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# **EXPERIENCE**

## Research Fellow

## Department of Physics, University of Warwick

May 2021 - Ongoing

♥ Coventry, UK

Fellowship: Science and Technology Facilities Council (April 2024 – Ongoing)

- Developing a prototype neuromorphic instrument to provide early warning of satellites encroaching on astronomical fields
- Simulating SDA sensor architectures to identify capability gaps that can be filled by neuromorphic technology

# Fellowship: Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (May 2021 – April 2024)

- Leading the DebrisWatch Programme campaigns to remotely observe the GSO region with the SkyMapper (Australia) and Bisei (Japan) telescopes
- Investigating sensor architecture designs in the context of furthering the UK's sovereign SDA capabilities

## Secretary

#### Centre for Space Domain Awareness (CSDA)

July 2021 - Ongoing

Ocventry, UK

• Organisational/administrative tasks for the CSDA

# Secretary and Advisory Board Member Global Network On Sustainability In Space (GNOSIS)

Movember 2019 - Ongoing

- GNOSIS promotes collaboration across academia, industry and government to understand/solve problems relating to the sustainable use of space
- Organising/managing hybrid events for 50–400 registrants, including conferences, workshops and outreach activities
- Managing social media accounts and engagement with membership

# Postgraduate Student (Research, full-time) Department of Physics, University of Warwick

September 2017 - April 2021

♥ Coventry, UK

Studentship: Science and Technology Facilities Council

- Developed Python analysis pipelines to detect artificial debris in images of the geosynchronous region
- Aided the commissioning and operation of a 36 cm robotic astrograph
- Led the DebrisWatch Programme, carrying out a survey of faint geosynchronous debris with the Isaac Newton Telescope, La Palma

# Senior Outreach and Recruitment Ambassador SROAS Office, University of Warwick

March 2014 - April 2021

Coventry UK

# **WRITE TO**

F.07 Millburn House Department of Physics University of Warwick Gibbet Hill Road Coventry CV4 7AL UK

# RESEARCH PROFILE

My research is focused on the use of optical tools and techniques for space domain awareness (SDA) – to detect, monitor and characterise satellites and orbital debris. Alongside this, I have a keen interest in the fields of exoplanetary science and astrobiology.

# **EDUCATION**

# Ph.D. in Space Domain Awareness University of Warwick

🛗 September 2017 - April 2021

**Supervisor:** Don Pollacco (Astronomy)

**Project:** Optical imaging of space debris in low and

high altitude orbits

## M.Phys. in Physics University of Warwick

## September 2013 - June 2017

**Grade:** First Class Honours

**Supervisor:** Jeremy Sloan (Microscopy)

**Project:** Characterising low-dimensional 'extreme nanowires' of phase change materials in single-

walled carbon nanotubes

**Key topics:** Astronomy, Computing, Quantum, Mechanics, Relativity, Electricity & Magnetism,

Thermal, Geophysics, Particle, Materials

# A Levels & GCSEs Wrenn Academy & Sixth Form

**A2:** Maths (A\*), Hist. (A\*), Phys. (A), Chem. (A) **A5:** Above 4(A), Furth. Maths (A), Phil. (B) **GCSE:** 9(A\*) incl. Maths, Phys., Eng. Lang. & 5(A) incl. Astro.

- Mentor for the Sutton Scholars Programme (Sutton Trust)
- Tutor at GCSE and A-Level revision bootcamps
- Organised/delivered outreach sessions for year 7–13 students
- Group leader and night staff for 10+ summer schools and residentials
- Campus tours and open days excellent customer service skills
- Student calling approachable telephone manner
- Coordinated events for audiences of 200+ visitors
- Involved with the Brilliant Club, UniTracks and Realising Opportunities initiatives, promoting Widening Participation (WP) in local schools

## Summer Research Intern

## Department of Physics, University of Warwick

**2015-17** 

♥ Coventry, UK

Three 10-week summer projects through the Undergraduate Research Support Scheme – developed Python skills for data analysis and/or modelling

- 2015 | Attempted detection of weather patterns on HAT-P-7b poster Supervisor: Don Pollacco (Astronomy)
- 2016 | Modelling the circumbinary candidate KOI-1741 poster Supervisor: David Armstrong (Astronomy)
- 2017 | Modelling panspermia in the TRAPPIST-1 system poster Supervisor: David Armstrong (Astronomy) & Hendrik Schäfer (Life Sciences)

