



# NYU WIRELESS: Overview, Research, Perspectives

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# Overview



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# NYU WIRELESS: Mission and Expertise

## □ World leading academic center in wireless communications

- 25 faculty, post-docs, research engineers
- 60 students
- 15 industrial affiliates
- Largest research center in NYU Tandon

## □ Our mission:

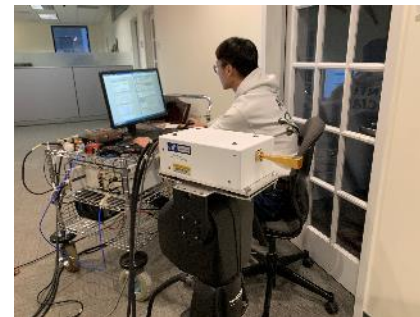
- Fundamental research: Lead the way to the next generations
- Solve problems for industry
- Create leaders

## □ Current in force funding

- Over \$10 Million/annually from NSF, NIH, and Corporate sponsors



- NYU WIRELESS: Technologies and students that impact the real world!
- We focus on wireless technologies: “end-to-end”
  - How wireless interacts with upper layer protocols and applications
  - How wireless works in the real world!
- NYU WIRELESS tools are widely-used in industry and academia
  - NYUSIM Statistical Channel Model
  - Channel Sounders, Propagation Data, software, chips
  - Ns3 network simulator
  - Widespread industry and academic use – over 80,000 NYUSIM users
- NYU WIRELESS has leading roles in two largest nationwide testbed programs
  - NSF PAWR: COSMOS: Large-scale city wide testbed in NYC
  - SRC/DARPA: JUMP: Multi-university center on THz



# Directors



- Ted Rappaport, Founding Director and Professor, ECE
  - Pioneer in millimeter wave wireless communications
  - Author of “Principles of Wireless Communications”
  - Previously founded wireless centers at UT Austin and Virginia Tech



- Tom Marzetta, Director and Distinguished Industry Professor, ECE
  - Pioneer in MIMO and Massive MIMO: lead-author “Fundamentals of Massive MIMO”
  - Joined NYU 2017 from Bell Labs
  - NAE member, 2020



- Sundeep Rangan, Associate Director and Professor, ECE
  - > 15 years experience in cellular industry
  - Co-founder Flarion Technologies (developed first cellular OFDM data system)



- Dennis Shasha, Associate Director and Professor, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences
  - Machine learning, databases, bio-informatics



- JR Rizzo, Associate Director and Assistant Professor, NYU School of Medicine
  - Technologies for the blind and visually impaired



# Recent Honors

## □ Ted Rappaport:

- Wireless Hall of Fame, 2019
- 2020 Eric Summer Award

## □ Tom Marzetta: NAE member 2019

## □ Elza Erkip:

- ComSoc CTTC Technical Achievement 2018

## □ Numerous Best Paper Awards:

- Marzetta: 2019 Fred W. Ellersick Prize
- Erkip: 2019 Best Tutorial Paper Award



# Industrial Affiliates

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# Events

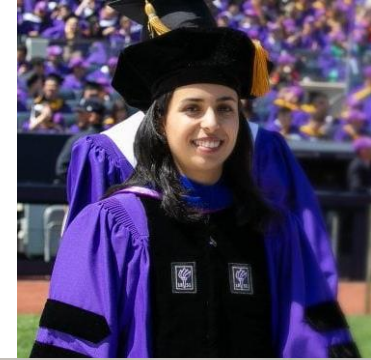
- ❑ Open house and recruiting day, January
  - Connects students to companies
  - Internships and full-time positions
- ❑ Brooklyn 5G Summit, April
  - Pre-eminent conference on 5G
- ❑ New Annual NYU WIRELESS Workshop
  - Initial theme: “Re-Inventing the Physical Layer”
  - Convene wireless researchers across multiple disciplines
  - First workshop to be held 2020



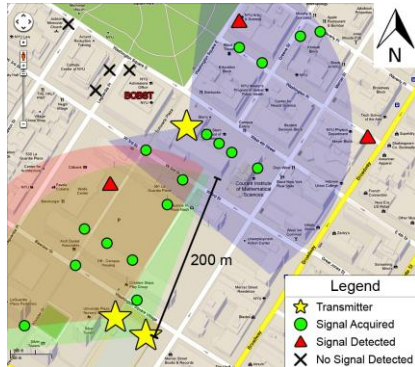
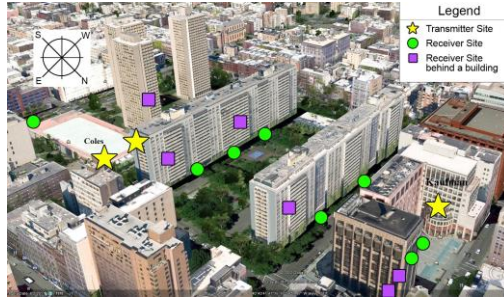


# Education and Outreach

- Graduate classes:
  - Digital communications, wireless, info theory, ...
- Monthly webinars for affiliates
  - The latest research directly from our labs!
- High school outreach in NYC
  - High school lab development
  - Teacher training



# Millimeter Wave and NYU



NYU was a leader in 5G mmWave

Millimeter wave: It can work!

