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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Speech recognition, Spoken dialog system, and full-duplex multimodal LLMs, and AI safety

PH.D. THESIS

End-to-End Speech Recognition on Conversations, Carnegie Mellon University (2019)

Committee: Florian Metze, Richard M. Stern, Bhiksha Raj, Michael L. Seltzer, and Shinji Watanabe

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University (2019)

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Advisors: Richard M. Stern, and Florian Metze

Carnegie Mellon University (2014)

M.S. in Computer Science, Language Technologies Institute

Advisor: Madhavi Ganapathiraju

Georgia Institute of Technology (2011)

M.S. in Computer Science

Dual degree with Korea University

Konkuk University (2005)

B.S. in Engineering

AWARDS

Center for Machine Learning and Health Fellowship in Digital Health, (2017 - 2018)

Samsung Graduate Fellowship, (2010 - 2011)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Meta, GenAI (2019 -)

Research Scientist, working on Llama4, multimodal LLMs, full-duplex audio in/out, and audio safety mitigation in pre-training and post-training

Carnegie Mellon University (2012 - 2019)

Graduate Research Assistant

Abridge AI, Speech team (Summer 2018)

Research Intern, responsible for research on end-to-end speech recognition system on medical conversation dataset

Microsoft Research (MSR), Speech and Dialog Research Group (Summer 2017)

Research Intern, responsible for research on end-to-end speech recognition system

Collaboration with Mike Seltzer, Jinyu Li, and Rui Zhao

Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories (MERL), Speech & Audio Lab. (Summer 2016)

Research Intern, responsible for research on end-to-end speech recognition system

Collaboration with Shinji Watanabe, and Takaaki Hori

Samsung Electronics, Visual Display Division (2005 - 2012)

Software Engineer, responsible for development of Internet Protocol Set-top Box software on embedded Linux system

Samsung Software Membership (2004 - 2005)

Software Engineer Intern

PUBLICATIONS

Wonjune Kang, Junteng Jia, Chunyang Wu, Wei Zhou, Egor Lakomkin, Yashesh Gaur, Leda Sari, **Suyoun Kim**, Ke Li, Jay Mahadeokar, Ozlem Kalinli, “Frozen Large Language Models Can Perceive Paralinguistic Aspects of Speech”, (*in arXiv, 2024*).

Trang Le, Daniel Lazar, **Suyoun Kim**, Shan Jiang, Duc Le, Adithya Sagar, Aleksandr Livshits, Ahmed Aly, Akshat Shrivastava, “PRoDeliberation: Parallel Robust Deliberation for End-to-End Spoken Language Understanding”, (*in Findings of EMNLP, 2024*).

Zhe Liu, **Suyoun Kim**, Ozlem Kalinli, “Evaluating Speech Recognition Performance Towards Large Language Model Based Voice Assistants”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2024*).

Roshan Sharma, **Suyoun Kim**, Daniel Lazar, Trang Le, Akshat Shrivastava, Kwanghoon Ahn, Piyush Kansal, Leda Sari, Ozlem Kalinli, Michael Seltzer, “Augmenting text for spoken language understanding with Large Language Models”, (*in SynData4GenAI Workshop, 2024*).

Suyoun Kim, Akshat Shrivastava, Duc Le, Ju Lin, Ozlem Kalinli, Michael L. Seltzer, “Modality Confidence Aware Training for Robust End-to-End Spoken Language Understanding”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2023*).

Derek Xu, Shuyan Dong, Changan Wang*, **Suyoun Kim***, Zhaojiang Lin*, Akshat Shrivastava, Shang-Wen Li, Liang-Hsuan Tseng, Alexei Baevski, Guan-Ting Lin, Hung-yi Lee, Yizhou Sun, Wei Wang, “Introducing Semantics into Speech Encoders”, (*in ACL, 2023*).

Suyoun Kim, Ke Li, Lucas Kabel, Rongqing Huang, Jiedan Zhu, Ozlem Kalinli, Duc Le, “Joint Audio/Text Training for Transformer Rescorer of Streaming Speech Recognition”, (*in Findings of EMNLP, 2022*).

