

EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION

2025-	STFC Ernest Rutherford Research Fellow	Cardiff University
2025	Postdoctoral Researcher	University of Bristol
2022–25	Herchel Smith Research Fellow	University of Cambridge
2018–22	Ph.D.: <i>Eccentricity in Gravitational-Wave Transients</i> .	Monash University
2013–18	B.A. and M.Sci. Physics with Honours, Class I	University of Birmingham

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

2025	University of Oxford	SPIMAX Colloquium
-	University of Bristol	Astrophysics Seminar
-	University of Nottingham	Particle Cosmology and Gravity Seminar
-	IIT Madras	Eccentricity Workshop
2024	University of Sussex	Astronomy Colloquium
-	Southampton University	Gravity Seminar
-	University of Birmingham	Seminar
-	University of Cambridge	Kavli Institute for Cosmology Seminar
2023	Madrid Instituto de Física Teórica	COSMO'23, Plenary
-	Albert Einstein Institute, Max Planck Institute, Potsdam	Seminar
-	Northwestern University	CIERA Seminar
-	Queen Mary University of London	Seminar
-	University of Cambridge	(Data Intensive Science, Cosmology, KICC Frontiers) Seminars
-	University of Amsterdam	Anton Pannekoek Institute Colloquium
2021	Niels Bohr Institute	Conference on Dynamical Binary Black Hole Formation
-	CSIRO Australia Telescope National Facility	Seminar
-	OzGrav Centre of Excellence for Gravitational-Wave Discovery	Seminar
-	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Seminar
-	California Institute of Technology	TAPIR Seminar
-	University of Queensland	Seminar
2020	OzGrav Centre of Excellence for Gravitational-Wave Discovery	Seminar
-	University of Santiago de Compostela	Colloquium
-	Monash University School of Physics and Astronomy	Colloquium

PRIZES, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2025	Ernest Rutherford Fellowship (accepted)	Science and Technology Facilities Council
2023	Honourable Mention: Charlene Heisler Prize	Astronomical Society of Australia
-	Rising Star Award	OzGrav Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery
2022	Honourable Mention: GWIC-Braccini Prize	Gravitational Wave International Committee
-	Robert Street Prize	Monash University, School of Physics & Astronomy
	For “the best PhD thesis awarded through the School of Physics and Astronomy”	
2021	Norris Family Award	Monash University, Faculty of Science.
	For “outstanding author contribution by a graduate student to published scholarly research output”	
-	Herchel Smith Research Fellowship (accepted)	University of Cambridge
-	Burke Fellowship (declined)	Caltech
-	Flatiron Research Fellowship (declined)	Flatiron Centre for Computational Astrophysics
-	Niels Bohr Fellowship (declined)	Niels Bohr International Academy
2020	Homeward Bound Membership	STEMM Leadership Initiative
-	Outreach Award	OzGrav Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery
-	ECR Poster Prize	Royal Astronomical Society
2019	Student Poster Award	OzGrav Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery
-	Student Talk Award	Astronomical Society of Australia
2018	J.L. William International Scholarship	Monash University, School of Physics and Astronomy
-	Dean’s International Postgraduate Scholarship	Monash University, Faculty of Science
-	International Postgraduate Research Scholarship	Monash University
-	Nolan Merrill Prize	University of Birmingham
	For “the highest-scoring M.Sci. project in the School of Physics & Astronomy”	
-	M.Sci. Poster Prize, School of Physics & Astronomy	University of Birmingham

SUPERVISION & TEACHING

▷ **Graduate Supervision:**

- Elizabeth Morgan (Cardiff). PhD project: *X-ray and Gravitational-Wave Joint Observations of Compact Objects using Machine Learning*
- Teagan Clarke (Monash). Honours (Masters) project: *Gravitational Waves from Eccentric Binary Black Holes*

▷ **Undergraduate Supervision:**

- Salman Khan (Cambridge). Data Intensive Science MPhil project: *Reproducing Third Gravitational Wave Transient Catalogue Population Inference*
- Daniel Gibson (Cambridge). Part III Mathematics MPhil project: *Understanding Neutron Stars with Future Gravitational-Wave Detector Networks*
- Joshua Sharkey (Cambridge). Summer project: *Wrong Model, Right Answer: Recovering traces of dynamical binary black hole formation from gravitational-wave data*
- Samir Goorachurn (McGill). Summer project: *Eccentricities of Binary Black Holes with Circumbinary Disks*
- Ajinkya Naik (Pune). Summer project: *Spins of Binary Black Holes from High Mass X-Ray Binaries*

