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EXPERIENCE

JSPS International Postdoctoral FellowOctober 2023 - PresentNational Astronomical Observatory of JapanOsawa, Tokyo, Japan

Postdoctoral Research Associate April 2020 - October 2023

University of Edinburgh

Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

ERC Fellow PI: A. L. Varri

Commonwealth Rutherford Fellow

March 2018 - February 2020

University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

EDUCATION

PhD - Astronomy and Astrophysics

April 2013 - December 2017

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Supervisor: Prof. Gary Da Costa

Thesis: Extended Structures in Globular Clusters

B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Astronomy and Astrophysics February 2008 - December 2022

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

Honours Supervisor: Dr. Dougal Mackey

Honours Thesis: Probing the Kinematics of the Extended Cluster Terzan 8

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages Python, ASQl, SQL, C/C++, FORTRAN

(ordered by skill level)

Protocols & APIs XML, JSON

Tools & Operating Systems MAC OSX (main), Windows, Unix, Vim, Emacs

Astronomy Specific IRAF/PyRAF, Source Extractor, PSFex, Astropy, PhotUtils and PyAstronomy

Other related skills: survey design, photometric/spectroscopic reduction pipelines, Bayesian inference, a basic understanding of machine learning frameworks such as SKLEARN and beginner knowledge of TENSORFLOW.

OBSERVING PROPOSALS AND EXPERIENCE

- HSC narrow-band photometry of the M92 tidal stream, Hyper Suprime Cam, Subaru Telescope, Mauna Kea (2024). (Co-I);
- A Wide Field study of the Globular Cluster NGC 5824, AAOmega, Anglo-Australian Telescope, Siding Springs Observatory (2022 lost to weather, 2023). (PI);
- A kinematics study of the tidal extensions of the Enigmatic Globular Cluster Omega Centauri, FLAMES, Very Large Telescope, Paranal Observatory, 2022. (PI);
- A kinematics study of the tidal extensions of the Enigmatic Globular Cluster Omega Centauri, AAOmega, Anglo-Australian Telescope, Siding Springs Observatory, 2020 (Lost to weather). (PI);
- Exploring Globular Cluster Peripheries with WEAVE, WEAVE, William Herschell Telescope, Roque de los Muchachos Observatory. (Co-I);
- The nature of the diffuse stellar envelope around the globular cluster M2., MegaCam, Canada France Hawaii Telescope, 2019. (Co-I);

- Too small to succeed? The Nature of Extremely Massive Globular Clusters in the dIrr galaxy UGCA86, ISIS, William Herschel Telescope, 2019. (Co-I);
- A Wide-Field View of the Globular Cluster Population in and around NGC 1052, MegaCam, Canada France Hawaii Telescope, 2020. (Co-I);
- Do globular clusters contain dark matter?, FLAMES, Very Large Telescope, 2018. (Co-I);
- The Magellanic Periphery Survey, DECam, Cerra Tololo International Observatory, 2017. (Co-I);

CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributed Talks

- Astronomical Society of Japan's Spring Annual Meeting, Ibaraki University, Mita Japan, 2024.
- Galactic Archaeology China-Japan Collaboration Meeting, NAOJ Japan, 2024.
- A mini-workshop on the bulge in Tokyo, Expectation toward PFS surveys, University of Tokyo Japan, 2024.
- Astronomical Society of Japan's Autumn Annual Meeting, Kwansei Gakuin University Sanda Japan, 2024.
- Dark Matter in the Universe: The Present and Future of Galactic Archaeology and Near-field Cosmology, Matsushima Japan, 2024.
- European Astronomical Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Krakow Poland, 2023.
- National Astronomy Meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society, Cardiff UK, 2023.
- European Astronomical Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Valencia Spain, 2022.
- European Astronomical Society Annual Scientific Meeting, online only, 2021.
- Star Clusters: the Gaia Revolution, online, 2021.
- Week of WEAVE, Barcelona Spain, 2019.
- IAUS 351: Star Clusters: from the Milky Way to the Early Universe, Bologna Italy, 2019.
- Formation of Globular Clusters at High and Low Redshift, Sexten Italy, 2018
- Multiple Populations in Globular Clusters: Where do we Stand?, Sexten Italy, 2016.
- Astronomical Society of Australia's Annual Scientific Meeting., University of New South Wales Australia, 2016.

Contributed Poster Presentations

- IAU 395: Stellar populations in the Milky Way and beyond, Paraty Brazil, 2024.
- European Astronomical Society Annual Scientific Meeting, online, 2021.
- Satellites and Streams in Santiago, Santiago Chile, 2015.
- Astronomical Society of Australia's Annual Scientific Meeting, Macquarie University Australia, 2014.

TEACHING, DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Coordinator of The Local Universe Reading Group, 2019 2023.
- Supervisor of Senior Honours and Winter School projects for undergraduates at the University of Edinburgh.
- Supervised and actively participated in the Work Experience Program at the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics.
- Devised a project and supervised undergraduate students as part of the ANU Winter School program.

SURVEY, COLLABORATIONS AND PANEL EXPERIENCES

- PFS Galactic Archaeology Survey, 2024 current;
- UNIONS Galactic Archaeology Survey, 2024 current;
- EUCLID Globular Cluster Observational Programme, 2023 current.
- Stellar Cluster with 4MOST, 2019 current (builder status).
- WEAVE Galactic Archaeology Survey, 2017 current.
- LSST: UK Junior Associate, 2018 2023.
- ANU Telescope Allocation Committee, 2015.
- Organisation committee member for the annual Mt. Stromlo Christmas Student Seminars, 2013.