Insup Lee

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Summary

I am an AI & Security Researcher based in Abu Dhabi, UAE, working on generative models for cybersecurity and drones. Previously, I spent five years as a researcher at the Agency for Defense Development (ADD), conducting research in AI-driven cybersecurity. I am also a Ph.D. candidate in Cybersecurity at Korea University, where I earned my B.E. in Cyber Defense. My research interests lie at the **intersection of AI and cybersecurity**, focusing on generative models, AI-driven security, network security, and secure communications.

Research Interests

- AI for Cybersecurity: threat intelligence using NLP/LLM, HW security (side-channel analysis), adversarial ML
- Network and Wireless Security: drones, robust communications, network IDS, anomaly detection
- Generative Models: diffusion transformers and GANs for data augmentation, LLM for vulnerability detection

Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Cybersecurity, Korea University – Seoul, Republic of Korea

Sep 2019 - Present

• Topic: Advancing Cybersecurity Using Multi-Domain Generative Models for Data Augmentation

B.E. in Cyber Defense, Korea University – Seoul, Republic of Korea

Mar 2014 - Feb 2018

• Studied computer science, cybersecurity, cryptography, and secure coding

Employment History

Lecturer, Korea University - Seoul, Republic of Korea

Sep 2025 – Present

• Taught graduate-level course "Computer Networks (SCS 302)"

Research Intern, Indiana University – Bloomington, Indiana, USA

Mar 2025 - Jun 2025

• Researched quantification methods for ML security in autonomous vehicle systems

Security Engineer, Ministry of National Defense – Republic of Korea

Aug 2023 - May 2025

- · Collaborated with international colleagues and led AI-based security projects in the UAE
- Executed cyber defense operations and developed automation tools at the Cyber Operations Command

Researcher, Agency for Defense Development (ADD) – Seoul, Republic of Korea

Jul 2018 - Jul 2023

- Carried out three AI-driven cybersecurity projects, conducting research and in-house software development
 - (1) "Detection of Nation-Sponsored Cyber Attacks Using NLP Technologies" (Apr 2021 Jul 2023)
 - (2) "Generative Models for Cybersecurity Data Augmentation" (Jun 2019 Oct 2020)
 - (3) "IPADS: Integrated Proactive and Adaptive Defense Systems" (Aug 2018 May 2019)
- Published six international papers [C1, C2, J2, J3, J4, J6], four patents, and 12 domestic papers

Technical Skills

- Frameworks/Tools: PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, pandas, Git, Streamlit
- Programming Languages: Python, C, JavaScript, SQL
- Languages: English, Korean

Publications

Under Review

• LeakDiT: Diffusion Transformers for Trace-Augmented Side-Channel Analysis Insup Lee, Daehyeon Bae, Seokhie Hong, and Sangjin Lee

• Multi-Step LLM Pipeline for Enhancing TTP Extraction in Cyber Threat Intelligence Hyoungrok Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Insup Lee, Soohan Lee, and Sangjin Lee

Journal Articles

J7 Enhancing Modulation Classification via Diffusion Transformers for Drone Video Signal Processing Insup Lee, Khalifa Alteneiji, and Mohammed Alghfeli

IEEE Signal Processing Letters (SPL), 2025

(SCI 2024 I/F Top 31.6% in Engineering, Electrical & Electronic)

J6 MuCamp: Generating Cyber Campaign Variants via TTP Synonym Replacement for Group Attribution

Insup Lee and Changhee Choi

IEEE Transactions on Information and Forensics Security (TIFS), 2025

(SCI 2024 I/F Top 7.8% in Computer Science, Theory & Methods)

J5 UniQGAN: Towards Improved Modulation Classification With Adversarial Robustness Using Scalable Generator Design

Insup Lee and Wonjun Lee

IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC), 2024

(SCI 2023 I/F Top 4.9% in Computer Science, Software Engineering)

J4 Camp2Vec: Embedding Cyber Campaign With ATT&CK Framework for Attack Group Analysis

Insup Lee and Changhee Choi

ICT Express, 2023

(SCI 2023 I/F Top 23.0% in Computer Science, Information Systems)

J3 Exploiting TTP Co-occurence via GloVe-Based Embedding With ATT&CK Framework

Chanho Shin, Insup Lee, and Changhee Choi

IEEE Access, 2023

(SCI 2023 I/F Top 34.4% in Engineering, Electrical & Electronic)

J2 BAN: Predicting APT Attack Based on Bayesian Network With MITRE ATT&CK Framework

Youngjun Kim, $\underline{\text{Insup Lee}}$, Hyuk Kwon, Gyeongsik Lee, and Jiwon Yoon

IEEE Access, 2023

(SCI 2023 I/F Top 34.4% in Engineering, Electrical & Electronic)

J1 UniQGAN: Unified Generative Adversarial Networks for Augmented Modulation Classification

Insup Lee and Wonjun Lee

IEEE Communications Letters, 2022

(SCI 2023 I/F Top 33.2% in Telecommunications)

Conference Proceedings

C3 Encrypted Malware Traffic Detection Using Incremental Learning

Insup Lee, Heejun Roh, and Wonjun Lee

IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM) - Poster Session, 2020

C2 Anomaly Dataset Augmentation Using Sequence Generative Models

Sunguk Shin, Insup Lee, and Changhee Choi

IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2019

C1 Opcode Sequence Amplifier Using Sequence Generative Adversarial Networks

Changhee Choi, Sunguk Shin, and Insup Lee

International Conference on ICT Convergence (ICTC), 2019

Patents

- Changhee Choi and Insup Lee, "Method for Augmentating Cyber Attack Campaign Data to Identify Attack Group, and Security," Korea Patent Application Number. 10-2024-0176082, December 2, 2024.
- Changhee Choi, Insup Lee, Chanho Shin, and Sungho Lee, "Information Identification Method and Electronic

- Apparatus Thereof," Korea Patent Application Number. 10-2024-0006106, January 15, 2024.
- Changhee Choi, Chanho Shin, Sunguk Shin, Seongyeon Seo, and Insup Lee, "Method for Training Attack Prediction Model and Device Therefor," U.S. Patent Application Number. 18/126,005; U.S. Patent Number. US20230308462A1, September 28, 2023.
- Changhee Choi, Sunguk Shin, and Insup Lee, "Appratus, Method, Computer-readable Storage Medium and Computer Program for Generating Operation Code," Korea Patent Application Number. 10-2019-0141865, November 07, 2019; Korea Patent Number. 10-2246797, April 30, 2021.

