YUCHEN HU

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EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University 08/2021 - 10/2025 Ph.D. in Computer Science. Supervisor: Eng Siong Chng. Singapore09/2016 - 06/2020

University of Science and Technology of China

B.Eng. in Automation. GPA: 3.76/4.3 (Rank: Top 5%). [Transcript]

Hefei, China

RESEARCH & INTERNSHIPS

Nanyang Technological University

08/2021 - Present

Research Assistant, Supervisor: Eng Siong Chng

• Large Language Models (LLMs)

- Generative Seg2seg Learning: We propose a generative error correction (GER) framework that uses LLM to generate the ground-truth transcription from N-best hypotheses in seq2seq tasks (e.g., ASR, AST, MT). [5] [4] [3] [2]
- Text-to-Speech Synthesis with Human Feedback: We introduce RLHF techniques into TTS models to improve the subjective quality of synthesized speech.

• Speech Processing

- Speech Recognition: We propose STAR, a source-free unsupervised domain adaptation approach, which can adapt speech foundation models (e.g., Whisper) to specific target domains using less than one-hour data. [1]
- Robustness in Speech Recognition: We propose several noise-robust ASR approaches under adverse conditions, including front-end enhancement, feature quantization, GER denoising, etc. [14] [13] [12] [9] [4]
- Speech Enhancement and Separation: We propose a speech enhancement (SE) approach using classifier-guided diffusion model, and we explore improving noise-robustness of speech separation with SE front-end. [10] [11]

Multimodal

- Audio-visual Representation Learning: We propose several audio-visual speech recognition approaches. [6] [7] [8]

iFLYTEK AI Research & USTC NEL-SLIP

05/2020 - 07/2021

Research Intern, Supervisor: Lirong Dai

- Simultaneous Speech Translation: Develop a cross-attention augmented transducer (CAAT) system with USTC-NELSLIP team and achieve the 1-st Place at IWSLT 2021 Evaluation Campaign. [15]
- Streaming Speech Recognition: Improve decoding efficiency of Hybrid Autoregressive Transducer by pruning.

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

- [1] Y. Hu, C. Chen, C. H. H. Yang, C. Qin, P. Y. Chen, E. S. Chng, C. Zhang, "Self-Taught Recognizer: Toward Unsupervised Adaptation for Speech Foundation Models", Under Review.
- [2] Y. Hu, C. Chen, C. H. H. Yang, R. Li, D. Zhang, Z. Chen, E. S. Chng, "GenTranslate: Large Language Models are Generative Multilingual Speech and Machine Translators", ACL 2024. [Paper] [Code] [Data]
- [3] Y. Hu, C. Chen, C. Qin, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, R. Li, "Listen Again and Choose the Right Answer: A New Paradigm for Automatic Speech Recognition with Large Language Models", ACL 2024. [Paper]
- [4] Y. Hu, C. Chen, C. H. H. Yang, R. Li, C. Zhang, P. Y. Chen, E. S. Chng, "Large Language Models are Efficient Learners of Noise-Robust Speech Recognition", ICLR 2024 (Spotlight, Top 5%). [Paper] [Code] [Data]
- [5] C. Chen*, Y. Hu*, C. H. H. Yang, S. M. Siniscalchi, P. Y. Chen, E. S. Chng, "HyPoradise: An Open Baseline for Generative Speech Recognition with Large Language Models", NeurIPS 2023. [Paper] [Code] [Data]

- [6] Y. Hu, R. Li, C. Chen, C. Qin, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, "Hearing Lips in Noise: Universal Viseme-Phoneme Mapping and Transfer for Robust Audio-Visual Speech Recognition", ACL 2023 (Oral). [Paper] [Code]
- [7] Y. Hu, C. Chen, R. Li, H. Zou, E. S. Chng, "MIR-GAN: Refining Frame-Level Modality-Invariant Representations with Adversarial Network for Audio-Visual Speech Recognition", ACL 2023 (Oral). [Paper] [Code]
- [8] Y. Hu, R. Li, C. Chen, H. Zou, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, "Cross-Modal Global Interaction and Local Alignment for Audio-Visual Speech Recognition", IJCAI 2023. [Paper] [Code]
- [9] Y. Hu, C. Chen, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, "Wav2code: Restore Clean Speech Representations via Codebook Lookup for Noise-Robust ASR", IEEE/ACM TASLP, 2023. [Paper]
- [10] Y. Hu, C. Chen, R. Li, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, "Noise-aware Speech Enhancement using Diffusion Probabilistic Model", Under Review. [Paper] [Code]
- [11] Y. Hu, C. Chen, H. Zou, X. Zhong, E. S. Chng, "Unifying Speech Enhancement and Separation with Gradient Modulation for End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Separation", ICASSP 2023. [Paper] [Code]
- [12] Y. Hu, C. Chen, R. Li, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, "Gradient Remedy for Multi-Task Learning in End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Recognition", ICASSP 2023. [Paper] [Code]
- [13] Y. Hu, N. Hou, C. Chen, E. S. Chng, "Dual-Path Style Learning for End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Recognition", InterSpeech 2023. [Paper] [Code]
- [14] Y. Hu, N. Hou, C. Chen, E. S. Chng, "Interactive Feature Fusion for End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Recognition", ICASSP 2022. [Paper] [Code]
- [15] D. Liu, M. Du, X. Li, Y. Hu, L. Dai, "The USTC-NELSLIP Systems for Simultaneous Speech Translation Task at IWSLT 2021", IWSLT 2021. [Paper]

SERVICES

Reviewer ACL (23-24), ARR (23-24), EMNLP (23), AAAI (24), ICASSP (22,24), InterSpeech (22-24)

Volunteer EMNLP (23), ICASSP (22)

SKILLS

Programming Languages Python, C, Matlab

Deep Learning PyTorch, HuggingFace, Fairseq, ESPnet, SpeechBrain, lit-gpt

English Levels TOEFL (104, R30/L28/S22/W24), GRE (329+4.0), CET-6 (619), CET-4 (620)

HONORS & AWARDS

• ACL 2023 Area Chair Award	07/2023
• Winner of IWSLT 2021 Evaluation Campaign	08/2021
• USTC Excellent Graduate (Top 10%)	06/2020
- Scholarship of SIMIT, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Top $5\%)$	10/2018
• USTC Outstanding Student Scholarship (Top 5%)	10/2017 & 10/2019