Xinyu Chen (Ph.D.)

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Current Research Interests

- ❒ Machine Learning
- ❒ AI for Science
- ❒ Matrix/Tensor Computations
- ❒ Spatiotemporal Data Modeling
- ❒ Data Science
- ❒ Time Series Analysis
- ❒ Urban Science
- ❒ Mobility & Smart Cities
- ❒ Decision Making

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Google Scholar 1058 citations (h-index: 11 & i10-index: 12)

Biography

Postdoctoral Associate at MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP) with Prof. Jinhua Zhao, working on the Mens, Manus, and Machina (M3S) project and the US Department of Energy (DOE) project.

Education

PhD in Civil Engineering (Transportation) 2020.08 – 2023.12
Polytechnique Montreal (School of Engineering), ***University of Montreal*** Montreal, Canada

IVADO PhD Excellence Scholarship & CIRRELT PhD Excellence Scholarship

- Thesis: *Matrix and Tensor Models for Spatiotemporal Traffic Data Imputation and Forecasting*
- Advisor: Nicolas Saunier (full professor at Polytechnique Montreal)
- Co-advisor: Lijun Sun (associate professor at McGill University)

Master's degree in Traffic Information Engineering & Control 2016.08 – 2019.06
Sun Yat-Sen University Guangzhou, China

Outstanding Thesis Award (top 2% in total)

- Thesis: *Imputing Spatiotemporal Missing Traffic Data by Bayesian Tensor Factorization Models*
- Advisor: Zhaocheng He (full professor)

Bachelor's degree in Traffic Engineering 2012.09 – 2016.06
Guangzhou University Guangzhou, China

- Thesis: *Modeling Vehicles' Time Headway with Log-Normal and Power-Law Distribution*
- Advisor: Xiaodong Zang (full professor)

Honours and Awards

CIRRELT PhD Excellence Scholarship ($5,000)	2021.12
IVADO PhD Excellence Scholarship ($100,000, by Institute for Data Valorisation)	2020.04
Outstanding Thesis Award (by Sun Yat-Sen University)	2019.06
National Scholarship (by Ministry of Education of China)	2018.11

Refereed Journal Papers

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=mCrW04wAAAAJ&hl

◆ **First-author papers** (5 papers cited above 100 times)

8. Xinyu Chen, Chengyuan Zhang, Xiaoxu Chen, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2024). **Discovering dynamic patterns from spatiotemporal data with time-varying low-rank autoregression**. *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering*. 36 (2): 504–517.

   https://doi.org/10.1109/TKDE.2023.3294440
   JCR-Q1 IF: 8.9 top-tier

7. Xinyu Chen, Lijun Sun (2022). **Bayesian temporal factorization for multidimensional time series prediction**. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*. 44 (9): 4659–4673.

   https://doi.org/10.1109/TPAMI.2021.3066551
   JCR-Q1 IF: 23.6 top-tier 100+ citations
   ESI hot paper (top 0.1%) ESI highly cited paper (top 1%)

6. Xinyu Chen, Mengying Lei, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2022). **Low-rank autoregressive tensor completion for spatiotemporal traffic data imputation**. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. 23 (8): 12301–12310.

https://doi.org/10.1109/TITS.2021.3113608
JCR-Q1 IF: 8.5 top-tier ESI hot paper (top 0.1%)

5. Xinyu Chen, Yixian Chen, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2021). **Scalable low-rank tensor learning for spatiotemporal traffic data imputation**. *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*. 129: 103226.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trc.2021.103226
JCR-Q1 IF: 8.3 top-tier

4. Xinyu Chen, Jinming Yang, Lijun Sun (2020). **A nonconvex low-rank tensor completion model for spatiotemporal traffic data imputation**. *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*. 117: 102673.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trc.2020.102673
JCR-Q1 IF: 8.3 top-tier 100+ citations

