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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Transport & Planning, **Delft University of Technology (TU Delft)** Dec.2019-May.2025

Thesis: *Safe, Efficient, and Socially Compliant Automated Driving: Sensing, Anomaly Detection, Planning and Control*

Advisors: Prof.dr.ir. [Bart van Arem](#) and Dr.ir. [Haneen Farah](#)

Visiting PhD Researcher, Department of Mechanical Engineering, **University of California, Berkeley** May.2023- Oct.2023

Topic: Socially Compliant Automated Driving via Deep Reinforcement Learning and Model-based Social-aware MPC

Master of Control Science and Engineering, Department of Automation, **Tsinghua University** Sep.2014-Jul.2017

Minor: Master Project for Improving Ability in *Big Data*

Thesis: *Data-Driven Analysis on Group Behaviors of Taxi Drivers and Ridesourcing Drivers*

Nominated for Tsinghua University Outstanding Master Thesis Dissertation

Advisors: Prof. [Li Li](#) and Prof. [Zuo Zhang](#)

Bachelor of Telecommunication Engineering Sep.2010-Jul.2014

School of Electronic and Information Engineering, **Beijing Jiaotong University**

GPA: 91.5/100 | Rank: 1/202 | Postgraduate Recommendation to Tsinghua University without Examination

Thesis: *Design of vehicle-mounted data acquisition & communication unit for the WMN-based locomotive remote control*
Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis

PUBLICATIONS

(*Google Scholar* ID: [L2kD-DwAAAAJ](#). The superscript [#] indicates equal contribution, * indicates corresponding authors.)

Key Journal Publications:

- 1. **Dong, Y.**, Patil, S., Van Arem, B., & Farah, H. (2023). A Hybrid Spatial-temporal Deep Learning Architecture for Lane Detection. *Computer-Aided Civil and Infrastructure Engineering*, 38(1), 67-86. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mice.12829> [Top Q1, IF: 8.5, SJR: 2.972, CiteScore: 17.6]
- 2. **Dong, Y.**, Wang, S., Li, L., Zhang, Z. (2018). An Empirical Study on Travel Patterns of Internet Based Ride-Sharing. *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*, 86, 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trc.2017.10.022> [Highly cited; Top Q1, IF: 7.6, SJR: 2.86, CiteScore: 15.8]
- 3. **Dong, Y.**, Farah, H., & Van Arem, B. (2025). Towards Developing Socially-Compliant Automated Vehicles: Advances, Experts Insights, and a Conceptual Framework. (Accepted by *Communications in Transportation Research* [Top Q1, IF: 12.5, SJR: 2.836, CiteScore: 15.2] and by 104th TRB Annual Meeting (TRB 2025) for presentation, and presented at the 4th Symposium on Management of Future Motorway and Urban Traffic Systems (MFTS)), [Preprint](#)
- 4. Li, R.[#], & **Dong, Y.^{*,#}**(2023). Robust Lane Detection Through Self Pre-Training With Masked Sequential Autoencoders and Fine-Tuning With Customized PolyLoss. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, vol. 24, no. 12, pp. 14121-14132. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TITS.2023.3305015> (Joint first author and corresponding author) [Top Q1, IF:7.9, SJR:2.58, CiteScore: 14.8]
- 5. **Dong, Y.^{*,#}**, Zhang, L. [#], Farah, H., Zgonnikov, A., & Van Arem, B. (2025). Data-driven Semi-supervised Machine Learning with Safety Indicators for Abnormal Driving Behavior Detection. *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03611981241306752>
- 6. **Dong, Y.^{*,#}**, Lu, X. [#], Li, R., Song, W., Van Arem, B., & Farah, H. (2025). Intelligent Anomaly Detection for Lane

Rendering Using Transformer with Self-Supervised Pre-Training and Customized Fine-Tuning. *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03611981251333341> (accepted by and presented at [TRB2024](#)), [Preprint](#)

