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Academic E	xperience		
2020-2021	 Teaching Fellow (Science): Royal Holloway, Teaching Fellow in the Centre for the Dev Responsible for foundation-year Mathema learning environment. 	relopment of A	Academic Skills.
2020-2021	Adjunct Research Associate: School of Phy - Held concurrently with the Teaching Fellows collaborations and student supervision.		
2018-2020	Assistant Lecturer: School of Physics and As Researcher in gravitational-wave astronom Mentored research students in science and Assistant lecturer for first-year physics P PHS1022 (Fields and Quantum Physics)	ny and neutro I software dev HS1011 (Cla	elopment. ssical Physics and Relativity) and
2016-2018	Research Scientist: Albert Einstein Institute, - Researcher in continuous gravitational-wa - Co-authored 8 publications in gravitational	ve searchers a	
Education			
2012-2016	PhD in Mathematics. Thesis title: "Timing van their implications for gravitational waves", University (Hannover, DE).		
2008-2012	MPhys, 1 st class (Hons), University of Southam	pton (GB).	
2006-2008	General Certificate of Education Advanced Lev Ferndown Upper School Sixth Form (GB).	el, in Physics	, Mathematics, and Music (AAC),
Leadership a	and Community Roles		
2020-	Co-chair: LIGO Parameter Estimation group physical characterisation of every observed grav		
2020-	Scientific Advisor: GWCloud, a cloud-based data with an intuitive, fully managed job system		ccess gravitational wave astronomy
2019-2020	Co-chair: LIGO Bilby development group comdevelopment and deployment of the Bilby softw	prising 30 me	embers who are responsible for the

OzGrav members and the OzStar super-computing team.

interactions and developed workshops and seminars to facilitate collaboration.

Member: Australian gravitational-wave (OzGrav) Equity & Diversity Committee. I delivered

training materials and helped support the committee's efforts across the Centre for Excellence. Co-chair: OzGrav Inference program. This is one of seven research themes in the Australian

Research Council's Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery. I coordinated cross-node

Chair: OzGrav Computing Task Force. I was responsible for coordinating communication between

Research Supervision

2018-2021	Nikhil Sarin, PhD candidate, Monash University, <i>The observational consequences of neutron star post-merger remnants</i> . Together, we have published eight articles, with Nikhil first-author on four of these.
2020	Rowina Nathan, PHS2360 Physics and Astronomy Introductory Research Project, Monash University, Analysing radio pulsar pulses using machine learning. (Co-authored two papers together)
2019	Kshipraa Athar, 2019 Vacation Scholarship, Monash University, Optimising tools for gravitational wave astronomy. (Co-authored one paper together)
2019	Tushar Nagar, PHS2360 Physics and Astronomy Introductory Research Project, Monash University, Glitches in the Vela Pulsar: A Bayesian approach.
2018	Chandana Anand, PHS2360 Physics and Astronomy Introductory Research Project, Monash University, Magnetospheric switching in PSR B1828-11.

Grants and Awards

- Awarded the 2020 USERN (Universal Scientific Education and Research Network) prize for Physical and Chemical Sciences.
- Awarded two support grants (total 40,000 AUD) to develop GWCloud: a bilby-backed cloud-based gravitational-wave analysis tool, one of three projects in the AUD 2.8M Australian Gravitational-Wave Data Center.
- Runner-up: Monash Universitys Faculty of Science 2020 Research Excellence by an Early Career Researcher.
- Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (2016) for "the detection of gravitational waves" (shared with the LIGO founders and 1012 other LIGO-Virgo collaborators).
- Best student talk prize at the 2016 NewCompStar Annual Meeting (Istanbul, TR).
- Runner-up student talk prize at the 2014 BritGrav annual meeting (Cambridge, GB).

Organisation of International Workshops and Meetings

Aug 2020	Parameter Estimation for Gravitational waves: lead organizer, invited by the LIGOIndia community
	to train 60+ astrophysicists (virtual).
May 2020	LIGO-Virgo Collaboration GW Open Data Workshop #3: co-organizer, invited to write and
	coordinate the Parameter Estimation tutorials for 100 students (virtual).
Feb 2019	LIGO-Virgo Collaboration Parameter Estimation Meeting: Local organizer
Nov 2018	Towards O3: lead organizer, 20 national participants, software development sprint.
Aug 2018	Introduction to Inference: lead organizer, 33 international participants trained in software
_	development and Bayesian inference.

