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Research Interests

My research interests focus on human-centered AI for sensing and computing in health monitoring. Specifically, they include:

- **Machine Learning in Mobile Health:** Pioneering the development of machine learning algorithms tailored for diverse health applications, aimed at enhancing the reliability and effectiveness of ML in screening, diagnosis, and monitoring.
- **Speech and Audio Processing:** Investigating advanced signal processing and machine learning techniques for speech and related applications.
- **Time Series Modelling:** Enhancing representation learning for physiological time series in real-world challenges.
- **Trustworthy Deep Learning (DL):** Improving the interpretability and generalization of DL models for more reliable health outcome predictions.
- **Wearable Sensing:** Examining novel sensing opportunities for health monitoring using new forms of resource-constrained IoT wearable devices.

Experience

Senior Lecturer University of Melbourne (UoM), Australia	<i>Mar 2024 – Present</i>
Senior Research Scientist Nokia Bell Labs, UK	<i>Oct 2022 – Dec 2023</i>
Senior Research Associate University of Cambridge, UK	<i>Jan 2021 – Oct 2022</i>
Research Associate University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia	<i>May 2018 – Dec 2020</i>

Education

Ph.D. University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia	<i>Aug 2014 – Jun 2018</i>
M.Eng. Northwestern Polytechnical University, China	<i>Sep 2012 – Mar 2015</i>
B.Eng. Northwestern Polytechnical University, China	<i>Sep 2008 – Mar 2012</i>

Selected Honors

- Finalist, Rising Star (Academics), STEM Women in Color Award 2025.
- Best Poster Award (PhD Forum) at AJCAI 2024.
- Best Paper Award at ACII 2023.
- Top 3% of accepted papers at ICASSP 2023.
- Shortlisted candidate for Asian Dean's Forum 2022 The Rising Stars - Women in Engineering Grant, 2022.
- IEEE Early Career Writing Retreat Grant, 2019.
- Distinguished Reviewer Award for IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing, 2019.
- Outstanding Reviewer Award for Expert Systems With Applications (Elsevier), 2018.
- ISCA (International Speech Communication Association) Grant, Interspeech, Stockholm 2017.

- Highly Commended Presentation (6 finalists) at Postgraduate Research Symposium, UNSW, 2017.
- 2nd place in Audio/Video Emotion Challenge (AVEC) Workshop, ACM Multimedia, 2015.
- Tuition Fee Scholarship (TFS) plus Research Stipend from UNSW, 2014-2018.
- Top-up Scholarship from Data61, CSIRO, Australia, 2014-2018.
- First-Class Prize, Underwater Signal Technology Competition, NWPU, 2013.
- Excellent Bachelor Graduation Thesis Award, NWPU, 2012.

Grants and Contracts

- **Benchmarking Auditory Cognitive Reasoning in Audio-Language Models**
Lead PI, Google Research Fund, \$85,000 (2025-2026)
- **AI Centre for the Empowerment of Human Learning**
Co-PI, Norway National Centre for AI and Learning, \$300,000 (2026-2028)
- **Emotional Speech Generation for Intelligent Dialogue Systems**
Lead PI, Wuhan University Collaborative Seed Grant, ¥50,000 (2025-2026)
- **Multimodal LLMs for Mobile Health**
Lead PI, OpenAI Researcher Access Grant, \$16,000 (2024)
- **Speech LLMs for Health**
Lead PI, Google Cloud Research Credits, \$5,000 (2024)

Publications and Patents

Journals

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- [64] Xia, T., Dang, T., Han, J., Qendro, L., & Mascolo, C. (2024). Uncertainty-aware Health Diagnostics via Class-balanced Evidential Deep Learning. *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics*.
- [63] Ma, D., Dang, T., Ding, M., & Balan, R. (2024). ClearSpeech: Improving Voice Quality of Earbuds Using Both In-Ear and Out-Ear Microphones. *Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies*, 7(4), 1-25.
- [62] Demirel, B. U., Dang, T., Al-Naimi, K., Kawsar, F., & Montanari, A. (2024). Unobtrusive Air Leakage Estimation for Earables with In-ear Microphones. *Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies*, 7(4), 1-29.
- [61] Dang, T., Spathis, D., Ghosh, A., Mascolo, C. (2023). Human-centered AI for mobile health sensing: challenges and opportunities. *Royal Society Open Science*. **[Featured in Special Collection]**
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- [59] Wickramasinghe, B., Ambikairajah, E., Sethu, V., Epps, J., Li, H., & Dang, T. (2023). DNN controlled adaptive front-end for replay attack detection systems. *Speech Communication*, 154, 102973.
- [58] Dang, T., Han, J.^{*}, Xia, T.^{*}, Spathis, D., Bondareva, E., Brown, C., Chauhan, J., Grammenos, A., Hasthanasombat, A., Floto, A., Cicuta, P., Mascolo, C. (2022). Exploring Longitudinal Cough, Breath, and Voice Data for COVID-19 Disease Progression Prediction via Sequential Deep Learning. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*. **[Media Coverage]**
- [57] Wu, J., Dang, T., Sethu, V., Ambikairajah, E. (2022). A Novel Markovian Framework for Integrating Absolute and Relative Ordinal Emotion Information. *IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing*.