- 7. Farah, H., Postigo, I., Reddy, N., **Dong, Y.**, Rydergren, C., Raju, N., & Olstam, J. (2022). Modeling Automated Driving in Microscopic Traffic Simulations for Traffic Performance Evaluations: Aspects to Consider and State of the Practice. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 24(6), 6558-6574. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TITS.2022.3200176> [Top Q1, IF:7.9, SJR:2.58, CiteScore: 14.8]
- 8. Berge, S. H., De Winter, J., Dodou, D., Afghari, A. P., Papadimitriou, E., Reddy, N., **Dong, Y.**, Raju, N., & Farah, H. (2025). Understanding Cyclists' Perception of Driverless Vehicles through Eye-Tracking and Interviews. *Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour*, 109, 399-420. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trf.2024.11.015> [Top Q1, IF:3.5, SJR:1.262, CiteScore: 7.6]
- 9. Liu, W., Song, L., **Dong, Y.**, Zhang, X., & Xu, L. (2025). Unified Model Predictive Control Method of Automated Vehicles for Lane Changing and Lane Keeping Maneuvers. *Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15472450.2025.2479235>

Key Conference Proceeding Publications & Presentations:

- 1. Zhang, L.[#], **Dong, Y.**^{*,#}, Farah, H., & Van Arem, B. (2023). Social-aware Planning and Control for Automated Vehicles based on Driving Risk Field and Model Predictive Contouring Control: Driving through Roundabouts as a Case Study. 2023 IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC), Honolulu, Oahu, HI, USA, 2023, pp. 3297-3304. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/SMC53992.2023.10394462>. (Co-first author and corresponding author, accepted and presented at *TRB's 2023 Automated Road Transportation Symposium*), [Demo video](#)
- 2. **Dong, Y.**, Detema, T., Wassenaar, V., Van de Weg, J., Kopar, T., & Suleman, H. (2023). Comprehensive Comparison of Deep Reinforcement Learning for Automated Driving on Various Driving Maneuvers with Simulation. 2023 IEEE 26th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC), Bilbao, Spain, 2023, pp. 6165-6170, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/ITSC57777.2023.10422159>
- 3. **Dong, Y.**^{*,#}, Patil, S.[#], Farah, H., & Hellendoorn, J. (2023). Sequential Neural Network Model with Spatial-Temporal Attention Mechanism for Robust Lane Detection Using Multi Continuous Image Frames (**Presented at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 102nd annual meeting TRB 2023**). [TRBAM-23-04409 poster](#)
- 4. Yuan, H., Li, P., Van Arem, B., Kang, L., Farah, H., & **Dong, Y.**^{*} (2023). Safe, Efficient, Comfort, and Energy-saving Automated Driving through Roundabout Based on Deep Reinforcement Learning. 2023 IEEE 26th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC), Bilbao, Spain, 2023, pp. 6074-6079, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/ITSC57777.2023.10422488> (Corresponding author and PI)
- 5. Xue, C.[#], **Dong, Y.**[#], Liu, J.^{*}, Liao, Y., & Li, L. (2023). Design of the Reverse Logistics System for Medical Waste Recycling Part I: System Architecture and Disposal Site Selection Algorithm. 2023 IEEE 26th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC), Bilbao, Spain, 2023, pp. 1741-1746, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/ITSC57777.2023.10422624> (Co-first author)
- 6. Xue, C.[#], **Dong, Y.**[#], Liu, J.^{*}, Liao, Y., & Li, L. (2023). Design of the Reverse Logistics System for Medical Waste Recycling Part II: Route Optimization with Case Study under COVID-19 Pandemic. 2023 IEEE 26th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC), Bilbao, Spain, 2023, pp. 4011-4017. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/ITSC57777.2023.10422236> (Co-first author)
- 7. **Dong, Y.**^{*}, Chen, K., Peng, Y., & Ma, Z. (2022). Comparative Study on Supervised versus Semi-supervised Machine Learning for Anomaly Detection of In-vehicle CAN Network. 2022 IEEE 25th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC), 2022, pp. 2914-2919, <https://doi.org/10.1109/ITSC55140.2022.9922235>

Other Journal and Conference Publications:

- 1. Lingam, S. N., De Winter, J., **Dong, Y.**, Tsapi, A., Van Arem, B., & Farah, H. (2024). eHMI on the Vehicle or on the

Infrastructure? A Driving Simulator Study. *European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research*, 24(2), 1–24.

