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I am deeply passionate about creating new innovations by bridging the gap between AI and various domains, including but not limited to biotechnology and novel drug development. Throughout my career, I have authored several top-tier papers and filed over ten patents. Currently, I am seeking opportunities to further advance my career and contribute to groundbreaking innovations in various fields.

Professional Experiences

Nov/'23– **Organizer, NeuralSquid Systems LLC, Atlanta, GA.**

- Present ○ Performing consulting services related to deep learning research.
- Exploring online opportunities for offline restaurants; developing a group order shopping mall MVP and testing market fit.

Aug/'21– **Chief Executive Officer, Deargen USA, Atlanta, GA.**

- Oct/'23 ○ Led a 10-member cross-functional team in AI-driven projects on glue platforms, molecule optimization, and QSAR, achieving a paper under review, three patent filings, **one patent grant** (📄 KR Patent), and **an ongoing collaboration with a major pharmaceutical company**.
- Forged five AI-biology research collaborations, resulting in a paper under review.
- Directed AI research as Principal Investigator, advancing adversarial training, active learning, federated learning in heterogeneous settings, and uncertainty estimation. Guided strategic innovation, culminating in **three top-tier papers**. (📄 UAI'23, 📄 KDD'22, and 📄 AAAI'22) and **five patents** (📄 📄 📄 📄 4 WO Patents and 📄 KR Patent).

Dec/'16– **Chief AI Officer/Co-founder, Deargen, Seoul, South Korea.**

- Oct/'23 ○ Played a key role in **securing Series A (\$2.3M) and Series B (\$17M) funding**.
- Created a drug discovery platform that identified candidates against the novel coronavirus, resulting in **four papers** (📄 CSBJ'19, 📄 Viruses'20, 📄 MLHC'21, and 📄 ACM'21), **two patents** (📄 US Patent 📄 WO Patent) and **a partnership with a German biotechnology company** 🌐.
- Invented a new biomarker selection platform with **two papers** (📄 Frontiers in Genetics'19 and 📄 Scientific Reports'19) and **two patents**. (📄 WO Patent 📄 KR Patent)

Aug/'15– **Research Assistant, Atlanta, GA, Emory University.**

- May/'20 ○ Proposed a new way of automation of schema mapping - 📄 ADBIS'21
- Proposed a new SOTA drug target interaction method - 📄 MLHC'19
- Proposed a new multimodal ensemble method - 📄 IEEE BHI'19
- Proposed a SOTA tweet sentiment analysis method - 📄 EMNLP-WS'17
- Proposed a new clinical reports classification method - 📄 IJCNN'17

2017 Summer **Research Intern, VISA Research, Palo Alto, CA.**

- Developed a novel embedding compression technique achieving an **80-fold reduction in size while enhancing performance**.
- 📄 US Patent and 📄 IJCAI'19

- Feb/'15– **Software Engineer**, *December&Company*, Seoul, South Korea.
- Aug/'15
- Modified the existing broker-dependent Front-End Protocol (FEP) communication module to be abstract, enabling connection to various brokers.
 - Added an additional security broker FEP module to the trading platform.
 - Conducted research on NLP-based trading opportunities and provided valuable guidance.
 - Launched a smart execution strategy project aimed at generating extra profits for the company.
- Jan/'14– **Software Engineer**, *Viva Republica (Toss)*, Seoul, South Korea.
- Feb/'14
- Implemented bank account registration, withdrawal, and validity functions using a firm-banking API (MVP of the toss service).
- Jan/'09– **Software Engineer**, *Quramsoft*, Suwon, South Korea.
- Oct/'09
- Proposed a new neighbor pixel prediction method based on Gaussian mixture model using C/C++.
 - Developed the fireworks part of the commercially released app (The Party Master) that was bundled with the Samsung Omnia phone using DirectX for Windows Mobile.
- Feb/'04– **Software Membership**, *Samsung Electronics*, Suwon, South Korea.
- Aug/'04
- Worked as a member of Student Software Engineering Program called Samsung Software Membership.
 - Developed the machine simulator using OpenGL and MFC.
- Jun/'00– **Software Engineer**, *Eolith*, Suwon, South Korea.
- Jan/'03
- Developed and released two commercial arcade games using C and Hyperstone.

