



**24th International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics, IWMS-2015
25–28 May 2015, Haikou City, Hainan Island, China
Hainan Normal University**



Photo 1: Professor Kai-Tai Fang.

The purpose of this ILAS-endorsed Workshop is to stimulate research and, in an informal setting, to foster the interaction of researchers in the interface between statistics and matrix theory. The Workshop will provide a forum through which statisticians may be better informed of the latest developments and newest techniques in linear algebra and matrix theory and may exchange ideas with researchers from a wide variety of countries.

The Workshop will comprise

- (a) Plenary Talks (40 min, 8 speakers),
- (b) Invited Minisymposia (30 min/talk, 11 MS, 56 speakers),
- (c) Contributed Talks (20 min, 25 speakers) and
- (d) Special Sessions (30 min/talk, 8 speakers) honoring the 75th Birthday of Professor Kai-Tai Fang (BNU-HKBU United International College, Zhuhai, China) and the 70th Birthday of Simo Puntanen (U of Tampere, Finland).

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Websites: IWMS-2015, Venue/Hainan Normal University, Haikou City, Hainan Island, IWMS.

♠ The Workshop Sessions: from Monday 8:30 till Thursday 12:30.

PLENARY SPEAKERS

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| • Ravindra B. BAPAT (Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India) Moore–Penrose inverse of a Euclidean distance matrix | [Mon 09:00–09:40 A] |
| • Chris GOTWALT, SAS Lecturer (SAS Institute Inc, Cary, NC, USA) Firth estimation in the mixed model: a new derivation of REML and improved estimates and inferences using logistic models with random effects | [Mon 14:30–15:10 A] |
| • Karl GUSTAFSON, ILAS Lecturer (U of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA) Antieigenvalue analysis, new applications: Continuum Mechanics, Economics, Number Theory | [Tue 08:50–09:30 A] |
| • Yoshio TAKANE (U of Victoria, BC, Canada) Professor Haruo Yanai and multivariate analysis | [Tue 09:30–10:10 A] |
| • Zhi GENG (Peking U, China) Causal effects and causal networks | [Tue 14:30–15:10 A] |

- Lynn Roy LAMOTTE (Louisiana State U, New Orleans, LA, USA) [Wed 08:30–09:10 A]
Multivariate inverse prediction with mixed models
- Mu-Fa CHEN (Beijing Normal U, China) [Wed 14:30–15:10 A]
Unified speed estimation of various stabilities
- Peter SEMRL (U of Ljubljana, Slovenia) [Thu 08:30–09:10 A]
Adjacency and coherency preservers

Monday, 25 May 2015

Opening Session [Mon 08:30–09:00 A]

08:30–09:00 Opening remarks

Followed by Group Photo

- **PS1.** Ravindra B. BAPAT (Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India) [Mon 09:00–09:40 A]
Moore–Penrose inverse of a Euclidean distance matrix

• *Chair: Jeffrey J. Hunter*

SS1. INVITED SPECIAL SESSION HONORING KAI-TAI FANG'S 75TH BIRTHDAY [Mon 09:40–12:30 A]

• *Organizer and Chair: Jianxin Pan*

09:40–10:10 Jianxin PAN (U of Manchester, UK)

Career synopsis of Professor Kai-Tai Fang

10:10–10:30 *Tea Break*

10:30–11:00 Runze LI (Penn State U, University Park, PA, USA)

Joint likelihood estimation for joint modeling survival and multiple longitudinal processes

11:00–11:30 Min-Qian LIU (Nankai U, Tianjin City, China)

Professor Kai-Tai Fang's contributions to Uniform Designs

11:30–12:00 Dietrich VON ROSEN (Swedish U of Agriculture, Uppsala, and Linköping U, Sweden)

Partial least squares and multivariate linear models

12:00–12:30 Jianxin PAN (U of Manchester, UK)

