School of EE Lab Introductions





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Current state of the Lab. (in 2023 Fall Semester)							
Postdoctoral Fellows : 0 PhD Students: 8 Mas	ster's Student: 0 Undergraduate Student: 3						
Research Areas							
 Optical Neural Networks: An optical neural network (ONN) is a physical realization of an artificial neural network with conventional (and usually discrete) optical components. We are interested in implementation of ONN with integrated photonic elements designed by utilizing advanced optimization methods. Processing data all optically in analog domain holds huge potential to alleviate the full potential of machine learning with photonics. Integrated Photonics, Silicon Photonics: Inverse and Al assisted designs and fabrication of nano-photonics and silicon photonic devices. The interaction of light with nanostructures that have variations in the refractive index on the order wavelength or sub-wavelength generates so many rich physical concepts that cannot be easily observed in conventional medium. At this stage, it becomes very crucial to have powerful numerical techniques assisted with Al tools to explore the tremendous novelties of meta-photonics domain for LiDAR and optical computing and programmable photonics applications. Flat optics and meta-surfaces in imaging and display (AR and VR): Recently, meta-surfaces have been identified as promising optical elements in the modulation of the phase, amplitude and polarization of light within a subwavelength thickness. Compared to the bulky, conventional optical elements that use phase accumulation to manipulate light along curved optical paths, two-dimensional meta-surfaces composed of engineerednanostructured 							
antennas anays allow the realization of the manipulation of light on a hat surface.							
■ Recommended courses & Career after graduation	■ Introduction to other activities besides research						
Basic level background in "Electromagnetics, Fundamentals of Photonics, and Optics". The academic career is one option. The candidate can also work as a researcher in the R&D departments of private sectors such as Intel, Samsung, Apple, IBM, and Google. There are many examples of such career paths. Interested candidates may contact to the PI and lab representative	Participation in the international conferences (CLEO, SPIE, IEEE Photonics), being part of the professional societies and their activities (OSA, IEEE), holding social events (hiking, group dining, sport activities), short term scientific visits to our collaborators in different countries (such as US, Spain, Australia).						
■ Introduction to the Lab.							
We conduct fundamental as well as applied research with an interdisciplinary nature covering Engineering and Science. We have published 140 papers in highly prestigious journals. The number of conference proceedings and papers is more than 150.							
Recent research achievements ('21~'23) The scientific outcome between 2018-2023 is the publication of total 54 journal							

articles. Selected articles are given below:

Inverse design of Si-based high-performance vertical emitting metagrating coupler on 220 nm silicon-on-insulator platform," Photonics Research 11 (6), 897-905 (2023).
 "Experimental demonstration of inverse-designed silicon integrated photonic power splitters," Nanophotonics 11 (20), 4581-4590 (2022).
 "Curved beam generation and its experimental realization by rectangular prism with asymmetric polynomial back surface," Physica Scripta 98 (1), 015026 (2022).



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Recommended courses & Career after graduation

- Fundamental of electromagnetics and circuit theory.
- Graduates are currently in various global companies: Samsung Electronics, SK Hynix, Apple, Google, Nvidia, Intel, Tesla, Rambus, and etc.

Introduction to other activities besides research

We encourage various extra-activities. We participate in activities such as soccer, e-sports and running. Every summer, we go to the beach for a laboratory workshop. Moreover, we are continuing good relations with graduates through frequent meetings and interactions.



■ Introduction to the Lab.

The TERA Lab aims to develop global talent, and many graduates have already entered the world's leading companies. The professor actively leads them to conduct creative research, and there is an atmosphere in which members of the lab can discuss freely. In the field of research, it deals with a lot of future-oriented and practical issues.

■ Recent research achievements ('21~'23)

[1] Best Paper Award, Seonguk Choi and et al, "Deep Reinforcement Learning-based Channel-flexible Equalization Scheme: An Application to High Bandwidth Memory" 2022 DesignCon

[2] Best Paper Award, Hyunwook Park and et al, "Scalable Transformer Network-based Reinforcement Learning Method for PSIJ Optimization in HBM" 2022 Electrical Performance of Electronic Packaging and Systems (EPEPS)



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Current state of the Lab. (in 2023 Fall Semester)

Postdoctoral Fellows : 1 PhD Students: 12

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Master's Student: 4
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Research Areas

Our research is centered around photonic systems and related technologies, including free-space optical communications, high-capacity fiber-optic transmission systems, optical access networks, and lightwave subsystems.

