

EZGİ ÖZYILKAN

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Information Theory Deep Learning Source Coding/Compression Statistical Modeling

EDUCATION

NYU Tandon School of Engineering September 2021 - Present
Ph.D. Electrical and Computer Engineering. Current GPA: 4.0. New York, NY

- Advised by Prof. Elza Erkip.
- Relevant modules: *Information Theory, Foundations of Deep Learning, Probability and Stochastic Processes, Estimation & Detection.*

Imperial College London September 2017 - June 2021
M.Eng. Electrical Electronics Engineering (Integrated Master's). London, UK

- Achieved First Class Honors with an overall score of 77.83 (equivalent to GPA of 4.0).
- M.Eng. thesis topic: *Deep Stereo Image Compression with Decoder Side Information using Wyner Common Information*
- Advised by Prof. Deniz Gündüz.

Lycée de Galatasaray September 2012 - June 2017
Anatolian High School Diploma and French Baccalauréat. İstanbul, Turkey

PUBLICATIONS

Ezgi Ozyilkan, Johannes Ballé, Elza Erkip, “Neural Distributed Compressor Does Binning”, *Neural Compression Workshop @ ICML 2023*, Honolulu, Hawai‘i, July 2023. **selected for 1 of 4 contributed talks.**

Ezgi Ozyilkan, Johannes Ballé, Elza Erkip, “Learned Wyner–Ziv Compressors Recover Binning”, *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, Taipei, Taiwan, June 2023.

Ezgi Ozyilkan*, Mateen Ulhaq*, Hyomin Choi, Fabien Racapé, “Learned Disentangled Latent Representations for Scalable Image Coding for Humans and Machines”, *IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC)*, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2023.

Nitish Mital*, Ezgi Ozyilkan*, Ali Garjani*, Deniz Gündüz, “Neural Distributed Image Compression with Cross-Attention Feature Alignment”, *IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, Waikoloa, Hawai‘i, January 2023.

- GitHub: <https://github.com/ipc-lab/NDIC-CAM>

Nitish Mital*, Ezgi Ozyilkan*, Ali Garjani*, Deniz Gündüz, “Neural Distributed Image Compression using Common Information”, *IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC)*, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2022.

- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtK06jh35Jw>

- GitHub: <https://github.com/ipc-lab/NDIC>

RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE

Interdigital AI Lab June 2022 - August 2022
Graduate R&I Intern. Hosts: Hyomin Choi, Fabien Racapé Los Altos, CA

- Worked on deep-learning-based image compression, focusing on scalability.

IPC Lab, Imperial College London

Undergraduate Research Assistant. Advisor: Deniz Gündüz

April 2020 - September 2020

London, UK

- Worked on deep-learning-based joint source-channel coding.

Morgan Stanley

Business and Data Analyst.

June 2019 - August 2019

London, UK

TEACHING

ECE Department, NYU Tandon School of Engineering

Graduate (Head) Teaching Assistant.

January 2022 - December 2022

New York, NY

- Probability and Stochastic Processes (Fall 2022)
- Deep Learning (Spring 2022)

EEE Department, Imperial College London

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant.

October 2019 - March 2021

London, UK

- Communication Systems I (Spring 2021), Deep Learning (Spring 2021)
- Mathematics for Engineering (Spring 2020, Autumn 2020, Spring 2021)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Neural Compression Workshop @ ICML 2023

International Symposium on Information Theory

North American School of Information Theory

UC Berkeley Simons Institute

NYU Tandon School of Engineering

Imperial College London

Imperial College London

Best Reviewer Award, July 2023

Student Travel Grant, June 2023

Student Travel Grant, June 2023

Student Travel Grant, May 2023

Future Leader Ph.D. Fellowship, 2021-2023

2021 Ivor Tupper Prize

Dean's List, 2020 and 2021

TALKS AND POSTERS

1. IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), "Learned Wyner-Ziv Compressors Recover Binning", Taipei, Taiwan, June 2023. Contributed talk.
2. North American School of Information Theory (NASIT), "Neural Distributed Compressor Does Binning", Philadelphia, PA, June 2023.
3. UC Berkeley Simons Institute's workshop on *Information-Theoretic Methods for Trustworthy Machine Learning*, "Learned Wyner-Ziv Compressors Recover Binning", Berkeley CA, May 2023. Invited.
4. IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC), "Learned Disentangled Latent Representations for Scalable Image Coding for Humans and Machines", Salt Lake City UT, March 2023. Contributed talk.
5. IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), "Neural Distributed Image Compression with Cross-Attention Feature Alignment", Waikoloa HI, January 2023. Contributed talk.
6. North American School of Information Theory (NASIT), "Neural Distributed Source Coding", Los Angeles CA, August 2022.
7. IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC), "Neural Distributed Image Compression using Common Information", Salt Lake City UT, March 2022. Contributed talk.

REVIEW ACTIVITIES

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
IEEE Transactions on Communications
Conference on Machine Learning and System (MLSys)
IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC)

SKILLS

Software	L ^A T _E X, Python, JAX, PyTorch, MATLAB
Languages	English (fluent), French (advanced), Turkish (native)

REFERENCES

Elza Erkip (PhD Advisor)
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Electrical and Computer Engineering
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Deniz Gündüz (Integrated Master Advisor)
Professor in Information Processing
Imperial College London
Electrical and Electronic Engineering
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