# Work Experience Placement Laser 2000 (UK) Ltd

August - September 2012

♥ Huntingdon, UK

- Received training as a prospective Sales Engineer, covering the theory and commercialisation of photonic equipment
- Entrusted with digitization of company legal documents
- Research project investigating the effect of temperature on a laser beam

# **MEDIA**

#### Press releases

2023 | Make Way for Santa - release

Festive take on CSDA activities tackling space debris, interview with LBC

2023 | Our Fragile Space - release

Coverage of Max Alexander's space debris exhibition, hosted by the CSDA at the Ruins of Coventry Cathedral, e.g., BBC

2022 | First Hybrid GNOSIS Conference - release

Coverage of conference and outreach activities, hosted at Warwick

2021 | First-of-its-kind Research Centre in UK - release

Launch of Centre for Space Domain Awareness, University of Warwick

2020 | DebrisWatch I - release

Survey of faint geosynchronous debris, reached hundreds of news outlets internationally, e.g., Phys.org, interviews with BBC Midlands Today, BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC CWR

2017 | Winds of Rubies and Sapphires - release

First weather report for a Hot Jupiter, reached several hundred news outlets, e.g., New Scientist – PBS – Space.com – The Conversation

## **Articles and blogs**

2022 | Striving for Precision SSA

Blog post for GNOSIS - article

2022 | Mopping up the mess of space

Invited article for Challenge (environmental journal in Parliament)

2020 | The sticky situation regarding space debris

Invited feature for Warwick's Knowledge Centre - article

# PROPOSALS/GRANTS

#### 2023 | Fellowship (STFC)

Three-year postdoctoral fellowship applying neuromorphic camera technology to astronomy and space domain awareness (£366k, Pl: Blake)

2023 | Impact Accelerator Account (EPSRC)

Leveraging neuromorphic camera technology for space domain awareness (£13k, Pl: Blake)

2022 | Impact Accelerator Account (EPSRC)

Impact of solar storms and space weather on tracking capabilities of satellites and destructive debris (£10k, Pl: Veras)

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2020 | Fellowship (Dstl)

Five-year postdoctoral fellowship supporting collaborative projects between Dstl and University of Warwick (£1m, PI: Pollacco)

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2020 | Travel Grant (RAS)

Travel and subsistence for the AMOS Conference, Maui, Hawaii (£3k, Pl: Blake)

2019 | Network+ (STFC)

GNOSIS: Global Network On Sustainability In Space (£392k, PI: Pollacco, Mann)

2019 | Travel Grant (Warwick Ventures)

Travel and subsistence for the International Orbital Debris Conference, Texas (£5k, Pl: Blake)

2019 | Defence and Security Accelerator (DASA) DASA funding for conception and design of a system to monitor the geosynchronous region (£170k, PI: Pollacco)

2018 | PhD Studentship (EOARD)

Full-time PhD (Shrive), 3.5 years, applying machine learning techniques to space situational awareness (PI: Pollacco)

2018 | Isaac Newton Telescope (ING)

Awarded 8 nights of dark-grey time to observe the geosynchronous region (PI: Pollacco)

2017 | PhD Studentship (STFC)

Full-time PhD (Blake), 3.5 years, extended by 6 months due to COVID-19 (PI: Pollacco)

2015, 16, 17 | Research Bursaries (URSS)

Undergraduate Research Support Scheme bursaries for subsistence during summer research projects (£2k each, PI: Blake)

2019 | Five reasons future space travel should explore asteroids

Article for The Conversation on World Asteroid Day - article

2018 | Pondering panspermia - how life could travel through space

Invited feature for Warwick's Knowledge Centre - article

#### Other

2021-Ongoing | Invited Comments

SLIM lunar lander (2024) - comment

Peregrine lander failure (2024) - Mirror

First space debris penalty (2023) - Yahoo

Russian anti-satellite test (2021) - comment

Chinese rocket body re-entry (2021) - CNET

2023 | Our Fragile Space

Featured in Max Alexander's space debris photography exhibition

2022-23 | AMOSTECH interviews

Invited to feature in conference promotional videos

2021 | Press Briefing (NAM, Uni. Bath)

Invited as a panel member to discuss the impact of satellite constellations on astronomy and the space environment

2016 | Warwick Prospectus

Chosen to appear on the front covers of the Warwick prospectus and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary rebranding document

# **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Teaching**

Ongoing | Student supervision

- Visiting Ph.D. Wang (2025)
- M.Phys. Navas & Higgins (2024), Roberts & Manoharan (2018)
- B.Sc. Elamin & Singh (2019)
- UG Research Support Scheme Vallow (2024)

## 2019-21 | Python Workshop Demonstrator

- Practical sessions for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate Python modules
- Worked with students one-to-one to help them think programmatically

2017-20 | Laboratory Marker - Radio astronomy

• Marking lab books for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate laboratory experiment

2016–18 | **Revision lectures** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year B.Sc./M.Phys.

