

# Ruth Gebremedhin

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## EDUCATION

**New York University Tandon School of Engineering**, Brooklyn, NY **Aug 2020 - Present**

*PhD in Electrical Engineering, Advisor: Prof. Thomas Marzetta, Tandon SoE Fellowship*

**Research Interests:** Wireless Communications, Physics based Channel Models, Capacity Bounds.

*M.S. in Electrical Engineering*

**Aug 2020 - May 2022**

**Relevant Coursework:** Detection and Estimation, Wireless Communications, Machine Learning.

**New York University Abu Dhabi**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Aug 2016 - May 2020**

*B.S. in Electrical Engineering & Minor in Computer Science, Full scholarship*

**Relevant Coursework:** Communication Theory, Communication Networks, Electromagnetic Waves.

## EXPERIENCE

**Nokia Bell Labs**, Murray Hill, NJ

**June 2022 - Aug 2022**

*Wireless Propagation Modelling Intern (MATLAB)*

- Implemented a parabolic equation approximation for the wave equation to improve maro-site path loss prediction in over the top propagation scenarios.
- Conducted a comparison study of the newly developed method with measured path loss data, resulting in low error rate and demonstrating the effectiveness of the method.
- Received the Outstanding Innovation Award from the Global Student Program, ranking in the top 7% (4th place) in an internal competition among interns.

**NYU Wireless Lab**, Brooklyn, NY

**Aug 2020 - Present**

*Research Assistant (MATLAB)*

- Studied the Heat Equation using communication methods to explore the potential of heat and diffusion as a communication channel.
- Simulated the heat channel model and its impulse response to numerically investigate the channel capacity.
- Examined the effective bandwidth of the heat channel and its relationship to input power.

**NYU Tandon Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**, Brooklyn, NY

**Jan 2021 - Present**

*Course Assistant: Wireless Comm, Digital Comm, Fundamentals of Comm Theory (MATLAB)*

- Evaluated weekly student assignments, provided feedback and offered support during office hours.
- Prepared MATLAB exercises that complement lectures and hold weekly lab sessions with ~15 students.

**NYU Abu Dhabi Applied Interactive Multimedia Lab**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**May - July 2018, 2019 & 2020**

*Research Intern (C++, HTML, JS)*

- Proposed and implemented a WebRTC based network handshake protocol that enables bidirectional haptic and audiovisual communication as part of the 1918.1.1 IEEE working group.
- Developed and tested a Leader-Follower Teleoperation Codec to communicate haptic data between two devices and explored its application as part of the 5G Tactile Internet.
- Designed a 3D environment using Unity to assess the impact of haptic feedback on cognition and emotion.

**NYU Center for Cosmology and Particle Physics**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**May 2017 - June 2017**

*Research Assistant (Python)*

- Investigated the correlation between star formation and radio luminosity through statistical data analysis.
- Conducted a comparison study of visual luminosity versus radio luminosity to identify star formation patterns.

## SKILLS

**Programming:** MATLAB, C++, Python, JavaScript, HTML, LaTeX.

**Software:** WebRTC, Unity, 3D design and printing, EEG Data Acquisition.

**Language:** English (Fluent), Amharic (Native), Tigrigna (Native), Korean (Intermediate speaking and listening).

## AWARDS AND HONORS

**Best Paper Award:** IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM)

**Dec 2022**

**Outstanding Innovation Award:** Global Student Program, NOKIA Internship

**Aug 2022**

**SoE Fellowship:** NYU Tandon, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

**Sept 2020**

**Full Scholarship:** NYU Abu Dhabi Admissions

**Aug 2016**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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1. **R. Gebremedhin**, and T. Marzetta. "Thermal Conduction as a Wireless Communication Channel." *IEEE GLOBECOM 2022*.
2. W. Park, M. Jamil, **R. Gebremedhin**, and M. Eid. "Effects of tactile textures on preference in visuo-tactile exploration." *ACM TAP 2021*.
3. K. Iiyoshi, **R. Gebremedhin**, V. Gokhale, and M. Eid. "Plug-and-Play Haptic Interaction for Tactile Internet based on WebRTC." *EAI INTETAIN 2020*.
4. K. Iiyoshi\*, M. Tauseef\*, **R. Gebremedhin\***, V. Gokhale, and M. Eid. "Towards standardization of haptic handshake for tactile internet: a WebRTC-based implementation." *IEEE HAVE 2019 (\*Equal Contribution)*.

## **LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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**Hilary Ballon Center for Teaching and Learning, Abu Dhabi, UAE**

**May 2020 - July 2020**

*Tutor*

- Trained students from an underprivileged background on online learning tools and aided their successful transition to the platform during the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown.
- Designed curriculum and taught Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Math classes for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**TEDxNYUAD, Abu Dhabi, UAE**

**Aug 2017- May 2018**

*Co-chair of Executive Board*

- Organized the nomination and selection process for TEDxNYUAD's 2018 speakers.
- Collaborated with TED Conferences LLC and NYU Abu Dhabi stakeholders to obtain an official license.
- Gained leadership, logistical and interpersonal skills by organizing a public annual event with a team of ~20.

**Strength in Vocational Education (STRIVE) Initiative, Abu Dhabi, UAE**

**March 2017- May 2017**

*Tutor*

- Mentored refugees by developing English language lessons, providing feedback, giving support, and fostering confident language skills.