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#### **EDUCATION**

# Dartmouth College, Thayer School of Engineering

Hanover NH 2014 - 2019

Ph.D. in Operations Research

Co-advisors: Vikrant Vaze, Alexandre Jacquillat (MIT)

- Dissertation: Schedule Planning and Endogeneity of Travelers Decisions in Congested Large-Scale Transportation Networks
- Committee: Vikrant Vaze, Alexandre Jacquillat (MIT), Robert Shumsky (Tuck), Amro Farid

# Xi'an Jiaotong University

Xi'an China

BEng in Automation with Best Undergraduate Thesis Award

2007 - 2011

#### **POSITIONS**

Associate Professor	(tenured)
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Jan 2025 - present

School of Economics and Management, Tongji University, Shanghai

**Assistant Professor** 

Apr 2023 - Dec 2024

School of Economics and Management, Tongji University, Shanghai

Research Scientist

Apr 2022 - Apr 2024

Civil Flight Services CAE, Irving, TX

Senior Operations Research Engineer

Sep 2019- Mar 2022

Sabre Labs & Product Strategy, Southlake, TX

Summer 2018

Sabre Airline Solutions, Southlake, TX

**:** Xiaodong Luo

**Operations Research Intern** 

#### **TEACHING**

01112201: Discrete Mathematics (undergrads)

Spring 2024, Spring 2025

2000192004002: Operations Research (Master of Engineering Management) Autumn 2025 School of Economics and Management, Tongji University, Shanghai

#### SELECTED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

# IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

[1] Navid Rashedi, Nolan Sankey, Vikrant Vaze, and Wei, Keji\*. A machine learning approach for solution space reduction in aircraft disruption recovery. European Journal of Operational Research, 323(1):297–308, 2025

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- [2] Wei, Keji, Vikrant Vaze, and Alexandre Jacquillat. Transit planning optimization under ridehailing competition and traffic congestion. *Transportation Science*, 56(3):725–749, 2022
  - Featured in media OR/MS Today.
- [3] Wei, Keji, Vikrant Vaze, and Alexandre Jacquillat. Airline timetable development and fleet assignment incorporating passenger choice. *Transportation Science*, 54(1):139–163, 2020
  - Winner, AGIFORS Anna Valicek Award for Innovative Research in Airline Operations Research, 2019.
- [4] Reed Harder, **Keji Wei**, Vikrant Vaze, and James E. Stahl. Simulation analysis and comparison of point of care testing and central laboratory testing. *MDM Policy & Practice*, 4(1), 2019
- [5] **Wei, Keji** and Vikrant Vaze. Modeling crew itineraries and delays in the national air transportation system. *Transportation Science*, 52(5):1276–1296, 2018
  - Second Place Winner, AGIFORS Anna Valicek Award for Innovative Research in Airline Operations Research, 2017.
  - Featured in media like *ScienceDaily*.
- [6] Wuhua Hu, Jianfeng Mao, and Keji Wei. Energy-efficient rail guided vehicle routing for two-sided loading/unloading automated freight handling system. European Journal of Operational Research, 258(3):943 – 957, 2017

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

- Graph Attention Networks for Efficient Construction of Arc-Based Transportation Network Models with V. Vaze, Major Revision at Transportation Science.
- Airline Fleet Assignment and Timetabling with Context-dependent Choice model with X. Niu, Y.Cao, Work in Progress.
- Bike lanes reduce and equalize urban transport emissions: Evidence from Chicago with L. Liu, X. Niu, J. Zhang
- Dynamic Discretization Discovery for Large-scale Airline Schedule Design model with R. Ojha1, L.Marshall, Work in Progress.
- Optimization of Courier-Order Matching and Delivery Performance for In-Time Delivery Systems Y.Fan, Y.Cao and X.Xiong Work in Progress. Major Revision at Transportation Science. Finalist for INFORMS TSL Data-Driven Research Challenge

## RESEARCH FUNDING

- NSFC Research Funding (Excellent Young Scientists Overseas), Airline Network Operations Management. (Principal Investigator). Total Amount: RMB. 2025-2029.
- NSFC Research Funding 72301197, Machine Learning Based Aircraft Recovery Optimization. (Principal Investigator). Total Amount 300,000 RMB. 2024 2026.
- NSFC Research Funding 72231006, Integrated Aviation Operations Optimization and Innovation. (Major Participant, Principal Investigator: Zhe Liang). Total Amount 2,000,000 RMB. 2023 2027.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

