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RESEARCH Speech Signal Processing

INTERESTS Speech Synthesis

Deep Learning



Mar 2017 - present

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Naver Corp., Seongnam, Korea

- Senior Research Scientist
- HDTS Team Lead, Clova Al
- Topic: Speech synthesis
  - Research and development of hybrid speech synthesis system, combining deep learning and unit-selection TTS models. Implementing cloud-based real-time TTS products for
    - Naver Al news anchor (Korean Celeb voice, May 2020) https://blog.naver.com/clova\_ai/221981676372
    - Gatebox (Japanese Character voice, Oct 2019).
       https://gatebox.ai/home
    - Line Car Navi (Japanese Navigation, Sep 2019), https://carnavi.line.me
    - Naver Maps (Korean Navigation, Sep 2019),
    - Naver Clova AI speaker (Korean Celeb voice, Nov 2018), https://clova.ai/ko/events/celeb voice
  - Research and development of ExcitNet vocoder, incorporating linear prediction filter to neural vocoder architecture for quality improvement.

https://sewplay.github.io/demos/excitnet

 Research and development of end-to-end expressive speech synthesis system, leveraging global style token-based emotion embedding methods.

https://sewplay.github.io/demos/gst\_tacotron2\_excitnet

- Implementing and evaluating state-of-the-art speech synthesis models, such as Tacotron, Tacotron 2, Transformer, WaveNet, WaveRNN, WaveFlow. Experimenting on these models by architectural and feature-level modifications.
- Implementing and evaluating parametric vocoders for speech synthesis back-end, such as ITFTE, WORLD, STRAIGHT, Glottal Vocoder, HNM, MBE, MELP. Experimenting on these vocoders by architectural modifications for TTS.

# Qualcomm Technologies Inc., San Diego, CA

Intern for Multimedia Group

- Mentor: Dr. Deep Sen
- Topic: Spatial audio
  - Fixed-point implementation of MPEG-H 3D Audio Decoder

Microsoft Research Asia, Beijing, China

Student Consultant for Speech Group

Mentor: Dr. Frank Soong

Aug 2016 - Nov 2016

Apr 2016 – Jun 2016 Sep 2015 – Feb 2016

- Topic: Speech synthesis
  - Deep learning-based TTS system using ITFTE vocoder

### Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

Research Assistant for DSP Lab.

### Sep 2010 - Feb 2019

## EDUCATION Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

- Combined M.S. and Ph.D., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Feb 2019
  - Dissertation: Improved time-frequency trajectory excitation vocoder for deep learningbased statistical parametric speech synthesis system
  - Advisor: Prof. Hong-Goo Kang
- B.S., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Aug 2010

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- R. Yamamoto, E. Song, J.-M. Kim, "Parallel WaveGAN: A fast waveform generation model based on generative adversarial networks with multi-resolution spectrogram," in Proc. ICASSP, 2020, pp. 6194-6198.
- 2. M.-J. Hwang, **E. Song**, R. Yamamoto, F. K. Soong, H.-G. Kang, "Improving LPCNet-based text-to-speech with linear predictions-structured mixture density network," *in Proc. ICASSP*, 2020, pp. 7214-7218.
- 3. R. Yamamoto, **E. Song**, J.-M. Kim, "Probability density distillation with generative adversarial networks for high-quality parallel waveform generation," *in Proc. INTERSPEECH*, 2019, pp. 699-703.
- 4. **E. Song**, K. Byun, H.-G. Kang, "ExcitNet vocoder: A neural excitation model for parametric speech synthesis systems," *in Proc. EUSIPCO*, 2019, pp. 1179-1183.
- 5. K. Byun, **E. Song**, J. Kim, J.-M. Kim, H.-G. Kang, "Excitation-by-SampleRNN model for text-to-speech," *in Proc. ITC-CSCC*, 2019, pp. 356-359.
- 6. J. Y. Lee, S. J. Cheon, B. J. Choi, N. S. Kim, **E. Song**, "Acoustic modeling using adversarially trained variational recurrent neural network for speech synthesis," *in Proc. INTERSPEECH*, 2018, pp. 917-921.
- 7. M.-J. Hwang, **E. Song**, J.-S. Kim, H.-G. Kang, "A unified framework for the generation of glottal signals in deep learning-based parametric speech synthesis systems," *in Proc. INTERSPEECH*, 2018, pp. 912-916.
- 8. M.-J. Hwang, **E. Song**, H.-G. Kang, "Modeling-by-generation-structured noise compensation algorithm for glottal vocoding speech synthesis system," *in Proc. ICASSP*, 2018, pp. 5669-5673.
- 9. **E. Song**, F. K. Soong, H.-G. Kang, "Perceptual quality and modeling accuracy of excitation parameters in DLSTM-based speech synthesis systems," *in Proc. ASRU*, 2017, pp. 671–676.
- 10. **E. Song**, F. K. Soong, H.-G. Kang, "Effective spectral and excitation modeling techniques for LSTM-RNN-based speech synthesis systems," *IEEE/ACM Trans. Audio, Speech, and Lang. Process.*, vol. 25, no. 11, pp. 2152–2161, 2017.
- 11. **E. Song**, F. K. Soong, H.-G. Kang, "Improved time-frequency trajectory excitation vocoder for DNN-based speech synthesis," *in Proc. INTERSPEECH*, 2016, pp. 874–878.
- 12. **E. Song**, H.-G. Kang, "Multi-class learning algorithm for deep neural network-based statistical parametric speech synthesis," *in Proc. EUSIPCO*, 2016, pp. 1951–1955.
- 13. **E. Song**, H.-G. Kang, "Deep neural network-based statistical parametric speech synthesis system using improved time-frequency trajectory excitation model," *in Proc. INTERSPEECH*, 2015, pp. 874–878.
- 14. K. Byun, **E. Song**, H. Sim, H. Lim, H.-G. Kang, "A constrained two-layer compression technique for ECG waves," *in Proc. EMBC*, 2015, pp. 6130–6133.
- 15. **E. Song**, Y. S. Joo, H.-G. Kang, "Improved time-frequency trajectory excitation modeling for a statistical parametric speech synthesis system," *in Proc. ICASSP*, 2015, pp. 4949–4953.
- 16. **E. Song**, H.-G. Kang, J. Lee, "Fixed-point implementation of MPEG-D unified speech and audio coding decoder," *in Proc. DSP*, 2014, pp. 110–113.
- 17. **E. Song**, J. Ryu, H.-G. Kang, "Speech enhancement for pathological voice using time-frequency trajectory excitation modeling," *in Proc. APSIPA*, 2013, pp. 1–4.

#### **PREPRINT**

- 1. O. Kwon, **E. Song**, J.-M. Kim, H.-G. Kang, "Effective parameter estimation methods for an ExcitNet model in generative text-to-speech systems," *arXiv preprint arXiv:1905.08486*, 2019.
- 2. M.-J. Hwang, F. Soong, **E. Song**, X. Wang, H. Kang, and H.-G. Kang, "LP-WaveNet: Linear prediction-based WaveNet speech synthesis," *arXiv preprint arXiv:1811.11913*, 2018.
- 3. **E. Song**, J. Kim, K. Byun, H.-G. Kang, "Speaker-adapted neural vocoders for statistical parametric speech synthesis systems in an ultra-small training data condition," *arXiv preprint arXiv:1811.04472*, 2018.

HONORS & Ranked No. 1 in N Innovation Award 2019, Naver Corp.

AWARDS Ranked No. 1 in N Innovation Award 2018, Naver Corp.

Excellent intern award, Microsoft Research Asia

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Full scholarship, Yonsei University

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