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Education

- 2023.02- now **Postdoc Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**
Research project: Automatic personality assessment based on video interviews
- 2018.07-2022.07 **Ph.D. Candidate, Computer Science, Centrum Wiskunde en Informatica**
Thesis: On Fine-grained Temporal Emotion Recognition in Video: How to Trade off Recognition Accuracy with Annotation Complexity?
- 2015.09-2018.04 **M.S., Control Engineering, NUAU**
Thesis: Obstacle avoidance for mobile robot based on stereo vision
- 2011.09-2015.06 **B.S., Electrical Engineering and Automation, NUAU**
Thesis: Research on autonomous takeoff and landing based on computer vision for a multi-rotor aircraft
- 2013.08-2014.01 **Exchange Student, Lassonde School of Engineering, York University, Canada**

Project

- 2018.07-2022.07 Industrial Ph.D. funded by **Xinhuanet, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica**
Topic: Evaluate the emotional response of users for media content

Internships

- 2018.06-2018.07 **Research Assistant, Xinhuanet, Beijing, China**
Project: Quantifying audience experience using physiological signals
- 2017.07-2017.09 **Research Assistant, AE2, KOSTAL Asia R&D Center, Shanghai, China**
Project: Driver Monitor Camera System for fatigue driving identification

Skills

- **Programming language:** Python, C/C++, Matlab, Embedded C, vb.net
- **Statistical skills:** SPSS, R, Python, Matlab
- **Machine Learning knowledge:** supervised learning, weakly supervised learning, one/few-shot learning, generative models and autoencoders on time serial data
- **Machine Learning framework:** TensorFlow/Keras, Pytorch, Scikit-learn
- **Other skills:** embedded systems (Arduino-based), mobile app development (Android studio), desktop app development (QT)

First-author publications

1. **Zhang T**, El Ali A, Wang C, Hanjalic A, Cesar P., Weakly-supervised Learning for Fine-grained Emotion Recognition using Physiological Signals, *IEEE Transaction on Affective Computing* 2022.
2. **Zhang T**, El Ali A, Wang C, Hanjalic A, Cesar P. Few-shot Learning for Fine-grained Emotion Recognition using Physiological Signals, *IEEE Transaction on Multimedia* 2022.
3. **Zhang T**, El Ali A, Wang C, Hanjalic A, Cesar P. RCEA: Real-time, Continuous Emotion

Annotation for Collecting Precise Mobile Video Ground Truth Labels. In Proceedings of the *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* **2020** Apr 21 (pp. 1-15).

4. **Zhang T**, El Ali A, Wang C, Hanjalic A, Cesar P. Corrnet: Fine-grained emotion recognition for video watching using wearable physiological sensors. *Sensors*. **2021** Jan;21(1):52.
5. **Zhang T**, El Ali A, Wang C, Zhu X, Cesar P. CorrFeat: Correlation-based Feature Extraction Algorithm using Skin Conductance and Pupil Diameter for Emotion Recognition. In Proceedings of the *International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI)* **2019** Oct 14.
6. **Zhang T**. Multi-modal Fusion Methods for Robust Emotion Recognition using Body-worn Physiological Sensors in Mobile Environments. In Proceedings of the *International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI)* **2019** Oct 14 (pp. 463-467).
7. **Zhang T**, Le Meur BO. How old do you look? Inferring Your Age from your Gaze. In 2018 25th *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)* **2018** Oct 7.

Co-authored publications

1. Xue T, El Ali A, **Zhang T**, Ding G, Cesar P. RCEA-360VR: Real-time, Continuous Emotion Annotation in 360 VR Videos for Collecting Precise Viewport-dependent Ground Truth Labels. In Proceedings of the 2021 *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* **2021** May 6 .
2. Furdui A, **Zhang T**, Worrying M, Cesar P, El Ali A. AC-WGAN-GP: Augmenting ECG and GSR Signals using Conditional Generative Models for Arousal Classification. In Proceedings of the *UbiComp* **2021** Sep 21 (pp. 21-22).
3. Xue T, El Ali A, **Zhang T**, Ding G, Cesar P. CEAP-360VR: A Continuous Physiological and Behavioral Emotion Annotation Dataset for 360 VR Videos. *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*. **2021** Nov 13.
4. Chen, H., Jiang, B., **Zhang, T.**, and Lu, N. Data-driven and Deep Learning-based Detection and Dagnosis of Incipient Faults with Application to Electrical Traction Systems. *Neurocomputing*, **2020**, 396, 429-437.
5. Xie, J, Chen, X, **Zhang,T**, Zhang, Y, Lu, S,Cesar,P, and Yang, Y; Multimodal-based and Aesthetic-guided Narrative Video Summarization, *IEEE Transaction on Multimedia* **2022**.

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Full publication list at: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?&user=k-ogUq0AAAAJ>

Master's thesis co-supervision

1. Mihir Kapadia, *Few-Shot Emotion Recognition using intelligent voice assistants and wearables*, TU Delft, the Netherlands, 2022
2. Andrei Furdui, *Intelligent Data Augmentation for Physiological Signals using Conditional Generative Attention Models*, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2020

Patents

- [1] China Patent for invention (**Second inventor**): A method for emotion recognition during film-watching based on skin conductance and pupil diameter, CN201910926880.8
- [2] China Patent for invention (**Second inventor**): Real-time, Continuous Emotion Annotation for Collecting Precise Mobile Video Ground Truth Labels, CN202010055463.3
- [3] China Patent for invention (**First inventor**): Obstacle avoidance method and system for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle based on stereo vision and optical flow, CN201611069481.7
- [4] China Patent for invention (**First inventor**): A vision-based obstacle detection algorithm for

automatic driving, CN201710043586.3.

Awards

1. China National Scholarship (**Top 1%**)
2. National (China) Graduate Student Mathematical Contest in Modeling (**2nd Prize**)
3. National (USA) Model United Nations Conference (**Outstanding Delegation**)