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## 1 SUMMARY

A future communications engineer at Satellite Applications Catapult (SAC) and research associate at Loughborough University (LU), I finished my PhD in September 2022. My PhD research was focused on active mmWave beam-steering antenna, dielectric lenses, and metamaterial systems for applications in 5G and beyond. I have extensive experience in RF design, reconfigurable antenna arrays, metamaterials & metasurfaces, RF lenses, microcontrollers, fabrication, and measurement. I have collaborated on several consultancy projects for industries in India and UK. I have 10 journal papers (+ 3 submitted) and presented 5 conference papers and 4 posters. I have won multiple research and outreach awards.

## 2 WORK EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **Research Associate, Loughborough University, UK** (Apr 19 – Present)  
*Collaborating on several projects focused on antenna design and measurement; consulting on industrial projects and writing new research grant applications; Building open-source kits to promote engineering to schools.*
- ❖ **Future Communications Engineer, Satellite Applications Catapult, UK** (Oct 22 – Jan 23)  
*Developed a new Ku-Band beam-steering antenna for One Web satellite handover at ground stations; advised on new technology for applications in satellite communications.*
- ❖ **Voluntary Sub-Warden, Telford Hall, Loughborough University, UK** (Aug 20 – Dec 22)  
*Supporting a team of four sub-wardens to create a supporting, enjoyable, stimulating, and safe environment for the 500 student residents of Telford Hall.*
- ❖ **Head of Innovation (Voluntary Position), National Indian Students & Alumni Union UK** (Jun 19 – Jul 21)  
*Promoted within a year to Head of Innovation, lead a team of 12 volunteers providing end-to-end query and grievance redressal for students, and volunteer recruitment and lead projects to enable the organisation to leverage technology.*
- ❖ **Innovation Coach and Consultant, Connecting Dreams Foundation** (Jul 18 – Feb 19)  
*Responsible for consulting and training of students and faculty under Atal Tinkering Labs on design innovation, introduction to electronics and programming established among 2400 schools throughout India.*
- ❖ **Research Associate, CSIR – Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute, Pilani (India)** (Jul 17 – Feb 19)  
*Developed a computationally efficient, integrated, and dynamic model for the design of Staggered Double Vane Slow Wave Structure (SDVSWs) and beam-wave interaction analysis of a planar Traveling Wave Tubes (TWT) with a sheet electron beam to determine its RF performance.*

## 3 EDUCATION

- ❖ **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** (2019 – 2022)  
**Loughborough University, UK**  
*Supervisors: Dr. Chinthana Panagamuwa, Prof. Will Whittow*  
*Dissertation: Active Beam-Steering mmWave Antenna System for 5G and Beyond ([DOI](#))*
- ❖ **Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.): 78.3%, Ranked in top 15 out of 200** (2013 – 2017)  
**Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi (India)**  
*Major: Electronics and Communication Engineering*

## 4 SKILLS

- ❖ **Electromagnetic Simulation and Antenna Designing** with EM modelling tools such as CST Microwave Studio, Ansys HFSS, Empire XPU, Microwave AWR Office, and Keysight Advanced Design Suite (ADS).
- ❖ **Programming and Scripting** in C/C++, MATLAB, Python and MS Excel/Google Sheets for automation and data analysis; and building embedded systems and automation units using microcontroller/microprocessor boards including Arduino, AVR MCU, Raspberry Pi and NodeMCU.
- ❖ **Operating Lab Equipment** including anechoic chamber, network analysers, spectrum analysers, 3D-printers, etc; and manufacturing PCB based antenna designs.

- ❖ **Research Interests:** Electromagnetics, Antenna Arrays, Microwave and Millimeter Wave Communication, Metamaterial and Metasurfaces, Dielectric Lenses, Space Communication, 5G/6G, Beamforming/Beam Steering Antennas.