▷ **PhD School Lectures:**

- [Kavli-Villum School on Gravitational Waves](#): Introduction to Gravitational Wave Astrophysics
- [ESO-Gruber Summer School](#): From Nearby Worlds to Distant Galaxies: Gravitational Waves

▷ **Problem Classes / Labs / Workshops:**

Statistical Uncertainty Quantification (Cambridge), Introductory Astronomy, Introduction to Astrophysics, Computational Astrophysics & the Extreme Universe (Monash)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025	Subject-matter expert reviewer	NASA peer review
2019-	Referee	<i>Nature Astronomy, PRD, MNRAS, ApJ, ApJ Letters</i>
2018-	Eccentricity Task Force, internal paper reviews, paper writing	<i>LVK Collaboration</i>
2023	Gravitational Waves Session Co-convenor	<i>National Astronomy Meeting (UK)</i>
2023	LOC, Conferences: Rubin/LSST, Astrostats/ML	<i>Kavli Institute Cambridge</i>
2022-2023	Organiser: GR Seminar, GR Journal Club, Theory Colloquia	<i>University of Cambridge</i>
2020-22	Steering Committee	<i>Australian National Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics</i>
2019	Women in Physics & Astronomy Student Co-Chair	<i>Monash University</i>
2018	Board of Misconduct Student Rep.	<i>University of Birmingham</i>
2013-18	Student Rep.	<i>University of Birmingham</i>

OUTREACH

Publications & Articles

2021	Women in Physics , Colouring book; co-author, editor, and illustrator
2020	Planetyology: Why Uranus is not called George and other facts about space and words , Children's non-fiction book; author, editor, and illustrator
-	The CO2 Elephant in the Room: Curbing the Carbon Footprint of Astronomy , <i>Astrobites</i> article

Media Interviews

PODCASTS	The Science Pawdcast
-	Astrophiz
-	Storytellers of STEM
-	Listening to the Cosmos (LIGO India)
RADIO	Einstein A Go-Go, Triple R
-	The Space Show, Southern FM
ARTICLES	Space Australia
-	Monash University Science

Public Talks

2025	Taunton Astronomy Society
-	Astronomy on Tap Cardiff
2024	Taunton Astronomy Society
-	Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution
2023	Astronomy on Tap Chicago
2022	U3A Deepdene
2021	GWTC-3 Webinar
-	Astronomical Society of Victoria
-	Denver Astronomical Society
2020	Mount Burnett Observatory
-	OzGrav Public Lecture Series
2019	Mount Burnett Observatory

Kid's Talks & Outreach Visits

2024	City Academy Bristol with We The Curious
2022	Casey Tech School with OzGrav
-	Haileybury Middle School for Women's Day Australia
2021	Girlguiding UK
-	Cambridge Festival

Other

2025	Scientific Consultant for We The Curious Planetarium Nights show: <i>The Space Between</i>
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RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS: SHORT-AUTHOR