- First measurements in urban canyon environment in 2013
- Demonstrated cellular connectivity was possible

First Brooklyn 5G Summit in 2013

Rappaport, Theodore S., et al. "Millimeter wave mobile communications for 5G cellular: It will work!." *IEEE access* 1 (2013): 335-349 (4600 Google citations)



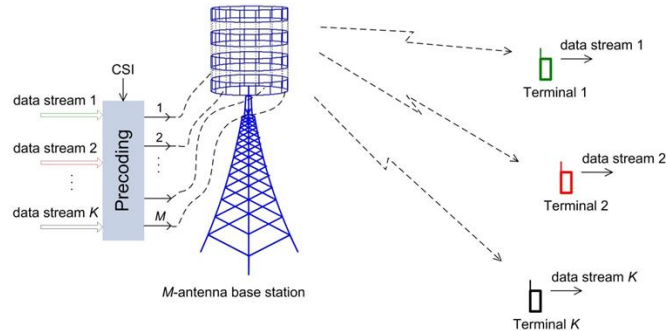
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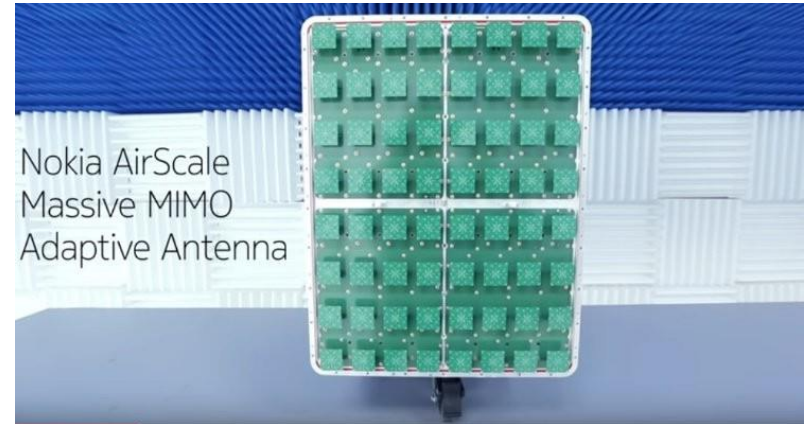


# Massive MIMO

- ❑ Second key technology for 5G
- ❑ Data transmitted via focused beams
- ❑ The most efficient wireless technology ever devised
- ❑ Pioneered by NYU Prof Tom Marzetta



Marzetta, Thomas L., "Noncooperative cellular wireless with unlimited numbers of base station antennas" *IEEE Trans Wireless Communications*, 2010 (4800 Google citations)

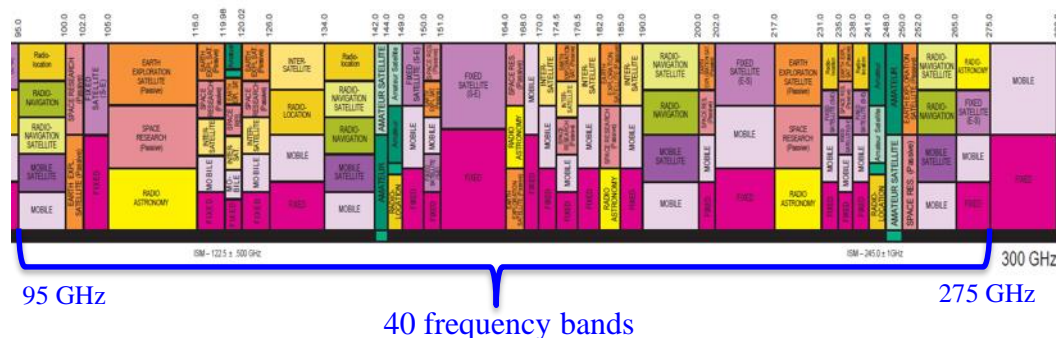


Federal Communications Commission  
 FCC-CIRC1903-01

Before the  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
 Spectrum Horizons )  
 ) **ET Docket No. 18-21**

Report and Order ET Docket 18-21  
 Feb 22, 2019



- NYU WIRELESS first university in the mmWave Coalition- pushed for rules > 95 GHz
- Experimental licenses for 95 GHz to 3 THz - **Spectrum Horizons ET Docket 18-21**
- 21.2 GHz **Unlicensed Spectrum** to be allocated.
- Rules on Licensed spectrum deferred until sufficient technical and market data is obtained (NYU Thurst area)

## ET DOCKET 18-21 SPECTRUM HORIZONS

### Spectrum Horizons Experimental Radio Licenses

- Frequency within **95 GHz to 3 THz**
- No interference protection from pre-allocated services.
- **Interference analysis** before license grant.

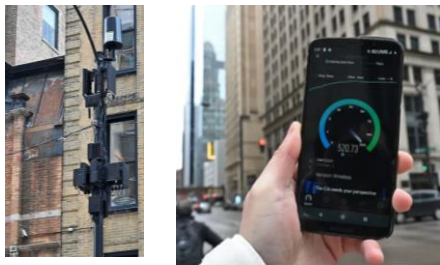
FCC Approved on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Unlicensed Operation

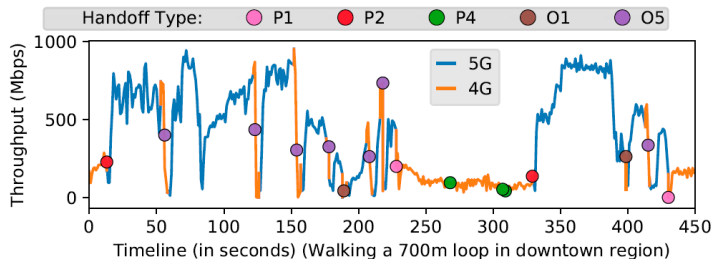
- Maximum EIRP of 40 dBm (average) and 43 dBm (peak) for **mobile**.
- Maximum EIRP of  $82 - 2 \cdot (51 - G_{TX})$  dBm (average) and  $85 - 2 \cdot (51 - G_{TX})$  dBm (peak) for **fixed point-to-point**.
- Out-of-band emission limit 90 pW/cm<sup>2</sup> at three meters.

