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Summary

Over **12 years** of experience developing AI systems, including **Generative AI, Clinical AI (cAI), Large Language Models (LLMs), Multimodal AI, Federated Learning (FL), Agentic-AI, and Foundation Models (FMs)** across several modalities, including medical imaging (radiology and digital pathology), genomics, and electronic health records (EHRs). I have experience in **writing and coordinating EU project proposals** and leading cross-domain AI teams for various EU and UKRI-funded projects. My work includes developing **Domain-Specific Foundation Models (DFMs)** in areas such as **Biology-inspired Foundation Models (BIFMs) for cancer research, Physics-informed Foundation Models (PIFMs)** for materials discovery, and **Epidemiology-informed Foundation Models (EIFMs)** for pandemic preparedness and response. More broadly, I am also interested in AI applications for materials science, climate, and pandemic science. Experience in developing impactful AI policies through the involvement in the **ISO/BSI AI standards** work-group, and completed **Oxford AI Ethics, Regulation and Compliance**. I have experienced with complex, multi-stakeholder projects, including **Federated Learning in Healthcare** in the EU (**TRUMPET(€4M), FLUTE(€6M)**), Oxford's Fetal Echocardiography (**COCHE**), and QUB's AI in Computational Pathology for Cancer Research (**PathLake**), hospitals contexts and worked with patient data standards (**GDPR, HL7**), and relevant research regulations. Translate high-level ideas into clinical applications, resource work plans, successfully managing >10 funded projects (South Korea, Spain, UK). My current research interests focus on **Trustworthy, Ethical, and Responsible AI in Healthcare**.

Professional Experiences

- 10.2025 – present **Assistant Research Professor**, Precision Breast Cancer Institute, Department of Oncology, University of Cambridge, UK.
- 03.2024 – 09.2025 **Head of AI**, Technovative Solutions Limited (TVS), Manchester, UK.
- 01.2025 – 09.2025 **Visiting Fellow**, Dept. of Engineering Science, University of Oxford, UK.
- 09.2022 – 02.2024 **Senior Research Fellow**, Institute of Biomedical Engineering (IBME), Department of Engineering Science, University of Oxford, UK.
- 11.2021–08.2022 **Research Fellow**, National Subsea Centre, Robert Gordon University, UK.
- 05.2020–09.2021 **Research Fellow**, Tissue Hybridisation and Digital Pathology Lab at Precision Medicine Centre (PMC), Queen's University Belfast, UK.
- 09.2019–12.2019 **Research Associates**, Dept. of Math. & Computer Sci. at Uni. of Barcelona, Spain.
- 09.2016–08.2019 **Pre-doctoral Research Assistant (PhD student)**, Department of Computer Engineering and Mathematics at Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain.
- 09.2013–08.2016 **Research Assistant**, National Research Foundation, South Korea.
- 09.2011–08.2013 **Research Assistant (MEng. Student)**, Department of Electronics Engineering at Chonbuk National University, South Korea.

Education

- 2025 **AI Ethics, Regulation & Compliance Program.**, Saïd Business School, Uni. of Oxford.
- 2016 – 2019 **Ph.D. in Computer Eng. and Mathematics**, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain.
Thesis title: *Efficient Deep Learning Models and Their Applications to Health Informatics*.
- 2011 – 2013 **M.Eng. in Electronics Eng.**, Jeonbuk National University, South Korea.
- 2003 – 2008 **B.Sc. in Physics**, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh.