Teaching Experiences

- Apr 2021 **Guest Lecture**, *Seoul, KR*, The Korean Intellectual Property Office.
- Guest lecture on "Deep Learning-based Healthcare Applications".
- Dec 2019 **Guest Lecture**, *Seoul, KR*, Emory University.
- Guest lecture on "Deep Learning-based Drug Discovery" in a machine learning class.
- 2016–2018 **Teaching Assistant**, *Atlanta, GA*, Emory University.
- Fall 2017, CS534, **Machine Learning**, Instructor: Dr. Joyce Ho
 - Spring 2017, CS571 **Natural Language Processing**, Instructor: Dr. Jinho Choi
 - Fall 2016, CS557 **Artificial Intelligence**, Instructor: Dr. Eugene Agichtein
 - Spring 2016, CS329 **Computational Linguistics**, Instructor: Dr. Jinho Choi
 - Fall 2015, CS323 **Data Structures and Algorithms**, Instructor: Dr. Jinho Choi

Education

- May 2020 **Emory University**, *Atlanta, GA*, *Ph.D in Computer Science*.
Thesis: Deep learning approaches toward computerized drug discovery
Chris Schoettle Graduate Research Award
Advisor: Dr. Joyce C. Ho

2019 **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA, MS in Computer Science.
2009 **KAIST**, Daejeon, South Korea, MS in Electrical Engineering.
2006 **Illinois Institute of Technology**, Chicago, IL , BS in Computer Engineering.

Publications

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* indicates equal contribution

- [1] Y Kim, S Kim, I Seo, and **B Shin**. “Phase-shifted Adversarial Training” THE CONFERENCE ON UNCERTAINTY IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, 2023
- [2] Y Kim and **B Shin**. “In Defense of Core-set: A Density-aware Core-set Selection for Active Learning” ACM SIGKDD CONFERENCE ON KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY AND DATA MINING, 2022
- [3] D Oh, **B Shin**. “Improving evidential deep learning via multi-task learning” PROCEEDINGS OF THE AAAI CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, 2022
- [4] J Zhang, **B Shin**, JD Choi and J Ho. “SMAT: An Attention-based Deep Learning Solution to the Automation of Schema Matching” PROCEEDINGS OF THE 25TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ADVANCES IN DATABASES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS, 2021
- [5] Y Kim and **B Shin**. “An Interpretable Framework for Drug-Target Interaction with Gated Cross Attention” MACHINE LEARNING FOR HEALTHCARE, 2021
- [6] **B Shin**, S Park, JY Bak, and JC Ho. “Controlled Molecule Generator for Optimizing Multiple Chemical Properties” ACM CONFERENCE ON HEALTH, INFERENCE, AND LEARNING, 2021
- [7] Y Choi, **B Shin**, K Kang, S Park, and BR Beck. “Target-Centered Drug Repurposing Predictions of Human Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme 2 (ACE2) and Transmembrane Protease Serine Subtype 2 (TMPRSS2) Interacting Approved Drugs for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Treatment through a Drug-Target Interaction Deep Learning Model”, VIRUSES, 2020.
- [8] S Park, YH Ko, B Lee, **B Shin**, BR Beck. “Molecular optimization of phase III trial failed anti-cancer drugs using target affinity and toxicity-centered multiple properties reinforcement learning”, CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH, 2020.
- [9] BR Beck, **B Shin**, Y Choi, S Park, and K Kang. “Predicting commercially available antiviral drugs that may act on the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) through a drug-target interaction deep learning model”, COMPUTATIONAL AND STRUCTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY JOURNAL, 2020, **[Most cited papers in the journal for the past 3 years]**
- [10] **B Shin***, S Park*, WS Shim, Y Choi, K Kang, K Kang. “Cascaded Wx: a novel prognosis-related feature selection framework in human lung adenocarcinoma transcriptomes” FRONTIERS IN GENETICS, 2019
- [11] **B Shin***, S Park*, S Park, JH Hong, HJ An, SH Chun, K Kang, YH Ahn, YH Ko, and K Kang. “Wx: a nn-based feature selection algo. for transcriptomic data”, NATURE SCIENTIFIC REPORT, 2019
- [12] **B Shin**, S Park, K Kang, and JC Ho “Self-Attention Based Molecule Representation for Predicting Drug-Target Interaction” MACHINE LEARNING FOR HEALTHCARE, 2019