Frequency Band (GHz)	Contiguous Bandwidth (GHz)
116-123	7
174.8-182	7.2
185-190	5
244-246	2
Total	21.2

# 5G is Here ... and the Research Continues



VZ handset Sam Rutherford, gizmodo



Narayanan et al, A First Measurement Study of Commercial mmWave 5G Performance on smartphones, Sept 2019.

- ❑ 5G is here!
  - FCC has released spectrum
  - 3GPP completed Phase 1 and 2 specifications
  - Service is now available in the US
- ❑ High peak data rates: > 1 Gpbs
- ❑ Better coverage than expected
- ❑ But, many challenges remain:
  - Coverage, power?
  - Networking?
  - How will we use it?
- ❑ NYU continues to lead 5G and beyond



# NYU WIRELESS Research Thrusts



TERAHERTZ (THZ)  
COMMUNICATIONS  
& SENSING



MOBILE EDGE &  
LOW LATENCY  
NETWORKING



QUANTUM  
DEVICES &  
CIRCUITS



5G & 6G  
APPLICATIONS



COMMUNICATIONS  
& MACHINE  
LEARNING  
FOUNDATIONS



TESTBEDS &  
PROTOTYPING



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# Research Highlights



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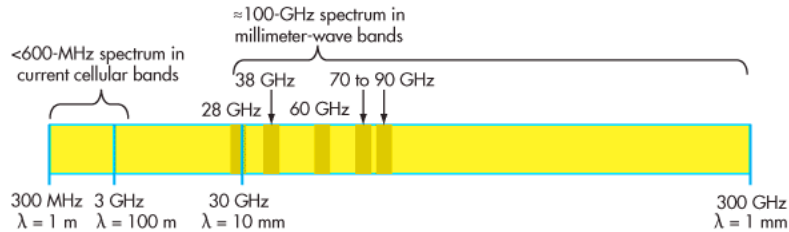
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# Millimeter Wave for 5G



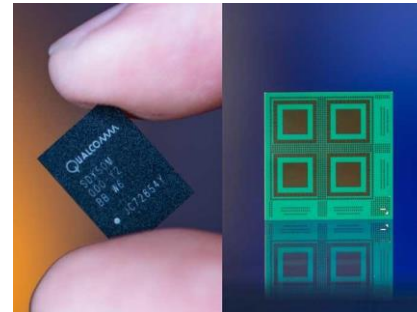
From [Electronic Design](#)

## □ 1-10 mm wavelength = 30 to 300 GHz

- Massive unused spectrum
- Supports high data rates for 5G

## □ Networks with

- Highly directed beams
- Small cells (typically  $\sim 100$  to  $200$ m cell radius)

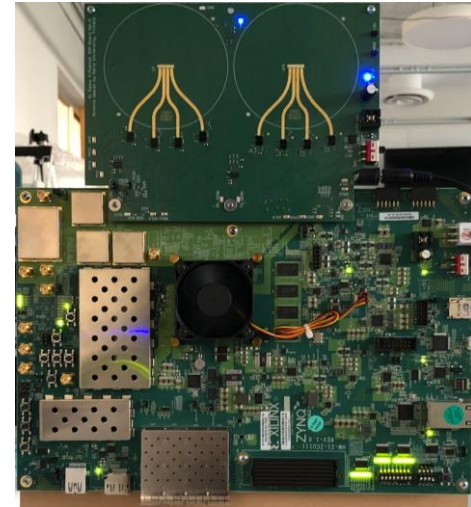


Snapdragon X50 5G modem chip  
28GHz mmWave antenna module  
Source: qualcomm.com

# Millimeter Wave Prototyping

- ❑ 4 channel 60 GHz fully-digital transceiver
  - ADI HMC6300 mmWave up-converters
  - ADI HMC6301 mmWave down-converters
  - ~15dBm per channel
- ❑ Phase-synchronized LO
  - TI LMX2595, ADI LNA and PA for amplification
  - Knowles Dielectric Wilkinson dividers
- ❑ Antenna design by Aalto University, Finland
- ❑ Coming soon: Integration with 140 GHz parts!
  - Collaboration with ComSenTer and UCSB

Xilinx ZCU111 w/  
Pi-Radio custom 60 GHz analog FE

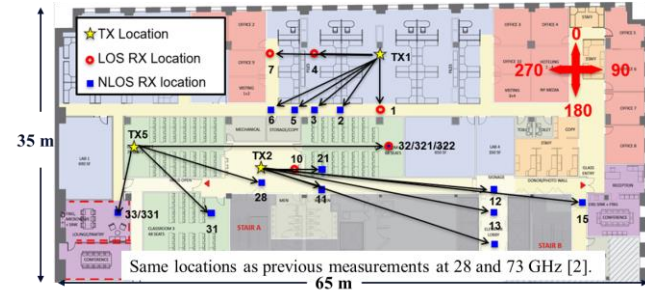


- K. Zheng, A. Dhananjay, M. Mezzavilla, et al, "Software-defined Radios to Accelerate mmWave Wireless Innovation", IEEE DySpan 2019.
- M. Polese et al, "Toward A Large-Scale Open-Source mmWave and (Sub)Terahertz Experimental Testbed", ACM MobiCom 2019, mmNets Workshop.
- J. Haarla, V. Semkin, K. Zheng, A. Dhananjay, M. Mezzavilla, et al, "Characterizing 60 GHz Patch Antenna Segments for Fully Digital Transceiver", IEEE EuCAP 2020.



