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## PROFILE

- \* I am a Submillimeter Array (SMA) Postdoctoral Fellow at the Harvard & Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. My research is focused on advanced submillimeter-wave receivers for radio astronomy. Specifically, I am developing a new multibeam receiver for the SMA at 345 GHz.
- \* I have a strong technical background in:
  - **Superconducting detectors:** modeling superconductors and quantum tunneling effects, testing superconducting devices in cryogenic systems
  - **Electrical engineering:** RF design, electromagnetic simulations, low-noise testing
  - **Software:** building complex simulation software, analyzing experimental data
- \* I have published my research in top academic journals, including 7 first author papers. These papers combined have [+230 citations](#).

## Employment History

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**Submillimeter Array (SMA) Postdoctoral Fellow**, Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian 2019 – pres.

- \* Developing a new multibeam receiver for the SMA based on SIS mixers at 345 GHz
- \* Contributing to the wideband SMA (wSMA) upgrade (extending the instantaneous bandwidth)

**Postdoctoral research assistant**, Department of Physics (Astrophysics), University of Oxford 2018 – 2019

- \* Developed a new 900 GHz SIS receiver system, a model to simulate distributed SIS frequency multipliers, and a  $1 \times 4$  focal plane array at 230 GHz

## Education

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**DOCTORATE**      **DPhil Astrophysics**, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK      2014 – 2018

- \* Supervisor: Prof. Ghassan Yassin
- \* Thesis: *[A 230 GHz Focal Plane Array Using a Wide IF Bandwidth SIS Receiver](#)*
  - Developed a wide bandwidth SIS mixer and a  $1 \times 4$  focal plane array
  - Built a software package to simulate SIS mixer operation/performance (online: [QMix](#))
  - Observed star formation in intermediate redshift galaxies using the IRAM 30 m telescope

**MASTERS**      **MSc Electrical Engineering**, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada      2012 – 2014

- \* Supervisor: Prof. Elise Fear
- \* Thesis: *[Average Dielectric Property Analysis of Non-Uniform Structures](#)*
  - Developed a new technique to estimate the average dielectric properties of complex and non-uniform structures using microwave transmission measurements
  - Developed a new tissue mimicking material to test biomedical imaging systems

**BACHELORS**      **BSc Electrical Engineering**, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada      2008 – 2012

- \* Capstone project: *[Nanowire Metamaterials for Biosensing Applications](#)*

## Publications

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### JOURNAL PAPERS

- A. Traini, B.-K. Tan, J. Garrett, *et al.*, “The Influence of LO Power Heating of the Tunnel Junction on the Performance of THz SIS Mixers,” submitted for publication.
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- J. Bourqui, J. Garrett, and E. Fear, “Measurement and Analysis of Microwave Frequency Signals Transmitted Through the Breast,” *Int. J. Biomed. Imag.*, vol. 2012, pp. 562563, Dec. 2012.

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- J. Garrett, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, B.-K. Tan, and G. Yassin, “Multi-tone Spectral Domain Analysis of a 230 GHz SIS Device,” in *30<sup>th</sup> Int. Sym. Space THz Tech.*, Göteborg, Sweden, 2019.
- J. Garrett, J. Leech, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, B. Ellison, and G. Yassin, “A 1×4 Focal Plane Array Using 230 GHz SIS Mixers,” in *29<sup>th</sup> Int. Sym. Space THz Tech.*, Los Angeles, CA, 2018.
- J. Garrett, H. Rashid, V. Desmaris, V. Belitsky, and G. Yassin, “Spectral Domain Simulation of SIS Frequency Multiplication,” in *28<sup>th</sup> Int. Sym. Space THz Tech.*, Cologne, Germany, 2017.
- J. Garrett, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, B.-K. Tan, and G. Yassin, “A 230 GHz Finline SIS Receiver with Wide IF Bandwidth,” in *27<sup>th</sup> Int. Sym. Space THz Tech.*, Nanjing, China, 2016.
- J. Garrett, B.-K. Tan, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, and G. Yassin, “A 220 GHz Finline Mixer with Ultra-Wide Instantaneous BW,” in *26<sup>th</sup> Int. Sym. Space THz Tech.*, Cambridge, MA, 2015.
- J. Garrett, and E. Fear, “Average Property Estimation Validation with Realistic Breast Models,” in *8<sup>th</sup> Eur. Conf. Antennas Propag.*, The Hague, Netherlands, 2014, pp. 1279–1280.
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