## 5 AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Recipient of [Loughborough University's Doctoral President's Award 2022](#).
- ❖ Recipient of [Sir Robert Martin University Prize 2020](#) (LU most prestigious award)
- ❖ Runner-up for [Loughborough University's PhD Award for Overall Impact 2020](#).
- ❖ Recipient of *Action Volunteer Bronze Award 2020* by LU Students' Union for STEM Promotion Activities.
- ❖ Recipient of [Electronics Weekly BrightSparks 2020 Award](#) for research and STEM Promotion in the UK.
- ❖ Recipient of *Young Engineer Award 2019* by CSIR-CEERI, Pilani.
- ❖ *Exemplary Performance Award for Student Training and Research 2017* by MSIT, India.
- ❖ Recipient of [IEEE Computer Society Richard E. Merwin Student Scholarship 2016](#).
- ❖ Recipient of *MIT GSW Fellowship 2016* for the proposed idea of self-sustained LED Bulbs.
- ❖ Received Project Funding for Design of Self Sustained LED Bulbs from NGO: Sristi.
- ❖ Won *IEEE MTT-S YouTube/Youku Video Contest* for Offline GPS.
- ❖ Recipient of the *IEEE Delhi SAC Outstanding Student Volunteer Award 2016*.
- ❖ Winner of multiple hardware hackathons organised by TATA power, DTU 2015, IIT 2016, etc.
- ❖ Winner of various paper presentation competitions organised by MSIT 2016, JMI 2016, etc.

## 6 POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- ❖ Associate Editor, IEEE Open Journal of Antennas and Propagation (Special Issue: Advances in Additive Manufacturing & 3D Printing: Novel Materials & Metamaterial Structures for Antennas and Other Electromagnetic Devices).
- ❖ Review Editor, Frontiers in Antennas and Propagation.
- ❖ Reviewer, IET Microwave, Antennas and Propagation.
- ❖ Reviewer, Progress in Electromagnetics Research.
- ❖ Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

## 7 JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS: 3 PAPERS SUBMITTED (1-3), 10 PAPERS PUBLISHED (4-13)

- (Under Review) A. Bansal, E. Mellios, H. Nagi, P. Febvre, W. G. Whittow, "Two-Dimensional Beam-Steering Lens Antenna with Fast Inter-Beam Handover for Satellite Communications," IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, 2023.
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- R. Gupta, G. Bakshi, and Aakash Bansal, "Dual-Band Circularly Polarized Stacked Sapphire and TMM13i Rectangular DRA," Progress in Electromagnetics Research, vol. 91, pp. 143-153, 2019. [DOI](#).
- A. Bansal, et. al. "Integrated Model for Design of SWS and Beam-Wave Interaction Analysis of a Planar THz Sheet-Beam TWT," Progress in Electromagnetics Research, vol. 87, pp. 179-187, 2019. [DOI](#).
- A. Bansal, "Design and Implementation of a Long-Range Decentralized Vehicular Network," Journal of Mechatronics and Automation, vol. 5, pp. 24-30, 2018. [DOI](#).
- A. Bansal, et. al. "Any Touch: Design and Implementation of a Touch Interface for Bluetooth Enabled Personal Devices," Intl. Journal of Engineering and Manufacturing, vol. 8, no. 2, pp. 1-11, 2018. [DOI](#).
- A. Bansal, R. Gupta, "A review on microstrip patch antenna and feeding techniques." International Journal of Information Technology, vol. 12, no. 1, pp. 1-6, 2018. [DOI](#).
- A. Bansal, et. al. "Analysis and Design of Coaxial Fed Microstrip Antenna on Multilayer substrate at Terahertz Frequency," Journal of Microwave Engineering and Tech., vol. 4, no. 3, pp. 11-14, 2018. [DOI](#).
- A. Bansal, V. Goyal, "Real-Time Electricity Monitoring using Smart Energy Meter in a Smart LAN based Network," Intl. J. of Electronics, Electrical and Comp. System, vol. 6, no. 5, pp. 2348-3117, 2017. [DOI](#).