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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computer and Information Science	2023–now
University of Pennsylvania	<i>Philadelphia, PA, USA</i>
Advisor: Duncan Watts	
M.Phil. in Computer Science	2021–2023
Australian National University	<i>Canberra, ACT, Australia</i>
Advisors: Lexing Xie and Colin Klein	
B.S. in Computing and Software Systems	2018–2020
University of Melbourne	<i>Melbourne, VIC, Australia</i>
First class honours	

EXPERIENCE

Visiting Student	2024–now
Mathematics and Computer Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory	<i>Lemont, IL, USA</i>
Collaborator: Sandeep Madireddy	
Project: <i>Holistic Evaluation of Large Language Models in Specialized Scientific Domains</i>	
Research Associate	2023–2023
Research School of Astronomy, Australian National University	<i>Canberra, ACT, Australia</i>
Collaborators: Yuan-Sen Ting and Ioana Ciucă	
Project: <i>Large Language Models for Astronomical Research</i>	
Summer Research Scholar	2020–2021
Computational Media Lab, Australian National University	<i>Canberra, ACT, Australia</i>
Advisor: Lexing Xie	
Project: <i>Data-Driven Understanding of Real-Life Moral Dilemmas</i>	
Research Intern	2019–2020
Faculty of Engineering, University of Sydney	<i>Sydney, NSW, Australia</i>
Advisor: Nguyen Tran	
Project 1: <i>Federated Learning with Stochastic Variance Reduced Gradient Algorithms</i>	
Project 2: <i>Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes</i> (Best CS Project)	
Vacation Research Scholar	2019–2019
School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Melbourne	<i>Melbourne, VIC, Australia</i>
Advisor: Charl Ras	
Project: <i>Analysis and Design of R-Resilient Graph Embeddings</i>	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational Social Science, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Cognitive Science, Social Psychology, Network Science, Commonsense Knowledge and Intelligence, Numerical Optimization, Statistics, Practical Ethics and Artificial Intelligence for Science.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Conference Travel Grant, School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2024.

George M. Ball, Jr. First-Year Ph.D. Fellowship, Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2023.

Ph.D. Fellowship, Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2023–now.

Vice-Chancellor’s Travel Grant – Higher Degree Research, Australian National University, 2022.

M.Phil. Scholarship, Australian National University, 2021–2023.

Summer Research Scholarship, Australian National University, 2020.

Project Recognition, Innovation Expo, Vietnam-Australia Innovation Network (NIC-AU), 2020.

Dean’s Honour List, Faculty of Science, University of Melbourne, 2018–2020

Undergraduate Student Scholarship, University of Melbourne, 2020.

Summer Research Scholarship, Faculty of Engineering, University of Sydney, 2020.

Summer Research Scholarship, School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Melbourne, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=mmylv8oAAAAJ>

Semantic Scholar: <https://semanticscholar.org/author/Tuan-Dung-Nguyen/2116225572>

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REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [1] Tijmen de Haan, Yuan-Sen Ting, Tirthankar Ghosal, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Alberto Accomazzi, Azton Wells, Nesar Ramachandra, Rui Pan, and Zechang Sun. “Achieving GPT-4o Level Performance in Astronomy with a Specialized 8B-parameter Large Language Model”. In: *Scientific Reports* 15.1 (2025), p. 13751. ISSN: 2045-2322. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-025-97131-y.
- [2] Long Tan Le, Tung-Anh Nguyen, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Nguyen H. Tran, Nguyen Binh Truong, Phuong L. Vo, Bui Thanh Hung, and Tuan Anh Le. “Distributionally Robust Federated Learning for Mobile Edge Networks”. In: *Mobile Networks and Applications* (2024). DOI: 10.1007/s11036-024-02316-w.
- [3] Tung-Anh Nguyen, Long Tan Le, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Wei Bao, Suranga Seneviratne, Choong Seon Hong, and Nguyen H. Tran. “Federated PCA on Grassmann Manifold for IoT Anomaly Detection”. In: *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking* 34.5 (2024), pp. 4456–4471. DOI: 10.1109/TNET.2024.3423780.
- [4] Yuan-Sen Ting, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Tirthankar Ghosal, Rui Pan, Hardik Arora, Zechang Sun, Tijmen de Haan, Nesar Ramachandra, Azton Wells, Sandeep Madireddy, and Alberto Accomazzi. “AstroMLab 1: Who Wins Astronomy Jeopardy!?” In: *Astronomy and Computing* (2024), p. 100893. DOI: 10.1016/j.ascom.2024.100893.

