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# **Personal Information:**

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# **Undergraduate Studies**:

B.A., Economics, School of Economics, Shandong University, 2017.

## **Masters Level Work:**

M.S., Statistics, School of Statistics, Renmin University of China, 2020.

# **Graduate Studies:**

Singapore Management University, 2020 to present

Thesis Title: Essays on High-Frequency Financial Econometrics

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## **Teaching and Research Fields:**

Primary fields: Econometrics Theory Secondary fields: Financial Econometrics

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# **Teaching Experience:**

Teaching Assistant:

ECON623 Econometrics II (PhD), SMU, 2022-2025

ECON746 High Frequency Econometrics (PhD), SMU, 2024-2025

ECON6006 Financial Econometrics (Master), SMU, 2022-2024

ECON6001 Time Series Econometrics (Master), SMU, 2023-2025

ECON107 Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate), SMU, 2024-2025

COR-STA1202 Introductory Statistics (Undergraduate), SMU, 2021-2022

COR-STA1203 Introduction to Statistical Theory (Undergraduate), SMU, 2024-2025

#### **Research Experience:**

Research Assistant for Prof. Jia Li, Singapore Management University, 2021-2025

# **Conference and Seminar Presentations:**

SH3 Conference on Econometrics, 2023

Econometric Research Workshop, Singapore Management University, 2022-2025

# **Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

Awards:

Presidential Doctoral Fellowship, Singapore Management University, 2023 *Scholarships*:

PhD Full Scholarship, Singapore Management University, 2020-2024

The 1<sup>st</sup> Class Academic Scholarship, Renmin University of China, 2017-2020

## **Publications:**

"Optimal Inference for Spot Regressions" (with Tim Bollerslev and Jia Li) *American Economics Review*, 114(3), 2024, 678-708

#### **Research Papers:**

#### "Conformal Prediction for High-Frequency Event Studies" (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: We propose using a conformal predictive analysis for high-frequency event studies. Unlike existing literature, we recast the inference problem of cumulative abnormal return (CAR) as a counterfactual prediction problem for cumulative return. The general continuous-time model for spot regression can be approximated by a linear regression model with independent and stable-distributed random variables under the fixed-\$k\$ asymptotic setting, thereby establishing the asymptotic validity of the conformal prediction interval. Extending the theory to incorporate a counterfactual model with many control units, the proposed prediction interval remains valid when using the synthetic control estimator. An intraday event study of AMD's conference session illustrates the empirical application.

"Robust Inference for Spot Regressions" (with Tim Bollerslev, Jia Li and Ulrich Müller)

"A Robust test of Tracking Performance for Leveraged ETFs" (with Tim Bollerslev, Jia Li and Ulrich Müller)

# **Computer Skills:**

MATLAB, R

#### Languages:

English (fluent), Mandarin (native)