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Soobin Um

Education

- Sep. 2021 – **Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence, KAIST**, Daejeon
Present Advisor: Prof. Jong Chul Ye
- Feb. 2012 – **M.S. in Electrical Engineering, KAIST**, Daejeon
Feb. 2014 Advisor: Prof. Wan Choi
- Mar. 2008 – **B.S. in Information & Communication Engineering, Hanyang University**, Seoul,
Feb. 2012 *Summa Cum Laude* (GPA: 4.13/4.5)

Research Interests

Generative models, Trustworthy/Inclusive AI, Machine learning for materials design

Publications

- Conference Papers [C6] Boost-and-Skip: A Simple Guidance-Free Diffusion for Minority Generation
Soobin Um*, Beomsu Kim*, Jong Chul Ye
ICML 2025
- [C5] Minority-Focused Text-to-Image Generation via Prompt Optimization
Soobin Um, Jong Chul Ye
CVPR 2025 (Oral presentation, top 0.74%)
- [C4] Physics-guided Optimization of Photonic Structures using Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models
Dongjin Seo*, **Soobin Um***, Sangbin Lee, Jong Chul Ye, Haejun Chung
NeurIPS 2024 Workshop (ML4PS)
- [C3] Self-Guided Generation of Minority Samples Using Diffusion Models
Soobin Um, Jong Chul Ye
ECCV 2024
- [C2] Don't Play Favorites: Minority Guidance for Diffusion Models
Soobin Um, Suhyeon Lee, Jong Chul Ye
ICLR 2024

[C1] A Fair Generative Model Using LeCam Divergence

Soobin Um, Changho Suh

AAAI 2023 (Oral presentation)

Preprints [P1] Physics-guided and fabrication-aware inverse design of photonic devices using diffusion models

Dongjin Seo*, Soobin Um*, Sangbin Lee, Jong Chul Ye, Haejun Chung

Submitted to ACS Photonics

Work Experience

Feb. 2014 – Senior Researcher, Agency for Defense Development (ADD)

Aug. 2021 Wireless communication and network systems for military applications

Projects

Jun. 2023 – Development of AI-Based X-Ray Computer-Based Training Program: Field-oriented Technology Development Project for Customs Administration, Ministry of Science & ICT (MSIT) and Korea Customs Service

Jun. 2024
Jan. 2023 – Development of AI Technology for Personalized Plug-and-Play Explanation and Verification of Explanation for Institute of Information & communications Technology Planning & Evaluation (IITP) and the Korea government (MSIT)

Jun. 2023
Sep. 2021 – Development of a Framework to Analyze, Detect, and Mitigate/Remove Bias in AI Models and Training Data for Institute of Information & communications Technology Planning & Evaluation (IITP) and the Korea government (MSIT)

Patents

Registered [PR18] Apparatus, Method, Computer-Readable Storage Medium and Computer Program for Assigning Dynamic Frequencies in Wireless Network
Patent No. 10-2212367, Jan. 2021.

[PR17] Method and Apparatus for Satisfaction Degree based Weighted Fair Resource Allocation Optimization in Cognitive Radio Wireless Network
Patent No. 10-2204935, Jan. 2021.

[PR16] Apparatus and Method for Controlling Performance of Receiver for Sub-Device in MIMO Cognitive Radio Systems
Patent No. 10-2192564, Dec. 2020.

[PR15] Full Duplex Pair Matching Method for Improving Network Performance in Full Duplex Network Environment
Patent No. 10-2178266, Nov. 2020.

[PR14] Successive-Cancellation Fano Decoding Apparatus and Method for Decoding Using the Same
Patent No. 10-2158312, Sep. 2020.

[PR13] Apparatus and Method for Controlling Channel of Cognitive Radio
Patent No. 10-2107015, Apr. 2020.

[PR12] Data Convergence Method for Reducing Overhead of Cognitive Radio Networks

Patent No. 10-2085205, Feb. 2020.

[PR11] Method and Apparatus for Selecting Frequency Band in Cognitive Radio Network

Patent No. 10-2042260, Nov. 2019.

[PR10] Method and Apparatus for Allocating Frequency Resource in Cognitive Radio Ad-Hoc Network

Patent No. 10-2039650, Oct. 2019.

[PR9] Apparatus and Method for Scheduling Slots for Communication of Data Packets

Patent No. 10-2038051, Oct. 2019.

[PR8] Apparatus and Method for Constructing Rate-compatible Polar Code

Patent No. 10-1996026, Jun. 2019.

[PR7] Time Mirroring Method and System for Airborne Relay Communications

Patent No. 10-1901616, Sep. 2018.

[PR6] Space-Time Dynamic Spectrum Access Apparatus Combined by Multi-Beam Array Antenna and Time Division Duplexing and Frequency Division Duplexing

Patent No. 10-1873102, Jun. 2018.

[PR5] Radio Set System and Setting Channel Method for the Radio Set System

Patent No. 10-1832971, Feb. 2018.

[PR4] Phased Array Antenna System

Patent No. 10-1773481, Aug. 2017.

[PR3] Radio Apparatus for Sensing Space Frequency Spectrum

Patent No. 10-1764655, Jul. 2017.

[PR2] Polarization tracking system using dual polarization antenna with variable gain attenuator and the control method of the same

Patent No. 10-1747789, Jun. 2017.

[PR1] A Dynamic Spectrum Access Technique based on OFDM for P2P Communication

Patent No. 10-1632267, Jun. 2016.

Research Grants

Sep. 2024 – **Basic Science Research Program Grant** on Robust Generative AI
Aug. 2025 Funded by the NRF and Ministry of Education

Honors & Awards

Aug. 2020 Bronze Medal, National Defense Science Award, ADD
Aug. 2020 Achievement Award, ADD
Jun. 2018 Outstanding Paper Award, KICS Winter Conference

Feb. 2012 *Summa Cum Laude*, Excellence Award, Hanyang University

Teaching Experience

- KAIST
- AI501: Machine Learning for AI (Spring 2023)
 - AI619: AI for Medical Imaging (Fall 2022, **Head TA**)
 - EE424: Introduction to Optimization (Fall 2021)
 - EE210: Probability and Introductory Random Processes (Fall 2013)
 - EE321: Communication Engineering (Spring 2013)

- Hyundai
Motors
Training
- Data Science: Modeling for Prediction (Feb. 2022)
 - Data Science Master Program (Sep. 2021 – Nov. 2021)

Reviewer Services

Conferences CVPR 2024, ICLR 2025, CVPR 2025

References

- PhD Advisor **Jong Chul Ye**
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