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RESEARCH FOCUS

Large Language Model (LLM), Speech Processing, Multimodal

EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University 08/2021 - 08/2025
Ph.D. in Computer Science. Supervisor: [Eng Siong Chng](#). *Singapore*

University of Science and Technology of China 09/2016 - 06/2020
B.Eng. in Automation. GPA: 3.76/4.3 (Rank: Top 5%). [\[Transcript\]](#) *Hefei, China*

RESEARCH & INTERNSHIPS

Nanyang Technological University 08/2021 - Present
Research Assistant, Supervisor: Eng Siong Chng

- **Generative Seq2seq Learning with LLM** (In [NeurIPS](#), [ICLR](#))
 - We propose an ASR **generative error correction (GER)** benchmark with a **HyPoradise** dataset that leverages LLM to generate the ground-truth transcription from ASR N-best hypotheses, which significantly outperforms the typical LM rescoring methods. Experiments on LLaMA shows that GER achieves remarkable improvements over Whisper baseline on various ASR domains, with up to 79.5% relative WER reduction. [\[2\]](#)
 - We extend GER to noisy ASR and propose a **language-space denoising** approach to improve its noise robustness. Experiments show that our method achieves a new breakthrough with up to 53.9% WER reduction. [\[1\]](#)
- **Robust Speech Recognition** (In [ACL](#), [AAAI](#), [IJCAI](#), [TASLP](#), [ICASSP](#), [InterSpeech](#))
 - We propose several audio-visual speech recognition (AVSR) approaches to improve ASR noise-robustness with visual modality, including cross-modal interaction, multimodal discrete mapping, adversarial learning, and reinforcement learning, which achieve the state-of-the-art on the large-scale LRS3 and LRS2 datasets. [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#) [\[14\]](#)
 - We propose several noise-robust ASR approaches to alleviate the speech distortion issue in popular joint SE-ASR system, including enhanced-noisy feature fusion, gradient remedy, and quantization methods, which achieve over 10% relative WER improvements on CHiME-4, LibriSpeech-FreeSound and RATS datasets. [\[6\]](#) [\[9\]](#) [\[10\]](#) [\[11\]](#)
- **Speech Enhancement and Separation** (In [ICASSP](#))
 - We propose a noise-aware speech enhancement (SE) approach with classifier-guided diffusion model, which achieves promising improvements over various diffusion SE baselines on VoiceBank-DEMAND dataset. [\[7\]](#)
 - We propose a joint speech enhancement and separation framework for noise-robust speech separation, which achieves the state-of-the-art on Libri2Mix and Libri3Mix (noisy version) datasets. [\[8\]](#)

iFLYTEK AI Research & USTC NEL-SLIP 05/2020 - 07/2021
Research Intern, Supervisor: Lirong Dai

- Develop a Cross-Attention Augmented Transducer (CAAT) system with USTC-NELSLIP team for simultaneous speech translation, which achieves the 1-st Place at IWSLT 2021 Evaluation Campaign. [\[16\]](#)
- Improve streaming ASR decoding efficiency of Google's Hybrid Autoregressive Transducer by pruning.

PROJECT EXPERIENCES

ANPASSEN: Unseen Noise and Multilingual Speech Recognition 09/2023 - Present

- Scale: 2 years, over S\$ 600K.
- Role: Project engineer, responsible for noise-robust ASR. [\[1\]](#) [\[12\]](#) [\[2\]](#)

ISSAC: Language Identification, Speaker Diarization, and Speech Separation

08/2021 - Present

- Scale: 3 years, over S\$ 960K.
- Role: Project engineer, responsible for speech separation. [8]

MAISON2: Speech Recognition in Adverse Conditions

08/2021 - 12/2021

- Scale: 2.5 years, over S\$ 600K.
- Role: Project engineer, responsible for noise-robust ASR. [10] [11]

