

From Bias to Balance

TANGO's Open-Source Hybrid-Intelligence Platform

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TANGO

“It takes two to tango”

Keeping Humans in the Loop with Open Source AI
through a modular Python stack to build a transparent,
fair and collaborative human-machine decision making

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Call A HUMAN-CENTRED AND ETHICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES

Who's in charge?

In critical domains—healthcare, finance, policy—AI offers incredible power.

But when an algorithm recommends a life-or-death decision, who is truly accountable?

- How do we trust the machine's recommendation?
- How do we ensure it's fair and unbiased?
- How do we intervene when our expertise tells us something is wrong?



TANGO: “Both are in charge. By design.”

- **What it is:** TANGO is an EU-funded research project to build a platform for shared human-machine decision authority.
- **The Team:** Developed by a consortium of 21 participants.
- **The Philosophy:** We believe transparency, fairness and human feedback are not features, but the fundamental core of trustworthy AI.
- **The License:** Everything we build is Apache 2.0. We are open by default.



The Three Pillars of Trustworthy AI

Fairness & Ethics Core

Auditable bias-detection and mitigation pipelines. It logs every rule check for full transparency.

Explain-for-Whom Layer

Context-aware explanations. Generate different explanations for different audiences: an expert clinician, a citizen or a regulator.

Hybrid-Learning API

A REST interface that injects human feedback directly into the loop to enhance models, live in production.



The Three Pillars of the TANGO Ecosystem

TANGO Library

Collection of algorithms and methods on synergistic human-machine learning and hybrid decision making, released as open source for researchers and innovators.

TANGO Platform

Hosts ML and decision support models, managed by a microservice architecture and integrating external MLOps platforms providing computational resources.

TANGO API

Multi-purpose REST API to manage authorization and expose platform's features, supporting users and the case studies.



Built with Open Source, for Open Source



- Core Language: **Python**
clean, versatile and widely used in data science
- API Layer: **Django REST Framework**
modern, high-performance REST APIs with validation and authentication
- Inter-Service Communication: **gRPC**
fast, type-safe communication between distributed components
- Persistence: **PostgreSQL**
reliable, feature-rich relational database for structured data storage
- Workflow Orchestration: **Apache Airflow**
robust scheduling and management of complex data pipelines
- Containerization: **Docker & Docker Compose**
consistent, reproducible deployments across environments
- MLOps: **Pluggable architecture**
currently supporting Databricks and MLFlow
- Community & CI/CD: **GitLab**
collaborative development and built-in CI

From Theory to Production

TANGO is already powering pilots in high-impact domains

- **Maternal-Care Triage (Healthcare)**
Cutting diagnostic delays for high-risk pregnancies
- **Pre-operative Guidance (Healthcare)**
Assisting surgeons during aortic aneurysm treatments
- **Credit Allocation (Finance)**
Flagging/mitigating discriminatory lending practices
- **Scenario Building (Policy)**
Helping policymakers understand the impact of their decisions



Thrombus and aneurysm detection

- AI model for rapid, automated segmentation of the aorta from CT scans.
- The model robustly identifies the true aortic wall, even in the presence of thrombus (blood clots) or aneurysms.
- This precise segmentation provides surgeons with critical measurements for accurate pre-operative planning and device sizing.
- This model represents the first step in a larger pipeline where AI and surgeons interact to enhance AI predictions and surgical actions





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Let's demo

Let's query a Trustworthy AI

Demo: Interact with TANGO API

- Live calls to the **TANGO REST API**  
- Model: example wine classifier
the same flow applies to any model hosted on the platform
- Prediction: the TANGO-hosted model predicts wine classes on input dataset
- Explanation: a XAI tool explains the prediction, identifying the most important features



TANGO is Yours to Fork, Probe and Improve

- Get the Code: All modules, Docker images and utilities are on GitLab
<https://gitlab.com/groups/tango-ecosystem>
- Read the Docs: Step-by-step guides to get you started
<http://docs.tango.u-hopper.com>
- Apache 2.0 License
Use it in your commercial or personal projects

Thank You & Q&A

- **Our Goal:** TANGO builds trust by design, not as an afterthought.
- **Hybrid-Intelligence:** We believe the future is collaborative, keeping humans in the loop.
- **Open by Default:** Everything you saw is open-source. We invite you to build with us.



Get in Touch: To learn more or collaborate, email us at tango@afliant.com



Thank You

Any questions ?

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