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EDUCATION

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

BS., Information Engineering; BA., French

• GPA: 92.05, 1/85

• Shanghai Jiao Tong University

MS., Electronic Engineering

• GPA: 3.77/4.0

• Telecom Paris - Polytechnic Institute of Paris

ME., Electronic Engineering (Joint Master Program between SJTU and Telecom Paris)

• GPA: 3.77/4.0

Sep. 2023 - June 2026

Sep. 2024 - Mar. 2027

Sep. 2020 - June 2024

Shanghai, China

Paris, France

Shanghai, China

PUBLICATIONS

[1] DRCap: Decoding CLAP Latents with Retrieval-Augmented Generation for Zero-shot Audio Captioning Xiquan Li, Wenxi Chen, Ziyang Ma, Xuenan Xu, Yuzhe Liang, Zhisheng Zheng, Qiuqiang Kong and Xie Chen in Proc. ICASSP 2025. [Paper] [Code]

[2] SLAM-AAC: Enhancing Audio Captioning with Paraphrasing Augmentation and CLAP-Refine through LLMs Wenxi Chen, Ziyang Ma, Xiquan Li, Xuenan Xu, Yuzhe Liang, Zhisheng Zheng, Kai Yu, Xie Chen in Proc. ICASSP 2025. [Paper] [Code]

[3] EmoBox: Multilingual Multi-corpus Speech Emotion Recognition Toolkit and Benchmark Ziyang Ma, Mingjie Chen, Hezhao Zhang, Zhisheng Zheng, Wenxi Chen, Xiquan Li, et al. in Proc. InterSpeech 2024. [Paper] [Code]

[4] SLAM-Omni: Timbre-Controllable Voice Interaction System with Single-Stage Training Wenxi Chen, Ziyang Ma, Ruiqi Yan, Yuzhe Liang, Xiquan Li, et al. in arXiv [Paper] [Code]

EXPERIENCE

X-LANCE Lab - Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai, China

Research intern supervised by Prof. Xie Chen

 $Feb.\ \ 2023\ \text{-}\ Now$

- Leveraged the pre-trained audio encoder EAT and the LLM Vicuna-7B for automated audio captioning (AAC).
 Fine-tuned the model using the LoRA method and introduced back-translation to address data scarcity. Developed a CLAP-Refine strategy to further improve caption quality, achieved 3rd place in DCASE 2024 Task 6: Automated Audio Captioning. A related paper [2] has been accepted by ICASSP 2025
- Keywords: Automated Audio Captioning, Large Language Model

DSP Lab - The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong SAR, China

Research Assistant, working with Prof. Qiuqiang Kong

June 2024 - Sep. 2024

- Leveraged the CLAP (Contrastive Language-Audio Pre-training) model in conjunction with the Large Language Model (LLM) to achieve zero-shot audio captioning. Developed a hybrid approach integrating projection decoding from the encoder side with retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) from the decoder side to bridge the modality gap and improve captioning accuracy.
- Our system achieved state-of-the-art performance in both in-domain and cross-domain scenarios. A paper outlining these results [1] has been accepted by ICASSP 2025.
- Key words: Large Language Model, Retrieval-augmented Generation, Zero-shot audio Captioning

• ADASP Group - Telecom Paris

Paris, France

In research track (a program selecting 10 students per year), supervised by Prof. Slim Essid

Sep. 2024 - June. 2025

- Conducted a comprehensive literature review on large audio language models (LALM), uncovering their basic structure, training paradigm and evaluation benchmarks. Defining typical hallucinations in state-of-the-art LALMs.

- Key words: Large Audio Language Model, LLM Hallucination

SELECTED AWARDS

• DCASE 2024 Task 6: Automated Audio Captioning Ranked 3rd

DCASE Org. (2024)

• ICASSP 2024 ICMC-ASR Grand Challange Ranked 7/36

IEEE Org. (2024)

• SPEIT Excellent Scholarship (First Class) Top 3%

SPEIT, SJTU (2022, 2023)

• Mathematical Contest in Modeling Finalist Winner - Top 2% World Wide

COMAP Org. (2022)

• ARDIAN Scholarship Top 3%

ARDIAN Cop. (2021)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: English (CET6: 624), French (DELF B2), Chinese (Native)

Programming: Python, MATLAB, LATEX, SQL, PyTorch, C/C++