

SUMMARY

- 17+ years of extensive and broad research, development and engineering experience in deep learning, computer vision, medical imaging, interventional surgical systems and robotics.
- 6+ years of experience in a technical leadership experience leading project teams and setting technical direction.
- Managed R&D projects from concept to production, particularly in the areas of AI-powered virtual humans (NEON) and surgical navigation systems (**In2Vision™**).
- Strong publication record in peer-reviewed conferences and journals, with multiple patents in the areas of AI, neural rendering, medical imaging and interventional surgical systems.
- Research interests include generative AI, multimodal deep learning, optimization of DL models, modular software framework, network distributed system, medical image reconstruction and analysis, medical data visualization, surgical instrument localization with interventional surgical system.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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| SW | Programing Language | Python, C++, C, Java, Javascript |
| | Libraries | Pytorch, Keras, Tensorflow, Tensorflow-JS, ONNX, TensorRT, NumPy, MATLAB |
| | Tools | QT SDK, MFC, CUDA, OpenGL, WebGL, DirectX, OpenCV, ITK, VTK, Unity, 3D Max, SolidWorks, Pro/Engineer, AutoCAD, ANSYS, COMSL, K-Wave CMake, Ninja, Git |
| HW | Platforms | OSX, Linux, Windows, Android, Tizen |
| | Motion Tracking System | Polaris Polaris Spectra/Vicra/Aurora (NDI, Inc.), 3D Guidance medSAFE (Ascension Technology Co.), Micron Tracker (Claron Technology Inc.) |
| | Medical Ultrasound System | Ultrasonix CEP/RP/Touch/ DAQ (Analogic Ultrasound) |
| | Microscope | Inverted microscope IX-81 (Olympus Co.), MZ 12.5 (Leica), OPMI Neuro/NC 4 (Carl Zeiss AG), LSM 5 PASCAL (Carl Zeiss AG), XE-100 (PSIA Inc.) |
| | Micro/Nano Manipulation | MM3A-Nano-Manipulator (Kleindiek Nanotechnik GmbH), MP-285 micro-manipulator (Shutter Inc.), NI-2-biomanipulator (Eppendorf AG) |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SAMSUNG RESEARCH AMERICA, Mountain View, CA, USA

2021 – 2023

Senior Staff Research Engineer I

Researched and developed NEONs for production.

- Developed new methods to improve the image quality of the artificial human.
- Investigated the generation of full-body motion of the artificial human based on audio data and user feedback.
- Optimized the DL model of neural rendering to real-time rendering (50 fps).
- Researched and optimized neural rendering for mobile devices and web browsers.
- Generated 14 NEONs from in-house data captures.
- Cooperated with the software team to prepare several external commercial demos.
 - AI shopping assistant at NRF Retail Event. [\[Link\]](#)
- Published a conference paper and several related patents with the team.
 - Synthesizing Photorealistic Virtual Humans Through Cross-Modal Disentanglement (CVPR 2023). [\[Link1\]](#), [\[Link2\]](#)

SAMSUNG RESEARCH AMERICA, Mountain View, CA, USA

2019 – 2021

Staff Research Engineer II

Researched and developed Artificial Human (NEON).

- Researched and developed neural rendering methods for artificial human.
- Investigated and integrated DL model of lip-syncing to given audio with the artificial human.

- Developed facial expression control/synthesis methods for the artificial human.
- Demonstrated the first showcase of **NEON** at CES 2020. [[Link1](#)], [[Link2](#)], [[Link3](#)]
 - Finalist of the Best of Innovation Award at CES 2020. [[Link](#)]
- Participated in the preparation of Korea Sam-il event (Korean Government) with 3-**NEONs**. [[Link](#)]

SAMSUNG RESEARCH AMERICA, Mountain View, CA, USA

2016 – 2019

Staff Research Engineer I

Developed DL-based computer vision applications on mobile devices.

- Implemented object detection and style transfer DL models on a mobile device (Android OS).
- Implemented segmentation DL models on Tizen devices (mobile and TV).
- Developed a mobile SLAM application (Android OS) using the VINS-Mono method.
- Researched and developed mobile AR applications for multiple players and multiple devices. (Unity and Android OS).

Developed a neural rendering method for artificial humans.

- Investigated and researched a photorealistic face rendering with DL models (a pilot project of artificial human).

KITWARE INC., Carrboro, NC, USA

2015 – 2016

R&D Engineer

Performed research and development of medical image analysis software.

