

XLAVS-R: Cross-Lingual Audio-Visual Speech Representation From Efficient Modality Injection

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Abstract

In this paper, we present an efficient multilingual noise-robust speech representation built in an efficient approach. We create XLAVS-R from XLS-R. We improve noise-robustness of Whisper model, a state-of-the-art model for speech recognition and speech-to-text translation 100 languages. On the MuAViC benchmark, it outperforms previous English-only pre-trained model by XXX%. After adaptation, the out-of-domain performance is kept on the FLEURS benchmark. We open source this model at XXX.

1 Introduction

AV-HuBERT (Shi et al., 2021, 2022).

AVFormer (Seo et al., 2023). (60K-hour English-only BEST-RQ, fine-tuned on LibriSpeech.)

MuAViC (Anwar et al., 2023). (LRS3 and VoxCeleb2-English pre-training.)

XLS-R (Babu et al., 2022).

Multilingual audio-visual speech pre-training. Leverage audio-only data efficiently via audio-only models.

Challenges:

- audio-visual speech data scarcity
- Computational cost. Prevents scaling.

Differene to AVFormer: finer-grained information that global semantic info.

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2 Related Work

Audio-only speech representation learning. wav2vec and wav2vec 2 (Baevski et al., 2020). HuBERT. XLSR-53 (Conneau et al., 2021). XLS-R (Babu et al., 2022). MMS (Pratap et al., 2023).

Multimodal speech representation learning. AV-HuBERT (Shi et al., 2021). u-HuBERT (Hsu and Shi, 2022). VATLM (Zhu et al., 2023). AV-data2vec (Lian et al., 2023). AV2vec (Zhang et al., 2023).

Less related: VATT (Akbari et al., 2021). TriBERT (Rahman et al., 2021). CAV-MAE (Gong et al., 2022). XDC (Alwassel et al., 2020).

Visual modality injection into audio-only speech models. AVFormer (Seo et al., 2023) for visual grounding setting, which focused on the downstream task instead of pre-training. MixSpeech (Cheng et al., 2023) uses supervised speech-to-text translation tasks.

Audio-visual cross-modal speech alignment. Lip2Vec (Djilali et al., 2023). ADC-SSL (Sheng et al., 2021).

3 Methods

3.1 Audio-Only Speech Representation

Base model given the amount of data and the amount of information in audio-only speech.

Encoder-only model where there is an local feature extractor and a Transformer-based/Conformer-based trunk for contextualized representations.

Feature extractor can either be filterbank with lightweight downsampling module or convolutional feature extractor.

Unsupervised approach: wav2vec 2.0.

Supervised approach.

3.2 Visual-to-Audio Feature Alignment

Aligning visual feature space to audio feature space.

3.3 Noise-Reduced Audio Feature Learning

XLS-R features to replace MFCC features for unit extraction.

3.4 Visual Modality Injection Into Audio-Only Speech Representations

XLS-R model weights for pre-training.
2nd stage pre-training.
2-stage supervised fine-tuning.

4 Data

5 Experiments

We evaluate models on the following tasks: Audio-Visual Speech Recognition (AVSR), Audio-Visual Speech-to-Text Translation (AVS2TT), Audio-Visual Emotion Recognition (AVER).

5.1 Experimental Setup

AV-HuBERT Large. Unit targets from XLS-R.

Data: LRS3 (Afouras et al., 2018), Vox-Celeb2 (Chung et al., 2018), MuAViC (Anwar et al., 2023), AVSpeech (Ephrat et al., 2018). Totaling **XXX** hours for **XX** languages.

Evaluation: FLEURS (Conneau et al., 2023), MuAViC, CMLR (Zhao et al., 2019), CREMAD-D (Cao et al., 2014)

Adaptor location.

Modality dropout to encourage picking up visual info.

We show advantages in the noisy setting. VSR WER as a metric for the degree of visual injection.

5.2 Audio-Visual Speech Self-Supervised Learning

Results on speech recognition.

Results on speech-to-text translation.

Results on language identification.

