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P EDUCATION

PhD MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

2023-

Coadvised by Tommi Jaakkola and Regina Barzilay. Robert T. Haslam (1911) MIT Presidential Fellow (100,000\$)

Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies (KFAS) Fellow (13,000 \$/year, 5 years)

SNU, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

2016-2023

Double-major in CHEM/CSE, Summa Cum Laude

Supported by Korea Student Aid Foundation (KOSAF), Korea Presidential Science Scholarship (11,000 \$/year).

- ▶ BSc in Chemistry (Major GPA 4.22/4.3) and Computer Science and Engineering (Major GPA 3.83/4.3)
- ▶ 2 years Mandatory Military Leave of Absence : Sep2019-June2021, Republic of Korea Air Force.



Conferences

- Choi MG and Lee C (2023), "Clinical Time Series Imputation using Conditional Information Bottleneck," NeurIPS23 DGM4H (Deep Generative Models for Health) Workshop.
- Choi MG, Shin W, Lu Y and Kim S (2023), "Triangular Contrastive Learning on Molecular Graphs," MoML23: Molecular Machine Learning Conference.

Journals

- Lim S, Lee S, Piao Y, Choi MG, Bang D, Gu J, Kim S (2022), "On Modeling and Utilizing Chemical Compound Information with Deep Learning Technologies: A Task-oriented Approach," Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal, 20;4288-4304.
- Lee H, Choi MG, Park J-U, Roh H, Kim S (2020), "Genome Mining Reveals High Topological Diversity of w-Ester-Containing Peptides and Divergent Evolution of ATP-Grasp Macrocyclases," Journal of the Americal Chemical Society, 142(6);3013-3023.

RESEARCH HISTORY

Dry-lab Clinical AI

Decision Intelligence Lab

Chung-Ang University, Korea

Nov22-Jul23 | Principal Investigator : Prof. Changhee Lee

Leading project: Information-theoretically defined time series imputation - Conditional Information Bottleneck (CIB) - and derived its variational approximation, resulting a combination of ELBO and contrastive loss. Conditional Information Bottleneck Approach for Time Series Imputation. Injecting inductive bias using temporal kernels (cauchy, periodic).

Dry-lab Clinical AI

Centre for AI in Medicine

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, UK

Jan23-Feb23 | Principal Investigator: Prof. Mihaela van der Saar (Co-advised with Prof. Changhee Lee) Supported by SNU OIA: Scholarship for Independent Research Abroad (4,500 \$)

Dry-lab **Drug Discovery**

AIGENDRUG Co. Ltd

SEOUL, Korea

Jun21-Oct22 | Principal Investigator : Dr. Sunho Lee

Supported by SNU Liberal Education FAC : Scholarship for Undergraduate Independent Research (3,000 \$)

- Leading project: Devised a Triangular Area Loss, which integrates three different views about molecule - 1D string, 2D graph, and 3D conformer. SOTA performances on the MoleculeNet benchmark dataset (Choi MG, Shin W, Lu Y (2022), "Triangular Contrastive Learning on Molecular Graphs," arXiv preprint, arXiv:2205.13279., Presented at MOGAM AI for Drug Discovery Symposium (Jun 2022)).
- > Devised a Tryptophan-Scanning algorithm that can predict drug-binding residues via mutating putative residues to tryptophan, inspired from alanine-screening method in biochemistry.

Wet-lab **Prebiotic Chem**

Origins of Life Lab

University College London, UK

Jun19-Aug19 | Principal Investigator: Prof. Matthew Powner | Mentor: Jasper Fairchild Supported by SNU Chemistry Dept: Scholarship for International Undergraduate Research (4,000 \$)

- Leading project: Explored and assessed three independent reaction schemes for prebiotic synthesis of homocystamine, a core metabolic intermediate for peptide ligation in water without enzymes.
- Trained in the application of cystamine for thiol-catalyzed prebiotic peptide ligations in water.

Wet-lab Synthetic Chem

Stimuli-Responsive Chemical Systems Lab

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Korea

Feb19-Jun19 | Principal Investigator: Prof. Dongwhan Lee | Mentor: Hongsik Kim

- > Leading project : Devised a novel synthetic pathway for a geometrically perpendicular organic turn motif, BT[8]DBA, via 8-step organic reactions (Overall yield=2%, 64% per step).
- ➤ Introduced new C-N bonds via C-N Palladium cross-coupling and SNAr reactions (Yield=30%).
- ➤ Obtained needle-shaped crystal of BT[8]DBA by using vapor diffusion method, characterized 106degree angle between arms and book stack-like packing structure through X-ray crystallography.

