# KONSTANTINOS AMPLIANITIS. PhD

Strategic Partnerships - Deep Tech Entrepreneur

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#### **EXPERTISE**

## **Entrepreneurial Activity**

Strategic Partnerships Product Operations Operations Management Technology Transfer IP Management Fundraising

#### Research Activity

Generative AI VR/AR 3D Reconstructions

#### **EDUCATION**

➡ PhD (~Dr. rer. nat.) Computer Science Research focus: Computer Vision & Machine Learning

Humboldt University of Berlin | Germany 12/2012 – 03/2017

- M.Sc. Geodesy & Geoinformation Science Disciplined orientation: Computer Vision Technical University of Berlin | Germany 10/2009 – 03/2012
- **B.Sc. Geomatics & Geoinformatics Eng.**Disciplined orientation: Photogrammetry
  University of West Attica | Greece
  09/2005 09/2009
- M.A. Classical Piano Performance (Soloist) Nefeli Conservatory | Nea Smyrni, Greece | 06/2008
- B.A. Music Theory & Composition

  Nefeli Conservatory | Nea Smyrni, Greece | 06/2006

## **LANGUAGES**

- Greek | Native
- # English | Fluent
- German | Intermediate

## **SPORTS • INTERESTS • HOBBIES**

- Swimming / 10K Road Runner
- Classical / Jazz Piano soloist
- DJ'ing
- World Traveler
- Building Jigsaw Puzzles

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Entrepreneurial AI professional with global experience in commercializing deep-tech products (B2B/B2C). Over 6 years of international leadership in company & product operations, driving revenue growth through SME partnerships, coupled with 7+ years in applied R&D, specializing in computer vision & machine learning. Secured €3M+ in venture capital and €600K in research grants. Prolific contributor to scientific literature, public speaker, and AI columnist.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Professor, Computer Vision**

10/2022 - present

IU INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
Part time employment, Remote work – Germany

IU is the largest higher education institution in Germany and one of the fastest growing EdTech companies globally. Oakley Capital backed EdTech Group.

 Pivotal role in the design & delivery of multiple computer vision courses for the Bachelor's and Master's Al curriculum, adhering to stringent time constraints.

### Founder / Principal Consultant

AMPLIANITS CONSULTING Ltd | Remote – Ireland **05/2022 – present** A consultancy firm providing services in early stage deep-tech companies. Services include operations & fundraising advisory, IP portfolio management, feasibility studies and EU Project Management.

# Co-founder, Executive Director & BoD Member

VOLOGRAMS Ltd | Remote - Ireland

01/2018 - 10/2023

A deep-tech start-up Company, spin-off venture from Trinity College Dublin, with a mission to bring 3D holograms of real humans to consumers. Its pioneering product lineup features "Volu" for consumers (B2C) and "Vologram Messages" for businesses (B2B).

### CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, 09/2019 - 02/2023

- Actively identified and engaged with SMEs, fostering mutually beneficial relationships that led to strategic alliances and increased market reach.
- Provided hands-on training, guidance, and ongoing support to SME partners to ensure they could effectively integrate and utilize our technology, optimizing their operational efficiency and revenue potential.
- Involved in raising €1.5M seed capital from Irish VCs & Enterprise Ireland to develop and launch "Volu " app, a B2C product.
- Successfully raised €600+K in research grants through Irish & EU research bodies.
- Managed all operational complexities related to the Company's (B2B/B2C) products, addressing legal and data privacy aspects, customer support/engineering aspects, effectively mitigating potential risks.
- Developed and managed the Company's Intellectual Property (IP) strategy, filing several patents and trademarks in the EU, UK and USA.
- Drove diverse international recruitment, allowing the company to scale from three to twenty people with a view to strengthen diversity for innovation, enhance the company's global presence and culture; established Spanish and Italian entities, acting as a legal representative for those entities.

## CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, 04/2018 - 08/2019

- Restructured backend API & set up programming standards.
- Contributed raising €850K pre-seed capital from Irish VCs & Enterprise Ireland to bring our patented multi-camera volumetric video solution to market.

