John D. Garrett



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Profile

- * I am a postdoctoral research assistant in Astrophysics at the University of Oxford. My research is focused on advanced millimeter- and submillimeter-wave receivers for radio astronomy. For my DPhil thesis, I developed a wide bandwidth SIS mixer and a focal plane array at 230 GHz.
- * I have a strong technical background in:
 - **Superconducting detectors**: SIS mixer theory, modeling quantum tunneling effects, and testing SIS devices in cryogenic systems
 - Electrical engineering: RF design, electromagnetic simulations, and low-noise testing
 - Software development: building complex simulation software and analyzing experimental results from SIS mixers
- * I have published my research in top academic journals, including 5 first author papers. These papers combined have 179 citations.

Work Experience

Postdoc

Astrophysics, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

Sep. 2018 – pres.

- * Projects: Developing a new SIS receiver at 900 GHz, a model to simulate SIS frequency multipliers, and a 1×4 focal plane array at 230 GHz.
- * Publishing the research from my DPhil.

Education

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 1×4 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
 - This can be used to provide a priori information to microwave imaging algorithms
- * Graduate courses including letter grade: Antenna Design (A+), RFIC Design (A+), Analog IC Design (A), RF Microwave Passive Circuits (A+). GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

Bachelors

BSc Electrical Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

2008 - 2012

- * Capstone project: Nanowire Metamaterials for Biosensing Applications
- * Graduated with distinction

Journal Papers

- J. Garrett, H. Rashid, G. Yassin, V. Desmaris, A. Pavolotsky, and V. Belitsky, "A Non-Linear Transmission Line Model for Simulating Distributed SIS Frequency Multipliers," submitted for publication.
- J. Garrett, B.-K. Tan, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, and G. Yassin, "Simulating the Behavior of a 230 GHz SIS Mixer Using Multi-Tone Spectral Domain Analysis," submitted for publication.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, A. Pollak, G. Yassin, and M. Henry, "A Compact and Easy to Fabricate *E*-plane Waveguide Bend," *IEEE Microwave and Wireless Components Letters*, vol. 29, no. 8, to be published.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, and G. Yassin, "QMix: A Python package for simulating the quasiparticle tunneling currents in SIS junctions," *Journal of Open Source Software*, vol. 4, no. 35, pp. 1231, Mar. 2019.
- I. Cortzen, J. Garrett, G. Magdis, D. Rigopoulou, F. Valentino, M. Pereira-Santaella, F. Combes, A. Alonso-Herrero, S. Toft, E. Daddi, D. Elbaz, C. Gomez-Guijarro, M. Stockmann, J. Huang, and C. Kramer, "PAHs as tracers of the molecular gas in star-forming galaxies," Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, vol. 482, no. 2, pp. 1618–1633, Oct. 2018.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, and E. Fear, "A New Breast Phantom with a Durable Skin Layer for Microwave Breast Imaging," *IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation*, vol. 63, no. 4, pp. 1693–1700, Jan. 2015.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, and E. Fear, "Average Dielectric Property Analysis of Complex Breast Tissue with Microwave Transmission Measurements," *Sensors (MDPI)*, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 1199–1216, Jan. 2015.
- J. Garrett, and E. Fear, "Stable and Flexible Materials to Mimic the Dielectric Properties of Human Soft Tissues," *IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propagation Letters*, vol. 13, pp. 599–602, Mar. 2014.
- J. Bourqui, J. Garrett, and E. Fear, "Measurement and Analysis of Microwave Frequency Signals Transmitted Through the Breast," International Journal of Biomedical Imaging, vol. 2012, Dec. 2012, Art. ID 562563.

SELECTED
CONFERENCE
PROCEEDINGS

- <u>J. Garrett</u>, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, B.-K. Tan, and G. Yassin, "Multi-tone Spectral Domain Analysis of a 230 GHz SIS Device," in *Proceedings of the 30th International Symposium on Space Terahertz Technology (ISSTT)*, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2019.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, J. Leech, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, B. Ellison, and G. Yassin, "A 1×4 Focal Plane Array Using 230 GHz SIS Mixers," in *Proceedings of the 29th International Symposium on Space Terahertz Technology (ISSTT)*, Los Angeles, CA, 2018, pp. 240–244.
- J. Garrett, H. Rashid, V. Desmaris, V. Belitsky, and G. Yassin, "Spectral Domain Simulation of SIS Frequency Multiplication," in *Proceedings of the 28th International Symposium on Space Terahertz Technology (ISSTT)*, Cologne, Germany, 2017.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, B.-K. Tan, and G. Yassin, "A 230 GHz Finline SIS Receiver with Wide IF Bandwidth," in *Proceedings of the 27th International Symposium on Space Terahertz Technology (ISSTT)*, Nanjing, China, 2016.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, B.-K. Tan, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, and G. Yassin, "A 220 GHz Finline Mixer with Ultra-Wide Instantaneous Bandwidth," in *Proceedings of the 26th International Symposium on Space Terahertz Technology (ISSTT)*, Cambridge, MA, 2015.
- J. Leech, G. Yassin, B.-K. Tan, Y. Zhou, <u>J. Garrett</u>, and P. Grimes, "An SIS Mixer Based Focal-Plane Array at 230 GHz," in *Proceedings of the 26th International Symposium on Space Terahertz Technology (ISSTT)*, Cambridge, MA, 2015.
- <u>J. Garrett</u>, and E. Fear, "Average Property Estimation Validation with Realistic Breast Models," in *Proceedings of the 8th European Conference on Antennas and Propagation (EuCAP*), The Hague, Netherlands, 2014, pp. 1279–1280.

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Scholarships and Awards

SCHOLARSHIPS	 * Clarendon Fund Scholarship & New College Graduate Scholarship £13,863/year plus all university and college fees for 3.5 years Awarded to top 1.8% of graduate applicants to Oxford * Alberta Innovates Technology Futures (AITF) Scholarship Provincial award, \$26,500/year for 2 years * NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) National award, \$4,500/16 weeks 	2014 - 2018 $2012 - 2014$ 2011
SELECTED AWARDS	 * ALIS Sir James Lougheed Award of Distinction (Doctoral) Provincial scholarship (1 of 8 yearly): \$20,000 * IEEE Antennas and Propagation Pre-Doctoral Research Award International award (1 of 6 yearly): \$1,000 USD 	2015 2013
	Teaching	
TEACHING ASSISTANT	* First Year Electromagnetics, University of Oxford - Assisting weekly labs (24 hrs./term)	2016 - 2018
	 * Electromagnetic Waves and Applications, University of Calgary Planning material, grading, and delivering tutorials and labs (102 hrs./ter * Electromagnetic Fields and Applications, University of Calgary Assisting weekly tutorials, drop-in hours and grading (68 hrs./term) 	2013 – 2014 rm) 2013
	Extracurricular	
Volunteer	 * Stargazing at Oxford (science outreach) * Sports Representative, New College MCR Committee * Volunteer Ski Instructor, Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing 	2014 - 2018 2015 $2012 - 2013$
Competitive Athletics	 * New College Rugby Football Club * New College VIII's (rowing) * Calgary Rams Rugby Club * University of Calgary Triathlon Club * University of Alberta Triathlon Club 	2014 - 2018 $2014 - 2015$ $2012 - 2014$ 2013 $2010 - 2012$