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## EDUCATION

**The University of Tokyo**, Japan  
Ph.D., Complexity Science and Engineering

October 2021 - September 2024  
Supervisor: Prof. [Masashi Sugiyama](#)

**Nanjing University**, China  
M.Sc., Computer Science and Technology

June 16, 2021  
Supervisor: Prof. [Zhi-Hua Zhou](#)

**Tongji University**, China  
B.Sc., Electronic Science and Technology

July 01, 2018  
GPA: 4.91/5.00, ranking 1/32

## WORK EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

**University of Washington**, US  
Postdoctoral Researcher

November 2025- Now  
Supervisor: Prof. [Kevin Jamieson](#)

**RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project**, Japan  
Postdoctoral Researcher

January 2025- October 2025  
Supervisor: Prof. [Masashi Sugiyama](#)

**The Institute for AI and Beyond**, Japan  
Research Assistant

April 2022- September 2024

## RESEARCH INTEREST

I am generally interested in exploring the theoretical foundations of machine learning and developing methods with sound theoretical guarantees. Currently, I focus on developing provably adaptive and reliable methods for *non-stationary and open-world environments*. My research topics include:

- **Sequential Decision-making in Non-stationary Environments:** We develop online learning methods that adapt promptly to non-stationary environment with regret guarantees  
- Key Words: *online optimization, bandits, reinforcement learning, dynamic regret bound.*
- **Supervised Learning in Open-world Environments:** We develop reliable methods to learn with weak supervision and handle unknown classes with excess risk guarantees.  
- Key Words: *distribution shift, weakly supervised learning, unknown classes, excess risk bound.*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Preprints

1. Soichiro Nishimori, [Yu-Jie Zhang](#), Thanawat Lodkaew, Masashi Sugiyama. On Symmetric Losses for Robust Policy Optimization with Noisy Preferences. *In submission.*

### Conference Publications

1. [Yu-Jie Zhang](#), Sheng-An Xu, Peng Zhao, Masashi Sugiyama. Generalized Linear Bandits: Almost Optimal Regret with One-Pass Update. **NeurIPS 2025.**
2. [Yu-Jie Zhang](#), Peng Zhao, and Masashi Sugiyama. Non-stationary Online Learning for Curved Losses: Improved Dynamic Regret via Mixability. **ICML 2025.**
3. Jing Wang, [Yu-Jie Zhang](#), Peng Zhao, and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Heavy-Tailed Linear Bandits: Huber Regression with One-Pass Update. **ICML 2025.**

4. Yuting Tang, Yivan Zhang, Johannes Ackermann, Yu-Jie Zhang, Soichiro Nishimori, Masashi Sugiyama. Recursive Reward Aggregation. **RLC 2025**.
5. Long-Fei Li, Yu-Jie Zhang, Peng Zhao, and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Provably Efficient Reinforcement Learning with Multinomial Logit Function Approximation. **NeurIPS 2024**.
6. Yu-Yang Qian, Peng Zhao, Yu-Jie Zhang, Masashi Sugiyama, Zhi-Hua Zhou. Efficient Non-stationary Online Learning by Wavelets with Applications to Online Distribution Shift Adaptation. **ICML 2024**
7. Wei Wang, Takashi Ishida, Yu-Jie Zhang, Gang Niu, and Masashi Sugiyama. Learning with Complementary Labels Revisited: A Consistent Approach via Negative-Unlabeled Learning. **ICML 2024**.
8. Yu-Jie Zhang and Masashi Sugiyama. Online (Multinomial) Logistic Bandit: Improved Regret and Constant Computation Cost. **NeurIPS 2023 [Spotlight]**
9. Yu-Jie Zhang, Zhen-Yu Zhang, Peng Zhao, and Masashi Sugiyama. Adapting to Continuous Covariate Shift via Online Density Ratio Estimation. **NeurIPS 2023**.
10. Xin-Qiang Cai, Yu-Jie Zhang, Chao-Kai Chiang and Masashi Sugiyama. Imitation Learning from Vague Feedback. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 36 **NeurIPS 2023**.
11. Yong Bai\*, Yu-Jie Zhang\*, Peng Zhao, Masashi Sugiyama, and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Adapting to Online Label Shift with Provable Guarantees. **NeurIPS 2023**. (\* equal contribution)
12. Zhen-Yu Zhang, Yu-Yang Qian, Yu-Jie Zhang, Yuan Jiang, Zhi-Hua Zhou. Adaptive Learning for Weakly Labeled Streams. **KDD 2022**.
13. Yu-Jie Zhang, Yu-Hu Yan, Peng Zhao and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Towards Enabling Learnware to Handle Unseen Jobs. In Proceedings of the 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2021.
14. Peng Zhao, Yu-Jie Zhang and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Exploratory Machine Learning with Unknown Unknowns. **AAAI 2021**.
15. Yu-Jie Zhang, Peng Zhao, Lanjihong Ma and Zhi-Hua Zhou. An Unbiased Risk Estimator for Learning with Augmented Classes. **NeurIPS 2020**.
16. Peng Zhao, Yu-Jie Zhang, Lijun Zhang and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Dynamic Regret of Convex and Smooth Functions. **NeurIPS 2020**.
17. Yu-Jie Zhang, Peng Zhao, and Zhi-Hua Zhou. A Simple Online Algorithm for Competing with Dynamic Comparators. **UAI 2020**.

### Journal Publications

17. Sijia Chen, Yu-Jie Zhang, Wei-Wei Tu, Peng Zhao, and Lijun Zhang. Optimistic Online Mirror Descent for Bridging Stochastic and Adversarial Online Convex Optimization. Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), 25(178):1–62, 2024.
18. Peng Zhao, Yu-Jie Zhang, Lijun Zhang, and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Adaptivity and Non-stationarity: Problem-dependent Dynamic Regret for Online Convex Optimization. Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**), 25(98):1–52, 2024.
19. Peng Zhao, Jia-Wei Shan, Yu-Jie Zhang and Zhi-Hua Zhou. Exploratory Machine Learning with Unknown Unknowns. Artificial Intelligence (**AIJ**), 327:104059, 2024.

### AWARDS & HONORS

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- Dean’s Award for Outstanding Achievement (Doctoral Course), GSFS, UTokyo, 2025.
  - AISTATS 2025 Best Reviewer, 2025

- Top Reviewer for NeurIPS, 2023
- Top Reviewer for UAI, 2023
- Top Reviewer for NeurIPS, 2022
- The University of Tokyo Fellowship, Tokyo, 2021
- Outstanding Master Dissertation Award by Jiangsu Computer Society, Nanjing, 2021
- Excellent Graduate of Nanjing University, Nanjing, 2021
- National Graduate Scholarship for Master Student, MOE of PRC, 2020

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- **Reviewer for Conference:** NeurIPS (2021-2025), ICML (2022-2025), ICLR (2022-2025), AISTATS (2021-2025), UAI (2022-2024), AAAI (2021, 2024), IJCAI (2020-2023), ECAI (2020).
- **Reviewer for Journal:** Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI), Frontiers of Computer Science.