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NYU WIRELESS Board Meeting October 23, 2024

Tom Marzetta - Director Ted Rappaport - Founding Director Sundeep Rangan, JR Rizzo, Dennis Shasha - Associate Directors











Time	Item
9:30	Welcome & Agenda review, Tom Marzetta
9:35	Opening Remarks Senior Vice Dean Eray Aydil Chandrika Tandon, Chair, NYU Tandon Board Nishant Batra, Chief Strategy & Technology Officer, Nokia
9:50	Industrial affiliates. Introduction / overview (5 minutes each)
10:45	NYU Wireless overview and updates
Noon	Lunch
1:00pm	Faculty lightning talks, 2 minutes each faculty member
2:00pm	Feedback, discussion, brainstorming, industry perspectives, wrap up
3:00pm	Open house & demos



Come to the After Show



October 23, 2024

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Wednesday 10/23/24	3:00pm - 5:00pm	NYU WIRELESS Open House NYU 6 Metrotech
	5:00pm - 6:30pm	Exhibits Open for all the registered guests and NYU faculty/students
	6:30pm - 9:00pm	Exhibits open for visits NYU Gym
		Welcome Reception with cocktails and light dinner
	6:30pm - 9:00pm	Hosts: Peter Vetter (President of Bell Labs Core Research, Nokia) Thierry Klein (President of Bell Labs Solutions Research, Nokia Bell Labs)
		Click to learn more

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Notable Grants and Achievements

Discussion points (for later)

- Improving engagement
- Industry trends
- $\,\circ\,$ Aspirations and goals



NYU WIRELESS



- Leading academic center in wireless communications
 18 faculty, 6 post-docs, research engineers, ~70 PhD
 4 faculty at NYU Abu Dhabi
 - o 11 industrial affiliates
 - o Largest research center in NYU Tandon School of Engineering

Our mission

- Fundamental research while cultivating student researchers
 Offer technical solutions and knowledge for next generations
 Solve specific problems for industrial affiliates
- o Create leaders and collaboration skills with top students
- Current in force funding
 > \$13 Million/annually from NSF, NIH, CHIPs Act, and corporate sponsors







Directors





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- **Tom Marzetta**, Current Director and Distinguished Industry Professor, ECE
 - Originated Massive MIMO
 - o Lead author of "Fundamentals of Massive MIMO"
 - Joined NYU 2017 from Bell Labs
- NAE member



- Ted Rappaport, Founding Director and Professor, ECE
- Pioneer in wireless communications (esp. millimeter wave and WiFi)
- o Author of "Wireless Communications: Principles and Practice"
- Previously founded major wireless centers at UT Austin, Virginia Tech
- o NAE member, Wireless Hall of Fame, Fellow of National Academy of Inventors

Sundeep Rangan, Associate Director and Professor, ECE

- \circ > 15 years experience in cellular industry
- o Co-founder Flarion Technologies (developed first cellular OFDM data system, sold to QCOM)
- **Dennis Shasha**, Associate Director and Professor, Courant
 - Machine learning, databases, bio-informatics
- JR Rizzo, Associate Director and Associate Professor, NYU School of Medicine
 - Technologies for the blind and visually impaired

New Leadership at NYU Tandon

Juan de Pablo, Executive Dean

TANDON SCHOOL

- Former Executive VP, University of Chicago
- Directed Argonne National Laboratory
- o Member NAE, NAS, Mexican Academy of Sciences
- Polymer Physics Prize from the American Physical Society (2018),
- o DuPont Medal for Excellence in Nutrition and Health Sciences (2016),
- Intel Patterning Science Award (2015), ...