High-speed free-space optical transmission system



In an era of expanding commercial satellite networks and frequent satellite launches, it is expected that we will soon reach a point of radio frequency (RF) saturation. Furthermore, there's a growing need for instant, large-scale data transfer from satellites to ground stations, which existing RF communications struggle to meet. To address these challenges, laser optical communication emerges as a transformative solution. By harnessing light in the hundreds of terahertz range, laser optical communication enables high-speed signal transmission with

minimal losses, distinguishing it from RF systems. It can achieve data transmission rates of over tens of gigabits per second, making it a promising option for space communication. Our research focuses on leveraging free-space optical communication technology for various applications.

Transmission technologies for 6G

Recommended courses & Career after graduation

(EE441),

Engineering (EE352), and Digital Signal Processing (EE432).

Potential career paths after graduation include national

research institutes, major companies, and academia.

Optical networks form the backbone of our communication systems. To Central enable the next generation (6G) mobile communication services, the optical network must evolve into a low-delay, high-speed network, with speeds reaching up to tens of terabits per second. Our research is focused on investigating various cost-effective technologies to achieve this goal.

Introduction



Introduction to other activities besides Recommended courses include Introduction to Optical research

- Every spring, we have our annual strawberry party and homecoming event.
- We plan to have a regular sports day with other lab members in KAIST working on photonics.

Introduction to our Lab.

Communication

Welcome to the Photonics Systems Research Lab, founded in 2014 and led by Prof. Hoon Kim. Prof. Kim has accumulated 22 years of experience in photonics systems, with a career that has included positions at renowned organizations like Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies., Samsung Electronics, and National University of Singapore. Our main focus lies in exploring the fundamental limits of various photonics systems and developing practical implementation methods. Prof. Kim currently serves as the Editor of Optics Communications and the Senior Editor of IEEE Photonics Technology Letters.

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We actively engage in academic exchanges with international research institutes and universities. We also participate in prominent international conferences such as OFC and OECC.

Recent research achievements ('21~'23)

- International journal publications : 20, International conference presentations: 18.
- Best Student Paper Awards : Photonics Conference 2021, 2022, COOC2022.



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Current state of the Lab. (in 2023 Fall Semester) PPhD Students: 14, Master's Student: 4

Research Areas

Research at Microwave (Millimeter-wave) and Antenna Laboratory includes electromagnetic theories for antenna analysis, active beam scanning antennas, Radar systems, and synthetic aperture radar. [Antenna Theory Analysis]

We theoretically and numerically analyze electromagnetic phenomena induced by new materials like nano-materials and metasurface to apply a novel antenna technology.

[5G and 6G Antenna Technologies]

We develop a core technology of active antenna systems to design wide beam scan enhanced gain antenna, 5th and 6th generation mobile channel sounder system, and an accurate calibration with mmWave Antenna Measurement.

[Radar Surveillance System and Synthetic Aperture Radar(SAR)]

We have realized and develop various radar systems, such as drone detecting system, an active electronic scanning radar, Synthetic Aperture Radar System, and radar target classification using deep learning technologies.

mm-wave antenna and SAR Radar Research Center,

The synthetic aperture radar(SAR) enables high-resolution, day-and-night, and weather-independent observation which enables to observe a particular location. Our research focuses on X/Ka-band antenna and SAR radar payload on a 50 kg microsatellite. Ultimately, we are going to apply the SAR data to AI and Deep Learning technologies to predict and monitor natural disasters.



Electromagnetics, Electronic Circuits, and Antenna are We hold an annual Homecoming Day to promote recommended for undergraduate courses. interaction between students and alumni, and share For graduate courses, Electromagnetic Theory, information about academic research and industrial trends. Microwave Engineering, and Antenna Engineering are Also, there are plenty of soccer matches to maintain a sound body and mind. recommendable. After graduation, there are a wide range of career opportunities such as research institutes, University's professor, military institutes, & companies, etc.

Introduction to the Lab.

Microwave (Millimeter-wave) and Antenna Laboratory have undertaken a number of government-sponsored projects. Based on the accumulated research experiences, we pursue creative and future-oriented research. Prof. Seong-Ook Park makes leads us to write decent papers on key technologies of our fields. Moreover the lab's atmosphere is fairly friendly and supportive which is the greatest strength of our lab.

