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"Delivering scalable AI solutions with applied innovation and measurable real-world impact."

Professional Summary

AI Researcher with 2+ years at Klleon, specializing in Generative AI for digital humans. M.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, with expertise in Machine/Deep Learning, Signal/Image Processing, and Data Analysis.

Currently leading research in audio-driven 3DMM generation, enabling lifelike avatar movements and lip-sync. Exploring multimodal-driven 3DMM generation and leveraging Gaussian Splatting for photorealistic rendering.

Projects: Audio-driven 3DMM Generation • Multimodal 3DMM Generation • Photorealistic Human Head Rendering • Virtual Human Dialogue System

Skills

Programming	**Python**, Bash, MATLAB, C, Java
Frameworks	**PyTorch**, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-learn, Pytorch3D
CV & Audio Tools	OpenCV, FFmpeg, librosa
DevOps	Docker, Containerd, Git
Back-end Basics	Node.js
Front-end Basics	HTML, CSS, JavaScript
Languages	Korean, English

Education

DGIST (Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology) *Daegu, South Korea*
M.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science *Mar. 2019 - Aug. 2021*
- GPA: 4.06/4.3, Advisor: Prof. Jae Youn Hwang

DGIST (Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology) *Daegu, South Korea*
B.E. in School of Undergraduate Studies *Mar. 2014 - Feb. 2019*
- Best Project Award

Experience

Klleon AI Research *Seoul, South Korea*
AI Researcher *Aug. 2022 - Present*
- Researching audio- and text-driven 3DMM generation for virtual avatars with natural human-like expressions and movements.
- Developed photorealistic head rendering model using Gaussian Splatting, outperforming 5 state-of-the-art models.
  (MSE ↓59.96%, PSNR ↑4.41dB, SSIM ↑3.85%, LPIPS ↓38.16%)
- Developed a core Head Swap AI model with 212.7x speedup, reducing annual GPU costs from $2.2M to $10.5K, enabling a $97K contract.
- Built large-scale multimodal data pipelines (4.86M+ frames from in-the-wild videos).
- Integrated external APIs (NVIDIA Audio2Face, OpenAI ChatGPT, TTS) into a streaming avatar system, achieving 25-28 FPS performance.

Multimodal Biomedical Imaging and System Lab, DGIST *Daegu, South Korea*
Graduate Researcher *Mar. 2019 - Aug. 2022*
- Achievements: 6 SCIE publications, 7 international conferences, 9 projects, 4 patents, and 2 awards.
- Designed machine learning-based anomaly detection systems and generative models for biomedical imaging, focusing on multimodal, class-imbalance, and multi-task learning.
- Developed hardware-software integrated systems for application-specific use cases.
- Engaged in collaborative research with medical doctors from hospitals, including SNUH, SNUDH, and Yonsei Severance.

LANTERN *Daegu, South Korea*
Co-founder *Nov. 2016 - Jul. 2017*
- Founded a data-driven personalized tutor matching service company in collaboration with Class101.
- Designed a matching database system and established tutor evaluation metrics for personalized recommendations.

Projects

Multimodal 3DMM for Realistic Facial Expressions and Motion
PROJECT LEAD

Seoul, South Korea

Dec. 2024 - Present

- Developing a multimodal 3D Morphable Model (3DMM) framework for lifelike facial expressions and motion driven by audio-text inputs.
- Used skills: Python, PyTorch, Git.

Real-time Expressive 3D Chat Avatar System
PROJECT LEAD

Seoul, South Korea

Apr. 2024 - Dec. 2024

- Integrated NVIDIA Audio2Face, OpenAI ChatGPT, and TTS APIs into a streaming avatar dialogue system with 25-28 FPS performance.
- Designed an emotion message queue protocol to enable natural emotional transitions and realistic facial expressions in avatars.
- Optimized Numpy-to-Tensor conversion and computations for live streaming, achieving a 13.5% speed improvement.
- Used skills: Python, PyTorch, Docker, Containerd, Git.

