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## EDUCATION

- 2016-2022 **Doctor of Philosophy, Major: Electrical Engineering**  
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, The Johns Hopkins University, USA.  
Advisor: Dr. Shinji Watanabe.  
Thesis: A Synergistic Combination of Signal Processing and Deep Learning for Robust Speech Recognition (January 2022).
- 2016-2017 **Master of Science in Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering**  
The Johns Hopkins University, USA. CeDiD: 1857-C2C7-A8N8
- 2012-2015 **Master of Science (by Research), Computer Science & Engineering**  
Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India.  
Advisor: Dr. Hema A. Murthy.
- 2008-2012 **Bachelor of Technology, Information Technology**  
SSN College of Engineering, Anna University, India.

## EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2022 - Present **Sr Applied Scientist, Microsoft**  
📍 Bellevue, WA, USA
- E2E Speech modeling team, AI Cognitive Services group.
- Sep 2021 - Sep 2022 **Research Scientist, Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories**  
📍 Cambridge, MA, USA
- Member of speech & audio team.
- Fall 2017 - Summer 2021 **Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins University**, Advisor: Prof. Shinji Watanabe  
📍 Baltimore, MD, USA
- Fall 2020 - devised a paradigm called *directional ASR* that can train source localization with ASR objectives [1]. Contributed to speech enhancement functionality in ESPnet [3].
  - Spring 2020 - led speech separation efforts for the JHU team in CHiME-6 challenge and our team finished second in “diarization+ASR” track. Collaborated with SJTU on joint dereverberation & beamforming [4].
  - Fall 2018 & Spring 2019 - worked on speech dereverberation in collaboration with Yahoo Japan [7]. Devised a technique to estimate speech enhancement hyper-parameters using ASR objectives [6].
  - Spring 2018 - participated in CHiME-5 challenge as a member of the JHU-Hitachi team and contributed to the neural denoising module. Our team was placed in top 2.
  - Fall 2017 - developed a novel single channel speech enhancement method [8], and contributed to make Kaldi CHiME-4 recipe state-of-art [9].
- Summer 2020 & Summer 2019 **NLP Research Intern, Tencent AI Lab**, Mentors: Dr. Chao Weng & Dr. Dong Yu  
📍 Bellevue, WA, USA
- 2020 - devised DNN approaches for multi-source localization and showed its effectiveness in cutting down ASR word error rates by about a factor of two [2].
  - 2019 - implemented a novel target speech extraction method with end-to-end speech recognition objectives [5].

- Summer 2018 **Research Intern, NTT Communication Sciences Lab**, Mentor: Dr. Marc Delcroix  
 📍 Kyoto, Japan
- Experimented with speaker and environment adaptation techniques for end-to-end noise robust speech recognition.
- July 2015 - **Network Software Engineer, Intel**  
 August 2016 📍 Bangalore, India
- IPv6 module for Axxia network accelerators and automation of performance benchmarks.
- June 2012 - July 2015 **Project Associate, IIT Madras**, , Advisor: Prof. Hema A. Murthy  
 📍 Chennai, India
- Member of the TTS consortium that developed a common framework for HMM based speech synthesis of 13 Indian languages.
  - Participated in Blizzard Challenge - 2014 & 2015.
  - Developed an automatic segmentation tool for the TTS consortium [10].

## TEACHING

- Fall '17 & '18 **Course Assistant, Digital Signal Processing**, Johns Hopkins University  
 Spring '18 - '20 **Course Assistant, Information Extraction from Speech and Text**, Johns Hopkins University

## KEY PUBLICATIONS<sup>†</sup>

1. Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Chao Weng, Shinji Watanabe, Meng Yu, Yong Xu, Shi-Xiong Zhang, and Dong Yu, "**Directional ASR: A New Paradigm for E2E Multi-Speaker Speech Recognition with Source Localization**," in Proc. of *IEEE ICASSP 2021*, pp. 8433-8437.
2. Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Chao Weng, Shinji Watanabe, Meng Yu, and Dong Yu, "**Deep Learning based Multi-Source Localization with Source Splitting and its Effectiveness in Multi-Talker Speech Recognition**," *Computer Speech and Language*, 2022.
3. Chenda Li, Jing Shi, Wangyou Zhang, Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Xuankai Chang, Naoyuki Kamo, Moto Hira, Tomoki Hayashi, Christoph Boeddeker, Zhuo Chen, and Shinji Watanabe, "**ESPNET-SE: End-to-End Speech Enhancement and Separation Toolkit Designed for ASR Integration**," in Proc. of *IEEE SLT 2021*, pp. 785-792.
4. Wangyou Zhang, Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Xuankai Chang, Shinji Watanabe, and Yanmin Qian, "**End-to-End Far-Field Speech Recognition with Unified Dereverberation and Beamforming**", in Proc. of *ISCA INTERSPEECH 2020*, pp. 324-328.
5. Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Chao Weng, Meng Yu, Shi-Xiong Zhang, Yong Xu, Shinji Watanabe, and Dong Yu, "**Far-Field Location Guided Target Speech Extraction using End-to-End Speech Recognition Objectives**," in Proc. of *IEEE ICASSP 2020*, pp. 7299-7303.
6. Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Xiaofei Wang, Murali Karthick Baskar, Shinji Watanabe, Toru Taniguchi, Dung Tran, and Yuya Fujita, "**Speech Enhancement Using End-to-End Speech Recognition Objectives**," in Proc. of *IEEE WASPAA 2019*, pp. 229-233.
7. Toru Taniguchi, Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Xiaofei Wang, Dung Tran, Yuya Fujita, and Shinji Watanabe, "**Generalized Weighted-Prediction-Error Dereverberation with Varying Source Priors for Reverberant Speech Recognition**," in Proc. of *IEEE WASPAA 2019*, pp. 288-292.
8. Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Szu-Jui Chen, and Shinji Watanabe, "**Student-Teacher Learning for BLSTM Mask-based Speech Enhancement**," in Proc. of *ISCA INTERSPEECH 2018*, pp. 3249-3253.
9. Szu-Jui Chen, Aswin Shanmugam Subramanian, Hainan Xu, and Shinji Watanabe, "**Building state-of-the-art distant speech recognition using the CHiME-4 challenge with a setup of speech enhancement baseline**," in Proc. of *ISCA INTERSPEECH 2018*, pp. 1571-1575.
10. S Aswin Shanmugam, and Hema Murthy, "**A Hybrid Approach to Segmentation of Speech Using Group Delay Processing and HMM Based Embedded Reestimation**," in Proc. of *ISCA INTERSPEECH 2014*, pp. 1648-1652.

<sup>†</sup>For full list of publications please visit <https://sas91.github.io/publication>