Projects

- 03.2024-09.2025 ■ — **JARVIS (Submitted: €17M)**– Just, Trustworthy and Robust Virtual Agent Systems for Healthcare. [HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-CARE-01] – End user-driven application of Generative Artificial Intelligence models in healthcare (GenAI4EU) [RIA]. 9-partners over 12 countries.
- **VIRTUOSO- (Submitted: €17M)** – GenAI-enabled Virtual Trials for Optimized Outcomes.[HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-TOOL-03] – Leveraging multimodal data to advance GenAI in biomedical research [RIA]. 18-partner consortium over 10 countries.
- **PANDAI (Submitted: €7M)**- European Pandemics AI Observatory.[HORIZON-HLTH-2025-01-DISEASE-04] – Leveraging AI for pandemic preparedness and response [RIA]. 9-partner consortium; 7 countries.
- **GENMAT (Submitted: €7M)**- Generative Foundation Model for Multi-Scale Materials Discovery, Design and Deployment.[HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-DIGITAL-61] – AI Foundation models in science (GenAI4EU) [RIA]. 14-partner consortium across 7 countries.
- **CLIMATEADAPT4EOSC (Funded: €7.9M)** (<https://climate-adapt4eosc.eu>)- Fair Data and Innovative Services for Magnifying the Climate Adaptation potential of European Communities. Started January 2025, 48 months project, with an 18-partner consortium across 8 countries.
- **EcoPlast (Funded: €6.3M)** (<https://www.norsar.no/projects/together/>)- Empowering Circular Operations in the Automotive Plastics Value Chain Started 1 June 2025, runs for 36 months, with an 17-partner consortium across 5 countries.
- **TOGETHER (Funded: €2.9M)** (<https://www.norsar.no/projects/together/>)- Towards enhanced coordination of disaster risk management and governance through a holistic framework for multi-level and cross-sectoral interaction and communication. Starts 1 November 2025, runs for 36 months, with an 19-partner consortium across 11 countries.
- **TRUMPET(Funded: €4M)** (<https://trumpetproject.eu>)- TRUStworthy Multi-site Privacy Enhancing Technologies. Led the development of a Federated Learning platform based on Armoured Federated Learning for healthcare researchers and hospitals.
- **FLUTE(Funded: €6M)** (<https://trumpetproject.eu>)- Federate Learning and mUlti-party computation Techniques for prostatE cancer. Led the development of a Federated Learning platform for prostate cancer prediction using FL across borders of 3 European countries (Spain, Italy and Belgium).
- My Role:** Consortium **AI taskforce lead**, conceptual design, and writing entire AI strategy for all of submitted and funded projects with a focus on Trustworthy, Ethical, and Responsible AI, ensuring project's AI systems complies with EU AI Act.
- 09.2022-02.2024 ■ **COCHE (HK\$10 billion)**- Development of Clinical AI Models in Fetal Echocardiography for the Detection of Congenital Heart Defects. InnoHK-funded Hong Kong Centre for Cerebro-cardiovascular Health Engineering (COCHE). Contributor as Senior Research Fellow from University of Oxford, UK.
- 11.2021-08.2022 ■ **ONR-** Underwater Object Detection using AI. Funded by Office of Naval Research (ONR) & Royal Navy, UK. Contributor as a Research Fellow at National Subsea Centre, UK.
- IRT surveys-** Automated thermograph survey report using AI (The Data Lab,UK). **Co-PI** at Robert Gordon University, UK.
- 05.2020-09.2021 ■ **PathLAKE (£13.5M)**- Pathology Image Data Lake for Analytics Knowledge and Education. Contributor as a Research Fellow (Image Analyst) at PMC in Queen's University Belfast, UK.
- 09.2019-12.2019 ■ **IKIWI-** Industrial Cleaning Robot. Contributor as a Research Associates at University of Barcelona, Spain

Projects (continued)

- 09.2016-08.2019
- **Food Related Scene Classification Under the Paradigm of Lifelogging.** Contributor as a Pre-doctoral Research Assistant at Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain.
 - **Skin Lesion Segmentation and Classification in Dermoscopic Images.** Contributor as a Pre-doctoral Research Assistant at Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain.
 - **Breast Tumor Segmentation and Sub-type Classification.** Contributor as a Pre-doctoral Research Fellow at Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain.

Research Publications

Google Scholar Citations = [1372](#), H-index = [15](#) (Accessed: 8 October 2025)

I have [48](#) peer-reviewed research publications (2012-now). Some selected publications are listed below; *: MICCAI, ISBI and ECCV are the top conference on medical image analysis and computer vision.