- [13] **B Shin**, H Yang, and JD Choi “The Pupil Has Become the Master: Teacher-Student Model-Based Word Embedding Distillation with Ensemble Learning” IJCAI, 2019
- [14] **B Shin**, J Hogan, AB Adams, RJ Lynch, RE Patzer, JD Choi, “Multimodal Ensemble Approach to Incorporate Various Types of Clinical Notes for Predicting Readmission”, IEEE-EMBS BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATICS, 2019
- [15] **B Shin**, FH Chokshi, T Lee and JD Choi “Classification of radiology reports using neural attention models” IJCNN, 2017
- [16] **B Shin**, T Lee and JD Choi “Lexicon Integrated CNN Models with Attention for Sentiment Analysis” EMNLP WORKSHOP (WASSA), 2017
- [17] **B Shin** and AH Oh “Bayesian group nonnegative matrix factorization” TECHNICAL REPORT 1212.4347, ARXIV, 2012
- [18] **B Shin** and S Jo, “Pattern-Preserving-based Motion Imitation for Robots” UBIQUITOUS ROBOTS AND AMBIENT INTELLIGENCE, 2011, **[Best Paper Finalist]**
- [19] BG Shin, T Kim, S Jo, “Non-invasive brain signal interface for a wheelchair navigation”, ICCAS, 2010

Talks

- Sep 2023 **Invited Talk**, *Deep Learning Transformation in Drug Discovery*, ISDD'23.
- Jul 2023 **Invited Talk**, *Key considerations in AI for Science*, 2023 STEM Career Talk Concert – Artificial Intelligent.
- Jun 2023 **Invited Talk**, *Harnessing the Synergy: Unveiling Critical Factors for Successful AI Adoption in Scientific Applications*, SNU.
- Jun 2023 **Invited Talk**, *Harnessing the Synergy: Unveiling Critical Factors for Successful AI Adoption in Scientific Applications*, KIAS.
- Aug 2022 **Invited Talk**, *Deep learning transformation in drug discovery*, KSEA UKC'22.
- Apr 2022 **Invited Talk**, *Deep learning transformation in drug discovery*, Emory University.
- Oct 2021 **Seminar**, *Recent Topics in Deep Learning based Drug Discovery*, SKKU.
- Oct 2021 **Seminar**, *Recent Topics in Deep Learning based Drug Discovery*, Postech.
- Sep 2021 **KAIST AI Colloquium**, *Recent Topics in Deep Learning based Drug Discovery*, KAIST.
- Sep 2021 **Seminar**, *Recent Topics in Deep Learning based Drug Discovery*, Dankook University.
- June 2021 **Invited Talk**, *Interdisciplinary Research for Innovation and Entrepreneurship*, The Korean American Scientists and Engineers Association.
- May 2021 **Tech Talk**, *Toward Structure Free Drug Discovery*, The Korean Society Nonclinical Study.
- Apr 2021 **Tech Talk**, *Toward Structure Free Drug Discovery*, The Korean Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics.
- Apr 2021 **Guest Lecture**, *Deep Learning based Healthcare Applications*, The Korean Intellectual Property Office.
- Oct 2020 **Tech Talk**, *Deep Learning based Drug Discovery*, GTC Korea 2020, NVIDIA.

Dec 2019 **Guest Lecture**, *Deep Learning based Drug Discovery*, CS 534: Machine Learning, Emory University.

Sep 2019 **Invited Talk**, *Deep Learning based Drug-protein Interaction*, Clova AI TechTalk, Naver.

Academic Services

Reviewer **NeurIPS2020-2023, ICML2021-2023, ICLR2022-2024, AAAI2022-2024, MLHC2020.**

Honors and Awards

Dec 2021 **The 1st Prize Winner of the Startup Pitch Competition'21**, KSEA.

Apr 2020 **Chris Schoettle Graduate Research Award**, Emory University.

Nov 2011 **Best Student Paper Finalist**, *International Conference on URAI*.

Sep 2011 **Best TA Award**, KAIST.

2010–2011, **National Fellowship**, KAIST.
2007–2008

Sep 2011 **Student Travel Grant**, *RL Competition, ICML workshop*.

2004–2006 **Dean's List, International Scholarship**, IIT.

Fall 2004 **Research Grant**, *Korea Science and Engineering Foundation*.

Languages

Korean Native

English Professional working proficiency

Skills

Programming PYTHON, C/C++, Matlab, R, Next.js, JavaScript, ASSEMBLERS, L^AT_EX

DeepLearning KERAS, TENSORFLOW, PYTORCH

Data Science SCIKIT-LEARN, PANDAS