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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	Electrical Engineering & Computer Sciences	Ph.D.	2020
Princeton University	Electrical Engineering	B.S.E.	2015

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Austin	August 2021 - present
Post-Doctoral Researcher, Stanford University	September 2020 - June 2021
Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of California, Berkeley	June 2020 - August 2020

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advisor, AeroVect Technologies Inc.	August 2023 - present
Motion planning, prediction, and control for autonomous airport vehicles.	
Software Engineering Intern, Nuro Inc.	Summer 2018
Motion planning and prediction algorithm development for autonomous driving.	

HONORS AND AWARDS

Frontiers of Engineering Symposium of the National Academy of Engineering (Grainger Foundation)	2026
Peter O'Donnell, Jr., Distinguished Research Award (Oden Institute)	2026
Hi! PARIS Starting Career Chair (Paris Artificial Intelligence for Society Center)	2026
CAREER Award (National Science Foundation)	2024
Demetri Angelakos Memorial Achievement Award (UC Berkeley)	2020
Robotics: Science & Systems Pioneer (RSS conference)	2019
Top Reviewer (NeurIPS conference)	2019
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (UC Berkeley)	2018
Charles Ira Young Memorial Prize (Princeton University)	2015
G. David Forney Jr. Prize (Princeton University)	2015
James Hayes-Edger Palmer Prize (Princeton University)	2015
Graduate Research Fellowship (National Science Foundation)	2015

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL AND HONORARY SOCIETIES

Senior Member, The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Member, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=gqyTnpQAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

Refereed Journal Publications in Rank as Assistant Professor¹

- J1 T. *Qiu*, E. *Ouano*, F. *Palafox*, C. Ellis, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “A Player Selection Network for Scalable Game-Theoretic Prediction and Planning,” *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, Accepted June 2026 [pdf](#)
- J2 J. *Im*, U. Topcu, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Chance-Constrained Correlated Equilibria for Robust Noncooperative Coordination,” *Control Systems Letters*, vol. 10, pp. 1273–1278, June 2026. doi: 10.1109/LC-SYS.2026.3705300 [pdf](#)
- J3 T. *Qiu*, F. Fotiadis, X. *Liu*, C. Ellis, J. Milzman, W. Suttle, U. Topcu, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Linear-Quadratic Gaussian Games with Distributed Sparse Estimation,” *Control Systems Letters*, vol. 10, pp. 1237–1242, June 2026. doi: 10.1109/LC-SYS.2026.3703777 [pdf](#)
- J4 H. *Khan* and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Act Natural! Extending Naturalistic Projection to Multimodal Behavior Scenarios,” *Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, July 2026. doi: 10.1109/TITS.2026.3697181 [pdf](#)
- J5 J. *Im*, F. Fotiadis, D. Delahaye, U. Topcu, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Noncooperative Coordination via a Trading-based Auction,” *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, Accepted May 2026 [pdf](#)
- J6 N. *Ly*, C. Tatsuoaka, J. *Nagaraj*, J. *Levy*, F. *Palafox*, D. Fridovich-Keil, and H. Lu, “Data-Driven Modeling and Correction of Vehicle Dynamics,” *Journal of Machine Learning for Modeling and Computing*, vol. 7, pp. 1–30, February 2026. doi: 10.1615/JMachLearnModelComput.2026062908 [pdf](#)
- J7 X. *Liu*^{*}, C. Neary^{*}, K. *Gupta*, W. Suttle, C. Ellis, U. Topcu, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “A Multi-Fidelity Control Variate Approach for Policy Gradient Estimation,” *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, February 2026 [pdf](#) [Awarded J2C certification, given to top 10% of accepted papers]
- J8 M. Choi, Y. Yang, N. P. Bhatt, K. *Gupta*, S. Shah, A. Rai, D. Fridovich-Keil, U. Topcu, and S. P. Chinchali, “Real-time privacy preservation for robot visual perception,” *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, December 2025 [pdf](#)
- J9 M. O. Karabag, S. Smith, N. Mehr, D. Fridovich-Keil, and U. Topcu, “When Should a Leader Act Suboptimally? The Role of Inferability in Repeated Stackelberg Games,” *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, pp. 1 – 16, October 2025. doi: 10.1109/tac.2025.3623435 [pdf](#)
- J10 C. *Armstrong*^{*}, R. *Park*^{*}, X. *Liu*, K. *Gupta*, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Inferring Foresightedness in Dynamic Noncooperative Games,” *Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 10, pp. 13193–13200, December 2025. doi: 10.1109/LRA.2025.3625521 [pdf](#)
- J11 D. H. *Lee*, L. Peters, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “You Can’t Always Get What You Want: Games of Ordered Preference,” *Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 10, pp. 7182–7189, July 2025. doi: 10.1109/LRA.2025.3575324 [pdf](#)
- J12 D. H. *Lee*, K. *Donnell*, M. Z. Li, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “A Convex Formulation of Game-theoretic Hierarchical Routing,” *Control Systems Letters*, vol. 9, pp. 318–323, June 2025. doi: 10.1109/LC-SYS.2025.3571655 [pdf](#)
- J13 K. *Gupta*, R. Allen, D. Fridovich-Keil, and U. Topcu, “More Information is Not Always Better: Connections between Zero-Sum Local Nash Equilibria in Feedback and Open-Loop Information Patterns,” *Control Systems Letters*, vol. 9, pp. 1405–1410, June 2025. doi: 10.1109/LC-SYS.2025.3583329 [pdf](#)

