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Education

- 03/2021 **PhD**, in *Informatics*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Deep Learning Techniques in Digital Media
Supervisor: Prof. Anastasios Tefas
- 09/2016 **MSc**, in *Informatics*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Digital Media - Computational Intelligence
- 03/2013 **BSc**, in *Informatics*, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

Research & Professional Experience

- 2023-Present **PostDoc Researcher**, Information Technologies Institute (ITI) / Centre for Research and Technology Hellas (CERTH), Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2021-2023 **PostDoc Researcher**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2017-2021 **Researcher**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Thessaloniki, Greece

Awards & Scholarships

- 2022 **Award**, *Greek Women in STEM*, Category: Technology, She STEMs symposium, Greece
- 2022 **Award**, *Best 2020-2021 Doctoral Thesis in the Area of Artificial Intelligence*, Hellenic Artificial Intelligence Society (EETN), Greece
- 2018 **Award**, *Among 5 Best Student Papers*, "Fully Unsupervised Convolutional Learning for Fast Image Retrieval," Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN), Patras, Greece
- 2017 **Scholarship**, General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) and Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation (HFRI), 1st Call for HFRI Scholarships to PhD candidates, Greece

Supervisory Experience

- 2019-Present **Co-supervision**, 6 undergraduate theses & 2 postgraduate master thesis
Co-supervised with Prof. Anastasios Tefas (Dept. of Informatics, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Conference Organizing Committee

- 2022 **IEEE Image, Video, and Multidimensional Signal Processing Workshop (IVMSP)**, *Finance Chair*, Nafplio, Greece

Workshop Organization

- 2023 **Open Workshop “AI in Energy”**, in the context of MALENA Project, Co-organization
Thessaloniki, Greece

Participation in Conferences

- 2023 **International Conference on Engineering Applications of Neural Networks (EANN)**, Participation and presentation of 1 paper, Virtual-León, Spain
- 2022 **Panhellenic Conference on Electronics and Telecommunications (PACET)**, Participation and presentation of 2 papers, Tripolis, Greece
- 2022 **Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN)**, Participation and presentation of the PhD thesis, Corfu, Greece
- 2022 **International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems & Applications (IISA)**, Participation and presentation of 2 papers, Corfu, Greece
- 2022 **IEEE Image, Video, and Multidimensional Signal Processing Workshop (IVMSP)**, Participation, presentation of 1 paper and chairing a session, Nafplio, Greece
- 2022 **Summit on Gender Equality in Computing (GEC)**, Participation and presentation of 2 papers, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2021 **International Conference on Multimedia and Expo (ICME)**, Participation and presentation of 1 paper, Virtual-Shenzhen, China
- 2021 **International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems & Applications (IISA)**, Participation and presentation of 1 paper, Virtual-Crete, Greece
- 2020 **International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)**, Participation and presentation of 1 paper, Virtual-Milano, Italy
- 2020 **IEEE International Workshop on MACHINE LEARNING FOR SIGNAL PROCESSING (MLSP)**, Participation and presentation of 1 paper, Virtual-Espoo, Finland
- 2018 **Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN)**, Participation and presentation of 2 papers, Patras, Greece
- 2016 **Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN)**, Participation, Thessaloniki, Greece

Invited Talks

- 2023 **AI in Energy**, FemPower Summer School, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2023 **Deep Learning for Electric Load Demand Forecasting**, Open Workshop “AI in Energy”, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2022 **Deep Learning Techniques in Digital Media**, Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN), Corfu, Greece

Service

Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, Neurocomputing, Neural Processing Letters, IEEE Signal Processing Letters, Neural Networks, IEEE Access, Expert Systems With Applications, Knowledge-Based Systems, AAAI, ECML PKDD, ICPR, ICME, ICIP, ICASSP, ICMR, EUSIPCO

