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## Research Interest

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Speech recognition, spoken language understanding, dysarthric speech processing, parameter-efficient optimizations, explainable neural networks.

## Education

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**PhD KU Leuven**, Engineering Science, ESAT-PSI Sep. 2019 to Present

Promoter: Prof. Dr. Hugo Van hamme

Thesis title: *Parameter efficiency in neural networks for speech recognition and spoken language understanding*

**MS Southeast University**, Engineering Science Sep. 2016 to Jun. 2019

Promoter: Prof. Dr. Ruqiang Yan

Thesis title: *Degradation tracking and fault prediction of mechanical rotating parts based on cross recursive analysis*

**BS Southeast University**, Engineering Science Sep. 2012 to Jun. 2016

Promoter: Prof. Dr. Ruqiang Yan

Thesis title: *Bearing fault diagnosis using cross recurrent quantitative analysis*

## Experience

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**Scientific Researcher** KU Leuven, ESAT, Processing speech and images (PSI) Dec. 2019 to Present

Participant project: “Next level Flemish speech recognition” (NELF, FWO-SBO grant S004923N)

Project summary: Develop automatic speech recognition technology that does not require costly corpora with large amounts of manually transcribed speech. Leverage low-cost, unlabeled, or weakly labeled speech data in self-training and unsupervised training settings. Create compact algorithms that generalize well to diverse Flemish dialects, non-native speakers, and small populations.

## Publications

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**P. Wang**, and H. Van hamme, “Primal-OWSM: fine-tune large speech foundation model with parameter-efficient primal attention for low-resource Dutch speech recognition”, BNAIC/BeNeLearn 2024, submitted.

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**P. Wang**, and H. Van hamme, “Disentangle-transformer: an explainable end-to-end automatic speech recognition model”, BNAIC/BeNeLearn 2024, submitted.

**P. Wang**, and H. Van hamme, “Exploring width-adaptive transformers for automatic speech recognition”, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing, 2024, under review.

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**P. Wang**, and H. Van hamme, “Benefits of pre-trained mono- and cross-lingual speech representations for spoken language understanding of Dutch dysarthric speech”, EURASIP journal on Audio, Speech, and Music Processing, 2023.

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**P. Wang**, and H. Van hamme, “Bottleneck low-rank transformers for low-resource spoken language understanding”, Interspeech 2022.

**P. Wang**, B. BabaAli, and H. Van hamme, “A study into pre-training strategies for spoken language understanding on dysarthric speech”, Interspeech 2021.

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**P. Wang**, and H. Van hamme, “A light transformer for speech-to-intent applications”, IEEE SLT 2021.

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**P. Wang**, and H. Van hamme, “Pre-training for low resource speech-to-intent applications”, arXiv preprint, 2021.

**P. Wang**, B. R. Hou, and R. Q. Yan, “ECG arrhythmias detection using auxiliary classifier generative adversarial network and residual network”, IEEE Access, 2019.

**P. Wang**, H. Wang, and R. Q. Yan, “Bearing degradation evaluation using improved cross recurrence quantification analysis and nonlinear auto-regressive neural network”, IEEE Access, 2019.

S. Y. Shao, **P. Wang**, and R. Q. Yan, “Generative adversarial networks for data augmentation in machine fault diagnosis”, Computer in Industry, 2019.

B. R. Hou, J. Y. Yang, **P. Wang**, and R. Q. Yan, “LSTM-based auto-encoder model for ECG arrhythmias classification”, IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement, 2019.

**P. Wang**, and R. Q. Yan, “Gear damage severity evaluation based on cross recurrence quantification analysis”, IEEE Conference on Sensing, Diagnostics, Prognostics, and Control, 2017.

## Teaching

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### Master’s Thesis Assessor

Fatjon Barçi, “Sound Event Localization and Detection using Machine Learning”

Sep. 2024

### Master’s Thesis Supervisor

Michael Rudolf Thiel, “Exploring the technology behind ChatGPT”

Nov. 2023 to Sep. 2024

### Master’s Thesis Supervisor

Diogo Simões, “Quantitative spoken language understanding”

Nov. 2022 to Jun. 2024

## Miscellaneous

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**Reviewer** for journals: IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems; IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering; Neural Processing Letters; Artificial Intelligence; Scientific Reports; and others.

**Intern** at MAXIEYE Automotive Technology Co., Shanghai, China

Aug. 2018 to Sep. 2018

**Intern** at iFLYTEK Co., Heifei, China

Jul. 2018 to Aug. 2018

## Academic Qualifications and Awards

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<b>Grant</b> FWO (Belgium) long stay abroad	2024
<b>Best Poster Award</b> in Chinese Equipment Monitoring, Diagnosis and Maintenance Academic Conference: work from MS thesis	2020
<b>Outstanding Thesis Award</b> MS	2019
<b>National Scholarship</b> holder	2018
<b>2nd Prize</b> of the International Mathematical Modeling Challenge	2016
<b>Outstanding Thesis Award</b> BS	2016

## Languages

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Mandarin (native), English (proficient), Dutch (Elementary, A1), French (Elementary, A1)