3. Xinyu Chen, Zhaocheng He, Yixian Chen, Yuhuan Lu, Jiawei Wang (2019). **Missing traffic data imputation and pattern discovery with a Bayesian augmented tensor factorization model**. *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*. 104: 66–77.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trc.2019.03.003
JCR-Q1 IF: 8.3 top-tier 100+ citations

2. Xinyu Chen, Zhaocheng He, Lijun Sun (2019). **A Bayesian tensor decomposition approach for spatiotemporal traffic data imputation**. *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*. 98: 73–84.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trc.2018.11.003
JCR-Q1 IF: 8.3 top-tier 200+ citations ESI highly cited paper (top 1%)

1. Xinyu Chen, Zhaocheng He, Jiawei Wang (2018). **Spatial-temporal traffic speed patterns discovery and incomplete data recovery via SVD-combined tensor decomposition**. *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*. 86: 59–77.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trc.2017.10.023
JCR-Q1 IF: 8.3 top-tier 100+ citations

◆ **Co-author papers**

4. Ben-Zheng Li, Xi-Le Zhao, Xiongjun Zhang, Teng-Yu Ji, Xinyu Chen, Michael K. Ng (2023). **A learnable group-tube transform induced tensor nuclear norm and its application for tensor completion**. *SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences*. 16 (3): 1370–1397.

http://dx.doi.org/10.1137/22M1531907

3. Lijun Sun, Xinyu Chen, Zhaocheng He, Luis F. Miranda-Moreno (2021). **Routine pattern discovery and anomaly detection in individual travel behavior**. *Networks and Spatial Economics*. 35.

http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11067-021-09542-9

2. Pu Ren, Xinyu Chen, Lijun Sun, Hao Sun (2021). **Incremental Bayesian matrix/tensor learning for structural monitoring data imputation and response forecasting**. *Mechanical System and Signal Processing*. 158: 107734.

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ymssp.2021.107734

1. Zhaocheng He, Kaiying Chen, Xinyu Chen (2018). **A collaborative method for route discovery using taxi drivers' experience and preferences**. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*. 19 (8): 2505–2514.

http://doi.org/10.1109/TITS.2017.2753468

Conference Papers

WCTR 2023: Xinyu Chen, Zhanhong Cheng, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2023). **Laplacian convolutional representation for traffic time series imputation** (presentation only). *Proceedings of the World Conference of Transport Research*.

TRB 2023: Xinyu Chen, Chengyuan Zhang, Lijun Sun, Nicolas Saunier (2023). **Nonstationary temporal matrix factorization for sparse traffic time series forecasting** (presentation only). *The 102nd Annual Meeting of Transportation Research Board*.

KDD Time Series Workshop: Xinyu Chen, Mengying Lei, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2021). **Low-rank autoregressive tensor completion for spatiotemporal traffic data imputation** (presentation only). *The 7th SIGKDD Workshop on Mining and Learning from Time Series (MiLeTS)*.

Submitted Papers

2. Xinyu Chen, Xi-Le Zhao, Chun Cheng (2024). **Forecasting urban traffic states with sparse data using Hankel temporal matrix factorization.**

   INFORMS Journal on Computing UTD-24 minor revision (2nd round)

1. Xinyu Chen, Zhanhong Cheng, HanQin Cai, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2024). **Laplacian convolutional representation for traffic time series imputation**.

   IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering under review (1st round)

Academic Funding

1. ***City-Scale Traffic Data Imputation and Forecasting with Tensor Learning***
   - **Authors**: Xinyu Chen, Nicolas Saunier (advisor)
   - **Link**: https://ivado.ca/en/scholarships-and-grants/phd-excellence-scholarships/

   IVADO PhD Excellence Scholarship $100,000 September 1, 2020

Reviewing Activities

I am serving as a reviewer for some scientific journals.