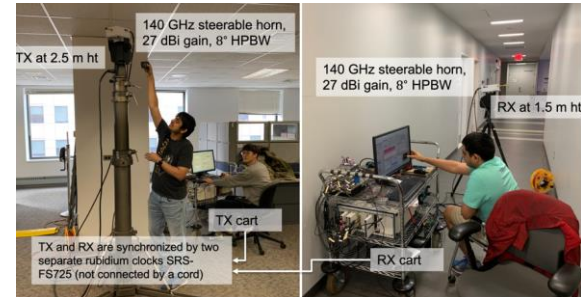
# Communication Above 100 GHz

- ❑ Rappaport leading measurements above 100 GHz
- ❑ Released models for 140 GHz indoor
- ❑ Outdoor measurements coming soon
- ❑ State of the art high bandwidth channel sounder



[1] Y. Xing et al., "Propagation Measurement System and approach at 140 GHz- Moving to 6G and Above 100 GHz," IEEE 2018 Global Communications Conference, Dec. 2018, pp. 1–6.

[2] G. R. Maccartney, T. S. Rappaport, S. Sun and S. Deng, "Indoor Office Wideband Millimeter-Wave Propagation Measurements and Channel Models at 28 and 73 GHz for Ultra-Dense 5G Wireless Networks," in *IEEE Access*, vol. 3, pp. 2388-2424, 2015



# ComSenTer for THz

## Center for Converged THz Communication and Sensing

- UCSB lead, NYU is systems lead
- \$27 million program from SRC and DARPA JUMP
- Team with leaders in the field

## 140 to 640 GHz

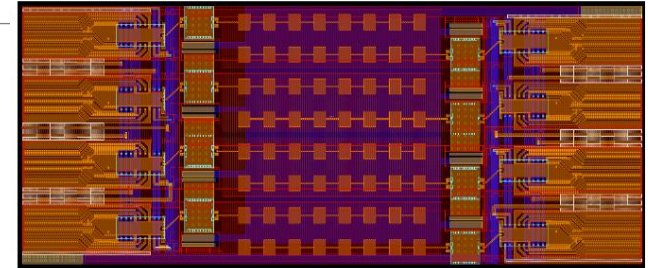
- 6G Communications, radar

## Demonstration vehicles

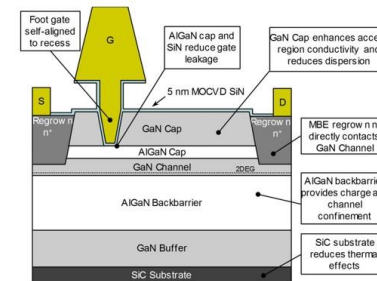
- 1000 stream MIMO
- Ultra-high resolution radar

## Builds on leading advanced THz devices

- SiGe HBT, GaN, InP HBT, InP MOS HEMT



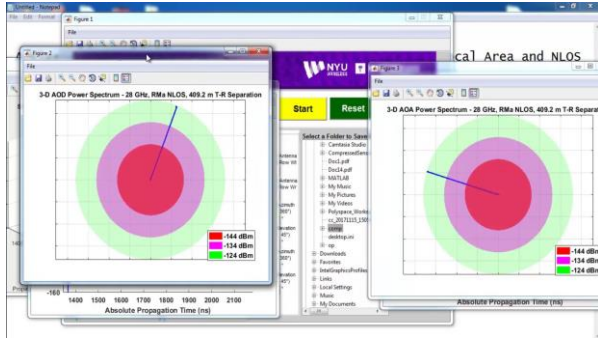
8 channel tileable 140 GHz board  
Currently in development targeting mid 2020



GaN device by U Mitra



# NYUSim and NS3 Network Simulator



## NYUSim for mmWave channel modeling:

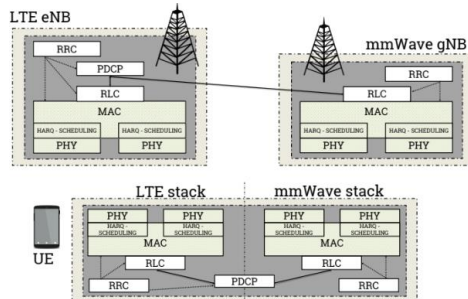
- Widely-used statistical modeling software
- Incorporates latest measurements
- 1000s of downloads
- Models for 28, 37, 73 and 140 GHz

## NS3 network simulator

- First and most extensive end-to-end simulator
- Detailed channel models (ray tracing, measurements, statistical)
- Full stack and core network emulation