Results on emotion recognition.

5.3 Cross-Lingual Transfer

5.4 Visual Modality Injection Into Speech-to-Text Models

6 Conclusion

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Model	Mode	FLEURS-9				MuAViC							
		Avg	En	Ar	De	El	Es	Fr	It	Pt	Ru	Avg	
Clean environment, Test WER ↓													
mAV-HuBERT	A	39.2	5.3	85.1	48.2	45.1	17.1	19.5	21.0	22.4	44.4	34.2	
	V	-	59.4	122.7	98.3	97.4	91.2	96.2	90.0	93.9	98.9	94.2	
Modality Dropout=0.0 (800K upd)	AV	-	2.4	84.4	46.1	43.9	16.3	19.4	20.6	21.3	42.4	33.0	
mAV-HuBERT	A	39.8	3.9	85.4	48.3	45.7	17.9	19.9	21.4	22.6	44.0	34.3	
	V	-	56.9	107.2	98.5	126.4	87.7	91.5	86.6	88.3	98.1	93.5	
Modality Dropout=0.5 (64k bsz, 800K upd)	AV	-	2.4	84.3	47.0	44.7	16.8	19.4	20.7	21.6	42.6	33.3	
mAV-HuBERT	A	39.3	4.7	84.5	49.1	45.1	17.3	20.5	21.5	22.4	43.0	34.2	
	V	-	57.6	107.8	104.6	97.0	87.3	93.1	86.4	89.1	98.1	91.2	
+AVS, MD=0.5, (64k bsz, 800K upd)	AV	-	2.6	83.8	47.5	44.2	16.5	20.0	21.0	21.6	41.8	33.2	
XLAVS-R	A	37.8	7.9	86.1	45.7	42.6	16.2	18.5	19.3	21.2	41.3	33.2	
Modality Dropout=0.0	V	-	74.4	112.3	99.9	97.4	96.0	97.7	95.1	95.3	99.7	96.4	
DN XLS-R, w/ adpt (400K+400K)	AV	-	2.5	84.9	43.6	41.7	15.4	18.1	18.7	20.3	40.0	31.7	
Whisper V2 Large [†]	A	xx.x	3.1	91.5	24.8	25.4	12.0	12.7	13.0	15.5	31.1	25.5	
V-injected Whisper V2 Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
	V	-	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
	AV	-	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
XLS-R CTC	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
V-injected XLS-R CTC	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
	AV	-	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
Noisy environment, Test WER ↓													
mAV-HuBERT	A	90.3	80.5	105.4	83.9	83.7	63.6	56.7	68.9	70.8	73.9	76.4	
Modality Dropout=0.0 (800K upd)	AV	-	8.6	98.0	65.1	65.7	39.2	38.9	44.0	44.3	63.0	51.9	
mAV-HuBERT	A	90.0	73.7	104.8	82.6	82.6	63.1	57.6	68.4	70.5	74.2	75.3	
MD=0.5 (64k bsz, 800K upd)	AV	-	8.2	98.3	66.6	67.2	40.3	40.1	45.7	45.3	63.8	52.8	
mAV-HuBERT	A	88.1	73.2	103.7	83.0	81.3	61.3	57.2	67.5	68.5	70.9	74.1	
+AVS, MD=0.5 (64k bsz, 800K upd)	AV	-	8.5	97.9	67.3	66.5	39.9	40.7	45.7	44.9	61.9	52.6	
V-injected DN XLS-R	A	91.0	86.2	105.7	83.1	82.0	63.2	56.5	68.0	70.8	73.8	76.6	
w/ adpt 4200K+400K), MD=0.0	AV	-	9.1	99.0	66.1	65.5	40.3	39.7	44.7	45.3	62.6	52.5	
Whisper V2 Large [†]	A	xx.x	202.4	197.9	244.4	113.3	116.3	172.3	172.4	223.6	126.2	174.3	
V-injected Whisper V2 Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
	AV	-	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
XLS-R CTC	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
V-injected XLS-R CTC	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	
	AV	-	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	

Table 1: Results for multilingual speech recognition (A: audio, AV: audio+video). [†]Radford et al. (2022).

