

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, Introduction to Real Analysis.*

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

- 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

Selim F. Yilmaz, Ezgi Ozyilkan, Deniz Gündüz, Elza Erkip, “Distributed Deep Joint Source-Channel Coding with Decoder-Only Side Information”, *to appear at IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning for Communication and Networking (ICMLCN)*, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2024, preprint available on arXiv.

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>

PREPRINTS

Ezgi Ozyilkan, Johannes Ballé, Elza Erkip, “Neural Distributed Compressor Discovers Binning”, *submitted to IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory (JSAIT)*, preprint available on arXiv.

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, and co-developed a patent.
 - Hyomin Choi, Fabien Racapé, Ezgi Ozyilkan, Mateen Ulhaq, *Method or apparatus rescaling a tensor of feature data using interpolation filters*, International Patent Application No. PCT/US2023/034255, filed in October 2023.

IPC Lab, Imperial College London

April 2020 - September 2020

Undergraduate Research Assistant. Advisor: Deniz Gündüz

London, UK

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

Morgan Stanley

June 2019 - August 2019

Business and Data Analyst.

London, UK

TEACHING

ECE Department, NYU Tandon School of Engineering

January 2022 - December 2022

Graduate (Head) Teaching Assistant.

New York, NY

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

EEE Department, Imperial College London

October 2019 - March 2021

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant.

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. Neural Compression Workshop @ ICML 2023, “Neural Distributed Compressor Does Binning”, Honolulu HI, July 2023. Contributed talk.
2. IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), “Learned Wyner-Ziv Compressors Recover Binning”, Taipei Taiwan, June 2023. Contributed talk.
3. North American School of Information Theory (NASIT), “Neural Distributed Compressor Does Binning”, Philadelphia PA, June 2023.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. North American School of Information Theory (NASIT), “Neural Distributed Source Coding”, Los Angeles CA, August 2022.
8. IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC), “Neural Distributed Image Compression using Common Information”, Salt Lake City UT, March 2022. Contributed talk.

REVIEW ACTIVITIES

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

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATIONS

Organizer of the “Learn to Compress” Workshop at the International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT) 2024. <https://learn-to-compress-workshop-isit.github.io/>

SKILLS

Software	\LaTeX , Python, JAX, PyTorch, MATLAB
Languages	English (fluent), French (advanced), Turkish (native)

REFERENCES

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 NYU Tandon School of Engineering
 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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