■ Recent research achievements (2019~2023)

- International referred journal papers about 200, international conference papers about 160, domestic journals about 20, domestic conference about 50, and international/domestic patents of 28.
 IEEE AP-S, IEEE EMC Korea Chapter, and *etc*, best paper awards
 Drone Detection Radar System : Drone detection radar developed by Our lab (KAIST) was deployed and operated successfully at 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics. and currently operating at Jeju international Airport

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■ Current state of the Lab. (in 2023 Fall Se	mester)						
Research Professor :1 Postdoctoral Fell	ows:2	PhD Students: 9	Master's	Student: 2			
Research Areas : Quantum Information Theory	- Fundamer	tals to Applications					
We're working on fundamental problems in qua	ntum informa	tion theory to underst	and the inform	mation processing			
in the most fundamental level and to break the l	imits in today	/'s technologies					
- Quantum protocols : Quantum protocols can re	alize the info	rmation-theoretic		0			
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quantum steering, and non-local probabilities.							
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- Entanglement Theory : Entanglement is a res	ource in qua	intum information	ENT				
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■ Recommended courses & Career after gra	aduation						
Courses: EE480, EE547							
All careers related with quantum ICT are open for	r future posit	ions, academic jobs, bu	usiness, and re	lated companies.			
Introduction to other activities besides res	search						
The group is international. We often have visitors	s from Europ	e, Asia, and the US. V	Ve enjoy goin	g out to eat. We			
will discover nice restaurants nearby.				-			
■ Introduction to the Lab.							
Quantum Information Theory (OIT) studies how	information	is processed in the	e most fundai	mental level and			
characterizes capabilities of quantum systems in information processing. The group aims to advance QIT in a							
practical point of view. We're interested in feasible quantum information applications, developing its fundamentals,							
and theoretical tools to solve problems. We interact with computer scientists, mathematicians, and physicists.							
■ Recent research achievements (2020-2022)							
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[2] Quantum vs. Noncontextual Semi-Device-Independent Randomness Certification, C. Roch i Carceller et. al.,, Physical Review Letters 129 050501 (2022).

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[5] Non-Local Network Coding in Interference Channels, Jiyoung Yun, Ashutosh Rai, and Joonwoo Bae, Physical Review Letters 125 150502 (2020).

[6] Channel Coding of a Quantum Measurement, S. Kechrimparis, et. al., IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, Vol 38, No 3, 439 (2020), Erratum IEEE JSAC Vol 38 No 5 980 (2020)

[7] Mirrored Entanglement Witnesses, J. Bae, D. Chruscinski, B. Hiesmayr, npj Quantum Information 6 15 (2020)

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Current state of the Lab. (in 2023 Fall Semester)						
Postdoctoral Fellows : 0	PhD Students: 3	Master's	Student: 5			

Research Areas

Quantum computing with integrated photonics



Quantum computing is a novel technology that is expected to become a game changer in the field of Chemistry, Material Science, Machine Learning for Artificial Intelligence.

However, building reliable hardware for fault-tolerant quantum computer is an extremely challenging task due to the fragile nature of quantum information. In our lab, we aim to build error-corrected, powerful quantum computer based on integrated photonics platform.

By combining optical circuit, superconducting electronics and RF amplifier altogether on a single integrated photonics platform, it is possible to realize the basic building block of a quantum computer.



Chip-scale quantum repeater for long distance entanglement Having quantum mechanically pure entangled pair at a far distance is a key milestone pursued by many researchers all around the world. Based on our expertise in diamond color centers and nonlinear quantum photonics, we are working on realizing scalable quantum repeaters.

Recommended courses & Career after graduation

course: electromagnetics, quantum mechanics, solid-state physics, photonics, optics, fabrication career: Research scientist or engineers for quantum technologies, Integrated photonics engineer

■ Introduction to other activities besides research

All of our members use motion desk! We care about your health and spirit more than anything else.

■ Introduction to the Lab.

We have a focused goal of building on-chip feedforward system, which is the most basic component for photonic quantum computer. Reliable, fault-tolerant quantum computer does not exist in the world yet! We want to become a pioneer who builds one.

Recent research achievements (2018-2023)

- First SCI journal paper produced from QDLAB (Koh et al. (2022))
- Pioneering MEMS fabrication for quantum emitter in diamond (Sohn et al. (2018))
- Professor Sohn is an early member of world's only quantum computing unicorn (PsiQuantum Corp)

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optical resonators to subwavelength-scale metamaterials, we cover a wide range of photonic/optoelectronic devices and systems.

