

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](#).

Employment History

POSTDOC

- Astrophysics**, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK 2018 – pres.
- * Current projects include: a new 900 GHz SIS receiver, a model to simulate SIS frequency multipliers, and a 1×4 focal plane array at 230 GHz
 - * Publishing the research from my DPhil project

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
 - Developed a new tissue mimicking material to test biomedical imaging systems
 - * Graduate courses: Antenna Design, RFIC Design, Analog IC Design, Microwave Passive Circuits

BACHELORS

- BSc Electrical Engineering**, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada 2008 – 2012
- * Capstone project: *[Nanowire Metamaterials for Biosensing Applications](#)*

Publications

JOURNAL PAPERS

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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](#), J. Leech, F. Boussaha, C. Chaumont, B. Ellison, and G. Yassin, “[A 1×4 Focal Plane Array Using 230 GHz SIS Mixers](#),” in *29th 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 *28th 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 *27th 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 *26th Int. Sym. Space THz Tech.*, Cambridge, MA, 2015.
- J. Leech, G. Yassin, B.-K. Tan, Y. Zhou, [J. Garrett](#), and P. Grimes, “[An SIS Mixer Based Focal-Plane Array at 230 GHz](#),” in *26th Int. Sym. Space THz Tech.*, Cambridge, MA, 2015.
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