Regularization of covariance structures

12:30–14:30 *Lunch*

- **PS2.** Chris GOTWALT, SAS Lecturer (SAS Institute Inc, Cary, NC, USA) [Mon 14:30–15:10 A]
Firth estimation in the mixed model: a new derivation of REML and improved estimates and inferences using logistic models with random effects

• *Chair: Jeffrey J. Hunter*

MS5. Statistical Modeling and Computation [Mon 15:10–18:30 A]

• *Organizer: Tsung-I Lin, Chairs: Tsung-I Lin 15:10–16:10; Wan-Lun Wang 16:30–18:30*

15:10–15:40 Wan-Lun WANG (Feng Chia U, Taichung, Taiwan)

Mixtures of common factor analyzers for high-dimensional data with missing values

15:40–16:10 Jyrki MÖTTÖNEN (U of Helsinki, Finland)

Robust adaptive multivariate LAD-lasso

16:10–16:30 *Tea Break*

16:30–17:00 Liucang WU (Kunming U of Science and Technology, Kunming, China)

A skew-normal mixture of joint location, scale and skewness models

17:00–17:30 Jianhua ZHAO (Yunnan U of Finance and Economics, Kunming, China)

Efficient model selection for mixtures of probabilistic PCA via hierarchical BIC

17:30–18:00 Zhengyuan ZHU (Iowa State U, Ames, IA, USA)

Modeling nonstationary processes on sphere using kernel convolution

18:00–18:30 Tsung-I LIN (National Chung Hsing U, Taichung, Taiwan)

Mixture of skew-normal factor analysis models

MS2. Statistical Simulation [Mon 16:30–18:30 B]

• *Organizer and Chair: Kai-Tai Fang*

16:30–17:00 Ping HE (BNU-HKBU United International College, Zhuhai, China)

Principle points and its application in simulation for univariate asymmetric distribution

17:00–17:30 Jiajian JIANG (BNU-HKBU United International College, Zhuhai, China)
 An extraordinary property of the arcsine distribution
 17:30–18:00 Min ZHOU (Hong Kong Baptist U, Hong Kong)
 Representative points of univariate distribution in statistical simulation
 18:00–18:30 Yong-Dao ZHOU (Sichuan U, Chengdu, China)
 Randomized likelihood sampling

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

- **PS3.** Karl GUSTAFSON, ILAS Lecturer (U of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA) [Tue 08:50–09:30 A]
 Antieigenvalue analysis, new applications: Continuum Mechanics,
 Economics, Number Theory
- **PS4.** Yoshio TAKANE (U of Victoria, BC, Canada) [Tue 09:30–10:10 A]
 Professor Haruo Yanai and multivariate analysis
- *Chair: Hans Joachim Werner*

SS2. INVITED SPECIAL SESSION HONORING SIMO PUNTANEN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY [Tue 10:30–12:30 A]

- *Organizer and Chair: Julia Volaufova*
- 10:30–11:00 Simo PUNTANEN (U of Tampere, Finland)
 Where have all those 70 years gone?
- 11:00–11:30 Stephen J. HASLETT (Massey U, Palmerston North, New Zealand)
 Positive semidefiniteness of estimated covariance matrices in linear models for sample survey data
- 11:30–12:00 Kimmo VEKKALAHTI (U of Helsinki, Finland)
 From Helsinki to Haikou via Istanbul and Nokia
- 12:00–12:30 Ka Lok CHU (Dawson College, Westmount, QC, Canada)
 An indexed illustrated bibliography for Simo Puntanen in celebration of his 70th birthday

12:30–14:30 *Lunch*

- **PS5.** Zhi GENG (Peking U, China) [Tue 14:30–15:10 A]
 Causal effects and causal networks
- *Chair: Mu-Fa Chen*

MS1. Model Selection and Post Estimation [Tue 15:10–18:30 A]

- *Organizer and Chair: S. Ejaz Ahmed*
- 15:10–15:40 S. Ejaz AHMED (Brock U, St. Catharines, ON, Canada)
 Model selection and post estimation: making sense or folly?
- 15:40–16:10 Michael J. DANIELS (U of Texas at Austin, TX, USA)
 Semiparametric approach to simultaneous covariance estimation for bivariate
 sparse longitudinal data