Journal Articles

- 1 **Sarker, M.**, Mishra, D., Alsharid, M., Netzahualcoyotl, H.-C., Ahujaa, R., Patey, O., ... Noble, J. A. (2025). Harmonicechonet: Leveraging harmonic convolutions for automated standard plane detection in fetal heart ultrasound videos. *Medical Image Analysis.*, 103758.
- 2 Hernandez-Cruz, N., Mishra, D., **Sarker, M.**, Papageorghiou, A., & Noble, J. A. (2024). Detection of fetal congenital heart defects on three-vessel view ultrasound videos. *WFUMB Ultrasound Open*, 2(2), 100075.
- 3 Hernandez-Cruz, N., Saha, P., **Sarker, M.**, & Noble, J. A. (2024). Review of federated learning and machine learning-based methods for medical image analysis. *Big Data and Cognitive Computing*, 8(9), 99.
- 4 Singh, V. K., Makhoulf, Y., **Sarker, M.**, Craig, S., Baena, J., Greene, C., ... O'Reilly, P. et al. (2024). Krasformer: A fully vision transformer-based framework for predicting kras gene mutations in histopathological images of colorectal cancer. *Biomedical Physics & Engineering Express*, 10(5), 055012.
- 5 Hernandez-Cruz, N., Mishra, D., Patey, O., **Sarker, M.**, Craik, R., Wilden, E., ... Papageorghiou, A. (2023). Op06. 07: Machine learning-based detection of fetal anatomical orientation in second trimester ultrasound images. *Ultrasound in Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 62, 62–62.
- 6 **Sarker, M.**, Singh, V., Alsharid, M., Papageorghiou, A. T., & Noble, J. A. (2023). Comformer: Classification of maternal-fetal and brain anatomy using a residual cross-covariance attention guided transformer in ultrasound. *IEEE Trans. on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics, and Frequency Control*, 70(11), 1417–1427.
- 7 Elyan, E., Vuttipittayamongkol, P., Johnston, P., Martin, K., McPherson, K., Moreno-García, C. F., ... **Sarker, M.** (2022). Computer vision and machine learning for medical image analysis: Recent advances, challenges, and way forward. *Artificial Intelligence Surgery*, 2(1), 24–45.
- 8 Neoh, S. C., Zhang, L., & **Sarker, M.** (2022). Acute lymphoblastic leukemia diagnosis using genetic algorithm and enhanced clustering-based feature selection. *Recent Advances in AI-enabled Automated Medical Diagnosis*, 123–134.
- 9 **Sarker, M.**, Akram, F., Alsharid, M., Singh, V., Yasrab, R., & Elyan, E. (2022). Efficient breast cancer classification network with dual squeeze and excitation in histopathological images. *Diagnosics*, 13(1), 103.
- 10 Singh, V. K., **Sarker, M.**, Makhoulf, Y., Craig, S. G., Humphries, M. P., Loughrey, M. B., ... Maxwell, P. (2022). Icosseg: Real-time icos protein expression segmentation from immunohistochemistry slides using a lightweight conv-transformer network. *Cancers*, 14(16), 3910.
- 11 Banu, S. F., **Sarker, M.**, Abdel-Nasser, M., Puig, D., & Raswan, H. A. (2021). Aweu-net: An attention-aware weight excitation u-net for lung nodule segmentation. *Applied Sciences*, 11(21), 10132.