- Delivered revision lectures for several undergraduate modules
- Topics included quantum mechanics, thermodynamics and stellar physics

#### Outreach

## 2023 | Our Fragile Space - photography exhibition

Organised and recruited student helpers for school visits to Max Alexander's space debris exhibition at the Coventry Cathedral Ruins

2022-23 | Necropolis - educational video game

Consultations with 4WardFutures supporting game design/development, funded via STFC IAA – raising awareness of the space debris problem

2022 | Warwick Astronomy Knowledge Exchange (WAKE)

Supporting visiting early-stage researchers from under-represented countries in astronomy – mentor for SDA-oriented participant from Sri Lanka

2018-2022 | Planetarium

- Assisting with Warwick's portable planetarium show
- Visiting local schools and presenting a range of immersive shows
- Engaging with children and promoting STEM subjects

#### 2015-18 | Summer schools and residentials

• Pastoral care of year 9-12 students across 10+ residentials

## COMPUTING

#### github/jblake95 for projects

- Operating systems
   Linux, MacOS, Windows
- Programming languages
  Proficient: Python
  Basic: C
- Key libraries

NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, astropy, astroquery, SEP, datetime, rebound, Skyfield, ellc, emcee, pandas, json, photutils

Software packages

IRAF, SAOImage DS9, AstroImageJ, Astrometry.net, Origin Pro, MASTER, DRAMA

- Developer tools
   Git, PyCharm, Geany, Spyder
- Common tasks
   Data analysis, image reduction and processing,

database querying, modelling and simulation

# **OBSERVING**

#### Roque de los Muchachos, La Palma

- Isaac Newton Telescope
   Wide Field Camera survey of faint geosynchronous debris 8 nights
- 14" Rowe-Ackermann Schmidt astrograph observations of geosynchronous satellites – 18 nights
- SuperWASP-North
  Observations of low Earth orbit satellite passes 19 nights
- Near Infra-red Transiting ExoplanetS (NITES)
  Remote observer follow-up photometry for exoplanet candidates 74 nights
- Warwick CLASP
   Remote scheduling survey of geosynchronous region – 10 nights

## Siding Spring, Australia

SkyMapper

Remote scheduling – survey of geosynchronous region – 20 nights

#### Bisei Spaceguard Centre, Japan

• Bisei 1m

Remote scheduling – survey of geosynchronous region – 10 nights

- Organised activities, presented sessions and coordinated large-scale events
- Received extensive training in safeguarding

#### 2014-17 | School visits

- Delivered sessions entitled Future Pathways, What are my Options?, Fascilitating Independence, and Access to Higher Education
- Engaged with year 7–12 students at 10+ Widening Participation schools across Coventry, Rugby, Learnington and Birmingham

#### 2014-17 | Widening Participation Ambassador

- Represented Warwick at various HE fairs across the UK, including UCAS fairs in Bradford and London
- Visited local Widening Participation schools for parent information evenings, careers fairs and HE awareness sessions
- Coordinated Science Campus Days for year 5–6 pupils

#### **Societies**

2018-Ongoing | Royal Astronomical Society - Fellow

2016–17 | Warwick Astronomy Society - Co-Founder, Vice President, Treasurer

- Organised workshops and talks for 80+ members
- Responsible for finance and sponsorship

2016-17 | Warwick Physics Society - Academic Coordinator

- Maintained revision guides, coordinated weekly help sessions
- Organised and led revision lectures for 12 modules

2016-17 | Outreach and Recruitment Ambassadors' Community - Co-Founder

- Established a platform for additional training and social events
- Organised and coordinated events for 100+ student ambassadors and staff

### **Boards/Commities/Working Groups**

2019-Ongoing | Advisory Board (GNOSIS)

2023-25 | Orbital Uncertainty Working Group (GNOSIS)

2018-21 | Astrodynamics Community of Interest (Dstl)

2013-20 | Student Staff Liaison Committee (Uni. Warwick)

