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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 Wirleess Plaforms: 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 applica-
- 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

• Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) **Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology**

THESIS: Software defined disruption tolerant networks Advisor: Prof. B. S. Manoj

Master of Technology (M.Tech.)

National Institute of Technology, Calicut

Specialization: Computer Science & Engineering (Information Security)

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

Advisor: Prof. Priya Chandran

• BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY (B.Tech.)

Specialization: Information Technology

Project: Remote system access through universal serial bus

Mahatma Gandhi University

EXPERIENCE

• Research Scientist II **Iowa State University** Oct 2021 - Present Ames, USA

Feb 2014 - May 2021

Jul 2009 - May 2011

Aug 2005 – Aug 2009

Kottayam, India

Percentage: 82.28

CGPA: 9.25/10

Calicut, India

CGPA: 8.97/10

Thiruvananthapuram, India

Center for Wireless, Communities, and Innovation (WiCI), Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Focus: ARA: Wireless Living Lab for Smart and Connected Rural Communities

 Graduate Teaching Assistant **Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology**

Feb 2014 - May 2021 Thiruvananthapuram, India

Department of Avionics

 Teaching Assistant **National Institute of Technology** Department of Computer Science and Engineering Jul 2009 – May 2011 Calicut, India

AWARDS | SCHOLARSHIPS | CERTIFICATES

· Best Demo, Midscale Experimental Research Infrastructure Forum 2024 (MERIF 24), Kansas City, MO, USA

• Honorable Mention for the Paper, IEEE Future Networks World Forum (FNWF), Baltimore, MD, USA	Nov 2023
Best Paper Award, ACM Workshop on Wireless Network Testbeds, Experimental evaluation &	Oct 2023
Characterization (WiNTECH '23), Madrid, Spain	
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Avionics, IIST	Nov 2019
IIST scholarship from Department of Space, Government of India	Feb 2014 – Jan 2019
MHRD scholarship from Government of India	Jul 2009 – May 2011
• Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) 2009, MHRD, Government of India, Percentile: 96.84	Mar 2009
Completed Infosys Campus Connect Program	Sep 2009
 Red Hat Certificate on Linux 4.0 Essentials, Linux 4.0 System Administration, and 	Apr 2007
Network and Security Administration	

RESEARCH PROJECTS INVOLVED

1. Real-Time Liquid Wireless Networking for Data-Intensive Rural Applications Oct 2022 - Present 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.

2. ARA-Living Lab for Smart and Connected Rural Communities

Oct 2021 - Present

OBJECTIVE: Develop at-scale real-world experimental infrastructure for rural wireless applications.

COLLABORATORS: Iowa State University (ISU), Ohio State University (OSU), International Computer Science Institute, and industry partners.

3. OPERA: An Open-Source Ecosystem for Broadband Prairie

Sep 2022 - Aug 2024

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. Collaborators: Iowa State University

- 4. MICRONet—Mobile Infrastructure for Coastal Region Offshore Communications & Networks May 2014 Aug 2017 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); Information Technology Research Academy (ITRA).
- 5. Indo-US Collaborative Research on Pervasive Computing for Disaster Response OBJECTIVE: Design and develop efficient mechanisms for information gathering and service delivery in shanty town emergency response systems. COLLABORATORS: Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST); University of California Irvine (UCI); California Institute of Technology (Caltech).
- 6. IIST MeshNet: A Programmable Hybrid Wireless Mesh Network Testbed Mar 2013 - Mar 2016 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. 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
- 2. 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, pp. 2318-2334, Dec. 2020. DOI: 10.1109/TNSM.2020.3023889
- 3. 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
- 4. Sarath Babu and B. S. Manoj, "Toward a type-based analysis of road networks," ACM Transactions on Spatial Algorithms and Systems, vol. 6, no. 4, pp. 28:1–28:45, Aug. 2020. DOI: 10.1145/3397579
- 5. 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
- 6. 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, vol. 17, no. 1, pp. 132-146, Mar. 2020. DOI: 10.1109/TNSM.2019.2922107

- 7. N. Anand, Sarath Babu, and B. S. Manoj, "On detecting compromised controller in software defined networks," Computer Networks, vol. 137, pp. 107–118, Jun. 2018. DOI: 10.1016/j.comnet.2018.03.021
- 8. 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," **Optical Fiber Technology**, vol. 41, pp. 139–154, Mar. 2018. DOI: 10.1016/j.yofte.2018.01.011

