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## ABOUT

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I lead **MAIL-Research**, where we develop computational frameworks that enable the *reliability*, *trustworthiness*, and *practicality* of existing complex/deep models in *constrained* and especially *low-resource* settings. I focus on improving the following aspects of existing models: (i) training, (ii) inference, (iii) realistic assumptions, and (iv) trustworthiness. Most of my ML/AI solutions center around generative-based approaches that have low computational complexity and require less human effort. My research often translates into high-impact projects that benefit low-and-middle-income countries; these works have been featured in several national and international news outlets, such as **khoahocphattrien** (Vietnam's top scientific newspaper), **Thanh Nien** (Vietnam's top newspaper), **VnExpress** (Vietnam's top online newspaper), **DanTri**, **Yahoo Finance**, **Benzinga**, **Macau Business**, **Taiwan News**, and **TNGlobal**. Read more about my research interests [HERE](#).

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D in Computer Science**  
*Virginia Tech (VT)*

**Virginia, USA**  
*August 2021*

**MS in Computer Science**  
*University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP)*

**College Park, Maryland, USA**  
*August 2010-May 2015*

**BS in Computer Science with a Minor in Mathematics**  
*Webster University*

**Saint Louis, Missouri, USA**  
*August 2003-May 2006*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Associate Director</b> – <a href="#">VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center</a> , Vietnam	2024-
<b>Assistant Professor</b> – Computer Science, <a href="#">VinUniversity</a> , Vietnam	2022-
<b>Research Scientist</b> – <a href="#">Baidu Research USA</a> , Seattle, WA	2020-2022
<b>Senior Data Scientist</b> – Verve Mobile/Carlsbad, CA	2015-2019
<b>Faculty Research Associate</b> – University of Maryland, College Park, MD	2012-2015
<b>Research Scientist</b> – NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD	2012-2015
<b>Senior Developer</b> – Aquilent/Laurel, MD (acq. by Booz Allen Hamilton)	2008-2012
<b>Software Developer</b> – Insight Distribution Software/Portland, OR	2007-2008
<b>Software Engineer</b> – Conde Nast Publication/New York, NY	2006-2007

## FUNDINGS AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

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- [Google Academic Research Award](#) 2024 (South/Southeast Asia), “Accelerate Poisoning and Backdoor Research with Large-scale Generative Models”. **PI.** *Amount:* \$30K. *International*.
- [AWS Health Equity Initiative](#) Promotional Credit. **PI**, *Amount:* \$340K, *Duration:* 11/2024-06/2026. *International*.
- Green Industrial AI Challenge (Computing Credit). **Co-PI**, *Amount:* \$170K, *Duration:* 12/2024-12/2026. *National*.
- [Trinity Challenge/MIT Solve](#), “Farm2Vet: Combatting AMR on the Farm Frontier”, **PI**, *Amount:* \$1.3M, *Duration:* 11/2024-11/2027. *International*.

- VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center, "Autonomous and Knowledge-guided Health Misinformation Defender Platform", **PI**. *Amount*: over \$1M to support 2 PhD and 5 Master students at UIUC (~\$70K/Student-Year), and 5 PhD students VinUni (~\$10K/Student-Year). Duration: 02/2024-02/2029. *Cross-Institution*.
- VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center, "From Causal Understanding of Healthy Longevity to Smart Health", **PI**, *Amount*: over \$1M to support 2 PhD and 5 Master students at UIUC (~\$70K/Student-Year), and 5 PhD students VinUni (~\$10K/Student-Year), Duration: 02/2024-02/2029. *Cross-Institution*
- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/Grand Challenges**, "Generative AI Technologies for Gynecological Healthcare in Vietnam", **PI**, *Amount*: \$150,000, Duration: 07/2023-04/2024. *International*.
- Center for AI Research. Mechanistic Understanding and Control of Multi-modal LLMs. **PI**, *Amount*: \$150,000, Duration: 11/2025-11/2027. *Cross-Institution*.
- Center for Environmental Intelligence at VinUniversity, "Improving NLP Applications in Low-resource Languages: One Country and One Use Case At A Time", **Co-PI**, *Amount*: \$170,000, Duration: 11/2024-11/2026. *Internal*.
- Center for Environmental Intelligence at VinUniversity, "Carbon Stock Estimation and Biodiversity Assessment in Vietnam Forests using Remotely Sensed Data and Deep Learning Neural Networks", **Co-PI**, *Amount*: \$210,000, Duration: 07/2023-07/2025. *Internal*.
- VinUniversity Seed Funding, "Evaluating and Defending against Advanced Backdoor Attacks on Deep Learning", **PI**, *Amount*: \$75,000, Duration: 12/2023-12/2026. *Internal*.
- VinUni-Illinois Smarthealth Center, "Privacy-Preserving, Robust, and Explainable Federated Learning Framework for Healthcare System", **Co-PI**, *Amount*: funding support 2 PhD and 5 Master students at UIUC (~\$70K/Student-Year), and 5 PhD students VinUni (~\$10K/Student-Year). Duration: 02/2022-02/2027. *Cross-Institution*.

## TEACHING

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- **Instructor** for "COMP4040 (Undergraduate)/COMP5110 (Graduate): Data Mining and Big Data Analysis", VinUniversity, Fall (2024).
- **Instructor** for "COMP2050: Artificial Intelligence", VinUniversity, Spring (2023, 2024, 2025).
- **Instructor** for "COMP3010: Algorithm Design", VinUniversity, Spring 2023.
- **Instructor** for "COMP3020: Machine Learning", VinUniversity, Fall (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).

## ADVISING AND MENTORING ROLES

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**Advising or Co-advising** the following PhD students:

- *Thu Le*, Computer Science, VinUniversity, Fall 2025-present
- *Chau H Tran*, Computer Science, UIUC, co-advised with *Heng Ji*, Fall 2025-present
- *Duy Nguyen*, Computer Science, UIUC, co-advised with *Minh N. Do*, Fall 2025-present
- *Nghia Dai Nguyen*, Computer Science, UIUC, co-advised with *Lav R. Varshney* and *Pablo D Robles Granda*, Fall 2024-present
- *Thinh Tran*, Computer Science, VinUniversity, co-advised with *Kok-seng Wong*, Fall 2024-present
- *Tuan Minh Nguyen*, Computer Science, VinUniversity, co-advised with *Kok-seng Wong*, Spring 2023-present

**Advising or Co-advising** the following Master students:

- *Nguyen K Hoang*, Computer Science, UIUC, co-advised with **Dilek Hakkani-Tür**, Fall 2025-present
- *Oanh Ngoc Tran*, Computer Science, VinUniversity, Spring 2026-present
- *Lam Hoang Nguyen*, Computer Science, VinUniversity, Spring 2026-present
- *Tuan Trong Nguyen*, Computer Science, VinUniversity, Spring 2026-present