- 12 **Sarker, M.**, Makhlouf, Y., Craig, M., O'Reilly, P., & Maxwell, P. (2021). A means of assessing deep learning-based detection of icos protein expression in colon cancer. *Cancers*, 13(15), 3825.
- 13 **Sarker, M.**, Rashwan, H., Akram, F., Singh, V., & Abdel-Nasser, M. (2021). Slsnet: Skin lesion segmentation using a lightweight generative adversarial network. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 183, 115433.
- 14 **Sarker, M.**, Makhlouf, Y., Banu, S. F., Chambon, S., Radeva, P., & Puig, D. (2020). Web-based efficient dual attention networks to detect covid-19 from x-ray images. *Electronics Letters*, 56(24), 1298–1301.
- 15 Singh, V., Rashwan, H., Romani, S., Akram, F., Pandey, N., **Sarker, M.**, ... Torrents-Barrena, J. (2020). Breast tumor segmentation and shape classification in mammograms using generative adversarial and convolutional neural network. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 139, 112855.
- 16 Singh, V. K., Abdel-Nasser, M., Akram, F., Rashwan, H. A., **Sarker, M.**, Pandey, N., ... Puig, D. (2020). Breast tumor segmentation in ultrasound images using contextual-information-aware deep adversarial learning framework. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 162, 113870.
- 17 Martinez, E. T., Leyva-Vallina, M., Sarker, M. S., Puig, D., Petkov, N., & Radeva, P. (2019). Hierarchical approach to classify food scenes in egocentric photo-streams. *IEEE journal of biomedical and health informatics*, 24(3), 866–877.
- 18 **Sarker, M.**, Rashwan, H. A., Akram, F., Talavera, E., Banu, S. F., Radeva, P., & Puig, D. (2019). Recognizing food places in egocentric photo-streams using multi-scale atrous convolutional networks and self-attention mechanism. *IEEE Access*, 7, 39069–39082.
- 19 **Sarker, M.**, & Song, M. K. (2016). Segmentation and recognition of korean vehicle license plate characters based on the global threshold method and the cross-correlation matching algorithm. *Journal of Information Processing Systems*, 12(4), 661–680.
- 20 **Sarker, M.**, Weihua, C., & Song, M. K. (2015). Detection and recognition of illegally parked vehicles based on an adaptive gaussian mixture model and a seed fill algorithm. *Journal of information and communication convergence engineering*, 13(3), 197–204.
- 21 **Sarker, M.**, & Song, M. K. (2014b). Real-time vehicle license plate detection based on background subtraction and cascade of boosted classifiers. *Journal of the Korean Institute of Comm. and Info. Sciences*, 39(10), 909–919.
- 22 **Sarker, M.**, Yoon, S., & Park, D. S. (2014). A fast and robust license plate detection algorithm based on two-stage cascade adaboost. *KSII Transactions on Internet and Information Systems*, 8(10), 3490–3507.
- 23 Song, M. K., & **Sarker, M.** (2014). Modeling and implementing two-stage adaboost for real-time vehicle license plate detection. *Journal of Applied Mathematics*, 2014(1), 697658.
- 24 **Sarker, M.**, Yoon, S., Lee, J., & Park, D. S. (2013). Novel license plate detection method based on heuristic energy map. *Journal of the Korean Institute of Communications and Information Sciences*, 38(12), 1114–1125.