- [5] Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Wei Bao, Amir Rezaei Balef, Bing B. Zhou, and Albert Y. Zomaya. “DONE: Distributed Approximate Newton-type Method for Federated Edge Learning”. In: *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems* 33.11 (2022), pp. 2648–2660. DOI: 10.1109/TPDS.2022.3146253.
- [6] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Amir R. Balef, Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, Duy T. Ngo, Tuan Anh Le, and Phuong L. Vo. “Accelerating Federated Edge Learning”. In: *IEEE Communications Letters* 25.10 (2021), pp. 3282–3286. DOI: 10.1109/LCOMM.2021.3103536.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [1] Long Tan Le, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Tung-Anh Nguyen, Choong Seon Hong, Suranga Seneviratne, Wei Bao, and Nguyen H. Tran. “Federated Deep Equilibrium Learning: Harnessing Compact Global Representations to Enhance Personalization”. In: *Proceedings of the 33rd ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management*. 2024, pp. 1132–1142. DOI: 10.1145/3627673.3679752.
- [2] Anh Duc Nguyen, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Quang Minh Nguyen, Hoang H. Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen, and Kim-Chuan Toh. “On Partial Optimal Transport: Revising the Infeasibility of Sinkhorn and Efficient Gradient Methods”. In: *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* 38.8 (2024), pp. 8090–8098. DOI: 10.1609/aaai.v38i8.28648.
- [3] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Ziyu Chen, Nicholas George Carroll, Alasdair Tran, Colin Klein, and Lexing Xie. “Measuring Moral Dimensions in Social Media with Mformer”. In: *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media* 18.1 (2024), pp. 1134–1147. DOI: 10.1609/icwsm.v18i1.31378.
- [4] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Georgiana Lyall, Alasdair Tran, Minjeong Shin, Nicholas George Carroll, Colin Klein, and Lexing Xie. “Mapping Topics in 100,000 Real-Life Moral Dilemmas”. In: *Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media* 16.1 (2022), pp. 699–710. DOI: 10.1609/icwsm.v16i1.19327.
- [5] Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, and **Tuan Dung Nguyen**. “Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes”. In: *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*. Vol. 33. 2020, pp. 21394–21405. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2006.08848.
- [6] Canh T. Dinh, Nguyen H. Tran, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Wei Bao, Albert Y. Zomaya, and Bing B. Zhou. “Federated Learning with Proximal Stochastic Variance Reduced Gradient Algorithms”. In: *Proceedings of the 49th International Conference on Parallel Processing (ICPP '20)*. 2020, pp. 1–11. DOI: 10.1145/3404397.3404457.

THESES

- [1] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**. “Data-Driven Understanding of Real-Life Moral Dilemmas via Topic Mapping and Moral Foundations”. M.Phil. Thesis. Canberra, ACT: Australian National University, 2023. DOI: 10.25911/9ZCS-SJ43.

WORKSHOP AND NON-PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

- [1] Rui Pan, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Hardik Arora, Alberto Accomazzi, Tirthankar Ghosal, and Yuan-Sen Ting. “AstroMLab 2: AstroLLaMA-2-70B Model and Benchmarking Specialised LLMs for Astronomy”. In: *Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Scientific Applications (SC'24)*. 2024. DOI: 10.48550/arXiv.2409.19750.
- [2] Ernest Perkowski, Rui Pan, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Yuan-Sen Ting, Sandor Kruk, Tong Zhang, Charlie O'Neill, Maja Jablonska, Zechang Sun, Michael J. Smith, Huiling Liu, Kevin Schawinski, Kartheik Iyer, Ioana Ciucă,

and UniverseTBD. “AstroLLaMA-Chat: Scaling AstroLLaMA with Conversational and Diverse Datasets”. In: *Research Notes of the AAS* 8.1 (2024), p. 7. DOI: 10.3847/2515-5172/ad1abe.

- [3] **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Yuan-Sen Ting, Ioana Ciucă, Charles O’Neill, Ze-Chang Sun, Maja Jabłońska, Sandor Kruk, Ernest Perkowski, Jack Miller, Jason Jingshi Li, Josh Peek, Kartheik Iyer, Tomasz Róžański, Pranav Khetarpal, Sharaf Zaman, David Brodrick, Sergio J. Rodríguez Méndez, Thang Bui, Alyssa Goodman, Alberto Accomazzi, Jill Naiman, Jesse Cranney, Kevin Schawinski, and Roberta Răileanu. “AstroLLaMA: Towards Specialized Foundation Models in Astronomy”. In: *Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Information Extraction from Scientific Publications (IJCNLP-AAACL)*. 2023, pp. 49–55. DOI: 10.18653/v1/2023.wiesp-1.7.