Suyoun Kim, Duc Le, Weiye Zheng, Tarun Singh, Abhinav Arora, Xiaoyu Zhai, Christian Fuegen, Ozlem Kalinli, and Michael L Seltzer, “Evaluating User Perception of Speech Recognition System Quality with Semantic Distance Metric”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2022*). [selected to give the oral presentation]

Duc Le, Akshat Shrivastava, Paden Tomasello, **Suyoun Kim**, Aleksandr Livshits, Ozlem Kalinli, Michael L Seltzer, “Deliberation Model for On-Device Spoken Language Understanding”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2022*). [selected to give the oral presentation]

Suyoun Kim, Abhinav Arora, Duc Le, Ching-Feng Yeh, Christian Fuegen, Ozlem Kalinli, and Michael L Seltzer, “Semantic Distance: A New Metric for ASR Performance Analysis Towards Spoken Language Understanding”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2021*).

Duc Le, Mahaveer Jain, Gil Keren, **Suyoun Kim**, Yangyang Shi, Jay Mahadeokar, Julian Chan, Yuan Shangguan, Christian Fuegen, Ozlem Kalinli, Yatharth Saraf, and Michael L Seltzer, “Contextualized Streaming End-to-End Speech Recognition with Trie-Based Deep Biasing and Shallow Fusion”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2021*).

Suyoun Kim, Yuan Shangguan, Jay Mahadeokar, Antoine Bruguier, Christian Fuegen, Michael L Seltzer, and Duc Le, “Improved Neural Language Model Fusion for Streaming Recurrent Neural Network Transducer”, (*in ICASSP, 2021*).

Chunxi Liu, Frank Zhang, Duc Le, **Suyoun Kim**, Yatharth Saraf, and Geoffrey Zweig, “Improving RNN transducer based ASR with auxiliary tasks”, (*in SLT, 2021*).

Suyoun Kim, Siddharth Dalmia, and Florian Metze, “Cross-Attention End-to-End ASR for Two-Party Conversations”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2019*).

Suyoun Kim, Siddharth Dalmia, and Florian Metze, “Gated Embeddings in End-to-End Speech Recognition for Conversational-Context Fusion”, (*in ACL, 2019*).

Suyoun Kim, and Florian Metze, “Acoustic-to-Word Models with Conversational Context Information”, (*in NAACL, 2019*).

Suyoun Kim, and Florian Metze, “Dialog-context aware end-to-end Speech Recognition”, (*in SLT, 2018*).

Suyoun Kim*, Siddharth Dalmia*, and Florian Metze, “Situation Informed End-to-End ASR for CHiME-5 Challenge”, (*in CHiME Workshop, 2018*).

Suyoun Kim, Michael L. Seltzer, Jinyu Li, and Rui Zhao, “Improved Training for Online End-to-End Speech Recognition Systems”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2018*).

Suyoun Kim, and Michael L. Seltzer, “Towards Language-universal End-to-End Speech Recognition”, (*in ICASSP, 2018*). [selected to give the oral presentation]

Shinji Watanabe, Takaaki Hori, **Suyoun Kim**, John R Hershey, and Tomoki Hayashi, “Hybrid CTC/Attention Architecture for End-to-End Speech Recognition”, (*IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, 2017*).

Suyoun Kim, and Ian Lane, “End-to-End Speech Recognition with Auditory Attention for Multi-Microphone Distance Speech Recognition”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2017*).

Suyoun Kim, Takaaki Hori, and Shinji Watanabe, “Joint CTC-Attention based End-to-End Speech Recognition using Multi-task Learning”, (*in ICASSP, 2017*). [selected to give the oral presentation]

Suyoun Kim, and Ian Lane, “Recurrent Models for Auditory Attention in Multi-Microphone Distant Speech Recognition”, (*in INTERSPEECH, 2016*).

Suyoun Kim, Bhiksha Raj, and Ian Lane, “Environmental Noise Embeddings for Robust Speech Recognition”, (*in arXiv, 2016*).

Suyoun Kim, and Ian Lane, “Recurrent Models for Auditory Attention in Multi-Microphone Distance Speech Recognition,” (*ICLR Workshop, 2016*).

Seungwhan Moon, **Suyoun Kim**, and Haohan Wang, “Multimodal Transfer Deep Learning with an Application in Audio-Visual Recognition” (*NIPS Workshop, 2015*).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Rohit Negi, Estimation, Detection and Learning

Carnegie Mellon University, Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Ian Lane, and Prof. Florian Metze, Speech Recognition and Understanding

RELEVANT COURSES

Convex Optimization, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Machine Learning for Signal Processing, Speech Recognition and Understanding, Fundamentals of Signal Processing, Algorithms for Natural Language Processing, Language and Statistics, Information Retrieval, Software Engineering