# Kai Zhen

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# **POSITIONS HELD**

#### Indiana University

Research Assistant
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Spring 2018 --- present

- o Committee: Minje Kim, Robert Goldstone, Donald Williamson, Yi Shen
- o Dissertation topics: Low-Power Neural Audio Coding, Psychoacoustics
- Teaching Assistant

Fall 2015 --- Fall 2017

- Department of Computer Science
- o Intelligent Systems Engineering Department

#### LinkedIn Corporation

- Machine Learning & Relevance Intern
  - Ads-Al Group, Mountain View, CA

Summer 2019

- Supervisors: Sara Smoot, Lijun Peng, Hiroto Udagawa
- Project: ads response rate prediction in wide-n-deep estimators and BERT
- Standardization Group, New York City, NY

Summer 2018

- Supervisors: Xiaoqiang Luo, Deirdre Hogan
- Project: relevance ranking for resume builder with deep neural networks

### **EDUCATION**

## Ph.D. in Computer Science & Cognitive Science (GPA 3.95/4.0)

• Indiana University, Bloomington, United States

M.S. in Computer Science (GPA 91.6/100)

2015

• Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

B.S. in Software Engineering (GPA 91.8/100, top 1%)

2012

• Xidian University, Xi'an, China

# **PROJECT & PUBLICATION**

### In Submission

- [S001] Kai Zhen, Mi Suk Lee, Jongmo Sung, Seungkwon Beack, and Minje Kim, "Efficient And Scalable Neural Residual Waveform Coding with Collaborative Quantization" (submitted to ICASSP 2020).
- [S002] Kai Zhen, Mi Suk Lee, Minje Kim. "A Dual-Staged Context Aggregation Method towards Efficient End-To-End Speech Enhancement" (submitted to ICASSP 2020).

### Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings

[C001] Kai Zhen, Jongmo Sung, Mi Suk Lee, Seungkwon Beack, and Minje Kim, "<u>Cascaded Cross-Module Residual Learning towards Lightweight End-to-End Speech Coding</u>," In Proc. Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech), Graz, Austria, September 15-19, 2019.

#### Peer Reviewed Workshops & Forums

- [W001] Kai Zhen, Aswin Sivaraman, Jongmo Sung, Minje Kim. On Psychoacoustically Weighted Cost Functions

  Towards Resource-efficient Deep Neural Networks for Speech Denoising. The 7th Annual Midwest Cognitive
  Science Conference, 2018.
- [W002] Peter Miksza, Kevin Watson, **Kai Zhen**, Sanna Wager, Minje Kim. Relationships between experts' subjective ratings of jazz improvisations and computational measures of melodic entropy. *The Improvising Brain III:* Cultural Variation and Analytical Techniques Symposium, Atlanta, GA, in Feb, 2017.

[W003] Kai Zhen and David Crandall. <u>Finding egocentric image topics through convolutional neural network based representations</u> (extended abstract). In Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshop on Egocentric Computer Vision, 2016.

# **Patents**

- [P001] Minje Kim, Aswin Sivaraman, **Kai Zhen**, Jongmo Sung, et al, "<u>Audio signal encoding method and apparatus</u> and audio signal decoding method and apparatus using psychoacoustic-based weighted error function", *US Patent Application*, US 2019 / 0164052 A1.
- [P002] Minje Kim, **Kai Zhen**, Jongmo Sung, Mi Suk Lee, Seungkwon Beack, et al, "Method and Apparatus of Cascaded Residual Learning Pipeline for Audio Coding," *US Patent Application* (pending), 2019

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### **Conference Reviewer**

- IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP) 2019, 2020, reviewer
- Association for Advances in Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2017, 2018, sub-reviewer

### Journal Reviewer

European Association for Signal Processing (EURASIP) Journal on Audio, Speech, and Music Processing,
 reviewer