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EDUCATION

Ph.D. , Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Maryland, College Park, MD	12/2019 GPA 3.6
M.Sc. , Electrical and Computer Engineering University of Maryland, College Park, MD	08/2019 GPA 3.8
B.Sc. , Electrical Engineering Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China	07/2014 GPA 90/100
Exchange , Electronic Engineering Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China	05/2013 GPA 3.7

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sr. Software Engineer - AI Framework Black Sesame Technologies, San Jose	08/2021-present CA
Principal Scientist Origin Wireless AI, Greenbelt	02/2021-06/2021 MD
Principal Data Scientist Origin Wireless AI, Greenbelt	02/2020-02/2021 MD
DSP Research Intern Starkey Hearing Technologies, Eden Prairie	05/2019-08/2019 MN
Graduate Research Assistant University of Maryland, College Park	08/2015-05/2019 MD
Graduate Teaching Assistant University of Maryland, College Park	08/2014-05/2015 MD

INTEREST

Signal Processing, Machine Learning, AI Framework Optimization

PROJECTS

ADAS Chip Compiler Optimization AI Framework Research, Black Sesame Tech.	08/2021 - present AI Framework Tool Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identified factors affecting quantization accuracy and improved quantization accuracy by about 20%.Designed and optimized neural network quantization processes on autonomous driving chip using mathematical modeling and convex optimization, boosting mass production of next-generation chip.Designed graph partition and memory allocation algorithms to improve SoC performance.	
WiFi Sensing and Internet of Things (IoT) WiFi-Sensing for Home Security and Indoor Activity Monitoring	02/2020 - 06/2021 Algorithm Team, Origin Wireless AI
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Researched and developed real-time algorithm for indoor motion and breathing localization using WiFi sensing based on <i>statistical electromagnetic field models</i>.Designed and optimized indoor activity monitoring algorithms for HEX Home, our home security and activity monitoring system (CES 2021 Innovation Award), based on a <i>sequential decision model</i>.Collaborated with companies such as Verizon, Alarm.com and Belkin to turn research into commercialized products.	
WiFi-Sensing Production Automation	Hardware Team, Origin Wireless AI
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and automated manufacture workflow for WiFi-sensing products by Python.Boosted production rate from one per hour to 10-12 per hour.Supported Verizon Communications Inc. with quality products and visualization tools built by Python.	
Real-Time Tracking with IMU Sensors on Mobile Devices	Algorithm Team, Origin Wireless AI
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a real-time tracking system with sub-meter accuracy based on a <i>Bayesian dynamic model on graph</i>.Developed Android and iOS App for Origin Tracking product - work without WiFi.	
DNN-based Speech Enhancement Signal Processing Research, Starkey	06/2019 - 08/2019 Internship research
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and conducted subjective listening experiment to test DNN-based speech enhancement algorithms.Analyzed experimental data and compared DNN algorithms.	
Joint Approach of Auditory Attention Decoding and Speech Enhancement [C1] Signal Processing Research, Starkey	05/2019 - 08/2019 Internship research
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and conducted electroencephalography (EEG) experiment to simulate a cocktail party scenario.Collected auditory responses while subjects switch attention from one speaker to another.Developed an <i>EEG guided Beamforming model</i> for joint approach of attention decoding and speech enhancement.	
Mutual Information Analysis of Auditory Brain Responses and Effects of Aging [J1][J2] Computational Sensorimotor Systems Lab, UMD	01/2018 - 05/2019 Thesis research
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed a novel approach based on information theory to decode phase-locked response from M/EEG recording.	

- Revealed speech over-representation in the aging midbrain [J2] and cortical [J1] marker of behaviors.
- Algorithm programmed in Matlab, source-space analysis done in Python and statistics conducted in R.

Machine Learning Applications in Auditory Research [J3][J4]

06/2017 - 12/2017

Computational Sensorimotor Systems Lab, UMD

Independent research

- Implemented KNN and CNN for schizophrenia detection based on auditory steady-state response features (code).
- Designed and compared neural decoders based on maximum likelihood estimation, linear regression and neural network to study adaptive efficient coding of correlated acoustic properties in auditory cortex of ferret [J3].
- Developed object and edge detection approach to extract pupillometry information from video recordings to study implicit memory for complex sounds in auditory cortex of ferret [J4].

