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INTERESTS

RF/Wireless Integrated Circuits and Systems, Interference Management and Blind Source Separation, Adaptive Filters and Beamformers, Signal Processing/Machine Learning algorithms in Wireless/Acoustics

EDUCATION

The University of Illinois (UIUC), Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA (CGPA:3.57/4.00)

Aug 2018-

■ **Ph.D.** in Electrical and Computer Engineering

(Advisors: Jin Zhou, Romit R. Choudhury)

· Focus: Reconfigurable RF, Interference Cancellation, Non-Line-of-Sight Sensing/Tracking

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA (CGPA:3.893/4.000)

Sep 2016 – Jun 2018

■ M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

(Advisors: Ehsan Afshari, David Blaauw)

Focus: Automatic Beamforming, Injection-locked Coupled Oscillators, RF Power Receiver

Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech), Tokyo, Japan (CGPA:94.3/100)

Apr 2011 – Aug 2013,

■ **B.Eng.** in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Summa Cum laude)

Sep 2015 - Mar 2016

Early Graduation With Excellence (3-year Graduation)

Korean Mandatory Military Service (2013 - 2015)

(Advisors: Makoto Ando, Jiro Hirokawa)

RESEARCH **EXPERIENCE**

Coordinated Science Laboratory (CSL), UIUC

Jun 2020 -

(Advisors: Prof. Romit Roy Choudhury and Prof. Jin Zhou)

Blind source separation algorithms for real-time Non-field-of-view tracking/sensing.

Wireless Microsystems and Circuits Lab (WiMAC Lab), UIUC

Aug 2018 -

(Advisor: Prof. Jin Zhou)

- Novel interference-tolerant receiver architecture for 5G & software-defined radios.
 - Impedance aliasing phenomenon: analysis and derivation on harmonically coupled feedback systems in frequency-translational time-varying mixers.
 - By avoiding impedance aliasing, a hybrid CMOS-acoustic design for widely-tunable blocker-tolerant RF bandpass filtering Rx front-end is proposed to substantially reduce acoustic filter count. [1, 4, 5] (TSMC65nm)
- Fully-integrated full-duplex/FDD receiver with self-adaptive self-interference cancellation. [2]
 - · Analysis and simulation of various gradient-descent algorithms for self-interference cancellation in software-modelled QAM transceiver with RF and analog hybrid-analog-digital autonomous adaptation loops.
- Sub-Nyquist wideband spectrum sensing system using acoustic comb filters. [3]
 - · Sparse recovery algorithm enabling detection of densely-occupied bands across a wide spectrum sampled significantly below the Nyquist sampling rate.
- CADELAC(Commutated-Circuit-and-Acoustic-Delay-Line-based Adaptive Canceller) QIF2021 Finalist
 - · Explored DNN distillation for direct-RF adaptive interference cancellation scheme in full-duplex wireless systems to overcome non-idealities from frequency-translational acoustic delay lines.

Research-oriented Course Projects, UIUC

Aug 2018 -

- DNN Receiver: Replaced existing QAM receiver and decoder with deep neural network-based Rx (ECE598NS)
- Indoor localization using WLS algorithm for multiple voice assistants with MIC arrays (CS434)

Radiation Laboratory (RadLab), U Michigan

Aug 2017 – Aug 2018

(Advisor: Prof. Ehsan Afshari)

- A 77-GHz retro-directive transceiver with intjection-locked coupled oscillators for self-aligning and self-steering beams to provide robust links among wireless nodes. (ST130nm)
- Analysis on human language efficiency as information code with entropy of English, Japanese, Korean, and Mandarin as a communication system by proposing M-PSK equivalent high-order Markov Chain.

Michigan Integrated Circuit Laboratory (MICL), U Michigan

Dec 2016 – Aug 2017

(Advisor: Prof. David Blaauw)

 Multi-band RF harvester using a hybrid RF-DC & DC-DC converter adaptively controlled by VCO for optimal power delivery point. And analyzed power conversion efficiency of amplifier-first RF harvester. (TSMC180nm)

Millimeter-wave EM and Antenna Laboratory, Tokyo Tech

Sep 2015 - Jun 2016

(Advisor: Prof. Makoto Ando and Prof. Jiro Hirokawa)

 Quadrupled beamforming antenna element number from 32x32 to 64x64 by suppressing structural distortions via supportive bridge configurations using diffusion-bonding half-etching technique. (simulated and measured)