Table 2: Results for X-En speech-to-text translation (SNR=0. A: audio, AV: audio+video).

Model	Mode	MuAViC						Avg
		El	Es	Fr	It	Pt	Ru	
Clean environment, Test BLEU ↑								
Whisper V2 Large (Radford et al., 2022)	A	24.2	28.9	34.5	29.2	32.6	16.1	29.9
AV-HuBERT (Shi et al., 2022) [MA: It should be mAV-HuBERT & cite MuAViC]	A	9.3	21.0	26.3	21.2	24.3	9.3	18.6
	AV	7.6	20.5	25.2	20.0	24.0	8.1	17.6
mAV-HuBERT from XLS-R w/ adpt (400K+100K upd, 24K bsz)	A	12.8	20.2	25.7	21.0	24.6	9.0	18.9
	AV	12.8	20.5	25.8	21.1	24.7	9.3	19.0
Noisy environment, Test BLEU ↑								
Whisper V2 Large (Radford et al., 2022)	A	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
AV-HuBERT (Shi et al., 2022) [MA: mAV-HuBERT & cite MuAViC]	A	2.9	8.4	12.4	8.1	8.6	0.9	6.9
	AV	4.2	12.8	15.0	12.5	14.8	4.6	10.7

Table 3: Ablation of adaptation approaches on speech recognition. (A: audio, AV: audio+video)

mAV-HuBERT (with 32K total batch size)	Mode	Source/Target									Avg
		En	Ar	De	El	Es	Fr	It	Pt	Ru	
Clean environment, Test WER ↓											
English-only, From scratch, MD=0.5 (600K upd)	A	3.2	88.1	53.6	46.7	18.0	20.4	21.2	22.5	44.8	35.4
	AV	1.8	87.8	51.6	45.7	17.1	19.8	20.8	21.7	42.8	34.4
From scratch, MD=0.5 (400K upd)	A	3.9	86.3	50.2	46.4	18.5	21.6	23.0	24.4	45.6	35.5
	AV	2.7	85.5	48.6	45.1	17.6	21.0	22.0	23.2	43.7	34.4
From XLS-R, MD=0.5 (400K upd)	A	4.9	86.6	51.2	46.7	18.5	21.4	23.4	24.3	45.5	35.8
	AV	2.7	85.3	49.4	45.7	17.6	21.1	22.3	23.4	44.0	34.6
From XLS-R w/ adaptor(400K+400K frz+unfrz upd), MD=0	A	4.5	86.8	47.0	42.7	16.6	18.9	19.9	21.5	41.9	33.3
	AV	2.7	84.8	44.2	41.3	15.5	18.1	19.1	20.3	40.0	31.8
From DN (40k) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400K upd), MD=0	A	7.9	86.1	45.7	42.6	16.2	18.5	19.3	21.2	41.3	33.2
	AV	2.5	84.9	43.6	41.7	15.4	18.1	18.7	20.3	40.0	31.7
From DN (40k upd,2k unit) XLS-R w/ adpt (400K+400K upd), MD=0	A	4.2	85.7	45.2	42.7	16.4	18.2	19.7	21.1	40.8	32.7
	AV	2.4	84.8	43.3	41.4	15.4	17.8	18.9	20.2	39.6	31.5
From DN (40k upd,2k) XLS-R w/ adpt (400K+400K upd), + AVS, MD=0	A	5.2	85.2	45.4	42.5	15.9	18.8	19.4	20.9	40.0	32.6
	AV	2.6	84.1	44.0	41.7	15.4	18.4	18.9	20.2	38.8	31.6
Noisy environment, Test WER ↓											
English-only, From scratch, MD=0.5 (600K upd)	A	63.9	105.9	87.7	84.4	65.1	59.5	70.5	72.1	75.8	76.1
	AV	6.4	100.4	73.0	68.9	41.7	42.1	47.4	46.5	65.6	54.7
From scratch, MD=0.5 (400K upd)	A	76.3	104.6	84.8	83.0	65.2	59.9	70.1	71.6	75.1	76.7
	AV	9.3	98.4	68.4	67.7	41.8	42.2	47.8	46.5	65.2	54.2
From XLS-R, MD=0.5 (400K upd)	A	77.9	105.8	85.8	83.9	65.8	60.1	70.7	73.4	77.1	77.8
	AV	9.0	99.5	69.7	68.2	41.5	42.0	48.2	47.5	66.3	54.6
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400K frz+unfrz upd), MD=0	A	90.4	111.5	89.9	85.2	67.9	59.2	70.3	73.7	76.5	80.5
	AV	9.3	100.7	67.8	65.0	40.8	40.4	45.5	45.1	63.1	53.1
From DN (40k) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400K upd), MD=0	A	86.2	105.7	83.1	82.0	63.2	56.5	68.0	70.8	73.8	76.6
	AV	9.1	99.0	66.1	65.5	40.3	39.7	44.7	45.3	62.6	52.5
From DN (40k upd,2k unit) XLS-R w/ adpt (400K+400K upd), MD=0	A	80.3	108.0	81.2	81.3	62.5	55.3	68.1	69.0	72.4	75.4
	AV	9.2	100.8	66.3	65.3	40.2	39.8	44.7	44.7	62.6	52.6
From DN (40k upd,2k) XLS-R w/ adpt (400K+400K upd), + AVS, MD=0	A	89.2	109.0	87.0	84.7	68.6	60.9	70.8	75.7	75.3	80.1
	AV	9.8	99.8	68.6	66.5	41.4	41.9	45.3	45.6	61.6	53.4