## Our simulators are:

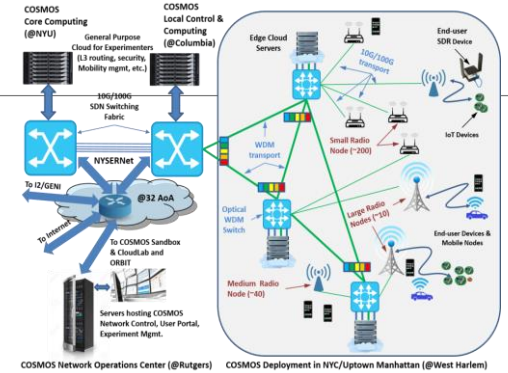
- Fully open source
- Used by our affiliates and many others



# NSF PAWR: COSMOS

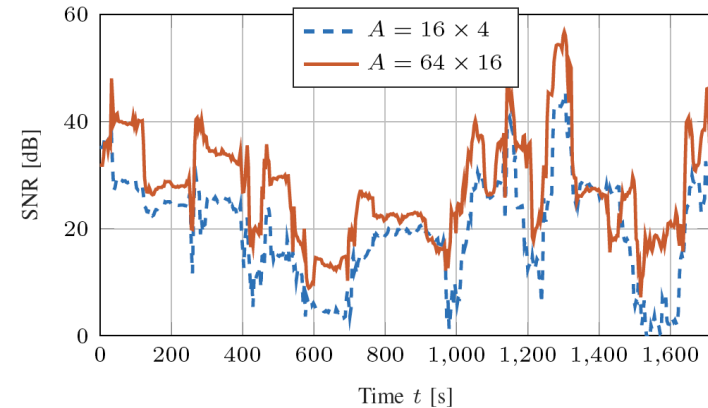
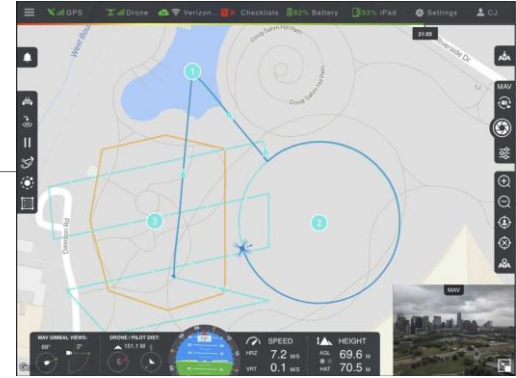
- ❑ Cloud Enhanced Open Software Defined Mobile Wireless City-Scale Deployment
  - Rutgers (lead), NYU and Columbia
  - Largest university testbed in nation
  - Open to any company or university for experimentation

- ❑ Deployment plan:
  - 20 city blocks upper Manhattan
  - Small, medium, large nodes
  - MmWave capabilities
  - Phase 1 is complete



# MmWave UAV Communication

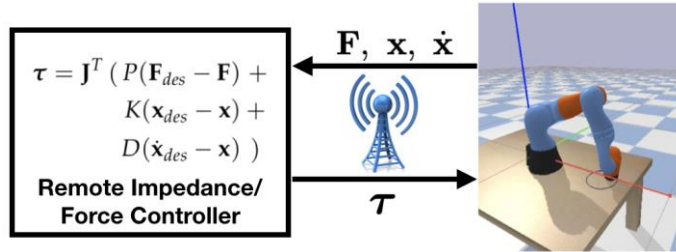
- Exploring mmWave communication for:
  - Remote low-latency control and video / sensor feeds
  - Wireless connectivity to first responders
- Joint work with G. Loiano (drone robotics)
- Detailed simulation of UAV link at 28 GHz:
  - Mission flight data from DroneSense
  - Channel and network modeling from ns3
- Key challenges:
  - Beam tracking, 360 coverage



Xia et al, "Millimeter Wave Remote UAV Control and Communications for Public Safety Scenarios", IEEE SECON 2019



# Edge Control for Robotics



- ❑ Robotic control demand high computation
- ❑ But, offloading presents challenges
- ❑ Torque control
  - Low bandwidth, but...
  - 1 to 5 ms latency requirement!
- ❑ Perception / motion planning:
  - High bandwidth
  - Multiple cameras / LIDAR
- ❑ Multi-robot scenarios
  - Interference / network loading

Righetti, Garg, Rangan, Erkip, Rappaport



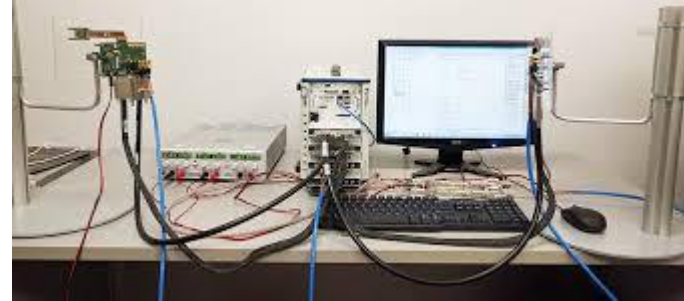
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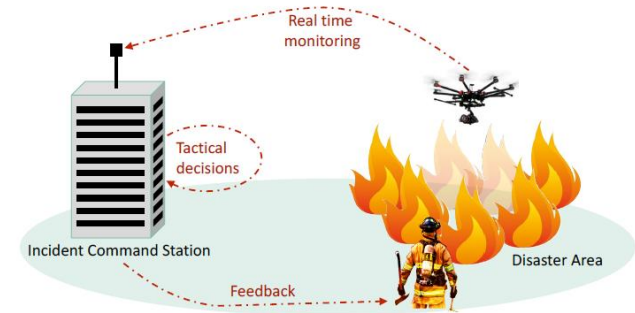
# National Instruments Major Testbed Donation