16:10–16:30 *Tea Break*

- 16:30–17:00 Xiaoli GAO (U of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC, USA)
 Penalized adaptive weighted least square regression
- 17:00–17:30 Xuewen LU (U of Calgary, AB, Canada)
 Partially linear single-index proportional hazards model with current status data
- 17:30–18:00 Peter X. K. SONG (U of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA)
 Sparse multivariate factor analysis regression model
- 18:00–18:30 Yuan WU (Duke U, Durham, NC, USA)
 The analysis of spontaneous abortion with left truncation, partly interval
 censoring and cure rate

MS7. Design and Analysis of Experiments [Tue 15:10–17:00 B]

- *Organizer: Augustyn Markiewicz, Chair: Lynn Roy LaMotte*
- 15:10–15:40 Chengcheng HAO (Shanghai Jiao Tong U, China)
 Influence diagnostics in linear system control with open-loop experimental data

15:40–16:10 Timothy E. O'BRIEN (Loyola U Chicago, IL, USA)
Efficient experimental design strategies in toxicology and bioassay

16:10–16:30 *Tea Break*

16:30–17:00 Min WANG (Michigan Technological U, Houghton, MI, USA)
Bayes factors for hypothesis testing in ANOVA designs

MS3. **Magic Matrices**

[Tue 16:30–18:30 C]

- *Organizers: Kai-Tai Fang & George P. H. Styan, Chair: Ka Lok Chu*
16:30–17:00 Kai-Tai FANG (BNU-HKBU United International College, Zhuhai, China)
Classification of magic squares of order 4
17:00–17:30 Ziqi LIN (BNU-HKBU United International College, Zhuhai, China)
Some results on classification of magic squares of order 5
17:30–18:00 Ka Lok CHU (Dawson College, Westmount, QC, Canada)
An illustrated philatelic introduction to doubly-classic 6×6 bordered magic matrices and to 4×4 Plato-like magic talismans
18:00–18:30 Ka Lok CHU (Dawson College, Westmount, QC, Canada)
Magic squares and postage stamps

Wednesday, 27 May 2015

■ PS6. Lynn Roy LAMOTTE (Louisiana State U, New Orleans, LA, USA)
Multivariate inverse prediction with mixed models

[Wed 08:30–09:10 A]

- *Chair: Chris Gotwalt*

MS8. **Linear and Mixed Models**

[Wed 09:10–12:30 A]

- *Organizers: Simo Puntanen (Chair 09:10–10:10) & Julia Volaufova (Chair 10:30–12:30)*
09:10–09:40 Julia VOLAUFOVA (Louisiana State U, New Orleans, LA, USA)
More on criteria for variable selection in fixed effects linear models
09:40–10:10 Shuangzhe LIU (U of Canberra, Australia)
Sensitivity analysis in linear models

10:10–10:30 *Tea Break*

10:30–11:00 Yongge TIAN (Central U of Finance and Economics, Beijing, China)
A unified approach in BLUPs under linear mixed-effects model
11:00–11:30 Martin SINGULL (Linköping U, Sweden)
Testing sphericity and intraclass covariance structures under a growth curve model in high dimension
11:30–12:00 Kyle SNOW (The Ohio State U, and Topcon Positioning Systems, Inc., Columbus, OH, USA)
On bias reduction for the total least-squares estimate of a conic section within an EIV-model
12:00–12:30 Eva FIŠEROVÁ (Palacký U, Olomouc, Czech Republic)
Conics fitting by least squares

MS6. **Matrices with Economic and Financial Applications—Session 1**

[Wed 10:30–12:30 B]