Invited Presentations

Nov 2020	Turning wiggles into science, Royal Holloway High-Energy Physics (London, UK).	
Jul 2020	Transient Gravitational-Wave and Multi-messenger Astronomy, UCL Astrophysics (London, UK).	
Jun 2020	Maximising the science of gravitational-wave observatories Stockholm University Astrophysics	
	(Stockholm, SE).	
Dec 2019	Bystander Awareness Training, OzGrav Annual Retreat (Melbourne, AUS).	
Sep 2019	GW190425: A Binary Neutron-Star Coalescence observed by LIGO and Virgo, plenary talk on	
	behalf of the paper writing team, LIGO/Virgo meeting, invited (Warsaw, PO).	
Jul 2019	Introduction to Bayesian Data Analysis, Masterclass in Relativistic Fluid Dynamics, University	
	of Southampton, invited (Southampton, GB).	
Oct 2018	Astrophysical inference and transient gravitational wave astronomy, Astrophysics Colloquium,	
	University of Melbourne (Melbourne, AU).	
Apr 2018	Continuous wave parameter estimation and non-standard signal follow up, INT-18-71W, Institute	
	for Nuclear theory (Seattle, US).	
$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2017$	Neutron stars as continuous gravitational wave emitters, 11th Neutron Star workshop (Bonn, DE).	
$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2017$	Continuous gravitational waves, Aspen Center for Physics (Aspen, US).	
Mar 2017	Statistical characterization of pulsar glitches and their potential impact on searches for continuous	
	gravitational waves, invited seminar, Glasgow University Physics Colloquium (Glasgow, GB).	

Selected Public Engagement

Oct 2020	Work highlighted in the Australian Research Council's 2020 research highlights.
Jan 2020	Adelaide Five aa radio station interview: the second binary neutron merger ever observed
Aug 2019	Featured in the national Australian newspaper The Age: Patient astronomers crack the code of super-dense spinning stars along with follow-up online articles in PhysicsWorld CNET, The Register, and other sites.
Aug 2019	Behind the paper article, <i>Understanding the rotational evolution of the Vela pulsar during the 2016 glitch</i> written for Nature Astronomy Community blog.
2015-2020	Delivered several outreach talks on gravitational-wave astronomy at 'Pint of Science' and 'Skeptics Society' meetings.
2015-2019	Regular contributor to open days and public outreach at Monash University, Leibniz University, and the University of Southampton.
Feb 2015	Invited article in the Institute of Physics Gravitational Physics Group 2015 Newsletter: The effect of timing noise on continuous gravitational wave searches. [5pt]

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Fellow (Science) at Royal Holloway, University of London. I develop and deliver the foundation-year Mathematics course with over 140 students enrolled. I create flipped-classroom teaching materials, co-ordinate support, and deliver the content in a blended learning environment.
- Assistant Lecturer for Monash University's first-year physics units PHS1011 and PHS1022. These units
 implement the *studio physics* model of teaching; an evidence-based student-centric pedagogy. Responsible
 for coordinating and delivering workshops, laboratories, and assessments.
- While teaching at Monash, I achieved Student Evaluation of Teaching Units (SETU) scores for all subjects average $4.6~\rm out~of~5.0$
- While teaching at Royal Holloway and Monash I developed teaching materials, including traditional lectures along with YouTube videos introducing and reviewing concepts and examples aimed at first-year students.
- Developed several online programming and Bayesian statistics courses aimed at PhD-level students.
- Graduate Research Supervisor Accreditation at Level 1 with Monash Graduate Research Office.
- **Contributor** to the Monash ADS1002 (Applied Data Science) module. I developed and mentored a student project using Google Maps geolocation data.
- Teaching Assistant for Math, Physics, and Programming at the University of Southampton (2012-2016)
- **Student Associate**: University of Southampton scheme placing undergraduate physicists in secondary-school maths and science classrooms (2011)