CONFERENCES

- 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.
- 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
- 3. 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 (ICC)**, Jun. 2024, pp. 1758–1763. DOI: 10.1109/ICC51166.2024.10623061
- 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 (MHV), Feb. 2024, pp. 54–60. DOI: 10.1145/3638036.3640806
- 5. 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 (FNWF)**, Nov. 2023, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520543
- 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 (FNWF), Baltimore, MD, USA, Nov. 2023, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1109/FNWF58287.2023.10520408 [Honorable Mention]
- 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 (WiNTECH '23), Oct. 2023, pp. 9–16. DOI: 10.1145/3615453.3616512 [Best Paper Award]
- 8. 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 (WiNTECH '22), Oct. 2022, pp. 32–39. DOI: 10.1145/3556564.3558241
- 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 (PEARC) Conference Series, Jul. 2022, pp. 1–8. DOI: 10.1145/3491418.3530768
- 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
- 11. 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/NCC525 29.2021.9530075
- 12. **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 (5GWF)**, Sep. 2020, pp. 263–268. DOI: 10.1109/5GWF49715.2020.9221228
- 13. 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 (5GWF), Sep. 2020, pp. 553–558. DOI: 10.1109/5GWF49715.2020.9221366
- 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 (ANTS), Dec. 2019, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1109/ANTS47819.2019.9118082
- 15. **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 (TENCON)**, Oct. 2019, pp. 129–134. DOI: 10.1109/TENCON.2019.8929340
- 16. 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
- 17. 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 (ANTS)**, Dec. 2017, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1109/ANTS.2017.8384108

- 18. 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
- 19. 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
- 20. 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 (GLOBECOM)**, Dec. 2015, pp. 1–7. DOI: 10.1109/GLOCOM.2015.7417610
- 21. 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 (ANTS)**, Dec. 2015, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1109/ANTS.2015.7413638
- 22. 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 (GHTC-SAS), Sep. 2014, pp. 147–153. DOI: 10.1109/GHTC-SAS.2014.6967574

DEMOS | POSTERS

- 1. 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]
- 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

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

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
- 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
- 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
- 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

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 1. S. Kota, G. Giambene, et al., "Satellite, IEEE INGR International Network Generations Roadmap, 2023 Edition,", 2023 IEEE Future Networks World Forum (FNWF), Baltimore, MD, USA, 2023, pp. 1–195. DOI: 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 (FNWF), Montreal, QC, Canada, 2022, pp. 1–182. DOI: 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) [Available at: 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.

AFFILIATIONS | POSITIONS HELD

Member, IEEE Smart Cities Community	Jan 2022 – Present
Member, IEEE	Dec 2021 – Present
Member, IEEE Communications Society	Dec 2021 – Present
Member, IEEE Computer Society	Dec 2021 – Present
Member, IEEE Future Networks Community	Jan 2021 – Present
Member, IEEE Internet of Things Community	Jan 2021 – Present
Professional member, ACM	Dec 2020 – Present
 Member, IEEE Software Defined Networks Community 	Jan 2019 – Present
Member, IEEE Sensors Council	Jan 2015 – Present
Member, IEEE Systems Council	Jan 2015 – Present
Graduate student member, IEEE	Jan 2014 – Nov 2021
Student member, IEEE Communications Society	Mar 2014 – Dec 2014, Jan 2016 – Nov 2021
Student member, IEEE Computer Society	Mar 2016 – Nov 2021
Student member, ACM	Mar 2014 – Nov 2020
Executive Committee member	Feb 2018 – Feb 2020
Secretary, IEEE Student Branch, IIST	Dec 2014 – Jan 2018

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

TECHNICAL PROGRAM COMMITTEES

- IFIP Networking 2024
- IEEE Future Networks World Forum (FNWF) 2024, 2023
- COMSNETS 2025, 2024, 2023
- ACM WiNTECH 2024, 2023, 2022

AS REVIEWER

· Journals

- 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 Aerospace and Electronic Systems (IEEE TAES)
- 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 Communications Magazine
- IEEE Access
- ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing
- Elsevier Computer Networks
- Springer Nature Computer Science

Conferences

- IEEE INFOCOM 2025, 2024, 2023
- IEEE Globecom 2023
- IEEE ICCC 2023
- IEEE INDICON 2022
- IEEE World Forum on Internet of Things (WF-IoT) 2021, 2022

AS VOLUNTEER

• IEEE Shannon Centennial Workshop on Communications and Information Theory (SCWIT)	Dec 2016
IEEE Recent Advances in Intelligent Computational Systems (RAICS)	Dec 2015
• 7 th International Conference on COMmunication Systems & NETworkS (COMSNETS)	Ian 2015

TALKS DELIVERED | WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

Talk on "Real-World Experimental Testbed for 5G and Beyond Communication Systems," IEEE Student Branch, IIST.
 Oct 2024
 Talk on "Type-based Analysis of Road Networks," Avionics PhD Talk Series, Department of Avionics and IEEE Student Branch, IIST.

• Workshop on "Programming in Python," IEEE Student Branch, IIST.

Aug 2019, Oct 2018

• Workshop on "Introduction to Software Defined Networking," AV484 Wireless Mesh Networks, IIST. Oct 2016

• Workshop on "ETeX: An Introduction," Conscientia, IIST.

Mar 2018, Mar 2019

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