¹Underlines identify myself, *italics* mark students and postdocs I supervise(d) or co-supervise(d) at UT, and **bold** marks PhD and postdoc advisors. Asterisks* indicate equal contribution.

- J14 S. Agarwal*, H. Khan*, S. Chinchali, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “A Framework for Finding Local Saddle Points in Two-Player Zero-Sum Black-Box Games,” *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, June 2025 [pdf](#)
- J15 S. Chen, Y. E. Bayiz, D. Fridovich-Keil, and U. Topcu, “Relationship design for socially-aware behavior in static games,” *Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems*, vol. 39, March 2025. doi: 10.1007/s10458-025-09699-4 [pdf](#)
- J16 J. Li, S. Sojoudi, C. **Tomlin**, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “The Computation of Approximate Feedback Stackelberg Equilibria in Multi-Player Nonlinear Constrained Dynamic Games,” *SIAM Journal on Optimization*, vol. 34, pp. 3723–3749, December 2024. doi: 10.1137/24M1634709 [pdf](#)
- J17 T. Qiu and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Inferring occluded agent behavior in dynamic games from noise-corrupted observations,” *Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 9, pp. 11489–11496, November 2024. doi: 10.1109/LRA.2024.3490398 [pdf](#)
- J18 J. Im, Y. Yu, D. Fridovich-Keil, and U. Topcu, “Coordination in Noncooperative Multiplayer Matrix Games via Reduced Rank Correlated Equilibria,” *Control Systems Letters*, vol. 8, pp. 1637–1642, June 2024. doi: 10.1109/LCSYS.2024.3414976 [pdf](#)
- J19 R. S. Thakkar, A. S. Samy, D. Fridovich-Keil, Z. Xu, and U. Topcu, “Hierarchical control for cooperative teams in competitive autonomous racing,” *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles*, vol. 9, pp. 4845–4860, May 2024. doi: 10.1109/TIV.2024.3363177 [pdf](#)
- J20 H. Khan and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Leadership inference for multi-agent interactions,” *Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 9, pp. 4671–4678, March 2024. doi: 10.1109/LRA.2024.3381469 [pdf](#)
- J21 R. S. Thakkar, A. S. Samy, D. Fridovich-Keil, Z. Xu, and U. Topcu, “Hierarchical control for head-to-head autonomous racing,” *Journal of Field Robotics*, vol. 4, pp. 46–69, February 2024. doi: 10.55417/fr.2024002 [pdf](#)
- J22 L. Peters, A. Bajcsy, C.-Y. Chiu, D. Fridovich-Keil, F. Laine, L. Ferranti, and J. Alonso-Mora, “Contingency games for multi-agent interaction,” *Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 9, pp. 2208–2215, January 2024. doi: 10.1109/LRA.2024.3354548 [pdf](#) [Finalist for [Best Paper on Robot Control](#) (2025).]
- J23 L. Peters, V. Rubies-Royo, C. J. **Tomlin**, L. Ferranti, J. Alonso-Mora, C. Stachniss, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Online and offline learning of player objectives from partial observations in dynamic games,” *International Journal of Robotics Research*, vol. 42, pp. 917–937, June 2023. doi: 10.1177/02783649231182453 [pdf](#)
- J24 F. Laine, D. Fridovich-Keil, C.-Y. Chiu, and C. **Tomlin**, “The computation of approximate generalized feedback Nash equilibria,” *SIAM Journal on Optimization*, vol. 33, pp. 294–318, March 2023. doi: 10.1137/21M142530X [pdf](#)
- J25 Y. Yu, J. Salfity, D. Fridovich-Keil, and U. Topcu, “Inverse matrix games with unique quantal response equilibrium,” *Control Systems Letters*, vol. 7, pp. 643–648, October 2022. doi: 10.1109/LC-SYS.2022.3214857 [pdf](#)