■ Publications

Peer-reviewed Journals

1. O. Stentoumi, P. Nousi, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "AnIO: Anchored Input-Output Learning for Time-series Forecasting", *Neural Computing and Applications*, 2023
2. **M. Tzelepi**, N. Passalis and A. Tefas, "Probabilistic Online Self-Distillation," *Neurocomputing* , 2022
3. E. Kakaletsis, C. Symeonidis, **M. Tzelepi**, I. Mademlis, A. Tefas, N. Nikolaidis, I. Pitas, "Computer Vision for Autonomous UAV Flight Safety: An Overview and a Vision-based Safe Landing Pipeline Example," *ACM Computing Surveys* , 2021
4. **M. Tzelepi**, N. Passalis and A. Tefas, "Online Subclass Knowledge Distillation," *Expert Systems with Applications* , 2021
5. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Improving the performance of lightweight CNNs for binary classification using Quadratic Mutual Information regularization," *Pattern Recognition*, 2020
6. N. Passalis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Probabilistic Knowledge Transfer for Lightweight Deep Representation Learning," *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, 2020
7. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Class-Specific Discriminant Regularization in real-time deep CNN models for binary classification problems," *Neural Processing Letters*, 2019
8. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Graph Embedded Convolutional Neural Networks in Human Crowd Detection for Drone Flight Safety," *IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence*, 2019
9. E. Daskalakis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Learning deep spatiotemporal features for video captioning," *Pattern Recognition Letters*, 2018
10. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Deep convolutional image retrieval: A general framework," *Signal Processing: Image Communication*, 2018
11. N. Kondylidis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Exploiting tf-idf in deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Content Based Image Retrieval," *Multimedia Tools and Applications*, 2018
12. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Deep Convolutional Learning for Content Based Image Retrieval," *Neurocomputing*, 2018

Peer-reviewed Conferences (with proceedings)

1. D. Moralis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Retrieval-based methodology for few-sample logo recognition", *IEEE International Workshop on Multimedia Signal Processing (MMSP)*, 2023
2. A. Andronikos, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Residual Error Learning for Electricity Demand Forecasting", *International Conference on Engineering Applications of Neural Networks (EANN)*, 2023
3. **M. Tzelepi**, P. Nousi and A. Tefas, "Improving Electric Load Demand Forecasting with Anchor-based Forecasting Method", *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2023
4. P. Nousi, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Anchored Input-Output Learning for Electrical Load Demand Forecasting", *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits and Systems (ISCAS)*, 2023
5. **M. Tzelepi**, A. Sapountzaki, N. Maragkos and A. Tefas, "Online Self-Distillation for Electric Load Demand Forecasting on Greek Energy Market", *PAnhellenic Conference on Electronics and*