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

- [1] **Y. Hu**, C. Chen, C. H. H. Yang, R. Li, C. Zhang, P. Y. Chen, E. S. Chng, “Large Language Models are Efficient Learners of Noise-Robust Speech Recognition”, **ICLR 2024 (Spotlight, Top 5%)**. [Paper] [Code] [Data]
- [2] C. Chen*, **Y. Hu***, C. H. H. Yang, S. M. Siniscalchi, P. Y. Chen, E. S. Chng, “HyParadise: An Open Baseline for Generative Speech Recognition with Large Language Models”, **NeurIPS 2023**. [Paper] [Code] [Data]
- [3] **Y. Hu**, R. Li, C. Chen, C. Qin, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, “Hearing Lips in Noise: Universal Viseme-Phoneme Mapping and Transfer for Robust Audio-Visual Speech Recognition”, **ACL 2023 (Oral)**. [Paper] [Code]
- [4] **Y. Hu**, C. Chen, R. Li, H. Zou, E. S. Chng, “MIR-GAN: Refining Frame-Level Modality-Invariant Representations with Adversarial Network for Audio-Visual Speech Recognition”, **ACL 2023 (Oral)**. [Paper] [Code]
- [5] **Y. Hu**, R. Li, C. Chen, H. Zou, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, “Cross-Modal Global Interaction and Local Alignment for Audio-Visual Speech Recognition”, **IJCAI 2023**. [Paper] [Code]
- [6] **Y. Hu**, C. Chen, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, “Wav2code: Restore Clean Speech Representations via Codebook Lookup for Noise-Robust ASR”, **IEEE/ACM TASLP, 2023**. [Paper]
- [7] **Y. Hu**, C. Chen, R. Li, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, “Noise-aware Speech Enhancement using Diffusion Probabilistic Model”, **Under Review**. [Paper] [Code]
- [8] **Y. Hu**, C. Chen, H. Zou, X. Zhong, E. S. Chng, “Unifying Speech Enhancement and Separation with Gradient Modulation for End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Separation”, **ICASSP 2023**. [Paper] [Code]
- [9] **Y. Hu**, C. Chen, R. Li, Q. Zhu, E. S. Chng, “Gradient Remedy for Multi-Task Learning in End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Recognition”, **ICASSP 2023**. [Paper] [Code]
- [10] **Y. Hu**, N. Hou, C. Chen, E. S. Chng, “Dual-Path Style Learning for End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Recognition”, **InterSpeech 2023**. [Paper] [Code]
- [11] **Y. Hu**, N. Hou, C. Chen, E. S. Chng, “Interactive Feature Fusion for End-to-End Noise-Robust Speech Recognition”, **ICASSP 2022**. [Paper] [Code]
- [12] C. Chen, R. Li, **Y. Hu**, S. M. Siniscalchi, P. Y. Chen, E. S. Chng, C. H. H. Yang, “It’s Never Too Late: Fusing Acoustic Information into Large Language Models for Automatic Speech Recognition”, **ICLR 2024**. [Paper]
- [13] Q. Zhu, J. Zhang, Y. Gu, **Y. Hu**, L. Dai, “Multichannel AV-wav2vec2: A Framework for Learning Multichannel Multi-modal Speech Representation”, **AAAI 2024**. [Paper] [Code]
- [14] C. Chen, **Y. Hu**, Q. Zhang, H. Zou, B. Zhu, E. S. Chng, “Leveraging Modality-specific Representations for Audio-visual Speech Recognition via Reinforcement Learning”, **AAAI 2023 (Oral)**. [Paper]
- [15] H. Zou, M. Shen, C. Chen, **Y. Hu**, D. Rajan, E. S. Chng, “UniS-MMC: Multimodal Classification via Unimodality-supervised Multimodal Contrastive Learning”, **ACL 2023**. [Paper] [Code]
- [16] D. Liu, M. Du, X. Li, **Y. Hu**, L. Dai, “The USTC-NELSLIP Systems for Simultaneous Speech Translation Task at IWSLT 2021”, **IWSLT 2021**. [Paper]

SERVICES

Reviewer ACL (23-24), ARR (23-24), EMNLP (23), AAAI (24), ICASSP (22,24), InterSpeech (22-24)
Volunteer EMNLP (23), ICASSP (22)

SKILLS

Programming Languages	Python, C, Matlab
Deep Learning	PyTorch, HuggingFace, Fairseq, ESPnet, SpeechBrain
LLM Finetuning Toolkits	lit-gpt , lit-llama
English Levels	TOEFL (104, R30/L28/S22/W24), GRE (329+4.0), CET-6 (619), CET-4 (620)

HONORS & AWARDS

- ACL 2023 Area Chair Award 07/2023
- Winner of IWSLT 2021 Evaluation Campaign 08/2021
- USTC Excellent Graduate (Top 10%) 06/2020
- Scholarship of SIMIT, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Top 5%) 10/2018
- USTC Outstanding Student Scholarship (Top 5%) 10/2017 & 10/2019