# **Dong Ki Kim**

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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

S.M. in Aeronautics and Astronautics Focus: Reinforcement Learning Cumulative GPA: 5.0/5.0 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Highest Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Research Experience **Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems** 

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Advisor: Professor. Jonathan P. How

- As part of MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab, developed Learning to Coordinate and Teach Reinforcement (LeCTR), framework for agents to learn to teach in cooperative multiagent reinforcement learning settings.
- Built attention-based hierarchical reinforcement learning framework that identifies useful latent features across multiple sensory inputs and accelerates in transfer learning.

# The Air Lab, The Robotics Institute Carnegie Mellon University

Advisor: Professor. Sebastian Scherer

- Developed deep multimodal network that improves segmentation robustness to appearance variations, e.g., Summer vs Winter, by combining image and LiDAR sensor data.
- Built ROS-based system that estimates terrain roughness from LiDAR sensor data in real-time.

# The Robot Intelligence through Perception Lab Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago

**January 2016 – July 2016** 

August 2016 - July 2017

Email: dkkim93@mit.edu

September 2017 – Present

**Graduated January 2016** 

September 2017 – Present

Web: https://dkkim93.github.io/

Advisor: Professor. Matthew R. Walter

- Developed cross-view visual localization system that estimates vehicle's pose on georeferenced satellite map given sequence of ground-level images.
- Improved LSD-SLAM's pose estimation by incorporating ORB-SLAM's pose-graph keyframe constraints.

# Advanced Multimedia Processing Lab

**May 2014 – January 2016** 

**Cornell University** 

Advisor: Professor. Tsuhan Chen

- Built vision-based system that enables drone to navigate indoors autonomously and find specific target.
- Developed indoor localization algorithm based on floor plan and camera.

#### **Publication**

# **Conference Paper**

- Shayegan Ömidshafiei, **Dong-Ki Kim**, Miao Liu, Gerald Tesauro, Matthew Riemer, Christopher Amato, Murray Campbell, and Jonathan P. How. Learning to Teach in Cooperative Multiagent Reinforcement Learning. *Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. 2019. (outstanding student paper honorable mention)
- Shayegan Omidshafiei, **Dong-Ki Kim**, Jason Pazis, and Jonathan P. How. Crossmodal Attentive Skill Learner. *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)*. 2018.
- **Dong-Ki Kim**, Daniel Maturana, Masashi Uenoyama, and Sebastian Scherer. Season-Invariant Semantic Segmentation with A Deep Multimodal Network. *Field and Service Robotics (FSR)*. 2017.
- **Dong-Ki Kim** and Matthew R. Walter. Satellite Image-based Localization via Learned Embeddings. *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*. 2017.
- Hang Chu, **Dong-Ki Kim**, and Tsuhan Chen. You Are Here: Mimicking the Human Thinking Process in Reading Floor-Plans. *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*. 2015.

#### Journal Paper

• **Dong-Ki Kim**, Shayegan Omidshafiei, Jason Pazis, and Jonathan P. How. Crossmodal Attentive Skill Learner. *Journal of Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (JAAMAS)*. (submitted; invited submission)

#### **Workshop and Symposium Paper**

- Dong-Ki Kim, Miao Liu, Shayegan Omidshafiei, Sebastian Lopez-Cot, Matthew Riemer, Gerald Tesauro, Murray Campbell, Golnaz Habibi, and Jonathan P. How. Heterogeneous Knowledge Transfer via Hierarchical Teaching in Cooperative Multiagent Reinforcement Learning. Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Workshop. 2019.
- Shayegan Omidshafiei, **Dong-Ki Kim**, Miao Liu, Gerald Tesauro, Matthew Riemer, Christopher Amato, Murray Campbell, and Jonathan P. How. Learning to Teach in Cooperative Multiagent Reinforcement Learning. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Workshop*. 2018.
- Shayegan Omidshafiei, Dong-Ki Kim, Jason Pazis, and Jonathan P. How. Crossmodal Attentive Skill Learner.

Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) Symposium. 2017.

• Daniel Maturana, Sankalp Arora, Po-Wei Chou, **Dong-Ki Kim**, Masashi Uenoyama, and Sebastian Scherer. Online Semantic Mapping for Autonomous Navigation and Scouting. *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) Workshop*. 2017.

# **Technical Report**

• **Dong-Ki Kim** and Tsuhan Chen. Deep Neural Network for Real-Time Autonomous Indoor Navigation. *arXiv* preprint arXiv:1511.04668. 2015.

Skill

Programming Language: Python, C/C++, Matlab, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Tools/Library/Software: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Theano, Keras, Caffe, OpenCV, ROS, Point Cloud Library

Fellowship and Award

# **Kwanjeong Education Foundation Scholarship**

September 2017 – Present

• Receiving \$30,000/year for 4-5 years for graduate studies

# **Merrill Presidential Scholar**

February 2015

• Nominated for Cornell University's prestigious award given to top 1% graduating seniors