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Conferences

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- [52] Dong, J., Jia, H., Chatterjee, S., Ghosh, A., Bailey, J., Dang, T. (2025). E-BATS: Efficient Backpropagation-Free Test-Time Adaptation for Speech Foundation Models. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS), 2025.
- [51] Gao, Y., Scamarcia, M., Fernandez-Marques, J., Naseri, M., Ng, C., Stripelis, D., Li, Z., Shen, T., Bai, J., Chen, D., Zhang, Z., Hu, R., Song, I., KangYoon, L., Jia, H., Dang, T., Wang, J., Liu, Z., Beutel, D., Lyu, L., Lane, N. (2025). FlowerTune: A Cross-Domain Benchmark for Federated Fine-Tuning of Large Language Models. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, Datasets and Benchmarks Track* (NeurIPS), 2025.
- [50] Wang, X., Dang, T., Zhang, X., Kostakos, V., Witbrock, M. J., Jia, H. (2025). HealthSLM-Bench: Benchmarking Small Language Models for Mobile and Wearable Healthcare Monitoring. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, GenAI4Health Workshop* (NeurIPS), 2025.
- [49] Zhang, S., Jia, H., Li, S., Dang, T., Hu, Y., Yi, X., Li, H. (2025). Position: Human-Robot Interaction in Embodied Intelligence Demands a Shift From Static Privacy Controls to Dynamic Learning. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, LAW Workshop* (NeurIPS), 2025.
- [48] Liu, M., Wang, C., Chen, L., Le, N., Tewari, N., Dang, T., Ma, J., Xia, F. (2025). Structure Matters: Brain Graph Augmentation via Learnable Edge Masking for Data-efficient Psychiatric Diagnosis. In *Proceedings of the Australasian Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AJCAI), 2025.
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- [25] Dang, T., Han, J.^{*}, Xia, T.^{*}, Bondareva, E., Brown, C., Chauhan, J., Grammenos, A., Spathis, D., Cicuta, P., Mascolo, C. (2023). Conditional Neural ODE Processes for Individual Disease Progression Forecasting: A Case Study on COVID-19. In *Proceedings of the ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, 2023.
- [24] Wu, J., Dang, T., Sethu, V., Ambikairajah, E. (2023). Belief Mismatch Coefficient (BMC): A Novel Interpretable Measure of Prediction Accuracy for Ambiguous Emotion States. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII)*, 2023. **[Best Paper Award]**
- [23] Wu, J., Dang, T., Sethu, V., Ambikairajah, E. (2023). From Interval to Ordinal: A HMM-based Approach for Emotion Label Conversion. In *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (INTERSPEECH)*, 2023.
- [22] Dang, T., Dimitriadis, A., Wu, J., Sethu, V., Epps, J., Ambikairajah, E. (2023). Constrained Dynamic Neural ODE for Time Series Modelling: A Case Study on Continuous Emotion Prediction. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2023. **[Top 3% Paper Award]**
- [21] Gashi, S., Spathis, D., Dang, T., Hoelzemann, A. (2023). WellComp 2023: Sixth International Workshop on Computing for Well-Being. In *Proceedings of the ACM International Joint Conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing, WellComp Workshop (UbiComp)*, 2023.
- [20] Butkow, K. J., Dang, T., Ferlini, A., Ma, D., & Mascolo, C. (2023). hEARt: Motion-resilient Heart Rate Monitoring with In-ear Microphones. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Communications (PerCom)*, 2023.
- [19] Vavaroutas, S., Dang, T., Rocheteau, E., Mascolo, C. (2023). Uncertainty Estimation for Sequence-to-Sequence Regression on Sparse Time Series. In *Proceedings of the ACM SIGMOBILE Workshop on Mobile Systems for Computational Social Science (MobiUK)*, 2023.
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- [17] Xia, T., Han, J., Qendro, L., Dang, T., Mascolo, C. (2022). Hybrid-EDL: Improving Evidential Deep Learning for Uncertainty Quantification on Imbalanced Data. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, Workshop on Trustworthy and Socially Responsible Machine Learning* (NeurIPS), 2022.
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Patents

