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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Speech processing, human perception, automatic speech recognition, foreign accent, self-supervised learning, discrete tokens

EDUCATION

The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan Apr. 2024 — Present
 Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering and Information Systems
 Supervisor: Professor Nobuaki Minematsu

The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan Apr. 2020 — Mar. 2024
 Bachelor of Engineering in Information and Communication Engineering
 Supervisor: Professor Nobuaki Minematsu

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed International Conferences

1. **Kentaro Onda**, Keisuke Imoto, Satoru Fukayama, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Discrete Tokens Exhibit Interlanguage Speech Intelligibility Benefit: an Analytical Study Towards Accent-robust ASR Only with Native Speech Data,” Proc. Interspeech 2025, pp. xx-xx (ACCEPTED)
2. **Kentaro Onda**, Keisuke Imoto, Satoru Fukayama, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Prosodically Enhanced Foreign Accent Simulation by Discrete Token-based Resynthesis Only with Native Speech Corpora,” Proc. Interspeech 2025, pp. xx-xx (ACCEPTED)
3. **Kentaro Onda**, Yosuke Kashiwagi, Emiru Tsunoo, Hayato Futami, Shinji Watanabe, “Differentiable K-means for Fully-optimized Discrete Token-based ASR,” Proc. Interspeech 2025, pp. xx-xx (ACCEPTED)
4. **Kentaro Onda**, Joonyong Park, Nobuaki Minematsu, Daisuke Saito, “A Pilot Study of GSLM-based Simulation of Foreign Accentuation Only Using Native Speech Corpora,” Proc. Interspeech 2024, pp. 3600-3604

Abstract-reviewed Conferences (no proceedings)

1. **Kentaro Onda**, Joonyong Park, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Simulation of Foreign Accentuation by Discrete Symbol-based Resynthesis Using Only Native Speech Corpora,” Eighth International Workshop on Symbolic-Neural Learning (SNL2024), Tokyo, Japan

Non-peer-reviewed Domestic Conferences

1. **Kentaro Onda**, Satoru Fukayama, Keisuke Imoto, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Exploring the usage of discrete tokens for accent-robust automatic speech recognition only using native speech corpora,” Proc. 2025 Spring Meeting of the Acoustical Society of Japan, 1-11-6 (**Best Student Presentation Award**)
2. Xiai Cheng, Haopeng Geng, **Kentaro Onda**, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Predicting Individual Language Learners’ Oral Imitation By Modeling their Performance using seq-to-seq VC,” Proc. 2025 Spring Meeting of the Acoustical Society of Japan, 3-2-3
3. **Kentaro Onda**, Joonyong Park, Keisuke Imoto, Satoru Fukayama, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Improved Foreign Accent Simulation Using Only Native Speech Corpora Based on Discrete Token Duration Prediction,” IPSJ SIG Technical Report, SLP-154, 2024,
4. Xiai Cheng, **Kentaro Onda**, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Analyzing Language Learners’ Oral Imitation Through Machine Model of Oral Imitation with Foreign Accentuation,” Proc. 2024 Autumn Meeting of the Acoustical Society of Japan, 2-Q-31
5. **Kentaro Onda**, Joonyong Park, Daisuke Saito, Nobuaki Minematsu, “Synthesis of Foreign Accented Speech by Self-supervised Learning Only Using Native Speech Corpora,” IPSJ SIG Technical Report, SLP-152, 2024 (**Best Presentation Award**)
6. **Kentaro Onda**, Joonyong Park, Nobuaki Minematsu, Daisuke Saito, “Generating foreign accented speech using native speech corpus only for training,” Proc. 2024 Spring Meeting of the Acoustical Society of Japan, 3-P-17

AWARDS

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| Best Student Presentation Award of ASJ | Sep., 2025 |
| Travel Grant Award for Interspeech2025 , 1,000 EUR | Aug., 2025 |
| 2024 Otogaku Symposium Best Presentation Award | Jun., 2024 |

COMPETITIVE FUNDS

AIST KAKUSEI Project, 3,000,000 JPY Jul., 2024 — Mar. 2025
Representative: Kentaro Onda

MITOU Advanced Program, 15,040,000 JPY (Development grant) Jun., 2024 — Feb. 2025
Representative: Masatoshi Otake

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Internship, Sony Group Corporation – Tokyo, Japan Sep. 2024 — Present
Mentor: Yosuke Kashiwagi

Research Assistant, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology Jul. 2024 — Present
(AIST) – Tokyo, Japan
Mentor: Satoru Fukayama

OTHER EXPERIENCES

AI Engineer, DubGuild, Inc. – Tokyo, Japan Oct. 2024 — Present

Software Engineer Internship, MIXI, Inc. – Tokyo, Japan Oct. 2024 — Oct. 2024

Backend Engineer, Wantedly, Inc. – Tokyo, Japan Sep. 2023 — Jul. 2024

LANGUAGES

Japanese (Native), English (Fluent)

SKILLS

Programming: Python, Shell Script, Ruby, Go, JavaScript, C, C++, Julia

Web design: HTML, CSS

Other: LaTeX, Git, Microsoft Office