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Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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#### **EDUCATION**

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2018 - present

Ph.D. Candidate in Physics

Advisor: Professor Deepto Chakrabarty; GPA: 4.60/5.00

#### The University of Auckland

2017

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physics

Advisor: Professor Richard Easther; GPA: 8.63/9.00

#### The University of Auckland

2014 - 2016

Bachelor of Science

Majors: Physics and Mathematics; GPA: 8.74/9.00

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

09/2018 - present

Graduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Deepto Chakrabarty

X-ray pulsation searches, timing, and spectroscopic analyses of pulsars (NICER/XMM-Newton/Swift data)

#### **Australian National University**

02/2018 - 07/2018

Graduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Martin Asplund

Modeling stellar atmospheres in 3D with different magnetic field configurations and strengths

#### Swinburne University of Technology

12/2017 - 02/2018

Summer Vacation Scholar, Advisors: Dr. Nikki Nielsen and Assoc. Prof. Glenn Kacprzak

Modeling stellar atmospheres in 3D with different magnetic field configurations and strengths

#### The University of Auckland

02/2017 - 11/2017

BSC (Honours) Student, Advisor: Prof. Richard Easther

Inflationary Model Selection ft. Dark Matter in the CMB

#### **Australian National University**

11/2016 - 02/2017

Summer Scholar, Advisors: Assoc. Prof. Christian Wolf and Dr. Christopher Onken

Diagnosing poor seeing of the SkyMapper telescope

#### **Australian National University**

12/2015 - 02/2016

Summer Research Scholar, Advisor: Assoc. Prof. Jan Jamie Eldridge

Modelling the spectra of hot stars

### PUBLICATIONS

Mason Ng, Paul S. Ray, Peter Bult, Deepto Chakrabarty, et al. (2021). NICER Discovery of Millisecond Pulsations and an Ultracompact Orbit in IGR J17494-3030. In preparation.

Mason Ng et al. (2021). NICER Spectroscopy of NGC 300 ULX-1. In preparation.

M. Ng, N.M. Nielsen, G.G. Kacprzak et al. (2019). Kinematics of the OVI Circumgalactic Medium: Halo Mass Dependence and Outflow Signatures. The Astrophysical Journal, 886, 66.

J.J. Eldridge, E.R. Stanway, L. Xiao, L.A.S. McClelland, G. Taylor, **M. Ng** et al. (2017). Binary Population and Spectral Synthesis Version 2.1: construction, observational verification and new results. Publications of the Astronomical Society of Australia (PASA) 34.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

TRESENTATIONS	
Poster - Celebrating 20 Years of Chandra Science Symposium Spectral Evolution of NGC 300 ULX-1	2020
Invited Talk - Auckland Astronomical Society "Modelling the spectra of hot stars"	2016
Talk - Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand Conference "Modelling the spectra of hot stars"	2016
TECHNICAL SKILLS	
Programming Python, HTML/CSS, IDL, LATEX OpenMP, MPI, Slurm	
HONORS & AWARDS	
Department of Physics Scholarship, 2017 (The University of Auckland)	2016
University of Auckland Postgraduate Honours/PG Diploma Scholarships	2016
Joyce Mary Clark Scholarship (The University of Auckland)	2016
First in Course Award (x6) (The University of Auckland)	2014 - 2017
Scholarship ( $New\ Zealand\ Qualifications\ Authority$ )	2014
The Trusts Charitable Foundation Scholarship ( $\mathit{The\ Trusts\ Charitable\ Foundation}$ )	2013
$ Dux \ Litter arum \ (Lynfield \ College) $	2013
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	
Graduate Teaching Assistant for 8.282J  Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Spring 2021
Graduate Teaching Assistant for 8.282J and 8.284 Department of Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Spring 2020
Graduate Teaching Assistant (Physics) for PHYSICS 107/107G Department of Physics, The University of Auckland	2017
Marker (MATHS 110/150/208/250/362) Department of Mathematics, The University of Auckland	2015 - 2017

# Teaching Assistant for PHYSICS $107/107 \mathrm{G}/120$

Department of Physics, The University of Auckland

2015 - 2016

# LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH

Graduate Student Member Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Physics, MIT	2020 - present
Chair of Development Subcommittee MIT Graduate Student Council External Affairs Board	2020 - present
Committee Member (Graduate Student) MIT Open Space Programming Advisory Committee	2019 - present
Co-Chair of Public Outreach Subcommittee MIT Graduate Student Council External Affairs Board	2019 - 2020
Volunteer Observer MIT Sidewalk Astrogazers	2018 - present
Executive Member Science Students' Association	2017
President The Physics Association of The University of Auckland (PAUA)	2015-2017