- *Organizer and Chair: Shuangzhe Liu*
10:30–11:00 Kazuhiko KAKAMU (Kobe U, Japan)
Direct and indirect effects on road productivity in Japan
11:00–11:30 Shiqing LING (Hong Kong U of Science and Technology, Hong Kong)
Adaptive Lasso-based model selection of autoregressive models
11:30–12:00 Zhigang YAO (National U of Singapore)
Partial correlation screening for estimating large precision matrices, with applications to classification
12:00–12:30 Fukang ZHU (Jilin U, Changchun, China)
Influence diagnostics in log-linear integer-valued GARCH models

CS1. Contributory Session 1

[Wed 09:10–10:10 C]

- *Chair: Peter Semrl*

09:10–09:30 Bernd F. HEIDERGOTT (Vrije U, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
Efficient algorithm for computing the ergodic projector of Markov multi-chains
09:30–09:50 Yulei PANG (Southern Connecticut State U, New Haven, CT, USA)
Linear switching systems as a model of the cards shuffle
09:50–10:10 Xiaoming LIU (The U of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada)
Markov aging, physiological age and phase-type law of mortality

CS2. Contributory Session 2

[Wed 10:30–12:30 C]

- *Chair: Zhi Geng*

10:30–10:50 Ni LI (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)
The statistical analysis of recurrent event process with adjusting for confounding effects of dependent observation process
10:50–11:10 Guangbao GUO (Shandong U, Jinan, China)
Parallel statistical computing for dynamic generalized linear models
11:10–11:30 Kangrui WANG (U of Leicester, UK)
Bayesian covariance modelling of big tensor-variate data sets & inverse non-parametric learning of the unknown model parameter vector
11:30–11:50 Jianhua HU (Shanghai U of Finance and Economics, Shanghai, China)
On the James-Stein estimator for the multivariate linear regression model
11:50–12:10 Silvie BELASKOVA (Tomas Bata U in Zlin & Palacky U in Olomouc, Czech Republic)
Evaluation of asymptotic regression parameters tests for the proportional hazards model with delayed entries
12:10–12:30 Guanyu HU (Florida State U, Tallahassee, FL, USA)
Comparison of facial recognition methods based on extension methods of Principal Component Analysis

12:30–14:30 *Lunch*

■ PS7. Mu-Fa CHEN (Beijing Normal U, China)

[Wed 14:30–15:10 A]

Unified speed estimation of various stabilities

- *Chair: Jeffrey J. Hunter*

MS4. Matrices in Applied Probability

[Wed 15:10–18:00 A]

- *Organizer and Chair: Jeffrey J. Hunter*

15:10–15:40 Yongjiang GUO (Beijing U of Posts and Telecommunications, China)
Functional law of iterated logarithm for single server queue
15:40–16:10 Iddo BEN-ARI (U of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA)
Efficient coupling for a random-walk like process

16:10–16:30 *Tea Break*

16:30–17:00 Quan-Lin LI (Yanshan U, Qinhuangdao, China)
Nonlinear Markov processes in big networks
17:00–17:30 Bernd F. HEIDERGOTT (Vrije U, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
A critical account of perturbation analysis of Markov chains
17:30–18:00 Jeffrey J. HUNTER (Auckland U of Technology, New Zealand)
The accurate computation of the key properties of Markov chains and Markov renewal processes

MS9. Matrices Useful for Modelling Multi-level Models

[Wed 15:10–18:00 B]

- *Organizer and Chair: Dietrich von Rosen*

15:10–15:40 Tõnu KOLLO (U of Tartu, Estonia)
Testing structure of the dispersion matrix

15:40–16:10 Tapio NUMMI (U of Tampere, Finland)

A semiparametric model for trajectory analysis with an application to height of Finnish children

16:10–16:30 *Tea Break*

16:30–17:00 Anuradha ROY (U of Texas at San Antonio, TX, USA)

Score test for a separable covariance structure with the first component as AR(1) correlation matrix and its performance comparison with the likelihood ratio test

17:00–17:30 Imbi TRAAAT (U of Tartu, Estonia)

