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# EDUCATION

West Virginia University

Morgantown, WV

Advisor: Maura McLaughlin

Aug 2018 - Aug 2023 (Defended)/Dec 2023 (Conferred)

Oberlin College

Ph.D. in Physics

B.A. with Honors in Physics Advisor: Dan Stinebring

Oberlin, OH Aug 2013 - May 2017

# Publications

# Harvard ADS Page

NOTE: Authors with asterisks indicate students ranging from high school to graduate school level working under my supervision

# Lead-Author Publications

- 5. The Pulsar Science Collaboratory: Multi-Epoch Scintillation Studies of Pulsars, Turner, J. E., Lebron Medina, J. G.\*, Zelensky, Z.\*, Gustavso, K. A., Marx, J., Kothapalli, M.\*, Cruz Vega, L. D.\*, Lee, A.\*, Figueroa, C. B.\*, Reichart, D. E., Haislip, J. B., Kouprianov, V. V., White, S., Ghigo, F., Heatherly, S. A., and McLaughlin, M. A., arXiv:2405.19434, (Submitted to ApJ)
- 4. A Cyclic Spectroscopy Scintillation Study of PSR B1937+21 I. Demonstration of Improved Scintillometry, Turner, J. E., Dolch, T., Cordes, J. M., Ocker, S. K., Stinebring, D. R., Chatterjee, S., McLaughlin, M. A., Catlett. V. E., Jessup C., Jones, N., and Scheithauer, C., 2024, ApJ, 972, 16
- 3. A Simultaneous Dual-Frequency Scintillation Arc Survey of Six Bright Canonical Pulsars Using the Upgraded GiantMetrewave Radio Telescope, Turner, J. E., Joshi, B.C., McLaughlin, M. A., and Stinebring, D. R., 2024, ApJ, 961, 101
- 2. Scattering Delay Mitigation in High Accuracy Pulsar Timing: Cyclic Spectroscopy Techniques, Turner, J. E., Stinebring, D. R., McLaughlin, M. A., Archibald, A. M., Dolch, T., and Lynch, R. S., 2023, ApJ, 944, 191
- 1. The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays, Turner, J. E., et al. (36 authors), 2021 ApJ, 917, 10

#### Other Publications

- 20. NANOGrav 15-year gravitational-wave background methods, Johnson, A. D. et al., (98 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2024, PhRvD, 109, 10
- 19. Comparing recent PTA results on the nanohertz stochastic gravitational wave background, The International Pulsar Timing Array Collaboration, et al., (244 authors, including Turner, J. E.), ApJ, 966, 1
- 18. The NANOGrav 12.5 yr Data Set: A Computationally Efficient Eccentric Binary Search Pipeline and Constraints on an Eccentric Supermassive Binary Candidate in 3C 66B, Agazie, G., et al., (89 authors, including **Turner**, **J. E.**), 2024, ApJ, 963, 2
- 17. The NANOGrav 12.5 yr Data Set: Search for Gravitational Wave Memory, Agazie, G., et al., (91 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2024, ApJ, 963, 1
- 16. How to Detect an Astrophysical Nanohertz Gravitational Wave Background, Bécsy, B., et al., (96 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJ, 959, 1
- 15. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Search for Anisotropy in the Gravitational-wave Background, Agazie, G., et al., (93 authors, including **Turner**, **J. E.**), 2023, ApJL, 956, 1
- 14. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Constraints on Supermassive Black Hole Binaries from the Gravitational-wave Background, Agazie, G., et al., (99 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 952, 2
- 13. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Bayesian Limits on Gravitational Waves from Individual Supermassive Black Hole Binaries, Agazie, G., et al., (99 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 2

- 12. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Search for Signals from New Physics, Afzal, A., et al., (124 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 11. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Detector Characterization and Noise Budget, Agazie, G., et al., (92 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 10. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Observations and Timing of 68 Millisecond Pulsars, Agazie, G., et al., (101 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 9. The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Evidence for a Gravitational-wave Background, Agazie, G., et al., (115 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2023, ApJL, 951, 1
- 8. The NANOGrav 15-year Gravitational-Wave Background Analysis Pipeline, Johnson, A. D., et al., (96 authors, including Turner, J. E.), arXiv:2306.16223
- 7. Searching for continuous Gravitational Waves in the second data release of the International Pulsar Timing Array, Falxa, M., et al., (127 authors, including Turner, J.), 2023, MNRAS, 521, 4
- 6. Searching For Gravitational Waves From Cosmological Phase Transitions with the NANOGrav 12.5-year Dataset, Arzoumanian, Z., et al., (64 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2021, PRL, 127, 251302
- 5. The NANOGrav 12.5-year data set: Search for Non-Einsteinian Polarization Modes in the Gravitational-Wave Background, Arzoumanian, Z., et al., (71 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2021, ApJL, 923, L22
- 4. The NANOGrav 12.5-year Data Set: Search For An Isotropic Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background, Arzoumanian, Z., et al. (61 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2020, ApJ, 905, L34
- 3. The NANOGrav 11-Year Data Set: Evolution of Gravitational Wave Background Statistics, Hazboun, J. S., et al. (63 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2020, ApJ, 890, 108
- 2. The NANOGrav 11 yr Data Set: Limits on Gravitational Waves from Individual Supermassive Black Hole Binaries, Aggarwal, K., et al. (63 authors, including Turner, J. E.), 2019, ApJ, 880, 116
- 1. A Second Chromatic Timing Event of Interstellar Origin toward PSR J1713+0747, Lam, M. T., Ellis, J. A., Grillo, G., Jones, M. L., Hazboun, J. S., Brook, P. R., Turner, J. E., et al. (37 authors), 2018, ApJ, 861, 132