**Advising or Co-advising** the following Research Residents/ Assistants (RAs):

- *Quang MT Nguyen* (from VNU-HCMC), VinUni RA, Fall 2025-present
- *Cat Le* (from VNU-HCMC), VinUni RA, Fall 2025-present
- *Nam Nguyen* (from HCMUT), VinUni RA, Fall 2025-present
- *Vinh Pham* (from HCMUT), VinUni RA, Fall 2025-present
- *Phan Hoang* (from VinUniversity), VinUni RA, Fall 2025-present
- *Quoc-Hung Le Thanh* (from VinUniversity), VinUni RA, Fall 2025-present
- *Oanh Ngoc Tran* (from HCMUT), VinUni RA, co-advised with **Heng Ji**, Fall 2024-Fall 2025 → **Next:** MS Student at VinUni
- *Chau Hoai Tran* (from VNU-HCMC), VinUni RA, co-advised with **Heng Ji**, Summer 2024-Fall 2025 → **Next:** PhD Student at UIUC
- *Hieu Ngoc Nguyen* (from VNU-Hanoi), VinUni RA, Spring 2024-Fall 2025 → **Next:** PhD Student at Penn State University
- *Phuc Minh Nguyen* (from VNU-HCMC), VinUni RA, Spring 2024-present
- *Quan Huu Do* (from VNU-HCMC), VinUni RA (Spring 2024-Fall 2025) → **Next:** PhD Student at Institut Polytechnique de Paris
- *Hung-Quang Nguyen* (from VNU-Hanoi), VinUni RA, Spring 2023-present
- *Cao-Duy Hoang* (from Viet-German University), VinUni RA, Fall 2022-present
- *Chinh Duc La* (from Australian National University), VinUni RA, Summer 2023-present
- *Jason Yang* (from University of Malaya), VinUni RA, Summer 2023-Fall 2023 → **Next:** AMD
- *Hieu Nguyen*, VinAI Resident (Fall 2022-present) → **Next:** PhD Student at Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- *Hoang Pham* (HUST-Hanoi), VinUni RA (Summer 2023-Fall 2023) → **Next:** PhD Student at University of Warwick

**Advising or Co-advising** the following Research Undergraduate students:

- *Chi H Nguyen* (Electrical Engineering, VinUni), Summer 2025-present
- *Quoc-Hung Le Thanh* (Computer Science, VinUni), Summer 2024-Spring 2025 → **Next:** RA at VinUni
- *Hoang Phan* (Electrical Engineering, VinUni), Summer 2024-Spring 2025 → **Next:** RA at VinUni
- *Duy-Minh Nguyen* (Computer Science, VinUni), Fall 2024-Spring 2025 → **Next:** RA at VinUni
- *Huong-Lan Tran* (Computer Science, VinUni), Fall 2023-Summer 2024 → **Next:** Master Student at EPFL
- *Nghia Dai Nguyen* (Computer Science, VinUni), Fall 2023-Summer 2024 → **Next:** PhD Student at UIUC

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Organizers

- *Workshop Program Chair / Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML) 2024*

- *Main Organizer/CAI 2024 Workshop*: AI for Environmental Intelligence
- *Main Organizer/NeurIPS 2023 Workshop*: Backdoors in Deep Learning: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (BUGS). *ICML 2025 Workshop*: Data in Generative Models: The Good, the Bad, and the Greats (DIG-BUGS).

#### **Area Chair**

- International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**): 2025-2026
- International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (**AISTATS**): 2025-2026
- Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**): 2024-2025
- International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**): 2026
- Asian Conference on Machine Learning (**ACML**): 2024-2025

#### **Program Committee**

- International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**): 2021-2025
- Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**): 2020-2023
- International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**): 2020-2024
- Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**): 2020-2025
- International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**): 2021-2023
- European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**): 2020-2024
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**): 2021-2025
- IEEE International Conference on Big Data (**BigData**): 2020, 2022
- 1st International Workshop on Industrial Recommendation Systems (**IRS**): 2020-2021

#### **Journal Editorial Board**

- Discover Data (Springer Nature): 2023-
- ACM AI Letters (ACM Journals): 2025-

#### **Journal Reviewer**

- Transactions on Machine Learning Research (**TMLR**): 2025
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (**T-PAMI**): 2025
- Journal of Machine Learning Research (**JMLR**): 2024
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (**TNNLS**): 2024
- ACM Transactions on Internet Technology (**TOIT**): 2020
- ACMD Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (**TKDD**): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

#### **Conference Reviewer**

- ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining (**KDD**): 2017-2019
- ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (**CIKM**): 2017-2019
- ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (**WSDM**): 2017-2019
- The Web Conference (**WWW**): 2017-2019
- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**IJCAI**): 2017-2019

#### **Service Award**

- **2024**: ECCV (**Outstanding Reviewer**)
- **2022**: NeurIPS (**Top Reviewer**)
- **2021**: CVPR (**Outstanding Reviewer**)