- Platform connecting the students and staff of the Department of Physics
- Served as Secretary (2014-15) and Chair (2017-18)

## Signatory/Supporter

2024 | Zero Debris Charter (ESA)

2023 | Memorandum of Principles (ESSI)

# SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

#### Conference talks & posters

2024 | Effective detection and characterisation of resident space objects (talk)

Military SSA Conference, London, UK

Photonics for Space, Leicester, UK

2023 | Joint survey of the GSO region from Australia and Japan (talk)

JAXA-Dstl-Warwick meeting, Tsukuba Space Centre, Tokyo, JP

2023 | Sensor architectures for surveilling the GSO region (talk & poster)

JAXA-Dstl-Warwick meeting, Tsukuba Space Centre, Tokyo, JP

AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US

2022 | Recent activities at the Warwick CSDA (talk)

StarDust Conference, ESTEC Noordwijk, NE - virtual

2022 | GNOSIS: Activities, Initiatives and Future Endeavours (poster)

AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US - virtual

2021 | Exploiting strategies to obtain high-cadence photometry (talk)

GNOSIS Workshop: Novel Observation Techniques, NORSS Ltd, UK - virtual

# **COURSES**



## **Early Stage Research**

2024 | Uni. Warwick, UK Research ecosystem, leading and influencing research, academic publishing, research income and impact



### **Technical Short Courses**

AMOSTECH, Hawaii, US

- Event-Based Sensors for SDA
- Characterising Space Debris
- Using Celestrak for SSA
- Machine/Deep Learning for SSA
- Ground-Based Optical SSA



#### **EMER-GEN**

2020 | MEDB, Hawaii, US Mentoring from space specialists in the public and private sectors, networking and professional development, focus on innovation and entrepeneurship



#### **Space Debris Training Course**

2019 | ESA Academy, Transinne, BE Selected as one of 30 participants, use of MASTER and DRAMA software, debris mitigation, space surveillance, satellite re-entry and debris removal



#### Innovation to Impact (i2i)

2019 | Warwick Ventures, UK Enhancing research impact, communication, identifying markets and opportunities, commercialisation



#### **Transferable Skills**

Uni. Warwick. UK

- Science Communciation
- Decision Making and Leadership
- Health and Safety



## Galaxies, Stars and Planets

2012 | Open University, UK 10-credit course alongside A-Level studies 2021 | Surveying GSO with the INT and a robotic astrograph (talk)

NAM, Uni. Bath, UK - virtual

2020 | Supplementing a survey of GSO with COTS equipment (talk & poster)

AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US - virtual

2020 | DebrisWatch: Eyes on the sky (poster)

RAS Poster Exhibition, UK - virtual

2019 | Applying astronomical tools and techniques to SSA (talk)

NAM, Lancaster Uni., UK

2019 | Optical imaging of faint GSO debris with the INT (poster)

AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US - Student Award Winner

2018 | Hitching a ride on asteroids - are we the aliens? (talk)

ICUR, Uni. Warwick, UK, streamed to Monash Uni., AU

2018 | Panspermia: are we the aliens? (talk)

BCUR, Uni. Sheffield, UK

2018 | The Warwick DebrisWatch campaign (poster)

RAS Specialist Meeting, Burlington House, UK

2018 | Modelling panspermia in the TRAPPIST-1 system (poster)

Posters in Parliament, Palace of Westminster, UK

2016 | Modelling the circumbinary candidate KOI-1741 (talk)

ICUR, Uni. Warwick, UK, streamed to Uni. Leeds, UK

2016 | Modelling the circumbinary candidate KOI-1741 (poster)

URSS Showcase, Uni. Warwick, UK

2015 | Searching for weather patterns on the Hot Jupiter HAT-P-7b (poster)

ICUR, Uni. Warwick, UK

## **Organisation roles**

2025 | AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US

Session Chair (Orbital Debris)

2024 | GNOSIS Conference, Uni. Warwick, UK

**Organising Committee** 

2023 | AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US

Session Chair (Orbital Debris)

2022 | GNOSIS Conference, Uni. Warwick, UK

Organising Committee & Outreach Event Coordinator

Session Chair (SDA across the globe)

2022 | NAM, Uni. Warwick, UK

Scientific Organising Committee

Session Convenor (Space Sustainability)