- **Insight Segmentation and Registration Toolkit (ITKv4)** – involved in development activities for version ITK 4.9 and 4.10.
- **SimpleITK data bridges** – implemented high performance data conversion between SimpleITK's Image and NumPy's ndarray objects based on copy-on-write semantics.
- **Ultrasound Spectroscopy** – investigated and implemented the method for ex-vivo tissue characterization with ultrasound pulse-echo RF data by utilizing ITK-Ultrasound module and Quantitative ultrasound methods.
- **Ultrasonic Device for Rapid Tomographic Rodent Tissue and Vasculature Imaging** (Collaboration with SonoVol, Inc.)
 - Developed and integrated the automated robotic 3D ultrasound platform with 3D Slicer, Plus Toolkit and OpenIGTLink library.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Department of Computer Science, Baltimore, MD, USA

2008 – 2015

Research Assistant

Developed real-time medical ultrasound imaging and interventional component framework – modular software component framework which enables rapid development and system setup used for ultrasound imaging research.

- **OpenIGTLinkMUSiiC**: The extended version of OpenIGTLink, accomplished by adding new message types and well-defined bidirectional communication interface between components.
 - Proposed entire design concept of **OpenIGTLinkMUSiiC**.
 - Designed and implemented new message types (USMessage, EIMessage) to support real-time ultrasound-driven data streaming.
 - Designed and developed concurrent message interfaces and callback function interface to allow bidirectional message communication on multithreading process.
- **MUSiiC Note**: The collection of software components for ultrasound research, which enables the breakdown of the monolithic processing structure of existing ultrasound system into a collection of independent and communicating software modules.
 - Proposed entire design concept of **MUSiiC Note**.
 - Implemented real-time ultrasound data acquisition and network server system for real-time GPU based ultrasound elastography and robot-assisted real-time laparoscopic ultrasound elastography.
 - Proposed and implemented real-time multiple data synchronization to combine multiple OpenIGTLink messages with the timestamp of each message.
 - Developed spatially tracked ultrasound data acquisition system for ultrasound calibration and freehand ultrasound elastography for in-vivo application.
- **Precisely shaped acoustic ablation of tumor under 3D ultrasound image guidance** (Collaboration with Acoustic Medical system, Inc., University of California at San Francisco and Vanderbilt University): A true closed-loop system for steering, placement, guidance, percutaneous delivery of ultrasound thermal ablation tool, and on-line monitoring of the treatment of hepatic tumor.
 - Implemented sensorless freehand 3D ultrasound system, and validated its accuracy with phantom study.

- Integrated real-time GPU based ultrasound elastography system with interventional ultrasound thermal ablation system (Acoustic MedSystems TheraVision™) for real-time thermal monitoring of acoustic ablation therapy, and validated the performance through a series of in vivo experiments.
- **Interventional photoacoustic surgical system (i-PASS):** Novel photoacoustic ultrasound imaging techniques for accurate, reliable, and efficient fusion of intraoperative ultrasound (IOUS) images with preoperative images, real time video, and other data to assist surgeons in minimally invasive surgery and other interventional procedures.
 - Developed real-time spatially tracked photoacoustic imaging system and network data server to localize prostate brachytherapy seeds using a clinical ultrasound system.
 - Proposed 3 freehand spatial-angular compounding methods of photoacoustic images to enhance the contrast of photoacoustic image.
 - Developed 3D photoacoustic data acquisition system for concurrent photoacoustic markers for direct three-dimensional ultrasound to video registration.
 - Proposed and developed a technique of needle visualization using photoacoustic effect.

CYBERMED, INC., Seoul, Korea

2006 – 2008

R&D Manager

Led a development team for **image-guided surgical navigation systems**, the first commercial surgical navigation systems in Korea. Managed/Directed entire development cycle: brainstorming, idea evaluation, software/hardware design, developing manufacturing processes, and managing OEM suppliers.

- **Image-guided surgical navigation systems**
 - **Neurosurgical navigation system (In2Vision™):**
 - Led 3 software engineers to implement surface registration method (ICP) and integrate Diffused Tensor Imaging (DTI) technique, including brainstorming, designing software architecture, implementation, and clinical test.
 - Engineering duties were evaluation idea, designing software architecture, and organizing clinical test.
 - **Image-free total knee replacement (TKR) navigation system (In2Knee™):**
 - Led 4 software engineers to develop user-interface software for In2Knee™.
 - Personal duties were designing and manufacturing surgical instruments (a fine-adjustable cutting block) for In2Knee™, coordinating OEM supplier collaboration, building system, and organizing clinical test.
 - **Dental implant surgical navigation system (In2Guide™):**
 - Led a team of three software engineers, starting from surveying the state of arts, building the concept of product, designing software architecture, and ending with implementation.
 - Engineering duties were evaluation idea, designing software architecture, and implementation.
- **A grant application of development of intravascular micro-robot development** (Accepted, Funded by the ministry of knowledge economy of Korea with the total amount of \$ 20M, September 2007 – June 2014): To develop a micro-robot system to help cure blood vessel disease, such as Chronic Total Occlusions (CTO) and Thrombi within blood vessels.
 - Proposed and wrote the sub-grant proposal related to recognition of the pose of micro-robot in human body with real-time.
- **A grant application of development of medical treatment technology for blood vessel treatment by a micro-robot** (Accepted, funded by the ministry of knowledge economy of Korea with the total amount of \$3M, June 2008 – May 2013): To develop the common technology for robotic surgery system to improve the accuracy of surgery by combining image processing technology and the conventional surgical technology.
 - Proposed and wrote the sub-grant proposal related to image-guided surgical system.
- **Proposed and wrote 16 patents related to image guided surgical systems.**