<https://doi.org/10.59490/ejtir.2024.24.2.7273> [Journal]

- 2. **Dong, Y.**, Liu, C., Wang, Y., & Fu, Zh. (2024). Towards Understanding Worldwide Cross-cultural Differences in Implicit Driving Cues: Review, Comparative Analysis, and Research Roadmap. Accepted by and [presented at the 2024 IEEE 27th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems \(ITSC\)](#), [Preprint](#) [Conference]
- 3. Huang, Y.[#], **Dong, Y.^{#,*}**, Tang, Y., & Li, L. (2024). Leverage Multi-source Traffic Demand Data Fusion with Transformer Model for Urban Parking Prediction. **Accepted** by [the 28th International Conference Of Hong Kong Society For Transportation Studies \(HKSTS 2024\)](#) and the [Conference in Emerging Technologies in Transportation Systems \(TRC-30\)](#) for presentation, [Preprint](#) [Conference]
- 4. **Dong, Y.^{#,*}**, Chen, K.[#], & Ma, Z. (2023). Comparative Study on Semi-Supervised Learning Applied for Anomaly Detection in Hydraulic Condition Monitoring System. *2023 IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC)*, Honolulu, Oahu, HI, USA, 2023, pp. 1702-1708, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/SMC53992.2023.10394193> [Conference]
- 5. Raju, N., Schakel, W., Reddy, N., **Dong, Y.**, & Farah, H. (2022). Car-Following Properties of a Commercial Adaptive Cruise Control System: A Pilot Field Test. *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*, 2676(7), 128-143. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03611981221077085> [Journal]
- 6. **Dong, Y.**, Yang, Z., Yue, Y., Pei, X., & Zhang, Z. (2018). Revealing Travel Patterns of Sharing-bikes in a Spatial-temporal Manner Using Non-negative Matrix Factorization Method. In *CICTP 2018: Intelligence, Connectivity, and Mobility* (pp. 1665-1674). Reston, VA: American Society of Civil Engineers. <https://doi.org/10.1061/9780784481523.165> [Conference]
- 7. Yue, Y., Pei, X., Yang, Z., **Dong, Y.**, & Yao, D. (2018). A Trip Building and Chaining Methodology Using Traffic Surveillance Data. In *CICTP 2018: Intelligence, Connectivity, and Mobility* (pp. 2254-2262). Reston, VA: American Society of Civil Engineers. <https://doi.org/10.1061/9780784481523.224> [Conference]
- 8. **Dong, Y.**, Zhang, Z., Fu, R., Xie, N. (2016). Revealing New York Taxi Drivers' Operation Patterns Focusing on the Revenue Aspect. (2016) In *12th World Congress on Intelligent Control and Automation (WCICA)*, (pp. 1052-1057). IEEE. <https://doi.org/10.1109/WCICA.2016.7578771> [Conference]
- 9. **Dong, Y.**, Ruan, H., Cai, T., Peng, J, and Wang ,W. (2013). Using LED to Demonstrate the Composition of Simple Harmonic Motions and Five Polarization States of Light. *Physics Experimentation*, 11, 45-48 [Journal in Chinese]

Under Review and Working Papers:

- 1. **Dong, Y.**, Van Arem, B., & Farah, H. (2025). Safe and Socially-compliant Automated Driving through Integrating Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning with SVO and MPCC (In preparation, to be submitted to *the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, PNAS*)
- 2. Patil, S.[#], **Dong, Y.^{#,*}**, Farah, H., & Hellendoorn, J. (2025). Efficient Sequential Neural Network based on Spatial-Temporal Attention and Linear LSTM for Robust Lane Detection Using Multi-frame Images, (Joint first author and corresponding author, **Under Review** by *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles*), [Preprint](#)
- 3. **Dong, Y.^{#,*}**, Reyna, C.F.[#], Klunder, G., Liao, F., & Rasouli, S. (2025). Benchmarking Emerging and Established Traffic Microsimulation Platforms for Dynamic Speed Limit Applications: A Comparative Study on Dutch Motorways. (Joint first author and corresponding author, under review by the *29th International Conference of Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies*, to be submitted to *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*)
- 4. Ji, J.[#], Lu, R.[#], Belkessa, L., **Dong, Y.**, Wang, L., Madadi, B., Varotto, S., Saunier, N., MacFarlane, G., & Wu, C. (2025). Exploring Artifacts Availability in Transportation Research Using Large Language Models, **Accepted** by the *2025 Transportation Research Symposium (TRS)*, the *2025 International Symposium on Transportation Data & Modelling (ISTDM)*, and the *2025 Modelling Mobility Conference (MoMo)* for presentation; to be submitted to *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*.

