# Karel Mundnich

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University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering 2015 - 2021

Thesis: Learning Multi-Annotator Subjective Label Embeddings

Advisor: Dr. Shri Narayanan

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering 2015 - 2021

Universidad de Chile Santiago, Chile **Electrical Engineering Diploma** 2007 - 2013

Thesis: Early Online Detection of High Volatility Clusters using Particle Filters

Advisor: Dr. Marcos Orchard

Honors: Gratuated with highest honors

Universidad de Chile Santiago, Chile 2007 - 2013B. Sc. in Electrical Engineering

Honors: Graduated with honors

# Experience

Amazon Web Services SANTA CLARA, CA **Applied Scientist II** Jul '21 – present

Automatic speech recognition (ASR) for chatbots.

Amazon Lab126 Los Angeles, CA (REMOTE)

• Tracking Individual Performance with Sensors (TILES, part of IARPA's MOSAIC program):

## **Applied Scientist II Intern**

May '20 - Aug '20 Deep audiovisual models for video summarization and highlight detection [C1].

University of Southern California

# Research Assistant - Signal Analysis and Interpretation Lab

Los Angeles, CA Aug '15 – May '21

- Design and implementation of two longitudinal data collections of physiological and behavioral data of hospital workers. Tasks included: data curation, analysis, development of models, and publication of data sets [J2, J3, J4, J6, C2, C3, C6].
- Annotation fusion: Design of algorithms to generate unique labels for supervised machine learning from diverse annotations of subjective constructs [J5, C5, C7, C8, C9].
- Mice Ultrasonic Profile ExTractor (MUPET)
  - Mentored a Master's student to refactor code base: https://github.com/mvansegbroeck/mupet.
  - Mentored an undergraduate student to improve the dictionary learning of the MUPET software using sparse subspace clustering techniques [C4].

Meteodata Santiago, Chile Research Engineer Oct 13 - Jan 14

Development of signal processing algorithms for a low-cost ultrasonic anemometer.

**Infosys** Bangalore, India

# **Engineering Intern**

Development of models for detection of mitosis in histopathological images.

Universidad de Chile Santiago, Chile Mar 10 - Sep 13

## Research Assistant - Electrical Engineering

• Volatility estimation of financial returns with Particle Filters [J7, J8].

- Statistical learning for self-modeling robots.
- Design of an open hardware/software radiosonde for atmospheric sensing [J9].

#### Teaching Assistant & Grader – Electrical Engineering

Mar '10 - Dec '12

Jan '12 – Mar '12

Courses: Principles of Communications, Analog Electronic Circuits, Remote Atmospheric Sensing Seminar.

# **Publications**

#### **Journals**

- [J1] Joanna Yau, Benjamin Girault, Tiantian Feng, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M. Booth, Kristina Lerman, Emilio Ferrara, Eric Hsieh, and Shrikanth Narayanan. TILES-2019, a longitudinal physiologic and behavioral data set of hospital residents in medical care units. *Sci Data*, (to appear).
- [J2] Arindam Jati, Amrutha Nadarajan, Raghuveer Peri, **Karel Mundnich**, Tiantian Feng, Benjamin Girault, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Temporal Dynamics of Workplace Acoustic Scenes: Egocentric Analysis and Prediction. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing*, 29:756–769, 2021. ■.
- [J3] Vinesh Ravuri, Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M Booth, Shrikanth S Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Investigating group-specific models of hospital workers' well-being: Implications for algorithmic bias. *International Journal of Semantic Computing*, 14(4):477–499, 2020.
- [J4] Karel Mundnich, Brandon M. Booth, Michelle L'Hommedieu, Tiantian Feng, Benjamin Girault, Justin L'Hommedieu, Mackenzie Wildman, Sophia Skaaden, Amrutha Nadarajan, Jennifer L. Villatte, Kristina Lerman, Emilio Ferrara, and Shrikanth Narayanan. TILES-2018, a longitudinal behavioral and pyshiologic dataset of hospital workers. *Sci Data*, 7(354), 2020. ■
- [J5] **Karel Mundnich**, Brandon M. Booth, Benjamin Girault, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Generating Labels for Regression of Subjective Constructs using Triplet Embeddings. *Pattern Recognition Letters*, 128:385–392, 2019.
- [J6] Brandon M Booth\*, **Karel Mundnich**\*, Tiantian Feng\*, Amrutha Nadarajan, Tiago H. Falk, Jennifer L. Villatte, Emilio Ferrara, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Multimodal Human and Environmental Sensing for Longitudinal Behavioral Studies in Naturalistic Settings: Framework for Sensor Selection, Deployment, and Management. *J Med Internet Res*, 21(8):e12832, Aug 2019. ■.
- [J7] **Karel Mundnich** and Marcos E. Orchard. Early Online Detection of High Volatility Clusters using Particle Filters. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 54:228–240, 2016. ■.
- [J8] **Karel Mundnich**, Marcos E. Orchard, Jorge F. Silva, and Patricio Parada. Volatility Estimation of Financial Returns using Risk-Sensitive Particle Filters. *Studies in Informatics and Control*, 22(3):297–306, September 2013.
- [J9] Federico Flores, Roberto Rondanelli, Marcos Díaz, Richard Querel, **Karel Mundnich**, Luis Alberto Herrera, Daniel Pola, and Tomás Carricajo. The Life Cycle of a Radiosonde. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 94(2):187–198, 2013.

