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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Nordita, Stockholm University and KTH Royal Institute of Technology**     **Stockholm, Sweden**  
*Research Fellow*     Oct. 2022-

- Funding: Wallenberg Initiative on Networks and Quantum information.
- Research Interest: Complex Systems and Networks, including Dynamics on Networks, the Incorporation of Positive and Negative Signs (e.g. friend-foe relationships in social networks), and Community Detection.

## EDUCATION

**University of Oxford**     **Oxford, UK**  
*Ph.D. Mathematics*     Sep. 2018 - Oct. 2022  
*EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training for Industrially Focused Mathematical Modelling (InFoMM CDT)*

- Thesis: Role Extraction, Dynamics, and Optimisation on Networks; supervised by Prof. Renaud Lambiotte (Oxford), and industrial collaborators Dr. Alisdair Wallis, Dr. Sebastian Lautz (Tesco).

**University of Manchester**     **Manchester, UK**  
*B.Sc. Mathematics and Statistics (2+2 Dual Degree)*     Sep. 2016 - Jun. 2018

- Final project: Model Selection versus Model Averaging in Gaussian Processes; supervised by Prof. Thomas House.

**Beijing Institute of Technology**     **Beijing, China**  
*B.Sc. Mathematics (2+2 Dual Degree)*     Sep. 2014 - Jun. 2016

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**University of Oxford**     **Oxford, UK**  
InFoMM CDT Mini-Project: Inter-District Packaged Gas Optimisation.     Jul. - Sep. 2019  
*Supervisors: Prof. Raphael Hauser (Oxford), Dr. Peter Connard, Dr. Harsida Jenkins (Air Products)*

- Formulated the problem of both inventory management and transshipment of products as a mixed integer programming, and reviewed state-of-the-art techniques.
- Proposed several relaxation methods based on Lagrangian relaxation to improve solving efficiency.

InFoMM CDT Mini-Project: Halo Effect and Demand Transfer on Products.     Apr. - Jun. 2019  
*Supervisors: Prof. Renaud Lambiotte (Oxford), Dr. Alisdair Wallis (Tesco).*

- Devised a method combining Poisson processes with time series analysis to identify the product relationships from aggregated sales data quantitatively.
- Applied regression techniques, and proposed several validation methods with real data.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

4. **Y. Tian** and R. Lambiotte. *Spreading and structural balance on signed networks*. preprint, arXiv:2212.10158, 2022.
3. **Y. Tian**, Z. Lubberts and M. Weber. *Mixed-membership community detection via line graph curvature*. NeurIPS Symmetry and Geometry in Neural Representations, 2022.
2. **Y. Tian** and R. Lambiotte. *Unifying information propagation models on networks and influence maximization*. Phys. Rev. E, 106, 034316, 2022.
1. **Y. Tian**, S. Lautz, A. Wallis and R. Lambiotte. *Extracting complements and substitutes from sales data: a network perspective*. EPJ Data Sci., 10:45, 2021.

## SELECTED COMMUNICATIONS

### Invited talks

- **Soft Matter Seminar at Nordita**, Stockholm, Sweden. (Oct. 2022)
- **Seminar at Technical University of Munich** (Virtual), Munich, Germany. (May 2022)
- **Seminar at Dartmouth College** (Virtual), Hanover, US. (Jan. 2022)
- **Oxford Network Seminar** (Virtual), University of Oxford, UK. (May 2021)

### Contributed talks

- **The 4th IMA Conference on The Mathematical Challenges of Big Data**, University of Oxford, UK. (Sep. 2022)
- **SIAM Workshop on Network Science**<sup>1</sup> (Virtual). (Sep. 2022)
- **Conference on Network Sciences (NetSci)** (Virtual), Shanghai, China. (July. 2022)
- **Industrial Mathematics in the 21st Century: A cornucopia of unsolved problems**, University of Oxford, UK. (June 2022)
- **InFoMM Annual Meeting**, University of Oxford, UK. (June 2022)
- **SIAM UKIE National Student Chapter Conference**, Edinburgh, UK. (June 2022)
- **The 13th International Conference on Complex Networks (CompleNet)** (Virtual), Exeter, UK. (May - June 2022)
- **The 10th International Conference on Complex Networks and their Applications (CNA)**, Madrid, Spain. (Nov. 2021)
- **Conference on Complex Systems (CCS)**, Lyon, France. (Oct. 2021)
- **InFoMM Annual Meeting** (Virtual), University of Oxford, UK. (July 2021)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Invited Participant

- **WINQ Workshop on Complex Dynamical Networks**, Stockholm, Sweden. (June 2022)

### Reviewers

- **Journal**: Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications.
- **Conference**: International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media.

### Organisers

- **WINQ Seminar**, Nordita Oct. 2022 - Present
- **Oxford Networks Seminar**, University of Oxford Oct. 2021 - June 2022

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Oxford

**Oxford, UK**

#### *Tutor*

Oct. 2021 - Dec. 2021

- Introduction to Statistics, Michaelmas Term 2021

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Oct. 2019 - Apr. 2020

- Networks, Hilary Term 2020
- Graph Theory, Michaelmas Term 2019

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

- EPSRC InFoMM CDT Studentship (fully-funded PhD studentship, 2018 – 2022)
- First Prize in China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modelling (Beijing, 09/2016 & 09/2015)
- First-Class People's Scholarship (5% in academia, 2014-2016)
- National Scholarship (5% in academic, research and other activities, 2014-2015)

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<sup>1</sup>Also help with the organisation.

## TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- **Programming:** Proficiency in Python (pandas, numpy, scipy, networkx, statsmodels, scikit-learn etc), MATLAB; Familiarity with R Language, C Language.
- **Optimisation:** MOSEK, Lingo.