• Finalist for INFORMS TSL Data-Driven Research, INFOMRS	$May\ 2025$
• Excellent Young Scientists Overseas, NSFC	Oct 2024
• Transportation Science Meritorious Service Award, INFORMS	Oct 2022
• Shanghai Oversea Talent Program, Shanghai Government	Nov 2021
• First Place Best Dissertation Award, Aviation Application Section, INFORMS	Nov 2020

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• Anna Valicek Silver Medal for Innovative Research in Airline, AGIFORS	Oct 2019
• Anna Valicek Bronze Medal for Innovative Research in Airline, AGIFORS	Oct 2017
• Neukom Travel Grant, Dartmouth College	July 2017
• GSC Conference Travel Grant, Dartmouth College	July 2017
• XJTU Outstanding Bachelor Thesis (1%), Xian Jiaotong University	July 2011
• Meritorious Winner, Mathematical Contest in Modeling (10%),	July 2010
• Outstanding Student (10%), Xian Jiaotong University	July 2009

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

#### IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

- CTS 2025 Optimization of Courier-Order Matching and Delivery Performance for In-Time Delivery Systems.

  The 16th Workshop on Computational Transportation Science. Wuhan, 07/2025.
- AGIFORSRM 2025 A Stochastic SBLP Optimizer for Network RM with Dependent Demands. AGIFORS Revenue Management Study Group meeting. 04/2025.
- AGIFORSRM 2025 A Stochastic SBLP Optimizer for Network RM with Dependent Demands. AGIFORS Revenue Management Study Group meeting. 04/2025.
  - POMS-HK 2025 Optimizing Food Delivery Services: Reinforcement Learning for Enhanced Efficiency and Equity.

    The 15th POMS-HK International Conference. Hong Kong, 01/2025.
  - AGIFORS 2024 Airline Fleet Assignment and Timetabling with Context-dependent Choice model. The 64th AGI-FORS Annual Symposium. Cayman, UK, 11/2024.
  - INFORMS 2024 Bike Lane Network Expansion: Traffic, Emissions, and Equity Implications. INFORMS Annual Meeting. Seatle, WA, 10/2024.
    - ORDS 2024 Bike Lane Network Expansion: Traffic, Emissions, and Equity Implications. Chinese Society of Operations Research Data Science and Intelligent Operations 2024 Annual Conference. Beijing, 09/2024.
      - CTS 2024 Bike Lane Network Expansion: Traffic, Emissions, and Equity Implications. The 15th Workshop on Computational Transportation Science. Chengdu, 06/2024.
    - ITSO 2024 Revolutionizing Aircraft Recovery: Graph Attention Networks for Efficient Transportation Network Modeling & Supervised Machine Learning Approach for Solution Space Reduction. The 1th Workshop on Integrated Transport System Operation. Nanjing, 03/2024.
  - POMS-HK 2024 Efficient Construction of Arc-Based Transportation Network Models using Graph Attention Networks. The 14th POMS-HK International Conference. Hong Kong, 01/2024.
    - ATRS 2023 Efficient Construction of Arc-Based Transportation Network Models using Graph Attention Networks. The 5th Workshop on Transportation Research. Beijing, 11/2023.
    - CTS 2023 Graph Attention Networks for Efficient Construction of Arc-Based Transportation Network Models.

      The 14th Workshop on Computational Transportation Science. Shanghai, 09/2023.
- AGIFORSOps 2022 Machine Learning in Aircraft Recovery Problem with Dependent Connection Time. Virtual AGI-FORS Airline Operations & Aircraft Maintenance Conference. 05/2022.
  - INFORMS 2021 Learning to Handling Connection based Turn Time in Flight Schedule Recovery Problem. Virtual INFORMS Annual Meeting. 11/2021.
  - INFORMS 2019 Optimal Transit Planning: Interactions with Ridehailing, Congestion and Passenger Choice. INFORMS Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA, 11/2019.
  - INFORMS 2018 Airline Timetable Development And Fleet Assignment Incorporating Passenger Choice. INFORMS Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ, 11/2018.
  - INFORMS 2017 Modeling and Quantifying Crew Itineraries and Delays. INFORMS Annual Meeting. Houston, TX, 10/2017.

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- INFORMS 2017 Integrated Timetable Development and Fleet Assignment Model Incorporating Passenger Choice. INFORMS Annual Meeting. Houston, TX, 10/2017.
  - TSL 2017 Airline Timetable Development and Fleet Assignment. INFORMS Transportation and Logistics Society Conference. Chicago, IL, 07/2017.
- INFORMS 2016 Modeling and Understanding Crew Itineraries and Delays under Uncertainty. INFORMS Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN, 11/2016.
- INFORMS 2015 Quantifying Delay Propagation Through Crew Connections. INFORMS Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, 11/2015.
  - CASE 2013 Energy-efficient Dispatching Solution in an Automated Air Cargo Terminal. IEEE International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering. Madison, WI, 07/2013.

