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Research Interests

UAV Communications, Channel Modeling, Stochastic Geometry, Wireless Communications, Heterogeneous Networks, D2D Communications

Education

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, USA

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering — Jan. 2018 – Present

- Thesis: "Drone Cellular Networks: Fundamentals, Modeling, and Analysis"
- Advisor: Dr. Harpreet S. Dhillon

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering – Communication Systems — Sep. 2012 – Sep. 2014

- Thesis: "A Stochastic Geometric Approach for the Analysis and Design of Cognitive Device-to-Device Networks"
- Advisor: Dr. Behrouz Maham

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering – Telecommunications — Sep. 2008 – Sep. 2012

- Thesis: "Carrier and Symbol Synchronization Techniques"
- Advisor: Dr. Ali Olfat

Work Experience

Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.
Role: *System Engineering Intern*
Manager: Dr. Christos Komninakis — Summer 2020
Manager: Dr. Robert Wilson — Summer 2021

Book Chapters

[BC1] **M. Banagar**, V. V. Chetlur, and H. S. Dhillon, "Stochastic geometry-based performance analysis of drone cellular networks," in *UAV Communications for 5G and Beyond*, Y. Zeng, I. Guvenc, R. Zhang, G. Geraci, and D. W. Matolak, Eds. New York: Wiley, 2020, ch. 9, pp. 231-254.

Journal Publications

[J5] **M. Banagar** and H. S. Dhillon, "3D two-hop cellular networks with wireless backhauled UAVs: Modeling and fundamentals," submitted to *IEEE Trans. Wireless Commun.*, May 2021.

[J4] **M. Banagar**, H. S. Dhillon, and A. F. Molisch, "Impact of UAV wobbling on the air-to-ground wireless channel," *IEEE Trans. Veh. Technol.*, vol. 69, no. 11, pp. 14025-14030, Nov. 2020.

[J3] **M. Banagar** and H. S. Dhillon, "Performance characterization of canonical mobility models in drone cellular networks," *IEEE Trans. Wireless Commun.*, vol. 19, no. 7, pp. 4994-5009, July 2020.

[J2] **M. Banagar**, V. V. Chetlur, and H. S. Dhillon, "Handover probability in drone cellular networks," *IEEE Wireless Commun. Lett.*, vol. 9, no. 7, pp. 933-937, July 2020.

[J1] **M. Banagar**, B. Maham, P. Popovski, and F. Pantisano, "Power distribution of device-to-device communications in underlaid cellular networks," *IEEE Wireless Commun. Lett.*, vol. 5, no. 2, pp. 204-207, Apr. 2016.

Conference Publications

[C6] **M. Banagar** and H. S. Dhillon, "Fundamentals of 3D two-hop cellular networks analysis with wireless backhauled UAVs," submitted to *IEEE Global Commun. Conf. (Globecom)*, Apr. 2021.

[C5] **M. Banagar** and H. S. Dhillon, "Fundamentals of drone cellular network analysis under random waypoint mobility model," in *IEEE Global Commun. Conf. (Globecom)*, Dec. 2019, pp. 1-6.

[C4] **M. Banagar** and H. S. Dhillon, "3GPP-inspired stochastic geometry-based mobility model for a drone cellular network," in *IEEE Global Commun. Conf. (Globecom)*, Dec. 2019, pp. 1-6.

[C3] **M. Banagar**, B. Maham, and V. Shah-Mansouri, "Bounds on the coverage probability of heterogeneous cellular networks," in *IEEE Int. Conf. Commun. (ICC) Workshops*, May 2016, pp. 755-759.

[C2] A. Eshraghi, B. Maham, Z. Han, and **M. Banagar**, "Efficiency and coverage improvement of active RFID two-hop relay systems," in *IEEE Wireless Commun. Netw. Conf. (WCNC)*, Apr. 2014, pp. 2002-2007.

[C1] N. Zarmehi, **M. Banagar**, and M. A. Akhaee, "Optimum decoder for an additive video watermarking with Laplacian noise in H.264," in *IEEE Int. Conf. Inform. Security Cryptology*, Aug. 2013, pp. 1-5.

Teaching Experience

Stochastic Signals and Systems
Role: *Teaching Assistant*
Instructor: Dr. Harpreet S. Dhillon — Fall 2018

Signals and Systems
Role: *Teaching Assistant*
Instructor: Dr. Ting-Chung Poon — Spring 2018
Instructor: Dr. Mohammad Ali Akhaee — Spring & Fall 2012, Spring 2013

Communication Systems I
Role: *Teaching Assistant*
Instructor: Dr. Ali Olfat — Spring 2013
Instructor: Dr. Vahid Shah-Mansouri — Fall 2013

Engineering Probability and Statistics
Role: *Teaching Assistant*
Instructor: Dr. Amir Masoud Rabiei — Fall 2011

Language Skills

Persian: Native
English: Fluent
Arabic: Familiar

Software

Programming: MATLAB, Python, C, C#
Simulation: Simulink, Multisim
Applications: LaTeX, Microsoft Word/PowerPoint/Excel/Visio

References

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