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Research Vision

My research focuses on advancing next-generation networks by optimizing spectrum resources to achieve high data rates, reliability, scalability, and practical deployments. I have particularly contributed in three areas:

- **Communication:** Develop innovative beamforming techniques (e.g., constructive multi-beams) to enhance reliable and scalable communication, particularly for mobile multi-user millimeter-wave networks.
- **Sensing:** Explore novel applications in wireless sensing, such as localization, tracking, and sensing-driven communication.
- **Security:** Investigate and mitigate security vulnerabilities (e.g., spoofing, jamming attacks) on wireless devices.

Professional Experience

- Aug 2024 – present **Assistant Professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)**, Albany, NY, USA.
Department of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering
- Established a new wireless lab at RPI that focuses on "theory meets systems" research for building the next generation of wireless networks for communication, sensing, and security.
- June–Dec 2022 **Research Intern, VMware**, Palo Alto, CA, USA.
Mentor: Dr. Rakesh Misra
- Designed and patented a near-real-time application (xApps) with VMware RIC in Open-RAN framework.
- June–Aug 2017 **Research Intern, Nokia Bell Labs**, Murray Hill, NJ, USA.
Mentor: Dr. Özge Kaya
- Developed a Reinforcement Learning-based beam management scheme for mobile mmWave links, demonstrating 60% efficiency improvement over a baseline on a real-world mobility dataset.

Education

- 2018 - 2024 **University of California San Diego, CA.**
PhD, Electrical and Computer Engineering, GPA: 4.0
Advisor: Prof. Dinesh Bharadia
- 2016 - 2018 **New York University, Tandon School of Engineering, NY.**
MS, Electrical and Computer Engineering, GPA: 3.96
Advisor: Prof. Shiv Panwar
- 2012 - 2016 **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Kanpur), India.**
Bachelors of Technology (B.Tech.), Electrical Engineering, GPA: 9.5 (out of 10)

Awards and Honors

- IBM-RPI Future of Computing Research Collaboration (FCRC) Award \$150,000 during 2025.
- Best Thesis Presentation, ITA (Information Theory Workshop), San Diego, 2024.
- Best Poster Runner-up, Hotmobile 2023.
- VMware intern achievement award with \$240,000 research grant 2022–23.
- Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship winner \$100,000 research grant 2022–23.
- Marconi Society Scholar in Residence grant \$5000 (sole recipient) 2021–22.
- Winner of 3-minute Thesis Award at ACM Mobisys'20, Mobicom'21, Mobicom'22.
- Commencement award for the best graduate student service in ECE, UC San Diego, May 2021.
- Commencement award for the best MS Academic Achievement in ECE, New York University, May 2019.
- Commencement award (Motorola Gold Medalist) for the best all-round performance in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, IIT Kanpur, May 2016.
- Travel grant for MobiCom New Delhi 2018, Hotmobile CA 2023, Infocom NY 2023.
- Samuel Morse MS Fellowship (\$100,000 financial support), New York University, 2016–2018.
- Secured All India Rank 390 (amongst 0.5 million students) in IIT–Joint Entrance Exam 2012.