Domestic Journals and Conferences (Korean)

- Hyunjun Park and Insup Lee, "Enhanced DDoS Detection via Traffic Volume-Based Labeling and Transfer Learning," *Journal of Internet Computing and Services (JICS)*, Vol. 26, No. 4, pp. 1-8, Aug. 2025.
- Kangmun Kim and Insup Lee, "User Behavior Embedding via TF-IDF-BVC for Web Shell Detection," *Journal of The Korea Institute of Information Security & Cryptology (JKIISC)*, Vol. 34, No. 6, pp. 1231-1238, Dec. 2024.
- Insup Lee, Chanho Shin, and Changhee Choi, "Mutating Cyber Camapaign With TTP Word Replacement," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2023.
- Chanho Shin, <u>Insup Lee</u>, and Changhee Choi, "Towards GloVe-Based TTP Embedding With ATT&CK Framework," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2023.
- Changhee Choi, <u>Insup Lee</u>, Chanho Shin, and Sungho Lee, "Cyber Threat Campaign Analysis Based on PEGASUS and RoBERTa Model," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2023.
- Insup Lee, Chanho Shin, Sunguk Shin, Seongyeon Seo, and Changhee Choi, "Analyzing Cyberattack Campaign Similarity via TTP Sequence Embedding," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2022.
- Sunguk Shin, <u>Insup Lee</u>, Chanho Shin, Seongyeon Seo, and Changhee Choi, "Cyber Campaign Analysis With TTP Embedding Using TF-IDF," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2022.
- Chanho Shin, Sunguk Shin, <u>Insup Lee</u>, Seongyeon Seo, and Changhee Choi, "Classifying TTP Based on CIA Labeling," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2022.
- Changhee Choi, Chanho Shin, Sunguk Shin, Seongyeon Seo, and Insup Lee, "Cyber Attack Group Classification Using Siamese LSTM," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2022.
- Chanho Shin, Sunguk Shin, Seongyeon Seo, <u>Insup Lee</u>, and Changhee Choi, "Embedding and Training RNN to Estimating the Goal of Cyber Attack," in *Proc. of the KIMST Fall Conference*, Nov. 2021.
- Sunguk Shin, Chanho Shin, Seongyeon Seo, <u>Insup Lee</u>, and Changhee Choi, "The Proposed Approach for Country Prediction With TTP-based Cyber Data <u>Using GCN</u>," in *Proc. of the KIMST Fall Conference*, Nov. 2021.
- Changhee Choi, Chanho Shin, Sunguk Shin, Seongyeon Seo, and Insup Lee, "Deep Learning for Estimating Next Action of Cyber Attack," in *Proc. of the KIMST Fall Conference*, Nov. 2021.
- Yongbin Park, Sunguk Shin, and <u>Insup Lee</u>, "A Study on Evaluation Method of NIDS Datasets in Closed Military Network," *Journal of Internet Computing and Services (JICS)*, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp. 121-130, Apr. 2020.
- Insup Lee, Jingook Kim, and Jeongchan Park, "Analysis of Weight Setting in Incremental Learning to Improve Real-Time Intrusion Detection," in *Proc. of the KIMST Annual Conference*, Jun. 2019.

Other Experience

AI Cyber Challenge (AIxCC), DARPA and ARPA-H, USA

Apr 2024 - Aug 2024

 Participated in the semifinal round as a member of Team KORIA, submitting our cyber reasoning system that leverages LLMs for automated detection and patching of software vulnerabilities

SW Outsourcing Development, KCMVP-Certified Cryptographic Module

Jun 2017 - May 2018

- Implemented a cryptographic module with 25,000 LoC in C while following secure coding conventions
- Covered the ARIA block cipher (modes: ECB, CBC, CTR), hash functions (SHA-256, SHA-512), and HMAC-based DRBG for Windows (.dll) and Linux (.so), respectively

Awards and Honors

• Ambassador's Commendation for excellence in defense cooperation, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the United Arab Emirates	Mar 2025
• The 3rd Prize, Military Cybersecurity Experts Hackathon, Ministry of Science and ICT, Republic of Korea	Dec 2023
• Full Tuition Scholarship, Ministry of National Defense, Republic of Korea	Mar 2014 – Feb 2018

Mentoring Experience

Sujin Park (Ph.D. Student at Korea University)	Jun 2025 – Present
Side-channel analysis for anomaly detection	
 Hyunjun Park (Navy Lieutenant at Ministry of National Defense) DDoS detection via transfer learning (paper published at JICS) 	Nov 2024 – Feb 2025
• Kangmun Kim (First Lieutenant at Cyber Operations Command) Web shell detection via user behavior embedding (paper published at JKIISC)	Jan 2024 – Sep 2024

Professional Service

Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC), 2025
- IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM), 2023-2024
- IEEE Communications Letters, 2022
- ICT Express, 2025

Teaching Experience

• Fall 2025: Computer Networks (SCS302), Korea University