Eray Aydil, Senior Vice Dean

- o Alstadt Lord Mark Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
- o Formerly at Bell Labs, University of Minnesota
- Peter Mark Award
- Plasma Prize from the American Vacuum Society







Tandon ECE



- □ 31 Profs –13F, 8 Assoc. 7 Asst, 3 Industry
- □ 13 IEEE Fellows; 2 NAE; 4 Members NAI
- Students:
 - ~400 UG students;
 ~1000 Grad students
 - ~140 PhD students
- Ranked 4th in citations/paper in US (QS)
- ECE is 25% of Tandon research budget

Tandon Research Expenditures are growing













Funding on the Rise



Source	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
NSF	3,033,081	4,552,361	7,009,235
NIH	2,014,247	2,252,947	2,252,947
DoD	714,173	525,419	560,408
NTIA	0	0	2,000,000
SRC	304,678	0	0
NY State	1,000,000	903,954	1,319,477
Dept of Education	202,264	203,588	203,997
MEC	0	0	1,300,000
Other	541,145	2,171,129	508,262
NYU Wireless affiliates	1,000,000	900,000	900,000
Total	8,809,588	11,509,398	16,054,326

Total NYU Wireless Funding (\$ Millions / year)



Research multiplier: \$1 from affiliates \approx \$160 research



NYU WIRELESS Research Areas



Wireless Communications & Sensing Networking, Edge Computing & Security **Circuits & Devices**













Testbeds & Prototypes

Applications

AI/ML in Wireless



Faculty



Wireless Communications & Sensing







Circuits



Erkip

Rappaport

Marzetta

Rangan

Knox

Networking



Panwar

Yong Liu





Applications







Level	
Full professors	9
Associate professors	2
Assistant professors	2
Industry	1
Total	14

Department	
ECE	12
School of Medicine	1
Courant	1

Atashzar

Rizzo

Shasha Loianno

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Welcome Annie Nadeem



- Newest faculty at NYU Abu Dhabi
- Research areas:
 - Wireless communications;
 - \circ signal processing;
 - $\circ\,$ massive MIMO;
 - $\circ\,$ programmable metasurface applications
- Track co-chair, IEEE VTC Spring 2024
 Radio Access Technology and Heterogeneous Networks
- Notable Awards:
 - $\,\circ\,$ Paul Baron Young Scholar Award from The Marconi Society in 2018
 - National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)'s Postdoctoral Fellowship Award in 2021





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Faculty





Marwa Chafii (since 2021)

Murat Uysal (since 2023)

Research Topics

- Integrated Sensing and Communication
- Optical Wireless Communications
- Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces



Annie Nadeem

(2024)

Annual Event

• Co-organized with local universities and industries



Bi-annual Event:

- 6G Training School
- Hosted on NYUAD Campus

UAE Wireless Center

- Submitted 2024
- Erkip, Rappaport PIs from NY





B6GS Summit





- Leading annual global event
- □ Vision talks by industry leaders
- **By and for Industrial Affiliates**
- □ No extra cost, another benefit



IEEE Live Stream



NYU Wireless Workshop







- Brings top researchers to NYU
 - o 1.5 day event
 - Every 1.5 years
- Industrial affiliates invited
- June 2024 workshop
 - What are the challenges of FR3 spectrum?
 - Alternative wave propagation physics
 - Communication satellite networks: strategic or volatile?





The IEEE / NYU Channel Propagation product offering

A market-ready Data and Analytics Product requires:



Data

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Analytics

- Existing proprietary NYU data campaigns, including raw data, reports and supplementary information
- New campaign data for FR3 and FR1, priority for indoor and factory (frequency ranges)
- Premium simulation platform with capabilities beyond the free NYUSIM
- Machine learning capabilities
- User-friendly interface



User Access

- Individual user login with authentication for institutional access
- Administrator access to control user access and continuous data flow
- The data and analytics product will be hosted and delivered by IEEE.







□ NYU Tandon, ECE, an NYU Wireless Overview

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New Quantum Project



NYU part of new quantum project

Improved Materials for Superconducting Qubits With Scalable Fabrication
 \$8.9M project from NORDTECH Chips Act hub

 $\circ\,$ NYU component is \$1.5M

Goal:

- o Scalable quantum error correction
- New materials
- o Innovative quantum circuits, qubit control
- $\,\circ\,$ Will deliver a superconducting PDK at 300mm wafer scale



NYU nanofab





NYU Wireless lead Davood Shahrjerdi



NTIA Grant on FR3







Sundeep Rangan









Aditya illa Dhananjay, Pi-Radio

Arjuna Madanayake, FIU

- Testing procedures for FR3
- □ Funded by CHIPs Act
 - Supports translational work
 - Collaboration with industry in telecom
- □ \$2M, Sept 2023 Aug 2028
- Tasks
 - Task 1: RF conformance and development of an RF board
 - Task 2: Spectrum sharing in cooperative scenarios
 - Task 3: Resiliency testing in adversarial scenarios
 - Task 4: O-RAN integration





