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A Search for Astrophysical Neutrino Point Sources with Super-Kamiokande

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1999-2003

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Flat Electron Beam Dynamics: A Comparison of Data with Simulation

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Astrophysics, gravitational waves, cosmology

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Lecturer School of Physics & Astronomy, Monash University	$\begin{array}{c} 2015 – 2016 \\ Clayton, \ VIC \end{array}$
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AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

AWARDS & FEDEOWSHIII S	
Probing CP violation with Hyper-K · \$634K AUD with Prof Phil Urquijo; DP250100373	2025–2028
A Transdimensional Approach to Gravitational-Wave Astronomy · \$460K AUD with AProf Paul Lasky; DP230103088	2023-2026
The ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGravitation AUD for 23 researchers; CE230100016	v 2) 2024–2031
ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF; LE2101000 · Australian Partnership in Advanced LIGO+ (\$3M AUD for 12 investigators)	02) 2021
Rising stars (<i>The Australian</i>) · Australia's top 40 researchers who are less than 10 years into their careers	2019
The ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGravitation AUD for 19 researchers; CE170100004	v) 2016–2023
Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics · \$2M USD split between members of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration	2016
Gruber Cosmology Prize Ron Drever, Kip Thorne, Rai Weiss, and the LIGO Science Collaboration	2016
ARC Future Fellowship (FT150100281) · Gravitational-wave astronomy: detection and beyond (\$618K AUD)	2015–2019
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SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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 - [4] K. Grunthal, R. S. Nathan, et al., The MeerKAT pulsar timing array: Maps of the gravitational-wave sky with the 4.5 year data release, Mon. Not. R. Ast. Soc. 536 (2024) 1501.

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- [14] V. Di Marco, A. Zic, R. M. Shannon, and E. Thrane, Systematic errors in searches for nanohertz gravitational waves, Mon. Not. R. Ast. Soc. 532 (2024) 4026.
- [15] T. A. Clarke, M. Isi, P. D. Lasky, E. Thrane, et al., Striking the right tone: towards a self-consistent framework for measuring black hole ringdowns, Phys. Rev. D 109 (2024) 124030.
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LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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· NCA Time Domain and Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Working Group Chair (2024), AAL Project Oversight Committee (2024–2025), ASA Time-Domain Astronomy Steering Committee, IPTA Detection Committee (2021–2023), NCA MTR CapOp (2019), AAL Science Advisory (2018–2020), Gravitational wave Optical Transient Observatory (2016–)

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Diversity

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MEDIA

My group's work has been featured in a number of publications including *The Independent*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, CNET, and *The Guardian*. I have discussed my research on radio and television programs including *The 7:30 Report*, *Catalyst*, 3AW radio.

OUTREACH

I regularly give public lectures on black holes and gravitational waves. Recent talk venues include MIT Lincoln Lab, the AIP Nobel Prize Public Lecture, and an Instant Expert event organised by New Scientist.

TEACHING & EDUCATION

Monash University	2015-
· PHS1011 (First-Year Physics): Unit Coordinator	
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$Administrative\ roles$	
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Supervision Research faculty	
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 Winner: Vice-Chancellors Commendation for Thesis Excellence 	
- Winner: Charlene Heisler Prize for the most outstanding astronomy PhD thesis	in Australia
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• Kris Walker	2021
• Abhi Mangipudi	2020 – 2021
• Ethan Payne	2020
 Winner: Australian Institute of Physics Laby Medal for the best Honours or Medal 	Masters thesis
from an Australian University	
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• Marcus Lower	2017
• Chris Whittle	2016
• Lucy McNeill	2016
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• Ella Garth	2024
• Jordan Klein	2022
• Carter Hills	2020
• Atul Divakarla (IREU from Florida)	2018

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• Shi Qiu	201
• Tyson Jones	201