- 6. Zhang, Y., **Dong, Y.*** (2025). Optimization of coordinated flow restriction and skip-stopping schemes for urban rail stations considering platform carrying capacity (**Presented at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 102nd annual meeting, TRB 2023, Under Review by Journal of Advanced Transportation**). [TRBAM-23-04413 poster](#), [Preprint](#)
- 7. Zhang, Y., **Dong, Y.***, Evans, C., Rinaldi, M., Shyrokau, B., & Farah, H. (2025). Cooperative Planning and Control for Connected and Automated Vehicles' On-ramp Merging in Mixed Traffic via Value Decomposition-based Multiagent Deep Reinforcement Learning. (Corresponding author, under review by the *29th International Conference of Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies, to be submitted to Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*)
- 8. [The Age of Smart Integrated Transportation: Practice of in the Digital Transformation of Transportation Industry](#) [M]. Publishing House of Electronics Industry. [Involved as **reviewer** and **expert editor** for Preface, Chapters 1 & 13]

Open resource repository:

- [Datasets, Simulation Platforms, and Relevant Publications on Emerging Mixed Traffic of AVs and HDVs](#)
- List of open datasets and codes: <https://data.4tu.nl/search?search=Yongqi+Dong>

PATENTS & SOFTWARE COPYRIGHTS

✧ *European and Dutch Patent:*

- **Dong, Y., & Li, R.** (2024). Automated Lane Detection (Dutch Patent No. [NL2033551](#)). Netherlands: Netherlands Patent Office.
- **Dong, Y., Zhang, L., Farah, H., & Van Arem, B.** (2025). Socially-compliant Automated Driving in Mixed Traffic (Dutch Patent No. NL2035943, submitted & filed, OCT-23-056).

✧ *Chinese Invention Patent:*

- Ruan, H., **Dong, Y.**, Wang, W., & Wang, F. (2016). Intelligent Demonstration Instrument of Simple Harmonic Oscillation Composition and Five Polarization States of Light (Chinese Patent No. [CN103236211B](#)). China: China National Intellectual Property Administration.

✧ *Software copyright:*

- Spatial-Temporal Attention Integrated Sequential Neural Network Model for Vision-based Robust Lane Detection ([i-DEPOT 142731](#), **approved & registered**)
- Vision-Based Lane Detection System With Self-supervised Pre-training Through Masked Sequential Auto-encoders (Computer Software Copyright Registration in China, 2024SR1350911, **approved & registered**)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Technical Committee (Chair) Automated Mobility in Mixed Traffic IEEE ITSS	Mar.2025-Present
Establishing and chairing the interdisciplinary community: " Automated Mobility in Mixed Traffic "	
IEEE ITSS New Initiatives Project Principal Investigator (PI) IEEE ITSS	Mar.2024-Present
Project: <i>Promoting interdisciplinary research toward the deployment of automated vehicles in mixed traffic</i>	
Workshop Organizer (Primary coordinator) 27 th IEEE ITSC 2024, Edmonton, Canada	Sep.24, 2024
Workshop title: Automated Mobility in Emerging Mixed Traffic	
Workshop Organizer (Second coordinator) 26 th IEEE ITSC 2023, Bilbao, Bizkaia, Spain	Sep. 24, 2023
Workshop title: Data-driven and Empirical Research for Emerging Mixed Traffic of Automated Vehicles and Human-driven Vehicles	
Workshop Organizer (Primary coordinator) IEEE IV 2023, Anchorage, USA	Jun.4, 2023
Workshop title: Development of Socially-compliant Driving Behavior for Automated Vehicles to Enhance Safety and Efficiency in Mixed Traffic	
IEEE TCoS Seeding Project Leader (PI) 2023 IEEE TAB Committee on Standards (TCoS) seed funding	
Project title: <i>Enhancing the deployment of socially-compliant automated vehicles in mixed traffic</i> (website)	

Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer Services

- International Journal of Computer Vision (**IF: 19.5**; Top AI journal)
- IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems
- IEEE Open Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Transportation Letters: The International Journal of Transportation Research
- Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems: Technology, Planning, and Operations
- Journal of Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board
- International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction
- Journal of Advanced Transportation
- Scientific Reports
- Applied Ergonomics
- European Transport Research Review
- ASCE-ASME Journal of Risk and Uncertainty in Engineering Systems, Part A: Civil Engineering