- IEEE Open Journal of Signal Processing
- IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems
- IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering
- INFORMS Journal on Computing
- Scientific Reports
- Transportation Research Part B: Methodological
- Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies
- Transportation Research Part E: Logistics and Transportation Review

Professional Memberships

❒	Interuniversity Research Centre on Enterprise Networks, Logistics and Transportation (**CIRRELT**)	**Student Member**	2021 – 2023
❒	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (**IEEE**)	**Student Member**	2022 – 2023

Open-Source Projects

I am leading some innovative projects on GitHub (**4.2k+** stars & **600+** forks & **500+** followers).

◆ **Selected repositories**

transdim: Python codes for spatiotemporal data imputation and prediction using a variety of state-of-the-art machine learning (mainly including low-rank matrix and tensor methods) and deep learning. 2018.09 - present

xinychen/transdim 1.1k+ stars

awesome-LaTeX-drawing: Drawing Bayesian networks, graphical models, tensor structures, and technical frameworks in LaTeX. 2019.06 - present

xinychen/awesome-latex-drawing 1.2k+ stars

LaTeX-cookbook: Academic writing with LaTeX: A tutorial (in Chinese). Published in *Tsinghua University Press*. 2021.05 - present

xinychen/latex-cookbook 1.2k+ stars

tensor-learning: Python codes for low-rank tensor factorization, tensor completion, and tensor regression techniques. 2019.06 - present

xinychen/tensor-learning ☆ 150+ stars

awesome-beamer: Creating presentation slides by using Beamer in LaTeX. 2020.11 - present

xinychen/awesome-beamer ☆ 90+ stars

tracebase: Multivariate time series forecasting on high-dimensional and sparse Uber movement speed data. 2020.11 - present

xinychen/tracebase ☆ 40+ stars

Presentation & Talk

❒ Matrix and Tensor Models for Spatiotemporal Traffic Data Imputation and Forecasting. 2023.12

- PhD Research Defense
- Montreal, Canada
- Slides: https://xinychen.github.io/slides/defense.pdf

❒ Laplacian convolutional representation for traffic data imputation. 2023.07

- World Conference of Transport Research (WCTR 2023)
- Montreal, Canada
- Slides: https://xinychen.github.io/slides/LCR.pdf

❒ Low-rank matrix and tensor methods for spatiotemporal traffic data modeling. 2023.05

- Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech)
- Shenzhen, China
- Slides: https://xinychen.github.io/slides/traffic_data_modeling_v1.pdf

❒ Low-rank matrix and tensor methods for spatiotemporal data modeling. 2023.04

- Sichuan University (SCU)
- University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC)
- Chengdu, China
- Slides: https://xinychen.github.io/slides/stdata_modeling.pdf

❒ Low-rank matrix and tensor factorization for speed field reconstruction. 2023.03

- Research Group of Transport, Polytechnique Montreal
- Montreal, Canada
- Slides: https://xinychen.github.io/slides/MF_TF_SFR.pdf

❒ Spatiotemporal traffic data imputation and forecasting with tensor learning. 2022.05

- IVADO Project Workshop
- Montreal, Canada
- Slides: https://xinychen.github.io/slides/phd_project_22summer.pdf

❒ Nonstationary temporal matrix factorization for multivariate time series forecasting. 2022.05

- Hong Kong Machine Learning Meetup (virtual)
- Slides: https://xinychen.github.io/slides/notmf.pdf

❒ Bayesian temporal factorization for multidimensional time series prediction. 2021.03

- IFT 6760A Course (*Matrix and tensor factorization techniques for machine learning*)
- Slides: https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4693404

Skills

❒ **Language**: Chinese (native) & English (fluent)

❒ **Expertise**: Python/Matlab/Julia/R/Java; NumPy/PyTorch/CuPy; Jupyter Notebook; LaTeX; CSS/HTML.

References Please reach out to request a reference letter.

- **Prof. Nicolas Saunier** (Ph.D. advisor)
  - Full Professor
  - Département des génies civil, géologique et des mines (CGM)
  - Polytechnique Montréal
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