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About

Hyung-Kwon Ko is a researcher at KAIST Interaction Lab, focusing on Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Centered AI, and Information Visualization. He develops intelligent systems to address complex communication challenges between humans or when interacting with computers, by proposing novel user interfaces or sophisticated algorithms. Based on expertise in HCI and AI from both academia and industry, he aspires to pioneer pragmatic solutions and drive innovation in our society.

Education

- 2019 – 2021 **Seoul National University**, Seoul, Korea
Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (Advisor: Dr. Jinwook Seo)
- 2014 – 2019 **Hanyang University**, Seoul, Korea
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Minor in Industrial Engineering

Publications

CONFERENCE

- [c7] Ko, H.-K., Jeon, H., Park, G., Kim, D. H., Kim, N. W., Kim, J., Seo, J. (2024).
Natural Language Dataset Generation Framework for Visualizations Powered by Large Language Models.
CHI 2024. 22 pages. 26.3% acceptance rate (1,060/4,028).
- [c6] Jeon, H., Cho, A., Jang, J., Lee, S., Hyun, J., Ko, H.-K., Jo, J., Seo, J. (2023).
Zadu: A Python Library for Evaluating the Reliability of Dimensionality Reduction Embeddings.
VIS 2023. 5 pages. 33.7% acceptance rate (51/151).
- [c5] Ko, H.-K., Park, G., Jeon, H., Jo, J., Kim, J., Seo, J. (2023).
Large-scale Text-to-Image Generation Models for Visual Artists' Creative Works.
IUI 2023. 15 pages. 24.1% acceptance rate (66/274).
- [c4] Ko, H.-K.*, An, S.*, Park, G., Kim, S.K., Kim, D., Kim, B., Jo, J., Seo, J. (2022).
We-toon: A Communication Support System between Writers and Artists in Collaborative Webtoon Sketch Revision.
UIST 2022. 14 pages. 26.3% acceptance rate (98/372).
- [c3] Jeon, H.*, Ko, H.-K.*, Lee, S., Jo, J., Seo, J. (2022).
Uniform Manifold Approximation with Two-phase Optimization.
VIS 2022. 5 pages. 31.7% acceptance rate (33/104).
- [c2] Jung, S., Choe, K., Park, S., Ko, H.-K., Seo, J. (2021).
Mixed-Initiative Approach to Extract Data from Pictures of Medical Invoice.
PacificVis 2021. 5 pages. 43.3% acceptance rate (13/30).
- [c1] Ko, H.-K., Jo, J., Seo, J. (2020).
Progressive Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection.
EuroVis 2020. 5 pages. 45.7% acceptance rate (32/70).

JOURNAL

- [j1] Jeon, H., Ko, H.-K., Jo, J., Kim, Y., Seo, J. (2021).
Measuring and Explaining the Inter-Cluster Reliability of Multidimensional Projections.
TVCG (VIS 2021). 12 pages. 24.9% acceptance rate (110/441).

WORKSHOP

- [w2] Ko, H.-K., Jeon, H., Park, G., Kim, D. H., Kim, N. W., Kim, J., Seo, J. (2023).
A Vega-Lite Dataset and Natural Language Generation Pipeline with Large Language Models.
VIS 2023 NLVIZ Workshop: Exploring Research Opportunities for NL, Text, and Data Visualization.
- [w1] Ko, H.-K., Son, K., Jin, H., Choi, Y., Chen, X. (2023).
Moderating Customer Inquiries and Responses to Alleviate Stress and Reduce Emotional Dissonance of Customer Service Representatives.
CHI 2023 Workshop on Generative AI and HCI.

PREPRINTS & PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

- [p1] Jeon, H., Aupetit, M., Lee, S., Ko, H.-K., Kim, Y., Seo, J. (2022).
Distortion-Aware Brushing for Interactive Cluster Analysis in Multidimensional Projections.
Arxiv Preprint.

* denotes equal contributions.

Experience

- 06/2022 – Present **KAIST Interaction Lab (KIXLAB)**, Daejeon, Korea
Researcher (Advisor: Dr. Juho Kim)
- 10/2021 – 06/2022 **Naver Webtoon Corp.**, Seongnam, Korea
AI Research Scientist, Webtoon AI
- 04/2021 – 09/2021 **Naver Webtoon Corp.**, Seongnam, Korea
AI Research Intern, Webtoon AI
- 03/2019 – 08/2019 **Human-Computer Interaction Lab**, Seoul, Korea
Research Intern (Advisor: Dr. Jinwook Seo)
- 01/2019 – 02/2019 **LG Electronics Inc.**, Seoul, Korea
Research Intern, CTO Division
- 06/2018 – 08/2018 **Wesleyquest Inc.**, Seoul, Korea
Research Associate

Honors and Awards

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| 2023 | Fulbright Scholarship Nominee, (Ph.D. program, \$90,000 USD), <i>US & ROK Government</i> |
| 2023 | ACM Travel Grants (Travel support for IUI '23, \$980 USD), <i>ACM SIGCHI</i> |
| 2022 | Gary Marsden Travel Awards (Travel support for UIST '22, \$2,800 USD), <i>ACM SIGCHI</i> |
| 2018 | Big Data Contest (3 rd Place, \$900 USD), <i>NIA and Korea Big Data Forum</i> |
| 2018 | AI Novel Writing Competition (2 nd Place, \$18,000 USD), <i>KT Corporation and KOCCA</i> |
| 2014 – 2018 | Merit-based Scholarship (6 semesters, 50% tuition), <i>Hanyang University</i> |
| 2017 | Academic Research Competition (2 nd Place, \$180 USD), <i>Hanyang University</i> |

Invited Talks and Seminars

1. *Large-scale Text-to-Image Generation Models for Visual Artists' Creative Works*
Shandong University, Qingdao, China. January 2023.

Academic Services

PAPER	ACM CHI ('23, '24), CHI LBW ('23), C&C ('23)
REVIEWING	IEEE PacificVis ('20, '21)
STUDENT VOLUNTEERING	ACM UIST ('22), IUI ('23)

Press Coverage

Nov 2022	The Road to Becoming a Published Researcher , <i>IEEE Computer Society</i>
Aug 2018	Writing Novels on Its Own... AI Contests Human Creativity , <i>KBS (Korean)</i>