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Career Objective

Pursue research focusing on the design and development of secure and next generation wireless networking infrastructures.

Research Interests

Next Generation Wireless Platforms: Design and deployment of real-world wireless testbeds to enable research in future wireless communication systems such as 5G and beyond, and Open Radio Access Networks (Open RAN).

Software Defined Wireless Networks: Application of Software Defined Networking (SDN) approach in different classes of wireless networks including wireless local area networks, mesh networks, disruption tolerant networks, sensor networks, and satellite networks.

Internet of Things (IoT): Design and development of light-weight wireless solutions for sensor networks for future applications.

Intelligent Transportation Systems: Involves the analysis of road networks using tools such as complex networks and explore hidden patterns that leads to existing problems. Further, use the analysis for the characterization, design, and development of mobility models, routing protocols, and security frameworks.

Systems Security: Analysis of different attacks on SDN architecture as well as the design and development of solutions to defend the attacks.

Complex Networks: Besides wireless networks and road networks, exploiting complex networks in analyzing any system of social importance.

Education

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

THESIS: *Software defined disruption tolerant networks*

ADVISOR: Prof. B. S. Manoj

Feb 2014 – May 2021

Thiruvananthapuram, India

CGPA: 9.25/10

National Institute of Technology, Calicut

Master of Technology (M.Tech.) in Computer Science and Engineering (Information Security)

THESIS: *A usage control based model for multi-domain environments with distributed attributes*

ADVISOR: Prof. Priya Chandran

Aug 2009 – May 2011

Calicut, India

CGPA: 8.97/10

Mahatma Gandhi University

Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) in Information Technology

PROJECT: *Remote system access through universal serial bus*

Aug 2005 – Aug 2009

Kottayam, India

Percentage: 82.28%

Board of Higher Secondary Examination, Kerala

Higher Secondary Examination (HSE) in Computer Science

Brahmanandodayam Higher Secondary School, Kalady

Jul 2003 – Mar 2005

Ernakulam, India

Percentage: 91.83%

Board of Public Examinations, Kerala

Technical High School Leaving Certificate (THSLC) in Electronics

Model Technical Higher Secondary School, Kaprassery

Jun 2000 – Mar 2003

Ernakulam, India

Percentage: 81.5%

Experience

Iowa State University

*Research Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Center for Wireless, Communities and Innovation (WiCI)*

Feb 2025 – Present

Ames, IA, USA

Iowa State University

*Research Scientist II, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Center for Wireless, Communities and Innovation (WiCI)*

Oct 2021 – Feb 2025

Ames, IA, USA

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Avionics

Feb 2014 – May 2021

Thiruvananthapuram, India

National Institute of Technology, Calicut

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Jul 2009 – May 2011

Calicut, India

Recognitions | Scholarships | Certifications

- **IEEE International Conference on Network Softwarization (IEEE NetSoft '25)** Jun 2025
Best Paper Award Budapest, Hungary
- **Midscale Experimental Research Infrastructure Forum 2024 (MERIF '24)** Sep 2024
Best Demo Award Kansas City, MO, USA
- **IEEE Future Networks World Forum (FNWF '23)** Nov 2023
Honorable Mention for the Paper Baltimore, MD, USA
- **ACM Workshop on Wireless Network Testbeds, Experimental evaluation & Characterization (WiNTECH '23)** Oct 2023
Best Paper Award Madrid, Spain
- **Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology** Nov 2019
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in the Department of Avionics Thiruvananthapuram, India
- **Department of Space, Government of India** Feb 2014 – Jan 2019
Ph.D. Scholarship, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology Thiruvananthapuram, India
- **Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India** Jul 2009 – May 2011
Master's Scholarship, National Institute of Technology, Calicut Calicut, India
- **Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India** Mar 2009
Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE), Percentile: 96.84
- **Infosys** Sep 2009
Campus Connect Program
- **Red Hat** Apr 2007
Linux 4.0 Essentials, Linux 4.0 System Administration, and Network and Security Administration

