Abstract
Visa’s unique position as the world’s largest payment network enables us to serve billions of consumers and tens of millions of merchants on a daily basis. These massive high-quality financial data provide valuable insights on how people conduct commerce around the world, and AI technology has the potential to unlock the hidden value in these data and drive innovations in the payments industry. In this talk, I will give an overview of the research opportunities and challenges for data analytics and machine learning in the context of payments data, and share our point of view on how AI can reshape the Future of Payments by delivering unique capabilities in scenarios such as fraud detection, authentication, and recommendation systems. I will also give a high-level introduction on our research work blockchain.

Speaker’s Profile
Dr. Min Wang joined Visa as the Senior Vice President and Head of Visa Research in May 2015. In her role, she founded and now leads Visa Research, an organization that conducts applied research on the most challenging problems in Payments and provides technical thought leadership for the future of the industry. Visa Research is focusing on three research areas: Data Analytics, Security, and Future of Commerce.

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