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## Summary of Skills

- Design & analysis of symmetric ciphers
- Knowledge of PETs (MPC, HE)
- Post-quantum signature (MPC-in-the-Head)
- Implementation skills (e.g. x86 intrinsics)
- Proficiency on HE libraries (e.g. SEAL, HELib)
- Scientific and technical writing

## Professional Experience

- Senior Engineer in Samsung SDS, Seoul, Korea Mar 2022 - Present
  - Research on privacy-preserving protocols based on MPC
  - Research on MPCitH-based signature

## Education

- Ph.D. in Information Security Mar 2018 - Feb 2022
  - Where: KAIST, Daejeon, Korea
  - Advisor: Jooyoung Lee
  - Research Area: HE-friendly ciphers, transciphering framework, provable security
- M.Sc. in Mathematical Science Mar 2016 - Feb 2018
  - Where: KAIST, Daejeon, Korea
  - Advisor: Sanggeun Han
  - Research Area: cryptanalysis of LWE
- B.Sc. in Mathematics Mar 2012 - Feb 2016
  - Where: POSTECH, Pohang, Korea

## Publications

Authors are listed in alphabetical order by last name, unless an asterisk(\*) is indicated. Daggers (†) indicate co-first authors.

## Academic Papers

- **\*S. Kim<sup>†</sup>**, J. Ha<sup>†</sup>, M. Son, B. Lee, J. Lee, S. Lee, J. Kwon, J. Cho, H. Yoon, and J. Lee. “AIM: Symmetric Primitive for Shorter Signatures with Stronger Security”. The 30th ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS 2023), to appear.
- J. Ha, **S. Kim**, B. Lee, J. Lee, and M. Son. “Rubato: Noisy Ciphers for Approximate Homomorphic Encryption”. The 41st Annual International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Cryptographic Techniques (EUROCRYPT 2022).
- J. Cho, J. Ha, **S. Kim**, B. Lee, J. Lee, J. Lee, D. Moon, and H. Yoon. “Transciphering Framework for Approximate Homomorphic Encryption”. The 27th Annual International Conference on the Theory and Application of Cryptology and Information Security (ASIACRYPT 2021).
- **\*J. Ha**, **S. Kim**, W. Choi, J. Lee, D. Moon, H. Yoon, and J. Cho. “Masta: An HE-friendly Cipher Using Modular Arithmetic”. IEEE Access 10.1109/ACCESS.2020.3033564, 2020.
- **S. Kim**, B. Lee, and J. Lee. “Tight Security Bounds for Double-Block Hash-then-Sum MACs”. The 39th Annual International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Cryptographic Techniques (EUROCRYPT 2020).

## Technical Report

- **\*S. Kim**, J. Cho, M. Cho, J. Ha, J. Kwon, B. Lee, J. Lee, J. Lee, S. Lee, D. Moon, M. Son, H. Yoon. “The AIMER Signature Scheme (Ver. 1.0)”. Submission for NIST Call for Additional Signature Schemes. 2023. <https://aimer-signature.org>.
- **\*S. Kim<sup>†</sup>**, J. Ha<sup>†</sup>, M. Son, B. Lee, J. Lee, S. Lee, J. Kwon, J. Cho, H. Yoon, and J. Lee. “The AIMER Signature Scheme (Ver. 0.9)”. Submission for Korean Post-Quantum Cryptography (KpqC) Competition. 2022. <https://aimer-signature.org>.

## Ph.D. Dissertation

- **S. Kim**. "On Homomorphic Encryption, Transciphering Frameworks, and HE-friendly Ciphers". 2022. KAIST.

## Repositories

- <https://github.com/KAIST-CryptLab/RtF-Transciphering>     RtF framework with HERA, Rubato

## Talks

- (Invited) “Signature Schemes based on the MPC-in-the-Head Paradigm”. Ewha-KMS International Cryptography Workshop 2023. Jul 2023. Seoul, Korea.
- (Invited) “Reducing the Overhead of Approximate Homomorphic Encryption”. KMS Fall Meeting 2022. Oct 2022. Seoul, Korea
- “Rubato: Noisy Ciphers for Approximate Homomorphic Encryption”. Eurocrypt 2022. Jun 2022. Trondheim, Norway. [https://youtu.be/TE\\_sYzJtZQc](https://youtu.be/TE_sYzJtZQc) (in English).
- (Invited) “Transciphering Framework for Approximate Homomorphic Encryption”. CryptoLab. Dec 2021. Seoul, Korea.