Table 4: (Deprecated, **ToBeUpdated**)Abalation of AVSpeech data on speech recognition. (A: audio, AV: audio+video)

mAV-HuBERT (with 32K total batch size)	Mode	Source/Target									Avg
		En	Ar	De	El	Es	Fr	It	Pt	Ru	
Clean environment, Test WER ↓											
From scratch (400K upd)	A	4.1	70.2	49.9	47.4	21.2	24.3	26.0	27.2	46.5	35.2
	AV	3.7	70.0	48.2	46.1	20.2	23.6	25.2	26.0	45.3	34.2
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd)	A	3.8	69.2	48.3	41.9	17.5	20.0	19.9	20.2	41.8	31.4
	AV	3.3	69.0	47.3	41.1	16.8	19.7	19.6	19.2	41.4	30.9
From denoising (avs) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd)	A	3.2	64.9	42.7	38.8	15.3	18.3	17.9	18.1	37.9	28.6
	AV	3.2	64.3	41.5	38.2	14.8	18.0	17.5	17.6	37.2	28.0
From denoising (avs) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400k frz,unfrz upd)	A	3.1	67.8	43.5	42.4	17.0	19.5	19.7	20.8	39.4	30.6
	AV	3.0	67.3	42.2	41.6	16.1	19.1	19.4	20.0	38.6	29.7
From denoising (avs) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd) (avs)	A										
	AV										
Noisy environment, Test WER ↓											
From scratch (400K upd)	A	52.6	96.3	82.5	83.3	70.4	63.8	73.1	75.3	75.7	74.8
	AV	13.8	85.7	69.5	70.0	51.1	49.5	56.1	54.0	67.8	57.5
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd)	A	50.3	93.1	83.0	81.3	69.0	60.4	69.8	71.9	71.4	72.2
	AV	14.4	84.7	72.4	70.4	52.7	48.1	56.4	52.7	65.7	57.5
From denoising (avs) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd)	A	45.4	89.6	76.7	78.2	64.3	56.6	66.7	67.9	67.0	68.0
	AV	12.0	81.5	66.0	65.6	45.9	44.0	51.3	47.6	60.8	52.7
From denoising (avs) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400k frz,unfrz upd)	A	43.4	89.1	78.5	77.7	62.9	55.1	65.5	66.7	67.9	67.4
	AV	10.1	80.7	64.8	65.6	43.9	43.2	48.7	46.3	60.0	51.5
From denoising (avs) XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd) (avs)	A										
	AV										