Telecommunications (PACET), 2022

6. G. Emmanouilidis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Short-Term Electric Load Demand Forecasting on Greek Energy Market using Deep Learning: A comparative study", *PAnhellenic Conference on Electronics and Telecommunications (PACET)*, 2022
7. N. Passalis, S. Pedrazzi, R. Babuska, ..., **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "OpenDR: An Open Toolkit for Enabling High Performance, Low Footprint Deep Learning for Robotics", *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2022
8. **M. Tzelepi**, C. Symeonidis, N. Nikolaidis and A. Tefas, "Multilayer Online Self-Acquired Knowledge Distillation", *26th International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)*, 2022
9. N. Passalis, **M. Tzelepi**, P. Charitidis, S. Doropoulos, S. Vologiannidis and A. Tefas, "Deep Video Stream Information Analysis and Retrieval: Challenges and Opportunities", *International Conference on Multimedia Information Processing and Retrieval (MIPR)*, 2022
10. N. Maragos, **M. Tzelepi**, N. Passalis, A. Adamakos and A. Tefas, "Electric load demand forecasting on Greek Energy Market using lightweight neural networks", *IEEE 14th Image, Video, and Multidimensional Signal Processing Workshop (IVMSP)*, 2022
11. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Forecasting day-ahead electric load demand on Greek Energy Market", *Thirteen IEEE International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems and Applications (IISA)*, 2022
12. **M. Tzelepi**, C. Symeonidis, N. Nikolaidis and A. Tefas, "Real-time synthetic-to-real human detection for robotics applications", *Thirteen IEEE International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems and Applications (IISA)*, 2022
13. **M. Tzelepi**, N. Tragkas and A. Tefas, "Improving binary semantic scene segmentation for robotics applications", *23rd International Conference on Engineering Applications of Neural Networks (EANN)*, 2022
14. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Semantic Scene Segmentation for Robotics Applications", *Twelfth IEEE International Conference on Information, Intelligence, Systems and Applications (IISA)*, 2021
15. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Efficient training of lightweight neural networks using Online Self-Acquired Knowledge Distillation", *IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo (ICME)*, 2021
16. **M. Tzelepi**, N. Passalis and A. Tefas, "Efficient Online Subclass Knowledge Distillation for Image Classification", *25th International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)*, 2020
17. N. Passalis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Heterogeneous Knowledge Distillation using Information Flow Modeling", *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2020
18. N. Passalis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Multilayer Probabilistic Knowledge Transfer for Learning Image Representations", *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits & Systems (ISCAS)*, 2020
19. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Quadratic Mutual Information Regularization in Real-Time Deep CNN Models", *30th IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)*, 2020
20. C. Nasioutzikis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Deep Hashing Regularization Towards Hamming Space Retrieval", *11th Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN)*, 2020
21. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Improving the Performance of Lightweight CNN Models Using Minimum Enclosing Ball Regularization", *27th European Signal Processing Conference, (EUSIPCO)*, 2019
22. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Discriminant analysis regularization in lightweight deep CNN models.", *26th IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)*, 2019
23. E. Kakaletsis, **M. Tzelepi**, P. I. Kaplanoglou, C. Symeonidis, N. Nikolaidis, A. Tefas and I. Pitas, "Semantic Map Annotation through UAV Video Analysis using Deep Learning Models in ROS," *25th International Conference on MultiMedia Modeling (MMM)*, 2019
24. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Fully unsupervised optimization of CNN features towards Content

Based Image Retrieval," *13th IEEE Image, Video, and Multidimensional Signal Processing (IVMSP) Workshop*, 2018

25. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Fully Unsupervised Convolutional Learning for Fast Image Retrieval," *10th Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN)*, 2018
26. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Human Crowd Detection for Drone Flight Safety Using Convolutional Neural Networks," *European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO)*, 2017
27. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Relevance feedback in deep convolutional neural networks for content based image retrieval," *9th Hellenic Conference on Artificial Intelligence (SETN)*, 2016
28. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Exploiting supervised learning for finetuning deep CNNs in content based image retrieval," *23rd International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)*, 2016

Peer-reviewed Conferences (without proceedings)

1. **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Electric Load Demand Forecasting on Greek Energy Market", *4th Summit on Gender Equality in Computing (GEC)*, 2022
2. P. Nousi, **M. Tzelepi**, N. Passalis and A. Tefas, "Lightweight Deep Learning Methods for Robotics Applications Using the OpenDR Toolkit", *4th Summit on Gender Equality in Computing (GEC)*, 2022
3. **M. Tzelepi**, C. Symeonidis, N. Nikolaidis and A. Tefas, "Multilayer Online Self-Acquired Knowledge Distillation", *4th Summit on Gender Equality in Computing (GEC)*, 2022

Book Chapters

1. P. Nousi, **M. Tzelepi**, N. Passalis and A. Tefas, "Lightweight Deep Learning", *Deep Learning for Robot Perception and Cognition, Edited by A. Iosifidis and A. Tefas*, 2022
2. N. Passalis, **M. Tzelepi** and A. Tefas, "Knowledge Distillation", *Deep Learning for Robot Perception and Cognition, Edited by A. Iosifidis and A. Tefas*, 2022
3. **M. Tzelepi**, P. Nousi, N. Passalis and A. Tefas, "Representation Learning and Retrieval", *Deep Learning for Robot Perception and Cognition, Edited by A. Iosifidis and A. Tefas*, 2022