Projects Involved

- Real-Time Liquid Wireless Networking for Data-Intensive Rural Applications** Oct 2022 – Present
- **ROLE:** Develop the infrastructure for Real-time liquid wireless networking
 - **OBJECTIVE:** Design and develop a framework for real-time data-intensive rural wireless applications using fountain codes to provide probabilistic real-time packet delivery guarantees.
 - **COLLABORATORS:** *Iowa State University, International Computer Science Institute, and Boston University*
- ARA—Living Lab for Smart and Connected Rural Communities** Oct 2021 – Present
- **ROLE:** Research Scientist; Co-lead the Software Working Group; Develop the ARA software ecosystem;
 - **OBJECTIVE:** Develop at-scale real-world experimental infrastructure for rural wireless applications.
 - **COLLABORATORS:** *Iowa State University, Ohio State University, International Computer Science Institute, University of California Irvine, and industry partners*
- OPERA: An Open-Source Ecosystem for Broadband Prairie** Sep 2022 – Aug 2024
- **ROLE:** Develop the open-source software framework for OPERA
 - **OBJECTIVE:** Provide leadership (in terms of organization, partnership, and infrastructure) in building open-source ecosystem in addition to contribute toward open source software, open source hardware, and open source datasets.
 - **COLLABORATOR:** *Iowa State University*
- MICRONet—Mobile Infrastructure for Coastal Region Offshore Communications & Networks** May 2014 – Aug 2017
- **ROLE:** Graduate student
 - **OBJECTIVE:** Provide wireless mesh network based offshore communication platform for fishermen at sea.
 - **COLLABORATORS:** *Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Amrita University, Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management - Kerala (IIITM-K), and Information Technology Research Academy (ITRA)*
- IIST MeshNet: A Programmable Hybrid Wireless Mesh Network Testbed** Mar 2013 – Mar 2016
- **ROLE:** Graduate Student
 - **OBJECTIVE:** Design and build a software defined wireless mesh network testbed for wireless research at IIST.
 - **COLLABORATOR:** *Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST)*

Publications

Journals

1. T. U. Islam, J. O. Boateng, M. Nadim, G. Zu, M. Shahid, X. Li, T. Zhang, S. Reddy, W. Xu, A. Atalar, V. Lee, Y. Chen, E. Gossling, E. Permatasari, C. Somiah, O. Perrin, Z. Meng, R. Afzal, **Sarath Babu**, M. Soliman, A. Hussain, D. Qiao, M. Zheng, O. Boyraz, Y. Guan, A. Arora, M. Y. Selim, A. Ahmad, M. B. Cohen, M. Luby, R. Chandra, J. Gross, K. Keahey, and H. Zhang, “*Design and Implementation of ARA Wireless Living Lab for Rural Broadband and Applications*,” **Elsevier Computer Networks**, vol. 263, pp. 111188, May 2025. DOI: [10.1016/j.comnet.2025.111188](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comnet.2025.111188)
2. D. Dalai, **Sarath Babu**, B. S. Vineeth, and B. S. Manoj, “*A novel space based hosting approach for ultra low latency web services*,” **IEEE Access**, vol. 12, pp. 142838-142862, Sep. 2024. DOI: [10.1109/ACCESS.2024.3462252](https://doi.org/10.1109/ACCESS.2024.3462252)

3. Sarath Babu, A. Rajeev, and B. S. Manoj, "A medium-term disruption tolerant SDN for wireless TCP/IP networks," **IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management (IEEE TNSM)**, pp. 2318–2334, Dec. 2020. DOI: [10.1109/TNSM.2020.3023889](https://doi.org/10.1109/TNSM.2020.3023889)
4. A. Chakraborty, Sarath Babu, and B. S. Manoj, "On achieving capacity-enhanced small-world networks," **Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications**, vol. 556, p. 124729, Oct. 2020. DOI: [10.1016/j.physa.2020.124729](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physa.2020.124729)
5. Sarath Babu and B. S. Manoj, "Toward a type-based analysis of road networks," **ACM Transactions on Spatial Algorithms and Systems (ACM TSAS)**, vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 28:1–28:45, Aug. 2020. DOI: [10.1145/3397579](https://doi.org/10.1145/3397579)
6. P. Koshy, Sarath Babu, and B. S. Manoj, "Sliding window blockchain architecture for Internet of Things," **IEEE Internet of Things Journal**, vol. 7, no. 4, pp. 3338–3348, Apr. 2020. DOI: [10.1109/JIOT.2020.2967119](https://doi.org/10.1109/JIOT.2020.2967119)
7. Sarath Babu, P. V. Mithun, and B. S. Manoj, "A novel framework for resource discovery and self-configuration in software defined wireless mesh networks," **IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management (IEEE TNSM)**, vol. 17, no. 1, pp. 132–146, Mar. 2020. DOI: [10.1109/TNSM.2019.2922107](https://doi.org/10.1109/TNSM.2019.2922107)
8. N. Anand, Sarath Babu, and B. S. Manoj, "On detecting compromised controller in software defined networks," **Elsevier Computer Networks**, vol. 137, pp. 107–118, Jun. 2018. DOI: [10.1016/j.comnet.2018.03.021](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comnet.2018.03.021)
9. D. S. Yadav, Sarath Babu, and B. S. Manoj, "Quasi path restoration: A post-failure recovery scheme over pre-allocated backup resource for elastic optical networks," **Elsevier Optical Fiber Technology**, vol. 41, pp. 139–154, Mar. 2018. DOI: [10.1016/j.yofte.2018.01.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.yofte.2018.01.011)

