

# Cuong Pham

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## PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

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I have a strong interest in data-driven techniques incorporating signal processing and machine learning methods for healthcare research with the goal of enhancing the digitalization of the computer-aid medical system. I conduct human-based biosignal experiments and analyze multi-modal biomedical datasets associated to different sub-domain studies in neurology, cardiology, and digital remote monitoring.

## EDUCATION

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### Ritsumeikan University

*M.Eng. in Advanced Information Science and Engineering*

Shiga, Japan

2021 – 2023

- Thesis: Remote Photoplethysmography Assessment Using Deep Learning (Chair: [Dr. Ruck Thawonmas](#))

### VNU-HCM University of Technology

*B.Eng. in Physics Engineering - Biomedical Engineering specialization*

HCMC, Vietnam

2015 – 2020

- Remarks: 1st-rank Faculty Honors (2016) | GPA: 3.5/4.0
- Thesis: Investigate Imaginary Limb Movements In Brain Computer Interface Based on Motor Imagery

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center, VinUniversity

*PhD Candidate (Advisor: [Dr. Hieu Pham](#))*

Hanoi, Vietnam

Aug 2024 – now

- **Mental Health Research:** Coordinator for a team of multidisciplinary experts and graduate students; collaborating with hospitals & clinics in Vietnam for a large-scale digital-phenotyping cohorts; developed a Cloud-based platform for seamless wearable data acquisition and retrieval.

### School of Biomedical Engineering, VNU-HCM International University

*Research Assistant (Advisor: [Dr. Huong Ha](#))*

HCMC, Vietnam

Nov 2023 – Jul 2024

- **Brain Computer Interface (BCI) Research:** designed and calibrated experiment protocol; supported data acquisition and management process; taught EEG signal processing for undergrad students.
- **Data Modeling:** serialized and processed the collected in-house datasets; developed ML pipeline for predictive modeling tasks; conducted performance benchmarking with other data sources; deployed and maintained web apps for Cloud storage, performance response analysis and data visualization.
- **Online-BCI:** collaborated with the software developers to build a customized desktop app for BCI data acquisition and response controller; deployed and evaluated user-specific calibrated modeling for real-time mouse control system; conducted inspection process to integrate the platform into cross-regional collaborative project (KC4.0-MOST).

### HATO Medical Technologies ApS

*Machine Learning Engineer*

Odense, Denmark

Jun 2022 – Nov 2023

- **Cardiology Research:** worked closely with cardiologists and health-tech startup stakeholders to establish standardized clinical labeling protocols tailored to specific use cases at a local Danish emergency department focusing on final outcomes for cardiovascular diseases ; conducted literature reviews for evidence-based decision making, wrote technical documentation, prepared research materials and wrote grant proposals/fundings.
- **Data Pipeline:** collected and handled data from public repositories and clinical sources. Implemented a scalable data processing pipeline, including data cleaning, and alignment across sources. Collaborated with software developers to integrate a data serialization pipeline into the backend architecture of the in-house product.
- **AI/ML Development:** implemented a Cloud-based internal data management system with interactive web app and tested its streamline workflow. Monitored and evaluated time-series predictive modeling; deployed models for real-time abnormalities detection and interpretation; inspected and ensured the solution meet technical requirements.

## GSISE, Ritsumeikan University

M.Eng Research Assitant (Advisor: Dr. Kashiara Koji)

Shiga, Japan

Oct 2021 – Aug 2023

- **Drug Infusion Research:** developed a hybrid controller to regulate cardiac output and mean arterial pressure within during drug infusion using ML model with short-time previous drug inputs; evaluated on a mathematical modeling responses of dogs with heart-failure dataset. Presented at IEEE LifeTech '22.
- **RPPG Signal Quality:** designed pipeline to track landmarks on customized forehead region-of-interest, using combination of unsupervised optical models and deep auto-encoder network to improve signal-to-noise ratio; evaluated on public remote-photoplethysmograph datasets.
- **RPPG Experiments:** collected data (5 healthy subjects with different camera settings & postures); designed platform to synchronize facial video and blood volume pulse signal; evaluated heart rate benchmarks among different configurations with unsupervised methods and statistical analysis.
- **RPPG Feature Assessment:** investigated the reliability of waveform feature related to cardiac aging/stiffness by using a real-time Face-Mesh tracking with deep learning model and a customized morphology extraction; evaluated on a public well controlled rPPG dataset.

## GTOPIA Vietnam. Ltd

Signal Processing Intern (Mentor: Dr. Liem Huynh)

HCMC, Vietnam

Jan – Jun 2020

- **Wearable Research:** designed pipeline with API for raw data aggregation from in-house wearable product; designed signal processing pipeline for vital-sign hemodynamic monitoring; conducted experiments on commercial wristbands's performance under different usage scenarios.
- **Data Collection:** collaborated with Ho-Chi-Minh-Heart-Institute for large-scale clinical data acquisition. Processed, categorized, and digitalized health records of administered patients with cardiovascular diseases.