To balance or not to balance

17:30–18:00 Tatjana VON ROSEN (U of Stockholm, Sweden)

Block circular matrices in multivariate normal models

CS3. Contributory Session 3

[Wed 15:10–16:10 C]

- *Chair: Yoshio Takane*

15:10–15:30 Volha KUSHEL (Shanghai Jiao Tong U, Shanghai, China)

On matrix D-stability and related properties

15:30–15:50 Jibo WU (Chongqing U of Arts and Science, China)

Comparison of unbiased estimators using Pitman's measure of closeness

15:50–16:10 Awopeju K. ABIDEMI (Nnamdi Azikiwe U, Awka, Nigeria)

Power of W/S test of normality against non-normal distribution

CS4. Contributory Session 4

[Wed 16:30–17:50 C]

- *Chair: Karl Gustafson*

16:30–16:50 Badredine ISSAADI (U M'hamed Bougara of Boumerdes, Algeria)

Strong stability bounds for queues

16:50–17:10 Angela CHUKWU (U of Ibadan, Nigeria)

The log-generalized Beta-Weibull regression model with application to lifetime data

17:10–17:30 Awopeju K. ABIDEMI (Nnamdi Azikiwe U, Awka, Nigeria)

Comparative analysis of West Africa economy

17:30–17:50 Anthony AKPANTA (Abia State U, Uturu, Nigeria)

Multivariate analysis of the level of use of modern methods of family planning between Northern and Southern part of Nigeria

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■ **PS8.** Peter SEMRL (U of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

[Thu 08:30–09:10 A]

Adjacency and coherency preservers

- *Chair: Ravindra B. Bapat*

MS10. Teaching Matrices within Statistics

[Thu 09:10–12:30 A]

- *Organizer and Chair: Kimmo Vehkalahti*

09:10–09:40 Kimmo VEHKALAHTI (U of Helsinki, Finland)

Teaching matrices within statistics

09:40–10:10 Reijo SUND (U of Helsinki, Finland)

Applications of matrix decompositions in Survo R

10:10–10:30 *Tea Break*

10:30–11:00 Maria VALASTE (U of Helsinki, Finland)

Adjustment for covariate measurement errors in complex surveys

11:00–11:30 Jari LIPSANEN (U of Helsinki, Finland)

Comparison and diagnostics of various latent variable models in social sciences

11:30–12:00 Markus MATTSSON (U of Helsinki, Finland)

Network analysis of questionnaire data

12:00–12:30 Mika MATILA (Tampere U of Technology, Finland)

Studying the different properties of MIN and MAX matrices: a student-friendly approach

MS6. Matrices with Economic and Financial Applications—Session 2

[Thu 09:10–10:10 B]

- *Organizer and Chair: Shuangzhe Liu*

09:10–09:40 Nobuaki HOSHINO (Kanazawa U, Japan)

Applying the quasi-multinomial distribution

09:40–10:10 Ong Seng HUAT (U of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

A family of mixed INAR(1) time series model with applications

MS11. G-Inverses, Linear Models and Multivariate Analysis

[Thu 10:30–12:30 B]

- *Organizer and Chair: Hans Joachim Werner*

10:30–11:00 Hans Joachim WERNER (U of Bonn, Germany)

On an IPM-type method for determining predictions and estimated prediction error dispersions

11:00–11:30 Esra AKDENIZ-DURAN (Istanbul Medeniyet U, Turkey)

Generalized difference-based weighted mixed almost unbiased Liu estimator in partially linear models

11:30–12:00 Xiaomi HU (Wichita State U, Wichita, KS, USA)

Generalized inverses and matrix space

12:00–12:30 Eric IM (U of Hawai'i at Hilo, HI, USA)

Leontief's input-output representation of least squares estimators of simple and multiple regression coefficients

CS5. Contributory Session: Stochastic Analysis and Related Areas

[Thu 09:10–12:30 C]

