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#### II. EDUCATION

Ph.D. Computer Science
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

M.S. Computer Science
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

B.S. Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

# III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# Microsoft Corp.

Partner Applied Scientist

2014 - Present

• I manage IC3-AI, a team of applied scientists and engineers in the Intelligent Conversation and Communications Cloud (IC3) division of Office. IC3 develops the core infrastructure technology for Teams and Skype that makes calling and messaging possible. We focus on applying ML to improve Teams/Skype calling quality/reliability and create new user experiences. My team's technology is used by 100's of millions of users. Products shipped include: Teams, Skype.

Principal Architect 2005 - 2014

 Audio/video architect in Skype/Lync. My key focus is improving AV call quality on Skype/Lync and I lead a team of data scientists and machine learning scientists to help do that. I also lead the AV certification team, which helps make devices work great with Skype/Lync. Products shipped include: Lync, Skype, Microsoft RoundTable, Video Kinect, Polycom CX300.

System Architect 2003 - 2005

• I started an incubation group to productize the RoundTable from MSR research. Responsible for writing business plan, fundraising, camera design, video processing design, acoustic design, active speaker detection, audio quality, industrial design. Also responsible for RoundTable IP strategy and filed over 30 patents related to RoundTable.

Researcher 2000 - 2003

 In Microsoft Research I developed new technologies (hardware and software) to help people communicate (meeting room recording, teleconferencing). Started RingCam project which led to the RoundTable product. Areas of research include omnidirectional video, camera calibration, sound source localization, and event detection.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland Research Staff

1988 - 2000

• Developed data acquisition, analysis, and experiment control applications for single/multi-neuron recording in animals and humans (laboratory and operating room). Used for research and treatment of pain, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's disease.

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