# **ZEYU ZHAO**

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#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Edinburgh

September 2020 - Present

PhD Student

Centre for Speech Technology Research

School of Informatics

# Tsinghua University

September 2017 - August 2020

M.S. in Information and Communication Engineering

Department of Electronic Engineering

CGPA: 3.6/4.0

## Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford

August 2019

Summer Programme, Science Research at the Cutting Edge

Successfully completed with distinction

# Beijing Institute of Technology

September 2013 - June 2017

B.S. in Electronic Information Engineering

Department of Electronic Engineering

CGPA: 90/100

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Conferences

- **Z. Zhao** and P. Bell, "Regarding Topology and Variant Frame Rates for Differentiable WFST-based End-to-End ASR" INTERSPEECH 2023 (accepted)
- Y. Li<sup>†1</sup>, **Z. Zhao**<sup>†</sup>, O. Klejch, P. Bell, and C. Lai, "A Word-Level Investigation of the Mutual Impact of Speech and Emotion Recognition" INTERSPEECH 2023 (accepted)
- **Z. Zhao** and P. Bell, "Investigating Sequence-Level Normalisation For CTC-Like End-to-End ASR," ICASSP 2022 2022 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2022, pp. 7792-7796
- **Z. Zhao** and W. Q. Zhang (2020). End-to-End Keyword Search Based on Attention and Energy Scorer for Low Resource Languages. In INTERSPEECH (pp. 2587-2591).
- **Z. Zhao**, W. Q. Zhang, J. Liu, F. Zhang, X. Li, and L. Yu, (2020, December). Jujubecake: An Extension of LSTM Considering Correlation among Input Blocks. In 2020 15th IEEE International Conference on Signal Processing (ICSP) (Vol. 1, pp. 316-320). IEEE.

#### **Journals**

**Z. Zhao** and W. Q. Zhang. (2021). End-to-end keyword search system based on attention mechanism and energy scorer for low resource languages. Neural Networks, 139, 326-334.

**Zhao Zeyu**, Zhang Weiqiang, and Liu Jia, "End-to-End Keyword Search System Based on Attention Mechanism and Multitask Learning," (in Chinese) Journal of Signal Processing, 2020, 36(6):839-851.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1†</sup>Equal contribution.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

#### PhD Research at CSTR

September 2020 - Present

Supervised by Dr. Peter Bell

Focusing on End-to-End Automatic Speech Recognition

### Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) 2021-22

January 2022 - June 2022

Teaching assistant and demonstrator

# Master Research at Tsinghua University

September 2017 - August 2020

Master Student, Department of Electronic Engineering

Supervised by Dr. Wei-Qiang Zhang

Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR), Keyword Search (KWS) and Sequence Modelling

Mainly focused on end-to-end ASR and KWS for low resource languages

# **OpenSAT19** Competition

April 2019 - August 2019

#### Core Member

Introduction: OpenSAT19 hosted by NIST is a competition which consists of three parts, including ASR, KWS and SAD (Speech Activity Detection). Each part contains 3 tasks so there are tasks in total. We attended 5 tasks, three in SAD, one in KWS and one in ASR.

Contribution: I was a core member of our team and developed KWS systems for Pashto language, a low resource language.

Result: We won two 1st prizes, two 2nd prizes and one 3rd prize. Particularly, we won the 2nd prize in KWS task, where I was the main contributor.

#### **SKILLS**

Python, PyTorch, ESPnet, Kaldi, C, LATEX, TensorFlow, Keras

#### LANGUAGES

#### Mandarin

Native speaker

#### English

Working proficiency

#### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Student Research Award

2019

Research Center for Media Big Data Cognitive Computing, Department of Electronic Engineering Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

### **National Scholarship**

2014 - 2016

Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, China For top students only

#### First Undergraduate Scholarship

2013 - 2017

Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing, China

For top students only

Third Prize, Beijing Electronic Design Competition	2016
Honorable Mentioned, Mathematical Contest in Modelling	2015
First Prize in National Physics Competition	2014

### **ACTIVITY**

# **Escort**

September 2013 - June 2015

### Member

Voluntary teaching for students of year 5 in Minren Primary School, Fangshan District, Beijing Held a Christmas party in Beijing Institute of Technology in Fangshan District for the children in Minren Primary School.

# Singing competition of the school of information and electronics

December 2013

Beijing Institute of Technology

Entered the final competition.

Student Union of School of Information and Electronics Core member and the minister of study and research September 2014 - June 2015

Beijing Institute of Technology