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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy 2025–2028

The University of Texas at Austin
Major: Civil Engineering (Transportation)
GPA: 4.00 / 4.00
Advisor: Dr. Stephen D. Boyles

Master of Science in Engineering (Thesis) 2023-2025

The University of Texas at Austin
Major: Civil Engineering (Transportation)
GPA: 4.00 / 4.00
Advisor: Dr. Stephen D. Boyles

Bachelor of Science (Research) 2019-2023

Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
Major: Earth & Environmental Science, *Minor:* Mathematics
GPA: 8.7 / 10 (*Major GPA:* 9.4 / 10)
Advisor: Dr. Tarun Rambha

THESIS

[D2] **MS thesis:** Error bounds for stochastic user equilibrium traffic assignment. [[Link](#)]

Advisor: Dr. Stephen D. Boyles
The University of Texas at Austin

[D1] **Undergraduate thesis:** Energy efficient and safe routing for last mile logistics. [[Link](#)]

Advisor: Dr. Tarun Rambha
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- **Research interests:** Freight and maritime logistics, traffic assignment, congestion pricing
- **Technical skills:** Optimization, Discrete event simulation, Machine learning, Data analysis, Operations research, Mathematical programming
- **Programming Languages:** Python, C, Julia, GAUSS, SQL
- **Software and Libraries:** SimPy, CPLEX, OR-Tools, OSMnx (OpenStreetMap), NetworkX, TensorFlow, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Plotly, Streamlit, SciDavis, MS Office, SymPy \LaTeX , Git, GAMS, Microstation, CORSIM

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Graduate school fellowship** awarded by UT Austin Graduate School (2023-2027)
- **Institute gold medal** awarded by Indian Institute of Science for best performance in 4-year Bachelor of Science (Research) in Earth and Environmental Science (2023)
- **Mitacs Globalink Research Internship** (GRI) awarded by MITACS, Canada (2022)
- **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana (KVPY) fellowship** awarded by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India (2019-2023)
- Awarded “Special Honor” in category “Academic excellence by a student” in The **Telegraph School Awards** (2019)
- Awarded **Dhirubhai Ambani scholarship** by Reliance Foundation (2019)
- **Jagadis Bose National Talent Search (JBNSTS) fellowship** (2018)
- **National Talent Search (NTSE) Scholarship** awarded by National Council of Education Research and Training, India (2017)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistantship

Sept 2023 – Dec 2024

“Data-Driven Multimodal Freight Modeling for Waterways and Port” sponsored by Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, US Army Corps of Engineers ERDC, *PI: Dr. Stephen Boyles*

- Part of the research team that processed and integrated data from multiple transport modes.
- Identified bottlenecks in multimodal freight networks through discrete event simulation.
- Simulated disruption scenarios to examine resilience and recovery bottlenecks.
- Proposed a queueing theory based model for defining operating capacity in multimodal port networks.

MITACS Globalink Research Internship

May 2022 – Aug 2022

“Integrating Waste and Resource Management: Data-Driven Optimization of Urban Mining Logistics” sponsored by MITACS at Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, *PI: Dr. Amina Lamghari*

- Performed an extensive literature review of heuristics for Reverse Logistics (RL) network design problems including Tabu-Search, Simulated Annealing, and Bee Colony Optimisation.
- Developed a Scenario-based Mixed Integer Linear Program (MILP) formulation for the RL network design problem under uncertainties for wood industries of Quebec.
- Developed an Adaptive Large Neighbourhood Search (ALNS) heuristic for the RL network design problem and introduced the concept of adaptive neighborhoods.
- Solved the MILP using CPLEX and implemented the ALNS heuristic on Python.

Undergraduate Research

July 2021 – July 2023

“A Local Search Heuristic for the Bi-criteria Steiner Travelling Salesman Problem with Time Windows (BST-SPTW)” at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, India, *PI: Dr. Tarun Rambha*

- Performed extensive literature review of existing heuristic algorithms for the Travelling Salesman Problem, including Pareto Local Searches, Lin-Kernighan Heuristic, and r-opt.
- Developed and implemented two brute-force exact methods for the Multi-Objective Steiner Travelling Salesman Problem (BSTSP).
- Formulated a new scalarization-based Mixed Integer Program (MIP) formulation for BSTSPTW which improves the single commodity flow formulation for STSP and implemented it using CPLEX.
- Proposed a novel local search-based heuristic with six operators that performs better than an adapted version of Lin-Kernighan-Helsgaun (LKH) Heuristic.
- Bench-marked results on real world instances focusing on Amazon delivery routes in Austin, US

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- [M1] Agarwal, P.[†], **Bagchi, D.**[†], Rambha, T., and Pandey, V. (2024). A Bi-criterion Steiner Traveling Salesperson Problem with Time Windows for Last-Mile Electric Vehicle Logistics. [\[Code\]](#)[\[Preprint\]](#)

