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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- **Deep spatiotemporal modeling:** I focus on using machine learning techniques to understand and model spatiotemporal traffic data.
- **Reinforcement learning based transportation system control:** I am very interested in applying deep reinforcement learning models to tackle challenging transportation control problems.
- **Connected & automated vehicle highway systems:** I am interested in developing vehicle infrastructure cooperative control systems.

## EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

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**McGill University**, Montreal, Canada

Postdoc Researcher in Department of Civil Engineering

*Dec.2019 - Now*

\* Advisors: Prof. Lijun Sun & Aurelie labbe (HEC Montreal)

**The Joint Research Institute on Internet of Mobility, Southeast Univ. and Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison**, Nanjing, China

Research associate

*Jun.2019 - Dec.2019*

**Beijing Institute of Technology**, Beijing, China

PhD of Vehicle Operation Engineering

*Sep.2015 - Jun.2019*

\* Dissertation: A high dimensional traffic state processing method based on tensorial model

\* Advisors: Prof. Hongwen He

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, USA

Visiting PhD in Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

*Dec.2016 - Jun.2017*

• Research: Automated & connected vehicle highway systems

• Advisors: Prof. Bin Ran

**Beijing Institute of Technology**, Beijing, China

Master of Transportation Engineering

*Sep.2012 - Mar.2015*

• Dissertation: Short-term traffic prediction based on dynamic tensor completion

• Advisors: Prof. Huachun Tan

**Shanghai Ocean University**, Shanghai, China

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering

*Oct.2008 - Jun.2012*

• Overall Ranking: 3/120

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Papers

[1] Lian, R., Peng, J., **Wu, Y.\***, Tan, H., Zhang, H. (2020). Rule-interposing deep reinforcement learning based energy management strategy for power-split hybrid electric vehicle. *Energy*, 117297.

[2] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Chen, X., & Ran, B. (2019). Memory, attention and prediction: a deep learning architecture for car-following. *Transportmetrica B: Transport Dynamics*, 1-19.

- [3] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Peng, J., Zhang, H., & He, H. (2019). Deep reinforcement learning of energy management with continuous control strategy and traffic information for a series-parallel plug-in hybrid electric bus. *Applied Energy*, 247, 454-466.
- [4] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Li, Y., Zhang, J., & Chen, X. (2018). A fused CP factorization method for incomplete tensors. *IEEE transactions on neural networks and learning systems*, 30(3), 751-764.
- [5] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Qin, L., Ran, B., & Jiang, Z. (2018). A hybrid deep learning based traffic flow prediction method and its understanding. *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*, 90, 166-180.
- [6] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Li, Y., Li, F., & He, H. (2017). Robust tensor decomposition based on Cauchy distribution and its applications. *Neurocomputing*, 223, 107-117.
- [7] Li, Q., Tan, H., **Wu, Y.\***, Ye, L., Ding, F. (2020). Traffic flow prediction with missing data imputed by tensor completion methods. *IEEE Access*.
- [8] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Peng, J., & Ran, B. (2019). A Deep Reinforcement Learning Based Car Following Model for Electric Vehicle. *Smart City Application (Chinese)*, 2(5).
- [9] Tan, H., **Wu, Y.**, Shen, B., Jin, P. J., & Ran, B. (2016). Short-term traffic prediction based on dynamic tensor completion. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 17(8), 2123-2133.
- [10] Tan, H., Zhang, H., Peng, J., Jiang, Z., & **Wu, Y.** (2019). Energy management of hybrid electric bus based on deep reinforcement learning in continuous state and action space. *Energy Conversion and Management*, 195, 548-560.
- [11] Tan, H., Liang, X., Wu, Z., **Wu, Y.**, & Tan, H. (2019). Stochastic resonance in two kinds of asymmetric nonlinear systems with time-delayed feedback and subject to additive colored noise. *Chinese journal of physics*, 57, 362-374.
- [12] Ran, B., Tan, H., **Wu, Y.**, & Jin, P. J. (2016). Tensor based missing traffic data completion with spatialtemporal correlation. *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*, 446, 54-63.
- [13] Tan, H., Li, Q., **Wu, Y.**, Wang, W., & Ran, B. (2015). Freeway short-term travel time prediction based on dynamic tensor completion. *Transportation Research Record*, 2489(1), 97-104.
- [14] Tan, H., **Wu, Y.**, Cheng, B., Wang, W., & Ran, B. (2014). Robust missing traffic flow imputation considering nonnegativity and road capacity. *Mathematical Problems in Engineering*, 2014.