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Professional Activities

Talks and Seminars

- Invited seminar on 'The Future of Voice: Building Empathetic, Adaptive, and Efficient Generative AI for Speech' at Wuhan University, 2025.

- Invited seminar on 'The Future of Voice: Building Empathetic, Adaptive, and Efficient Generative AI for Speech' at Commonwealth Bank, 2025.
- Invited seminar on 'Human-centered AI for Mobile Health' at Medical AI Symposium, Hokkaido University, 2025.
- Invited talk on 'Unlocking the Potential of Audio: From Acoustic Sensing to Adaptive Speech Intelligence' at RIKEN-AIP-Melbourne workshop, 2025.
- Invited talk on 'Advancing Mobile Health via Audio and Physiological Computing in the Era of Generative AI' at School of Mathematics and Statistics, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China, 2025.
- Invited talk on 'Advancing Mobile Health via Audio and Physiological Computing in the Era of Generative AI' at School of Computer Science, Northwestern Polytechnical University, China, 2025.
- Invited talk on 'Machine learning for mobile health' at School of Computer Science, UNSW, 2024.
- Invited talk on 'Machine learning for mobile health' at School of Biomedical Engineering, University of Sydney, 2024.
- Invited talk on 'Machine learning for mobile health via audio' at South China Normal University, China, 2023.
- Invited talk on 'COVID -19 Disease Progression Prediction and Forecasting via Audio: A Longitudinal Study' by Women@CL at the University of Cambridge, UK, 2022.
- Invited talk on 'Computational modeling of ambiguous emotion' in AFAR Lab at the University of Cambridge, 2022.
- Invited talk on 'Machine Learning in Mobile Health via Audio: bridging the gap between AI and healthcare' in UCLIC at the University College London, 2022.
- Invited talk on 'Speech-based Emotion Prediction' at Tsinghua University, China, 2020

Workshop and Tutorial Organizers

- Special Session Co-organizer, INTERSPEECH 2026
- Web Co-chair, Mobisys 2026
- Social Media Co-chair, INTERSPEECH 2026
- Challenge Co-organizer, Automatic Song Aesthetics Evaluation Challenge, ICASSP 2026
- Challenge Co-organizer, Environmental Sound Deepfake Detection (ESDD) Challenge, ICASSP 2026
- Special Session Co-organizer, Scalable and Efficient Signal Processing for Multimodal AI Systems (ESPRESSO), APSIPA ASC 2025
- Workshop Co-organizer, WellComp Workshop, UbiComp, 2025
- Workshop Co-chair, Multi-Biological Sensing Data for Speech and Language Deterioration Prediction, ACM MM Asia 2024
- Co-chair, Industry Perspectives, MobileHCI 2024
- Workshop Co-organizer, WellComp Workshop, UbiComp, 2024
- Tutorial Co-organizer, Wearable Eye and Audio for Affect Analysis, ACII 2023
- Tutorial Co-organizer, An Introduction to Wearable Eye and Speech for Affect Analysis, ICMI 2023
- Workshop Co-organizer, WellComp Workshop 2023, UbiComp

Editor, Technical Program Committee and Reviewers

- Editor of Computer Speech and Languages, 2025 - Present
- Editor of IEEE Pervasive Computing, 2024 - Present
- Guest Editor of Special Issue on State of the Art in Wearable Sensors for Health Monitoring @ Sensors, 2025
- Senior PC for AAAI, 2023 - Present
- Area Chair for ICASSP, 2025 - Present
- TPC for Flute workshop (ICASSP 2025), HumanSys workshop (ACM SenSys 2024, 2025)
- Reviewer for 20+ Journals: Nature Reviews Bioengineering, Scientific Reports, IEEE TAC, IEEE TASLP, IEEE TIFS, IEEE TETCI, JASA, IMWUT, Speech Communications, Computer Speech Language, ACM Health, etc.
- PC for 10+ Conferences: NeurIPS, IJCAI, ICASSP, INTERSPEECH, APSIPA, ACII, IEEE SLT, etc.