Refereed Journal Publications in Submission

- SJ1 D. SeWell, X. Li, S. Tretiakov, K. Kumar, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Neural Operators for Multi-Task Control and Adaptation,” *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, Submitted April 2026 [pdf](#)
- SJ2 D. H. Lee, J. Li, L. Peters, G. Bakirtzis, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Breaking Exponential Complexity in Games of Ordered Preference: A Tractable Reformulation,” *SIAM Journal on Optimization*, Submitted March 2026 [pdf](#)
- SJ3 J. Boh, S. Prokott, D. Fridovich-Keil, A. G. Buitrago, and M. Akella, “Pure-Strategy Nash Equilibria for Illumination-Driven Cislunar Proximity Operations,” *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics*, Submitted March 2026
- SJ4 J. Im, J.-P. Clarke, U. Topcu, and D. Fridovich-Keil, “Iterative Negotiation and Oversight: A Case Study in Decentralized Air Traffic Management,” *Transportation Research Part C*, Submitted December 2025 [pdf](#)

- SJ5 K. *Gupta*, X. *Liu*, R. Allen, U. Topcu, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Second-Order Algorithms for Finding Local Nash Equilibria in Zero-Sum Games,” *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, Submitted September 2025 [pdf](#)
- SJ6 X. *Liu*, F. Fotiadis, J. Li, M. Karabag, J. Milzman, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, and U. Topcu, “Approximate Feedback Nash Equilibria with Sparse Inter-Agent Dependencies,” *IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control*, Submitted April 2025 [pdf](#)

Refereed Journal Publications Prior to Joining UT Austin

- PJ1 E. Rolf*, D. *Fridovich-Keil**, M. Simchowitz, B. Recht, and C. J. **Tomlin**, “A successive-elimination approach to adaptive robotic sensing,” *IEEE Transactions on Robotics*, vol. 37, pp. 34–47, July 2020. doi: 10.1109/TRO.2020.3005537 [pdf](#)
- PJ2 R. Dobbe, O. Sondermeijer, D. Fridovich-Keil, D. Arnold, D. Callaway, and C. J. **Tomlin**, “Towards distributed energy services: Decentralizing optimal power flow with machine learning,” *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, vol. 11, pp. 1296–1306, August 2019. doi: 10.1109/TSG.2019.2935711 [pdf](#)
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Refereed Conference Proceedings in Rank as Assistant Professor

- C1 J. *Levy**, T. Westenbroek*, K. Huang, P. *Palafox*, P. Yin, S. Omidshafiei, D.-K. Kim, A. Gupta, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Simulation Distillation: Pretraining World Models in Simulation for Rapid Real-World Adaptation,” in *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*, July 2026 [pdf](#) [website](#)
- C2 P. de las Heras Molins, B. Yalcinkaya, L. Peters, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, and G. Bakirtzis, “Controllability in preference-conditioned multi-objective reinforcement learning,” in *International Conference on Neuro-Symbolic Systems (NeuS)*, June 2026 [pdf](#)
- C3 H. *Khan*, D. H. *Lee*, J. *Li*, T. *Qiu*, C. Ellis, J. Milzman, W. Suttle, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Efficiently Solving Mixed-Hierarchy Games with Quasi-Policy Approximations,” in *World Symposium on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (WAFR)*, June 2026 [pdf](#)
- C4 N. Käfer*, A. Khalil*, E. Huynh*, E. Bakolas, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Game-Theoretic Autonomous Driving: A Graphs of Convex Sets Approach,” in *World Symposium on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (WAFR)*, June 2026 [pdf](#)
- C5 R. *Ogden*, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, and T. Tanaka, “Rate-Distortion Analysis of Optically Passive Vision Compression,” in *International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, May 2026 [pdf](#)
- C6 N. P. Bhatt*, P.-h. Li*, K. *Gupta**, R. Siva, D. Milan, A. T. Hogue, S. P. Chinchali, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, Z. Wang, and U. Topcu, “UNCAP: Uncertainty-Guided Neurosymbolic Planning Using Natural Language Communication for Cooperative Autonomous Vehicles,” in *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)*, May 2026 [pdf](#) [website](#) [Nominated for [best paper](#)]
- C7 B. *Barkley*, P. Culbertson, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “SCOPED: Score–Curvature Out-of-distribution Proximity Evaluator for Diffusion,” in *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, April 2026 [pdf](#)
- C8 K. *Gupta**, S. Murthy*, M. Karabag, U. Topcu, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Cooperative Bargaining Games Without Utilities: Mediated Solutions from Direction Oracles,” in *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 2025 [pdf](#)
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- C10 L. Yang, B. Werner, R. Cosner, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, P. Culbertson, and A. Ames, “SHIELD: Safety on Humanoids via CBFs In Expectation on Learned Dynamics,” in *IEEE/RSJ International Conference*