## Biomedical Electronics Laboratory, Shibaura Institute of Technology

Research Intern (Advisor: Dr. Shinichiro Kanoh)

Tokyo, Japan

Sep – Nov 2019

- **EEG Experiment:** involved in data collection activities for Auditory and Motor Imagery studies; conducted experimental analysis on EEG visualization for motor cortex response and how to conduct neuro-feedback. Revised experiment procedure for the Bachelor Thesis.

## PUBLICATION

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### Peer-reviewed Conference Paper

- [C.2] C. Pham and K. Kashiara (2022, March), A Hybrid Controller for Multiple Drug Infusion in Heart Failure using Convolutional Neural Network. *In 2022 IEEE 4th Global Conference on Life Sciences and Technologies (LifeTech) (pp. 340-344).* [\[link\]](#)
- [C.1] Nguyen, M. T. D., Pham, C. Q., Nguyen, H. N., Le, K. Q., & Huynh, L. Q. (2022), A Statistical Approach to Evaluate Beta Response in Motor Imagery-Based Brain-Computer Interface. *8th International Conference on the Development of Biomedical Engineering in Vietnam (pp. 203-217).* [\[link\]](#)

## TALKS

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- [Dec 2024] Development and Evaluation of Multimodal AI Framework for Mental Health Assessment: A Preliminary Study @ Brain Informatics 2024 (Bangkok, Thailand).
- [Jun 2024] Evaluation of Cue-based Protocol Implementations in Motor Imagery - based Brain-Computer Interface Experiments @ NeuroCoB 2024 (Putrajaya, Malaysia).
- [Oct 2019] Exercise Physiology: Improving Stationary Bike Training Performance Using Heart Rate Variability @ ISAS 2019, (HCMC, Vietnam).
- [Mar 2019] Exercise Physiology: Cardiac Endurance Training for Students by Stationary Bike @ SEATUC 2019 (Hanoi, Vietnam)

## AWARDS

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- [Dec 2024] Travel Grant for ME-UYR 2025; by IEEE Signal Processing Society.
- [Aug 2022] 2nd prize in Kyoto Startup Weekend Competition; by Techstars.
- [Sep 2021] Monbukagakusho Scholarship; by Japanese Government.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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### Teaching Assistant

- [Fall 2024] COMP3040 Computer Vision @ CECS, VinUniversity
- [Fall 2022] Experiments in Artificial and Natural Intelligence @ CISE, Ritsumeikan University

### Reviewer

- 13th International Symposium on Information and Communication Technology (SOICT 2024)
- 10th International Conference in Vietnam on the Development of Biomedical Engineering (BME10)

### School Projects

- [Fall 2022] WasteWise @ GSISE, Ritsumeikan University
  - Team of 6 collaborate with TH Nürnberg (Germany); develop an AI-based mobile app for trash-bins time collection recommendation in public spaces using crowdsourcing dataset.
  - **Deployed** app and evaluated on the pilot data in Shiga and Kyoto city.
- [Summer 2022] Pic2Fit @ KYOTO Design Lab, Kyoto Institute of Technology
  - Designed a proof-of-concept virtual clothes fitting application tailored for small shops in Kyoto, Japan.
- [Fall 2018] Stationary Bike @ VNU-HCM University of Technology
  - Designed circuits for workload adjustment adapting to the biker's heart rate; collaborated with HCMC Institute of Biomedical Physics to evaluated VO2max improvement on students over endurance training course.
  - **Integrated** system into laboratory experiment course for students.
- [Spring 2017] Pet Feeder
  - Tech-lead freelance team to design the low-cost automated pet-feeding system; conducted mechanical design and material 3D-printing, developed electrical circuits and platform for IoT user control.
  - **Delivered** MVP to the reserved customers.

### Communitiy Involvement

- [Dec 2024] Conference Technical Staff @ ACML 2024.
- [Jan 2023] English Teaching Staff @ Ritsumeikan Junior High.
- [Oct 2022] Conference Technical Staff @ IEEE/RSJ IROS 2022.

### Mentoring Students

- **Hidetake Kondo**, now Software Developer @ e-Jan Networks Co. (JP).
- **Ha Nguyen L. N.**, now Biomedical Engineer @ Cho Ray Hospital (VN).

## SELECTED SKILLS

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- **Programming:** Python, MATLAB, Linux, R, SQL, Javascript, C#
- **Machine Learning:** OpenCV, Scikit-learn, LightGBM, XGBoost, Keras, Pytorch, Lightning
- **Tech Stacks:** Database (MySQL, MongoDB, Firebase), Webapp (Streamlit, Flask), Mobile (React Native), Cloud AWS (S3, EC2, Lambda), Tools (Git, Docker, Jira)
- **Miscellaneous:** Data Analysis (scipy, pandas, ggplot2, dplyr), Bio-Signal Experimentation (ECG, EEG, PPG, EMG, wearable/bio-sensors), Signal Processing (spectral & time-frequency analysis, transformations, filtering), Circuit (ESP32, Arduino, Raspberry Pi)
- **Language:** Vietnamese (native), English (fluent)

## REFERENCE

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### **Hieu Pham, Ph.D.**

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