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Work Experience continued...
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN | Dublin - Ireland
Graphics Vision & Visualization Group (GV2)

09/2016 - 05/2018

Member of the research project V-SENSE ("Extending visual Sensation through Image-based Visual Computing"), led by Prof. Aljosa Smolic. Research on natural image matting & volumetric video.

# Software Engineer

SIEMENS AG | Berlin - Germany 05/2015 - 06/2016 Mobility Division, Technology & Innovation

Developed 3D object recognition algorithms for Augmented Reality products to detect and recognize various objects in a Siemens Vectron Locomotive using cameras embedded in tablets and mobile phones.

#### **Research Associate**

HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN | Germany 07/2012 - 06/2016 Computer Vision Group

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

Volumetric Imaging

US 17584928 | Filed Aug 8, 2022

**PATENTS** 

 Volumetric 3D Teachers in Educational Reality (VOL3DEDU)

• Method and Apparatus for Generating a 3D

Model | US 11,348,267 B2 | Granted 31/05/2022.

- EU Erasmus+ | €400k | 2022 2024
- Innovative Volumetric Capture & Editing Tools for Ubiquitous Storytelling (INVICTUS)
   EU H2020 | €2M | 2020 – 2022
- Tesla Grant | Tesla XP GPU card NVIDIA Corporation | 2017

## TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- Overview and an in-depth analysis of the stateof-the art research in Computer Vision.
   International Computer Vision Summer School | Sicily | 09 - 15 / 07 / 2017
- Drones applied to Cultural Heritage & Archaeology
   International Summer School | Pontignano (Siena) | 20 - 26 / 09 / 2013

## PROGRAMMING COMPETENCES

•	Operating Systems
•	Programming LanguagesC++ / Python
•	Script LanguagesMATLAB
•	Revision Control Systems Git
•	Build Systems CMake
•	Unit Testing Google Tests
•	Type SettingLaTeX

## **VOLUNTEER WORK**

- Columnist, Greek Newspaper "TA NEA"
   Writing articles around the emerging area of Al
- Paper Reviewer, IEEE
- Expert Evaluator, Research and Innovation Foundation, Cyprus
- Business Mentor, Greek Startup Universe Advising early-stage startups
- Student Mentor, The Tipping Point in Education

# HONORS / AWARDS / MENTIONS

- VOLOGRAMS "Gold Medal in the Emerge tech Startup category"
   National Startup Awards | Ireland | 2022
- VOLOGRAMS Auggie Award for the category "Best use of Al"
   Augmented World Expo | USA | 2022
- VOLOGRAMS one of the 100 Europe's Hottest Startups
   WIRED magazine | USA | 2022
- VOLOGRAMS "Top Virtual Reality Companies in Ireland"
   WELP magazine | UK | 02/2021
- VOLOGRAMS "Top 100 Hot Startups to watch"
   The Sunday Business Post | Ireland | 2018 / 2019
- Best Journal Paper Award for the paper "Affordable Content Creation for Free-Viewpoint Video and VR/AR Applications"

  Journal of Visual Comm. & Image Representation | 06/2019
- Campus Company Recognition Award
   Trinity College Dublin Innovation Awards | Ireland | 12/2018
   VOLOGRAMS acknowledged by TCD for its innovative research & entrepreneurship.
- 1st Prize NEM Art & Design Competition
   Art & Design Competition NEM Summit | Spain | 11/2017 "Virtual Play: After Samuel Beckett" V-Sense Trinity College
- 1st Prize Reading Group Competition
   Inspiring Computer Vision System Solutions | Italy | 07/2017.

   Grounded on the seminar / workshop 3D scanning work "The Digital Michelangelo Project."
- Distinction in Classical Piano Performance
   Hellenic Ministry of Culture | Greece | 06/2008
- Distinction in Music Theory & Composition
   Hellenic Ministry of Culture | Greece | 06/2006
- Piano Performance Scholarship
   Nefeli Conservatory | Greece | 2003 / 2004