

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Research Interests

I am interested in the applications of statistical physics in terms of simple minimal model studies with essential features of complex systems. The below research topics are what I am currently involved in:

- Phase transitions: Finite-size scaling and universality class; Quantum & Stochastic thermodynamics
- Kinetic roughening and multifractality in thin film growth processes; Multiscale nature
- Nonequilibrium stochastic processes: Self-organized criticality; Synchronization
- Dynamics on and of complex networks: Epidemic process; Social contagion; Neuroscience
- Patterns and collective behavior in granular media and/or colloidal particle systems
- Random constraint satisfaction (NP-complete) problems: K-SAT and Q-COL
- Glass and jamming transitions with dynamic heterogeneity; Disordered systems; Econophysics

Professional Experience

- 2022.09. - 2024.08. Chairperson, Dept. of Physics Education, Chosun University
- 2022.03. - present Professor, Dept. of Physics Education, Chosun University
- 2019.08. - 2020.07. Visiting Associate Professor, Dept. of Physics, University of Washington
- 2017.03. - 2022.02. Associate Professor, Dept. of Physics Education, Chosun University
- 2017.03. - 2019.02. Chairperson, Dept. of Physics Education, Chosun University
- 2011.03. - 2017.02. Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics Education, Chosun University
- 2007 - 2011 BK21 Research Professor, Dept. of Physics
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
- 2006 - present Associate Member, School of Physics, KIAS
- 2006 - 2007 Brain Korea 21 (BK21) Endowed Professor
Dept. of Physics, Chonbuk National University
- 2003 - 2006 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Physics
Korea Institute for Advanced Study (KIAS)
- 1997 - 2003 RA and TA, Dept. of Physics, University of Washington, U.S.A.
- 1995 - 1996 Part-time Lecturer & Staff of General Physics Lab
- 1993 - 1995 Research Assistant (RA) and Teaching Assistant (TA)
Dept. of Physics, Korea University

Official Visits

- 2018 summer; 2014; 2013; 2012 Prof. Bae-Yeun Ha's group
Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada
- 2024.08.02. - 10; 2023.02.13. - 20 ; 2019.02.06. - 14.; 2018.01.07. - 15.; 2017.01.21. - 27.;
2011.12.28. - 2012.01.20. Prof. Marcel den Nijs' group
Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A.
[see <http://faculty.washington.edu/london/index.html>]
- 2008.05.10. - 06.01. Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics, Stockholm, Sweden
"Physics of Distributed Information Systems" (PhysDIS) program and workshop
[see <http://agenda.albanova.se/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=296>]
- 2006.11.06. - 12.01. Prof. M. Paczuski's complexity science group
Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada
[see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/complexity/people/faculty/maya>]
- 2002.12.23. - 2003.01.23. Prof. H. Park's group, School of Physics, KIAS, Korea

Education

- 1997 - 2003 Ph.D. in Physics at the University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A.
Specialty: Condensed-Matter Theory and Statistical Physics; Ph.D. dissertation with Prof. Marcel den Nijs
"Scaling and phase transitions in 1D nonequilibrium driven systems"
- 1993 - 1995 M.S. in Physics at Korea University, Seoul, Korea
Specialty: Statistical Physics; M.S. thesis with Prof. In-mook Kim and Prof. Hyunggyu Park
"Dynamic properties of one-dimensional nonequilibrium interfaces"
- 1989 - 1993 B.S. in Physics at Inha University, Incheon, Korea

Awards and Honors

- 2025.04.30. Plaque of Appreciation for NPSM Editor (2016 - 2025), KPS
- Award for the Best Teacher (ABT) for 2019-1, 2020-2, 2021-1,2, 2025 at EIC, Chosun University
- 2017.02.23. Best Professor for Class Evaluation in College of Education, Chosun University
- 2016.02.15. & 10.14. ACE Best Teacher at Fall 2015 & Spring 2016, Chosun University
- 2010.09.28. "Marquis Who's Who in the World 2011 (28th edition)" Selection & Inclusion
- 2010.04.21. Yong-Bong Prize (under 40-year-old stat. physicist) at Korean Physical Society
- 2001 Full scholarship at International Summer School (FPSPX), Altenberg, Germany
- 1994.03.26. & 09.10. Baekwoon private fellowships at Korea University, Seoul, Korea
- 1990 - 1992 Honor student scholarships at Inha University, Incheon, Korea

Professional Memberships and Activities

- Chairperson, Dept. of Physics Education at CSU, March 2017 - February 2019; September 2022 - August, 2024
- Editor, PHYSICS & HIGH TECHNOLOGY, May 2021 - present; NPSM (KPS), May 2016 - April 2025
- Appointed Admission Interviewer at Chosun University (CSU), 2013 - 2019; 2024 ~ present
- Member of Local Organizing Committee, STATPHYS 25, July 22 - 26, 2013
- Reviewer, National Research Foundation (NRF - Korea) proposal since 2010
- Appointed Admission Interviewer at KAIST, 2009 & 2010
- Referee, PRR since 2026; NPSM, JKPS, PRL, PRE since 2007; JSTAT since 2008; CEJP, Phys. Lett. A, EPL since 2010; EPJB, JPA since 2015; Scientific Report since 2016; Aerospace and Sustainability since 2018
- Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF - U.S.A.) proposal since 2007
- Member, Molecular Dynamics simulation Research Group (MDRG), 2007
- Member, 2030 Kangwon Frontier Brain (youngman) Group since 2007
- Member, The APS since 1997 (NW section, 1998), The KPS since 1994 (Division of SP, 2003)
- Mentor, 1st year physics graduate students at the University of Washington (UW), 2002 - 2003
- Volunteer and member, The CDO for Physicists and Astronomers at the UW, 2001 - 2003

Grants

- * National Research Foundation (NRF) of Korea, Grant funded by the Korean government
Core Research - type A for 5 years (2026/03 - 2031/02); Senior Researchers for 5 years (2020/03 - 2025/02);
Qualified Scientists in Local Universities for 3+3 years (2014/06 - 2020/05);
Female Scientists - since May 2011 for 3 years (2011/05 - 2014/04).
- * Chosun University Research Fund (2025/10-2026/09; 2024/10 - 2025/09, 2020; 2019; 2018; 2013; 2011)

Computer Skills

- Extensive knowledge: Unix, Linux, Windows/OS2, C/C++, LaTeX, Gnuplot, Xfig, Overleaf
- Working knowledge: Mathematica, Origin, Fortran, HTML, MacOS, MS Office, ZOOM
- Familiar with: MatLab, Maple, Photoshop, Xmgrace, Python, Julia, Colab, Jupyter, OBS

Personal Data

- Date and Place of Birth: December 07, 1970, Seoul, Korea (ROK)
- Languages: Fluent in Korean and American English ● Marital status: Married, One child