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Employment

Jul. 2024 - Aug. 2024	Summer volunteer internship, Boustany Foundation, Monaco. Partnering with Open Cultural
	Center, a humanitarian NGO focused on providing teaching, advice and extracurricular activities to
	asylum-seekers and refugees in the Nea Kavala camp in Greece.
Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021	Summer research project, University of Manchester. Modelling the cosmological 21-cm signal in
	Recfast++ and CosmoTherm to study their synergy with CMB spectral distortions. Supervised by
	Prof. Jens Chluba.
Jun. 2020 - Sep. 2020	Summer research project, University of Manchester. Testing and debugging LOFAR-VLBI calibra-
	tion/imaging pipeline for gravitational lenses. Supervised by Dr. Neal Jackson.
Jul. 2019 - Sep. 2019	Summer Intern Programme, British Petroleum / University of Manchester. Simulating mitiga-
	tion techniques for sulphate reducing bacteria responsible for fouling crude oil. Supervised by Dr.
	Thomas Waigh.

Education

2022 - $present$	PhD in Astronomy, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge. Funded by Boustany Astron-
	omy Scholarship & Isaac Newton Studentship at Pembroke College. Supervised by Prof. Anastasia
	Fialkov and Dr. Eloy de Lera Acedo.
2018 - 2022	MPhys. Physics with Astrophysics First Class, University of Manchester. Project involved
	simulating turbulent molecular clouds in ISM and studying filament and star formation. Performed
	with Zoe Faes and supervised by Dr. Rowan Smith.
2016 - 2018	All India Senior School Certificate Examination, DPS - Modern Indian School, Doha, Qatar.
	Average of 95.2% in AISSCE (A-level equivalent) examination.

Publications

First Author

J. Dhandha, Z. Faes, R. J. Smith Decaying turbulence in molecular clouds: how does it affect filament networks and star formation?, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 529, 4699-4718

Contributing Author

February 2024 O. S.	D. O'Hara, F. Dulwich, E. de Lera Acedo, J. Dhandha, T. Gessey-Jones, D. Anstey, A.
Fialko	Understanding spectral artefacts in SKA-LOW 21-cm cosmology experiments: the impact of
cable r	eflections, arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2402.04008
November 2023 A. Fia	kov, T. Gessey-Jones, J. Dhandha Cosmic mysteries and the hydrogen 21-cm line: bridging
$the \ gap$	with lunar observations, arXiv e-prints, arXiv:2311.05366
December 2022 S. K. A	charya, J. Dhandha, J. Chluba Can accreting primordial black holes explain the excess radio
backgree	pund?, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 517, 2454-2461
February 2022 S. Bad	ole, D. Venkattu, N. Jackson, S. Wallace, J. Dhandha, P. Hartley, C. Riddell-Rovira, A.
Towns	end, L. K. Morabito, J. P. McKean High-resolution imaging with the International LOFAR
Telesco	ope: Observations of the gravitational lenses MG 0751+2716 and CLASS B1600+434, Astron-
omy &	Astrophysics, 658, A7

Talks

Conference and Workshop talks

October 2024	Constraining star-formation efficiency in the early Universe using JWST and the cosmic 21-cm signal,
	Introduction to KICC, Kavli Institute for Cosmology, Cambridge.
September 2024	Constraining star-formation efficiency in the early Universe using JWST and the cosmic 21-cm signal,
	7th Global 21-cm Workshop, Raman Research Institute.
May 2024	Synergies between 21-cm experiments and JWST observations, Reionization in Relic Radiation (R3),
	Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale, Université Paris-Saclay.
February 2024	Synergies between 21-cm experiments and JWST observations, Science with the 21-cm line, KICC,
	University of Cambridge.
September 2023	Bringing 21-cm simulations to the JWST era, 2nd REACH Annual Meeting, University of Malta.
September 2023	FIlamEntary STructure Analysis (fiesta), AREPO-ISM workshop, University of Manchester.
October 2022	Can accreting primordial black holes explain the excess radio background?, PDAT Laboratory, K. N.
	Toosi University of Technology (virtual webinar).

Outreach talks

October 2022 | Like beads on a string... Where do massive stars in our Universe come from? A brief look into studying our cosmos, Pembroke Papers, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge.

Grants and awards

April 2024	DiRAC Resource Allocation Committee 16th Call, awarded 4.15M CPUh (worth £41,500)
	on DiRAC's COSMA-8 supercomputer.
July 2022	Tessella Prize for Software (£125), for outstanding work implementing software in Mphys project.
April 2019	BP Achievement Award (£1000), for best essay on petrophysical logging tools.
December 2018	Physics Success Scholarship (£2000), for academic excellence in physics and maths.

Conference organisation

ebruary 2024 | Kavli Science Focus: Science with the 21-cm line, member of Organising Committee and session chair, KICC, University of Cambrdige.

Teaching responsibilities

Oct. 2024 - present	Co-Supervision: Kyle Wong (Masters student) with Prof. Anastasia Fialkov. Working on study-
	ing the impact of structure formation and cosmology on the hydrogen 21-cm signal from Cosmic
	Dawn.
Oct. 2024 - present	Co-Supervision: Jacques Valkenberg (Masters student) with Prof. Anastasia Fialkov and Dr.
	Sandro Tacchella. Working on studying the impact of metal enrichment and stellar IMF on the 21-cm
	signal of neutral hydrogen.
Oct. 2023 - Jul. 2024	Co-Supervision: Rachel Incley (Masters student) with Prof. Anastasia Fialkov. Working on
	comparison of Epoch of Reionization in simulation codes 21cmSPACE and C2-Ray.
Feb. 2023 - Mar. 2023	Demonstration of Part IA Scientific Computing for 22 hours, University of Cambridge.

Software

21cmExperiments	Maintainer: Comprehensive public repository/Google sheet of past & ongoing 21-cm experiments.
CFit	Main author and maintainer: Smart curve fitting tool using method of least squares in Python.
fiesta	Main author and maintainer: Toolkit for analyzing filament networks and density field meshes.
luminobs	Main author and maintainer: Compendium of high-redshift galaxy UVLF observations.

In the media

August 2021 | Most detailed-ever images of galaxies revealed using LOFAR. Press release for LOFAR observations

from ASTRON.

August 2021 | Astronomers develop novel way to 'see' first stars through fog of early Universe. Press release for

LOFAR observations from BBC.

Extracurricular activities

May 2023 - present Jul. 2023 - Jul. 2024 Oct. 2022 - present Oct. 2022 - Apr. 2023 Sep. 2021 - Jul. 2022 Jul. 2020 - Jul. 2022 Sep. 2019 - Jun. 2020

Nov. 2016 - present

Inclusion and Fairness committee member, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge.

Graduate Parlour, Ethnic Minorities officer, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge.

Postgraduate Forum representative, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge.

Pembroke Papers committee member, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge.

Student Representative representing astronomy/astrophysics, University of Manchester.

Touch Rugby Society, Inclusion officer and COVID-19 safety officer, University of Manchester.

Peer-Assisted Study Session leader, Peer Support Scheme, University of Manchester.

English Wikipedia, volunteer editor.

Skills

Programming | **Proficient**: Python, MATLAB, **Experienced**: C++, Java

Markup | Experienced: LaTeX, Wikitext, Intermediate: HTML, CSS, reStructuredText, Markdown

Languages | Proficient: English, Hindi, Intermediate: Gujarati