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i BASIC INFORMATION

Home Page: https://wanghelin1997.github.io/helinwang/

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i RESEARCH INTEREST

My research interest majorly lies in **AI for speech and audio signal processing**, encompassing audio generation tasks such as source separation and text-to-speech synthesis, as well as audio understanding tasks like audio classification and captioning.

EDUCATIONS

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

2022 - Expected 2026

Ph.D candidate in Whiting School of Engineering (WSE)

Supervisor: Najim Dehak

Peking University, Beijing, China

2019 - 2022

Master student in School of Electronic and Computer Engineering (ECE)

Supervisor: Yuexian Zou

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

2015 - 2019

B.S. in Department of Automation (DA)

EXPERIENCES

Meta, FAIR, New York, USA

May 2025 – Present

Research Scientist Intern Supervisor: Wei-Ning Hsu

Johns Hopkins University, CLSP, Baltimore, USA

August 2022 – Present

Research Assistant Supervisors: Najim Dehak, Laureano Moro-Velázquez and Jesús Villalba

Tencent AI Lab, Speech Group, Bellevue, USA

May 2024 - August 2024

Intern Supervisors: Meng Yu and Dong Yu

Amazon, Amazon General Intelligence (AGI), Baltimore, USA December 2022 - December 2023

Student Researcher Supervisors: Venkatesh Ravichandran and Milind Rao

Microsoft STCA, NLP Group, Beijing, China February 2022 - May 2022

Intern Supervisors: Linjun Shou and Ming Gong

Tencent AI Lab, Speech Group, Shenzhen, China May 2020 - November 2021

Intern Supervisors: Bo Wu and Chao Weng

Peking University, ADSP LAB, Shenzhen, China August 2019 - July 2022

Research Assistant Supervisor: Yuexian Zou

Ubtech Robotics Inc, Speech Group, Shenzhen, China

July 2019 - September 2019

Intern Supervisor: Dongyan Huang

Summer Researcher Supervisor: Masayoshi Tomizuka

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **Helin Wang***, Jiarui Hai*, Dading Chong, Karan Thakkar, Tiantian Feng, Dongchao Yang, Junhyeok Lee, Laureano Moro Velazquez, Jesus Villalba, Zengyi Qin, Shrikanth Narayanan, Mounya Elhiali, Najim Dehak: CapSpeech: Enabling Downstream Applications in Style-Captioned Text-to-Speech. Preprint.
- 2. **Helin Wang**, Jiarui Hai, Dongchao Yang, Chen Chen, Kai Li, Junyi Peng, Thomas Thebaud, Laureano Moro-Velazquez, Jesus Villalba, Najim Dehak: SoloSpeech: Enhancing Intelligibility and Quality in Target Speech Extraction through a Cascaded Generative Pipeline. Preprint.
- 3. **Helin Wang***, Jiarui Hai*, Yen-Ju Lu, Karan Thakkar, Mounya Elhilali, Najim Dehak: SoloAudio: Target Sound Extraction with Language-oriented Audio Diffusion Transformer. ICASSP 2025.
- 4. **Helin Wang**, Meng Yu, Jiarui Hai, Chen Chen, Yuchen Hu, Rilin Chen, Najim Dehak, Dong Yu: SSR-Speech: Towards Stable, Safe and Robust Zero-shot Text-based Speech Editing and Synthesis. ICASSP 2025.
- 5. **Helin Wang**, Jesus Villalba, Laureano Moro-Velazquez, Jiarui Hai, Thomas Thebaud, Najim Dehak: Noise-robust Speech Separation with Fast Generative Correction. INTRESPEECH 2024: 2165-2169. (**Oral**).
- * Nominated for the **Best Paper Award** and the **Best Student Paper Award** (5 out of 1,030 accepted papers).
- 6. Jiarui Hai*, **Helin Wang***, Dongchao Yang, Karan Thakkar, Najim Dehak, Mounya Elhilali: DPM-TSE: A Diffusion Probabilistic Model for Target Sound Extraction. ICASSP 2024: 1196-1200.
