

# Label-Aware Multi-Level Contrastive Learning for Robust Cross-Lingual Spoken Language Understanding Against Speech Errors

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## Abstract

Despite the great success of spoken language understanding (SLU) in high-resource languages, it remains challenging in low-resource languages mainly due to the lack of labeled training data. The recent multilingual code-switching approach achieves better alignments of model representations across languages by constructing a mixed-language context in zero-shot cross-lingual SLU. However, current code-switching methods are limited to implicit alignment and disregard the inherent semantic structure in SLU, i.e., the hierarchical inclusion of utterances, slots and words. In this paper, we propose

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: Label-aware Multi-level Contrastive Learning for Cross-lingual Spoken Language Understanding. Research question: What is the impact of label-aware multi-level contrastive learning on model robustness against speech recognition errors in cross-lingual spoken language understanding tasks?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 10 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.7/10.

## 3 Results

10 papers retrieved. 6 claims extracted; 6 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.7/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
The recent multilingual code-switching approach achieves better alignments of model representations across languages by	✓	0.44
Current code-switching methods are limited to implicit alignment and disregard the inherent semantic structure in SLU, i	✓	0.40
We propose to model the utterance-slot-word structure by a multi-level contrastive learning framework at the utterance,	✓	0.42
Novel code-switching schemes are introduced to generate hard negative examples for our contrastive learning framework.	✓	0.34
We develop a label-aware joint model leveraging label semantics to enhance the implicit alignment and feed to contrastiv	✓	0.39
Our experimental results show that our proposed methods significantly improve the performance compared with the strong b	✓	0.38

## References

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