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Objective

Applied research scientist and team lead at Lunit with 10+ years across computer vision, medical AI and agentic systems. I led a national consortium of 23 institutions and 70+ members (6 academic labs, 8 industry partners, 9 hospitals) that built and open-sourced a medical foundation model, funded by the Korea Ministry of Science and ICT. Before that, I led the team that shipped the AI models behind Lunit INSIGHT CXR, MMG and DBT. I now lead the development of AI transformation (AX) products that bring clinical-domain agents into everyday hospital workflows.

Education

Johns Hopkins University — Baltimore, MD
Ph.D. in Computer Science, Advisor: Dr. Gregory D. Hager — 2015–2021

- Thesis: "Model-driven and Data-driven Methods for Recognizing Compositional Interactions from Videos"

Johns Hopkins University — Baltimore, MD
M.S. in Computer Science, Advisor: Dr. Russell Taylor and Dr. Austin Reiter — 2014–2015

- Thesis: "3D Reconstruction System using a Flexible Endoscope and a Laser"

Johns Hopkins University — Baltimore, MD
B.S.E in Computer Science — 2010–2014

- Graduated with general honors
- Minor: Robotics

Professional Experience

Lunit — Seoul, Korea
Staff Applied Research Scientist, Team Lead — 2021.06 - Current

- **Staff Applied Research Scientist, AI Innovation Team Lead** (2025.04 - Current)
- The AI Innovation Team of the Technology Innovation Group is responsible for identifying and building Lunit's next generation of products by strategically securing necessary AI innovations.
- As a team lead, I contribute by leading a team of 10+ researchers and engineers to build multi-modal foundation models by securing funding opportunities by winning grants, scoping the product by meeting customers and overseeing the technical architecture of our services.
- I led the Lunit Consortium (6 academic labs, 8 industry partners, 9 hospitals) for the national 'AI-Specialized Foundation Model' project, funded by the Korea Ministry of Science and ICT. [See news article]
- **Senior Applied Research Scientist, Model Team Lead** (2022.09 - 2025.03)
- The AI Model Team developed AI models for all product line ups in the Cancer Screening Department of Lunit including Lunit INSIGHT CXR™, Lunit INSIGHT MMG™ and Lunit INSIGHT DBT™.
- As a team lead, I managed a team of 10+ researchers and set up scalable processes for data annotation, training, inference and evaluation. I initiated and drove a project to build multi-modal foundation models for chest X-rays, which resulted in new automated reporting products.
- We built evidence for AI algorithms for future Lunit products by executing forward looking research projects that directly improved our products and publishing scientific papers. (See publications: [2]–[8])

- **Senior Research Scientist, Chest X-ray Team Lead** (2021.06 - 2022.09)
  - The Chest X-ray Team of the Cancer Screening Group is in charge of developing core deep learning algorithms used in the Lunit INSIGHT CXR^{TM} product line.
  - As a research scientist and team lead, I contribute to the product by optimizing the vision model for lesion detection, adding new detectable lesions to the model, releasing AI engines and managing the team.

Siemens Healthineers (Siemens Corporate Research) Princeton, NJ
Graduate Research Intern: hosted by Dr. Shaohua Kevin Zhou Summer 2016

- **Bone Removal Project**
  - The aim of the Bone Removal project was to develop deep learning algorithms to remove voxels representing bones in a computed tomography angiography volume.
  - As an integrated software for immediate deployment in products, the bone removal software was required to be highly precise, efficient and fast.
  - As a graduate research intern, I developed a novel 3D convolutional neural network architecture with decomposed convolutions for bone removal.
  - My approach increased accuracy and precision while decreasing memory usage and inference time. The developed bone removal model was successfully deployed to commercial products. (See patents: [20], [21]).