- 7. **Helin Wang**, Venkatesh Ravichandran, Milind Rao, Becky Lammers, Becky Lammers, Myra Sydnor, Nicholas Maragakis, Ankur A. Butala, Jayne Zhang, Lora Clawson, Victoria Chovaz, Laureano Moro-Velazquez: Improving fairness for spoken language understanding in atypical speech with Text-to-Speech. NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on Synthetic Data Generation with Generative AI (**Oral**).
- 8. **Helin Wang**, Thomas Thebaud, Jesus Villalba, Myra Sydnor, Becky Lammers, Najim Dehak, Laureano Moro-Velazquez: DuTa-VC: A Duration-aware Typical-to-atypical Voice Conversion Approach with Diffusion Probabilistic Model. INTERSPEECH 2023: 1548-1552.
- 9. Dading Chong*, **Helin Wang***, Peilin Zhou, Qingcheng Zeng: Masked Spectrogram Prediction For Self-Supervised Audio Pre-Training. ICASSP 2023: 1-5.
- 10. Dongchao Yang*, **Helin Wang***, Zhongjie Ye, Yuexian Zou, Wenwu Wang: RaDur: A Reference-aware and Duration-robust Network for Target Sound Detection. INTERSPEECH 2022: 1511-1515.
- 11. **Helin Wang***, Dongchao Yang*, Chao Weng, Jianwei Yu, Yuexian Zou: Improving Target Sound Extraction with Timestamp Information. INTERSPEECH 2022: 1526-1530.
- 12. **Helin Wang**, Yuexian Zou, Wenwu Wang: A Global-Local Attention Framework for Weakly Labelled Audio Tagging. ICASSP 2021: 351-355.
- 13. **Helin Wang**, Yuexian Zou, Wenwu Wang: SpecAugment++: A Hidden Space Data Augmentation Method for Acoustic Scene Classification. INTERSPEECH 2021: 551-555.
- 14. **Helin Wang**, Bo Wu, Lianwu Chen, Meng Yu, Jianwei Yu, Yong Xu, Shi-Xiong Zhang, Chao Weng, Dan Su, Dong Yu: TeCANet: Temporal-Contextual Attention Network for Environment-Aware Speech Dereverberation. INTERSPEECH 2021: 1109-1113.
- 15. **Helin Wang**, Yuexian Zou, Dading Chong, Wenwu Wang: Modeling Label Dependencies for Audio Tagging With Graph Convolutional Network. IEEE Signal Process. Lett. 27: 1560-1564 (2020).
- 16. **Helin Wang**, Yuexian Zou, Dading Chong, Wenwu Wang: Environmental Sound Classification with Parallel Temporal-Spectral Attention. INTERSPEECH 2020: 821-825.

♥ SERVICES (REVIEWER)

- IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing
- IEEE Signal Processing Letters
- Neurocomputing
- INTERSPEECH 2023, 2024, 2025
- ICASSP 2023, 2024, 2025
- NeurIPS 2024, 2025

▼ TEACHING

2024/01 - 2024/05, Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA:

EN.520.123: Computational Modeling for Electrical and Computer Engineering in Spring 2024 in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

2025/01 - 2025/05, Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA:

EN.520.629: Machine Learning for Medical Applications in Spring 2025 in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

♥ Honors and Awards

| IEEE SPS Young Author Best Paper Award | 2024 |
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| Best Paper Award Nomination at INTERSPEECH | 2024 |
| 1st Team Ranking of DCASE Challenge Task 5 (Judges' award) | 2021 |
| Outstanding Graduate Student Award of Peking University | 2022 |
| Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award of Peking University | 2022 |
| Award for Scientific Research of Peking University | 2020-2021 |
| School Prize of Peking University | 2019-2020 |
| Merit Student of Peking University | 2019-2020 |