Table 5: (Deprecated) Abalation of batch size on speech recognition. (A: audio, AV: audio+video)

mAV-HuBERT	Mode	Source/Target									Avg
		En	Ar	De	El	Es	Fr	It	Pt	Ru	
Clean environment, Test WER ↓											
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd, 32K bsz)	A	3.9	68.9	48.5	40.9	16.8	19.7	19.7	20.1	41.4	31.1
	AV	3.6	68.5	47.0	39.9	16.3	19.2	19.5	19.4	40.9	30.5
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400K frz+unfrz upd, 32K bsz)	A	3.0	67.2	43.7	38.9	15.2	17.9	18.0	18.4	39.1	29.0
	AV	2.5	66.6	42.3	38.0	14.3	17.8	17.8	17.6	38.1	28.3
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd, 64K bsz)	A	3.6	69.9	48.5	41.2	16.8	19.9	20.2	19.9	41.7	31.3
	AV	3.1	68.7	46.9	40.3	16.2	19.5	19.5	19.4	41.2	30.5
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (600K frz upd, 64K bsz)	A	4.0	68.8	48.6	41.3	17.0	20.0	20.1	20.4	41.6	31.3
	AV	3.8	68.7	47.0	40.4	16.2	20.1	19.7	19.2	41.1	30.7
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400K frz+unfrz upd, 64K bsz)	A	3.3	66.3	44.0	38.7	15.2	17.7	18.1	17.9	39.3	29.0
	AV	3.1	65.5	42.3	37.8	14.2	17.4	17.6	17.0	38.3	28.1
Noisy environment, Test WER ↓											
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd)	A	46.8	92.5	83.7	82.0	69.1	60.7	70.6	70.5	71.1	71.9
	AV	14.2	84.5	73.1	69.3	51.5	48.3	55.5	51.5	65.3	57.0
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400K frz+unfrz, 32K bsz)	A	49.0	91.2	78.2	78.3	64.7	57.0	67.0	68.4	69.1	69.2
	AV	11.2	81.7	66.7	64.4	44.0	43.0	49.1	46.0	61.6	52.0
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K frz upd, 64K bsz)	A	50.5	99.0	83.1	80.4	68.7	60.2	71.3	69.9	70.1	72.6
	AV	13.9	89.0	73.1	69.3	50.6	47.9	56.8	51.3	65.6	57.5
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (600K frz upd, 64K bsz)	A	50.5	91.8	82.1	80.0	67.3	60.2	69.8	70.0	70.6	71.4
	AV	14.2	83.6	72.9	69.1	50.8	48.6	55.7	51.7	65.1	56.9
From XLS-R w/ adaptor (400K+400K frz+unfrz, 64K bsz)	A	45.2	90.8	78.4	78.4	64.2	56.9	66.1	67.2	68.2	68.4
	AV	10.5	81.9	65.8	63.6	44.2	42.5	48.5	45.6	61.6	51.6

Model	Mode	ASR			AVSR	
		FLEURS-82	MLS	VP	MuAViC	CMLR
Clean environment, Test WER ↓						
Whisper V2 Large [†]	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	25.5	xx.x
V-injected Whisper V2 Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x
	V	-	-	-	xx.x	xx.x
	AV	-	-	-	xx.x	xx.x
SeamlessM4T Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x
V-injected SeamlessM4T Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x
	AV	-	-	-	xx.x	xx.x
Noisy environment, Test WER ↓						
Whisper V2 Large [†]	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	174.3	xx.x
V-injected Whisper V2 Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x
	AV	-	-	-	xx.x	xx.x
SeamlessM4T Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x
V-injected SeamlessM4T Large	A	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x
	AV	-	-	-	xx.x	xx.x

Table 6: Results for out-of-domain multilingual speech recognition (A: audio, AV: audio+video). [†]Radford et al. (2022).