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RESEARCH INTERESTS Speech Recognition, Speaker Diarization and Role Recognition, Machine Learning

EDUCATION **Ph.D., Electrical Engineering** started Aug 2016
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.
Current GPA: 3.95/4.00

M.Sc., Electrical Engineering expected Dec 2018
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.
Current GPA: 4.00/4.00

Diploma (5-years degree), Electrical and Computer Engineering Apr 2016
National Technical University of Athens, Athens, Greece
Thesis: *Robust Acoustic Features for Distant Speech Recognition*
GPA: 9.34/10.00

WORKING EXPERIENCE **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A
Signal Processing and Interpretation Laboratory (SAIL)
Graduate Research Assistant May 2017 to present
Supervisor: Prof. Shrikanth Narayanan

- Combining Speaker Role Recognition (SRR) with other speech processing modules (e.g. diarization, speech recognition) in order both to improve the performance of SRR itself and to provide useful information to the modules it is combined with.
- Leading a subgroup that develops a real-world system which, after processing recordings of psychotherapy sessions, gives feedback to the therapist. The system is used for computer-aided therapist training.

Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic
Biomedical Data and Signal Processing Group (BioDat)
Research Intern Mar 2016 to Jun 2016
Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Lenka Lhotska

- Developed a novel algorithm for automatic sleep staging from polysomnographic signals, motivated by ideas used in speech recognition.

National Technical University of Athens, Athens, Greece
Computer Vision, Speech Communication and Signal Processing Group (CVSP)
Undergraduate Research Assistant Feb 2015 to Mar 2016
Supervisor: Prof. Petros Maragos

- Explored the Teager-Kaiser energy operator for energy estimation in speech signals.
- Developed and tested a system for single-microphone distant speech recognition, comparing various acoustic feature sets, with an emphasis on those based on the AM-FM speech model.

SOFTWARE SKILLS **Programming Languages:**
Python, UNIX shell scripting, MATLAB, C *extensive experience*
C++, Java, ML, R, Prolog, SQL *familiarity*

Tools:
Kaldi speech recognition toolkit, OpenFST library, Tensorflow, Keras deep learning library, \LaTeX

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N. Flemotomos, Z. Chen, D.C. Atkins, and S. Narayanan, “Role Annotated Speech Recognition for Conversational Interactions”, <i>2018 IEEE SLT Workshop</i>. (accepted) 2. N. Flemotomos, P. Papadopoulos, J. Gibson, and S. Narayanan, “Combined Speaker Clustering and Role Recognition in Conversational Speech”, <i>Proc. Interspeech 2018</i>. 3. N. Flemotomos, V.R. Martinez, J. Gibson, D.C. Atkins, T.A. Creed, and S. Narayanan, “Language Features for Automated Evaluation of Cognitive Behavior Psychotherapy Sessions”, <i>Proc. Interspeech 2018</i>. 4. K. Singla, Z. Chen, N. Flemotomos, J. Gibson, D. Can, D.C. Atkins, and S. Narayanan, “Using Prosodic and Lexical Information for Learning Utterance-level Behaviors in Psychotherapy”, <i>Proc. Interspeech 2018</i>. 		
GRADUATE COURSEWORK	Mathematics of High-Dimensional Data, Machine Learning Theory, Deep Learning, Machine Learning from Signals, Pattern Recognition, Statistics, Probability, Random Processes		
AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS	Annenberg Ph.D Fellowship	Aug 2016 to present	
	University of Southern California		
	Travel Grant	Sep 2018	
	International Speech Communication Association (ISCA)		
	Honorable Mention	Sep 2010	
	4th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, Beijing, China		
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Society of Astronomy and Space , Volos, Greece	Summer 2011 & 2012	
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>		
	Preparation for the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics		
SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WORK	Hellenic Student Association of USC	Jan 2018 to present	
	Student volunteer and board member		
	IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society NTUA Student Chapter	Sep 2014 to Jun 2015	
	President		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugurated partnership with the Scientific Society of Medical Students in Greece. • Co-organized and supervised events aiming at the dissemination of the scientific knowledge of Bioengineering and the cooperation between students, professors, and researchers, including Apps4Med, a 2-week-long event focused on mobile health app development, with workshops, presentations, and a hackathon on mHealth apps. 		
	Student volunteer	Sep 2013 to Jun 2014	
	7th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics	Aug 2014	
	Student volunteer		
	Greek Astronomy Magazine ‘Ouranos’ (‘Sky’)	Sep 2012 to Mar 2015	
	Member of the writing team		
	AEGEE-Athina	Sep 2012 to Sep 2013	
	politically independent student organisation aiming at a democratic, diverse Europe		
	Volunteer		
LANGUAGES	Greek , Native Speaker		
	English , Proficient Level	<i>Certificate of Proficiency in English</i>	
	French , Intermediate Level	<i>Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF C1-C2)</i>	
	Japanese , Beginner Level	<i>Level N5 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test</i>	