- on *Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, pp. 203 – 210, October 2025. doi: 10.1109/IROS60139.2025.11247065 [pdf](#) [video](#)
- C11 B. *Barkley* and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Stealing That Free Lunch: Exposing the Limits of Dyna-Style Reinforcement Learning,” in *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, pp. 2978 – 3002, July 2025 [pdf](#)
- C12 J. *Levy*, J. Gibson, B. Vlahov, E. Tevere, E. Theodorou, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, and P. Spieler, “Meta-learning online dynamics model adaptation in off-road autonomous driving,” in *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*, June 2025. doi: 10.15607/rss.2025.xxi.139 [pdf](#)
- C13 S. Swanbeck, D. I. Meza, J. Rosenbaum, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, and M. Pryor, “GaTORS: A Game-Theoretic Tool for Optimal Robot Selection and Design in Surface Coverage Applications,” in *International Conference on Ubiquitous Robots (UR)*, p. 477–483, July 2025. doi: 10.1109/UR65550.2025.11078089 [pdf](#)
- C14 W. Ward, Y. Yu, J. *Levy*, N. Mehr, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, and U. Topcu, “Active Inverse Learning in Stackelberg Trajectory Games,” in *American Control Conference (ACC)*, pp. 1547 – 1553, IEEE, July 2025. doi: 10.23919/ACC63710.2025.11107834 [pdf](#)
- C15 I. Remy, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, and K. Leung, “Learning responsibility allocations for multi-agent interactions: A differentiable optimization approach with control barrier functions,” in *American Control Conference (ACC)*, pp. 3213 – 3220, July 2025. doi: 10.23919/ACC63710.2025.11107831 [pdf](#)
- C16 A. *López* and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Decomposing Control Lyapunov Functions for Efficient Reinforcement Learning,” in *American Control Conference (ACC)*, pp. 180–187, July 2025. doi: 10.23919/ACC63710.2025.11107452 [pdf](#)
- C17 J. *Hsin*, S. Agarwal, A. Thorpe, L. Sentis, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Symbolic Regression on Sparse and Noisy Data with Gaussian Processes,” in *American Control Conference (ACC)*, pp. 3170–3175, July 2025. doi: 10.23919/ACC63710.2025.11107978 [pdf](#)
- C18 C. Koprulu*, P. Li*, T. *Qiu**, R. Zhao, T. Westenbroek, D. *Fridovich-Keil*, S. Chinchali, and U. Topcu, “Dense dynamics-aware reward synthesis: Integrating prior experience with demonstrations,” in *International Conference on Learning for Dynamics & Control (L4DC)*, June 2025 [pdf](#)
- C19 F. *Palafox**, J. Milzman*, D. H. *Lee*, R. *Park*, and D. *Fridovich-Keil*, “Smooth information gathering in two-player noncooperative games,” in *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)*, pp. 1595–1603, May 2025. doi: 10.65109/dtfv7914 [pdf](#)
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- C28 J. Li, C.-Y. Chiu, L. Peters, F. *Palafox*, M. Karabag, J. Alonso-Mora, S. Sojoudi, C. **Tomlin**, and D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), “Scenario-game ADMM: A parallelized scenario-based solver for stochastic noncooperative games,” in *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, pp. 8093–8099, December 2023. doi: 10.1109/CDC49753.2023.10383423 [pdf](#)
- C29 S. Chen, Y. Yu, D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), and U. Topcu, “Soft-Bellman Equilibrium in Affine Markov Games: Forward Solutions and Inverse Learning,” in *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, pp. 2202–2207, December 2023. doi: 10.1109/CDC49753.2023.10384097 [pdf](#)
- C30 A. Patil, Y. *Zhou*, D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), and T. Tanaka, “Risk-minimizing two-player zero-sum stochastic differential game via path integral control,” in *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, pp. 3095–3101, December 2023. doi: 10.1109/CDC49753.2023.10383399 [pdf](#)
- C31 T. *Westenbroek*, J. *Levy*, and D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), “Enabling efficient, reliable real-world reinforcement learning with approximate physics-based models,” in *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, pp. 2478–2497, PMLR, November 2023 [pdf](#)
- C32 J. Sun, S. Kousik, D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), and M. **Schwager**, “Connected autonomous vehicle motion planning with video predictions from smart, self-supervised infrastructure,” in *IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC)*, pp. 1721–1726, September 2023. doi: 10.1109/itsc57777.2023.10422061 [pdf](#)
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- C42 J. Li, D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), S. Sojoudi, and C. **Tomlin**, “Augmented Lagrangian method for instantaneously constrained reinforcement learning problems,” in *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, p. 2982–2989, December 2021. doi: 10.1109/cdc45484.2021.9683088 [pdf](#)

