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RESEARCH INTEREST

Deep neural networks (e.g., Multimodal LLMs) for vision-language understanding across diverse domains, such as:

- (Multimodal-)LLMs (e.g, table understanding and scene understanding in interactive environments),
- MLLMs' applications (autonomous driving systems, landslide analysis, etc)

EDUCATION

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| 1. Ph.D. in Information Sciences
Tohoku University [♠] — Dean's Award | Oct 2019 - Oct 2022
Supervisor: Prof. Takayuki Okatani |
| 2. Master in Information Sciences
Tohoku University | Oct 2017 - Oct 2019
GPA: 4.0/4.0 |
| 3. Bachelor in Computer Science
Vietnam National University (VNU-UET) — highest GPA | Oct 2012 - Oct 2017
GPA: 3.9/4.0 |
| 4. Exchange Student in Fostering ASEAN Future Leaders Program
Daejeon University, South Korea | Sep 2015 - Aug 2016
GPA: 4.4/4.5 |

WORK EXPERIENCES

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| 1. Postdoctoral Researcher
RIKEN Center for Artificial Intelligence Project (RIKEN AIP) at Tohoku University campus | Nov 2022 - Present |
| 2. Machine Learning Research Intern
Preferred Networks Inc. (the largest AI Unicorn in Japan) | Aug 2020 – Oct 2020 |
| 3. Machine Learning Engineer, Part-time
Laboro.AI Inc. (listed in Japan, approx. \$200M valuation) | Mar - Oct 2018 |
| 4. Machine Learning Research Intern
Incubation Center of Fujitsu, Japan | Jul - Aug 2017 |

PUBLICATIONS

My papers have received approximately **800 citations**; see my [Google Scholar profile](#) for details.

1. Kittitouch Areerob, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Xianfeng Li, Shogo Inadomi, Toru Shimada, Hiroyuki Kanasaki, Zhijie Wang, Masanori Suganuma, Keiji Nagatani, Pang-jo Chun, Takayuki Okatani, “Multimodal artificial intelligence approaches using large language models for expert-level landslide image analysis,” Computer-Aided Civil and Infrastructure Engineering **CACIE 2025 (Q1 journal)**.
2. Korawat Charoenpitaks*, **Van-Quang Nguyen***, Masanori Suganuma, Kentaro Arai, Seiji Totsuka, Hiroshi Ino, Takayuki Okatani, “TB-Bench: Training and Testing Multi-Modal AI for Understanding Spatio-Temporal Traffic Behaviors from Dashcam Images/Videos,” , Workshop on Autonomous Driving, **CVPR 2025**.
3. Korawat Charoenpitaks, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Masanori Suganuma, Masahiro Takahashi, Ryoma Niihara, Takayuki Okatani, “Exploring the Potential of Multi-Modal AI for Driving Hazard Prediction,” IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles, **TIV 2024 (Q1 journal)**.
4. **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Masanori Suganuma, Takayuki Okatani, “GRIT: Faster and Better Image captioning Transformer Using Dual Visual Features,” European Conference on Computer Vision, **ECCV 2022**.

⁰♠ Tohoku University has been ranked **No. 1 in Japan** for five consecutive years, according to [THE rankings](#).

5. **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Masanori Suganuma, Takayuki Okatani, “Look Wide and Interpret Twice: Improving Performance on Interactive Instruction-following Tasks,” International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence, **IJCAI 2021**.
6. **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Masanori Suganuma, Takayuki Okatani, “Efficient Attention Mechanism for Visual Dialog that can Handle All the Interactions between Multiple Inputs,” European Conference on Computer Vision, **ECCV 2020**.
7. **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Hiromasa Fujihara, “Revisiting a single-stage method for face detection,” IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face & Gesture Recognition, **FG 2019**.
8. **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Jinhee Chun, Takeshi Tokuyama, “CapsuleNet for micro-expression recognition,” IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face & Gesture Recognition, **FG 2019**.
9. Quang-Thuy Ha, Thi-Ngan Pham, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Minh-Chau Nguyen, Thanh-Huyen Pham, Tri-Thanh Nguyen “A new text semi-supervised multi-label learning model based on using the label-feature relations,” International Conference on Computational Collective Intelligence, **ICCI 2018**.
10. Quang-Thuy Ha, Thi-Ngan Pham, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Thi-Hong Vuong, Minh-Tuoi Tran, Tri-Thanh Nguyen, “A new lifelong topic modeling method and its application to vietnamese text multi-label classification,” Asian Conference on Intelligent Information and Database Systems, **ACIIDS 2018**.
11. Thi-Ngan Pham, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Duc-Trong Dinh, Tri-Thanh Nguyen, Quang-Thuy Ha, “MASS: a semi-supervised multi-label classification algorithm with specific features,” Asian Conference on Intelligent Information and Database Systems, **ACIIDS 2017**.
12. Thi-Ngan Pham, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Van-Hien Tran, Tri-Thanh Nguyen, Quang-Thuy Ha, “A semi-supervised multi-label classification framework with feature reduction and enrichment,” Journal of Information and Telecommunication, **JIT 2017 (Q2 Journal)**.

