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SUMMARY

I'm a researcher dedicated to advancing next-generation cellular and wireless networks, with a focus on 5G and beyond. My work involves creating programmable 5G testbeds, analyzing real-world network performance, and leveraging AI models to enhance network quality for latency-sensitive applications.

EDUCATION

- Northeastern University** Boston, MA
Ph.D. in Computer Engineering Jan 2021 - May 2025(expected)
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale** Carbondale, IL
Masters of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering Jan 2018 - July 2020

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Languages:** Python, C/C++, JAVA/Kotlin, Bash, SQL, HTML, CSS.
- Tools:** XCAL-Accuver (5G/LTE signaling message analysing tool), Keysight RuSIM, Spectrum Analyzer, Git, Wireshark, Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, Keras, SoA Machine-Learning Frameworks, Video Streaming tools (Puffer, FFmpeg).
- Platforms:** Linux, Android, Docker, Cloud platforms (AWS, GCP).
- Protocols/Standards:** NR/LTE 3GPP standards , TCP/MPTCP/UDP protocols and their implementation (Linux Source Codes), IEEE 802.11 ax/ad/ac/b/g/n standards.

EXPERIENCE

- Northeastern University** Boston, MA
Graduate Research Assistant — Advisor: Dimitrios Koutsonikolas Jan 2021 - Present
 - Worked on the project **X5G: An Open, Programmable Platform to Conquer the 5G and 6G Wireless Spectrum**. This project involved combining necessary multi-vendor hardwares and softwares to build an 8-node O-RAN compliant 5G experimental testbed. Contributed to Xn-handover implementation for the X5G.
 - Conducted in-depth measurement studies on user-perceived experience, evaluating network coverage, performance, and quality of experience (QoE) for latency-sensitive 5G applications (e.g., Low-latency live streaming, AR/CAV, 360° video streaming, and online gaming). The study involved analyzing low-level 5G metrics and signaling messages to correlate with application performance.
 - Investigated the feasibility of predicting fine-grained throughput (100 ms granularity) in real-world cellular networks, integrating mixed LTE/5G technologies.
 - Worked on performance evolution study of 5G networks. The first phase included developing an **Android application** to measure 5G bandwidth and latency for building and analyzing a year-long crowd-sourced dataset. The final phase involved analyzing a dataset provided by Ookla®, comprising over 2.65 million mobile network measurements (4-year period) from 9 major cities across US and Europe.
 - Employed bandwidth aggregation (802.11ad, 802.11ac, & Cellular) with MultiPath TCP on smartphones and explored the impact on power consumption and resource utilization. Ported 10K+ lines of Multipath TCP source code into Android Kernels for COTS UE (Asus ROG II, Pixel 5).
- AT&T Labs. Inc** Boston, MA
Research Intern & External Collaborator June 2021 - May 2022
 - Investigated the impact on QoE of low-latency video streaming application over 5G networks.*

NOTABLE PUBLICATIONS

- On the Predictability of Fine-grained Cellular Network Throughput using Machine Learning Models.**
Imran Khan*, Omar Basit*, Phuc Dinh*, Z. Jonny Kong*, Y. Charlie Hu, D. Koutsonikolas, Myungjin Lee, Chaoyue Liu.
IEEE MASS 2024
- Performance of Cellular Networks on the Wheels.**
Imran Khan*, M. Ghoshal*, Z. Jonny Kong*, Phuc Dinh, Jiayi Meng, Y. Charlie Hu, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas.
ACM IMC, 2023
- How Mature is 5G Deployment? A Cross-Sectional, Year-Long Study of 5G Uplink Performance.**
Imran Khan, Moinak Ghoshal, Joana Angjo, Sigrid Dimce, Mushahid Hussain, Paniz Parastar, Yenchia Yu, Claudio Fiandrino, Charalampos Orfanidis, Shivang Aggarwal, Ana C Aguiar, Ozgu Alay, Carla F. Chiasserini, Falko Dressler, Y. Charlie Hu, Steven Y. Kox, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas, Joerg Widmer.
IFIP Networking 2024
- An Open, Programmable, Multi-vendor 5G O-RAN Testbed with NVIDIA ARC and OpenAirInterface.**
Imran Khan*, D Villa*, Florian Kaltenberger, Nicholas Hedberg, Ruben Soares da Silva, Anupa Kelkar, Chris Dick, Stefano Basagni, Josep M Jornet, Tommaso Melodia, Michele Polese, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas.
IEEE INFOCOM NG-OPERA, 2024