Ad-hoc Conference Reviewer Services

- IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium (IV) | Associate editor
- IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Conference (ITSC)
- Transportation Research Board (TRB) Annual Meeting
- World Congress on Intelligent Control and Automation (WCICA)
- COTA International Conference of Transportation Professionals (CICTP)
- The International Symposium on Transport Network Resilience (INSTR)

THESIS SUPERVISION

Yuteng Zhang | Master of Science in Transport, Infrastructure & Logistics Jan.2024-Nov.2024

Thesis title: [Coordinated Planning and Control for Connected and Automated Vehicles' On-ramp Merging in Mixed Traffic Through Value Decomposition-based Multiagent Deep Reinforcement Learning](#)

Cesar Flores Reyna | Master of Science in Sustainable Mobility Transitions, EIT, TU/e Jan.2024-Nov.2024

Thesis title: Investigating a Benchmarking Framework for the Large-Scale Micro Simulator (LSMS) Platform in Freeways under Dynamic Speed Limits

Mathijs den Otter | Master of Science in Civil Engineering–Transport and Planning Sep.2022-Dec.2023

Thesis title: [Impact of Improved Lane Marking Properties on the Performance of Lane Keeping Assistance Systems in Varying Circumstances](#)

Lanxin Zhang | Master of Science in Civil Engineering–Transport and Planning Oct.2022-Jun.2023

Thesis title: [Semi-supervised Machine Learning for Abnormal Driving Behavior Detection](#)

Henan Yuan | Bachelor in Traffic and Transportation, BJTU&TUDelft TTE Oct.2022-Jun.2023

Thesis title: Deep Reinforcement Learning for Driving through Roundabouts

Shiva Nischal Lingam | Master of Science in Civil Engineering–Transport and Planning Jan.2021-Nov.2021

Thesis title: [Effects of External Human Machine Interfaces on Automated Vehicles' Communicative Interactions With Human Drivers \(Cum Laude\)](#) | Won 2nd [Cuperusprijs prieze of KIVI](#)

Sandeep Patil | Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (Vehicular Engineering) Oct.2020-Aug.2021

Thesis title: [Lane Detection using SpatioTemporal Attention](#)

Eline van der Kooij | Master of Science in Transport, Infrastructure & Logistics Jul.2020-May.2021

Thesis title: [Visibility of Lane Markings for Machine Vision](#)

Sanny Toonen | Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering–Transport and Planning Jul.2020-May.2021

Thesis title: [Lane Recognition for Automated Vehicles](#)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Project supervisor, Instructor** | EEMCS, TU Delft Nov.2022-Feb.2024
Courses: [Interdisciplinary Advanced AI Project \(IFEEMCS520200\)](#); [Capstone Applied AI Project \(T13150TU\)](#)
[Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence Programme \(IFEEMCS520100\)](#)
- Teaching Assistant, Instructor** | TU Delft and BJTU joint bachelor program Mar.2022 & Mar.2023
Course: Advanced Lecture "Trends in Transportation" 2022 & 2023
- Lecturer** | DakeOffer online Platform Mar.2020-Jun.2020 & Nov.2020-Jan.2021
Course: Introduction to Big Data and Artificial Intelligence: Fundamental and Practice
- Teaching Assistant** | Transport and Planning, TU Delft Apr.2020-Aug.2020 & Apr.2021-Aug.2021
Course: [CIE5805 – Intelligent Vehicles for Safe and Efficient Traffic](#)
- Teaching Assistant** | Department of Automation, Tsinghua University Sep.2016-Jan.2017
Course: Data Ethics
- Teaching and Lab Assistant** | Electrical and Electronic Lab Center, Tsinghua University Mar.2015-Jul.2016
Courses: Advanced Labs in Electronic Technology, Fundamentals of Electronics Power Technology
- RSI Tutor** | Center for Excellence in Education, USA Jul.2017-Aug.2017
Research writing and presentation tutor for the 2017 Research Science Institute Program at Tsinghua University
- Undergraduate Counselor** (Class 2012) | School of EIE, Beijing Jiaotong University Jul.2012- Jul.2014