O WIRE

- Grant on point-cloud video (PCV) communication
 Object-Centric, View-Adaptive and Progressive Coding and Streaming of Point Cloud Video
 - Key for immersive applications
 - Massive data requirements

TANDON SCHOOL

- \$1.2M grant from NSF over four years
- Leverages NYU Tandon @The Yard

Yong Liu

- $\circ\,$ Production facility in Brooklyn Navy Yard
- Volumetric motion capture
- A new testbed for immersive PCV capture and communication



Yao Wang



R. Luke Dubois







A New Multiuser THz measurement facility WINNELES (NSF:MRI THz Lab) at NYU

Collaborators:

University of Colorado Boulder



Advisor: ETH zürich

URL: https://engineering.nyu.edu/thzlab





RFIC Fabrication support:

- THz Lab features state-of-the-art equipment for RF propagation and devices test and measurement, such as network analyzers and four-port probe stations.
- An **open hardware library** with a novel **"equipment checkout"** concept [1].

[1] D. Shakya, T. S. Rappaport, D. Shahrjerdi, M. E. Knox, S. Nie, A. Madanayake, Z. Popovic, H. Wang, "Exploring millimeter-wave and Terahertz circuits and systems with a novel multiuser measurement facility," (Accepted) *IEEE Microwave Magazine*, Jul 2023 (to appear Feb. 2024)

NYU TANDON SCHOOL NSF Convergence Accelerator Track G

- Connected Wearables for PBLV
 - People with Blindness and Low Vision
- Part of the NSF Convergence Accelerator program
 - Supports translational research to commercialization 0
 - Collaboration with start ups / industry 0
- Phase 2: \$5M, 2.5 year grant
 - Rizzo (lead) with Rangan, Wang, Mezzavilla from NYU Wireless 0
 - Other faculty from NYU SoM, ME, Stern 0
 - Developed wireless OAI-based testbed for experimentation
- Support from Qualcomm and Dell



JR Rizzo

Sundeep Wang Rangan

Yao

Marco Mezzavilla



Notable Awards & Accomplishments



Tom Marzetta

2025 IEEE Eric E. Sumner Award "For originating the Massive MIMO technology in wireless communications".
 2024 IEEE Communications Society Radio Communications Committee Technical Recognition Award.

Ted Rappaport

o IEEE VTS Neal Shephard Propagation Paper award (with former student Shu Sun)

Elected IEEE VTS Hall of Fame

Marwa Chafii

o General Vice Chair, IEEE WCNC, Dubai 2024 (Murat Uysal was the Awards Co-Chair)

Elza Erkip

• TPC Co-Chair, IEEE CTW, Banff 2024

Dennis Shasha

 $\,\circ\,$ 2023: Senior Member National Academy of Inventors

Notable Awards & Accomplishments



JR Rizzo

- Pisart Award for Technological Innovation from Lighthouse Guild (leading NPO for blindness)
- Appointed to Board of Directors MTA
- Appointed to LivedX from National Academies
- Appointed to the Strategic Council for Foundation Fighting Blindness (leading NPO for blindness)
- $\,\circ\,$ Appointed to standing study section for NIH NICHD
- Appointed to the Advisory Board for lighthouse Guild

Hamed Rahmani

o NSF grant: High-Resolution Neural Interface SoC with Meta-Structure-Enhanced Wireless Power Transmission







- □ NYU Tandon, ECE, an NYU Wireless Overview
- Notable Grants and Achievements

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Partnering with the Affiliates

WIRELES

- How do we better engage with all of you?
- Monthly seminars?
- Collaborative federally-funded projects:
 NSF Convergence Accelerator with Qualcomm and Dell
 NTIA NOFO-1: With Analog Devices
 NTIA NOFO-2: With Analog Devices and Nokia
 CHIPs Act: Many possibilities

Regular meetings with individual faculty

Seed projects?