Publications

- IEEE Infocom 2025 PhaseMO: Future-Proof, Energy-efficient, Adaptive Massive MIMO
A Heidari, A Gupta, **IK Jain**, D Bharadia
- ACM Open-AI RAN 2024 MIMO-RIC: RAN Intelligent Controller for MIMO xApps
Proceedings of the 30th Annual International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking, Mobicom 2024
SSR Jonnavithula, **IK Jain**, D Bharadia
- ACM Sensys 2024 CommRad: Collaborative Learning for Sensing-Driven mmWave Networks
IK Jain, Suriyaa MM, D Bharadia (ACM Sensys 2024)
- SmallSat 2024 mmSubArray: Enabling Joint Satellite and 5G Networks With Full-Spectrum Utilization in Millimeter-Wave Bands
R Vennam, **IK Jain**, N Bhat, Suriyaa M, D Bharadia
- ACM Hotmobile 2024 BeamArmor: Anti-Jamming in 5G Cellular Networks with MIMO Null-steering
F Zumegen, **IK Jain**, D Bharadia
- IEEE Infocom 2023 mmFlexible: Flexible Directional Frequency Multiplexing for Multi-user mmWave Networks
IK Jain, RR Vennam, R Subbaraman, D Bharadia – Media coverage
- IEEE S&P 2023 mmSpoof: Resilient Spoofing of Automotive Millimeter-wave Radars using Reflect Array
IEEE Security and Privacy 2023.
RR Vennam, **IK Jain**, K Bansal, J Orozco, P Shukla, A Ranganathan, D Bharadia – Media coverage
- WPMC 2022 VRProj: Delivering 360-degree video with Viewport-adaptive Truncation
International Symposium on Wireless Personal Multimedia Communications (WPMC) 2022.
T Qiu, **IK Jain**, R Wu, P Cosman, D Bharadia
- ACM HotCarbon 2022 Multiple smaller base stations are greener than a single powerful one: Densification of Wireless Cellular Networks,
ACM HotCarbon Workshop 2022
A Gupta, **IK Jain**, D Bharadia
- ACM SIGCOMM 2021 [mmReliable] Two beams are better than one: Towards Reliable and High Throughput mmWave Links
IK Jain, R Subbaraman, D Bharadia – Media coverage
- ACM mmNets 2020 mMobile: Building a mmWave Testbed to Evaluate and Address Mobility Effects
4th ACM Workshop on Millimeter-Wave Networks and Sensing Systems (Mobicom Workshop), 2020.
IK Jain, R Subbaraman, TH Sadarahalli, X Shao, H Lin, D Bharadia
- Usenix NSDI 2020 LocAP: Autonomous Millimeter Accurate Mapping of WiFi Infrastructure
R Ayyalasamayajula, A Arun, C Wu, S Rajagopalan, S Ganesaraman, A Seetharaman, **IK Jain**, D Bharadia
- MDPI Journal 2019 Extreme Multiclass Classification Criteria, *MDPI Computation Journal*, 2019.
A Choromanska, **IK Jain**
- IEEE JSAC 2018 The Impact of Mobile Blockers on Millimeter Wave Cellular Systems
IEEE Journal on selected areas in communications (JSAC), 2018
IK Jain, R Kumar, S Panwar
- IEEE ITC 2018 Driven by Capacity or Blockage? A Millimeter-wave Blockage Analysis
IEEE International Teletraffic Congress (ITC) 2018
IK Jain, R Kumar, S Panwar – Invited paper

Posters/ Demos

- Mobicom 2024 [Demo] mm-O-RAN: Building a Millimeter-wave O-RAN Testbed
S Mm, **IK Jain**, L Wilson, SSR Jonnavithula, D Bharadia