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- Promoting Diversity and Leadership in ITS** | IEEE WiE/YP Workshop & Forum, Cairo, Egypt Nov.21.2023
Presentation topic: Resource Repository: Datasets, Simulation Platforms, and Relevant Publications for Emerging Mixed Traffic of Automated Vehicles and Human-driven Vehicles
- Automated Round Transportation** | TRB ARTS 2023, San Francisco, USA Jul.12.2023
Presentation topic: Social-aware Planning and Control for Automated Vehicles Based on Driving Risk Field and Model Predictive Contouring Control: Driving through Roundabouts as a Case Study
- AI Applications in Transportation Planning** | TRB 2023, Washington D.C., USA Jan.11.2023
Presentation topics: (1) Robust Lane Detection through Self Pre-training with Masked Sequential Autoencoders and Fine-tuning with Customized PolyLoss
(2) Sequential Neural Network Model with Spatial-Temporal Attention Mechanism for Robust Lane Detection Using Multi Continuous Image Frames
- Research into Urban Rail Transit Operations and Design** | TRB 2023, Washington D.C., USA Jan.11.2023
Presentation topic: Optimization of coordinated flow restriction and skip-stopping schemes for urban rail stations considering platform carrying capacity
- Connected and Automated Vehicles** | MFTS 2022, Dresden, Germany Dec.01.2022
Presentation topic: Towards Developing Socially-Compliant Automated Vehicles: State of the Practice, Experts Expectations, and a Conceptual Framework
- Automated mobility** | IEEE ITSS Young Professionals Fellowship Symposium, Chania, Greece Nov.25.2022
Presentation topic: Multi-goal proactive traffic management for mixed traffic of automated vehicles (AVs) and human-driven vehicles (HDVs) using explainable physics-informed Artificial Intelligence
- AI, Security, Privacy and Safety Systems in ITS Applications** | ITSC2022, Macow, China Oct.08.2022
Presentation topic: Comparative Study on Supervised vs Semi-supervised ML for Anomaly Detection of CAN Network
- Research on AI and Advancing Computing Applications** | TRB 2022, Washington D.C., USA Jan.12.2022
Presentation topic: A Hybrid Spatial-temporal Sequence-to-one Neural Network Model for Lane Detection
- Challenges of Automated Vehicles and Traffic** | University of Győr, Hungary May.28.2021
Talk topic: Deep learning for automated vehicles' operational design domain: problems, challenges, and case studies

SAMEN User Committee Annual Meeting | Dutch Research Council (NWO), Delft, Netherlands Jan.28.2021

Talk topic: Data-driven research for automated vehicles' operational design domain: a case study on perception

Intelligence, Connectivity, and Mobility | COTA CICTP 2018, Tsinghua University, China Jul.07.2018

Presentation topic: Revealing travel patterns of sharing-bikes in a spatial-temporal manner using the NFM method

World Congress on Intelligent Control and Automation | IEEE WCICA 2016, Guilin, China Jun.12.2016

Presentation topic: Revealing New York Taxi Drivers' Operation Patterns Focusing on the Revenue Aspect

HONORS & AWARDS

- [Chinese CSC Award for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad \(6,000 \\$\)](#)
- TU Delft-Transport Institute Interdisciplinary Research Award (10,500 €)
- 2023 IEEE TAB Committee on Standards (TCoS) seed funding (6,000 \$)
- 2024 IEEE ITSS New Initiatives Proposal Funding (5,000 \$)
- IEEE ITSS Young Professionals Fellowship (Twice)
- Erasmus + mobility Grants (Three times)
- Outstanding College Graduates of Beijing (Top 1‰)
- National Scholarship (Top 1%)
- First Class Tsinghua University RONG Scholarship
- Second-Class Merit Scholarship for Masters Tsinghua University
- Merit Student (Four times)
- First-Class Academic Fellowship (Top 1%, Twice)
- Second Prize in the 2012 & 2013 Undergraduate Electronic Design Contest in Beijing
- Bronze award in “Challenge Cup” Entrepreneurship Design Contest in Beijing
- First Prize in Freescale Cup University Students Intelligent Car Race (Rank 2nd)
- Second Prize in the Physical Experiment Competition in Beijing
- 2019 Microsoft Discover AI Challenge: *Sustainable Life* | [Data-Driven All-in-one Shared Mobility](#) | Top (10%)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AI & Automated Mobility group | Institute of Highway Engineering | **RWTH Aachen University** Jun.2024-Present