PREPRINTS

- [1] Franck Cappello, Sandeep Madireddy, Robert Underwood, Neil Getty, Nicholas Lee-Ping Chia, Nesar Ramachandra, **Tuan Dung Nguyen**, Murat Keceli, Tanwi Mallick, Zilinghan Li, Marieme Ngom, Chenhui Zhang, Angel Yanguas-Gil, Evan Antoniuk, Bhavya Kailkhura, Minyang Tian, Yufeng Du, Yuan-Sen Ting, Azton Wells, Bogdan Nicolae, Avinash Maurya, M. Mustafa Rafique, Eliu Huerta, Bo Li, Ian Foster, and Rick Stevens. *EAIRA: Establishing a Methodology for Evaluating AI Models as Scientific Research Assistants*. 2025. DOI: 10.48550/arxiv.2502.20309.

TEACHING

COMM 3200 *Common Sense vs. Data Science in Communications Research and Practice*, University of Pennsylvania, 2024. Teaching assistant.

COMP4650 *Document Analysis*, Australian National University, 2022. Teaching assistant.

COMP4680 *Advanced Topics in Machine Learning*, Australian National University, 2022. Teaching assistant and guest lecturer.

COMP4670 *Statistical Machine Learning*, Australian National University, 2022–2023. Teaching assistant.

COMP5318 *Machine Learning and Data Mining*, University of Sydney, 2021. Teaching assistant.

COMP4691 *Optimisation*, Australian National University, 2021. Teaching assistant.

COMP30024 *Artificial Intelligence*, University of Melbourne, 2021. Teaching assistant.

COMP20008 *Elements of Data Processing*, University of Melbourne, 2020–2022. Teaching assistant.

LECTURES, TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Benchmarking Specialized LLMs for Astronomy.” International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (Atlanta, GA), November 2024.

“Leveraging Large-Scale Human Opinions to Evaluate Language Models’ Common Sense.” 10th International Conference on Computational Social Science (Philadelphia, PA), July 2024.

“Natural Language Processing for Computational Social Science Research.” Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, University of Pennsylvania, July 2024.

“Measuring Moral Dimensions on Social Media with Mformer.” 18th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (Buffalo, NY), June 2024. (Spotlight presentation.)

“How Aligned are Humans and Language Models on Common Sense?” Generative AI and Social Science Research Workshop, Yale University Institution for Social and Public Policy and Data-Intensive Social Science Center, April 2024.

“Science Meets AI: Lessons from the Exploration of LLMs in Astronomical Research.” Planet+AI Consortium, online, February 2024.

“AstroLLaMA: Towards Specialized Foundation Models in Astronomy.” International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing and the 3rd Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, online, November 2023.

“Data-Driven Understanding of Real-Life Moral Dilemmas.” AI, ML and Friends Seminar, Australian National University, April 2023.

“Introduction to Computational Optimal Transport.” Advanced Topics in Machine Learning, Australian National University, November 2022.

“Mapping Topics in 100,000 Real-Life Moral Dilemmas.” AI, ML and Friends Seminar, Australian National University, May 2022; 16th International Conference on Web and Social Media, June 2022.

“Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes.” 34th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, online, December 2020.

“Federated Learning with Proximal Stochastic Variance Reduced Gradient Algorithms.” 49th International Conference on Parallel Processing, online, August 2020.

OTHERS

Organizer, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2025.

Dean’s Advisory Board Member, School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2024.

Teaching Assistant, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2024.

Fellow, Vietnam Education Network 2.0 (VEF) Program, 2022.

Student, Monash University International School in Artificial Intelligence and its Applications in Computer Science, 2021.

Student Volunteer, AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics and Society, 2021.

Student Volunteer, International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media, 2021.

Student, Cornell, Maryland and Max Planck Pre-Doctoral Research School, 2021.

Secretary, University of Melbourne Competitive Programming Club, 2019–2020.

Undergraduate Representative, Melbourne University Mathematics and Statistics Society, 2019–2020.

Committee, University of Melbourne Internet of Things Club, 2018–2020.

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