Recent research achievements (2023)

- Kwon, Kyungmok, et al. "Heterogeneously integrated light emitting diodes and photodetectors in the metal-insulator-metal waveguide platform." Nanophotonics 0 (2023).
- [2] Jin, Yeonghoon, Jongeun Seok, and Kyoungsik Yu. "Highly Efficient Silicon-Based Thin-Film Schottky Barrier Photodetectors." ACS Photonics (2023).
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- International Journal 30, International Conference 15, Award 17, Patent 11

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Research Areas

\checkmark Satellite based Quantum Key Distribution (SQKD)

Since the successful demonstration of a satellite-based quantum key distribution (QKD) system by a research team from the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) in 2017, the world has been fervently engaged in a competition to secure future technologies. South Korea is also actively conducting research related to this field, and we are conducting research specifically on entangled photon pair (EPP) sources, which is one of the essential technologies for achieving this project. In this research, we utilize optical experimental setups to observe and confirm phenomena that demonstrate quantum properties.

√ Quantum Ghost Imaging

The imaging technique allows the reconstruction of an image without directly detecting the photons that interact with the object. Despite a single photon from the signal not hitting the detector, the object can be obtained by utilizing the correlation between the detected signal and idler as the unique properties of the entanglement and non-locality of quantum mechanics. Advantages:

1. Low light sensitivity

2. Have better noise reduction compared to classical imaging techniques *under specific conditions*.

Main focus:

- 1. Develop the entangled photon pair.
- 2. Measure the correlation between entangled photons.
- 3. Increase the speed of object detection while maintaining SNR.

√ Quantum Approximate Support Vector Machine

A kernel-based quantum classifier is the most practical and influential quantum machine learning technique for the hyper-linear classification of complex data. Variational Quantum Approximate Support Vector Machine (VQASVM) algorithm demonstrates empirical sub-quadratic run-time complexity with quantum operations feasible even in NISQ computers.

We experimented our algorithm with toy example dataset on cloud-based NISQ machines as a proof of concept. We also numerically investigated its performance on the standard Iris flower and MNIST datasets to confirm the practicality and scalability.

√ Ansatz Structure Search via Reinforcement Learning

Parameterized Quantum Circuit is quantum circuit which parameter can be optimized by Goal of Loss. Ansatz structure of quantum circuit is important task for many algorithms such as Variational Quantum Algorithm, Variational Quantum Eigensolver, cause result of algorithms changes via structure of ansatz. In this work, we used Reinforcement Learning to search optimal ansatz structure with various goals.



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Recommended courses

Recommended courses are linear algebra, probability theory, quantum mechanics, information theory.

■ Career after graduation

Graduates have emancipated for various careers such as professors (Coventry U UK, IFSTTAR France), and researchers at major companies (Samsung, LIG Nex1, KT, ETRI, NSR).







Recommended courses and Potential career paths

Theoretical research: To analyze and design photonic device functionalities, courses such as 'Electromagnetics' 'Quantum mechanics', and 'Fundamentals of photonics' are recommended.

Experimental research: The following courses 'Introductions to physical electronics', 'Semiconductor devices', 'Semiconductor IC technology', etc. are recommended to prepare oneself for fabrication of photonic devices.

There's a lot of demand for nanophotonics in both academia and industry, and diverse career paths are possible, whether it be researching in academia or working on display technologies at an industry.

■ About our lab and prospective team members

We are currently accepting undergrads who want a research experience in a lab. What we offer:

- (1) Research along the **interface between science and engineering**: Understand the fundamentals behind physical phenomena, and apply it for engineering purposes.
- (2) You can choose between theory/simulations or experiment, or both, depending on your aptitude or preferences.
- (3) Collaboration with other labs abroad.

Our lab prides in our friendly and horizontal lab culture and student-driven researches. We respect every student's own times and schedules, and provide an academic environment to study and research in at one's own needs.

* About the PI: I myself was a KAIST undergraduate, class of 2006, who took classes in the same rooms of KAIST and did internships and undergrad research programs, developing my skills as a researcher. Also, having very recently graduated from graduate school, I understand very well the difficulties and problems graduate students go through. I take as a top priority to lead a lab that's the most beneficial for our members, and will try my hardest in helping students find the research topics of their interest and creating a non-authoritative lab atmosphere blooming with fruitful discussions.

Publications

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- [3] "Real-space imaging of acoustic plasmons in large-area graphene grown by chemical vapor deposition", Nature Communications (2021).
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