Seul Lee

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interest is mainly in developing an automated discovery framework for organic molecules, natural products, or proteins. I especially focus on molecule generation that can bridge the gap between real-world drug discovery and automatic drug discovery. I am currently interested in (but not limited to) the following topics:

- AI for science
- Generative models
- Drug discovery

EDUCATION

KAIST, Seoul, South Korea

Ph.D. student, Graduate School of AI   **Sep. 2022 - present**

- Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang
- Area of study: Machine learning
- Expected graduation date: Aug. 2026
- GPA: 4.3/4.3

M.S., Graduate School of AI   **Mar. 2021 - Aug. 2022**

- Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang
- Area of study: Machine learning
- GPA: 4.2/4.3

B.S., Biological Sciences   **Mar. 2015 - Aug. 2019**

- Double Major in Aerospace Engineering
- GPA: 4.18/4.3

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NVIDIA   **Feb. 2024 - Sep. 2025**

- Fundamental Generative AI Research (GenAIR) Team
- Location: Santa Clara, CA, US
- Position: Research intern
- Research topic: Generative AI for small molecules

Kimlab & The Matter Lab, UofT   **Jun. 2023 - Jun. 2023**

- Location: Toronto, Canada
- Position: Visiting researcher
- Host: Prof. Philip M. Kim & Prof. Alán Aspuru-Guzik

Opto-Electro-Robotics Lab, KAIST   **Mar. 2019 - Aug. 2019**

- Location: Daejeon, South Korea
- Position: Undergraduate researcher
- Advisor: Prof. Jung-ryul Lee
- Research topic: Laser pulse-echo inspection with robot arms

INVITED
TALKS

- Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based OOD Generation,   **Nov. 2023**
  Hyundai 2023 CTO AI Conference
- Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based OOD Generation,   **Jun. 2023**
  University of Toronto
- Score-based Generative Modeling of Graphs via the SDEs,   **Oct. 2022**
  LoGaG: Learning on Graphs and Geometry Reading Group
- Learning with Graph-structured Data, POSTECH   **Jul. 2022**
- Score-based Graph Generation for Material Design,   **Jun. 2022**
  Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology (SAIT)

CONFERENCE
PUBLICATIONS

[c7] **Molecule Generation with Fragment Retrieval Augmentation**
Seul Lee, Karsten Kreis, Srimukh Prasad Veccham, Meng Liu, Danny Reidenbach, Saee Paliwal, Arash Vahdat[†], and Weili Nie[†] (†: equal advising),
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), **2024**.

[c6] **Drug Discovery with Dynamic Goal-aware Fragments**
Seul Lee, Seanie Lee, Kenji Kawaguchi, and Sung Ju Hwang,
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), **2024**.

[c5] **A Simple and Scalable Representation for Graph Generation**
Yunhui Jang, **Seul Lee**, and Sungsoo Ahn,
International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), **2024**.

[c4] **Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based Out-of-distribution Generation**
Seul Lee, Jaehyeong Jo, and Sung Ju Hwang,
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), **2023**.

[c3] **Score-based Generative Modeling of Graphs via the System of Stochastic Differential Equations**
Jaehyeong Jo*, **Seul Lee***, and Sung Ju Hwang (*: equal contribution),
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), **2022**.

[c2] **Edge Representation Learning with Hypergraphs**
Jaehyeong Jo*, Jinheon Baek*, **Seul Lee***, Dongki Kim, Minki Kang,
and Sung Ju Hwang (*: equal contribution),
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), **2021**.

[c1] **Hit and Lead Discovery with Explorative RL and Fragment-based Molecule Generation**
Soojung Yang, Doyeong Hwang, **Seul Lee**, Seongok Ryu, and Sung Ju Hwang,
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), **2021**.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	**[j2] READRetro: Natural Product Biosynthesis Planning with Retrieval-Augmented Dual-View Retrosynthesis**

Taein Kim*, **Seul Lee***, Min-Soo Choi, Yejin Kwak, Jeongbin Park, Sung Ju Hwang, and Sang-Gyu Kim (*: equal contribution),
New Phytologist, 2024.

[j1] Robotic Scanning Technology for Laser Pulse-Echo Inspection
Seul Lee, Jong-min Hyun, Hasan Ahmed, and Jung-ryul Lee,
Electronics Letters, 2020.

WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS	**[w4] Protein Representation Learning by Capturing Protein Sequence-Structure-Function Relationship**

Eunji Ko*, **Seul Lee***, Minseon Kim*, Dongki Kim, and Sung Ju Hwang (*: equal contribution),
International Conference on Learning Representation Machine Learning for Genomics Explorations (**ICLR MLGenX) Workshop (Spotlight), 2024**.

[w3] Drug Discovery with Dynamic Goal-aware Fragments
Seul Lee, Seanie Lee, Kenji Kawaguchi, and Sung Ju Hwang,
International Conference on Learning Representation Machine Learning for Genomics Explorations (**ICLR MLGenX) Workshop (Spotlight), 2024**.

[w2] A Simple and Scalable Representation for Graph Generation
Yunhui Jang, **Seul Lee**, and Sungsoo Ahn,
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems New Frontiers in Graph Learning (**NeurIPS GLFrontiers) Workshop, 2023**.

[w1] Exploring Chemical Space with Score-based Out-of-distribution Generation
Seul Lee, Jaehyeong Jo, and Sung Ju Hwang,
International Conference on Learning Representations Machine Learning for Drug Discovery (**ICLR MLDD) Workshop (Oral), 2023**.

PREPRINTS	**[p1] GenMol: A Drug Discovery Generalist with Discrete Diffusion**

Seul Lee, Karsten Kreis, Srimukh Prasad Veccham, Meng Liu, Danny Reidenbach, Yuxing Peng, Saee Paliwal, Weili Nie[†], and Arash Vahdat[†] ([†]: equal advising), **2025**.

REVIEWER SERVICES	• 2024, 2025 International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) • 2022, 2023, 2024 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) • 2021, 2023, 2024 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) • 2023, 2024 Learning on Graphs Conference (LoG) • 2023 NeurIPS AI4Science Workshop • 2023 NeurIPS Generative AI & Biology Workshop • 2023 ICLR ML4Materials Workshop

Honors and Awards	• NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship	**2025 - 2026**
	• Boeing Undergraduate Scholarship	**2018 - 2019**
	• KAIST Presidential Fellowship (KPF)	**2017 - 2019**
	• National Science and Engineering Scholarship	**2015 - 2019**

References	• Prof. Sung Ju Hwang, KAIST
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