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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Wireless communication systems
- Protocol design for LEO satellite networks
- AI for PHY/MAC layer, site-specific channel model, and O-RAN optimization

## EXPERIENCE

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- **University of Southern California** Los Angeles, USA  
*Postdoctoral Researcher, Wireless Devices and Systems Group (Head: Prof. Andreas Molisch)* Apr. 2022 - Present  
**ML-based Site-Specific Channel Modeling (Digital Twin Network) for RAN Optimization** [[GitHub](#)]
  - Developed an ML-based city map-scale pathloss map (*e.g.*, Digital Twin Network) prediction framework [1, 2]
  - Designed RAN network (*e.g.*, O-RAN) optimization frameworks for beam management, localization [3], and base station (*e.g.*, O-RU) deployment, based on the Digital Twin Network
  - Tested/Compared with UMi (3GPP TR 38.901) and site-specific RT (WirelessInsite, NVIDIA-Sionna) channels**On-Device AI (Distributed AI-to-AI) Communication** [[GitHub](#)]
  - Fine-tuned and validated a pre-trained Large Language Model (BART) as a neural lossy source coder in end-to-end Link-Level Simulation, integrating with 5G-NR PHY layer functions [4, 5]
  - Evaluated its compression efficiency within a 5G-NR end-to-end Link-Level Simulation (NVIDIA-Sionna)
- **Samsung Research America** Dallas, USA  
*AI/Wireless Senior Research Engineer* Dec. 2023 - Jan. 2024 (Seasonal)  
**NR-mMIMO Channel Estimation/Prediction**
  - Developed a low-complexity generative model-based channel estimation/prediction for massive MIMO systems
  - Designed a channel feedback (*e.g.*, DMRS, SRS) compression scheme; Tested via Link-Level Simulation (MATLAB-5G)
- **Korea University** Seoul, Korea  
*Research Professor, Research Institute for Information & Communication* Sep. 2021 - Feb. 2023  
**PHY/MAC Protocol Design for LEO Satellite Networks**
  - Designed 3GPP-compatible handover & contention-based random access (*e.g.*, RACH) protocols for LEO satellites, using satellite positional information (*e.g.*, GNSS ephemeris data) [6, 7, 8]
  - Tested/Debugged the designed PHY/MAC protocol in end-to-end System-Level Simulation

## SKILLS

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- **Tool & Library:** Link-Level & System-Level Simulation (MATLAB-5G, NVIDIA-Sionna), O-RAN (MATLAB-5G), Modeling (Simulink, Quartus2), GIS (OpenStreetMap), Ray-Tracing (WirelessInSite, SionnaRT)
- **ML Methodologies:** Generative Model (Diffusion-DDPM, VQ-VAE), Language Model (BART, LLaMA), Computer Vision (ViT, ConvNext, DeepLapV3+), Time Series (Transformer, LSTM), Reinforcement (PPO, SAC, DQN)
- **Programming:** Python, C/C++, MATLAB, Verilog, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Tensorflow Lite
- **HW:** USRP, FPGA (Altera)

## EDUCATION

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- **Korea University** Seoul, Korea  
*Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Eng. (Awarded by Research Excellence)* Mar. 2016 – Aug. 2021
  - **DRL-based RAN Optimization:** Developed novel radio resource scheduling [9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14], initial access [7], handover [6], and beam management [15] schemes for networks with high-mobility
  - **[Demo] Radio-over-FSO (RoFSO):** Built a RoFSO system, integrating 802.11 WLAN (WiFi) USRP system and laser-based optical transceivers; Demonstrated the RoFSO system in high-speed (*e.g.*, Gbps) transmission [16, 17]
- **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/ML-based Site-Specific Channel Modeling (Digital Twin Networks)** [[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 [1, 18]
  - **1st-rank** in ML competition (*IEEE ICASSP Radio-Map Prediction Challenge* [2]), achieving the highest accuracy (RMSE  $\sim -14$  [dB])
  - Developed a transfer learning method to adapt models to new, unseen network scenarios/environments
  - Achieved  $\sim 31$  [dB] RMSE gain compared to 3GPP-UMi channel model
- **O-RAN Optimization with Digital Twin Networks**
  - Developed Digital Twin Network-based frameworks to optimize O-RAN network operations, including beam management and placement for O-RU.
- **Generative Model-based Channel Feedback Compression**
  - Designed a novel low complexity Generative Model-based scheme for channel feedback compression
  - Demonstrated high channel feedback compression efficiency ( $\sim \frac{1}{1000}$ ), retaining up to NMSE  $\sim -15$  [dB]
- **Integrating Pre-Trained LLM on PHY Communications** [[GitHub](#)]
  - Built a framework integrating language model (BART) with 5G-NR 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~E}) [5]
  - Achieved  $\sim 50\%$  compression in source data, retaining high robustness under 3GPP-CDL channel models.

## 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 [19]
- Best Paper Award, *IEEE ICTC*, Oct. 2021 [20]
- 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

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- [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)

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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

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