Conferences

1. J. O. Boateng, T. Zhang, G. Zu, T. U. Islam, Sarath Babu, F. Kaltenberger, R. Schmidt, H. Zhang, D. Qiao, "AraRACH: Enhancing NextG random access reliability in programmable wireless living labs," in the Proceedings of the 11th **IEEE International Conference on Network Softwarization (IEEE NetSoft)**, Jun. 2025, pp. 362–370, DOI: [10.1109/NetSoft64993.2025.11080601](https://doi.org/10.1109/NetSoft64993.2025.11080601) [Best Paper Award]
2. M. Shahid, K. Das, H. Ushaq, H. Zhang, J. Song, D. Qiao, Sarath Babu, Y. Guan, Z. Zhu, A. Ahmad, "ReVeal: A physics-informed neural network for high-fidelity radio environment mapping," accepted in **IEEE International Symposium on Dynamic Spectrum Access Networks (IEEE DySPAN '25)**, London, UK, May 2025.
3. M. Nadim, T. Islam, S. Reddy, T. Zhang, Z. Meng, R. Afzal, Sarath Babu, A. Ahmed, D. Qiao, A. Arora, H. Zhang, "AraSync: Precision time synchronization in rural wireless living lab," in Proceedings of the 30th Annual **International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (ACM MobiCom '24)**, Nov. 2024, pp. 1758–1763. DOI: [10.1145/3636534.3697318](https://doi.org/10.1145/3636534.3697318)
4. J. O. Boateng, T. Zhang, G. Zu, T. U. Islam, Sarath Babu, H. Zhang, and D. Qiao, "AraSDR: End-to-end, fully-programmable living lab for 5G and beyond," in the Proceedings of the **IEEE International Conference on Communications (IEEE ICC)**, Jun. 2024, pp. 1758–1763. DOI: [10.1109/ICC51166.2024.10623061](https://doi.org/10.1109/ICC51166.2024.10623061)
5. E. K. A. Permatasari, E. Gosling, M. Nadim, Sarath Babu, D. Qiao, H. Zhang, M. Luby, J. W. Byers, L. Minder, and P. Aggrawal, "Real-time liquid wireless transport for video streaming in rural and agricultural applications," in Proceedings of the 3rd **ACM Mile High Video (ACM MHV)**, Feb. 2024, pp. 54–60. DOI: [10.1145/3638036.3640806](https://doi.org/10.1145/3638036.3640806)
6. G. Zu, M. Nadim, S. Reddy, T. U. Islam, Sarath Babu, T. Zhang, D. Qiao, H. Zhang, and A. Arora, "AraHaul: Multi-modal wireless x-haul living lab for long-distance, high-capacity communications," in Proceedings of the 2023 **IEEE Future Networks World Forum (IEEE FNWF)**, Nov. 2023, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520543](https://doi.org/10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520543)
7. T. Zhang, G. Zu, T. U. Islam, E. Gossling, Sarath Babu, D. Qiao, and H. Zhang, "Exploring wireless channels in rural areas: A comprehensive measurement study," in the Proceedings of the 2023 **IEEE Future Networks World Forum (IEEE FNWF)**, Baltimore, MD, USA, Nov. 2023, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520408](https://doi.org/10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520408) [Honorable Mention]
8. T. U. Islam, T. Zhang, J. O. Boateng, E. Gossling, G. Zu, Sarath Babu, H. Zhang, and D. Qiao, "AraMIMO: Programmable TVWS mMIMO living lab for rural wireless," in Proceedings of the 17th **ACM Workshop on Wireless Network Testbeds, Experimental evaluation & Characterization (ACM WiNTECH '23)**, Oct. 2023, pp. 9–16. DOI: [10.1145/3615453.3616512](https://doi.org/10.1145/3615453.3616512) [Best Paper Award]
9. M. Shahid, Sarath Babu, H. Zhang, D. Qiao, Y. Guan, J. O. Boateng, T. U. Islam, G. Zu, A. Kamal, and M. Zheng, "Wireless guard for trustworthy spectrum management," in Proceedings of the 16th **ACM Workshop on Wireless Network Testbeds, Experimental evaluation & Characterization (ACM WiNTECH '22)**, Oct. 2022, pp. 32–39. DOI: [10.1145/3556564.3558241](https://doi.org/10.1145/3556564.3558241)
10. K. Keahey, J. Anderson, M. Sherman, C. Hammock, Z. Zhen, J. Tillotson, T. Bargo, L. Long, T. U. Islam, Sarath Babu, H. Zhang, and F. Halbach, "CHI-in-a-Box: Reducing operational costs of research testbeds," in Proceedings of the **ACM Practice and Experience in Advanced Research Computing (ACM PEARC)** Conference Series, Jul. 2022, pp. 1–8. DOI: [10.1145/3491418.3530768](https://doi.org/10.1145/3491418.3530768)
11. T. Abhiroop, Sarath Babu, and B. S. Manoj, "A machine learning consensus based light-weight blockchain architecture for Internet of Things," in Proceedings of the 14th **International Conference on Communication Systems & Networks (COMSNETS)**, Jan. 2022, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/COMSNETS53615.2022.9668487](https://doi.org/10.1109/COMSNETS53615.2022.9668487)