- [35] [Astrophysical Implications of Eccentricity in Gravitational Waves from Neutron Star-Black Hole Binaries](#) — **IRS**, J. Stegmann, G. Morras, M. Zevin. Submitted to *MNRAS*, Dec 2025
- [34] [Distinguishing the origin of eccentric black-hole mergers with gravitational-wave spin measurements](#) — J. Stegmann, D. Gerosa, **IRS**, G. Fumagalli, H. Tagawa, L. Zwick. Published in *ApJL*, Nov 2025
- [33] [Evidence for eccentricity in the population of binary black holes observed by LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA](#) — N. Gupte et al. (incl. **IRS**). Published in *PRD*, Nov 2025
- [32] [Fast and accurate parameter estimation of high-redshift sources with the Einstein Telescope](#) — F. Santoliquido et al. (incl. **IRS**). Published in *PRD*, Nov 2025
- [31] [Hierarchical Triples vs. Globular Clusters: Binary black hole merger eccentricity distributions compete and evolve with redshift](#) — A. Dorozsmai, **IRS**, A. Vijaykumar, S. Toonen, F. Antonini, K. Kremer, M. Zevin, E. Grishin. Published in *MNRAS*, Nov 2025
- [30] [Gravitational-Wave Signatures of Highly Eccentric Stellar-Mass Binary Black Holes in Galactic Nuclei](#) — E. Grishin, **IRS** A. A. Trani. Submitted to *MNRAS*, Oct 2025
- [29] [Biased parameter inference of eccentric, spin-precessing binary black holes](#) — Divyajyoti, **IRS** et al. Submitted to *PRD*, Oct 2025
- [28] [GW200208.222617 as an eccentric black-hole binary merger: properties and astrophysical implications](#) — **IRS**, J. Stegmann, H. Tagawa, D. Gerosa, J. Samsing, N. Gupte, S. R. Green. Published in *PRD*, Sep 2025
- [27] [Inferring the pair-instability mass gap from gravitational wave data](#) — F. Antonini, T. Callister, F. Dosopoulou, **IRS**, D. Chattopadhyay. Published in *PRD*, Sep 2025
- [26] [Rapid stellar and binary population synthesis with COMPAS: methods paper II](#) — I. Mandel et al. incl. **IRS**. Published in *ApJS*, Sep 2025
- [25] [Gravitational waves reveal the pair-instability mass gap and constrain nuclear burning in massive stars](#) — F. Antonini, **IRS**, T. Callister, F. Dosopoulou, D. Chattopadhyay, M. Gieles, M. Mapelli. Submitted to *Nature Astronomy*, Sep 2025
- [24] [A Star Cluster Population of High Mass Black Hole Mergers in Gravitational Wave Data](#) — F. Antonini, **IRS**, T. Callister. Published *PRL*, Jan 2025
- [23] [Eccentric Signatures of Stellar-Mass Binary Black Holes with Circumbinary Disks in LISA](#) — **IRS**, S. Goorachurn, M. Siwek, C. J. Moore. Published in *MNRAS Letters*, Oct 2024
- [22] [Gravitational-wave data analysis with high-precision numerical relativity simulations of boson star mergers](#) — T. Evstafyeva, U. Sperhake, **IRS**, M. Agathos. Published in *PRL*, Sep 2024
- [21] [Residual eccentricity as a systematic uncertainty on the formation channels of binary black holes](#) — G. Fumagalli, **IRS**, D. Gerosa, V. De Renzi, K. Kritos, A. Olejak. Published in *ApJ*, Sep 2024
- [20] [Detecting gravitational-wave bursts from black hole binaries in the Galactic Center with LISA](#) — A. Knee, J. McIver, S. Naoz, **IRS**, B-M. Hoang. Published in *ApJL*, Aug 2024
- [19] [Blind Spots and Biases: The dangers of ignoring eccentricity in gravitational-wave signals from binary black holes](#) — Divyajyoti, S. Kumar, S. Tibrewal, **IRS**, C. Mishra. Published in *PRD*, Feb 2024
- [18] [Double black hole mergers in nuclear star clusters: eccentricities, spins, masses, and the growth of massive seeds](#) — D. Chattopadhyay, J. Stegmann, F. Antonini, J. Barber, **IRS**. Published in *MNRAS*, Dec 2023
- [17] [Rapid population synthesis of black-hole high-mass X-ray binaries: implications for binary stellar evolution](#) — **IRS**, R. Hirai, A. Bahramian, R. Willcox, I. Mandel. Published in *MNRAS*, Sep 2023
- [16] [Inferring Interference: Identifying a Perturbing Tertiary with Eccentric Gravitational Wave Burst Timing](#) — **IRS**, N. Loutrel, M. Zevin. Published in *PRD*, Jun 2023
- [15] [Eccentricity or spin precession? Distinguishing subdominant effects in gravitational-wave data](#) — **IRS**, D. Gerosa, N. Loutrel. Published in *MNRAS*, Jan 2023
- [14] [Gravitational-wave inference for eccentric binaries: the argument of periaapsis](#) — T. A. Clarke, **IRS**, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane. Published in *MNRAS*, Dec 2022
- [13] [Subtracting glitches from gravitational-wave detector data during the third observing run](#) — D. Davis, T. B. Littenberg, **IRS**, M. Millhouse, J. McIver, F. Di Renzo, G. Ashton. Published in *Class. Quant. Grav.*, Dec 2022
- [12] [Four eccentric mergers increase the evidence that LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA's binary black holes form dynamically](#) — **IRS**, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane. Published in *ApJ*, Dec 2022
- [11] [General-relativistic precession in a black-hole binary](#) — M. Hannam et al. (incl. **IRS**). Published in *Nature*, Oct 2022
- [10] [A Rosetta Stone for Eccentric Gravitational Waveform Models](#) — A. Knee, **IRS**, P. D. Lasky, J. McIver, E. Thrane. Published in *ApJ*, Sep 2022
- [9] [When models fail: an introduction to posterior predictive checks and model misspecification in gravitational-wave astronomy](#) — **IRS**, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane. Published in *PASA*, Jun 2022
- [8] [Implications of Eccentric Observations on Binary Black Hole Formation Channels](#) — M. Zevin, **IRS**, K. Kremer, E. Thrane, P. D. Lasky. Published in *ApJ Letters*, Nov 2021
- [7] [Signs of Eccentricity in Two Gravitational-Wave Signals may Indicate a Sub-Population of Dynamically Assembled Binary Black Holes](#) — **IRS**, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane. Published in *ApJ Letters*, Nov 2021