Conference Proceedings

- 1 Alsharid, M., Yasrab, R., Sarker, M. M. K., Drukker, L., Papageorgiou, A., & Noble, J. (2024). Zoom is meaningful: Discerning ultrasound images' zoom levels. In *2024 ieee international symposium on biomedical imaging (isbi)*. **ISBI-2024**, May 27-30, Athens, Greece.
- 2 Gaviria, D. D., **Sarker, M.**, & Radeva, P. (2023). Efficient deep learning ensemble for skin lesion classification. In *Visigrapp (5: Visapp)* (pp. 303–314). **VISIGRAPP-2023**, February 19-21, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 3 Hasan, M. J., Elyan, E., Yan, Y., Ren, J., & Sarker, M. M. K. (2023). Segmentation framework for heat loss identification in thermal images: Empowering scottish retrofitting and thermographic survey companies. In *International conference on brain inspired cognitive systems*. **BICS-2024**, August 5-6, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- 4 **Sarker, M.**, Yasrab, R., Alsharid, M., Papageorghiou, A. T., & Noble, J. A. (2023). Cnseg-gan: A lightweight generative adversarial network for segmentation of crl and nt from first-trimester fetal ultrasound. In *2023 ieee 20th international symposium on biomedical imaging (isbi)*. **ISBI-2023**, April 18-21, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.
- 5 Yan, Y., Li, Y., Lin, H., Sarker, M. M. K., Ren, J., & McCall, J. (2023). Underwater object detection for smooth and autonomous operations of naval missions: A pilot dataset. In *International conference on brain inspired cognitive systems*. **BICS-2024**, August 5-6, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 6 Yasrab, R., Alsharid, M., **Sarker, M.**, Zhao, H., Papageorghiou, A. T., & Noble, J. A. (2023). Automated description and workflow analysis of fetal echocardiography in first-trimester ultrasound video scans. In *2023 ieee 20th international symposium on biomedical imaging*. **ISBI-2023**, April 18-21, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.
- 7 **Sarker, M.**, Moreno-García, C. F., Ren, J., & Elyan, E. (2022). Transslc: Skin lesion classification in dermatoscopic images using transformers. In *Annual conference on medical image understanding and analysis*. (**MIUA-2022**), July 27–29, Cambridge, UK.
- 8 Banu, S. F., **Sarker, M.**, Abdel-Nasser, M., Rashwan, H. A., & Puig, D. (2021). Weu-net: A weight excitation u-net for lung nodule segmentation. In *23rd international conference of the catalan association for artificial intelligence*, (**CCIA-2021**), October 20-22, Lleida, Spain.
- 9 Saleh, A., Rashwan, H. A., Abdel-Nasser, M., Singh, V. K., Abdulwahab, S., **Sarker, M.**, ... Puig, D. (2019). Finseg: Finger parts semantic segmentation using multi-scale feature maps aggregation of fcn. In *Visigrapp (5: Visapp)*, (**VISIGRAPP-2019**), February 25-27, Prague, Czech Republic.
- 10 **Sarker, M.**, Banu, S. F., Rashwan, H. A., Abdel-Nasser, M., Singh, V. K., Chambon, S., ... Puig, D. (2019). Food places classification in egocentric images using siamese neural networks. In *22nd international conference of the catalan association for artificial intelligence*, (**CCIA-2019**), October 23-24, Colònia de Sant Jordi, Spain.
- 11 Singh, V. K., Abdel-Nasser, M., Pandey, N., **Sarker, M.**, Romani, S. et al. (2019). Mass detection in mammograms using a robust deep learning model. In *22nd international conference of the catalan association for artificial intelligence*, (**CCIA-2019**), October 23-24, Colònia de Sant Jordi, Spain.
- 12 Akram, F., Singh, V. K., **Sarker, M.**, Garcia, M. A., & Puig, D. (2018). Brain mr image segmentation using multiphase active contours based on local and global fitted images. In *21st international conference of the catalan association for artificial intelligence*, (**CCIA-2018**), October 8-10, Roses, Spain.
- 13 Saleh, A., Abdel-Nasser, M., **Sarker, M.**, Singh, V. K., Abdulwahab, S., Saffari, N., ... Puig, D. (2018). Deep visual embedding for image classification. In *2018 international conference on innovative trends in computer engineering (itce)*. (**ITCE-2018**), February 19-21, Aswan, Egypt.
- 14 **Sarker, M.**, Jabreel, M., Rashwan, H. A., Banu, S. F., Singh, V. K., Moreno, A., ... Puig, D. (2018). Cuisinenet: Food attributes classification using multi-scale convolution network. In *21st international conference of the catalan association for artificial intelligence*, (**CCIA-2018**), October 8-10, Roses, Spain.
- 15 **Sarker, M.**, Rashwan, H., Akram, F., Radeva, P., & Puig, D. (2018). Slsdeep: Skin lesion segmentation based on dilated residual and pyramid pooling networks. In *21st international conference on medical image computing computer assisted intervention*. (**MICCAI-2018**), September 16-20, Granada, Spain.
- 16 **Sarker, M.**, Rashwan, H., Talavera, E., Banu, S., Radeva, P., & Puig, D. (2018). Macnet: Multi-scale atrous convolution networks for food places classification in egocentric photo-streams. In *15th european conference on computer vision*. (**ECCV-2018**), September 8 – 14, Munich, Germany.
- 17 Singh, V. K., Romani, S., Rashwan, H. A., Akram, F., Pandey, N., **Sarker, M.**, ... Arquez, M. et al. (2018). Conditional generative adversarial and convolutional networks for x-ray breast mass segmentation and shape classification. In *21st international conference on medical image computing and computer-assisted intervention*. (**MICCAI-2018**), September 16-20, Granada, Spain.