CYBERMED, INC., Seoul, Korea

2004 – 2006

Researcher

Performed research and development of **image-guided surgical navigation systems**.

- **Image-guided surgical navigation systems**
 - **Neurosurgical navigation system (In2Vision™):**
 - Developed and integrated the real-time video image interface of surgical microscope using a Matrox METEOR board and MIL library.
 - Developed and integrated the functional interface of surgical microscope (NC-4, Carl Zeiss Microscope) using RS232C protocol.

- Developed and implemented a virtual-tip tracking function with the focal distance of surgical microscope (NC-4, Carl Zeiss Microscope).
- Designed and fabricated neurosurgical navigation instruments.
- o **Spine surgical navigation system (In2Spine™):**
 - Designed and fabricated spine surgical navigation instruments.
 - Developed the real-time video image interface of C-arm using a Matrox METEOR board and MIL library.

KOREA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (KIST), Seoul, Korea

2002 – 2004

Researcher

Researched and developed micromanipulations and wearable robot.

- **Sensor based micromanipulation system:**
 - o **Gelatin-patterned cover glass for single bio-cell manipulation:** In-vitro cell culture scaffolds for patterned cell culturing.
 - Proposed and fabricated a gelatin patterned cover glass for holding and culturing mouse bone marrow cell.
 - Measured of the property of the gelatin-patterned cover glass with Atomic Force Microscope (AFM).
 - o **Single bio-cell manipulation:** A micro-robotic injector with cellular force sensing capabilities and a visual tracking function.
 - Developed and integrated the vision-based micromanipulation of single bio-cell (mouse embryo).
 - Developed and implemented auto-cell detection algorithm with pattern matching method.
 - Designed and fabricated PVDF force sensor to measure cellular force.
 - o **Flexible micro-assembly system:** A flexible micro-assembly system based on hybrid manipulation scheme with sensory feedback of vision and force.
 - Developed and integrated a micromanipulation system based on vision and scaled teleoperation technique with force feedback for assembling optical components.
 - Proposed and implemented an image processing algorithm of monitoring the pose of optical components in real-time.
 - Implemented and integrated a haptic interface for force feedback-based micro-assembly.
 - Developed the graphic user interface of the micromanipulation system.
- **Wearable robotic arm:** A 7-DOF wearable robotic arm with pneumatic actuators and teleoperation control.
 - o Developed a 3D virtual wearable robotic arm that interacts with the wearable robotic arm.

SNU PRECISION CO. LTD. AND SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Seoul, Korea

2000 – 2002

Researcher

Performed research and development of vision-based inspection system.

- **Vision-based inspection system of optical components**
 - o **Inspection system for pigtailed optical fiber:** A high-precision non-contact inspection system of pigtailed optical fiber.
 - Proposed and developed an inspection algorithm based on image processing technique to detect the facet angle of pigtailed optical fiber.
 - Developed and integrated the graphic user interface of the inspection system.
 - Developed and integrated the video interface of optical microscope.
 - o **Inspection system for ferrules (optical component):** A high-precision non-contact automated inspection system of ferrules.
 - Developed the control interface motorized x-y-z stage for automated inspection with RS232C protocols.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, **2015**
 - Thesis Topic: Real-time medical ultrasound imaging and interventional component framework for advanced ultrasound research

M.S.E., Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, **2010**

M.S., Mechanical Design & Production Engineering, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, **2002**
 - Dissertation: Development of Inspection System for PigTail using Computer Vision with Optical Microscope

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Korea, (GPA 4.04 / 4.3), **2000**

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Education Fellowship for excellent academic achievement, Woosung Foundation, Seoul, Korea, 1997 – 2001
- Honor Student Scholarship, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Kore, 1996 – 1997

PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS [\[Link1\]](#) [\[Link2\]](#)

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