

ZALAN FABIAN, PHD STUDENT

University of Southern California, Ming Hsieh Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Los Angeles, CA
Phone: 603-767-9158 | Email: zfabian@usc.edu | GitHub: github.com/z-fabian

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Machine learning, optimization and signal processing
- Artificial intelligence for the basic sciences - magnetic resonance imaging, computational imaging and microscopy
- Deep learning with limited data and its applications in medical imaging
- Encoding prior knowledge in deep neural network architectures to reduce necessary training data
- Transfer learning in the context of deep learning and image generation
- Understanding the generalization properties of deep learning algorithms
- Efficient second-order optimization for deep neural network training
- Large-scale and distributed computing over cloud infrastructure

ACTIVE PROJECTS

- **Accelerated MRI with limited data:** applying data augmentation techniques to large-scale magnetic resonance imaging datasets to achieve significant reduction in necessary patient data required for training
- **DARPA FastNICs:** distributed training of massive models at bandwidth frontiers; novel second-order optimization techniques to train deep neural network models in the extreme communication bandwidth regime
- **Microscopy/Imaging:** 3D image reconstruction on the nano-scale using ptychography and deep learning; developing accelerated non-convex optimization algorithms for inverse problems

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California

Research assistant

- Advisor: Mahdi Soltanolkotabi
- Research assistant at USC Signals and Data Foundations Lab
- Projects on the intersection of machine learning, signal processing and optimization
- Focusing on applications for the basic sciences
- Understanding deep learning and learning from limited data

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Jan 2018 to present

University of New Hampshire

Research assistant

- Advisor: Se Young Yoon
- Research assistant at UNH Robotics Lab
- Projects on intelligent robotic swarm control both in theory and practice

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Aug 2015 to May 2017

EDUCATION

- PhD, Electrical Engineering, University of Southern California, 2017 - present
 - Advisor: Mahdi Soltanolkotabi
 - Focus: machine learning, signal processing, optimization, medical imaging
- MSc, Electrical Engineering, University of New Hampshire, 2017
 - Advisor: Se Young Yoon
 - Focus: non-linear and robust control, multi-agent robotic systems
- BSc, Electrical Engineering, Budapest University of Technology, 2014
 - Focus: signals and systems, control theory
- BSc. (double degree program), Engineering, Kyungpook National University, 2014
 - Focus: computer vision, intelligent systems and data mining

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Ming Hsieh Institute PhD Scholar 2021-2022
- Annenberg Fellowship recipient, 2017-present
- BSc degree *summa cum laude*, 2014
- Academic Scholarship recipient, 2010-2014

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Z. Fabian**, R. Heckel and M. Soltanolkotabi, *Data Augmentation for Deep Learning Based Accelerated MRI Reconstruction with Limited Data*, 2021, International Conference on Machine Learning
- [2] **Z. Fabian**, J. Haldar, R. Leahy and M. Soltanolkotabi, *3D Phase Retrieval at Nano-Scale via Accelerated Wirtinger Flow*, 2020, European Signal Processing Conference
- [3] S. M. M. Kalan, **Z. Fabian**, A. S. Avestimehr and M. Soltanolkotabi, *Minimax Lower Bounds for Transfer Learning with Linear and One-hidden Layer Neural Networks*, 2020, Neural Information Processing Systems
- [4] S. Oymak, **Z. Fabian**, M. Li and M. Soltanolkotabi, *Generalization Guarantees for Neural Networks via Harnessing the Low-Rank Structure of the Jacobian*, 2019, arXiv preprint arXiv:1906.05392
- [5] **Z. Fabian** and S. Y. Yoon, *Coordination of Balanced Leader-Follower Swarms with Time-Varying Social Potential Functions*, 2017, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control
- [6] **Z. Fabian** and S. Y. Yoon, *Coordination of Multi-Agent Leader-Follower System with Time-Varying Objective Function*, 2016, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California

Teaching assistant

- Optimization for the Information and Data Sciences

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Fall 2019

University of Southern California

Graduate mentor

- Student mentor in the Viterbi Graduate Mentorship Program
- Supporting and advising incoming engineering graduate students

Viterbi School of Engineering

Fall 2019 - present

University of Southern California

Research mentor

- Mentoring and advising a student in their undergraduate research and thesis
- Research project on over-parameterized neural networks

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

University of New Hampshire

Teaching assistant

- Computer Organizations

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

CONFERENCE REVIEW

- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML2021)
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2020, ICLR 2021)
- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020, NeurIPS 2021)
- Sampling Theory and Applications (SampTA 2019)
- IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC 2016, 2017)

OTHER SKILLS

Software Python, Tensorflow, Pytorch, Matlab, C/C++, LaTeX

Languages English: professional. Hungarian: native. German: basic. Korean: basic.