- **5G Metamorphosis: A Longitudinal Study of 5G Performance from the Beginning.**
Imran Khan*, Omar Basit*, Moinak Ghoshal, Y. Charlie Hu, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas.
Under Submission
- **Handover Configurations in Operational 5G Networks: Diversity, Evolution, and Impact on Performance.**
Moinak Ghoshal, Imran Khan, Phuc Dinh, Z. Jonny Kong, Omar Basit, Sizhe Wang, Yufei Feng, Y. Charlie Hu, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas.
Under Submission
- **A First Large-Scale Study of Operational 5G Standalone Networks.**
Moinak Ghoshal, Imran Khan, Phuc Dinh, Omar Basit, Sizhe Wang, Jonny Kong, Yufei Feng, Y. Charlie Hu, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas.
Under Submission
- **An Experimental Study of Low-Latency Video Streaming over 5G.***
Imran Khan, Tuyen X. Tran, Matti Hiltunen, Theodore Karagioules, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas.
IEEE MeditCom 2024
- **A Large-Scale Study of the Potential of Multi-Carrier Access in the 5G Era.**
Fukun Chen, Moinak Ghoshal, Enfu Nan, Phuc Dinh, Imran Khan, Z. Jonny Kong, Y. Charlie Hu, D. Koutsonikolas.
PAM 2025
- **Can 5G mmWave Enable Edge-Assisted Real-Time Object Detection for Augmented Reality?**
Moinak Ghoshal, Z Jonny Kong, Qiang Xu, Zixiao Lu, Shivang Aggarwal, Imran Khan, Jiayi Meng, Yuanjie Li, Y Charlie Hu, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas
IEEE MASCOTS, 2023
- **Demo: NextG-up: a tool for measuring uplink performance of 5G networks.**
Imran Khan*, Moinak Ghoshal*, Qiang Xu, Z. Jonny Kong, Y. Charlie Hu, and Dimitrios Koutsonikolas
ACM Mobisys, 2022
- **MuSher: An Agile Multipath-TCP Scheduler for Dual-Band 802.11ad/ac Wireless LANs.**
S. Aggarwal, S. K. Saha, Imran Khan, R. Pathak, D. Koutsonikolas and J. Widmer
IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, 2022
- **An In-Depth Study of Uplink Performance of 5G mmWave Networks.**
Moinak Ghoshal, Z. Jonny Kong, Qiang Xu, Zixiao Lu, Shivang Aggarwal, Imran Khan, Yuanjie Li, Y. Charlie Hu, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas
ACM SIGCOMM 5G-MEMU, 2022
- **Multipath TCP in Smartphones Equipped with Millimeter Wave Radios.**
Imran Khan, Moinak Ghoshal, Shivang Aggarwal, Dimitrios Koutsonikolas, Joerg Widmer
ACM WiNTECH, 2021
- **Efficient Bandwidth Aggregation with MPTCP for Connected Vehicles.**
Imran Khan, K. Chen
IEEE Internet of Things, 2021
- **Bandwidth-need driven energy efficiency improvement of MPTCP users in wireless networks.**
M. R. Palash, K. Chen, Imran Khan
IEEE Trans. Green Commun. Netw., 2019

SOURCE CODE AND DATASET

- **Dataset** for Cross-Sectional, Year-Long Study of 5G Uplink Performance. [IFIP 2024]
- **Dataset** for Predictability of Fine-grained Cellular Network Throughput using ML Models. [IEEE MASS 2024]
- **Dataset** for 5G network performance on the wheels. [ACM IMC 2023]
- **Android app** NextG-UP app for a crowd-sourcing based measurement study of 5G uplink performance evolution.
- **MPTCP source code** for Pixel-5 Phone.
- **MPTCP source code** for an ROG Phone 2, from our WiNTECH 2021 paper.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/AWARDS

- Reviewer : Computer Networks 2024, IEEE Internet of Things 2024, IEEE GLOBECOM 2021, IEEE ICC 2024, COMCOM 2025, IEEE VTC2025, IEEE Transactions on Green Comm. and Networking 2025
- Web Chair: IEEE LANMAN 2024, WoWMoM 2023
- TPC Member: IEEE WCNC [2023, 2024]
- Got selected for NSF Funded Student travel grant for Mobicom'2021
- Got selected for NSF Funded POWDER Network and Wireless Week, Salt Lake City , Utah 2019