[†] Equal contribution

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [C8] Robbennolt, J, **Bagchi, D.** and Boyles, S. D. (2025). *Localized Queue Spillback with Uncertain Demand*. *Accepted in 10th International Symposium on Dynamic Traffic Assignment (DTA2025)*, Salerno, Italy
- [C7] **Bagchi, D.** and Boyles, S. D. (2025). *Error bounds for stochastic user equilibrium traffic assignment*. *Accepted in 12th Triennial Symposium on Transportation Analysis conference (TRISTAN XII)*, Okinawa, Japan
- [C6] **Bagchi, D.**, Bathgate, K., and Boyles, S. D. (2025). *A queuing-theory-based operating capacity model for multimodal port operations*. in *Transportation Research Board (TRB) 104th Annual Meeting 2023*, Washington, D.C., USA. (Lectern session)
- [C5] Bathgate, K., **Bagchi, D.**, and Boyles, S. D. (2025). *Use of AIS data to characterize vessel mix in Houston port operations for simulation*. in *Transportation Research Board (TRB) 104th Annual Meeting 2023*, Washington, D.C., USA. (Lectern session)
- [C4] Bathgate, K., **Bagchi, D.**, and Boyles, S. D. (2024, October). *Identifying capacities in a multimodal maritime freight network*. in *Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting 2024*, Seattle, USA.
- [C3] **Bagchi, D.**, and Boyles, S. D. (2024, October). *Error Bounds for Stochastic User Equilibrium Traffic Assignment*. in *Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting 2024*, Seattle, USA. (TSL Invited session)
- [C2] **Bagchi, D.**, Agarwal, P., Rambha, T., and Pandey, V. (2023, January). *A Local Search Heuristic for Bi-criterion Steiner Travelling Salesman Problem*. in *Transportation Research Board (TRB) 102nd Annual Meeting 2023*, Washington, D.C., USA.
- [C1] **Bagchi, D.**, Agarwal, P., Rambha, T., and Pandey, V. (2022, October). *A Local Search Heuristic for Bi-criterion Steiner Travelling Salesman Problem*. in *Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting 2022*, Indianapolis, USA.

WORKING PAPERS

- [M4] **Bagchi, D.** and Boyles, S. D. (2025). *Error bounds for stochastic user equilibrium traffic assignment*.
- [M3] Robbennolt, J, **Bagchi, D.** and Boyles, S. D. (2025). *Localized Queue Spillback with Uncertain Demand*.
- [M2] **Bagchi, D.**, Bathgate, K., and Boyles S. D. (2025). *A queuing-theory-based operating capacity model for multimodal port operations*.
- [M1] Bathgate, K., **Bagchi, D.**, and Boyles S. D. (2025). *Use of AIS data to characterize vessel mix in Houston port operations for simulation*.

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- [T2] Bathgate, K., **Bagchi, D.**, and Boyles S. D (2024, October). Simulation methods for measuring multi-modal maritime freight system capacity, and resilience: A case study at the Port of Houston *Presented in UT Austin Center for Transportation Research Annual Symposium, 2025*, Austin, USA.
- [T1] Bathgate, K., **Bagchi, D.**, and Boyles S. D (2024, October). Data-Driven Modeling for Multimodal Port Resilience Assessment. *Presented in UT Austin Center for Transportation Research Annual Symposium, 2024*, Austin, USA.

TEST SCORES

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) – 155/170 (Verbal Reasoning), 167/170 (Quantitative Reasoning), 4.0/6.0 (Analytical Writing), 2023
- Test of English and Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT Test – 29/30 (Reading), 29/30 (Listening), 26/30 (Writing), 25/30 (Speaking), 109/120 (Overall), 2023
- All India Rank 40 in National Creativity Aptitude Test (NCAT), 2020
- 99.3 percentile score in Joint Entrance Examination (Main) out of 1.5 million candidates, 2019
- Among top 1% in Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) out of 1.2 lakh candidates, 2019
- 96% in All India Senior School Certificate Examination (12th Board examination), 2019
- CGPA 10/10 in All India Secondary School Examination (10th board examination), 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CE 311S Probability and Statistics for Civil Engineers

Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2025

- Consolidated feedback score 4.02 / 5.00 across seven parameters
- Assisted with major course redesign
- Led two weekly discussion and recitation sections of 20 students each

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate students mentored

- Dylan Croteau (2024-2025)

SOCIETY SERVICE

Transportation Research Board (TRB)

- AW010 Standing Committee on Ports and Channels, **Member** (2025-2028)
- AEP40 Standing Committee on Transportation Network Modeling, **Friend** (2025-Present)
- AT015 Standing Committee on Freight Transportation Planning and Logistics, **Friend** (2025-Present)

Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

University of Texas at Austin Student Chapter

- Member (2023-Present)
- Social Service Officer (2023-2025)

NoteBook Drive (NBD)

Indian Institute of Science

- Member (2019-2021)

REFEREE SERVICE

Journal Referee

- Transportation Research Part B

COURSEWORK

- **University of Texas at Austin:** Linear programming, Non linear programming, Optimization, Public transportation, Traffic engineering, Discrete choice modeling, Transportation network analysis, Dynamic traffic assignment,
- **Indian Institute of Science:** Optimization, Public transportation, Game theory, Traffic network equilibrium, Dynamic traffic assignment, Introduction to computing for AI & ML, Linear algebra, Real analysis, Behavioral science, Finance and accounts

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Spanish Guitar:** Diploma with first-division distinction from Nikhil Bharat Sangeet Samiti
- **Chess:** Member of All India Chess Federation, Peak Lichess ratings: 1378 (Rapid), 1346 (Bullet)

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Co-founded **CoachIO**, an ed-tech startup to provide affordable bootcamp courses to KVPY and olympiad aspirants across India. Managed a team of 9 members with gross revenue over 5 lakh INR.
- Coordinated and sourced funding for **Quadspark**, a national level quiz competition as a part of Pravega, IISc, Bengaluru. The event witnessed 1200+ participants and was held in 3 stages.
- Content creator on personal YouTube channel **Debojjal Bagchi**. The channel currently has over 10k subscribers and 1M+ views.