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS

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VinUniversity's Outstanding Contribution Award – VinUniversity	2024
VinUniversity's Rising Star Award – VinUniversity	2024
Google Research Award (South/Southeast Asia) – VinUniversity	2024
VinUniversity's Outstanding Research Award – VinUniversity	2024
Green Industrial AI Challenge - Winner – VinUniversity	2024
Criteo Research Award – Virginia Tech	2018
NSF Urban Computing Fellowship – Virginia Tech	2016-2017
Graduation Honor, Summer Cum Laude – Webster University	2006
Regional ACM Collegiate Computing Contest Honor – Webster University	2004
University Scholarship – Webster University	2003

## PATENTS

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B. E. Crook, **Khoa D Doan**, G. K. Ng, C. G. Nicotra, M. J. Wrona. Systems, methods, and apparatus for reverse geocoding. US Patent US20160330592A1.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Note: Students advised or co-advised directly*

1. **Phuc M Nguyen, Chinh D. La, Duy HM Nguyen, Nitesh V. Chawla, Binh T Nguyen, & Khoa D Doan.** The Reasoning Boundary Paradox: How Reinforcement Learning Constrains Language Models. *Under Submission*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2510.02230>
2. **Duy A Nguyen, Quan H Do, Khoa D Doan & Minh N Do.** Are you SURE? Enhancing Multi-modal Pretraining with Missing Modalities through Uncertainty Estimation. *Under Submission*.
3. **Sze Jue Yang, Chinh Duc La, Hung-Quang Nguyen, Eugene Bagdasaryan, Kok-Seng Wong, Anh Tuan Tran, Chee Seng Chan, & Khoa D Doan.** Synthesizing Physical Backdoor Datasets: An Automated Framework Leveraging Deep Generative Models. *Under Submission*.
4. **Sze Jue Yang, Hung-Quang Nguyen, Chee Seng Chan, & Khoa D Doan.** Everyone Can Attack: Exploiting Image Compression Artifacts as a Natural Backdoor Attack. *Under Submission*.
5. Duy MH Nguyen, **Trung Quoc Nguyen**, et al. FACET: A Fragment-Aware Conformer Ensemble Transformer. *International Conference on Learning Representations 2026 (ICLR)*.
6. **Nghia D Nguyen, Hieu T Nguyen, Ang Li, Hoang V Pham, Viet-Anh Nguyen, & Khoa D Doan.** Retrospective Feature Estimation for Continual Learning. *Transactions on Machine Learning Research 2026 (TMLR)*. Featured Publication.
7. **Duy Cao Hoang, Thanh Quoc Hung Le, Rui Chu, Ping Li, Weijie Zhao, Yingjie Lao, Khoa D Doan.** SpARK: An Embarrassingly Simple Sparse Watermarking in LLMs with Enhanced Text Quality. *Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics 2026 (EACL)*.
8. **Thinh Dao, Khoa D Doan, Kok-Seng Wong.** Clean-Label Physical Backdoor Attacks with Data Distillation. *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2026 (AAAI)*.

