

# EVAN C. MAYER

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

2021-PRESENT  
PhD Research

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

2013-2017  
AB, Physics (2017)

### Research Interests

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<b>Radio astronomy</b>	Line intensity mapping	Star formation	Interferometry
<b>Instrument design</b>	Antenna design and simulation	Receiver design	Cryogenic engineering
<b>Signal processing</b>	GPU cross-correlators	Data processing pipelines	Data visualization
<b>Accessible science</b>	Software-defined radio	Community science	Science communication

### Publications

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- [3] Keenan, Ryan P. et al. **Nov. 2024**. “The Arizona Molecular ISM Survey with the SMT: Survey Overview and Public Data Release”. In: *The Astrophysical Journal* 975.1, 150, p. 150. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/ad7504. arXiv: 2408.02617 [astro-ph.GA].
- [2] Liu, Lun-Jun et al. **July 2024**. “Cosmic Ray Susceptibility of the Terahertz Intensity Mapper Detector Arrays”. en. In: *Journal of Low Temperature Physics* 216.1, pp. 195–207. ISSN: 1573-7357. DOI: 10.1007/s10909-024-03123-z. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10909-024-03123-z> (visited on 10/11/2024).
- [1] Barry, P. S. et al. **2018**. “Design and Performance of the Antenna-Coupled Lumped-Element Kinetic Inductance Detector”. In: *Journal of Low Temperature Physics* 193.3-4, pp. 176–183. ISSN: 15737357. DOI: 10.1007/s10909-018-1943-y. arXiv: arXiv:1801.06265v1.

### Conference Proceedings

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- [5] Butler, Victoria L. et al. **2024**. “TIME: the Tomographic Ionized-carbon Mapping Experiment: an update on design, characterization, and data from the 2022 commissioning observations”. In: *Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy XII*. Ed. by Jonas Zmuidzinas and Jian-Rong Gao. Vol. 13102. International Society for Optics and Photonics. SPIE, 131022G. DOI: 10.1117/12.3021442. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1117/12.3021442>.
- [4] Marrone, Daniel P. et al. **2022a**. “The terahertz intensity mapper: a balloon-borne imaging spectrometer for galaxy evolution”. In: *Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy XI*. Ed. by Jonas Zmuidzinas and Jian-Rong Gao. Vol. 12190. International Society for Optics and Photonics. SPIE, p. 1219008. DOI: 10.1117/12.2630644. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2630644>.
- [3] Vaughan, Benjamin, [...], Mayer, Evan, et al. **June 2022**. “First Light of the Tomographic Ionized Mapping Experiment”. In: *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 54. American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts, 314.03, p. 314.03.

- [2] Khaire, Trupti, [...], **Mayer, Evan**, et al. **Jan. 2018**. “Development of mm-wave sensors for measurements of the Cosmic Microwave Background”. In: *APS March Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 2018. APS Meeting Abstracts, R08.010, R08.010.
- [1] Kim, Junhan, [...], **Mayer, Evan**, et al. **May 2018**. “A VLBI receiving system for the South Pole Telescope”. In: *Proc. SPIE 10708, Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX, 107082S (9 July 2018)*. Austin, p. 97. ISBN: 9781510619692. DOI: 10.1117/12.2301005. arXiv: 1805.09346. URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.09346>.

## Presentations

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- [4] Mayer, Evan C. **Jan. 2026**. “The Terahertz Intensity Mapper (TIM): Fielding the Next Generation of Far-Infrared Detector Arrays”. In: *URSI NRSM 2026*.
- [3] Mayer, Evan C. **May 2025**. “A Star Camera Trade Study for the Terahertz Intensity Mapper (TIM)”. In: *2025 Scientific Ballooning Technologies Conference*.
- [2] Agrawal, Shubh, [...], **Mayer, Evan**, et al. **June 2024**. “The Terahertz Intensity Mapper (TIM)”. In: *Line Intensity Mapping 2024 Conference*. URL: <https://publish.illinois.edu/line-intensity-mapping-2024/program/>.
- [1] Mayer, Evan C. et al. **May 2023**. “Practical Photogrammetry for the Terahertz Intensity Mapper Telescope”. In: *2023 Scientific Ballooning Technologies Conference*.

## Honors and Awards

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2026	EARLY CAREER MEMBER USNC-URSI Commission J: Radio Astronomy
2017	BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PHYSICS WITH HONORS The University of Chicago
2013-2017	DEAN’S LIST The University of Chicago

## Theses

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2017	SIMULATION OF SCALABLE LENSED DUAL SLOT ANTENNAS The University of Chicago
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## Skills

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Python	C/C++	MATLAB	bash	git
Software defined radio	Signal processing	Simulation dev	Failure analysis	Agile processes
ANSYS HFSS	Fusion360	Solidworks	3D Printing	Soldering

## Work Experience

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2017-2021

RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES

Design Realization

- Performed research and literature surveys for, wrote requirements for, wrote unit tests for, implemented, tested, validated, and documented program-critical models of aerospace hardware and operating environments, all in a collaborative software development environment
- Performed massively parallelized Monte Carlo analysis and root cause failure analysis on large sets of telemetry data from six degree-of-freedom system-of-systems simulations
- Presented model development progress and future work to government and company leadership to secure program funding and pass design reviews

2015-2017

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics

- Designed and simulated scalable focal plane array antennas for astronomy with microwave kinetic inductance detectors (MKIDs)
- Designed, simulated, produced, and integrated equipment for cryogenic testing of MKIDs
- Bluefors dilution refrigerator component fabrication and maintenance

2015-2015 & 2017

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Steward Observatory

- Designed, simulated, produced drawings of, and integrated mm-wave optical component support structures for South Pole Telescope Very Long Baseline Interferometry receiver for Event Horizon Telescope project – components were essential for groundbreaking 2017 observations
- Performed VLBI receiver cryostat maintenance & wiring
- Designed environmental seals around VLBI receiver components for South Pole Telescope equipment cabin