Outreach and Public Engagement

- Panelist, "IEEE Women in Engineering Panel Discussion", 2025
- Mentor, "Students Meet Experts" session, INTERSPEECH, 2025
- Invited panelist, "AI for Healthcare" at BioGrid 20th Anniversary, 2024
- Guest, "Universities and the Rise of AI – Part 2: A Peek into Large Language Models" podcast, University of Melbourne, 2024
- Invited speaker, "Women in STEM" event, University of Cambridge, 2022

Supervisions and Teaching

Current Members

- **Ph.D.**

- Hongyu Jin, UoM (2026-): co-supervised with Mike Conway.
- Boyang Jia, UoM (2026-): co-supervised with Vassilis Kostakos.
- Kirthika Senathiraja, UoM (2026-): co-supervised with Roisin McNaney.
- Ye Bai, UoM (2025-): co-supervised with David O’Neal and Dale Morrison.
- Jiaheng Dong, UoM (2025-): co-supervised with Abhirup Ghosh and Jean Honorio Carrillo.
- Siyi Wang, UoM (2025-): co-supervised with James Bailey.
- Yang Xiao, UoM (2025-): co-supervised with Eun-Jung Holden.
- Jie Huang, UoM (2025-): co-supervised with Daniel Capurro Nario and Galit Almozino.
- Jian Xiang, UNSW (2025-): co-supervised with Vidhya Sethu.
- Pravina Mylvaganam, UNSW (2025-): mentored with Eliathamby Ambikairajah.
- Mujie Liu, Federation University (2024-): mentored with Feng Xia.

- **Postgraduate and Undergraduate**

- Selina Lim, Benjamin Hong, Di Zhu, Sung Kyun Chung (UoM, 2025-2026)

Alumni

- **Ph.D.**

- Yu Wu, University of Cambridge (2022-2025): mentored with Cecilia Mascolo.
Current position: Postdoctoral Fellow at Dartmouth College.
- Zheng Nan, UNSW (2021-2025): co-supervised with Vidhya Sethu and Beena Ahmed.
Current position: Postdoctoral Researcher at UNSW.
- Jingyao Wu, UNSW (2020-2024): co-supervised with Vidhya Sethu and Eliathamby Ambikairajah.
Current position: Postdoctoral Fellow at MIT.
- Kayla Butkow, University of Cambridge (2021-2023): project mentoring with Prof. Cecilia Mascolo.
Current position: CTO & Co-founder at auryx.
- Tong Xia, University of Cambridge (2021-2023): project mentoring with Prof. Cecilia Mascolo.
Current position: Assistant Professor at Tsinghua University.
- Sotirios Vavaroutas, University of Cambridge (2022): Ph.D. project mentoring with Prof. Cecilia Mascolo.
- Xijia Wei, University College London (2023): Internship mentoring at Nokia Bell Labs.

- **Postgraduate and Undergraduate**

- Trevor Adelson, Qiuchi Hu, Jinuo Sun, Jiajun Lu, Jiasheng Xu, Haoguang Zhou, Hongyu Jin, Wenda Zhang, Shuaixin Xu, Xi Chen (UoM, 2025); Trini Manoj Jeyaseelan (UNSW, 2025)
- Jule Valendo Halim, Xin Hong, Feixiang Zheng, Xuanang Li, Xin Wang (UoM, 2024)
- Tom Quinnell (University of Cambridge, 2021)
- Haobing Zhu, Yang Yu, Jinhao Gu, Anubhuti Gupta (UNSW, 2020)
- Anda Ouyang, Mo Li (UNSW, 2018)

Teaching

- Machine Learning Applications for Health, 2024-2025 (~250 students, postgraduate course)
- Introduction to Machine Learning, 2024-2025 (~300 students, postgraduate course)
- Research Project, 2024-2025 (~30, postgraduate course)
- Strategic Leadership & Ethics, 2018-2019 (~20 students; postgraduate course)
- Speech Processing and Machine Learning, 2017-2019 (~25 students, postgraduate course)
- Digital Signal Processing, 2016-2019 (~15-40 students, undergraduate course)
- Electrical Circuits, 2016-2019 (~80 students, undergraduate course)
- Design Proficiency, 2016-2019 (~60 students, undergraduate course)