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Education

- · Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences, Cryptography
 - Institution: Department of Mathematical Sciences, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
 - Adviser: Professor Jung Hee Cheon
 - **Date:** February 26th, 2025
 - Thesis Title: Accelerating Homomorphic Computation through Machine-Efficient Arithmetic
 - Note: Integrated MA/PhD, 2 years for M.S. and 3+ years for Ph.D.
- B.S. in Mathematical Sciences
 - Institution: Department of Mathematical Sciences, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
 - **Date:** August 29th, 2019
 - Grade of Qualification: Cum Laude.

Experiences

- Sergeant
 - Organization: Intelligence System Management Group, Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF)
 - Period: July 19th, 2015 to July 19th, 2017 (2 years, discharged as a Sergeant)
- Visiting Researcher
 - Institution: École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, Lyon, France.
 - **Period:** September 1st October 31st, 2023 (2 months)
 - **Topic:** Lattice-based cryptography, focusing on new concrete construction of digital signatures.

Teaching Record.

- · Calculus TA Seminar (3341.781)
 - Institute: Department of Mathematical Sciences, Seoul National University
 - Semester(s): 2024 Spring
 - **Responsibility:** TA. Guiding new TAs in teaching skills and student management.
- (i-TAP) Post-Quantum Cryptography
 - Institute: SK Hynix Inc.
 - Period: April to May (5 weeks), 2021.
 - Responsibility: TA and Co-lecturer (8 among 26 hours). Develop course materials (Introduction to PQC) and engage with participants in discussions and Q&A sessions.
- (Differential & Integral / Honor) Calculus Practice 1 & 2 (L0442.200, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200)

- Institute: College of Natural Sciences, Seoul National University
- Semester(s): 2020 Spring & Fall, 2021 Spring & Fall, 2022 Spring, and 2023 Spring & Fall, respectively
- Responsibility: TA and Lecturer, assisting the main courses by conducting the lectures (2 hours weekly) with summarized contents and practice sessions.
- **Teaching evaluations:** (student survey, averaged) 27.7/30, 34.0/35, 33.4/35, 32.0/35, 33.4/35, 34.6/35, and 32.7/35, respectively. Received "Excellence in Teaching" from the TA Awards, for teaching Honor Calculus Practice 1 (2023 Spring).
- · Korean Mathematical Olympiad (KMO) Winter/Summer Schools
 - Institute: The Korean Mathematical Society
 - **Period:** 2013 January, 2013 August, 2014 January, and 2014 August.
 - Responsibility: Residential TA. Manage and support gifted elementary/high school students during 2 weeks of residential Winter/Summer schools, including preparing and conducting problem-solving exercise sessions and assessments.

Public & Professional Services

Invited Talks & Lectures

- Invited Talk, Seminar at Faculty of Computer Science, Security Engineering, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany
 - Title: Recent Advances in Fully Homomorphic Encryption
 - Date: January 21st, 2025 (1.5h), during a research visit on Jan. 16-21st.
- Invited Lecture, PQC Training Course, Korea
 - **Details:** The course was jointly conducted by Dr. Damien Stehlé (CryptoLab Inc.) and Dr. Inkwan Yu (CryptoLab Inc.). Delivered two half-day lectures (7 hours total) as part of a 3-week PQC training course, focusing on the concrete security of lattice-based PQC schemes. The course was given in English and attended by researchers from a governmental organization, with a daily schedule of 7-9 hours of lectures and hands-on training.
 - Material: Available at https://github.com/hmchoe0528/PQC_training
 - **Date:** July 16-17th, 2024
- Invited Talk, Seminar at Department of Convergence Security Engineering, Sungshin Women's University, Korea
 - Title: HAETAE: Shorter Lattice-based Fiat-Shamir Signatures
 - **Date:** May 21st, 2024 (1.5h)
- Invited Talk, 2024 Algebra Camp, Yangpyeong Bloomvista, Korea
 - **Title:** Bridging Algebraic Number Theory to Post-Quantum Digital Signatures
 - **Date:** February 5th, 2024 (0.5h)
- Invited Talk, 2nd 10-10 Gauss Distinguished Lecture, Korea
 - **Title:** Mathematical Foundation of Lattice Crypto (jointly with Prof. Jung Hee Cheon, 1.25h in total), A Pre-study of Damien Stehlé's Distinguished Lecture on NIST PQC Standards
 - **Date:** September 15th, 2023 (0.5h)
- Invited Talk, Seminar at School of Cybersecurity, Korea University, Korea
 - Title: HAETAE, a Post-Quantum Signature Scheme
 - **Date:** July 24th, 2023 (2h)