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] <u>H. Seo</u> and J. Zhou, "A 2.5-to-4.5-GHz Switched-LC-Mixer-First Acoustic-Filtering RF Front-End Achieving <6dB NF, +30dBm IIP3 at 1xBandwidth Offset," *IEEE Radio Frequency Integrated Circuits Symposium (RFIC '20)*, Los Angeles, CA, USA, Jun 2020.
- [2] Y. Cao, X. Cao, <u>H. Seo</u>, and J. Zhou, "An Integrated Full-Duplex/FDD Duplexer and Receiver Achieving 100MHz Bandwidth 58dB/48dB Self-Interference Suppression Using Hybrid-Analog-Digital Autonomous Adaptation Loops," *IEEE International Microwave Symposium (IMS '20)*, Los Angeles, CA, USA, Jun 2020.
- [3] J. Guan, J. Zhang, R. Lu, <u>H. Seo</u>, J. Zhou, S. Gong, and H. Hassanieh, "Efficient Wideband Spectrum Sensing Using MEMS Acoustic Resonators," *The 18th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI '21)*, Boston, MA, USA, Apr 2021.
- [4] <u>H. Seo</u> and J. Zhou, "A Mixer-First Acoustic-Filtering Superheterodyne RF Front-End," to appear at *IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits (JSSC)*, May 2021. (Invited from RFIC 2020 paper).
- [5] <u>H. Seo</u>, M. Sha, and J. Zhou, "A 3.5-to-6.2-GHz Mixer-First Acoustic-Filtering Receiver Chipset with Mixed-Domain Asymmetric IF and Complex BB Recombination Achieving 170MHz BW and +27dBm IIP3 at 1xBW offset," *IEEE Radio Frequency Integrated Circuits Symposium (RFIC '21)*, Atlanta, GA, USA, Jun 2021.

HONORS & AWARDS

■ Finalist team of Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Award (QIF) - Team CADELAC	2021
 Recipient of PhD Student Sponsorship Initiative by IEEE RFIC/IMS 2019 at Boston 	2019
 Recipient of Kwanjeong Educational Foundation Scholarship (17th) 	2018– 2022
 Recipient of U Michigan ECE Departmental Fellowship for 3 semesters 	2016–2017
■ Selected as a representative of Tokyo Tech, <u>Academic Excellence Award</u> upon graduation.	2016
 3-Year Graduation with Excellence at Tokyo Tech (One of the very few achieved cases in Tokyo Tech history.) 	2016
 Recipient of Korea-Japan Joint Government Scholarship (11th). 	2010 - 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- Teaching Assistantship (TA) @ UIUC:
 - Communication Networks (CS438)

Fall 2021 Fall/Spring 2020

- Radio-Frequency IC design (ECE498JZ), Electronic Circuits (ECE342)
- Fall 2021-

■ President of UIUC Korean ECE student association.

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- Vice president of University of Michigan Korean EECS student association. [Link]
 Co-organizer of the 1st ASPIRE League E-Olympics at KAIST, South Korea. [Link]
- Co-organizer of the 1st ASPIRE League E-Olympics at KAIS1, South Korea. [Link]
- Jun 2013

2016 - 2017

Aug 2014

- Member of Team Tokyo Tech, BIOMOD 2013 (Biomolecular Design Competition)
 Director and Editor of a Youtube video clip of 170K views of Tokyo Tech [Link]
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 President of Tokyo Tech International Student Association (TISA) [Link]
 Feb 2012 Jul 2013
- KEY COURSES UIUC
 - Mobile Computing, Advanced Wireless Networks & Sensing, Random Process, Information Theory
 - Machine Learning (ML), ML for Signal Processing, Deep Learning in HW, Detection and Estimation Theory
 - Advanced Analog IC Design, Radio-Frequency IC & System Design, Advanced Signal Integrity

U Michigan

- Analog/Digital Interfaces, Analog IC Design, VLSI Design I
- Electromagnetic Theory, Digital Communication & Coding

LANGUAGE &SKILLS

Language

• Korean(Native), English(Fluent), Japanese(Bilingual), Chinese(Beginner), German(Limited)

Programming

■ Python, MATLAB, C++, LATEX, CSS/HTML

Framework

■ PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scipy, SciKit(DSP, Comm), CVXPY

Tools/Equipment

■ Cadence Virtuoso, HFSS, ADS, PCB Design tools, VNA, Signal/Spectral Analyzer