SKILLS

Programming: Python (expert), C/C++, R

Software Tools: Matlab (expert), SPSS, MNE-Python, Eelbrain, Tensorflow, Pytorch, L^AT_EX, Git (Github), Linux/Unix

Software Engineering: Algorithms and Data Structure (Certificate), App Development, System Automation

Data Science: Statistics, Machine Learning (Certificate), Deep Learning (Certificate)

Data Engineering: Database, SQL

Research: Auditory Neuroscience Experiment Design, Electroencephalography (EEG), Magnetoencephalography (MEG)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [J1] **Peng Zan**, Alessandro Presacco, Samira Anderson, and Jonathan Z. Simon. Exaggerated cortical representation of speech in older listeners: mutual information analysis. *Journal of Neurophysiology*, 124(4):1152-1164, Oct. 7, 2020.
- [J2] **Peng Zan**, Alessandro Presacco, Samira Anderson, and Jonathan Z. Simon. Mutual information analysis of neural representations of speech in noise in the aging midbrain. *Journal of Neurophysiology Innovative Methodology*, 122(6): 2372-2387, Dec. 4, 2019.
- [J3] Kai Lu, Wanyi Liu, Kelsey Dutta, **Peng Zan**, Jonathan B Fritz, and Shihab A. Shamma. Adaptive efficient coding of correlated acoustic properties. *The Journal of Neuroscience*, 39(44):8664-8678, Oct. 30, 2019.
- [J4] Kai Lu, Wanyi Liu, **Peng Zan**, Stephen V. David, Jonathan B Fritz, and Shihab A. Shamma. Implicit memory for complex sounds in higher auditory cortex of the ferret. *The Journal of Neuroscience*, 38(46):9955-9966, Nov. 14, 2018.
- [J5] Junmin Liu, Yongchang Hui, and **Peng Zan**. Locally linear detail injection for pansharpening. *IEEE Access*, 5:9728-9738, June 7, 2017.
- [J6] Dai Wang, Xiaohong Guan, Jiang Wu, Pan Li, **Peng Zan**, and Hui Xu. Integrated energy exchange scheduling for microgrids with electric vehicles. *IEEE Transaction on Smart Grid*, 7(4):17621774, July 10, 2016.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & POSTERS

- [C1] Wenqiang Pu, **Peng Zan**, Jinjun Xiao, Tao Zhang, Zhi-Quan Luo. Evaluation of joint auditory attention decoding and adaptive binaural beamforming approach for hearing devices with attention switching. *2020 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing*, May 08, 2020.
- [C2] **Peng Zan**, Alessandro Presacco, Samira Anderson, and Jonathan Z. Simon. Mutual information analysis of neural representations of speech in noise in the aging midbrain. *ARO 2019*, Feb. 2019.
- [C3] **Peng Zan**, Alessandro Presacco, Samira Anderson, and Jonathan Z. Simon. Cortical over-representation of speech in older listeners correlates with a reduction in both behavioral inhibition and speech intelligibility. *ARO*, Feb. 2019.
- [C4] **Peng Zan**, Alessandro Presacco, Samira Anderson, and Jonathan Z. Simon. Mutual information analysis of neural representations of speech in noise in the aging midbrain. *Auditory SPLASH*, Sep. 8, 2018.
- [C5] **Peng Zan**, Alessandro Presacco, Samira Anderson, and Jonathan Z. Simon. Mutual information analysis of neural representations of speech in noise in the aging midbrain. *EAR*, June 15, 2018.

PATENT

- [P1] Chenshu Wu, Beibei Wang, **Peng Zan**, Sai Deepika Regani, Xiaolu ZENG, Hung-Quoc Lai, KJ Ray Liu, Oscar Au. Method, apparatus, and system for wireless micro motion monitoring. *US20210311166A1*, 10/7/2021.

PEER REVIEWS

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| [R1] IEEE Access | 07/2019 |
| [R2] IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing | 01/2020 |
| [R3] IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing | 03/2020 |
| [R4] Neuroscience Letters | 04/2021 |
| [R5] IEEE Signal Processing Letters | 05/2021 |
| [R6] IEEE Signal Processing Letters | 06/2021 |
| [R7] Neuroscience Letters | 07/2021 |
| [R8] IEEE Signal Processing Letters | 08/2021 |

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

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| Starkey Recognition Award | Starkey, 08/2019 |
| COMBINE Traveling Award | UMD, 12/2018 |
| NSF-Funded COMBINE Fellowship (Computational Biological Network Program) | UMD, 09/2017 |
| Jimmy H. C. Lin Graduate Scholarship for Entrepreneurship | UMD, 09/2014 |
| ECE Ph.D. Fellowship Award | UMD, 09/2014 |