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I-Lin Wang was born and raised in Tainan city, Taiwan, on August 29, 1969. He attended Cheng Kung Elementary school, Li Ming private Junior High school, Tainan First High School, and National Cheng Kung University, where he majored in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering.

I-Lin lived in Tainan city until he was 22 years of age, he then served in the Air Force for 2 years at the Aero-Industry-Development-Center in Taichung City. There he was an SAS programmer for Integrated Logistics Support. He had been quite interested in astronomy and planned to study Orbital Mechanics for his masters at the Department of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering at M.I.T.

Before going to M.I.T. in 1993, his Father died of liver cancer. After that he decided to change his major, and successfully transferred to the OR center of M.I.T., there he learned Operations Research. After obtaining his masters degree in O.R. from M.I.T., he found a foreign research position at the Fujitsu Research Lab at Kawasaki, Japan via the M.I.T. Japanese Program. His job was to design and implement wavelength assignment and routing algorithms for optical networks.

After one year in Japan, he went to Stanford University and later decided to continue his Ph.D. at Georgia Tech's School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE), beginning fall 1998. He passed the comprehensive exam in 9 months and worked with Professor Ellis Johnson on the Air Cargo projects of TLI-Asia Pacific. He has been doing research in network optimization.

I-Lin married Hsin-Yi Yao in the summer of 1999. On September 29, 2000, their first son Chun-Han Wang was born. During I-Lin's four and half years at ISyE, he spent about one year in Singapore. He passed his thesis defense on January 21, 2003, and will receive his Ph.D. degree in May, 2003. His plans are to seek a faculty position at a university in Taiwan.