12. A. Salas, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*A light-weight delay tolerant networking framework for resource-constrained environments*,” in Proceedings of the 27th **National Conference on Communications (NCC)**, Jul. 2021, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/NCC52529.2021.9530075](https://doi.org/10.1109/NCC52529.2021.9530075)
13. **Sarath Babu**, I. Ghosh, and B. S. Manoj, “*Effort: A new metric for roadside unit placement in 5G enabled vehicular networks*,” in Proceedings of the 3rd **IEEE 5G World Forum (IEEE 5GWF)**, Sep. 2020, pp. 263–268. DOI: [10.1109/5GWF49715.2020.9221228](https://doi.org/10.1109/5GWF49715.2020.9221228)
14. D. Dalai, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*On using edge servers in 5G satellite networks*,” in Proceedings of the 3rd **IEEE 5G World Forum (IEEE 5GWF)**, Sep. 2020, pp. 553–558. DOI: [10.1109/5GWF49715.2020.9221366](https://doi.org/10.1109/5GWF49715.2020.9221366)
15. R. Suraj, **Sarath Babu**, D. Dalai, and B. S. Manoj, “*DebriNet: An opportunistic software defined networking framework over PSLV debris*,” in Proceedings of the **IEEE International Conference on Advanced Networks and Telecommunications Systems (IEEE ANTS)**, Dec. 2019, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/ANTS47819.2019.9118082](https://doi.org/10.1109/ANTS47819.2019.9118082)
16. **Sarath Babu**, P. Rathod, and B. S. Manoj, “*On optimizing information gathering in shanty town emergency response*,” in Proceedings of the **IEEE Region 10 Conference (IEEE TENCON)**, Oct. 2019, pp. 129–134. DOI: [10.1109/TENCON.2019.8929340](https://doi.org/10.1109/TENCON.2019.8929340)
17. T. Abhiroop, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*A machine learning approach for detecting DoS attacks in SDN switches*,” in Proceedings of the 24th **National Conference on Communications (NCC)**, Feb. 2018, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/NCC.2018.8600196](https://doi.org/10.1109/NCC.2018.8600196)
18. P. V. Mithun, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*On resolving network view inconsistencies in SDN control plane*,” in Proceedings of the **IEEE International Conference on Advanced Networks and Telecommunications Systems (IEEE ANTS)**, Dec. 2017, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/ANTS.2017.8384108](https://doi.org/10.1109/ANTS.2017.8384108)
19. G. Gupta, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*Dual-mode TCP: An alternative approach for delay tolerant networks*,” in Proceedings of the 23rd **National Conference on Communications (NCC)**, Mar. 2017, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/NCC.2017.8077040](https://doi.org/10.1109/NCC.2017.8077040)
20. **Sarath Babu** and B. S. Manoj, “*On the topology of Indian and Western road networks*,” in Proceedings of the 8th **International Conference on Communication Systems and Networks (COMSNETS)**, Jan. 2016, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/COMSNETS.2016.7440027](https://doi.org/10.1109/COMSNETS.2016.7440027)
21. R. Raj, **Sarath Babu**, K. Benson, G. Jain, B. S. Manoj, and N. Venkatasubramanian, “*Efficient path rescheduling of heterogeneous mobile data collectors for dynamic events in shanty town emergency response*,” in Proceedings of the **IEEE Global Communications Conference (IEEE GLOBECOM)**, Dec. 2015, pp. 1–7. DOI: [10.1109/GLOCOM.2015.7417610](https://doi.org/10.1109/GLOCOM.2015.7417610)
22. A. V. Mamidi, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*Dynamic multi-hop switch handoffs in software defined wireless mesh networks*,” in Proceedings of the **IEEE International Conference on Advanced Networks and Telecommunications Systems (IEEE ANTS)**, Dec. 2015, pp. 1–6. DOI: [10.1109/ANTS.2015.7413638](https://doi.org/10.1109/ANTS.2015.7413638)
23. G. Jain, **Sarath Babu**, R. Raj, K. Benson, B. S. Manoj, and N. Venkatasubramanian, “*On disaster information gathering in a complex shanty town terrain*,” in Proceedings of the **IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference - South Asia Satellite (IEEE GHTC-SAS)**, Sep. 2014, pp. 147–153. DOI: [10.1109/GHTC-SAS.2014.6967574](https://doi.org/10.1109/GHTC-SAS.2014.6967574)