High-performance Real-time Head Swapping System
PROJECT LEAD

Seoul, South Korea

Aug. 2022 - Apr. 2024

- Led the development of a state-of-the-art head swapping framework, including data preprocessing pipelines, multi-GPU training, and efficient inference mechanisms.
- Built a high-quality dataset from 15,354 videos of 3,592 identities, processing 2.6M frames.
- Achieved a 212.7x inference speedup (from 10s/frame to 47ms/frame), reducing GPU resource requirements by the same factor.
  - Reduced annual GPU costs from +$2.2M (using 212.7 AWS EC2 g4dn.4xlarge instances) to approximately $10.5K (using a single instance).
  - Enabled negligible costs for a $97K/year client contract.
- Achieved significant performance improvements over the SOTA method:
  - Metrics: PSNR ↑55.5%, LPIPS ↓91.8%, L1 ↓88.8%, SSIM ↑21.8%
  - Inference speed: 60.57 FPS (↑53.6%)
  - Computational efficiency: Parameters 8.92M (↓63.4%), MACs ↓33.0%
- Used skills: Python, PyTorch, Docker, Git, JavaScript, HTML, CSS.

Custom Dataset Creation and Text-to-Image Model Finetuning
PROJECT LEAD

Seoul, South Korea

Oct. 2023 - Nov. 2023

- Built an end-to-end pipeline for fashion product dataset creation, integrating ML-based image captioning and text-to-image model finetuning.
- Open-sourced the pipeline, trained models, and dataset on Hugging Face.
  - Dataset: Total 26,224 downloads.
  - Models: Total 2,095 downloads. (as of December 17, 2024.)
- Used skills: Python, PyTorch, Git.
- Repositories: [GitHub], [Dataset], [Model].

Optimized Biomedical Monitoring System with a Time-efficient Algorithm
PROJECT LEAD

Daegu, South Korea

Mar. 2019 - Mar. 2021

- Achieved an average error rate of $\pm$ 1.77%, outperforming conventional products with errors of $\pm$ 1-5%.
- Developed a cost-efficient time-series processing algorithm with a time complexity of $O(N \log N)$.
- Integrated hardware and software for real-time biomedical monitoring.
- Used skills: MATLAB, LabView, VHDL.

AI-powered Smartphone Imaging for Early Dental Caries Detection
PROJECT LEAD

Daegu, South Korea

Apr. 2020 - Feb. 2022

- Developed an ML-based smartphone image analysis system achieving 0.952 recall and 0.953 precision in early dental caries detection.
- Utilized convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to optimize classification performance for multimodal imaging data.
- Used skills: Python, TensorFlow.

ML-based Smartphone Imaging for Otitis Media Diagnosis
PROJECT MEMBER

Daegu, South Korea

Feb. 2020 - Jan. 2022

- Constructed multimodal human clinical datasets (+4.98B pixels) and optimized image classification models for clinical validation.
- Enhanced diagnostic accuracy with a multi-layer perceptron (MLP) model achieving 80% accuracy, outperforming expert clinicians at 73%.
- Used skills: Python, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn.

OTHERS

GAN-based Image Translation for High-resolution Gastrointestinal Imaging PROJECT LEAD	*Feb. 2021 - Sep. 2023*
Multitask Learning-based Network for Rotator Cuff Tear Segmentation PROJECT MEMBER	*Dec. 2021 - Dec. 2022*
Low-voltage CMUT-based Ultrasound Imaging for Medibots PROJECT MEMBER	*Sep. 2020 - Dec. 2022*
2021 Laboratory-specialized Start-up Leader University Project PROJECT MEMBER	*Aug. 2021 - Jan. 2022*
Smart Monitoring System for Hip Implants PROJECT MEMBER	*Feb. 2019 - May. 2021*
Technical Commercialization Activity Support for Bio Society Leadership PROJECT MEMBER	*May. 2020 - Dec. 2020*
Multimodal Data Registration and Analysis for Tumor Detection PROJECT MEMBER	*Mar. 2019 - Oct. 2020*
Ultrasonic Capsule Endoscopy PROJECT MEMBER	*Jun. 2019 - Jun. 2020*

Publications

GeoAvatar: Adaptive Geometrical Gaussian Splatting for 3D Head Avatar
S. Moon*, **Hah Min Lew***, S. Lee, J. Kang, and G. Park.
First Author
Under Review

Towards High-fidelity Head Blending with Chroma Keying for Industrial Applications
Hah Min Lew*, S. Yoo*, H. Kang*, and G. Park. WACV 2025
First Author
Feb. 2025