Knowledge and Skills

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| AI Governance | ■ Certified AI Auditor (CAIA) , Global Regulation of AI (e.g., EU Act), Auditing AI Systems (Oxethica), Ethical and Responsible AI. |
| AI Algorithms | ■ CNNs (Convolutional Neural Networks), ViTs (Vision Transformers), GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks), Diffusion models in 2D images and 3D videos, Large Language Models (LLMs) , Large Vision Models (LVMs) , Foundation Models , Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) . |
| Programming | ■ Python (advanced) , R (Basic) , C/C++ , SLURM (HPC) , FastAPI , Flux , MySQL , Web Application (Django) , and JavaScript , etc. <i>CV and ML libraries:</i> OpenCV , SimpleITK , Scikit-learn . <i>DL libraries:</i> PyTorch , Tensorflow , Kears <i>Agentic-AI framework:</i> Hugging Face , LangChain , Model Context Protocol (MCP) , LangGraph , LLMs Guardrails . <i>Version control:</i> GitHub , GitLab <i>AI/MLOps:</i> Amazon SageMaker , Azure ML , GCP , Docker |
| Others. | ■ MS office , L^AT_EX Overleaf , Project Management (Jira , Trello , Odoo .), etc. |

Awards and Achievements

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| 2021 | ■ Extraordinary Doctorate Award , Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain (PhD studies). |
| 2016 | ■ Martí Franquès Fellowship , Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain (PhD studies). |
| 2014 | ■ Award of Excellence , Wonkwang University, South Korea (publication excellence). |
| 2011 | ■ BK-21 Fellowship , Jeonbuk National University, South Korea (Master's studies). |

Academic Services

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| 2024 | ■ Speaker of Doctoral Consortium: British Machine Vision Conference 2024. |
| 2023 | ■ AC & Rev Selection Chair: British Machine Vision Conference 2023. |
| 2022– | ■ Associate Editor: Image Capture at Frontiers in Imaging. |
| 2023– | ■ Guest Editor: [2023] Advances and Applications of Deep Learning Methods and Image Processing in Big Data and Cognitive Computing. [2025] Machine Learning in Ultrasound Imaging in Bioengineering [2025] Multimodal Data Fusion and Cross-Disciplinary Analytics in Medical Imaging in Frontiers in Imaging |
| | ■ Invited Talks: [2025] Talk title: Artificial Intelligence in Climate Adaptation: Women's Contributions in Research and Mitigation. Venue: 1st International Conference on Environment and Climate Action (ICECA 2025), Asian University for Women (AUW), August 2, Chittagong, Bangladesh. [2025] Talk title: Privacy-Preserving AI Platform for Federated Model Development in Prostate Cancer Diagnosis. Venue: Advancements in AI, Ultrasound Imaging, and Surgical Robotics for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment, Hamlyn Symposium on Medical Robotics, June 27, Imperial College London, UK. |
| | ■ Reviewer: IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, Expert System and Application, MICCAI 2019, 2020, BMVC 2023. |
| 2023– | ■ Member: The British Machine Vision Association (BMVA). |
| 2024– | ■ Committee Member , ISO/BSI-(Artificial Intelligence - Functional Safety and AI Systems) at the British Standard Institution (BSI) , UK. |