Hyundai Heavy Industries, Medical Systems Department Seoul, Korea
Undergraduate Research Intern Summer 2012

- **Medical Robotics Project**
  - The goal of the project was to build a minimally invasive surgical robot to remove malignant masses from breast cancer patients.
  - As part of the computer vision team, I developed an algorithm for recognizing malignant/benign masses and cysts from breast ultrasound images. My main task involved data curation and implementation of state of the art machine learning algorithms.

Academic Experience

Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD
Graduate Research Assistant 2018-2021

- **The Deep Intermodal Video Analytics (DIVA) project funded by IARPA**
  - The DIVA program is a US government funded multi-institutional research program that aims to develop a robust automated activity detection system for multi-camera video surveillance applications.
  - As a senior Ph.D student of the JHU DIVA team, I assumed a leadership role in the team's research, development and deployment of system deliverables to the program.
  - I developed a zero-shot action recognition system that requires no labeled training examples of the test activities. (See publications: [12], [15])
  - I developed a simulation software for synthesizing human activities from economic motion capture systems. We use the generated dataset to train activity recognition systems. (See publications: [10], [13], [18])

Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD
Graduate Research Assistant 2016-2018

- **Language of Surgery project funded by the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute**
  - In collaboration with the surgeons from the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute, the project aimed to build intelligent tools to automatically analyze videos of cataract surgery.
  - The goal is to build an intelligent system that provides actionable feedback to trainees by reviewing their surgical performance from video recordings.
  - I showed that videos of cataract surgery can be annotated accurately at scale using crowd-sourced workers. (See

publication: [17])

- As a machine learning and computer vision lead in the team, I developed deep learning algorithms to automatically recognize surgical phases from videos. (See publications: [16])
- I developed a deep learning model that provides objective assessment of surgical technical skill from cataract surgery videos. (See publication: [14])

Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD
Masters Thesis Research 2014-2015

- **System for stereo reconstruction from monoscopic endoscope images**
- In collaboration with the department of head and neck surgery of the Johns Hopkins hospital, the project aimed to develop an economic solution for an endoscope capable of accurate 3D reconstruction of organs.
- I developed an active stereo vision system using a pattern generating laser inserted into a working channel of an endoscope.
- With a solution costing under a 100 dollars added to the endoscope, I developed a system capable of accurate 3D reconstruction using monoscopic endoscope images. (See patent: [22])

Teaching

- **Head Teaching Assistant** at Johns Hopkins University Fall 2015,2016
  Computer vision *(Dr. Austin Reiter)*
- **Head Teaching Assistant** at Johns Hopkins University Spring 2016
  Augmented Reality *(Dr. Nasir Navab)*
- **Head Teaching Assistant** at Johns Hopkins University Summer 2015
  Intro. Programming *(Dr. Sara More)*
- **Head Teaching Assistant** at Johns Hopkins University Spring 2015
  Data Structures *(Dr. Sara More)*

Skills

- **Machine Learning/Computer Vision:** Python, Pytorch, Keras, Tensorflow, Opencv, Matlab, Docker
- **Simulation:** UnrealEngine, UnrealCV, Axis-Neuron, ROS
- **Other:** Html, Php, Javascript, Java, SQL, Android-Studio, Confluence

Languages

- **Korean:** Native
- **English:** Bilingual

Service

- **Organizer** of ICCV Multi-Modal Foundation Models for Cancer Detection and Prevention Workshop 2025.10
  As part of the organization team, I contributed by preparing the proposal, recruiting event speakers and overseeing the program.
- **Organizer** of MICCAI Tutorial on AI for Medical Image Analysis in Practice 2022.09
  As part of the organization team, I contributed by preparing the proposal, promoting the event and organizing the tutorial event at MICCAI.
- **President** of Korean Graduate Students Association at JHU 2018–2019
  As an elected leader of the Korean graduate student body, I served to provide constructive support, opportunities as well as entertainment to members of the Korean community at JHU.
- **Reviewer** 2015–current
  for CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, AAAI, MICCAI, IPCAI, TMI

Publications

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