of Connecticut* (student of Prof. Marten van Dijk).

01/2019 – 11/2021 **Nhuong V. Nguyen**, Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, *University of Connecticut* (student of Prof. Marten van Dijk).

PH.D. THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

10/2021 – 01/2025 **Trang H. Tran**, Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engineering, *Cornell University* (student of Prof. Katya Scheinberg).

09/2020 – 06/2022 **Deyi Liu**, Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* (student of Prof. Quoc Tran-Dinh). Now at *Bytedance*, USA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

08/2024 – Present **Adjunct Professor**, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA
Course: Optimization Methods in Machine Learning (ISE 444) (Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

09/2014 – 05/2015 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA
Courses: Engineering Probability (ISE 111), Applied Engineering Statistics (ISE 121)

01/2012 – 12/2013 **Graduate (Teaching) Assistant**, College of Business, *McNeese State University*, Lake Charles, LA
Courses: Human Resource Management (MGMT 310), Staffing (MGMT 315), Strategic Management (MGMT 481), Management Theory and Organizational Behavior (MGMT 604), Issues in Global Business (BADM 218), Entrepreneurial Finance for Small Business (FIN 308)

09/2007 – 05/2008 **Teaching Assistant**, Faculty of Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics, *Lomonosov Moscow State University*, Moscow, Russia
Courses: Mathematical Analysis (Calculus), Linear Algebra and Analytic Geometry

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

05/2013 – 08/2013 **Graduate Assistant (Web Developer)**, College of Business, *McNeese State University*, Lake Charles, LA

09/2008 – 08/2009 **Software Engineer**, *FPT Software Company*, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

IBM RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2024 Granite Time Series Foundation Models (O-level)

2023 Research Contributions to Time Series Foundation Models (A-level)

2022 Federated Learning Security and Privacy (O-level)

2022 Dynamic Approaches for Machine Learning (A-level)

2022 Regression Optimization for Heavy Processing Industries (A-level)

2022 Combinatorial Sparsity for AI (A-level)

2021 Stochastic Gradient Methods: Theory and Applications (A-level)

2019 SROM: Smarter Resource & Operations Management (A-level)

HONORS & AWARDS

2024 INFORMS Senior Member

2023 2022 Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Award

2023 IBM 9th Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2023 IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "*Dynamic Approaches for Machine Learning*"

2023 IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "*Regression Optimization for Heavy Processing Industries*"

2023 IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "*Federated Learning Security and Privacy*"

2023 IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "*Combinatorial Sparsity for AI*"

2023 IBM 8th Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2022 IBM Master Inventor

2022 IBM 7th Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2022 IBM 6th Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2022 IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "*Stochastic Gradient Methods: Theory and Applications*"

2022 IBM 5th Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2022 IBM 4th Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2021 IBM 3rd Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2020 IBM 2nd Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2020 IBM Research Division Award

2020 IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "*SROM: Smarter Resource & Operations Management*"

2020 IBM 1st Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2019 NeurIPS 2019 Top Reviewers

2019 Elizabeth V. Stout Dissertation Award, *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA

2018 Van Hoesen Family Best Publication Award, *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA

2016 – 2017 Dean's Doctoral Fellowship (RCEAS), *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA

2014 – 2015 Dean's Doctoral Assistantship, *Lehigh University*, Bethlehem, PA

2014 Beta Gamma Sigma (Academic Honor Society)