Refereed Conference Publications: In Submission

- SC1 J. *Levy*, A. Bouton, T. D. Hasseler, H. Nayar, and D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), “Explore Where It Matters: Targeted Exploration for Efficient Rover Adaptation,” in *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, Submitted May 2026
- SC2 B. *Barkley* and D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), “A Forensic Analysis of Synthetic Data in RL: Diagnosing and Solving Algorithmic Failures in Model-Based Policy Optimization,” in *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, Submitted May 2026 [pdf](#)
- SC3 B. *Barkley*, P. Culbertson, and D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), “Scaling Pretrained Representations Enables Label-Free Out-of-Distribution Detection Without Fine-Tuning,” in *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, Submitted May 2026 [pdf](#)
- SC4 T. Ingebrand, R. Zhao, K. *Gupta*, D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), S. P. Chinchali, and U. Topcu, “A Flow Matching Algorithm for Many-Shot Adaptation to Unseen Distributions,” in *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, Submitted May 2026 [pdf](#)
- SC5 H. *Khan**, J. *Li**, and D. [Fridovich-Keil](#), “Level-2 Inverse Games for Inferring Agents’ Estimates of Others’ Objectives,” in *IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)*, Submitted March 2026 [pdf](#)
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- PC13 J. F. Fisac*, A. Bajcsy*, S. L. Herbert, D. Fridovich-Keil, S. Wang, C. J. **Tomlin**, and A. D. Dragan, “Probabilistically safe robot planning with confidence-based human predictions,” in *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*, June 2018. doi: 10.15607/rss.2018.xiv.069 [pdf](#)
- PC14 D. Fridovich-Keil*, S. L. Herbert*, J. F. Fisac, S. Deglurkar, and C. J. **Tomlin**, “Planning, fast and slow: A framework for adaptive real-time safe trajectory planning,” in *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, p. 387–394, May 2018. doi: 10.1109/icra.2018.8460863 [pdf](#)
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Monographs

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Software

- S1 D. Fridovich-Keil, “MixedComplementarityProblems.jl,” 2024 [code](#)
- S2 D. Fridovich-Keil, “ILQGames: Iterative linear-quadratic games,” 2019 [code](#)
- S3 D. Fridovich-Keil, “FaSTrack: Fast and safe tracking,” 2018 [code](#)

