

# PERSONAL DETAILS

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# **EDUCATION**

### PhD Computer Science

2019 - 2022

Leibniz University Hannover

Research Topic: "Deep learning for precision medicine"

### MSc. Computer Science

2011-2013

Washington State University

Thesis: "Natural Language Generation from Graphs"

#### BSc. in Computer Science, Honor program

2006-2010

VNU University of Engineering and Technology

## RESEARCH INTEREST

Current: Bio-informatics, Graph Representation Learning, Feature Selection, Multi-task Learning, Data Integration

Past: Natural language processing, Named Entity recognition, Semantic Analysis, Recommendation systems

# WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Research Assistant

2019-Present

Leibniz University Hannover, Full-time

- Working on the PRESENt project<sup>1</sup> which aims at integrating clinical, biological, and big data research to advance our understanding of norovirus gastroenteritis.
- Developed state-of-the-art models for various bioinformatic problem which focus on multiple data sources integration, network analysis, multitask learning, graph representation learning, and feature selection.
- Developed a cochlear implant outcome prediction model from real patient data. The work involved heavy data preprocessing tasks, feature extraction, feature selection, and model development.
- Perform some others data retrieval, data pre-processing tasks and specialized analysis on the results retrieved from wet-lab experiments given by our biologist partners.

### Research Engineer (Machine Learning)

2014-2019

FPT Technology Research Institute, Full-time

- Being one of the [U+FB01] rst ML researchers working on Natural Language Understanding module for FPT. Al $^2$  one of the first and largest comprehensive AI platforms in Vietnam.
- Worked on (i) Recommendation systems for e-commerce websites and online news, (ii) Sentiment classification for electronic retailer, (iii) User segmentation, and (iv) online-news topic modeling

#### Software Developer

2013-2014

Citiqo Joint stock Company., Full-time

Work as a full-stack developer on out-sourcing projects for an Australian customers. Responsible for maintaining the existing systems, developing, testing and deploying new functionality on customers' production servers.

#### Research Assistant

2011-2013

Artificial Intelligence laboratory, WSU

- Develop GNLG a Natural Language Generation (NLG) system for Resource Description Framework (RDF) Graphs.
- Build ontology models for cooking recipes and data from a defense-related project about people in a military- controlled area

#### Research Assistant

2009-2010

Computer Science Department, VNU University of Engineering and Technology

- Research on POS taggers for Vietnamese using Conditional Random Fields and Hidden Markov Models.
- Develop a Vietnamese collocation extractor using different statistical methods

## SKILLS

Languages Vietnamese (mother tongue)

English (fluent)

German (a little bit, enough for my daily life)

Programming languages

Python(since 2018), Java(till 2018), Latex, familiar with some others

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Ngan Dong, Stefanie Mücke, Megha Khosla, "MuCoMiD: A Multitask graph Convolutional Learning Framework for miRNA-Disease Association Prediction", submitted to IEEE/ACM TCBB, 2021.

**Ngan Dong**, Graham Brogden, Gisa Gerold, Megha Khosla, "A multitask transfer learning framework for the prediction of virus-human protein-protein interactions", BMC Bioinformatics, 2021.

Ngan Dong, Megha Khosla, "A Multitask Convolutional Learning Framework for miRNA-Disease Association Prediction", BIOKDD 2021.

**Ngan Dong**, Megha Khosla,, "A multitask transfer learning framework for Novel virus-human protein interactions", ICLR Workshop on AI for Public Health, 2021.

**Ngan Dong**, Megha Khosla, "Towards a consistent evaluation of miRNA-disease association prediction models.", 2020 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM). IEEE, 2020.

**Ngan Dong**, Megha Khosla. "Revisiting Feature Selection with Data Complexity for Biomedicine." 2020 IEEE 20th International Conference on Bioinformatics and Bioengineering (BIBE).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://fpt.ai/

Kim Anh Nguyen, **Ngan Dong**, Cam Tu Nguyen "Attentive Neural Network for Named Entity Recognition in Vietnamese", 2019 IEEE-RIVF International Conference on Computing and Communication Technologies (RIVF). IEEE, 2019.

**Ngan Dong**, Larry Holder, "Natural Language Generation from Graphs", International Journal of Semantic Computing.Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 335-384, 2014

# **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

Teaching assistant for Machine Learning for Graphs course (2021)

Seminar supervisor for Artificial Intelligence course (2021)

Msc. students supervised/co-supervised

**Johanna Schrader** - Thesis title: Application of Graph Structure Learning in Biological Data Analysis (2021)

 ${f Luo~Yi}$  - Thesis title: At the Interface between Biomedical Research and Software engineering (2021)

# **HONOR AND AWARDS**

August 2011 - May 2013: Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) scholarship

July 2010: Scholarship for Digital Signal Processing Academy Summer School

Dec 2009: Outstanding female student in Information Technology

Scholarship from the Ministry of Information and Communication, Vietnam

Oct 2007: VNU University of Engineering and Technology Outstanding student

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.