9. Phuc M Nguyen, Ngoc-Hieu Nguyen, Binh T Nguyen, & Khoa D Doan. Mitigating Reward Over-optimization in Direct Alignment Algorithms with Adaptive Importance Sampling. *The Thirty-ninth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2025 (NeurIPS)*.
10. Hung-Quang Nguyen, Hoang Phan, & Khoa D Doan. Unveiling Concept Attribution in Diffusion Models. *The Thirty-ninth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2025 (NeurIPS)*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.02542>.
11. Tuan Anh Tran, Duy Minh Ho Nguyen, Hoai-Chau Tran, Michael Barz, Khoa D Doan, Roger Wattenhofer, Vien Anh Ngo, Mathias Niepert, Daniel Sonntag, Paul Swoboda. How Many Tokens Do 3D Point Cloud Transformer Architectures Really Need? *The Thirty-ninth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2025 (NeurIPS)*.
12. Duy Minh Ho Nguyen, Trung Quoc Nguyen, Ha Thi Hong Le, Mai Thanh Nhat Truong, Trung Tin Nguyen, Nhat Ho, Khoa D Doan, Duy Duong-Tran, Li Shen, Daniel Sonntag, James Zou, Mathias Niepert, Hyojin Kim, Jonathan E Allen. From Fragments to Geometry: A Unified Graph Transformer for Molecular Representation from Conformer Ensembles. *ICML 2025 Workshop - Generative AI and Biology (GenBio)*.
13. Parshin Shojaee\*, Ngoc-Hieu Nguyen\*, Kazem Meidani, Amir Barati Farimani, Khoa D Doan, Chandan K Reddy. Llm-srbench: A new benchmark for scientific equation discovery with large language models. *International Conference on Machine Learning 2025 (ICML)*. ORAL. (\*Equal Contribution)
14. Phuc M Nguyen, Chinh Duc La, Heng Ji, Khoa D Doan. Weak-to-strong Generalization via Formative Learning from Student Demonstrations & Teacher Evaluation. *ICML 2025 Workshop - Data in Generative Models-The Bad, the Ugly, and the Greats (DIG-BUGS)*.
15. Hung-Quang Nguyen, Ngoc-Hieu Nguyen, The-Anh Ta, Thanh Nguyen-Tang, Kok-Seng Wong, Hoang Thanh-Tung, & Khoa D Doan. Wicked Oddities: Selectively Poisoning for Effective Clean-Label Backdoor Attacks. *International Conference on Learning Representations 2025 (ICLR)*. <https://openreview.net/forum?id=1Z3C49JQVf>
16. Hoang Pham, The-Anh Ta, Anh Tran, & Khoa D Doan. Flatness-aware Sequential Learning Generates Resilient Backdoors. *European Conference on Computer Vision 2024 (ECCV)*. ORAL.
17. Tran Ngoc Huynh, Anh Tuan Tran, Khoa D Doan, & Tung Pham. Data Poisoning Quantization Backdoor Attack. *European Conference on Computer Vision 2024 (ECCV)*.
18. Banibrata Ghosh, HARIPRIYA HARIKUMAR, Khoa D Doan, Svetha Venkatesh, & Santu Rana. Composite Concept Extraction through Backdooring. *International Conference on Pattern Recognition 2024 (ICIP)*. ORAL.
19. Grigorii Khvatskii, Nuno Moniz, Khoa D Doan, & Nitesh V Chawla. Class-Aware Contrastive Optimization for Imbalanced Text Classification. *The Ninth International Conference on Data Science and Management of Data 2024 (CODS-COMAD)*. ORAL.
20. Hieu Nguyen, Duy Nguyen, Khoa D Doan, & Viet-Anh Nguyen. Cold-start Recommendation by Personalized Embedding Region Elicitation. *Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence 2024 (UAI)*.
21. Duy Cao Hoang, Hung-Quang Nguyen, Minlong Peng, Kok-seng Wong, & Khoa D Doan. "Fooling the Textual Fooler via Randomizing Latent Representations". *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics 2024 (ACL)*.