- **AI-Enhanced Hierarchical Multi-objects Driving Risk Field Model Integrating Physics-Based and Human Perception-Based Approaches with Drivers' Distraction**
(PI, [Individual DFG](#))
- **Explainable Mathematics-Enhanced AI Model for Multi-Modal Urban Traffic Prediction and Simulation**
(Co-PI, [DFG Research Unit Proposal](#))
- **Realistic Modelling of Cycling Behavior and Interaction with Other Road Users in Mixed Traffic**
(PI, [DFG Package Proposal](#))
- **Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning of Pretrained Multimodal Large Vision Model (LVM) for Privacy-preserving Traffic Anomaly Detection with Thermal Imaging**

Traffic and Transportation Safety Lab | Department of Transport and Planning | **TU Delft** Dec.2019-Jun.2024

- **Data-driven and AI-based research for expanding Automated Vehicles' Operational Design Domain in mixed traffic (part of [SAMEN](#) project)**
 - Developed a hybrid sequence-to-one model for lane detection in extremely hard driving scenes
 - Incorporated spatial-temporal attention for automated vehicles' perception
 - Designed reliable data-driven algorithms for anomalies and abnormal behaviors prediction
 - Implemented Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) models for safe, reliable, and socially compliant automated driving under challenging maneuvers involving both longitudinal and lateral control

- Gaze behavior of road users when interacting with an automated vehicle at an intersection: *Understanding cyclists' perception of driverless vehicles through eye-tracking and interviews*

Mechanical Systems Control (MSC) Lab | Department of Mechanical Engineering | **UC Berkeley** May.2023-Oct.2023

Advisor: Prof. [Masayoshi Tomizuka](#)

➤ **Socially Compliant Automated Driving through DRL and Model-based Social-aware MPC**

- Reviewed State-of-the-art Socially Compliant Automated Driving Methods in Literature
- Developed Model-enhance Multi-agent Deep Reinforcement Learning with Social-aware MPC

Waterloo Artificial Intelligence Institute | Faculty of Engineering | **University of Waterloo** May.2018-Sep.2019

➤ **Applied Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Big Data Research**

- 2018 Railroad Problem Solving Contest: Use CNN-LSTM-Dense Concatenated model to forecast train delays
- A Deep Learning Framework for Traffic Forecasting: Exploring GCN joint with LSTM to predict traffic flow
- Data-driven anomaly detection (unsupervised): Auto-Encoder, Hierarchical Extreme Learning Machines
- Kaggle competition: Employ LSTM, LightGBM, XGBoost models to predict stock movements with news data
- Deep reinforcement learning in traffic control: DQN, A3C, and PPO methods
- Real-time Road Surface Condition (RSC) Monitoring: Adopt CNN to RSC image classification

Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology (SMART) Aug.2016-Sep.2016

Future Urban Mobility (FM) IRG | Project: *SimMobility* | Topic: **Taxi Roaming**

Advisors: Prof. [Moshe BEN-AKIVA](#), Postdoctoral Associate [Bat-hen NAHMIAS-BIRAN](#)

➤ **Constructing a model tackling the taxi roaming (taxi service) problem, to be embedded into the *SimMobility* platform**

- Proposed one advisable solution of cruising along hotspots through a cell-based logit-opportunity model improved by a data-driven method
- Participated in building the architecture of the final model embedded in *SimMobility*

Intelligent Transportation Laboratory, Tsinghua National Laboratory for Information Science and Technology

(TNList) | **Advisors:** Prof. [Zuo Zhang](#) and Prof. [Li Li](#) (*IEEE Fellow*) Sep.2014-May.2018

Transportation Research based on machine learning and data-driven methods

➤ **Revealing New York taxi drivers' operation patterns focusing on revenue**

- Developed a method for classifying drivers into 3 groups based on their revenue: top, ordinary, low earner
- Excavated the population operation patterns of different taxi driver groups through big data analytics

➤ **Influence of on-demand ridesourcing vs. traditional taxi based on machine learning and big data analytics**

- Uncovered the differences between taxi service and ridesourcing using big data analysis and clustering
- Applied non-negative matrix factorization (NMF) to obtain basis patterns of Taxi, Hitch and Express service

➤ **Influence of on-demand ridesourcing on vehicle emissions with big data analytics and PHEM model**

➤ **Fundamental research on intelligent parking guidance and recommendations based on machine learning**

- Forecast models of travel time to parking lots (*Random Forest*); Guidance & optimization models for parking
- Personalized recommendation research on parking (Collaborative Filtering and Content-based algorithm)