- Mobicom 2024 [Demo] FlexLink Demo: Flexible Frequency-Dependent Multi-Beamforming with Delay-Phased Array
IK Jain, YY Sun, S Cao, D Bharadia
- Mobicom 2024 [Demo] BeamArmor5G: Demonstrating MIMO Anti-Jamming and Localization with srsRAN 5G Stack
IK Jain, SSR Jonnavithula, D Bharadia
- Mobicom 2024 [Poster] AppNet: Application-Aware Networking with O-RAN
U Ghosh, IK Jain, S Seshasayee, S Shakkottai, D Bharadia
- Hotmobile 2024 [Poster] Tiny-twin: A Lightweight and Verifiable Digital Twin for NextG Cellular Networks
U Ghosh, IK Jain, S Shakkottai, D Bharadia
- Hotmobile 2024 [Demo] Practical, Real-Time MIMO Apps with Programmable RAN Controller
F Zumegen, IK Jain, D Bharadia
- Milcom 2023 [Demo] BeamArmor: Anti-Jamming System in Cellular Networks with srsRAN Software Radios
F Zumegen, IK Jain, D Bharadia
- Mobicom 2023 [Demo] A Compact and Real-Time Millimeter-wave Experiment Framework with True Mobility Capabilities
IK Jain, S MM, D Bharadia
- Hotmobile 2023 [Poster] Delay Phased Arrays: Towards programmable beam-bandwidth for 5G networks
IK Jain, RR Vennam, D Bharadia – **Best Poster Runner-up**
- Mobicom S3 2021 [Demo and Dataset] for mmWave Multi-beam Tracking using mMobile 28 GHz Testbed
IK Jain, R Subbaraman, D Bharadia
- MobiCom 2018 [Poster] Facilitating Low Latency and Reliable VR over Heterogeneous Wireless Networks
A Ravichandran, IK Jain, R Hegazy, T Wei, D Bharadia

Patents

- US Patent (provisional) Collaborative Learning for Sensing-Driven Millimeter-wave Networks
D Bharadia, IK Jain, et al.
- US Patent (provisional) Method and Apparatus for Resilient Spoofing of Automotive Radars
D Bharadia, IK Jain, et al.
- US Patent (provisional) Directional Frequency Multiplexing in Multi-User Millimeter-wave Networks
D Bharadia, IK Jain, et al.
- US Patent (granted) A Platform for xApp Development with RAN Intelligent Controller
R Misra, IK Jain, et al., inventors from VMware.
- US Patent (granted) Enabling Reliable Mmwave Link Using Multi-Beam Pro-Active Tracking.
D Bharadia, IK Jain, R Subbaraman, T Sadarahalli
- US Patent (granted) Enable Indoor Navigation with Context assisted Localization
D Bharadia, R Ayyalasomayajula, A Arun, IK Jain C Wu, S Rajagopalan, S Ganesaraman, A Seetharaman

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Teaching Assistant.

- WI 2021,23 ECE 257B- Modern Wireless Communication (Graduate) – **Best TA 10/10 rating** [Link to class evaluations]
- Spring 2020 ECE 157B- Wireless Sensing Systems (Undergraduate) – **Helped design a new class** [Link to my notes]
- Spring 2018 EEGY 9123- Introduction to Machine Learning (Graduate)
- Fall 2017 EEUY 4563- Introduction to Machine Learning (Undergraduate) – **Helped design a new class** [Link to class exercises]
- Spring 2017 ELGY 6373- Internet Architecture and Protocols Lab (Graduate)

Mentorship Experience, I have mentored historically underrepresented and underprivileged students.

- 2022-24 Rohith Reddy (UCSD PhD)

2023-24 Ushasi Ghosh (UCSD PhD)
 2023-24 Mohamed Waeel (UCSD PhD)
 2022-24 Suriyaa MM (UCSD MS → Apple)
 2021-23 Joshua Orozco (UCSD MS → TrellisWare Technologies)
 2021-23 Puja Shukla (UCSD MS → Marvel Technology)
 2019-22 Tian Qiu (UCSD MS → UCSB PhD)
 2020-22 Xiangwei Shao (UCSD MS → Huawei, China)
 2020-22 Weginbara (Michael) Youpele (UCSD MS → Naval Surface Warfare Center)
 2019-21 Hou-Wei Lin (UCSD MS → Amazon)
 2018-20 Tejas Sadarahalli (UCSD MS → Qualcomm)
 2019-21 Raini Wu (UCSD BS → UCSD PhD)

Invited Talks

University and Industry Talks.