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS: SHORT-AUTHOR (CONT.)

- [6] [Gravitational Waves as a Probe of Globular Cluster Formation and Evolution](#) — **IRS**, K. Kremer, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane, J. Samsing. Published in *MNRAS*, Jul 2021
- [5] [An Interactive Gravitational-Wave Detector Model for Museums and Fairs](#) — S. Cooper et al. (incl. **IRS**). Published in *Am. J. Phys.*, Jul 2021
- [4] [Bayesian Inference for Compact Binary Coalescences with BILBY: Validation and Application to the First LIGO-Virgo Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalogue](#) — **IRS**, C. Talbot, S. Biscoveanu, V. D'Emilio, G. Ashton et al. Published in *MNRAS*, Sep 2020
- [3] [GW190521: Orbital Eccentricity and Signatures of Dynamical Formation in a Binary Black Hole Merger Signal](#) — **IRS**, P. Lasky, E. Thrane, J. Calderón Bustillo. Published in *ApJ Letters*, Oct 2020
- [2] [On the origin of GW190425](#) — **IRS**, N. Farrow, S. Stevenson, X-J. Zhu, E. Thrane. Published in *MNRAS Letters*, May 2020
- [1] [Searching for Eccentricity: Signatures of Dynamical Formation in the First Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalogue of LIGO and Virgo](#) — **IRS**, P. Lasky, E. Thrane. Published in *MNRAS*, Oct 2019

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS: LARGE COLLABORATION

I list here publications to which I have actively contributed.

To see all papers upon which I am listed as an author, please visit my [ADS bibliography](#).

- [7] [Observation of Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 2.5 – 4.5 Msun Compact Object and a Neutron Star](#) — *The LVK Collaboration* (incl. **IRS**). Published in *ApJ*, Aug 2024. Contribution: Internal review of parameter estimation results and presentation.
- [6] [Population of Merging Compact Binaries Inferred using Gravitational Waves through GWTC-3](#) — *The LVK Collaboration* (incl. **IRS**). Published in *PRX*, Mar 2023. Contribution: Internal review of population spin analysis.
- [5] [GWTC-3: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the Second Part of the Third Observing Run](#) — *The LVK Collaboration* (incl. **IRS**). Published in *PRX*, Dec 2023. Contribution: Member of the paper-writing team. Event analysis, writing, result presentation.
- [4] [Population Properties of Compact Objects from the Second LIGO-Virgo Gravitational-Wave Transient Catalog](#) — *The LVK Collaboration* (incl. **IRS**). Published in *ApJ Letters*, May 2021. Contribution: Internal review of population spin analysis.
- [3] [GWTC-2: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the First Half of the Third Observing Run](#) — *The LVK Collaboration* (incl. **IRS**). Published in *PRX*, Apr 2021. Contribution: Analysis of strain data surrounding one event trigger.
- [2] [Neutron Star Extreme Matter Observatory: A Kilohertz-Band Gravitational-Wave Detector in the Global Network](#) — *OzGrav: K. Ackley et al.* (incl. **IRS**). Published in *PASA*, Nov 2020. Contribution: Research into efficacy of GW detector network including Australian instrument for observing binary neutron stars.
- [1] [A cryogenic silicon interferometer for gravitational-wave detection](#) — R. X. Adhikari et al. (incl. **IRS**). Published in *CQG*, Aug 2020. Contribution: Created one of the numerical models used to simulate noise at gravitational-wave interferometers.