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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Center for Astrophysics — Harvard & Smithsonian

Cambridge MA, USA

Postdoctoral Fellow

2025–Current

Department of Physics, Yale University

New Haven, CT, USA

Postdoctoral Associate

2022-2025

Lane Department of Computer Science & Electrical Engineering, WVU Morgantown, WV, USA Graduate Research Assistant supervised by Dr. Kevin Bandura 2016–2022

Raman Research Institute

Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Visiting Student Program advised by Dr. Avinash Deshpande

2014 - 2015

MSC.Software Pune, Maharahtra, India

Intern with the Quality Assurance and technical validation Team for MSC.Nastran

May -July, 2012

 Performed installation testing on different Linux distributions [HPUX, AIX, Solaris et al.] as part of the QA (Quality Assurance) procedure for MSC.Nastran and received elementary training in Finite Elemental Analysis and CAE.

EDUCATION

West Virginia University

Morgantown, WV, USA

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, Advisor: Dr. Kevin Bandura

2016 – 2022

- Dissertation: "Pathfinding Fast Radio Bursts Localizations using Very Long Baseline Interferometry"

Vellore Institute of Technology

Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India

B.Tech. in Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering,

2010-2014

- Thesis: "Investigation of Neural Networks for Flow Rate Approximation"

Projects

TEACHING AND OUTREACH PROJECTS

Yale Pathways to Science Summer Scholars Program

2023,2024

I ran week long workshop in radio astronomy for high school students.

Yale University

Digital Signal Processing in Radio Astronomy –Research Experience for Teachers

2017 –Current

I run the NSF funded Research Experience for Teachers Site

WVU

- I taught Digital Signal Processing to high school teachers every summer using practical labs based on GNU-Radio. Additionally, helped them gain an in depth understanding of radio telescope instrumentation and radio astronomy by helping them build 21cm horn antennas along with their GNURadio based backends.
- Created and maintain the web infrastructure to host lectures, laboratory exercises and lessons. Assisted teachers create lessons and have built along with them a website with lessons.
 see: https://wvurail.org/dspira-lessons/
- Assist teachers conduct workshops virtually or visit their schools.

- I lead monthly meetings with teachers and enthusiasts from across the country.
- I maintain the free and open source GNURadio out-of-tree module software package gr-radio_astro tailored for radio astronomy. see: https://github.com/WVURAIL/gr-radio_astro

Science and Engineering Projects

CHIME Cosmology 2022 - Current

Determining instrument systematics by characterizing the mutual-coupling/crosstalk

Yale

TONE: A CHIME/FRB Outrigger Prototype

2016 -Current

Primary PhD thesis project advised by Dr. Kevin Bandura

WVU/GBO

- I led the building of an array of 6m parabolic dishes at the Green Bank Observatory to serve as a VLBI station to achieve milli-arc-second localizations of one-off Fast Radio Bursts from a 3000+ km baseline.
- I assembled, tested and debugged the analog chain including antennas, low noise amplifiers, RFoF transceivers.
- Integrated and debugged the digital backend including the FPGA ICE boards and the baseband recorder server on site. Also set up the VLBI triggering system.
- Worked on analysis of the baseband dump including, calibration, beamforming and cross correlation leading to the localization of the triggered pulses & Fast Radio Bursts.
- Actively perform troubleshooting and Maintainence of the instrument.

Visiting Student Program at Raman Research Institute

2014 - 2015

Advised by Prof. Avinash Deshpande

RRI

- Worked on a gamut of small projects helping in the "phase 0" of the Sky Watch Array Network (SWAN) with the primary goal of gaining a wide exposure to the field radio astronomy and instrumentation. Investigating the application of hough transforms to detect dispersed pulses.
- A Nuanced Thermal Analysis of a Proposed Living Space on Mars

2014

Advised by Prof. Satyajit Ghosh

VIT University

- Running a PlanetWRF (Planet Weather Research and Forecast Model) Simulation of the Martian atmosphere & visualise the netCDF output using IDL(GDL) & MATLAB. The results were interpreted to choose a site for the living space on the surface, the materials & optimise the structural design.

Investigation of Neural Networks for Flow Rate Approximation

2014

Advised by Prof. K. V. Lakshmi Narayana

VIT University

- Bachelors Dissertation project in the domain of Artificial Neural Networks & Intelligent sensors culminating in an implementation on Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs)
- Development of Assistive Technologies for the Visually Impaired Advised by Dr. Theodore Moallem