#### INVITED TALKS

- NUAA 2024 Revolutionizing Aircraft Recovery: Graph Attention Networks for Efficient Transportation Network Modeling & Supervised Machine Learning Approach for Solution Space Reduction. Internal seminar. Nanjing, China, 04/2024.
- HKPolyU 2024 Revolutionizing Aircraft Recovery: Graph Attention Networks for Efficient Transportation Network Modeling & Supervised Machine Learning Approach for Solution Space Reduction. AAE Research seminar. Hong Kong, China, 01/2024.
  - SRIBD 2023 Stochastic Nested Sales-Based Linear Program for Network Revenue Management Under Customer Choice. Internal seminar. Shenzhen, China, 11/2023.
- UT Arlington 2023 Graph Attention Networks for Constructing Arc-Pair Dependent Connections Transportation Model. Internal seminar. Arlington, TX, 01/2023.
  - Texas A&M 2022 Model and Algorithmsfor Airline Planning- The case for Crew Pairing and Timetabling. ETID seminar. College Station, TX, 09/2022.
    - Suffe 2020 Planning and Endogeneity of Travelers Decisions in Congested Large-Scale Transportation Network. Weekly Seminar. Virtually, 12/2020.
  - INFORMS 2020 Schedule Planning and Endogeneity of Travelers Decisions in Congested Large-Scale Transportation Networks. Virtual INFORMS Annual Meeting. 11/2020.
- TSINGHUA 2019 Modeling Crew Itineraries and Delayss in the National Air Transportation System. Weekly Seminar. Beijing, CHN, 12/2019.
  - AGIFORS 2019 Airline Timetable Development and Fleet Assignment Incorporating Passenger Choice. The 59th AGIFORS Annual Symposium. Seatle, WA, 10/2019.
    - SABRE 2018 Large Scale Fleet Assignment with Infeasibility Finder. Sabre Airline Solutions. Dallas, TX, 08/2018.
  - AGIFORS 2017 Modeling Crew Itineraries and Delays in the National Air Transportation System. The 57th AGI-FORS Annual Symposium. London, UK, 10/2017.

#### **SKILLS**

Chinese Mandarin (Native), English (Full Professional Proficiency) Languages

Office Software Git, Linux, CPLEX, LaTex, Vim

# RELEVANT COURSEWORK

#### **Core Courses**

Foundation of Biostatistics I

Optimization Methods for Engineering Applications

Machine Learning and Statistical Data Analysis

Statistical Methods in Engineering

Operations Research

Topics in Probability: Game Theory

## Other Courses

Communicating Science Modern Control Theory

Decision-Making under Risk and Uncertainty Advanced Topics in Machine Learning (Audit)Workshop: Grammar in Academic Writing

Convex Optimization (Audit)

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Mathematical Modeling
Databases
Object Oriented Programming

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Senior Operations Research Engineer, Civil Flight Services, CAE Airline Aircraft Recovery Module (RMOPS)

Apr 2022 - Present ►: Norbert Lingaya

- Delivery Aircraft recovery product to multiple airline in the world.
- Lead a operations research team in design, development and maintenance of decision support systems.
- Cooperate with sales, product and delivery team to support airline recovery product regularly.

• Designed and implemented the operations research and machine learning techniques to improve the solution quality to serve more than +20 airlines in the world.

Airline Passenger Recovery Module (Reaccomm)

: Sureshan Karichery

• Implement multiple constraints (Same Flight, Similar Flight and Max Co-terminal) to migrate schedule change product based on Passenger Recovery Product.

# Research Assistant, Dartmouth College

Aug 2018 - Aug 2019

Performance Improvement of Crew Trip (Pairing) Optimization for Airlines 😂: Vikrant Vaze, Sujayandra Vaddagiri

- Designed a novelty solution approach to solve 1- month crew pairing problem (14,888 Flights) in 85 mins with 0.06% optimally gap.
- Implemented and tested the solution approach in Java with Cplex solver
- Cooperated with *Laminaar Aviation InfoTech* to disucss project details, wrote mid-term and final reports, delivered code and algorithm details.

