

# Juhyung Lee

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Wireless communication systems
- AI for PHY/MAC layers and network optimization
- Protocol design for LEO satellite non-terrestrial networks

## EXPERIENCE

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- **Samsung Research America** Dallas, USA  
*AI/Wireless Senior Research Engineer* *Dec. 2023 - Jan. 2024 (Contract)*
  - NR-MIMO Channel Estimation/Prediction**
    - Implemented generative model-based channel estimation/prediction framework
- **University of Southern California** Los Angeles, USA  
*Postdoctoral Researcher, Wireless Devices and Systems Group (Head: Prof. Andreas Molisch)* *Apr. 2022 - Present*
  - ML-based Radio Map Prediction** [\[Github\]](#)
    - Developed an ML-based city map-scale channel (pathloss) prediction framework [1, 2]
    - Built a network optimization system for automatic base station deployment and beam management, based on the developed large-scale channel predictions (*e.g.*, Digital Twin)
  - On-Device AI Communication** [\[Github\]](#)
    - Implemented a pre-trained language model (BART) into a 5G-NR compatible link-level simulator (NVIDIA Sionna), using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques [3]
    - Designed and demonstrated an effective approach for enhancing on-device LLM communication in 5G-NR settings.
- **Korea University** Seoul, Korea  
*Research Professor, Research Institute for Information & Communication* *Sep. 2021 - Feb. 2023*
  - PHY/MAC Protocol Design for LEO Satellite Networks**
    - Designed a contention-based random access protocol for LEO satellite networks, using satellite positional information (*e.g.*, GNSS data and orbital patterns) [4]
    - Designed a 3GPP-compatible handover protocol for LEO satellites using Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) [5]

## SKILLS

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- **Programming:** Python, C/C++, MATLAB, Verilog, Labview,
- **ML Methodologies:** Generative Model (DDPM, GAN, VQ-VAE), Language Model (BART), Computer Vision (DeepLapV3+, UNet, CNN), Time-series (Transformer, RNN), Reinforcement (PPO, A3C, DQN)
- **Tool & Library:** ML (Pytorch, Tensorflow), Link (System)-Level Simul. (NVIDIA Sionna, MATLAB-5G), Ray-Tracing (WirelessInSite, Sionna-RT), GIS (OpenStreetMap)
- **HW:** USRP, FPGA

## EDUCATION

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- **Korea University** Seoul, Korea  
*Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Eng. (Awarded by Research Excellence)* *Mar. 2016 – Aug. 2021*
  - **Optimization of NTN:** Developed a routing protocol [6] and an resource allocation algorithm [7] for NTN
  - **[Demo] Radio-over-FSO (RoFSO):** Built a RoFSO system, integrating 802.11 RF system and laser-based optical transceivers; Demonstrated the RoFSO system in high-speed (*e.g.*, Gbps) transmission [8]
- **Korea University** Seoul, Korea  
*B. Eng. in Electrical and Electronic Eng. (National Sci. & Tech. Scholarship - Full Tuition)* *Mar. 2011 – Feb. 2016*

## PROJECTS

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- **AI for Site-Specific Radio Propagation Modeling in mmWave/THz Communications**
  - Built a channel measurement dataset using ray-tracing simulations (**WirelessInsite**) on real maps (*e.g.*, USC, UCLA, and Boston area)
  - Designed a supervised-learning framework, using Computer Vision techniques, to predict radio maps [1]
  - **1st-rank** in ML competition (*IEEE ICASSP Radio-Map Prediction Challenge* [2]), achieving the highest accuracy
  - Developed a transfer learning method to adapt models to new, unseen network scenarios
- **Integrating Pre-Trained Language Model on PHY Communications**
  - Built a framework integrating language model (**BART**) with link-level simulator (**NVIDIA Sionna**), utilizing a compression technique (**VQ-VAE**)
  - Demonstrated the framework in realistic 5G-NR communication scenario (Modules: LDPC/Polar Coding, QAM, OFDM, and MIMO; Channels: 3GPP CDL- $\{A \sim E\}$ ) [3]
- **DRL-based PHY/MAC Protocol Design**
  - Designed radio resource scheduling, initial access [4], and handover [5] protocols for LEO satellite networks
  - Designed beam management for mmWave Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) networks [9]