#### Peer-reviewed conferences

- [C1] **Karel Mundnich**, Alexandra Fenster, Aparna Khare, and Shiva Sundaram. Audiovisual highlight detection in videos. In *ICASSP* 2021 2021 *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing* (*ICASSP*), 2021. [a].
- [C2] Vinesh Ravuri, Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M Booth, Shrikanth S Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Group-specific models of healthcare workers' well-being using iterative participant clustering. In 2020 Second International Conference on Transdisciplinary AI (TransAI), pages 115–118. IEEE, 2020. **[a]**.
- [C3] George Hadjiantonis, Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M Booth, Shrikanth Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Dynamical systems modeling of day-to-day signal-based patterns of emotional self-regulation and stress spillover in highly-demanding health professions. In 2020 42nd Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBC), pages 284–287. IEEE, 2020. ■.
- [C4] Jiaxi Wang, **Karel Mundnich**, Allison T. Knoll, Pat Levitt, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Bringing in the outliers: A sparse subspace clustering approach to learn a dictionary of mouse ultrasonic vocalizations. In *ICASSP* 2020 2020 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), pages 3432–3436, 2020. **2**.
- [C5] Timothy Greer, **Karel Mundnich**, Matthew Sachs, and Shrikanth Narayanan. The role of annotation fusion methods in the study of human-reported emotion experience during music listening. In *ICASSP* 2020 2020 *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 776–780, 2020.

- [C6] **Karel Mundnich**, Benjamin Girault, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Bluetooth based indoor localization using triplet embeddings. In *ICASSP 2019 2019 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 7570–7574, 2019. ■.
- [C7] Brandon M. Booth, **Karel Mundnich**, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Fusing Annotations with Majority Vote Triplet Embeddings. In *Proceedings of the 2018 on Audio/Visual Emotion Challenge and Workshop*, AVEC'18, pages 83–89. ACM, 2018. **Winner of the AVEC GES 2018 subchallenge**.
- [C8] Brandon M Booth, **Karel Mundnich**, and Shrikanth Narayanan. A Novel Method for Human Bias Correction of Continuous-time Annotations. In *2018 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 3091–3095. IEEE, 2018.
- [C9] **Karel Mundnich**, Md Nasir, Panayiotis Georgiou, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Exploiting Intra-annotator Rating Consistency through Copeland's Method for Estimation of Ground Truth Labels in Couples' Therapy. In *Proceedings of Interspeech 2017*, pages 3167–3171, 2017. ■.

## Skills & Background

Scientific Programming: Python, Julia, MATLAB. Classwork experience with C and Java.

**Languages:** Spanish (mother tongue), English (IELTS score: 8.0/9.0 Oct '14).

## **Relevant Coursework**

#### At USC

- Electrical Engineering: Linear Algebra, Probability, Statistics, Random Processes, Mathematical Pattern Recognition, Machine Learning, Optimization for the Information and Data Sciences, Mathematics of Data
- Data Sciences and Operations: Machine Learning and Statistical Inference
- Mathematics: Mathematical Foundations of Statistical Learning Theory
- Industrial Engineering: Large Scale Optimization and Machine Learning

#### At Universidad de Chile

- Electrical Engineering: Computational Intelligence, Neural Networks and Information Theory for Learning, Estimation and Detection, Statistical Signal Processing, Optimal Control, Information Theory (audit)
- *Computer Science*: Algorithms and Data Structures, Design and Programming Methodologies, Systems Software Programming

#### Awards & Distinctions

**AVEC Workshop 2018:** Winner of the AVEC GES sub-challenge 2018 [C7].

ACM Multimedia 2018: NSF student travel award.

**Outstanding Student Award (2010, 2012):** Awarded to the top 6% of students of a given class (from a total of 700 students) with highest academic performance in the School of Engineering at Universidad de Chile.

# Reviewer work

## **Journals**

- IEEE/ACM Transactions in Audio, Speech, and Language (TASL)
- IEEE/ACM Transactions in Affective Computing (TAFFC)
- Nature Communications Biology

#### Conferences

- Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference (EMBC) 2019, 2020, 2022
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2019, 2020
- Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII) 2021
- International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI) 2021