# Operations Research Intern, Sabre Airline Solutions

Large Scale Fleet Assignment with Infeasibility Finder

May 2018 - Aug 2018 **★**: Xiaodong Luo

- Designed and implemented the operations research techniques to improve the solution quality and solution time of Sabre's flagship fleet assignment module (34,651 Flights)
- Addressed numerical difficulties in Cplex which cann't be solved before
- Productized the Fleet Assignment module in Java for Alaska Airline

#### Research Assistant, Dartmouth College

Sep 2014 - Dec 2016

Analyzing Flight Delay Propagation due to Crew Scheduling Constraints

: Vikrant Vaze

- Selected the factors that influence the extent of crew propagated delays and disruptions and incorporate these factors into a robust crew scheduling model.
- Built learning hyper-models to generate crew pairings that are similar to those in the real world crew pairing samples.
- Presented the general approach to estimate crew-related delays and disruptions for any given network under a variety of data availability scenarios.
- Tested results to demonstrate the accuracy and stability of proposed modeling framework and algorithms.

Project Officer, Nanyang Technological University

Aug 2012 - July 2013 ►: Jianfeng Mao, Wuhua Hu

Energy-efficient Rail Guided Vehicle Routing

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- An MILP model for the RGV dispatching problem in an arbitrary static scenario
- Investigation of the effect of using differently capacited RGV and meanwhile show the computational complexity

# PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

### INFORMS, AVIATION APPLICATIONS SECTION

- Chair and Member of the Best Student Presentation Competition Committee, 2021,2022
- Cluster Chair, 2021
- Session Chair, 2016-present

Air Transport Research Society China Chapter

• Liaison Committee Tongji University, 2023 - 2026

International Workshop on Computational Transportation Science,

• Session Chair, 2024

Reviewer Ad hoc referee for Transportation Science, INFORMS Journal on Computing, Transportation Research B,C,E, AAAI, Computers & Industrial Engineering, Omega, OR Spectrum, Journal of Big Data Analytics in Transportation, Journal of Transportation Engineering and Information, AGIFORS Anna Valicek Award (2022 - 2024),

Membership: Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS), Airline Group of the Int. Fed. of Operational Research Societies (AGIFORS)

## MEDIA COVERAGE

- "Dartmouth Engineering Study Shows Machine Learning Can Help Airlines Recover Faster After Disruptions'
  Dartmouth College, Dec 15, 2024.
- "Optimizing transportation scheduling for a win, win, win situation for all", ORMS Today, May 21, 2021.
- "Research Shows Millions of Dollars Saved Daily When Transit Schedules Align with Commuter Preferences

  Dartmouth College, JUL 20, 2021.
- "Featured Article", AAS Newsletter, MAY 2021.
- "Dartmouth Receives Eight 2020 CASE Awards", Dartmouth News, JAN 2021.
- "Flying In The Face of Danger Keji Wei Th'19 is re-designing the technology of Airline travel", Dartmouth Engineer Magazine, Summer 2020.
- "No flights when you want them? Throw some math at the problem!", ConcordMonitor, FEB 03, 2020.
- "Thayer Engineers and MIT Create New Airline Scheduling Tools", Dartmouth College, JAN 24, 2020.
- "Xi'an Jiaotong University Alumni Honored with Airline Research Award", Xi'an Jiaotong University, OCT 18, 2019.
- "Dartmouth Engineering Student Honored with Airline Research Award", Dartmouth College, OCT 4, 2019.
- "Engineering PhD Student Wins Anna Valicek Bronze Medal", Dartmouth College, JAN 17, 2018.
- "Airlines and Passengers Save Billions through Crew Planning", ScienceDaily, JUN 6, 2018.

#### PH.D. STUDENTS

• Xiaoyun Niu, Tongji University, Management Science and Engineering. 2024 KEN WANG SCHOLARS, AGIFORS	Oct 2023-
• Wenxu Yin, Tongji University, Management Science and Engineering.	Sept 2025-
• Ziyue Zhang, Tongji University, Management Science and Engineering.	Sept 2026-

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• Yiquan Yan, Tongji University, Management Science and Engineering.

Sept 2026-

# MASTERS STUDENTS

Binbin Chen, Tongji University, Management Science and Engineering.
 June 2023-June 2025
 PLACEMENT: DINGDONG (CAYMAN) LIMITED

 Shizhe Wang, Tongji University, Management Science and Engineering.
 Sept 2024-

• Yiheng Kang, Tongji University, Management Science and Engineering.

Sept 2024-

#### **PERSONAL**

Citizenship: Chinese

Interests: Tennis, Frisbee, Ski, Swimming, History

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Upper Valley Frisbee League, NH May 2015 - 2019

Frisbee training twice a week and play summer league (3rd in 6 teams)

After School Science & Engineering, Lyme, NH May 2016 - 2019

Help lead fun, hands-on science activities with elementary school students

Dartmouth Admissions Ambassador Program, Dallas, TX

Nov 2019 - Present

The primary responsibility is as an interviewer to communicate with applicants, and Dartmouth.

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