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 1st-Rank, *IEEE ICASSP Signal Processing Grand Challenges*, Jun. 2023 [2]
- Best Paper Award, *IEEE ICTC*, Oct. 2022
- Best Paper Award, *IEEE ICTC*, Oct. 2021
- Grand Prize, *Graduate Research Excellence Award*, Korea University, Feb. 2021
- Travel Grant, *IEEE GLOBECOM*, Dec. 2020;
- Bronze Prize, *IEEE Seoul Section Student Paper Award*, Dec. 2020
- Best Paper Award, *Korea Institute of Commun., and Info. Sciences*, Feb. 2020
- Full Tuition Scholarship (B. Eng.), *National Science & Technology Scholarship*, Korea, 2011

## PATENTS

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- [USA #2 - pending] **J.-H. Lee** and Y.-C. Ko, “Deep reinforcement learning-based random access method for low earth orbit satellite network and terminal for the operation”, US20230189353A1 (06/15/2023)
- [USA #1 - pending] J.-M. Kim, **J.-H. Lee**, and Y.-C. Ko, “Apparatus based on wireless optical communication”, US20230083544A1 (03/16/2022)
- [Korea #3] B.-H. Lee, **J.-H. Lee**, and Y.-C. Ko, “Minimum transmission rate maximization using power control and association in ground base station-to-UAV communication”, 10-2508442 (03/06/2023)
- [Korea #2] J.-M. Kim, **J.-H. Lee**, and Y.-C. Ko, “Apparatus based on wireless optical communication”, 10-2506809 (03/02/2023)
- [Korea #1] **J.-H. Lee**, J. Lee, ”Method and apparatus for uploading or downloading file based on tag,” 10-2014-0128406 (01/26/2016)

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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- **Prof. Andreas F. Molisch** : Professor (IEEE Fellow, AAAS Fellow), University of Southern California, molisch@usc.edu
- **Dr. Hao Chen** : Manager, Samsung Research America, hao.chen1@samsung.com
- **Prof. Young-Chai Ko** : Professor, Korea University, koyc@korea.ac.kr

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (LINK FOR FULL-LIST)

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- [1] J.-H. Lee\* and A. F. Molisch, “A scalable and generalizable pathloss map prediction,” *submitted to IEEE Trans. Wireless Commun. (TWC)*, Dec. 2023. [[paper](#)] [[code](#)].
- [2] J.-H. Lee\*, A. F. Molisch, and et al., “PMNet: Large-scale channel prediction system for radio map prediction challenge,” in *IEEE International Conf. on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, Jun. 2023. “**1st-Rank in ML Competition**” [[code](#)].
- [3] J.-H. Lee\*, D.-H. Lee, E. Sheen, T. Choi, and J. Pujara, “Seq2Seq-SC: End-to-end semantic communication systems with pre-trained language model,” *Asilomar Conf. on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2023. [[paper](#)] [[code](#)].
- [4] J.-H. Lee\*, H. Seo, J. Park, M. Bennis, and Y.-C. Ko, “Learning emergent random access protocol for LEO satellite networks,” *IEEE Trans. Wireless Commun. (TWC)*, Jan. 2023. [[paper](#)].
- [5] J.-H. Lee\*, C. Park, S. Park, and A. F. Molisch, “Handover protocol learning for LEO satellite networks: Access delay and collision minimization,” *IEEE Trans. Wireless Commun. (TWC)*, Dec. 2023. [[paper](#)].
- [6] J.-H. Lee\*, J. Park, M. Bennis, and Y.-C. Ko, “Integrating LEO satellites and multi-UAV reinforcement learning for hybrid FSO/RF non-terrestrial networks,” *IEEE Trans. Veh. Tech. (TVT)*, Mar. 2023.
- [7] J.-H. Lee\*, K.-H. Park, Y.-C. Ko, and M.-S. Alouini, “Spectral-efficient network design for high-altitude platform station networks with mixed RF/FSO systems,” *IEEE Trans. Wireless Commun. (TWC)*, Mar. 2022.
- [8] J.-M. Kim, J.-H. Lee\*, and et al., “Experimental demonstration of RoFSO transmission combining WLAN standard and WDM-FSO over 100m distance,” in *IEEE Conf. on Comput. Commun. Workshop (INFOCOM-Demo)*, May 2022.
- [9] Y. Lee, J.-H. Lee\*, and Y.-C. Ko, “Beamforming optimization for IRS-assisted mmWave V2I communication systems via reinforcement learning,” *IEEE Access*, Jun. 2022.