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## Research Interests

- AI/GenAI Solutions for Wireless Communication Systems
- On-Device AI/LLM Communication

#### EXPERIENCE

# University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA, USA

Postdoctoral Researcher, Wireless Devices and Systems Group (Head: <u>Prof. Andreas Molisch</u>)

Apr. 2022 - Present

# On-Device AI/LLM Communication [Github]

- Fine-tuned a pre-trained LLM (BART) as a neural lossy source coder in end-to-end Link-Level Simulation (LLS), integrating with 5G-NR PHY layer functions [1, 2]
- o Developed a compression & quantization method for AI-to-AI comm.; Tested in NVIDIA Sionna with 5G-NR setup

# Computer Vision-based Site-Specific Channel Modeling for RAN Optimization [Github]

- $\circ$  Developed an fast ( $\sim 1 \text{ [msec]}$ ) and accurate (RMSE  $\sim -14 \text{ [dB]}$ ) Digital Twin Network simulation [3, 4]
- Designed Radio Access Network (e.g., O-RAN) optimization methods for i) Localization & Sensing [5], ii) Beamforming, and iii) Automatic AP (e.g., O-RU, WiFi) deployment
- o Tested/Compared with UMi (3GPP TR-38.901) and site-specific RT (WirelessInsite, NVIDIA-Sionna) channels

# Samsung Research America

Dallas, USA

AI/Wireless Senior Research Engineer

Dec. 2023 - Jan. 2024 (Seasonal)

## Generative Model for Channel Feedback Compression in NR-mMIMO System [Github]

- o Developed a low-complexity generative model-based channel prediction for massive MIMO systems
- o Designed a channel feedback (e.g., DMRS, SRS) compression scheme (3GPP TR-38.843)

# Korea University

Seoul, Korea

Research Professor, Research Institute for Information & Communication

Sep. 2021 - Feb. 2023

#### Reinforcement Learning-based PHY/MAC Protocol Design for LEO Satellite Networks

- o Designed 3GPP-compatible mobility management protocols, e.g., handover [6] & RACH initial access [7, 8]
- o Tested the designed PHY/MAC access protocols in end-to-end System-Level Simulation (3GPP TR-38.821)

#### SKILLS

- Programming: Python, C/C++, CUDA C++, MATLAB, Verilog, PyTorch, Tensorflow
- ML Methodologies: LLM (BART, LLaMA3, QLoRA), Generative (Diffusion, GAN, VAE), Computer Vision (ViT, DeepLabV3+, CNN), Time Series (Transformer, RNN), Reinforcement Learn. (PPO, A3C, DQN)
- Tool & Library: Link-Level & System-Level Simul. (MATLAB-5G, NVIDIA-Sionna), Modeling (Simulink, Quartus2), GIS (OpenStreetMap), Ray-Tracing (WirelessInSite, SionnaRT)
- HW: USRP, FPGA (Altera)

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Korea University

Seoul, Korea

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Eng. (Awarded by Research Excellence)

Mar. 2016 - Aug. 2021

- Radio Access Network Optimization: Developed DRL-based radio resource scheduling [9, 10, 11], initial access [7], handover [6], and beam management [12] for high-mobility networks
- ∘ [Demo] Radio-over-FSO (RoFSO): Developed a RoFSO system integrating 802.11 RF USRP and laser-based optical transceivers; Demonstrated ~20 [Gbps] transmission over with ~100 [m] outdoor [13, 14]

#### Korea University

Seoul, Korea

B. Eng. in Electrical and Electronic Eng. (Awarded by National Sci. & Tech. Scholarship) Mar. 2011 – Feb. 2016

# • A Scalable and Generalizable Large-Scale Channel Prediction [Github]

- Built a channel measurement dataset using ray-tracing simulations (WirelessInsite, Sionna-RT) on real maps (e.g., USC, UCLA, and Boston area)
- Implemented a supervised-learning framework, using Computer Vision techniques, to predict radio maps in mmWave/THz Communications [3, 15]
- 1st-rank in ML competition (*IEEE ICASSP Radio-Map Prediction Challenge* [4]), achieving the highest accuracy (RMSE  $\sim -14$  [dB])
- Developed a transfer learning-based few-shot learning method to adapt models to new, unseen network scenarios/environments
- $\circ~$  Achieved  $\sim 31$  [dB] RMSE gain compared to 3GPP-UMi channel model

