# Xinyu Chen (PhD Candidate)

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## Research Interests

- ❒ Machine Learning
- ❒ Matrix/Tensor Computations
- ❒ Low-Rank Models
- ❒ Spatiotemporal Data Modeling
- ❒ Missing Data Imputation
- ❒ Time Series Analysis
- ❒ Intelligent Transportation
- ❒ Smart Cities
- ❒ Human Mobility

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Google Scholar 613 citations (h-index: 10 & i10-index: 10)


## Biography

In Summer 2023, I will finish my PhD at University of Montreal (UdeM), with support from the IVADO PhD Excellence Scholarship and the CIRRELT PhD Excellence Scholarship. My PhD research focuses on machine learning, spatiotemporal data modeling, and intelligent transportation systems.

## Education

**PhD in Civil Engineering (Transportation)** 2020.08 - 2023.08 (expected)
Polytechnique Montreal, ***University of Montreal*** Montreal, Canada
*IVADO PhD Excellence Scholarship & CIRRELT PhD Excellence Scholarship*

- Thesis: *Spatiotemporal Traffic Data Imputation and Forecasting with Low-Rank Models*
- Advisor: Nicolas Saunier (full professor at Polytechnique Montreal)
- Co-advisor: Lijun Sun (assistant 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**

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: 24.314 top-tier 80+ citations 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: 9.551 top-tier 20+ citations 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: 9.022 top-tier 20+ citations

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: 9.022 top-tier 60+ 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: 9.022 top-tier 80+ 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: 9.022 top-tier 170+ 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: 9.022 top-tier 90+ citations

◆ **Co-author papers**

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
JCR-Q1 IF: 8.934 10+ citations

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
JCR-Q1 IF: 9.551 top-tier 20+ citations

**Conference Papers**

**TRB 2023**: Xinyu Chen, Chengyuan Zhang, Lijun Sun, Nicolas Saunier (2023). Nonstationary temporal matrix factorization for sparse traffic time series forecasting. *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. *The 7th SIGKDD Workshop on Mining and Learning from Time Series* (*MiLeTS*).

## Preprint and Submitted Papers

5. Xinyu Chen, Zhanhong Cheng, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2022). Laplacian convolutional representation for traffic time series imputation. arXiv: 2212.01529.
   *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing* under review (1st round)

4. Xinyu Chen, Zhanhong Cheng, Chengyuan Zhang, Lijun Sun, Nicolas Saunier (2022). Convolutional matrix factorization with delay embedding.
   *International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML 2023) under review

3. Xinyu Chen, Chengyuan Zhang, Xiaoxu Chen, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2022). Discovering interpretable modes from time-varying spatiotemporal data. arXiv: 2211.15482.
   *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering* under review (1st round)

2. Xinyu Chen, Chengyuan Zhang, Xi-Le Zhao, Nicolas Saunier, Lijun Sun (2022). Nonstationary temporal matrix factorization for multivariate time series forecasting. arXiv: 2203.10651.
   *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies* under review (1st round)

1. Xinyu Chen, Lijun Sun (2020). Low-rank autoregressive tensor completion for multivariate time series forecasting. arXiv: 2006.10436.
   10+ citations

## 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 **10+** scientific journals.

- Applied Intelligence
- Big Data Research
- Expert Systems with Applications
- IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Magazines
- IEEE Open Journal of Signal Processing
- IEEE Sensors Journal
- IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems
- IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering
- INFORMS Journal on Computing
- Scientific Reports
- Transportmetrica B: Transport Dynamics
- Transportation Research Part B: Methodological
- Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies

## Professional Memberships

❒ Interuniversity Research Centre on Enterprise Networks, Logistics and Transportation (**CIRRELT**) **Student Member** 2021 - present

❒ Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (**IEEE**) **Student Member** 2022 - present

## Open-Source Projects

I am leading some innovative projects on GitHub (**3,000+** stars & **400+** followers).

◆ **Selected repositories**

**transdim**: Python codes for spatiotemporal data imputation and prediction using a variety of state-of-the-art machine learning and deep learning models. 2018.09 - present

`xinychen/transdim` 900+ stars

**awesome-LaTeX-drawing**: Drawing Bayesian networks, graphical models, tensor structures, and technical frameworks in LaTeX. (Most examples are from our research papers.) 2019.06 - present

xinychen/awesome-latex-drawing ☆ 900+ stars

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

xinychen/latex-cookbook ☆ 600+ 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. (A collection of 5+ examples.) 2020.11 - present

xinychen/awesome-beamer ☆ 60+ stars

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

xinychen/tracebase ☆ 30+ stars

## Presentation & Talk

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

- IVADO Project Workshop
- 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

## Blog Posts

I enjoy writing some blog posts about my research (**30+** posts & **60,000+** views & **270+** followers on Medium). M https://medium.com/@xinyu.chen

◆ **Selected posts**

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| **5.** | Temporal matrix factorization for multivariate time series forecasting. | 4,000+ views | 2022.03.20 |
| **4.** | Reduced-rank vector autoregressive model for high-dimensional time series forecasting. | 4,000+ views | 2021.10.16 |
| **3.** | Dynamic mode decomposition for multivariate time series forecasting. | 13,000+ views | 2021.10.10 |
| **2.** | Matrix autoregressive model for multidimensional time series forecasting. | 8,000+ views | 2021.10.03 |
| **1.** | Intuitive understanding of randomized singular value decomposition. | 8,000+ views | 2020.07.01 |

## Skills

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

❒ **Expertise**: Python/Matlab/Julia/R/Java codes; NumPy/PyTorch/Cupy; GPU computing.

**References** Please reach out to request a reference letter.

**Prof. Nicolas Saunier** (advisor)

- Full Professor
- Département des génies civil, géologique et des mines (CGM)
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