INVITED ORAL PRESENTATIONS²

- O1 July 2026, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” École Nationale Supérieure de Techniques Avancées (ENSTA), Institut Polytechnique de Paris
- O2 June 2026, “Hierarchical, Game-Theoretic Models of Noncooperative Interaction,” Cognitive Robotics Seminar, TU Delft
- O3 June 2026, “Hierarchical, Game-Theoretic Models of Noncooperative Interaction,” Séminaire Systèmes Complexes, Institut Polytechnique de Paris [video](#)
- O4 May 2026, “Variations on a Theme: Information Structure, Equilibria, and Dynamic Games,” Control, Dynamical Systems, and Computation Seminar, University of California, Santa Barbara
- O5 February 2026, “Variations on a Theme: Information Structure, Equilibria, and Dynamic Games,” Game On! Seminar, KTH Royal Institute of Technology [video](#) [slides](#)
- O6 December 2025, “Variations on a Theme: Information Structure, Equilibria, and Dynamic Games,” Systems & Controls Seminar, UC San Diego
- O7 October 2025, “Interaction-Aware Planning and Control for Robotic Navigation in the Crowd,” NSF FRR PI meeting (long talk)
- O8 October 2025, “Interaction-Aware Planning and Control for Robotic Navigation in the Crowd,” Social Human Robot Interaction Workshop, NSF FRR PI meeting
- O9 September 2025, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” AI seminar, Cornell University
- O10 September 2025, “Variations on a Theme: Information Structure, Equilibria, and Dynamic Games,” Control seminar, University of Michigan
- O11 May 2025, “Variations on a Theme: Information Structure, Equilibria, and Dynamic Games,” Control seminar, Georgia Tech
- O12 May 2025, “Variations on a Theme: Information Structure, Equilibria, and Dynamic Games,” Guest lecture, UCLA
- O13 March 2025, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” Computer Science department seminar, Vanderbilt University
- O14 February 2025, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” Guest lecture, UC San Diego [video](#)
- O15 February 2025, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” Guest lecture, UC Berkeley
- O16 February 2025, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” Robotics Seminar, University of Utah
- O17 November 2024, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” Guest lecture, University of Washington
- O18 July 2024, “Information-Aware Algorithms for Smooth Dynamic Games,” Robotics seminar, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- O19 June 2024, “Information-Aware Algorithms for Smooth Dynamic Games,” Distinguished Webinar in AI/Cyber, University of North Dakota
- O20 May 2024, “Auto-Encoding Bayesian Inverse Games,” Neuro-Symbolic Systems (NeuS) Conference, UC Berkeley
- O21 April 2024, “Information-Aware Algorithms for Smooth Dynamic Games,” GRASP seminar, Penn
- O22 April 2024, “An Introduction to Trajectory Optimization,” RBT 350 Guest lecture, UT Austin
- O23 March 2024, “Inverse games: a MPEC by any other name...,” Interactive Robotics Guest lecture, CMU
- O24 December 2023, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: The Role of Information in Designing Efficient Algorithms,” Workshop on Models and Algorithms for Path Planning, UT Austin
- O25 December 2023, “Differential Games: A Brief History and Modern Developments,” ASEN 6519 Guest lecture, CU Boulder
- O26 November 2023, “An Introduction to Trajectory Optimization,” RBT 350 Guest lecture, UT Austin

²D. Fridovich-Keil was the sole presenter.

- O27 October 2023, “Nested Optimization and Feedback Games,” CMS 248 Guest lecture, Caltech
- O28 September 2023, “Regulating a Digitally-Transformed NAS: A Game-Theoretic Perspective,” Workshop on Clean Slate Approaches to Crewed and Uncrewed Air Traffic Operations, UC Berkeley
- O29 September 2023, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: The Role of Information in Designing Efficient Algorithms,” Robotics Seminar, University of Illinois–Urbana Champaign
- O30 July 2023, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: The Role of Information in Designing Efficient Algorithms,” Control-X Seminar, University of Washington
- O31 June 2023, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: The Role of Information in Designing Efficient Algorithms,” Robotics Seminar, Northeastern University
- O32 May 2023, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: The Role of Information in Designing Efficient Algorithms,” Robotics Seminar, TU Delft
- O33 May 2023, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: The Role of Information in Designing Efficient Algorithms,” Robotics Seminar, Princeton University
- O34 April 2023, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: Forward and Inverse Solutions,” Babuška Forum, Oden Institute, UT Austin
- O35 November 2022, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: Forward and Inverse Solutions,” CMS/EC 248 Guest lecture, Caltech
- O36 October 2022, “Dynamic Game Models for Multi-Agent Interactions: Forward and Inverse Solutions,” Nuro [video](#)
- O37 September 2022, “Mixing Continuous Strategies: A Case Study in Trajectory Games,” Allerton, UIUC
- O38 May 2022, “Learning Mixed Strategies in Lifted Trajectory Games,” Autonomy Talks, ETH Zürich [video](#)
- O39 May 2022, “What is Feedback, Really?” EE290 Guest lecture, UC Berkeley
- O40 April 2022, “Learning to Compete: Efficient Solutions for Noncooperative Games,” Texas Robotics Symposium, UT Austin
- O41 April 2022, “Learning in Noncooperative Games: Efficient Algorithms and Open Challenges,” Amazon Robotics
- O42 November 2021, “A Brief Tour of Dynamic Games for Multi-Agent Modeling,” Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics External Advisory Committee, UT Austin
- O43 November 2021, “A Brief Tour of Dynamic Games for Multi-Agent Modeling,” Aerospace Engineering Department Seminar, CU Boulder
- O44 October 2021, “A Brief Tour of Dynamic Games for Multi-Agent Modeling,” Control, Autonomy, and Robotics Seminar, UT Austin
- O45 July 2021, “A Brief Tour of Dynamic Games for Multi-Agent Modeling,” Workshop on Perception and Control for Autonomous Navigation in Crowded, Dynamic Environments, Robotics: Science & Systems [video](#)
- O46 July 2021, Robotics Research Debate, Robotics: Science & Systems Pioneers Workshop.
- O47 July 2021, “A Brief Tour of Dynamic Games for Multi-Agent Modeling,” Semiautonomous Seminar, UC Berkeley.
- O48 April 2021, “Parallelizable Methods for Multimodal Stochastic Optimal Control,” NASA ULI Joint Meeting, Stanford.
- O49 2019, “A Scalable Framework for Real-Time Multi-Robot, Multi-Human Collision Avoidance,” Connected and Automated Vehicles, University of Michigan.
- O50 2019, “Iterative Linear Quadratic Approximations for Nonlinear Differential Games,” Robotic Manipulation and Interaction, UC Berkeley.