Demos | Posters

1. X. Li, A. Atalar, M. Nadim, **Sarath Babu**, C. J. Margison, M. M. Bayer, A. Ahmad, D. Qiao, H. Zhang, and O. Boyraz, “*Long-Range, High-Capacity FSOC System for Rural Wireless X-Haul Using COTS Transceivers*,” accepted in 51th **European Conference on Optical Communication (ECOC)**, Copenhagen, Denmark, Sep–Oct. 2025.
2. T. U. Islam, M. Nadim, G. Zu, O. J. Perrin, V. Lee, J. O. Boateng, M. Shahid, T. Zhang, S. Reddy, W. Xu, X. Li, A. Atalar, **Sarath Babu**, A. Ahmad, M. Soliman, A. Hussain, D. Qiao, M. Zheng, Y. Guan, O. Boyraz, A. Arora, M. Selim, M. B. Cohen, H. Zhang, “*ARA PAWR: Enabling wireless experiments with programmable COTS RAN and x-Haul platforms*,” in **Midscale Experimental Research Infrastructure Forum (MERIF '24)**, Sep. 2024. **[Best Demo Award]**
3. T. U. Islam, J. O. Boateng, G. Zu, M. Shahid, M. Nadim, W. Xu, T. Zhang, S. Reddy, X. Li, A. Atalar, Y. Chen, **Sarath Babu**, H. Zhang, D. Qiao, M. Zheng, Y. Guan, O. Boyraz, A. Arora, M. Selim, and M. B. Cohen, “*ARA PAWR: Wireless living lab for smart and connected rural communities*,” in Proceedings of the 29th Annual **International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (ACM MobiCom '23)**. ACM, Article 98, Oct. 2023, pp. 1–3. DOI: [10.1145/3570361.3614068](https://doi.org/10.1145/3570361.3614068)

