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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Sequential decision making with uncertainty, machine learning, algorithmic economics, behavioral (social) sciences and optimization.	
APPOINTMENTS	Postdoctoral Research Fellow Data Science Institute, Columbia University, NYC, NY Mentor: Shipra Agrawal	Sep 2022 – Present
EDUCATION	Washington University in St. Louis , St. Louis, MO Ph.D in Computer Science. Advisor: Chien-Ju Ho	Sep 2017 – July 2022
	Tianjin University , Tianjin, China B.E. in Engineering	Sep 2013 – Jun 2017
AWARDS	Best Paper Honorable Mention , 9th AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (HCOMP). Rising Star in Data Science , Data Science Institute, University of Chicago. Honors (top 15% of grad. students), Washington University CSE department.	11/2021 10/2021 2019-2020, 2020-2021
WORKING PAPERS	Dynamic Pricing and Demand Learning with Averaging Reference Effect (α - β) Shipra Agrawal, Wei Tang To be submitted to <i>Operations Research</i> Dynamic Pricing and Learning with Bayesian Persuasion (α - β) Shipra Agrawal, Yiding Feng, Wei Tang Under review, and to be submitted to <i>Operations Research</i> Rationality-Robust Information Design: Bayesian Persuasion under Quantal Response (α - β) Yiding Feng, Chien-Ju Ho, Wei Tang Under review, and to be submitted to <i>Operations Research</i> HAIDNet: Encoding Human Behavior in Automated Information Design Guanghai Yu, Wei Tang , Saumik Narayanan, Chien-Ju Ho Under review	
PUBLICATIONS	(SODA'23) Competitive Information Design for Pandora's Box (α - β) Bolin Ding, Yiding Feng, Chien-Ju Ho, Wei Tang , Haifeng Xu. <i>In Proc. of The 34th ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms.</i> To be submitted to <i>Mathematics of Operations Research</i> (EC'22) Online Bayesian Recommendation with No Regret (α - β) Yiding Feng, Wei Tang , Haifeng Xu. <i>In Proc. of The 23rd ACM conference on Economics and Computation.</i> Under review at <i>Operations Research</i>	

(AIES'22) [How Does Predictive Information Affect Human Ethical Preferences?](#)
Saumik Narayanan, Guanghui Yu, **Wei Tang**, Chien-Ju Ho, and Ming Yin.
In Proc. of The 5th AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society.

(NeurIPS'21) [Bandit Learning with Delayed Impact of Actions](#)
Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.
In Proc. of The 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.
Also Presented at Fairness in AI/ML models at INFORMS, 2019.

(HCOMP'21) [On the Bayesian Rational Assumption in Information Design](#)
Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho. *In Proc. of The 9th AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing.*

Best Paper Honorable Mention

(AISTATS'21) [Linear Models are Robust Optimal Under Strategic Behavior](#)
Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.
In Proc. of The 24th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics.

(NeurIPS'20) [Optimal Query Complexity of Secure Stochastic Convex Optimization](#)
Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.
In Proc. of The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.

(AAMAS'20) [Differentially Private Contextual Dynamic Pricing](#)
Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.
In Proc. of the 19th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems.

(WWW'19) [Leveraging Peer Communication to Enhance Crowdsourcing](#)
Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Ming Yin.
In Proc. of The Web Conference.

(AAMAS'19) [Bandit Learning with Biased Human Feedback](#)
Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho.
In Proc. of the 18th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems.
Also presented as the contributed talk at The first Workshop on Behavioral EC, June 2019.

Tumor origin detection with tissue-specific miRNA and DNA methylation markers
Wei Tang, Shixiang Wan, Zhen Yang, Andrew E Teschendorff, Quan Zou. **Bioinformatics** 34.3 (2018): 398-406.

dbDEMC 2.0: updated database of differentially expressed miRNAs in human cancers
Zhen Yang, Liangcai Wu, Anqiang Wang, **Wei Tang**, Yi Zhao, Haitao Zhao, Andrew E. Teschendorff. **Nucleic acids research** 45.D1 (2017): D812-D818.

Which statistical significance test best detects oncomiRNAs in cancer tissues? An exploratory analysis
Wei Tang, Zhijun Liao, Quan Zou. **Oncotarget** 7.51 (2016): 85613.

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant. 2017 – 2022
Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Washington University. *St. Louis, MO*
Supervisor: Chien-Ju Ho

Summer Research Intern. Jun – Sep, 2020

Alibaba DAMO Academy. (Remote)
Mentor: Bolin Ding

Seattle, WA

TALKS

Dynamic Pricing and Learning with Bayesian Persuasion

INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

Oct 2023

Columbia Statistical Machine Learning Symposium

Apr 2023

Rationality-Robust Information Design: Bayesian Persuasion under Quantal Response

The 34th Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory

July 2023

Competitive Information Design for Pandora's Box

Eighth Marketplace Innovation Workshop (MIW).

May 2023

Gaoling School of Artificial Intelligence, Renmin University of China.

Nov 2022

Online Bayesian Recommendation with No Regret

SIGecom Seminar Series, Virtual.

Dec 2022

INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Oct 2022

The 23rd ACM Conference on Economics and Computation, Boulder, CO.

July 2022

INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Section Conference, Virtual.

June 2022

Learning with Understanding: Human Behavior in Algorithm Design

The Rising Stars in Data Science workshop at the University of Chicago.

Nov 2021

Optimal Query Complexity of Secure Stochastic Convex Optimization

Workshop on Economics of Privacy and Data Labor (ICML'20).

Jun 2020

Linear Models are Robust Optimal Under Strategic Behavior

Workshop on Incentives in Machine Learning (ICML'20).

Jun 2020

Bandit Learning with Biased Human Feedback

Contributed Talk at The first Workshop on Behavioral EC.

Jun 2019

International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS).

May 2019

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

Human-in-the-loop Computation (CSE 518A WashU)

Fall 2019

Introduction to Machine Learning (CSE 417T WashU)

Fall 2018

SERVICES

Workshop Organization

Co-Chair, RMP session on Pricing and Information in Modern Marketplaces at INFORMS Annual Meeting 2023

Journal Referee

Operations Research (OR)

Manufacturing and Service Operations Management (MSOM)

Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)

Transactions on Economics and Computation (TEAC)

Machine Learning Journal (MLJ)

Conference Program Committee

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS): 2021–2023

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML): 2022 – 2023

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI): 2021-2024
ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT): 2022 – 2023
Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI): 2022
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR): 2022, 2024
Conference On Web And InterNet Economics: 2022
International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems: 2022
International Symposium on Algorithmic Game Theory: 2022
International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS): 2021