22. Hung-Quang Nguyen, Yingjie Lao, Tung Pham, Kok-seng Wong, & Khoa D Doan. "Understanding the Robustness of Randomized Feature Defense Against Query-Based Adversarial Attacks". *International Conference on Learning Representations 2024* ([ICLR](#)).
23. Thuy-Dung Nguyen, Tuan M Nguyen, Anh T Tran, Khoa D Doan, & Kok-seng Wong. "IBA: Towards Irreversible Backdoor Attacks in Federated Learning". *The Thirty-seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2023* ([NeurIPS](#)).
24. Thuy-Dung Nguyen, Tuan Nguyen, Phi Le Nguyen, Hieu H Pham, Khoa D Doan, & Kok-Seng Wong. Backdoor attacks and defenses in federated learning: Survey, challenges and future research directions. *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence 2024* ([EAAI](#)).
25. Thai-Hung Nguyen, Hong-Phuc Vu, Dung Thuy Nguyen, Tuan Minh Nguyen, Khoa D Doan, & Kok-Seng Wong. An Empirical Study of Federated Unlearning: Efficiency and Effectiveness. *Asian Conference on Machine Learning 2023* ([ACML](#)).
26. Hung-Quang Nguyen, Ngoc-Hieu Nguyen, The-Anh Ta, Thanh Nguyen-Tang, Thanh-Tung Hoang, & Khoa D Doan. Clean-label Backdoor Attacks by Selectively Poisoning with Limited Information from Target Class. *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on Backdoors in Deep Learning: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*.
27. Ngoc-Hieu Nguyen, Hung-Quang Nguyen, The-Anh Ta, Nguyen-Tang Thanh, Khoa D Doan, & Thanh-Tung Hoang. "A Cosine Similarity-based Method for Out-of-Distribution Detection". *ICML 2023 Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance and Stability*.
28. Khoa D Doan, Shulong Tan, Weijie Zhao, & Ping Li. "Asymmetric Hashing for Fast Ranking via Neural Network Measures". *International ACM SIGIR conference on research and development in Information Retrieval 2023* ([SIGIR](#)).
29. Khoa D Doan, Yingjie Lao, Yang Peng, & Ping Li. "Defending backdoor attacks on vision transformer via patch processing". *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2023* ([AAAI](#)).
30. Khoa D Doan, Sarkhan Badirli, & Chandan K Reddy. "Unified Learning of Multipurpose Energy Based Generative Hashing Network". *Asian Conference on Computer Vision 2022* ([ACCV](#)).
31. Khoa D Doan, Yingjie Lao, & Ping Li. "Marksman Backdoor: Backdoor Attacks with Arbitrary Target Class ". *The Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2022* ([NeurIPS](#)).
32. Khoa D Doan, Yang Peng, & Ping Li. "One Loss for Quantization: Deep Hashing with Discrete Wasserstein Distributional Matching". *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition 2022* ([CVPR](#)).
33. Khoa D Doan, Yingjie Lao, & Ping Li. "Backdoor Attack with Imperceptible Input and Latent Modification". *The Thirty-fifth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2021* ([NeurIPS](#)).
34. Khoa D Doan, Yingjie Lao, Weijie Zhao, & Ping Li. "LIRA: Learnable, Imperceptible and Robust Backdoor Attacks". *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision 2021* ([ICCV](#))
35. Khoa D Doan, Saurav Manchanda, Suchismit Mahapatra, & Chandan K Reddy. "Interpretable Graph Similarity Computation via Differentiable Optimal Alignment of Node Embeddings". *International ACM SIGIR conference on research and development in Information Retrieval 2021* ([SIGIR](#)).

36. **Khoa D Doan**, Fengjiao Wang, Saurav Manchanda, Sathiya S Keerthi, Avaradeep Bhowmik, & Chandan K Reddy. "Image Generation via Minimizing Fréchet Distance in Discriminator Feature Space. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.11774>.
37. Sarkhan Badirli, Xuanqing Liu, Zhengming Xing, Avradeep Bhowmik, **Khoa D Doan**, & Sathiya S Keerthi. Gradient Boosting Neural Networks: GrowNet. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.07971>.
38. Saurav Manchanda, **Khoa D Doan**, & Sathiya S Keerthi. Regression via Implicit Models and Optimal Transport Cost Minimization. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.01296>.
39. **Khoa D Doan** & Chandan K Reddy. Efficient Implicit Unsupervised Text Hashing using Adversarial Autoencoder. *The Web Conference 2020 (WWW)*.
40. Saurav Manchanda, Pranjul Yadav, **Khoa D Doan**, & Sathiya S Keerthi. Targeted display advertising: the case of preferential attachment. *IEEE International Conference on Big Data 2019 (BigData)*.
41. **Khoa D Doan**, Pranjul Yadav, & Chandan K Reddy. Adversarial Factorization Autoencoder for Look-alike Modeling. *ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management 2019 (CIKM)*.
42. **Khoa D Doan**, Guolei Yang, & Chandan K Reddy. An Attentive Spatio-Temporal Neural Model for Successive Point Of Interest Recommendation. *Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining 2019 (PAKDD)*.
43. **Khoa D Doan**, Amidu Oloso, Kwo-Sen Kuo, Thomas L Clune, Hongfeng Yu, Brian Nelson, & Jian Zhang. Evaluating the impact of data placement to Spark and SciDB with an earth science use case. *IEEE International Conference on Big Data 2016 (BigData)*.
44. **Khoa D Doan**, Amidu Oloso, Kwo-Sen Kuo, & Thomas L Clune (2014, December). Performance comparison of big-data technologies in locating intersections in satellite ground tracks. *In Proceedings of ASE BigData Conference, 2014*.