Book Chapters

1. A. D. Dhruva, **Sarath Babu**, A. Chakraborty, and B. S. Manoj, “*Computing platforms for the Internet of Things*,” In: Abraham, Martin A. (eds.) **Encyclopedia of Sustainable Technologies**, 2nd Edition, 2024, vol. 3, pp. 780–799. Oxford: Elsevier. DOI: [10.1016/B978-0-323-90386-8.00068-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-90386-8.00068-1)

arXiv Preprints

1. T. U. Islam et al., “*Design and implementation of ARA wireless living lab for rural broadband and applications*,” **arXiv** preprint arXiv:2408.00913v1, Aug. 2024. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2408.00913](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2408.00913)
2. M. Shahid et al., “*Wireless spectrum in rural farmlands: Status, challenges and opportunities*,” **arXiv** preprint arXiv:2407.04561v1, Jul. 2024. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2407.04561](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2407.04561)
3. D. Dalai, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*Satellite-6G network integration roadmap on reference architectures*,” **TechRxiv**. Preprint. (2022). DOI: [10.36227/techrxiv.20624685.v1](https://doi.org/10.36227/techrxiv.20624685.v1)
4. **Sarath Babu**, G. Jain, and B. S. Manoj, “*Urban Delay Tolerant Network Simulator (UDTNSim v0.1)*,” **CoRR**, vol. abs/1709.05645, Sep. 2017. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.1709.05645](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.1709.05645)

Technical Reports

1. S. Kota, G. Giambene, et al., “*Satellite, IEEE INGR International Network Generations Roadmap, 2023 Edition*,” 2023 **IEEE Future Networks World Forum (IEEE FNWF)**, Baltimore, MD, USA, 2023, pp. 1–195. DOI: [10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520529](https://doi.org/10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520529)
2. S. Kota, G. Giambene, et al., “*Satellite, IEEE INGR International Network Generations Roadmap, 2022 Edition*,” 2022 **IEEE Future Networks World Forum (IEEE FNWF)**, Montreal, QC, Canada, 2022, pp. 1–182. DOI: [10.1109/FNWF55208.2022.00141](https://doi.org/10.1109/FNWF55208.2022.00141)

Patents

1. P. Koshy, A. S. Ananthakrishnan, **Sarath Babu**, and B. S. Manoj, “*IoT enabled biomedical wearable clothing system for healthcare assistance*,” **IN 449773**, 2023.

Software Developed

1. **OpenFlow Software Switch with Controlled Buffering**
OBJECTIVE: Enable an SDN switch capable of controlled buffering of packets in order handle link disruptions in software defined wireless environments.
2. **Software Defined Optimized Link State Routing (SD-OLSR) Protocol**
OBJECTIVE: Provide an automated SDN resource discovery and self-configuration scheme for software defined wireless environments involving mobile switches and controllers.
3. **Urban Delay Tolerant Network Simulator (UDTNSim)**
URL: <https://github.com/4sarathbabu/UDTNSim>
OBJECTIVE: Design and develop mobility models and routing protocols for ad hoc vehicular networks in real-world road network environments and analyze the performance.

Professional Affiliations

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

- **Member** Dec 2021 – Present
 - Societies
 - IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) Dec 2021 – Present
 - IEEE Computer Society Dec 2021 – Present
 - Communities
 - IEEE Smart Cities Jan 2022 – Present
 - IEEE Future Networks Jan 2021 – Present
 - IEEE Internet of Things Jan 2021 – Present
 - IEEE Sensors Council Jan 2015 – Present
 - IEEE Systems Council Jan 2015 – Present
- **Graduate Student Member** Jan 2014 – Nov 2021
 - Societies
 - IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) Mar 2014 – Dec 2014, Jan 2016 – Nov 2021
 - IEEE Computer Society Mar 2016 – Nov 2021
- **IEEE Student Branch, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology**
 - Executive Committee Member Feb 2018 – Feb 2020
 - Secretary Dec 2014 – Jan 2018

Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)

- **Professional Member** Dec 2020 – Present
- **Graduate Student Member** Jan 2014 – Nov 2020