Submitted and Preprints:

1. Korawat Charoenpitaks, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Takayuki Okatani, “Critical Scenario Prediction Planning and Reasoning,” on submission to IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Vehicles **TIV 2025**.
2. Anh-Cuong Pham, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Thi-Hong Vuong, Quang-Thuy Ha, “KTVIC: A Vietnamese Image Captioning Dataset on the Life Domain,” Arxiv preprint, 2024.
3. Korawat Charoenpitaks, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, Masanori Suganuma, Masahiro Takahashi, Ryoma Niihara, Takayuki Okatani, “Visual Abductive Reasoning Meets Driving Hazard Prediction: Problem Formulation and Dataset,” Arxiv preprint, 2023.
4. Thong Bach, Thuong Nguyen Canh, **Van-Quang Nguyen**, “Leveraging Video Coding Knowledge for Deep Video Enhancement,” Arxiv preprint, 2023.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages and Tools	Python, SQL, C/C++, Latex, Git/Github, Bash/Linux
Recent frameworks	Pytorch, Transformers, Langchain, Tensorflow, Keras, etc

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Mentoring

- Kittitouch Areerob (PhD student 2022-now, Tohoku University)
- Korawat Charoenpitaks (PhD student 2021-2025, Tohoku University → Postdoc @ Tohoku Univ.)
- Pham Anh Cuong (Bachelor student 2023, Vietnam National University → Master student at UAE)
- Dang Anh Chuong (Master student 2022, Tohoku University, → ML engineer Woven Planet, Toyota)

Academic services

- Reviewer for CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, NeuRIPS, IJCV, Advanced Robotics, IEEE Trans. Multimedia.

- Committee member & MC for Honda Y-E-S Forum 2021 ([link](#)) with over 300 participants.

Teaching Experience

- **Guest Lecturer** for Data Science Advanced Seminar course, Tohoku University 2024
- **Teaching Assistant** for Data Science Camp I Course, Tohoku University 2019-2020
- **Teaching Assistant** for Data Science Camp II Course, Tohoku University 2019-2020
- **Teaching Assistant** for Big Data Challenge Course, Tohoku University 2019-2020
- **Teaching Assistant** for Data Science Summer School (VNU-UET) 2016

Presentations and Talks

- “GRIT: Faster and Better Image Captioning Transformers”, speaker at Vietnam National University, and at [Japan-Vietnam AI Forum 2023](#)—Vietnam Institute for Advanced Study in Mathematics
- “Applications of MLLMs for Domain-specific Problems”, speaker at [RIKEN AIP joint workshops](#)—University of Melbourne and University of Sydney, July 2025.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. **Dean’s Award** for Excellent Achievements at Tohoku University 2023
2. **Best Presentation Award** for Ph.D. research at Tohoku University 2022
3. Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT) for Ph.D. Course 2019 - 2022
4. **Winner of Alfred Challenge** organized by teams at AllenAI and Google ECCV 2020
5. Honda Young Engineer Scientist Award Plus Ph.D. Fellowship 2019
6. Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT) for Master Course 2017 - 2019
7. Data Science Summer School Scholarship, Gottingen University 2018
8. Honda Young Engineer Scientist Award for top 10 engineering students in Vietnam 2017
9. Third Prize of National Scientific Student Research Conference 2017
10. Excellent Thesis Award (scored 10/10) 2017
11. First Prize of Scientific Student Research Conference 2017
12. Excellent Student Award (highest GPA among the K57 cohort) 2017
13. AmCham Scholarship, American Chamber and the US Embassy 2017
14. One-year Exchange scholarship Fostering ASEAN Future Leaders Program, Korea 2015-2016
15. Machine Learning Summer School Scholarship, Kyoto University 2015
16. Merit-based University Scholarships, UET-VNU 2013 - 2017
17. Shinnyo-en Scholarships, Japan, in 3 consecutive years 2013 - 2016
18. Hoa Trang Nguyen Award, Vietnam 2012
19. The second highest score in University Entrance Examination 2012
20. First Prize of National Chemistry Olympiad 2012 2012
21. Merit-based New South Wales University Scholarship, Australia 2012
22. Odon Vallet Scholarship for top high-school students, France 2011

REFERENCE

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