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## Experience

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- 2023.02- now      **Postdoc Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**  
Research project: Automatic personality assessment based on video interviews
- 2022.07-2023.02      **Guest Researcher, Centrum Wiskunde en Informatica (CWI)**  
Research topic: Group Synchrony for Emotion Recognition using Physiological Signals
- 2018.07-2022.07      **Ph.D. Candidate, Multimedia Computing Group, TU Delft**  
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

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

## Internships

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- 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

## First-author and corresponding-author publications

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1. S Ghassemi\*, T Zhang\*, W Breda, Antonis Koutsoumpis, J Oostrom, D Holtrop, R. E. de Vries, Unsupervised Multimodal Learning for Dependency-Free Personality Recognition, *IEEE Transaction on Affective Computing* 2023.  
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2. P Bota, T Zhang, A El Ali, A Fred, HP da Silva, P Cesar, Group Synchrony for Emotion Recognition using Physiological Signals, *IEEE Transaction on Affective Computing* 2023.  
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3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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).
6. **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.
  7. **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.
  8. **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).
  9. **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.
  10. **Zhang T**, Antonis K , Janneke K. O , Djurre.H, Sina.H, Reinout E. de Vriese. Can Large Language Models Assess Personality from Asynchronous Video Interviews? A Comprehensive Evaluation of Validity, Reliability, Fairness, and Rating Patterns, *IEEE Transaction on Affective Computing* .(under review)

### **Co-authored publications**

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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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### **Master's thesis co-supervision**

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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