## Conference Papers

- [1] Tan, H., Zhong, Z., **Wu, Y.**, Chen, X., & Zhang, J. (2018). A Deep Architecture Combining CNNs and GRBMS for Traffic Speed Prediction. In *CICTP 2017*.
- [2] Tan, H., Xuan, X., **Wu, Y.**, Zhong, Z., & Ran, B. (2016). A comparison of traffic flow prediction methods based on DBN. In *CICTP 2016*.
- [3] Tan, H., Wang, P., **Wu, Y.**, Zhang, J., & Ran, B. (2016). High-dimension traffic data imputation based on a square norm. In *CICTP 2016*.
- [4] Tan, H., Li, Q., **Wu, Y.**, Ran, B., & Liu, B. (2015). Tensor Recovery Based Non-Recurrent Traffic Congestion Recognition. In *CICTP 2015*.
- [5] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Peter, J., Shen, B., & Ran, B. (2015). Short-term traffic flow prediction based on multilinear analysis and k-nearest neighbor regression. In *CICTP 2015*.
- [6] Tan, H., **Wu, Y.**, Feng, J., Wang, W., & Ran, B. (2014, November). Traffic missing data completion with spatial-temporal correlations. In *93rd Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board*, Washington, DC.

[7] Tan, H., **Wu, Y.**, Feng, G., Wang, W., & Ran, B. (2013). A new traffic prediction method based on dynamic tensor completion. *Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 96, 2431-2442.

### Preprint Papers

[1] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Jiang, Z., & Ran, B., (2019). ES-CTC: A deep neuroevolution model for cooperative intelligent freeway traffic control. arxiv preprint arXiv: 1905.04083

[2] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Ran, B. (2018). Differential variable speed limits control for freeway recurrent bottlenecks via deep reinforcement learning. arXiv preprint arXiv: 1810.10952

[3] **Wu, Y.**, & Tan, H. (2016). Short-term traffic flow forecasting with spatial-temporal correlation in a hybrid deep learning framework. arXiv preprint arXiv:1612.

### Under review papers

[1] Xi, C., Shi, T., **Wu, Y.**, & Sun, L., Efficient Motion Planning for Automated Lane Change based on Imitation Learning and Mixed-Integer Optimization. submitted to ITSC2020

[2] Wang, X., Xu, X., **Wu, Y.**, & Liu, J., A spatiotemporal graph convolution gated recurrent unit model for short-term passenger flow prediction. submitted to ITSC2020

[3] Fan, C., Peng, Y., Peng, S., Zhang, H., **Wu, Y.**, & Wu, S., Detection of Train Driver Fatigue And Distraction Based on Forehead EEG: A Time-Series Ensemble Learning Method. submitted to IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems.

[4] Lian, R., Tan, H., Peng, J., Li, Q., & **Wu, Y\***. Cross type transfer for deep reinforcement learning based hybrid electric vehicle energy management. submitted to IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology.

[5] Wang, Y., Peng, J., **Wu, Y\***, & Tan, H. Hybrid electric vehicle energy management with computer vision and deep reinforcement learning. submitted to IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics.

[6] Zhang, H., **Wu, Y\***, Tan, H., & Ran, B. Disentangled Representation Learning Based Citywide Traffic Flow Prediction with Spatio-temporal Generative Adversary Network. submitted to IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems.

[7] Dong, H., Ding, F., Tan, H., **Wu, Y.**, Qin, L., & Ran, B. Rail transit OD matrix completion via manifold regularized tensor factorization. submitted to IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems.

[8] **Wu, Y.**, Tan, H., Qin, L., & Ran, B. Differential Variable Speed Limits Control for Freeway Recurrent Bottlenecks via Deep Actor-critic Algorithm. Accepted by Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies.

[9] Tan, H., Li, Q., Jiang, Z., **Wu, Y.**, & Ye, L. Non-recurrent Traffic Congestion Detection with a Coupled Scalable Bayesian Robust Tensor Factorization Model. submitted to IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems.

### PATENTS

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[1] ranked **6/8**. (2019). Connected automated vehicle highway systems and methods for shared mobility. US20190244518A1

[2] ranked **7/14**. (2019). Intelligent road infrastructure system (iris): systems and methods. US20190096238A1.

[3] ranked **4/6**. (2019). A tensor recovery based non recurrent traffic event detection method. CN107220211A.

- [4] ranked **7/12**. (2019). A connected autonomous transportation management system for shared mobility. CN109118758A.
- [5] ranked **9/14**. (2018). An intelligent road infrastructure system and its application. CN108447291A.
- [6] ranked **6/6**. (2017). Method and system for preventing tramcars from collision at intersection. CN107067817A.
- [7] ranked **4/6**. (2016). A tensor completion and recovery method. CN107220211A.

## PROJECTS EXPERIENCE

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### **Deep Spatiotemporal Modeling for Urban Traffic Data**

Ivado Postdoc Funding, (Role: PI. Award CAD 140,000\$)

*Feb.2020-*

- Characterize the spatiotemporal propagation properties of traffic data by deep spatiotemporal neural networks;
- Decouple interaction between external factors and traffic pattern by disentangle representation;
- Capture the strong regularity in collective travel behavior by low-rank tensor factorization;
- Utilize the cross-variable relationship by deep factors models.