New Federal Funding Opportunities



- Billions in new funding available
 CHIPs Act and Microelectronics Commons
 Public Wireless Innovation Fund
- NSF TIP Directorate
 NSF Convergence Accelerator
- Emphasis on wireless & security
- NYU Wireless has recent successes
 NORDTECH \$1.5 million
 - \circ NSF Convergence Accelerator \$5M
 - NTIA NOFO-1 \$2M
- We have hired in circuits
- More opportunities are available

Northeast Regional Defense Technology Hub

CHIPS for AMERICA





National Center Leadership



- NYU Wireless should lead at least one major center
 Example: ERC \$20M+
- Goal: Lead a \$20M+ center (1-3 years)
- We have attempted before
 NSF Spectrum Initiative
 AI Institute,
 RIE, ...
- NYU collaborates on:
 NSF Spectrum-X (ND lead)
 COSMOS (Rutgers lead)
 ComSenTer (UCSB lead)
- Submitted proposal for ERC Gen-4
 o RF Sensing



DoD and Security Related Funding

- Grow DoD-related funding
 - \circ Massive funding in defense space for wireless
- Many agencies have calls: DoD, DARPA, ONR, CIA, ...
- Grow network of contacts (1 year)
- At least one more major DoD project (1-2 years)
- Goal: Grow to \$4M+ in DoD funding (5 year)
- Goal: Add a defense contractor to affiliate board (3 year)

□ Security

- NYU-AD has leader in 5G security (Poepper)NYU CCS
- o Large emphasis on wireless security
- NYU was finalist in \$10M SaTC program on 5G security
- Goal: Significant pubs in UseNix, ... (1-3 years)
- Goal: Large center in security (5 years)



Christina Poepper, NYU-AD



User Equipment (UE)

Hardware Trojans; Firmware attacks; Malware; BotNets; Al data poisoning attacks

Radio Access Network (RAN)

New jammers and eavesdroppers; Backhaul/midhaul attacks; Resource misuse; Rogue gNBs; Location tracking; Traffic fingerprinting

Core Network

DoS attacks within core; Inter-slice leakage; Privilege escalation; Unauthorized NF access





Collaborative Efforts



- Grow impact in semiconductor space
 - NYU has growing chips design expertise
 - o 3 recent hires in ECE (Reagan, Rovinskii, Rahmani)
 - Experts in related areas: Privacy, AI acceleration
 - \circ Massive funding from CHIPs Act
 - Involvement in at least one more major CHIPs ACT project (1 year)
 - Goal: Publications in top circuits / comp architecture venues (1-3 years)
 - o Goal: Grow to \$4M+ annual semiconductor-related funding (5 year)
 - Goal: Become global leader in wireless digital design as rated by publications (5 year)

Medicine

- \circ NYU has world-leading School of Medicine & new BME program
- o Existing collaborations with Rizzo, Wang, Atashzar
- \circ Healthcare was focus of several recent proposals
- o Goal: One more large NSF / NIH project in wireless (\$5M+) (3 years)





Austin

Rovinskii

Brandon Reagan



Hamed Rahmani



Prospective Affiliates in Big Tech



- Expanding interest in wireless in Big Tech
 - o Nvidia
 - Amazon mobile edge cloud
 - o Google
 - o Facebook
- Our students go to these companies
- Nvidia is speaking at B6GS
- Goal:
 - Recruit at least one new affiliate from this space (2 years)
 - Recruit 2 new affiliates (5 years)
 - Increase presence at top CS conferences (NeurIPS, ...) (3 years)

NVIDIA AI Aerial Building Blocks for Wireless Research and Development





Impact on 6G



- NYU Wireless played leading role in 5G
- Direction of 6G remains unclear
 - What are the goals?
 - $\,\circ\,$ What are the use cases?
 - $\,\circ\,$ What are the technologies?
- We are leading in two major areas:
 Energy efficiency (Waste factor)
 - Upper mid-band
- □ NYU Wireless can help define the future
- Goal:
 - \circ At least one landmark paper / technical innovation on 6G (1-3 years)
 - $\circ\,$ Significant 6G basic research funding (\$2M+ / year) (5 years)





Thank You!





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