2022 | GNOSIS Sandpit, Uni. Warwick, UK

Organiser and Chair (Precision SSA) - virtual

2021 | AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US

Session Chair (Conjunction/Rendezvous & Proximity Operations) - virtual

2021 | NAM, Uni. Bath, UK

Session Convenor (Space Domain Awareness) - virtual

2020 | AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US

Session Chair (Orbital Debris) - virtual

2020 | GNOSIS Workshop, Uni. Warwick, UK

Organiser and Chair (Precision SSA) - virtual

#### Invited talks, seminars & panels

2024 | Striving for Sustainability in the Space Domain

ROARS (ESA) Consortium Meeting, Uni. Warwick, UK

UKSEDS Cluster Event, Uni. Nottingham, UK

2023 | Space Domain Awareness

Midlands Innovation Space Workshop, Cranfield Uni., UK

2023 | Balancing SATCOM development with the sustainable use of space

Panellist, Global MilSatCom Conference, London, UK

2022 | Recent activities at the Warwick CSDA

StarDust Conference, ESTEC Noordwijk, NE - virtual

2022 | Who owns space and why should we care?

## **AWARDS**



### Merit Pay Award

2023-24 | For exceptional performance



#### **Best Student Paper**

2019 | Awarded by Prof. Brandon Jones (Uni. Texas Austin, AAS Space Surveillance Technical Committee Chair) for **best student submission** at AMOSTECH, Maui, Hawaii, US



#### **Posters in Parliament Winner**

2018 | Awarded by Prof. Wyn Morgan (University of Sheffield) for most effective poster at the British Conference for Undergraduate Research – article



## **Significant Contribution**

2016 | Awarded by Delyth Chambers, Director of Student Recruitment, Outreach and Admissions, for outstanding commitment to outreach activities



#### **Best Examination Performance**

2011 | Wrenn School Shield for Best Examination Performance at GCSE level

# **PEER REVIEW**

#### **Proposals**

• Liverpool Telescope TAG

#### Journals/Proceedings

- The Astronomical Journal
- Advances in Space Research
- Curr. Opinion in Environmental Sustainability
- AMOSTECH Conference, Maui

# **ADDITIONAL ROLES**

- Sales Assistant (Holiday Temp)
   Blue Inc, Wellingborough
   December 2014 June 2016
- Tutor in Mathematics
   Barr's Hill School, Coventry
   December 2014 April 2015
- Fundraiser (St John Ambulance)
   Wesser Ltd, Carmarthenshire
   July August 2014

# **REFERENCES**

Available on request.

Panellist, Grand Challenges Seminars, Uni. Oxford, UK

2022 | The Sticky Issue of Space Debris

Armagh Observatory and Planetarium, UK - virtual

2021 | Getting involved with GNOSIS

NAM, Uni. Bath, UK - virtual

2020 | Monitoring the Mess of Near-Earth Space

SERENE Group, Uni. Birmingham, UK - virtual

2019 | A Watchful Eye on the Sky

UC Irvine, California, US

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California, US

2019 | Warwick space debris projects

Warwick Astronomy and Astrophysics Group, UK

#### Outreach talks & panels

2024 | Eyes on the Sky: Searching for Space Debris

Warwick Astronomy Society, UK

2024 | Current State of the Space Industry

Panellist, UKSEDS Cluster Event, Uni. Nottingham, UK

2024 | Striving for Sustainability in the Space Domain

Warwick Aerospace Society, UK

2023 | Tackling space debris: transcending disciplinary boundaries

Festival of Doctoral Research, Uni. Warwick, UK

2023 | Student Voice: A Widening Participation Perspective

Keynote and Panellist, WP Staff & Student Conference, Uni. Warwick, UK

2023 | The Sticky Issue of Space Debris

Knowle Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

2022 | SDA: Inspiring Future Generations

Panellist, GNOSIS Conference, Uni. Warwick, UK

2022 | The Sticky Issue of Space Debris

Highlands Astronomical Society, UK - virtual - recording

Warwick Astronomy Society, UK

Heart of England Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

2021 | Monitoring the Mess of Near-Earth Space

Loughton Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

2021 | The Sticky Issue of Space Debris

Newbury Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

GoSpaceWatch, UK - virtual - recording

Stratford Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

Coventry and Warwickshire Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

ZF Group Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

2020 | Importance of UG Research

Panellist, ICUR, Uni. Warwick, UK - virtual

2020 | Monitoring the Mess of Near-Earth Space

Birmingham Astronomical Society, UK - virtual

2019 | A Watchful Eye on the Sky

Warwick Astronomy Society, UK

Warwick Aerospace Society, UK

 $2018\ |\ \mbox{The debris population}$  at GEO and the fate of aged spacecraft

Warwick Astronomy Society, UK

2017 | Extrasolar panspermia: are we the aliens?