## • LLM-based Context-Aware Handover (Mobility Management)

- Developed a context-aware handover method for WiFi and cellular networks with LLM (e.g., LLaMA3); Fine-tuned with historical data on signal strength, user speed, and location.
- Engineered prompts for LLM-based handover decisions and evaluated LLaMA3 predictions against legacy handover methods, achieving 85 % prediction accuracy using Zero-Shot Learning (without any training).

## • Generative Model for Channel Feedback Compression [Github]

- o Designed a novel low complexity Generative Model (e.g., Diffusion, VQ-VAE)-based channel feedback compression
- Demonstrated high channel feedback compression efficiency  $(\sim \frac{1}{8})$ , retaining up to NMSE  $\sim -15$  [dB]

# Honors and Awards

- 1st-Rank, IEEE ICASSP Signal Processing Grand Challenges, Jun. 2023 [4]
- Best Paper Award, IEEE ICTC, Oct. 2022 [16]
- Best Paper Award, *IEEE ICTC*, Oct. 2021 [17]
- 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

- [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

- Prof. Andrea F. Molisch: Professor (IEEE & AAAS Fellow), University of Southern California, molisch@usc.edu
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- Prof. Young-Chai Ko: Professor, Korea University, koyc@korea.ac.kr

# SELECTED PUBLICATIONS [LINK FOR FULL-LIST]

- [1] J.-H. Lee\*, D.-H. Lee, J. Lee, and J. Pujara, "Integrating pre-trained language model with physical layer communications," arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.11656, 2024. [paper] [code].
- [2] 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," in *Asilomar Conf. on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, pp. 1–4, 2023. [paper] [code].
- [3] J.-H. Lee\* and A. F. Molisch, "A scalable and generalizable pathloss map prediction," arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.03950, 2024. [paper] [code].
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- [7] 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.*, vol. 22, no. 1, pp. 257–269, 2023. [paper].
- [8] J.-H. Lee\*, H. Seo, J. Park, M. Bennis, Y.-C. Ko, and J. Kim, "Random access protocol learning in LEO satellite networks via reinforcement learning," in *Proc. IEEE Vehicular Technology Conf. (VTC)*, pp. 1–5, 2022. [Invited Paper].
- [9] 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. Technol.*, pp. 1–16, 2022.
- [10] J.-H. Lee\*, J. Park, M. Bennis, and Y.-C. Ko, "Integrating LEO satellite and UAV relaying via reinforcement learning for non-terrestrial networks," in *Proc. IEEE Global Commun. Conf. (GLOBECOM)*, (Taipei, Taiwan), pp. 1–6, 2020. [Travel Grant].
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- [12] 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.
- [13] 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. [Demo].
- [14] J.-M. Kim, J.-H. Lee\*, and Y.-C. Ko, "WLAN standard-based Non-Coherent FSO transmission over 100m indoor and outdoor environments," in *IEEE Conf. on Comput. Commun. Workshop (INFOCOM-Demo)*, May 2021. **Demo**.
- [15] J.-H. Lee\*, A. F. Molisch, and et al., "PMNet: Robust pathloss map prediction via supervised learning," in *Proc. IEEE Global Commun. Conf. (GLOBECOM)*, pp. 1–6, 2023.
- [16] J.-H. Lee\*, A. F. Molisch, and et al., "Reinforcement learning empowered massive IoT access in LEO-based non-terrestrial networks," in *Proc. IEEE Int. Conf. on Inf. and Commun. Techn. Conv.*, Oct. 2022. [Best Paper Award].
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