Deep Learning-based Synthetic High-Resolution In-Depth Imaging Using an Attachable Dual-element Endoscopic Ultrasound Probe
Hah Min Lew*, J. S. Kim*, M. H. Lee, J. Park, S. Youn, H. M. Kim, J. Kim, and J. Y. Hwang. Arxiv Preprint
First Author
Sep. 2023

CSS-Net: Classification and Substitution for Segmentation of Rotator Cuff Tear
K. Lee, **Hah Min Lew**, M. H. Lee, M. Kang, J. Kim, and J. Y. Hwang. ACCV 2022
Co-Author
Dec. 2022

Deep Learning-based Framework for Fast and Accurate Acoustic Hologram Generation
M. H. Lee, **Hah Min Lew**, S. Youn, T. Kim, and J. Y. Hwang. IEEE TUFFC (IF: 3.267)
Co-Author
Nov. 2022

Multi-task and Few-shot Learning-based Fully Automatic Deep Learning Platform for Mobile Diagnosis of Skin Diseases
K. Lee, T. C. Cavalcanti, S. Kim, **Hah Min Lew**, D. H. Lee, and J. Y. Hwang. IEEE JBHI (IF: 7.021)
Co-Author
Jul. 2022

Speckle Reduction via Deep Content-Aware Image Prior for Precise Breast Tumor Segmentation in an Ultrasound Image
H. Lee, M. H. Lee, S. Youn, K. Lee, **Hah Min Lew**, and J. Y. Hwang. IEEE TUFFC (IF: 3.267)
Co-Author
Jul. 2022

Intelligent Smartphone-based Multimode Imaging Otoscope for the Mobile Diagnosis of Otitis Media
T. C. Cavalcanti, **Hah Min Lew**, K. Lee, S. Lee, M. K. Park, and J. Y. Hwang. Biomedical Optics Express (IF: 3.562)
Co-Author
Nov. 2021

Ultrasonic Blood Flowmeter with a Novel Xero Algorithm for a Mechanical Circulatory Support System
Hah Min Lew, H. Shin, M. H. Lee, S. Youn, H. C. Kim, and J. Y. Hwang. Ultrasonics (IF: 4.062)
First Author
Aug. 2021

Forward-Looking Multimodal Endoscopic System Based on Optical Multispectral and High-Frequency Ultrasound Imaging Techniques for Tumor Detection
J. Kim, **Hah Min Lew**, J. Kim, S. Youn, H. A. Faruque, A. N. Seo, S. Y. Park, J. H. Chang, E. Kim, and J. Y. Hwang. IEEE TMI (IF: 11.037)
Co-Author
Oct. 2020

Patents

BLADDER MONITORING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING BLADDER MONITORING APPARATUS
J. Y. Hwang, M. H. Lee, **Hah Min Lew** (US17-516850, KR10-0145463)
Application
Nov. 2021

ULTRASONIC BLOOD FLOW MEASURING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF
J. Y. Hwang, **Hah Min Lew**, H. C. Kim (KR10-2021-0062321)
Application
May 2021

MOBILE OTOSCOPE SYSTEM
J. Y. Hwang, T. C. Cavalcanti, **Hah Min Lew** (KR10-2021-0049885)
Application
Apr. 2021

THREE-DIMENSIONAL DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM
J. Y. Hwang, J. Kim, **Hah Min Lew**, K. Lee (PCT-KR2020-015460, KR10-2019-0141198)
Application
Nov. 2020

Awards & Scholarships

Awards

2021	**Outstanding Poster Award**, 2021 Student Conference at DGIST	*Daegu, South Korea*
2021	**Best Paper Award**, 2021 Spring Conference at KOSOMBE	*Remote, South Korea*
2017	**Best Project Award**, 2016 Undergraduate Group Research Project (UGRP) Program at DGIST	*Daegu, South Korea*

Scholarships

2022	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in M.S.	*Daegu, South Korea*
2021	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in M.S.	*Daegu, South Korea*
2020	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in M.S.	*Daegu, South Korea*
2019	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in M.S.	*Daegu, South Korea*
2018	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in B.E.	*Daegu, South Korea*
2016	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in B.E.	*Daegu, South Korea*
2015	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in B.E.	*Daegu, South Korea*
2014	**Full Government Scholarships**, Full tuition exemptions and school expenses support in B.E.	*Daegu, South Korea*