Stratford Astronomical Society, UK - article

2016 | Circumbinary planets: a closer look at Tatooine

Warwick Astronomy Society, UK

2016 | Settling into university life

Welcome Week, Uni. Warwick, UK

## **PUBLICATIONS LIST**

#### First Author

2023 | Exploring SDA Sensor Architectures for the Surveillance of Geosynchronous Spacecraft Blake JA, Pollacco D, Airey R, Chote P, Cooke BF, McCormac J, Shrive B, West R, Davis J, Feline W, Kerr E, Privett G, Akiyama Y, Hinagawa H, Nakamura S, Yanagisawa T, McFadden R and Eves S, In *Proceedings of* 

the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance (AMOS) Technologies Conference

2022 | The Global Network On Sustainability In Space (GNOSIS): Activities, Initiatives, and Future Endeavours Blake JA, Courtney K, Dinsley R, Eves S, Geer J, Harrison T, Mann R and Pollacco D, In Proceedings of the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance (AMOS) Technologies Conference

2022 | Looking out for a sustainable space Blake JA, Astronomy & Geophysics, 63:2, 2.14 (Invited review)

2021 | Optical imaging of space debris in low and high altitude orbits Blake JA (PhD thesis)

2021 | DebrisWatch I: A survey of faint geosynchronous debris Blake JA, Chote P, Pollacco D, Feline W, Privett G, Ash A, Eves S, Greenwood A, Harwood N, Marsh TR, Veras D and Watson C. Advances in Space Research, 67:1, 360

2020 | Supplementing a survey of geosynchronous debris with commercial-off-the-shelf equipment Blake JA, Chote P, Pollacco D, Veras D, Ash A, Feline W, Privett G and Pirovano L, In Proceedings of the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance (AMOS) Technologies Conference

2019 | Optical imaging of the geosynchronous region with the Isaac Newton Telescope Blake JA, Chote P, Pollacco D, Veras D, Ash A, Feline W, Harwood N and Privett G, In Proceedings of the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance (AMOS) Technologies Conference

#### Co-Author

2024 | Predicting RSO populations using a neighbouring orbits technique Cooke BF, Blake JA, Chote P, McCormac J and Pollacco D, RAS Techniques and Instruments. 3:1, 491

2024 | Classifying LEO satellite platforms with boosted decision trees Shrive B, Pollacco D, Chote P, Blake JA, Cooke BF, McCormac J, West R, Airey R, MacManus A and Allen P, RAS Techniques and Instruments, 3:1, 247

2023 | Simulated recovery of LEO objects using sCMOS blind stacking Cooke, BF, Chote P, Pollacco D, West R, Blake JA, McCormac J, Airey R and Shrive B, Advances in Space Research, 72:4, 907

2020 | Two Transiting Hot Jupiters from the WASP Survey: WASP-150b and WASP-176b Cooke BF, Pollacco D, Almleaky Y, Barkaoui K, Benkhaldoun Z, Blake JA, et al., *The Astronomical Journal*, 159:6, 255

2019 | Precision Optical Light Curves of LEO and GEO Objects Chote P, Blake JA and Pollacco D, In Proceedings of the Advanced Maui Optical and Space Surveillance (AMOS) Technologies Conference

2018 | Dynamical and biological panspermia constraints within multi-planet exosystems Veras D, Armstrong DJ, Blake JA, Gutiérrez-Marcos JF, Jackson AP and Schaefer H, *Astrobiology*, 18:9, 1106

2016 | Variability in the atmosphere of the hot giant planet HAT-P-7 b Armstrong DJ, de Mooij E, Barstow J, Osborn HP, Blake JA and Sainee NF, Nature Astronomy, 1, 4

## **Technical Reports and Consultations**

2023 | Astroscopes: Electro-Optical/Infrared Requirements (Technical Report for Dstl). Blake JA and Pollacco D. Identifying EO/IR requirements for UK sovereign SDA capabilities.

2022 | UKSA SDA Study (Consultation). UKSA, GNOSIS (incl. Blake JA), UKspace and CGI. Roadmap for UK SDA capabilities.

2020 | GEOMON (Technical Report). Blake JA, Chote P, Jones G, Pollacco D and West R. Development of orbit determination/refinement tools for a ground-based optical array monitoring the geosynchronous region.