Journal Reviews

- IEEE Transactions on Network and Service Management (IEEE TNSM)
- IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications (IEEE TWC)
- IEEE Transactions on Communications (IEEE TCOM)
- IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing (IEEE TMC)
- IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering (IEEE TNSE)
- IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems (IEEE TAES)
- IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (IEEE T-ITS)
- IEEE Journal of Selected Areas in Communications (IEEE JSAC)—Series on Network Softwarization & Enablers
- IEEE Internet of Things Journal
- IEEE Sensors Journal
- IEEE Communications Letters (IEEE COMML)
- IEEE Networking Letters (IEEE LNET)
- IEEE Systems Journal
- IEEE Open Journal of Vehicular Technology (IEEE OJVT)
- IEEE Wireless Communications Magazine
- IEEE Communications Magazine
- IEEE Computer Magazine
- IEEE Communications Standards Magazine
- IEEE Access
- ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing
- Elsevier Computer Networks
- Springer Nature Computer Science

Technical Program Committees (TPCs)

- ACM WiNTECH, COMSNETS, IEEE FNWF, IEEE NFV-SDN, IFIP Networking **2025**
- ACM WiNTECH, COMSNETS, IEEE FNWF, IFIP Networking **2024**
- ACM WiNTECH, COMSNETS, IEEE FNWF **2023**
- ACM WiNTECH **2022**
- IEEE RAICS **2015**

Conference Reviews (In addition to TPCs)

- IEEE INFOCOM **2025**
- IEEE INFOCOM **2024**
- IEEE GLOBECOM, IEEE ICC, IEEE INFOCOM **2023**
- IEEE INDICON, IEEE WF-IoT **2022**
- IEEE WF-IoT **2021**

Volunteering

- State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa (SSTFI) 2025 [Served in the Judging Panel], Ames, Iowa, USA **Mar 2025**
- IEEE Shannon Centennial Workshop on Communications and Information Theory (SCWIT) **Dec 2016**
- IEEE Recent Advances in Intelligent Computational Systems (RAICS) **Dec 2015**
- 7th International Conference on COMMunication Systems & NETWORKS (COMSNETS) **Jan 2015**

Talks | Workshops | Tutorials

- TALK: “*Real-World Experimental Testbed for 5G and Beyond Communication Systems*” **Oct 2024**
VENUE: IEEE Student Branch, IIST *Thiruvananthapuram, India*
- TUTORIAL: “*Introduction to ARA Wireless Living Lab for Smart and Connected Rural Communities*” **Sep 2024**
VENUE: Midscale Experimental Research Infrastructure Forum (MERIF '24) *Kansas City, MO, USA*
- TUTORIAL: “*ARA Wireless Living Lab for Smart and Connected Rural Communities*” **May 2023**
VENUE: Midscale Experimental Research Infrastructure Forum (MERIF '23) *Boston, MA, USA*
- TALK: “*WiCI & ARA: Advancing Frontiers of Wireless Innovation in Rural Broadband*” **Mar 2022**
VENUE: Friday Activities at Noon (FAN), Iowa State University *Ames, IA, USA*
- TALK: “*Type-based Analysis of Road Networks*,” **Sep 2020**
VENUE: Avionics Ph.D. Talk Series, Department of Avionics and IEEE Student Branch, IIST
- WORKSHOP: “*Programming in Python*” **Oct 2018, Aug 2019**
VENUE: IEEE Student Branch, IIST *Thiruvananthapuram, India*
- WORKSHOP: “*L^AT_EX: An Introduction*” **Mar 2018, Mar 2019**
VENUE: Conscientia, IIST *Thiruvananthapuram, India*
- WORKSHOP: “*Introduction to Software Defined Networking*” **Oct 2016**
VENUE: AV484 Wireless Mesh Networks, IIST *Thiruvananthapuram, India*

Technical Skills

- PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: C, C++, Python, Bash Shell Scripting
- DOCUMENTATION & EDITORS: \LaTeX , GNU Emacs
- PLOTTING & VISUALIZATION: Gnuplot, TikZ, Inkscape, draw.io
- OPERATING SYSTEMS: Linux, TinyOS
- CLOUD: OpenStack
- HYPERVISORS/CONTAINERIZATION: VirtualBox, Docker
- DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: MariaDB, MySQL, SQLite
- SOFTWARE DEFINED NETWORKING: OpenFlow, Open vSwitch, Ryu, POX
- SIMULATORS: UDTNSim, SUMO, Mininet, STK
- LANGUAGES: Malayalam (Native), English