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PROFILE

- * I am a Submillimeter Array (SMA) 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 [+250 citations](#).

Employment History

Submillimeter Array (SMA) 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 1×4 focal plane array at 230 GHz

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

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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- I. Cortzen, J. Garrett, *et al.*, “[PAHs as tracers of the molecular gas in star-forming galaxies](#),” *Mon. Notices Royal Astron. Soc.*, vol. 482, no. 2, pp. 1618–1633, Oct. 2018.
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- J. Garrett, and E. Fear, “[Stable and Flexible Materials to Mimic the Dielectric Properties of Human Soft Tissues](#),” *IEEE Antennas Wireless Propag. Lett.*, 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](#),” *Int. J. Biomed. Imag.*, vol. 2012, pp. 562563, Dec. 2012.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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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 *30th 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 *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.
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