- *Chair: Chuanzhong Chen*

09:10–09:30 Weiyan YU (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

Nonlinear maps preserving Lie products on triangular algebras

09:30–09:50 Li MA (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

Some new results on Fukushima's decomposition and stochastic calculus

09:50–10:10 Xinfang HAN (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

On h -transformation of positivity preserving semigroups and their associated Markov processes

10:10–10:30 Tea Break

10:30–10:50 Songbai GUO (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

On the monotonicity and boundedness of the remainder of Stirling's formula

10:50–11:10 Xingqiang XIU (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

Groebner basis techniques for finiteness checking of finitely presented groups

11:10–11:30 Jingshi XU (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

Decompositions of Herz-Morrey-Hardy spaces with variable exponents and their application

11:30–11:50 Shiyu LIN (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

Gevrey regularity for the non-cutoff nonlinear homogeneous Boltzmann equation with strong singularity

11:50–12:10 Saisai YANG (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

Girsanov transformations for non-symmetric Markov processes

12:10–12:30 Xiaofen HUANG (Hainan Normal U, Haikou, China)

The fully entangled fraction of quantum states

12:30–14:30 Lunch

Lunches: 12:30–14:30, **Tea Breaks:** 10:10–10:30, 16:10–16:30.

Registration place on Sunday, 24 May: Mingguang International Grand Hotel.

Organising Committees

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Workshop venue: Hainan Normal University, #99 Longkunnan Road, Haikou 571158, about one km from the Mingguang International Grand Hotel.

Websites: Haikou City, Transportation, More Transportation, Hainan Island, Hainan: Chill-out China.

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<http://iwms2015.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/70014>

(1) Mingguang International Grand Hotel (five-star hotel), <http://www.mingguanghotel.com.cn>

(2) Huasheng Hotel.

The Local Organizing Committee will be booking the Hotel for all the participants in IWMS-2015. You do not need to book the hotel yourself. For questions contact Li Wang wlyoume@163.com.

Two-day excursion: <http://iwms2015.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/65585>

<http://iwms2015.csp.escience.cn/dct/page/70018>

Two-day excursion to Sanya starts at 8:00 on Friday morning, 29 May, from Mingguang International Grand Hotel. The scheduled tourism destination is well known for its excellent tropical beach. Lunch in Qionghai and overnight stay in Nanshan Leisure Villas. The excursion ends on Saturday after the lunch in Nanshan Leisure Villas and participants may leave by taking flight at Sanya Airport, or return to Haikou by the arranged bus and then take a flight at Haikou Airport. [Preliminary booking for the excursion has been necessary.]

• IWMS-2015 Souvenir Booklet: submission deadline 24 April 2015

The International Organizing Committee intends to publish a Pre-Workshop Proceedings, either on printed or electronic form, for distribution at the Workshop. This is in addition to the Abstract Booklet.

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• Special Issue in *Special Matrices*: submission deadline 1 August 2015

The journal *Special Matrices* will publish a Special Issue dedicated to the IWMS-2015. The Editor of the Journal is Carlos Martins da Fonseca and he is assisted with an Editorial Advisory Board. (Print the Flyer.)

The papers will go through a regular refereeing process. The processing of the papers for this special issue will be handled by the Guest Editorial Committee consisting Jeffrey J. Hunter, Simo Puntanen and Dietrich van Rosen.

Before submission authors should carefully read the instructions, which are located at Instructions for Authors. All submissions must be made electronically at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/spma> and will undergo the standard single-blind peer review system. When entering your submission choose the option *Topical Issue on "Proceedings of the 24th International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics"*.

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Miscellaneous information

- Shayle R. Searle: Pioneer in Linear Modelling. Article by Jeffrey J. Hunter (2015), in *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics*, based on the Memorial Session in IWMS-2013, Toronto.
- A short history of the International Workshop on Matrices and Statistics (IWMS)
- Videos from the conferences in statistics in Tampere in 1987 and 1990/IWMS-1, prepared by Jarmo Niemelä and Reijo Sund.