- ❑ Close to \$1million donation from NI
- ❑ Four advanced mmWave nodes
  - 60 GHz phased array
  - 28 GHz may be available later
  - OFDM 3GPP New Radio stack
- ❑ Applications
  - Network testbed with applications
  - Channel emulation
  - Advanced channel sounding
- ❑ Can be incorporated into PAWR



# Public Safety Communications above 6 GHz

- ❑ NIST project for mmWave for PSC
  - \$2.7 million grant over 3 years
- ❑ Develop tools for assessing mmWave:
  - Channel measurements, emulation
  - SDR, network simulation
- ❑ Collaboration with Austin Fire Dept, U Padova
  - Focus on drone to command center communication



Mezzavilla et al, "Public Safety Communications above 6 GHz: Challenges and Opportunities", IEEE Access on Mission Critical Services, 2017

# NSF ERC: SERC

## Smart Engineering Resilient Coastlines

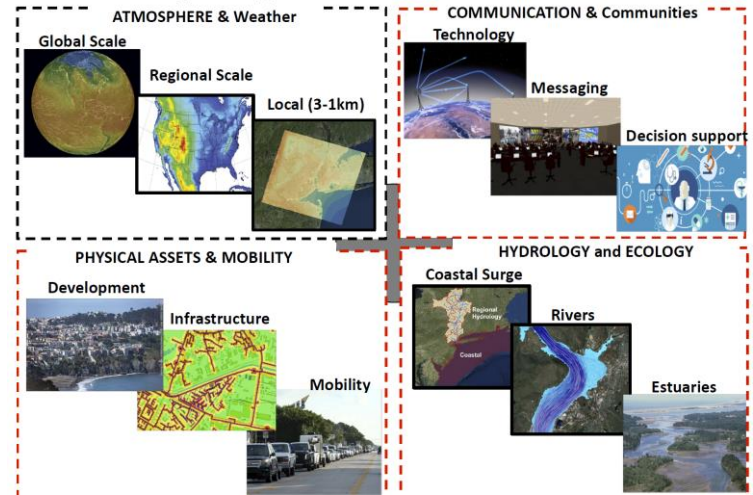
- Partnership with leading climatologists, civil engineering, communications
- CCNY (Lead), Princeton and NYU
- Proposal selected for final 10 out ~190

## NYU lead: Masoud Ghandehari

- Lead infrastructure information systems

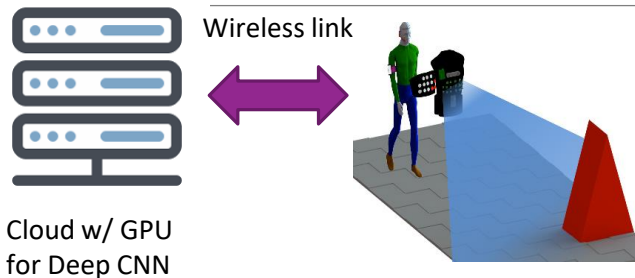
## Key wireless focus:

- Resilient cellular infrastructure
- Fast deployable emergency services
- Advanced wireless location services (esp. mmWave and THz)
- Environmental sensors and IoT

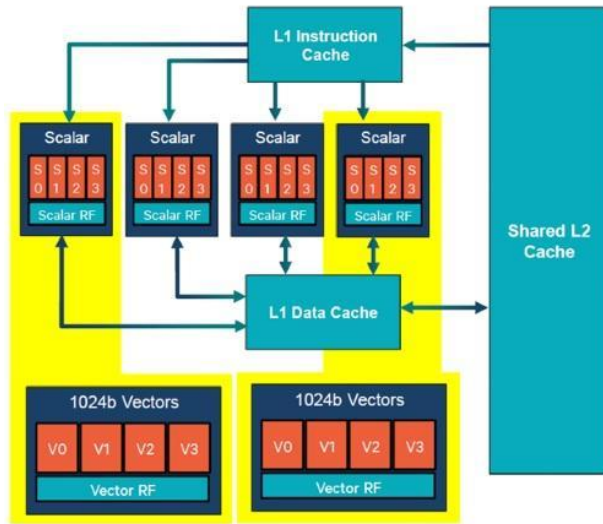


# Wireless Edge Computing for Visually Impaired

- ❑ JR Rizzo, PI
- ❑ New visually assistive technologies
  - Cameras, GPUs and haptic feedback
- ❑ Combines many state-of-the-art technologies
  - High bandwidth wireless
  - Edge computing & AI
- ❑ Developments will translate to other domains
  - Autonomous driving, mobile ML, ...