➤ **Study on key technology in Intelligent Vehicle Infrastructure Cooperative Systems (IVICS) (863 Program)**

- Contributed to the design report of basic technical framework and the overall demonstration of IVICS

The Freescale Cup College Students Intelligent Car Race: Intelligent car that can follow Jun.2012-Jun.2013

specific trajectories based on image processing, pattern recognition, and PID controller

- **Hardware Aspect:** Designed the signal acquisition circuit and the core control circuit based on MC9S12XS256

- **Software Aspect:** Developed specific control strategies/algorithms for intelligent cars to follow given trajectories
- **Actuator:** Customized specific steering linkage, applied and tuned PID algorithms to control diversion and speed

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Junior Research Group Leader | AI & Automated Mobility Group | **RWTH Aachen University** Jun.2024-Present

- **Research** proposal initialization, preparation, and writing: German Research Foundation ([DFG](#)) and [mFUND](#)
- **Co-PI:** main responder and drafter for **three** DFG research proposals
- **Lead** the group and supervise the PhD/MSc students
- **Teaching** support for *Road Planning II* and *Machine Learning in Civil Engineering* (master's level)

PhD Researcher | [TTS Lab](#) | Department of Transport & Planning | **TU Delft** Dec.2019-Jun.2024

- Carried out PhD research work under the NWO funded [SAMEN](#) project
- Provided teaching assistance and evaluation support for various courses and supervised seven MSc students
- Published scientific papers and patents, presented research works in conferences and organized workshops

Visiting PhD Researcher | [MSC Lab](#) | Department of Mechanical Engineering | **UC Berkeley** May.2023-Oct.2023

- Carried out literature review and research work related to Socially Compliant Automated Driving

Research Assistant | Waterloo Artificial Intelligence Institute | **University of Waterloo** May.2018-Sep.2019

- Carried out research works related to applied Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Big Data in Transportation

Research Assistant | Transport Big Data Analytics | **ITS Lab, TNList@Tsinghua University** Aug.2017- May.2018

- Cross-domain data fusion for full-time trip chain reconstruction and anomaly detection;
- City Computing: Applying NMF methods to evaluate indicators describing urban function, land use, mobility, etc.
- Revealing collective travel patterns of *Shared Mobility* in a spatial-temporal manner

Carryout service data analysis Project Manager | Beijing Gooagoo Technical Service Co., Ltd. Jul.2016-Aug.2016

- Integral process of Big Data Analytics: Crawled carryout service data using Python crawler; executed data storage, data analysis, and data processing in a relational database (MySQL); visualization, clustering, and web application

Commentator | China International Congress on Intelligent & Connected Vehicles (CICV) Oct.2015-Oct.2015

- Introduced the i-VICS systems to audiences; received executives from automobile manufacturers BMW, Volvo, VW

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Webmaster | **Traffic and Transportation Safety (TTS) Lab Website, TU Delft** Mar.2020-June.2024

- Responsible and volunteering for the [TTS Lab website](#) development and maintenance

Project Leader | **Asian Youth Center:** Leadership Development Training Program for Masters Jul.2015-Aug.2016

- Responsible for activities and competitions between overseas and Chinese students in the Asian Youth Center project
- **Volunteer Leader** in the 5th Joint School Symposium for the Asian Youth Center Project

iTalk Group Leader | International Department, Tsinghua University Postgraduate Association Oct.2014-Oct.2015

- Committed to speech in English given by students or alumni stars, held a special performance for overseas students

Volunteer | National Doctor Forum on Traffic and Transportation Engineering, Beijing Jiaotong University Jun.2011

SKILLS & MISCELLANEOUS

- Programming: Python (Tensorflow, PyTorch, Keras), Matlab, R, C/C++, Java, VHDL | Database: MySQL
- AI Certificates: [Deep Learning](#), [Deep Reinforcement Learning](#), [TRAIL Research School Diploma](#)
- Hardware circuit design: Altium Designer | Software development on Linux and Windows
- Big data analytics and visualization methods | Cross-domain Data Fusion | Data-driven anomaly/fraud detection
- Languages: Chinese (Native); English (Professional); **Dutch** (Elementary)
- Hobbies: **Tai Chi, Kung Fu, Meditation**, Yoga, Chess, Reading, Mountain Hiking