- “Transciphering Framework for Approximate Homomorphic Encryption”. Asiacrypt 2021. Dec 2021. Online. [https://youtu.be/r3\\_07fWq0as](https://youtu.be/r3_07fWq0as) (in English).
- “Transciphering Framework for Approximate Homomorphic Encryption”. Security @ KAIST. Nov 2021. Online. <https://youtu.be/xKEgtZeMTaw?t=6434> (in Korean).
- “Hybrid Framework for Approximate Computation over Encrypted Data”. KMS Spring Meeting 2021. Apr 2021. Online

## Patents

- J. Lee, D. Moon, H. Yoon, J. Cho, E. Kim, **S. Kim**, J. Lee, J. Ha, W. Choi. "Apparatus and Method for Encryption, Apparatus and Method for Converting Ciphertext". US17081862. Jan 2023.
- **S. Kim**, D. Moon, J. Kwon, S. Lee, J. Lee, M. Son, B. Lee, and J. Ha. "Method for Calculating using an One-Way Function Efficient in a Zero Knowledge Proof, and Apparatus Implementing the Same Method". KR1020220155427. Nov 2022.
- D. Moon, J. Lee, J. Lee, Y. Son, **S. Kim**, J. Ha, M. Son, and B. Lee. "Method for Calculating Using a Zero Knowledge Proof-Friendly One-Way Function, and Apparatus Implementing the Same Method". KR1020220060914. May 2022.
- J. Lee, D. Moon, H. Yoon, J. Cho, **S. Kim**, J. Lee, and J. Ha. “Method and Apparatus for Generating Key Stream”. US17514135. Oct 2021.
- J. Lee, D. Moon, H. Yoon, J. Cho, **S. Kim**, J. Lee, and J. Ha. “Method and Apparatus for Generating Key Stream”. KR1020210052987. Apr 2021.
- D. Moon, H. Yoon, and J. Cho, **S. Kim**, J. Lee, J. Ha, and W. Choi. “Symmetric Cipher Suitable for Homomorphic Encryption Schemes over Modular Domains”. KR1020200103887. Aug 2020.
- J. Lee, H. Yoon, D. Moon, J. Cho, E. Kim, **S. Kim**, J. Lee, J. Ha, and W. Choi. “Method for Converting Symmetric Key Encryption Based Ciphertext into Homomorphic Encryption Based Ciphertext”. KR1020200047585. Apr 2020.

## Skills

- I speak Korean as a native and English fluently as a second language.
- Familiar with C/C++ (with x86 intrinsics), Python, Mathematica and  $\text{\LaTeX}$
- Proficient to use HE libraries (e.g. SEAL, HELib)

## Teaching Experiences

- Counseling assistant: Sep 2016 - Feb 2021
- Teaching assistant
  - IS511 Information security: 2018 Spring, 2019 Spring
  - CS204 Discrete mathematics: 2019 Fall, 2021 Spring

## Services

I was an external reviewer in:

- Eurocrypt 2023
- Asiacrypt 2019, 2020
- ICISC 2018
- ProvSec 2018.

## Honors and Awards

- The Best Dissertation Award at Korean Mathematical Society in 2023
- The 3rd Award at iDash Competition (Track 4: Secure Record Linkage) in 2022
- The 2nd Award at Korea Cryptography Contest (hosted by Korea Cryptography Forum) in 2018

## Other Experiences

- Exchange student at NUS, Singapore in 2015
- Cellist in POSTECH orchestra (Mar 2012 - Feb 2016) / KAIST orchestra (Mar 2016 - Feb 2020)
- Have traveled to dozens of countries