# Sunghwan Kim

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## Education

**University of California, San Diego** — San Diego, CA, USA
PhD Student, Electrical and Computer Engineering — Sep 2024-Present

**Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)** — Daejeon South Korea
*Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics (double major)* — Mar 2017-Feb 2021

**Korea Science Academy of KAIST** — Busan, South Korea
*Specialized high school for students talented in math and science* — Mar 2014-Feb 2017

## Publications

1. **Textual Query-Driven Mask Transformer for Domain Generalized Segmentation** [paper]
   *Byeonghyun Pak*, Byeongju Woo*, Sunghwan Kim*, Dae-hwan Kim, Hoseong Kim*
   European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**), 2024

2. **Texture Learning Domain Randomization for Domain Generalized Segmentation** [paper]
   *Sunghwan Kim, Dae-hwan Kim, Hoseong Kim*
   International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**), 2023

3. **Data Gathering Trials for the Development of Military Imaging Systems** [paper]
   *Maria Niebla, Duncan L. Hickman, Eunjin Koh, Chanyong Lee, Hoseong Kim, Chaehyoen Lim, Sunghwan Kim*
   Proc. SPIE, Electro-Optical and Infrared Systems, 2023

## Patent

1. **Method and System for Detecting Target Using Time Series Images**
   *Chaehyeon Lim, Sunghwan Kim, Hoseong Kim, Eunjin Koh*
   KR Patent, 2023 (1025640380000)

## Work Experience

**Republic of Korea Army (ROKA)** — Jun 2021-Present
*First Lieutenant* — *Daejeon, Republic of Korea*

- Selected as one of the 20 officers in Korea dedicated to science and technology research for national defense.
- Assigned to ADD, the South Korean counterpart to the U.S. DARPA, for the development of defense technology.
- Mentored a number of junior officers and advised them on their research projects on machine learning.

**Agency for Defense Development (ADD)** — Jun 2021-Present
*Machine Learning Engineer* — *Daejeon, Republic of Korea*

- **Object detection in infrared imagery**: Designed real-time object detection models for UAVs. Generated synthetic infrared images using a 3D engine for training data and established an end-to-end training pipeline.
- **Model acceleration on edge devices**: Implemented model compression techniques such as feature distillation and structural pruning to accelerate ML models on edge devices, including NPU, FPGA board, and edge GPU.
- **ML-integrated software for UAVs**: Developed multi-threading C++ software that optimizes CPU and NPU resources during the inference phase of ML models, interfacing with the flight control system of UAVs.
- **UAVs Flight Tests**: Conducted various 3D simulations that emulate actual operation environments, along with real-world flight tests of UAVs, to verify the stability of ML models for deployment.

**Bluepoint Partners** — Aug 2020-Mar 2021
*Research Assistant* — *Seoul, Republic of Korea*

- Bluepoint Partners is an early-stage venture capital firm that invests in deep tech sectors, such as AI and robotics.
- Conducted market analysis on ongoing investments and researched overall technological trends.

**Intelligent Network Architecture (INA) Lab at KAIST** Oct 2018-Apr 2019
*Machine Learning Engineer* *Daejeon, Republic of Korea*

- Implemented a real-time super-resolution algorithm that combines ML-based super-resolution with traditional video codecs to achieve real-time capability on edge devices.

**Neosapience** Dec 2017-Feb 2018
*Machine Learning Engineer* *Seoul, Republic of Korea*

- Neosapience is a Series B startup that operates an AI-powered virtual actor service specializing in ML-based audio and video synthesis technology.
- Constructed an audio and text pair dataset for training Korean text-to-speech models.

## Honor

Korea Army Startup Challenge Gold Prize Oct 2021
Korea Student Aid Foundation (KOSAF) Scholarship Mar 2020
Korea National Scholarship of Excellence in Science and Technology Mar 2019-Feb 2021
- Total $ 20,000 (Full-Ride)

National Scholarship for Undergraduate Study Mar 2017-Feb 2019
- Total $ 13,500 (Full-Tuition)

## Skills

**Programming Languages**: Python, C/C++, JavaScript, MATLAB

**Frameworks & Tools:** Pytorch, Tensorflow, NumPy, OpenCV, Docker, Git