2013 VIT University

Large Collaborations

- Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME): Characterise receiver noise cross-talk.
- Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment/Fast Radio Burst (CHIME/FRB): Primarily work with baseband data with specific focus on VLBI localization using outriggers. Service duties include helping with the online dissemination first CHIME/FRB catalog, being a team leader of one of four science result verification teams, among others. Help early phases of on site assembly and commissioning of the CHIME/FRB Outrigger site at GBO.
- Hydrogen Intensity and Real-time Analysis experiment (HIRAX): Assembly and testing of low noise amplifiers. The 6m Dish array at Green Bank Observatory -TONE has also serves as a HIRAX prototype array where it has been used for LNA testing, array calibration, characterization and drone experiments.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Scientific and Astronomy computing: High competence using the Python language along with extensive usage of numpy, astropy, scipy and other packages. Experience with CUDA, pycuda, dask and numba for high performance computing. Worked with a multitude of astronomical data formats and have familiarity with HPC systems.
- Programming Languages: C, Python, linux shell scripting, FORTRAN, IDL, MATLAB, Simulink, HDL, Assembly.
- Engineering Skills: Can execute basic workshop routines and am well versed in engineering drawing. Possess acute familiarity with electronics lab testing and measurement equipment. Trained in soldering electronics including surface mount components and the use of reflow machines. Extensive experience with Digital Signal Processing including working with software defined radio using GNURadio as well as Field Programmable Gate Arrays.
- Web Development Technologies: HTML, CSS, JavaScript & related JavaScript frameworks such as VueJS, etc.

Certifications and Licenses

• Remote Pilot DOI 30 Nov 2023 FAA Part 107 Small unmanned aircraft system

Teaching

Student Mentoring

Undergraduate Students (WVU): Rhys Lockard, Andy Dyck, Jacob Hanni. Yale: Undergraduate and graduate students working on 21 cm hardware projects.

Workshops

• 2019 CASPER Workshop and PIRE Summer School Center for Astrophysics — Harvard & Smithsonian in Cambridge, MA, USA.	August 2019
• NANOGrav spring 2017 student workshop West Virginia University, WV, USA.	April 2017
• ALMA proposal writing workshop West Virginia University, WV, USA.	March, 2017
• Green Bank Telescope Remote Observing Training School	October 2016

SERVICE

• Yale Physics Postdoctoral Advisory Committee 2024 - 2025 I am working on community building for postdoctoral associates, scholars and associate research scientists.

• Yale Postdoctoral Association 2023 - 2025 Community and networking committee member and coordinator

• USNC-URSI National Radio Science Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA January 9–12, 2024 CHIME/FRB Outriggers special session Co-chair and co-organizer

Public Outreach

• Skype-a-Scientist

Green Bank Observatory, WV, USA.

• Pint of Science, New Haven 2024, 2025 Organizer for the Pint of Science USA at New Haven 2020-2021

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Video-Call Elementary, middle school classrooms

• McGill Physics Hackathon 2020 Judge 2020

• Volunteer at the Celebrating Einstein event $Q \mathcal{E} A$ for middle school students

April 2017

• Volunteered for the WVU Center for Gravitational Wave & Cosmology outreach activities

Mylan Park Elementary STEAM night & several other outreach opportunities in the community.

2017

• English Teacher, Make A Difference (M.A.D), Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India.

2012 - 2013

AWARDS

• Lancelot M. Berkeley – New York Community Trust Prize

2022

Awarded by the AAS for meritorious work in astronomy as part of the CHIME/FRB team.

SCIENCE TALKS & PRESENTIONS

- Fast Radio Bursts to Dark Energy: Unravelling the mysteries of the Cosmos using Radio Telescopes April 17, 2025. Invited Public talk at the Westville Science Pub series, New Haven, CT, USA.
- Exploring the Crosstalk properties of the CHIME Telescope January 7–10, 2025.

 Talk at USNC-URSI National Radio Science Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA.
- CHIME

 June 12–14, 2024.

 Experiment Talk at the Line Intensity Mapping 2024 meeting, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA.
- Exploring the Crosstalk properties of the CHIME Telescope

 January 9–12, 2024.

 **Talk at USNC-URSI National Radio Science Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA.
- Fun Accompanying Radio Telescopes February 2, 2023.

 Invited talk at Yale Postdoctoral Association Pint of Postdocs Event, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA.
- TONE: A CHIME/FRB Outrigger Pathfinder To Localize Fast Radio Bursts Using Very Long Baseline Interferometry

 January 10–14, 2023.

 Talk at USNC-URSI National Radio Science Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA.
- TONE: 6m diameter 8 dish array as a CHIME/FRB outrigger testbed & proof of concept Science at Low Frequencies VIII, online
- On Building Radio Telescopes: From Radio Astronomy for Classrooms to Detecting Fast Radio Bursts April 2021 Public lecture for Marshall University's Faces of Physics Speaker Series.
- Digital Signal Processing in Radio Astronomy: An Interdisciplinary Experience 2019

 Talk at the 2019 IEEE Integrated STEM Education Conference (ISEC) at Princeton University, NJ, USA.
- An Instrumentation Design Framework to detect Fast Radio Bursts

 *Poster at 32nd URSI GASS, Montreal, 19–26 August 2017.**

 August 2017.
- A Nuanced Thermal Analysis of a Proposed Living Space on Mars

 Poster at the Eighth International Conference on Mars held at Caltech, CA, USA.

 July 2014

- 2025
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