### **An Open Learning Platform for Smart Transportation**

Mitacs Canada and Fundway Technology Inc

*Dec.2019-*

- Develop reinforcement learning platform for traffic signal control based on real-world traffic data and scenarios.

### **Multi-tensor networks for coupled high-dimensional multi-modal big data and its empirical study**

National Natural Science Foundation of China, key project

*Jan.2018-Aug.2019*

- Research on coupled high dimensional data analysis via multi-tensor/tensor networks factorization.
- Proposed a modified tensor factorization framework that fuses the l2 norm constraint, sparseness (l1 norm), manifold, and smooth information simultaneously.

### **Multi-dimensional traffic data completion**

National Natural Science Foundation of China

*Sep.2012-Dec.2016*

- Research on traffic data tensor modeling strategies and its impacts on traffic data imputation performance.
- Developed a tensor decomposition model based on Cauchy distribution for missing data imputation and denoise
- Developed a novel short-term traffic flow prediction approach based on dynamic tensor completion which can predict future traffic data and impute missing data simultaneously

### **Deep reinforcement learning based energy management strategy for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles**

National Natural Science Foundation of China

*Jun.2018-Aug.2019*

- Research on policy gradient based deep reinforcement learning algorithm and deep neuroevolution algorithm based energy management systems.
- Developed an energy management strategy using continuous deep reinforcement learning and traffic information for a plug-in hybrid electric bus.

## **Design and evaluation of Connected and Automated Vehicle & Highway systems**

Research in TOPS lab, University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Dec.2016-Aug.2019*

- Case study and road-side unit design for the CAVH systems.
- Development of multiple sensors fusion and multiple road side units control framework using ROS.
- Research on information fusion algorithm for road-side camera and microwave radar
- Research on autonomous driving trajectory planning based on road-side units

## **Big data platform for key technologies of electric vehicles**

SAIC MOTOR open funding

*Jan.2016-Dec.2017*

- Research on AI driving coach using big data based on deep reinforcement learning.
- Research on hybrid electric vehicle energy management using traffic information based on deep reinforcement learning.

## **Research on anti collision system of vehicle based on video processing**

Open Fund of State Key Laboratory of Automotive Safety and Energy

*Jan.2014-Dec.2015*

- Research on lane detection method.
- Research on vehicle detection method.

## **Research Internship of the Tencent Map Group**

Tencent computer system Co. Ltd.

*Jul.2014-Oct.2014*

- Development of a traffic state prediction method using sparse floating car data. The method has been used for congestion broadcasting

## **AWARDS**

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**Second Prize of Chinese Institute of Electronics (ranked 6/10)**

*2019*

**China National Scholarships for PhD student**

*Nov.2017*

**China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarships**

*Jul.2016*

**Best paper reward of the 12th academic conference of  
Beijing Institute of Technology**

*Oct.2014*

## **TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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[1] *Oct. 2019*, Control methods for connected automated vehicle & highway systems, Hunan University, Changsha, China.

[2] *Jun. 2019*, Tensor decomposition and its application on traffic data analysis, Tongji University, Shanghai, China.

[3] *Jun. 2019*, A deep reinforcement learning based car following model for electric vehicle, Proceedings of the 2019 World Transport Convention, Beijing, China

[4] *May. 2019*, Traffic data analysis and data-driven control for connected and automated vehicle & highway systems, Central South University, Changsha, China.

[5] *Jun. 2018*, A hybrid deep learning based traffic flow prediction method and its understanding, Central South University, Changsha, China

[6] *Apr. 2018*, Deep learning method and its application on transportation systems, Beijing Jiaotong University, Beijing, China.

- [7] *Aug. 2015*, Short-term traffic flow prediction based on multilinear analysis and k-nearest neighbor regression, CICTP2015, Beijing, China.
- [8] *Jan. 2015*, Freeway short-term travel time prediction based on dynamic tensor completion, 94th TRB annual meeting, Washington DC, USA.
- [9] *Nov. 2014*, Robust Missing Traffic Flow Imputation Considering Nonnegativity and Road-capacity, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, China.
- [10] *Jan. 2014*, Traffic Missing Data Completion with SpatialTemporal Correlations, 93rd TRB annual meeting, Washington DC, USA.
- [11] *Aug. 2013*, A new traffic prediction method based on dynamic tensor completion, CICTP2013, Shenzeng, China.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Reviewer

• Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies, • IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, • IEEE Transactions on Industry Informatics, • IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics: Systems, • Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, • Transactions in GIS, • Journal of Cleaner Production, • Applied soft computing, • Journal of Advanced Transportation, • IEEE Sensors Journal, • Neurocomputing, • IEEE Access, • Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications, • Wireless Sensor Network, • Wireless Communications and Mobile Computing, • IEEE/CAA Journal of Automatica Sinica, • SN Applied Sciences (SNAS), • TRB Annual Meeting - Transportation Research Board, • CICTP.

### Member

- IVADO: The institute for data valorization
- Mitacs
- China Highway and Transportation Society