Wet-lab Biochemistry

Lab of Proteolytic Systems

SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Korea

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Sep17-Oct18 | Principal Investigator: Prof. Seokhee Kim | Mentor: Dr. Hvunbin Lee Supported by SNU Natural Science College: Scholoarship for UROP (1,000 \$)

- > Participating project: Characterized OEPs, a subgroup of Ribosomally Synthesized and Posttranslationally modified Peptides (RiPPs) using HPLC, MALDI-TOF with Hydrolysis and Methanolysis.
- ➤ Independent topic: Explored four non-natural PTMs via generating 50 chimeric protein-peptide pairs by substituting enzyme recognition sites using recombinant DNA technique.
- > Skilled in biochemistry techniques from DNAs to proteins; this includes bacterial cloning, E.coli cell culture, His-tag protein purification, and fluorescence assay.
- > Researh outcome: Lee H, Choi MG, Park J-U, Roh H, Kim S (2020), "Genome Mining Reveals High Topological Diversity of w-Ester-Containing Peptides and Divergent Evolution of ATP-Grasp Macrocyclases," Journal of the Americal Chemical Society, 142(6);3013-3023.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Scholarships				
S008	2023 - 2024	MIT	100,000\$	Robert T. Haslam Fellow (MIT Presidential Fellowship)
S007	2023-	KFAS	13,000 \$/year	Doctoral Study Abroad Scholarship (five years)
S006	2023	SNU OIA	4,500 \$	Scholarship for Independent Research Abroad (Cambridge, UK)
S005	2022	SNU FLE	3,000 \$	Scholarship for Undergraduate Independent Research
S004	2016 - 2021	KOSAF	11,000 \$/year	Korea Presidential Science Scholarship
S003	2019	SNU	4,000 \$	Scholarship for International Undergraduate Internship (UCL, UK)
S002	2017 - 2018	SNU	1,000 \$ /year	Scholarship for Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program
S001	2015	Hansung	3,500\$	Scholarship for Talented High-School Students
Awards				
A004	2023	Undergraduate Independent Research Award : 3rd Prize SNU, Faculty of Liberal Education		
A003	2019	Undergraduate Research Award : 1st Prize SNU, Chemistry Dept. and LG Chemical		
A002	2018	Undergraduate Research Award : 2nd Prize SNU, Chemistry Dept.		
A001	2015	Samsung HumanTech Paper Award : Silver Prize 3,500 \$ Samsung Electronics		

≅ Skills

Bio Bacterial Cloning, PCR, Miniprep, Gel electrophoresis (agarose, SDS-PAGE),

Bacterial Cell Culture (E. Coli), Protein Purification, Western Blot

Substitution, Elimination, Aromatic Substitution, Pd-Coupling, Prebiotic Peptide Synthesis Organic Analytic MALDI-TOF, HPLC, NMR, Fluorescence, X-ray Crystallography (Protein, Small-molecule)

Software Language Python, C/C++, JAVA, Assembly Language (x86-64), LaTeX

Machine Learning PyTorch, Tensorflow



OTHER EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assistant

5.111 Principles of Chemical Science

Fall 2023 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chemistry Department

- Taking charge of recitation (2 hours / week, 25 undergrads) and holding office hours (2 hours / week).
- > MITx team : editing and managing online problem sets written in Python and HTML.

Air Operations Manager

Republic of Korea Air Force

September 2019 - June 2021 | Seoul Air Base

- > Help planning the operation of aircraft necessary for national events and cooperating with relevant departments, including international events. Supported and developed a scheduler which automatically plans aircraft take-off and landing time, in security environment & language.
- ▶ Best Airmans Award (Top 10 in the whole 804th generation), Best Air Traffic Control Award (Top 1 in majoring Air Traffic Control, 804th generation).

Teaching | 034.020 General Chemistry Assistant | 2017-2018 | Seoul National University

> Answered for questions for freshman students in the general chemistry class (2 hours / week).