## TALKS/PRESENTATIONS

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- **Khoa D Doan**. Creating Impact as an ML Scientist in Product-driven Research: The LLM Story. (Talk). [University of South Florida](#). 2025.
- **Khoa D Doan**. Eliciting novel problem-solving ability in LLMs: where are we? (Talk). [National Taiwan University](#). 2025.
- **Khoa D Doan**. Low-resource Machine Learning and Opportunities in LMICs (Talk). [ICLR AI for Science](#). 2025.
- **Khoa D Doan**. Product-driven Research: An example from building women gynecological screening chatbot? (Talk). [AI Global South Summit](#). 2024.
- **Khoa D Doan**. Machine Learning on Machine Learning (Talk). [University of Science, Vietnam National University & Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology](#). 2024.
- **Khoa D Doan**. Retrieval Augmented Generation and LLM on the Edge (Talk). Vietnam Petroleum Institute (Hanoi), Vietnam. 2024.
- **Khoa D Doan** & Heng Ji. Toward Practical Machine Learning Applications: Adversarial Robustness and Drug Discovery (Talk). [University of Science, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, Hanoi University of Science and Technology, & VinAI Research](#). 2024.

- **Khoa D Doan.** Robust Machine Learning and Low-resource NLP (Talk). [University of Malaia](#), Malaysia. 2023.
- **Khoa D Doan.** Toward Practical Machine Learning Applications and Low-resource NLP (Talk). [University of Notre Dame & Lucy Family Institute](#), USA. 2023.
- **Khoa D Doan.** Toward Practical Machine Learning Applications with Generative Models: Data Generation and Beyond (Seminar). [Singapore Management University \(SMU\)](#), Singapore. 2022.
- **Khoa D Doan.** [Information Retrieval with Deep Hashing \(Seminar\)](#). VinAI, Vietnam, 2022.
- **Khoa D Doan.** Generative models meet similarity search (Seminar). [Baidu Cognitive Computing Lab](#), USA, 2020.
- **Khoa D Doan, B. Cave & Chandan K Reddy (Poster).** CrimeLab: A data-driven approach. Virginia Tech Urban Computing Day, 2017.
- H. Avik, G. Takahara & **D. Khoa** (Talk). Social Media Analytics using Bayesian Multistate Intensity Models. 43rd Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada. <https://bit.ly/3extrE>

## REFEREES

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### Referee 1:

Dr. [Chandan Reddy](#)  
 Professor, Computer Science, [Virginia Tech](#)  
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### Referee 2:

Dr. Ping Li  
 CEO and Founder, [VecML Inc.](#)  
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### Referee 3:

Dr. [Nitesh Chawla](#)  
 Frank M. Freimann Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Notre Dame  
 Founding Director, the Lucy Family Institute for Data and Society  
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### Referee 4:

Dr. [Heng Ji](#)  
 Professor, Siebel School of Computing and Data Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
 Founding Director Amazon-Illinois Center on AI for Interactive Conversational Experiences (AICE)  
 Email: [hengji@illinois.edu](mailto:hengji@illinois.edu)

### Referee 5:

Dr. [Thanh Huong \(Helen\) Nguyen](#)  
 Ivan Racheff Professor of Environmental Engineering in CEE, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
 Email: [thn@illinois.edu](mailto:thn@illinois.edu)