Seongmin Hong

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I'm a Postdoctoral Researcher at Institute of New Media and Communications, Seoul National University, with interests in recent image/video generative models and their inversion, as well as optimization algorithms and computational imaging systems like MRI and automotive radar.

Education

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering – Seoul National University

03 2020 — 08 2025

Dissertation: Inversion of Deep Generative Models: Structural and Optimization-based Approaches

Award: Distinguished Ph.D. Dissertation Award in Communications and Signal Processing

Advisor: Se Young Chun, GPA: 4.08/4.3

B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering – Seoul National University

03 2016 — 02 2020

GPA: 3.70/4.3

Mathematics and Physics – Gyeonggi Science High School for the Gifted

03 2013 — 02 2016

Experience

Postdoctoral Researcher – Institute of New Media and Communications, SNU

09 2025 — 08 2026

Publications (selected, sole first author)

Gradient-free Decoder Inversion in Latent Diffusion Models

Seongmin Hong, Suh Yoon Jeon, Kyeonghyun Lee, Ernest K. Ryu, Se Young Chun Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2024.

Adaptive Selection of Sampling-Reconstruction in Fourier Compressed Sensing

Seongmin Hong, Jaehyeok Bae, Jongho Lee, Se Young Chun European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2024.

On Exact Inversion of DPM-Solvers

Seongmin Hong, Kyeonghyun Lee, Suh Yoon Jeon, Hyewon Bae, Se Young Chun Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), 2024.

On the Robustness of Normalizing Flows for Inverse Problems in Imaging

Seongmin Hong, Inbum Park, Se Young Chun

International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.

Neural Diffeomorphic Non-uniform B-spline Flows

Seongmin Hong, Se Young Chun

Thirty-Seventh AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI, oral), 2023.

Advanced direction of arrival estimation using step-learnt iterative soft-thresholding for frequency-modulated continuous wave multiple-input multiple-output radar

Seongmin Hong, Seong-Cheol Kim, Seongwook Lee

IET Radar, Sonar & Navigation, 2023.

Radar Signal Decomposition in Steering Vector Space for Multi-Target Classification

Seongmin Hong, Seongwook Lee, Byeong-Ho Lee, Jinwook Kim, Yong-Hwa Kim, Seong-Cheol Kim IEEE Sensors Journal, 2021.

Presentations

On the Robustness of Normalizing Flows for Inverse Problems in Imaging

In 2024 SIAM Conference on Imaging Science (SIAM IS24), Atlanta, Georgia, U.S., May 28-31, 2024

Challenges

AIM 2024 Depth Upsampling Challenge - 3rd place

Woojae Han, Kyeonghyun Lee, Seongmin Hong, Se Young Chun

Teaching Experience

Head TA, Signals and Systems (English Lecture)	03 2022 – 06 2022
Head TA, Seminar in Electrical and Computer Engineering 3	03 2020 - 06 2020
TA, Advanced Electromagnetics 1	03 2020 - 06 2020
Fellowship	
Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD fellowship program (Institutional Nominee)	2025
Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Korea 2024 (won 4,000,000 KRW)	12 2024
Brain Korea 21 Four Program	03 2020 – Present

Services

Technical Research Personnel in SNU (Alternative military service)

03 2023 - 02 2025

Paper reviewers: NeurIPS (2024, 2025), ICML (2025), ICLR (2025), CVPR (2025), ICCV (2025),

AAAI (2026), AISTATS (2025), ACMMM (2025)

IEEE Sensors Journal, ACM TOMM, IEEE TPAMI

since 2023

Patents

Audio Data Management Device and Method Using A Generative AI Model Se Young Chun, **Seongmin Hong**, Kyungryeol Lee Korea Patent Filed, 04 2025

Other Publications

Robust Watermarks for Audio Diffusion Models by Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

Kyoungryeol Lee*, **Seongmin Hong***, Se Young Chun

Pattern Recognition Letters, Vol. 198, pp. 22-28, 2025.

Uncertainty-Adaptive Selection of Sampling-Reconstruction for Fourier Compressed Sensing

Seongmin Hong, Jaehyeok Bae, Jongho Lee, Se Young Chun

3rd Workshop on Uncertainty Quantification for Computer Vision in ECCV (extended abstract), 2024.

Target classification based on point cloud data using automotive imaging radar

Sohee Lim, Jaehoon Jung, **Seongmin Hong**, Byeong-ho Lee, Seong-Cheol Kim

KICS Winter Conference (in Korean), 2021.

Measurement Data Release on 2.4 GHz ISM Band Usage

Doyoung Ham, **Seongmin Hong**, Byonghyo Shim, Seong-Cheol Kim

KICS Winter Conference (in Korean), 2021.

Analysis of CNN Classifier Performance for Segway Data with 77GHz Automotive Radar

Byeong-ho Lee, **Seongmin Hong**, Jinwook Kim, Seongwook Lee, Byonghyo Sim, Seong-Cheol Kim KICS Winter Conference (in Korean), 2021.

Optimization of 16-QAM Constellations with AWGN Channel

Seongmin Hong, Jeong-Hoon Park, Doyoung Ham, Seong-Cheol Kim

KICS Summer Conference (in Korean), 2020.