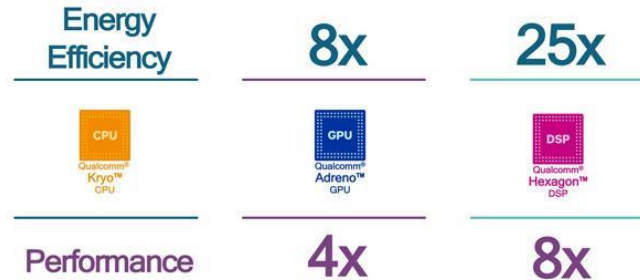


# ML Accelerators Are Going Mobile



Source: Qualcomm.com

- ❑ Qualcomm Hexagon 685 DSP
  - Embedded in Snapdragon 835
  - Support for TensorFlow, TensorFlow Lite, Caffe2.
  - 8 bit support
- ❑ Similar efforts at Apple's A12 Bionic



# Hardware Acceleration for Deep Learning

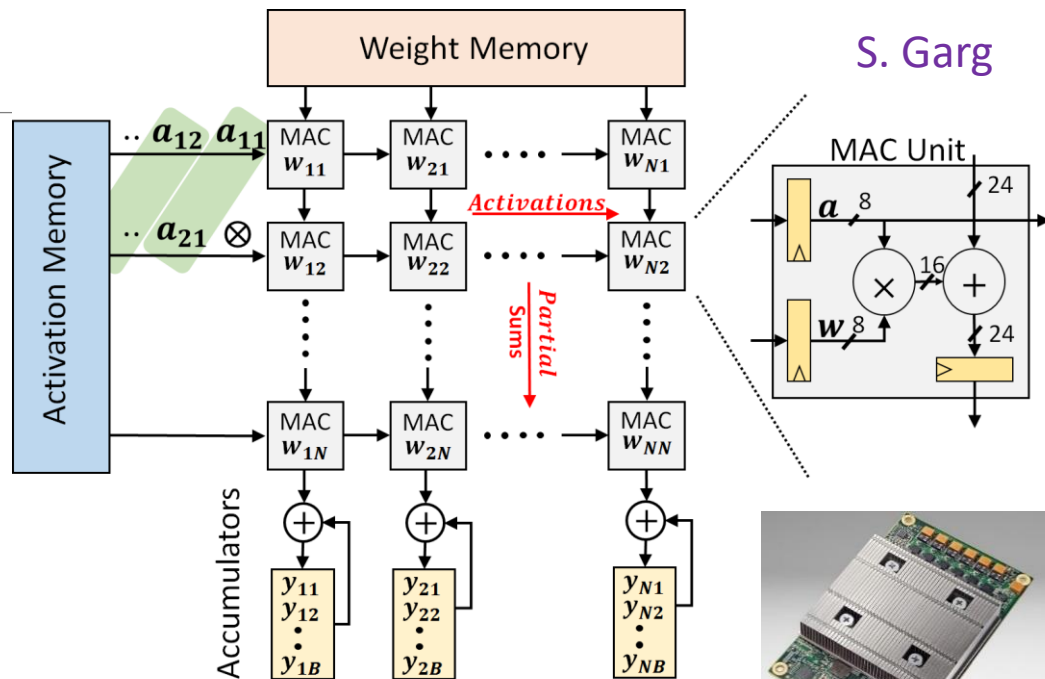
- **Systolic Array**

- accelerates matrix mults and convolutions

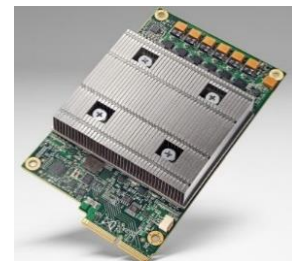
- **2-D grid of MAC units**

- nearest neighbor communication
- amortizes memory access cost

- **30x-100x greater TOPs/Watt vs. GPU**



S. Garg

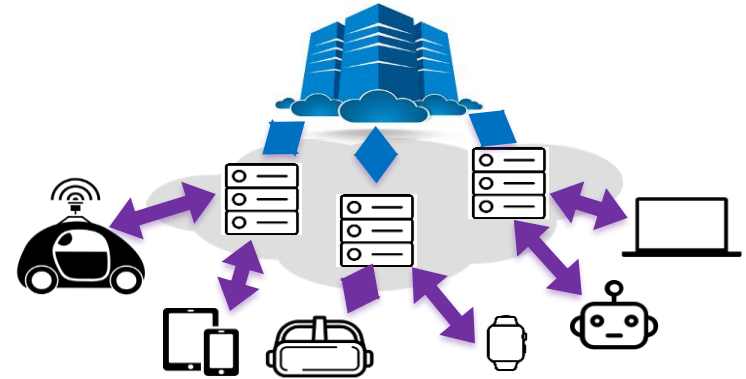


Google's AI Engine

[1] N. Jouppi et al., "In-datacenter performance analysis of a tensor processing unit", ISCA'17.

# Mobile Machine Learning

- ❑ Machine learning successes depend on:
  - Incredible **computation power**
  - Access to **massive data**
- ❑ Desire to making it **mobile** and **ubiquitous**
  - Handsets, robots, vehicles, ...
  - Power / area constraints
- ❑ **Interactive**
  - Connections to sensors at low latency



Wireless is Key



# Tele-commuting, VR and Beyond

- ❑ Home office is increasing massively during Covid-19
  - 90% increase in home traffic Italy, Bloomberg
  - Need better connectivity for low-income households
  - Many trends will remain after the virus
- ❑ Better / higher bandwidth technologies needed
  - VR/AR, immersive environments
- ❑ Wireless / communications technology will be key
- ❑ NYU Wireless has many potential partners:
  - Rlab in Navy Lab (with \$5.6 million grant from NY State)
  - Future Reality Lab (Ken Perlin)
  - NYU Holodeck for remote medical training