Reviewer

- Journals: Design, Codes and Cryptography (DCC), Journal of Cryptology (JoC).
- Conferences: Sub/External reviewer for ANTS 2020, MathCrypt 2021, PQCrypto 2021, Asiacrypt 2021, 2022, ACM CCS 2022, FHE.org 2022, PQCrypto 2023, PKC 2024, Eurocrypt 2024, PQCrypto 2024.

Research Grants_

Funded Projects

Selected Funded Projects participated in as a PhD Researcher (Graduate Research Assistant).

- Sensitive Data Protection using HE and its Acceleration (Samsung Elec.), from September 2020 to present.
- Industrial & Mathematical Data Analytics Research Center (NRF, MSIT), from September 2019 to present.
- Development and Library Implementation of Fully Homomorphic ML Algorithms supporting Neural Network Learning over Encrypted Data (IITP), from September 2020 to December 2023.
- DARPA Data Protection in Virtual Environments (DPRIVE), from December 2022 to December 2023.
- HE Technology for 6G Security (LG Elec.), from March 2022 to March 2023.

Publications _

Authors are listed in alphabetical order by last name, unless an asterisk(*) is indicated.

Conferences (refereed)

- C04 <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, "Toward Practical Threshold FHE: Low Communication, Computation and Interaction," *ACM CCS 2024 Doctoral Symposium*, 3-Page Extended Abstract.
- C03 Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Alain Passelègue, Damien Stehlé, and Elias Suvanto, "Attacks Against the IND-CPA^D Security of Exact FHE Schemes," *The ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security 2024 (ACM CCS 2024).*
- C02 Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Julien Devevey, Tim Güneysu, Dongyeon Hong, Markus Krausz, Georg Land, Marc Möller, Damien Stehlé, and MinJune Yi, "HAETAE: Shorter Lattice-Based Fiat-Shamir Signatures," *The annual Conference on Crypto-graphic Hardware and Embedded Systems 2024 (CHES 2024)*.
- C01 Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Dongyeon Hong, and MinJune Yi, "SMAUG: Pushing Lattice-based Key Encapsulation Mechanisms to the Limits," *Selected Areas in Cryptography 2023* (*SAC 2023*).

Journals (refereed)

- Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Jungjoo Seo, Hyoeun Seong, "SMAUG(-T), Revisited: Timing-secure, More Compact, Less Failure," *IEEE ACCESS*, vol. 12, pp. 188386-188397, Dec. 2024.
- J04 *Seungwan Hong, Jai Hyun Park, Wonhee Cho, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u> and Jung Hee Cheon, "Secure tumor classification by shallow neural network using homomorphic encryption," *BMC Genomics*, vol. 23, no. 284, Apr 2022.
- J03 Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Donghwan Lee and Yongha Son, "Faster Linear Transformations in **HElib**, revisited," *IEEE Access*, vol. 7, pp. 50595–50604, Apr. 2019.
- J02 *Siyul Lee and <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, "On Fourth-order Iterative Methods for Multiple Roots of Nonlinear Equations with High Efficiency," *Journal of Computational Analysis and Applications*, vol. 18(1), pp. 109–120, Jan. 2015.
- J01 *Siyul Lee and Hyeongmin Choe, "Multiplicational Combinations and A General Scheme of Single-step Iterative Methods for Multiple Roots," *Journal of Computational Analysis and Applications*, vol. 15(6), pp. 1138–1149, Oct. 2013.

Manuscripts (non-refereed)

Manuscripts archived or near completion.