#### Professional Employment and Research Experience

# • 2023–Present: Green Bank Observatory Postdoctoral Fellow

Trained Green Bank Telescope observers, reviewed technical justifications for observing proposals, assisted in the development and testing of the real-time cyclic spectroscopy backend, served as the on-call scientist for observations, organized colloquia and lunch talks. Supervised by Ryan Lynch.

Green Bank Observatory, Green Bank, WV

# • 2019–2023: Graduate Research Assistant

Department of Physics & Astronomy, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

# • 2018–2019: Graduate Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Physics 1 (PHYS 101L) and Introduction to Physics 2 (PHYS 102L) Department of Physics & Astronomy, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

#### • 2018: Visiting Scholar

Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics and Astronomy, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

# • 2017: Research Analyst

North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves/Center for Gravitation, Cosmology, and Astrophysics, College of Letters and Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

## • 2017: Drop-in Tutor

Energy Science and Technology (PHYS 068) Department of Physics & Oberlin College, Oberlin OH

# • 2016: Summer Researcher

Visiting Undergrad Research Program, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

- 2015-2017: Undergraduate Research Assistant
  Department of Physics & Astronomy, Oberlin College, Oberlin OH
- 2015: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Elementary Physics II (PHYS 104) Department of Physics & Astronomy, Oberlin College, Oberlin OH

## INVITED TALKS

- Scintillometry Workshop 2024, "The Green Bank Observatory Real-Time Cyclic Spectroscopy Backend", Florida Space Institute, October 2024
- Florida Space Institute, "Using Cyclic Spectroscopy to Study the Interstellar Medium with Pulsar Timing Arrays", September 2024
- Florida Tech, "Using Cyclic Spectroscopy to Study the Interstellar Medium with Pulsar Timing Arrays", September 2024
- University of Dallas, "Two Paths to Radio Astronomy", April 2024
- McDaniel College, "Characterizing the Interstellar Medium through Radio Observations of Pulsars", November 2023
- Green Bank Observatory, "Correcting for Interstellar Scattering Delays in Millisecond Pulsars", November 2020
- Oberlin College, "Detecting Gravitational Waves with Pulsars: Removing the Effects of the Interstellar Medium", April 2017

# Contributed Conference Talks

- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "The Pulsar Science Collaboratory: Multi-Epoch Scintillation Studies", University of Michigan, October 2024
- International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, "Cyclic Spectroscopy Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", June 2024
- Fields, Flows, and Filaments in the Magnetic ISM Workshop, "Cyclic Spectroscopy Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", Stanford University, May 2024
- GBO/NRAO Internal Symposium, "The Pulsar Science Collaboratory: Multi-Epoch Scintillation Studies of Pulsars", Green Bank Observatory, May 2024
- NRAO/GBO Postdoc Symposium 2024, "Using Cyclic Spectroscopy in High-Accuracy Pulsar Timing Efforts", Green Bank Observatory March 2024
- Scintillometry Workshop 2023, "Using Cyclic Spectroscopy in High-Accuracy Pulsar Timing Efforts", The Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics, November 2023
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "Scattering Delay Mitigation in High Accuracy Pulsar Timing: Cyclic Spectroscopy Techniques", Oregon State University, March 2023
- 241st American Astronomical Society Meeting, "Characterizing and Mitigating Scattering Delays in Radio Observations of Pulsars", January 2023
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", Cornell University, October 2019
- International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", June 2019

# Conference Posters

- 243rd American Astronomical Society Meeting , "Cyclic Spectroscopy-Aided Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", January 2024
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference, "Cyclic Spectroscopy-Aided Studies of the ISM in PTA Observing Setups", The University of British Columbia, October 2023
- International Pulsar Timing Array Conference, "The NANOGrav 12.5-Year Data Set: Monitoring Interstellar Scattering Delays", June 2018

- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves Physics Frontiers Center Reverse Site Visit, "Preliminary Continuous Wave Limits from NANOGrav 11-Year Dataset", West Virgnia University October 2017
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves Physics Frontiers Center Reverse Site Visit, "NANOGrav Timing Pipeline: Adding a Scattering Delay Correction", West Virginia University, October 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024: Lecturer/Research Mentor, Green Bank Observatory, Green Bank Observatory Single Dish Summer School
- 2024: Research Mentor, Green Bank Observatory, Pulsar Science Collaboratory Camp
- 2024: Lecturer/Observing Mentor, Green Bank Observatory, Green Bank Telescope Semester 24A Observer Training
- 2019: Graduate Teaching Assistant, West Virginia University: PHYS 102L: Introductory Physics 2 Laboratory
- 2018: Graduate Teaching Assistant, West Virginia University: PHYS 101L: Introductory Physics 1 Laboratory
- 2017: Drop-in Tutor, Oberlin College: PHYS-068: Energy Science & Technology
- 2015: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Oberlin College: Physics 104: Elementary Physics II Laboratory

# STUDENT RESEARCH MENTORSHIP SUPERVISION

- 2021-Present: Pulsar Science Collaboratory Research Team Leader, Scintillation Measurement Project
  - Students: Juan G. Lebron Medina (PostBac Student/Graduate Student, UPR), Zachary Zelensky (PostBac Student, Penn State/Graduate Student, Texas Tech), Manvith Kothapalli (High School Student), Luis D. Cruz Vega (Undergrad, UPR), Alexander Lee (Undergrad, UWashington), Caryelis B. Figueroa (Undergrad/Graduate Student, UPR), Martina Salichs-Maidana (Undergrad, UPR), Sanjit Subramaniam (High School Student), Katelyn Bryant (Undergrad, University of Arkansas)
    - Authored Peer-Reviewed Paper With 6 Students
- 2024–2025: Undergraduate Senior Thesis Project Co-Mentor
  - Katelyn Bryant (Undergrad, University of Arkansas)
- 2024: Green Bank Observatory REU Summer Student Mentor
  - Students: Rachel King (Undergrad, West Virginia University)

# OUTREACH

- February 2024: Pocahontas County Science Fair Judge
- 2024–Present: Scientist Presenter for SETI tours at Green Bank Observatory
- 2023–Present: Adopt-A-Physicist
- 2020-Present: Skype A Scientist (over 20 talks given to various elementary, middle, and high schools)

## Outreach Talks

- Green Bank Observatory PING (Physicists Inspiring the Next Generation) Workshop, "Using Pulsars to Explore the Universe", July 2024
- Green Bank Observatory Single Dish Summer School, "Pulsars", June 2024
- Green Bank Observatory Summer Student Bootcamp, "Using Pulsars to Study the Interstellar Medium", May 2024
- Pulsar Science Collaboratory (PSC) Talk Series, "Using Pulsars to Study the Interstellar Medium", April 2024

# PANELS

• Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Alumni STEM Panel, March 2024

# AWARDED GRANTS

• 2022: West Virginia University Eberly College of Arts & Sciences Travel Grant, 3V459 A. Keith and Sandra F. McClung Enrichment Endowment, \$600, Principal Investigator

# TELESCOPE TIME ALLOCATIONS

- Green Bank Telescope, GBT24B-040, 50 hours (Group B)

  Multi-Hour Scintillation Studies by the PSC: GBT Follow-up to GBO 20m Campaign (Observation PI)
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT24B-039, 45 hours (Group B)

  Cyclic Spectroscopy of Three Pulsars with Considerable Pulse Broadening (Observation PI)
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT24A-475, 4 hours (Group C)

  Constraining the Scintillation Constant C<sub>1</sub> in a Scatter-Broadened Pulsar (Observation PI)
- Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope, 44\_035, 25 hours

  Examining the Relation Between Scintillation Arc Curvature and Asymmetry (Observation PI)
- Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope, 40-019, 24 hours

  Scintillation Arcs and Dispersion Measure Changes: A Follow-up to Pilot Observations (Observation PI)
- Green Bank Telescope, GBT20A-588, 12 hours (Group A)

  A Cyclic Spectroscopy Pilot Program: Baseband Observations of Three MSPs
- Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope, 38-041, 24 hours

  Scintillation Arcs and Dispersion Measure Changes: A Pilot Project (Observation PI)

# ORGANIZATIONS

- American Astronomical Society: Full Member
- North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav): Full Member

# PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP

- 2024-Present, Observing Proposal Scientific Reviewer, Upgraded Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope
- 2024: LOC, NRAO/GBO Postdoc Symposium
- Spring 2022: Moderator, North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference
- Fall 2021: Moderator, North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) Conference

#### SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, Bash, C shell, Unix/Linux
  - o Scientific Python Packages: Numpy, Scipy, Matplotlib, Astropy, PyCyc, Scintools, Pypulse
- Software Packages: Simulink, LATEX, TEMPO/TEMPO2, PSRCHIVE, DSPSR, Slurm, Jupyter/IPython

## Honors and Awards

- Graduate Research Fellowship, West Virginia University, 2019-2023
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, West Virginia University, 2018-2019
- John Frederick Oberlin Scholarship, Oberlin College, 2013