Nov 2024 BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, India
 Nov 2024 IIT Roorkee, India
 Nov 2024 IIIT Hyderabad, India
 Nov 2024 IIT Hyderabad, India
 Nov 2024 IIT Madras, India
 Sep 2024 University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
 Sep 2024 Northeastern University, Boston, MA
 Mar 2024 University of Texas, Austin, TX
 Mar 2024 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY
 Nov 2023 IMDEA Network Institute, Madrid, Spain
 Aug 2023 Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship talk, San Diego, CA
 Jul 2023 Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India
 Jun 2023 Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India
 Jun 2023 Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
 May 2023 Princeton University, NJ
 May 2023 New York University, NY
 Apr 2023 University of Washington, Seattle, WA
 Sep 2022 VMware invited talk, Palo Alto, CA
 Jun 2022 University of Colorado, Denver, CO

Conference Talks.

Nov 2024 Sensys 2024, Hangzhou, China (virtual)
 Oct 2024 srsRAN Workshop, Washington DC
 Mar 2024 Hotmobile 2024, San Diego, CA
 Mar 2024 ITA–Information Theory Workshop 2024, San Diego, CA – **Best Presentation Award**
 Nov 2023 Mobicom mmNets 2023, Madrid, Spain
 May 2023 Infocom 2023, New York City, NY
 Aug 2021 Mobicom Workshop 2022, virtual – **Best 3-minute Thesis Award**
 Aug 2021 Mobicom Workshop 2021, New Orleans, LA – **Best 3-minute Thesis Award**
 Aug 2021 Sigcomm 2021, virtual
 Aug 2021 Mobisys Workshop 2020, virtual – **Best 3-minute Thesis Award**
 Aug 2020 Mobicom mmNets 2020, virtual

Leadership

2021–2022 **The Marconi Society**, *Scholar in Residence*.

Served as a student scholar for facilitating the Marconi Society meetings with the chair Vint Cerf and other prominent scientists, engineers, and policymakers.

- 2021–2022 **Escribamos Ciencia K12 team, UC San Diego.**
Developed interesting science modules and videos for K12 students on topics such as electricity, internet, nuclear power, etc., under the guidance of Prof. Olivia Graeve.
- 2020–2022 **Jacobs Undergraduate Mentorship Program, UC San Diego.**
Mentored underprivileged students through lab tours, industry talks, panel discussions, technical workshops, etc., and bridged the communication gap between undergraduates and graduate students.
- 2020–2021 **O.W.L Reading group, Inter-continental collaboration.**
Founded in Fall 2020 as a small group of Ph.D. students interested in research talks and discussion on recent conference papers and has grown to over 100+ members in a year.
- 2019–2021 **Vice President, ECE graduate student council, UC San Diego.**
Responsible for providing communication between ECE students and the ECE department and organizing seminars and student mentorship programs.

Services

- 2023–2025 **Co-chair.**
ACM Mobicom Open-AI-RAN Workshop 2024, publicity chair
ACM Mobicom S3 Workshop 2023, co-chair
ACM Mobicom mmNets 2023, publicity chair
- 2021–2025 **Technical Program Committee (TPC).**
ACM Mobisys 2025
ACM Mobicom 2025
IEEE ICASSP 2025
IEEE WCNC 2025
IEEE MSN 2024
ACM Mobicom S3 Workshop 2021
IEEE WCNC 2022
- 2019–2024 **Artifact Evaluation Committee (AEC).**
ACM Mobicom 2024
ACM Sigcomm 2023
ACM Mobicom 2023
ACM CoNEXT 2019
- 2019–2025 **Technical Reviews.**
IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (TSP) 2025
IEEE ISIT 2024
IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing (TMC) 2024
IEEE Transactions on Communications (TCOM) 2023
IEEE Transactions Vehicular Technology (TVT) 2019-24
IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (TNET) 2023
IEEE Access 2021- 23
IEEE Comm Letter 2022-23
IEEE JSAC 2023
IEEE WCNC 2022-23
- 2021–2022 **Lead organizer and moderator.**
Sigcomm'21 Social Trivia Organizer
COMSNETS'22 Panel Moderator