- M04 Jung Hee Cheon, Hyeongmin Choe, Yongdong Yeo, "Reusable Dynamic Multi-Party Homomorphic Encryption."
- M03 Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Minsik Kang, Jaehyung Kim, "Grafting: Complementing RNS in CKKS," *Cryptology ePrint Archive*, *Paper 2024/1014*, June 2024. *In submission*.
- M02 Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, and Jai Hyun Park, "Tree-based Lookup Table on Batched Encrypted Queries using Homomorphic Encryption," *Cryptology ePrint Archive, Paper 2024/087*, Jan. 2024. *In submission.*
- M01 Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Saebyul Jung, Duhyeong Kim, Dah Hoon Lee, and Jai Hyun Park, "Arithmetic PCA for Encrypted Data," *Cryptology ePrint Archive, Paper 2023/1544*, Oct. 2023.

Patents

- Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, "Apparatus for generating blind signature and method thereof," KR20230127905A and US20230291573A1, *Pending*.
- Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Dongyeon Hong, "Electronic device for encrypting data by public key and methods thereof," KR20240081407A and US20240178992A1, *Pending*.

- Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Jai Hyun Park, "Electronic device for searching encrypted data and methods thereof," KR20240118024A and US20240354343A1, *Pending*.
- Jung Hee Cheon, <u>Hyeongmin Choe</u>, Jai Hyun Park, "Electronic device for making decision and methods thereof," KR20240118025A and US20240289650A1, *Pending*.

Awards & Honors ___

Awards

• Korean Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization Competition, National Security Research Institute (NSRI) and National Intelligence Service (NIS)

Three-year competition (Sept. 2021 – Jan. 2025) for standardizing Korean PQC Algorithms: KEM/PKE and Digital Signature.

- Selected Algorithm in KEM/PKE: SMAUG-T Key Encapsulation Mechanism scheme [C01, J05].
 - * website: https://www.kpqc.cryptolab.co.kr/smaug-t.
- Selected Algorithm in Digital Signature: HAETAE Digital Signature scheme [C02].
 - * website: https://www.kpqc.cryptolab.co.kr/haetae.
- Korean National Cryptography Contest, National Security Research Institute (NSRI)

An annual contest that awards cryptography research papers to encourage undergraduate/graduate students in Korea.

- Grand Prize for C03, Oct. 2024.
- Encouragement Prize for M04, Oct. 2024.
- Special Prize for J05 (with a slightly different working title), Oct. 2024.
- Encouragement Prize for M01, Oct. 2022.
- TA Awards, Seoul National University, Department of Mathematical Sciences
 - Excellence in Teaching for teaching "Honor Calculus Practice 1 (2023 Spring)," Aug. 2023.
- 2020 iDASH Genomic Data Privacy and Security Protection Competition, American National Institutes of Health
 - First Place Prize in Track I: "Secure Multi-label Tumor Classification using Homomorphic Encryption," Dec. 2020. Latter published as J04

Honors

- BK 21+ Scholarship, Ministry of Education of Korea
 - Period: Sep. 2019 Present
- Presidential Science Scholarship (Undergraduate), Korea Student Aid Foundation
 - **Period:** Mar. 2013 Dec. 2018.

Contributed Talks_

Selected Contributed and Conference Talks.

- Toward Practical Threshold FHE: Low Communication, Computation and Interaction
 - ACM CCS 2024 Doctoral Symposium (affiliated with ACM CCS 2024), Salt Lake City, USA, Oct. 2024.
- IND-CPA^D and KR^D security of FHE and application to Threshold-FHE
 - 2024 Crypto Winter Camp, Vivaldi Park, South Korea, Jan. 2024.
- SMAUG: Pushing Lattice-based Key Encapsulation Mechanisms to the Limits
 - SAC 2023, University of New Brunswick, Canada, Oct. 2023.
- · HAETAE: Rejecting on Hyperballs
 - KIAS-JBNU KpqC Workshop, Jeonbuk National University, South Korea, May 2023.
- Introduction to HAETAE
 - 2023 KpqC Winter Camp, Chung-Ang University, South Korea, Feb. 2023.
- Introduction to SMAUG KEM and HAETAE signature schemes
 - 2023 Crypto Winter Camp, Konjiam Resort, South Korea, Jan. 2023.