- O51 2019, “Iterative Linear Quadratic Approximations for Nonlinear Multi-Player General-Sum Differential Games,” Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Lab, UC Berkeley.
- O52 2019, “Toward Robust Autonomy in Multi-Agent Safety-Critical Systems,” DARPA Assured Autonomy Program, Northrop Grumman.
- O53 2019, “Toward Robust Autonomy in Uncertain Safety-Critical Systems,” Nuro.
- O54 2019, “Toward Robust Autonomy in Uncertain Safety-Critical Systems,” Postmates X.

PATENTS

Invention Disclosures

“Apparatus for optically passive spatiotemporal visual data encoding” (December 2025), Shwetadwip Chowdhury (UT ECE) and Takashi Tanaka (Purdue University) are co-inventors.

PH.D. SUPERVISIONS COMPLETED

1. H. Khan, *Strategic Decision Making for Multi-Agent Interaction: A Study in Game Theory and Optimization*. PhD thesis, The University of Texas at Austin, 2026

M.S. SUPERVISIONS COMPLETED³

1. Antonio Jimenez (May 2026), “Development of a Real-Time Drone-Based Officiating System for Lane Infraction Detection in Track and Field.” UT MS program: CSEM. Co-supervised with John-Paul Clarke (ASE, UT Austin). Placement: co-founded a startup company. [article](#)
2. Atharva Kalamkar (May 2026), “Trackstart: A Real-Time Computer Vision Framework for False Start Detection in Track Events.” UT MS program: CSEM. Co-supervised with John-Paul Clarke (ASE, UT Austin). Placement: co-founded a startup company. [article](#)
3. Nicholas Strohmeyer (December 2024), “Improving DeFi Mechanisms with Dynamic Games and Optimal Control: A Case Study in Stablecoins.” UT MS program: ECE. Co-supervised with Sriram Vishwanath (then ECE at UT Austin, now ECE at Georgia Tech). Placement: MITRE.
4. Antonio López (May 2024), “On the Computation of Control Lyapunov Functions for Building Safe and Stabilizing Controllers.” UT MS program: ASE. Placement: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.
5. Junette Hsin (May 2023), UT MS program: ASE. Placement: continuing PhD student at UT Austin (not in Fridovich-Keil’s lab).
6. Rishabh Thakkar (May 2022), “Hierarchical game-theoretic control for multi-agent autonomous racing.” Co-supervised with Ufuk Topcu (ASE/EM, UT Austin). UT MS program: CSEM. Placement: Optiver.
7. Yujing Zhou (May 2022), UT MS program: ME. Co-supervised with Takashi Tanaka (then ASE/EM at UT Austin, now AA/ECE at Purdue). Placement: PhD student at Princeton in MAE.

³All student and postdoc supervision took place at UT Austin.

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