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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

**Electrical Engineering Diploma** 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 – 2013

B. Sc. in Electrical Engineering Honors: Graduated with honors

# Experience

AWS AI Labs (Amazon Web Services)

SEATTLE, WA Jul '21 - present

Santiago, Chile

2007 - 2013

**Applied Scientist II** • Automatic speech recognition (ASR)

- o Training and maintenance of acoustic models and end-to-end models.
- Research and development of end-to-end architectures.
- Research and development for end-to-end model size reduction [C1].

# Amazon Lab126

Los Angeles, CA (REMOTE)

# **Applied Scientist II Intern**

May '20 - Aug '20

• Deep audiovisual models for video summarization and highlight detection [C2].

### USC Signal Analysis and Interpretation Lab

Los Angeles, CA

Research Assistant

**Research Engineer** 

Aug '15 - May '21

- Tracking Individual Performance with Sensors (TILES) (IARPA's MOSAIC program):
  - o 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 [J1, J4, J5, J7, C3, C4, C7].
- Learning from subjective human annotations
  - o Design of algorithms to generate unique labels for supervised machine learning from diverse annotations of subjective constructs [J6, C6, C8, C9, C10].
- Mice Ultrasonic Profile ExTractor (MUPET)
  - o Mentored a Master's student to refactor code base: https://github.com/mvansegbroeck/mupet.
  - o Mentored an undergraduate student to improve the dictionary learning of the MUPET software using sparse subspace clustering techniques [C5].

Meteodata SANTIAGO, CHILE

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

Infosys BANGALORE, INDIA Jan '12 - Mar '12

**Engineering Intern** Development of models for detection of mitosis in histopathological images.

Santiago, Chile Mar '10 – Sep '13

Oct '13 – Jan '14

### Universidad de Chile – Electrical Engineering Research Assistant

- Volatility estimation of financial returns with Particle Filters [J8, J9].
- Statistical learning for self-modeling robots.
- Design of an open hardware/software radiosonde for atmospheric sensing [J10].

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

#### **Publications**

#### **Journals**

- [J1] Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M Booth, Shrikanth S Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Modeling inter-individual differences in ambulatory-based multimodal signals via metric learning: a case study of personalized well-being estimation of healthcare workers. *Frontiers in Digital Health*, 5:1195795, 2023.
- [J2] 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*, 9(536), 2022. ■
- [J3] 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.
- [J4] 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.
- [J5] 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. ■
- [J6] **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.
- [J7] 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. ■
- [J8] **Karel Mundnich** and Marcos E. Orchard. Early Online Detection of High Volatility Clusters using Particle Filters. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 54:228–240, 2016. 🖹.
- [J9] **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.
- [J10] 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] Dhanush Bekal, Karthik Gopalakrishnan, **Karel Mundnich**, Srikanth Ronanki, Sravan Bodapati, and Katrin Kirchhoff. A metric-driven approach to conformer layer pruning for efficient asr inference. In *Proceedings of Interspeech* 2023, 2023.
- [C2] **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.
- [C3] 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.

- [C4] 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.
- [C5] 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.
- [C6] 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.
- [C7] **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.
- [C8] 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**.
- [C9] 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.
- [C10] **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 [C8].

**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 Services**

### **Journals**

- IEEE/ACM Transactions in Audio, Speech, and Language (TASL)
- IEEE/ACM Transactions in Affective Computing (TAFFC)
- Nature Communications Biology
- International Journal of Human-Computer Studies

### Conferences

- International Conference in Acoustic, Speech, and Language (ICASSP) 2023
- 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