Rlab Open House in the Navy Yard



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holodeck



# 5G and Security

## ❑ 5G closed many security vulnerabilities

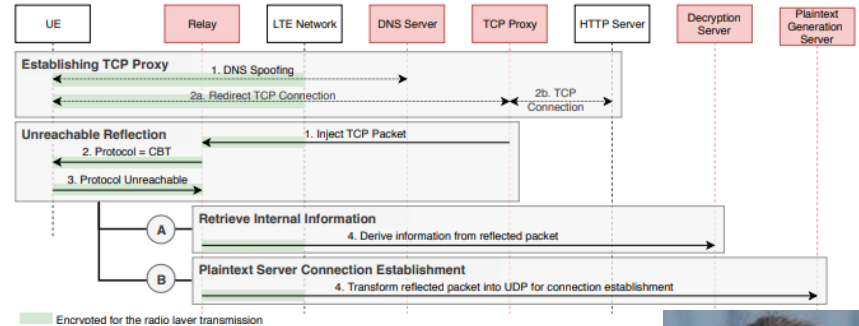
- Ex: Data plane integrity protection

## ❑ But, new threats will arise:

- Distributed core network
- Multiple vendors and mobile cloud
- Attacks from within the core network

## ❑ NYU Center for Cybersecurity

- One of the largest centers at NYU
- 22 faculty in CS, ECE, law and policy
- Host of the annual CSAW



DNS spoof attack on LTE described in Rupprecht et al, "IMP4GT: IMPersonation Attacks in 4G NeTworks" NDSS 2020

Christina Pöpper, cellular security expert, NYU Abu Dhabi



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# Massive MIMO for 6G

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- ❑ Cell-Free Massive MIMO: serve an entire city by a network of distributed access points
  - Confers shadow-fading diversity
  - Enables transmission of multiple data streams to each user, even under line-of-sight conditions
- ❑ Holographic MIMO: replace arrays of discrete antennas with continuous radiating/receiving surfaces
  - Simpler and cheaper
- ❑ Large Intelligent Surfaces: surround users by physically large arrays or controlled reflecting surfaces
  - New phenomenology: all users are in the near-field
  - Field curvature provides multiplexing degrees-of-freedom even under line-of-sight conditions

A. Pizzo, T. L. Marzetta, and L. Sanguinetti, "Spatially-Stationary Model for Holographic MIMO Small-Scale Fading," accepted for publication in *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*, 2020

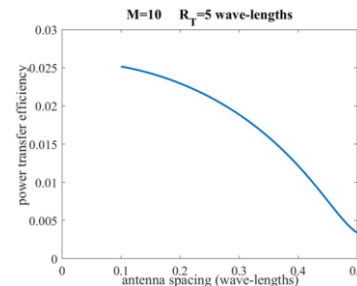


# Super-Directive Antenna Arrays

*For example, consider a transmitting horn antenna, with an aperture about 10 wavelengths on a side, located in outer space roughly aimed at the earth, With a one wavelength diameter supergain antenna on the earth it is possible to receive virtually all of the power radiated by the horn antenna*

- ❑ All of today's wireless systems operate far from any limits imposed by physical law
  - Super-directivity (Schelkunoff, 1943)
  - Place antennas close together ( $< \lambda/2$ ) to create strong mutual coupling
  - Exploit mutual coupling to create array gains proportional to the square of the number of antennas
  - Potentially applicable to wireless power transfer as well as communications

T.L. Marzetta, "Super-directive antenna arrays: Fundamentals and new perspectives", *Proc. 53rd Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, 2019



# Policy Options



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# Inefficient Use of Available Spectrum

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*The U.S. should adopt Massive MIMO on a large scale: But with TDD!*

- ❑ Massive MIMO is the most spectrally-efficient (bits/second/Hz) technology ever devised
  - All active users in the cell are served with the full time/frequency resources
  - Performance always improves with increasing numbers of base station antennas
- ❑ In mobile environments, Frequency Division Duplex (FDD) operation severely limits the number of base station antennas
  - Time needed to learn the channel is proportional to number of antennas
- ❑ In contrast, Time Division Duplex (TDD) operation supports unlimited numbers of antennas
- ❑ Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile are entirely FDD; only Sprint has TDD spectrum
- ❑ In the absence of a shift to TDD, the supremely valuable sub-6 spectrum will be under-utilized



# Cybersecurity Risks

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# Privacy Concerns

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# Concern Over R.F. Health Effects

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## *Reduce radiated power levels through Massive MIMO*

- ❑ Massive MIMO is the most energy-efficient technology yet devised
- ❑ For the same level of service, radiated power is inversely proportional to the number of base station antennas
  - Radiated energy efficiency (bits/Joule) is proportional to the number of antennas
- ❑ Energy efficiency established by GreenTouch Consortium (2010-2015) <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/belllabs-microsite-greentouch/index.php?page=about-us.html>
  - Begun by Bell Labs
  - 40 companies and universities
  - Goal was to improve total energy efficiency of all modes of communication by a factor of 1000





# Additional Policy Options

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*The U.S. should leap-frog the competition through a national 6G R&D effort*

- ❑ Leading manufacturers of 5G infrastructure are outside the U.S.
  - A national security issue
  - Hinders the U.S. in obtaining/maintaining its technological edge
  - Effectively moves jobs overseas
  
- ❑ 6G: The U.S. is already behind
  - Oulu University 6G Flagship: 250M euros over 8 years
  - South Korea is considering a \$100B 6G initiative
  - China has announced a national 6G R&D initiative
  
- ❑ Many parallel approaches, some risky, should be supported
  - Generous funding for early laboratory experiments and demonstrations
  - Huge funding for city-wide trials

