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Employment

April 2015 – Present Postdoctoral Research Associate, Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA.

Brief synopsis of research: My research is mainly focussed within the Compact Binary Coalescence (CBC) and Detector Characterisation groups of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration. I was the CBC data quality lead during the first observing run; work I led resulted in the unambiguous identification of the first two gravitational-wave detections. I was the main editor for the paper describing the second detection of gravitational waves from the merger of two black holes - GW151226. I am also data quality co-chair within the Detector Characterisation group. I have visited the LIGO-Hanford observatory under the LIGO Visitors Program. I am a member at large for the LIGO Scientific Collaboration Fellows Committee, a member of the LIGO Rapid Response Team and a member of the review team for the LIGO Open Science Center.

August 2013 – March 2015 Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, USA.

Brief synopsis of research: My work at UWM was focussed within the Detector Characterisation group of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration, specifically I was the subsystem lead for the input mode cleaner and co-chair of the alignment sensing and control subsystem and instrumentation group within the Detector Characterisation group. In addition I was, and still am, the LIGO data quality shift coordinator.

Education

2009 - 2013

Ph.D, Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK.

Dissertation Topic: 'Electromagnetic Follow Up of Gravitational Wave Candidates' **Supervisor:** Prof. Patrick Sutton

Brief synopsis of research: During my Ph.D I developed and led the analysis of optical images taken by the ROTSE-III telescope system in response to gravitational-wave candidates. In addition I was an active member of the Detector Characterisation groups for both the GEO and LIGO detectors and a visiting student researcher at both the LIGO-Hanford (March - May 2010) and LIGO-Livingston (June - July 2011) observatories.

2005 - 2009

M.Phys., Physics with Astrophysics and Cosmology, 1st Class Honours, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK.

Masters Project: The theory of gravitational waves, entitled 'Gravitational Waves' Supervisor: Dr David Burton

Experience

Teaching Experience

October 2009 – **Postgraduate Demonstrator**, Cardiff University.

2013 Throughout my Ph.D I was a lab demonstrator to first year physics BSc and MPhys students. Duties included guiding students through experiments and marking lab reports.

November 2012 Guest Lecturer, University of Glamorgan.

Presented a lecture on gravitational waves to third year undergraduate students.

December

Lecturer, LEARN, Cardiff University.

2011/2012 Ran two four-hour adult education workshops on gravitational waves.

Computing Experience

Programming Languages: Python, Matlab, IDL, Bash Operating Systems: Linux, Mac OSX, Windows Other Experience

2014 - 2016 Editor.

LIGO Magazine

LIGO Scientific Collaboration Beginner's Guide

Representative.

2016 - present2012 - 2016 LVC Allies - anti-harassment initiative for the LIGO Scientific Collaboration

LIGO Academic Advisory Council (LAAC)

Member of the Local Organising Committee.

Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics 2016 - Syracuse $23\mathrm{rd}$ Midwest Relativity Meeting 2013

Speaking of Science 2012

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Honours, Awards and Scholarships

- 2016 Kavli Fellow
- 2016 Special Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics LIGO Scientific Collaboration
- 2016 Gruber Cosmology Prize LIGO Scientific Collaboration
- 2012 Bessie Jones Postgraduate Bursary: Most Outstanding Postgraduate Research Student 2011-2012 Cardiff University
- 2012 IOP Research Student Conference Fund from the Gravitational Physics Group
- 2011 LIGO Scientific Collaboration Poster Prize at the LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration Meeting
- 2010 E4 Computer Engineering SpA Award for the best scientific contribution of a young student at GWDAW 14
- 2009 The Princess Alexandra Medal Lancaster University
- 2009 Pendle College Outstanding Academic Achievement Award Lancaster University
- 2006 2009 Physics Prize (received every year of study) Lancaster University
 - 2006 Pilkington Award (excellent performance at Part 1 of MPhys) Lancaster University
 - 2005 Eliahou Dangoor Scholarship Lancaster University

Publications

Publications (including LIGO Scientific Collaboration papers) to which I have made a significant contribution.

- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Effects of Data Quality Vetoes on a Search for Compact Binary Coalescences in Advanced LIGO's First Observing Run', 2016, In Preparation
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Upper Limits on the Rates of Binary Neutron Star and Black-Hole Neutron-Star Mergers from Advanced LIGOs First Observing Run', 2016, Ap. J., 832, 2, L21
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Binary Black Hole Mergers in the First Advanced LIGO Observing Run', 2016, Phys. Rev. X., 6, 041015
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'GW151226: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a 22-Solar-Mass Binary Black Hole Coalescence', 2016, Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 241103
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'GW150914: First Results from the Search for Binary Black Hole Coalescence with Advanced LIGO', 2016, Phys. Rev. D, 93, 122003
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Characterization of Transient Noise in Advanced LIGO relevant to Gravitational Wave Signal GW150914', 2016, Class. Quantum Grav., 33, 134001
- D. V. Martynov et al., 'Sensitivity of the Advanced LIGO Detectors at the Beginning of Gravitational Wave Astronomy', 2016, Phys. Rev. D, 93, 112004

- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger', 2016, Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 061102
- K. L. Dooley et al., 'GEO 600 and the GEO-HF Upgrade Program: Successes and Challenges', 2016, Class. Quantum Grav., 33, 075009
- L. K. Nuttall et al., 'Improving the Data Quality of Advanced LIGO Based on Early Engineering Run Results', 2015, Class. Quantum Grav., 32, 245005
- T. Adams et al., 'Cost-Benefit Analysis for Commissioning Decisions in GEO 600', 2015, Class. Quantum Grav., 32, 135014
- J. Aasi et al., 'Characterization of the LIGO Detectors during their Sixth Science Run', 2015, Class. Quantum Grav., 32, 105012
- D. Tshilumba, L. K. Nuttall, T. MacDonald, R. Mittleman, B. Lantz, F. Matichard, C. Collette, 'Vibration Analysis and Control of the LIGO Observatories Large Chamber and Support Piers', 2014, Proceedings of ISMA2014 including USD2014
- J. Aasi et al., 'First Searches for Optical Counterparts to Gravitational-wave Candidate Events', 2014, ApJS, 211, 7
- L. K. Nuttall et al., 'Large-Scale Image Processing with the ROTSE Pipeline', 2013, ApJS, 209, 24
- L. K. Nuttall for the LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration, W. Zheng, C. Akerlof, 'The Analysis of ROTSE Images of Potential Counterparts to Gravitational Wave Events', 2012, J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 363 012033
- J. Abadie et al., 'Implications For The Origin Of GRB 051103 From LIGO Observations', 2012, Ap. J., 755, 2
- J. Abadie et al., 'Implementation and Testing of the First Prompt Search for Gravitational Wave Transients with Electromagnetic Counterparts', 2011, A&A, 539, A124
- L. K. Nuttall & P. J. Sutton, 'Identifying the Host Galaxy of Gravitational Signals', 2010, Phys. Rev. D, 82, 102002

Other Publications

As an active member of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration the following publications are those for which I hold authorship rights.

- M. Walker et al., 'Effects of Transients in LIGO Suspensions on Searches for Gravitational Waves', 2017, arXiv:1702.04701
- D. V. Martynov et al., 'Quantum Correlation Measurements in Interferometric Gravitational Wave Detectors', 2017, arXiv:1702.03329
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'First Search for Gravitational Waves from Known Pulsars with Advanced LIGO', 2017, arXiv:1701.07709
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Directional Limits on Persistent Gravitational Waves from Advanced LIGO's First Observing Run', 2016, arXiv:1612.02030
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Upper Limits on the Stochastic Gravitational-wave Background from Advanced LIGO's First Observing Run', 2016, arXiv:1612.02029
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts During the First Advanced LIGO Observing Run and Implications for the Origin of GRB150906B', 2016, arXiv:1611.07947
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Effects of Waveform Model Systematics on the Interpretation of GW150914', 2016, arXiv:1611.07531
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Exploring the Sensitivity of Next Generation Gravitational Wave Detectors', 2016, arXiv:1607.08697
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves from Neutron Stars in Globular Cluster NGC 6544', 2016, arXiv:1607.02216

- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Calibration of the Advanced LIGO Detectors for the Discovery of the Binary Black-Hole Merger GW150914', 2016, arXiv:1602.03845
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'All-sky Search for Short Gravitational-wave Bursts in the First Advanced LIGO Run', 2017, Phys. Rev. D, 95, 042003
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Results of the Deepest All-Sky Survey for Continuous Gravitational Waves on LIGO S6 Data Running on the Einstein@Home Volunteer Distributed Computing Project', 2016, Phys. Rev. D, 94, 102002
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'A First Targeted Search for Gravitational-Wave Bursts from Core-Collapse Supernovae in Data of First-Generation Laser Interferometer Detectors', 2016, Phys. Rev. D, 94, 102001
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'The Rate of Binary Black Hole Mergers Inferred from Advanced LIGO Observations Surrounding GW150914', 2016, ApJL, 833, 1
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Supplement: The Rate of Binary Black Hole Mergers Inferred from Advanced LIGO Observations Surrounding GW150914', 2016, ApJS, 227, 2
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'The Basic Physics of the Binary Black Hole Merger GW150914', 2016, Annalen Phys.
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'An Improved Analysis of GW150914 using a Fully Spin-Precessing Waveform Model', 2016, Phys. Rev. X., 6, 041014
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Directly Comparing GW150914 with Numerical Solutions of Einstein's Equations for Binary Black Hole Coalescence', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 94, 064035
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Comprehensive All-sky Search for Periodic Gravitational Waves in the Sixth Science Run LIGO Data', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 94, 042002
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Localization and Broadband Follow-Up of the Gravitational-Wave Transient GW150914', 2016, Ap.J., 826, 1
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Properties of the Binary Black Hole Merger GW150914', 2016, Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 241102
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'High-Energy Neutrino Follow-Up Search of Gravitational Wave Event GW150914 with ANTARES and IceCube', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 93, 122010
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Search for Transient Gravitational Waves in Coincidence with Short Duration Radio Transients during 2007-2013', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 93, 122008
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Observing Gravitational-Wave Transient GW150914 with Minimal Assumptions', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 93, 122004
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Tests of General Relativity with GW150914', 2016, Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 221101
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'GW150914: The Advanced LIGO Detectors in the Era of First Discoveries', 2016, Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 131103
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'GW150914: Implications for the Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background from Binary Black Holes', 2016, Phys. Rev. Lett., 116, 131102
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'Astrophysical Implications of the Binary Black Hole Merger GW150914', 2016, ApJL, 818, 2
- J. Aasi et al., 'First Low Frequency All-Sky Search for Continuous Gravitational Wave Signals', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 93, 042007
- J. Aasi et al., 'Search of the Orion Spur for Continuous Gravitational Waves using a Loosely Coherent Algorithm on Data from LIGO Interferometers', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 93, 042006
- B. P. Abbott et al., 'An All-Sky Search for Long-Duration Gravitational Wave Transients with LIGO', 2016, Phys. Rev. D., 93, 042005

- J. Aasi et al., 'Prospects for Observing and Localizing Gravitational-Wave Transients with Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo', 2016, Living R ev. Relativity, 19, 1
- J. Aasi et al., 'Searches for Continuous Gravitational Waves from Nine Young Supernova Remnants', 2015, Ap.J., 813, 1
- J. Aasi et al., 'Advanced LIGO', 2015, Class. Quantum Grav., 32, 074001
- J. Aasi et al., 'A Directed Search for Gravitational Waves from Scorpius X-1 with Initial LIGO', 2015, Phys. Rev. D., 91. 062008
- J. Aasi et al., 'Narrow-Band Search of Continuous Gravitational-Wave Signals from Crab and Vela Pulsars in Virgo VSR4 Data', 2015, Phys. Rev. D., 91, 022004
- J. Aasi et al., 'Searching for Stochastic Gravitational Waves using Data from the Two Co-located LIGO Hanford Detectors', 2015, Phys. Rev. D., 91, 022003
- M. G. Aartsen et al., 'Multimessenger Search for Sources of Gravitational Waves and High-Energy Neutrinos: Results for Initial LIGO-Virgo and IceCube', 2014, Phys. Rev. D., 90, 102002
- J. Aasi et al., 'Improved Upper Limits on the Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background from 2009-2010 LIGO and Virgo Data', 2014, Phys. Rev. Lett., 113, 231101
- J. Aasi et al., 'First All-Sky Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves from Unknown Sources in Binary Systems', 2014, Phys. Rev. D., 90, 062010
- J. Aasi et al., 'Methods and Results of a Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts using the GEO600, LIGO, and Virgo Detectors', 2014, Phys. Rev. D, 89, 122004
- J. Aasi et al., 'Search for Gravitational Radiation from Intermediate Mass Black Hole Binaries in Data from the Second LIGO-Virgo Joint Science Run', 2014, Phys. Rev. D., 89, 122003
- J. Aasi et al., 'Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts Detected by the Interplanetary Network', 2014, Phys. Rev. Lett., 113, 011102
- J. Aasi et al., 'Search for Gravitational Wave Ringdowns from Perturbed Intermediate Mass Black Holes in LIGO-Virgo Data from 2005-2010', 2014, Phys. Rev. D., 89, 102006
- J. Aasi et al., 'Implementation of an F-statistic All-Sky Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves in Virgo VSR1 Data', 2014, 31, Phys. Rev. D., 165014
- J. Aasi et al., 'The NINJA-2 Project: Detecting and Characterizing Gravitational Waveforms Modelled using Numerical Binary Black Hole Simulations', 2014, Class. Quantum. Grav., 31, 115004
- J. Aasi et al., 'Application of a Hough Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves on Data from the 5th LIGO Science Run', 2014, Class. Quantum. Grav., 31, 085014
- J. Aasi et al., 'Constraints on Cosmic (Super)Strings from the LIGO-Virgo Gravitational-Wave Detectors', 2014, Phys. Rev. Lett., 112, 131101
- J. Aasi et al., 'Gravitational-Waves from Known Pulsars: Results from the Initial Detector Era', 2014, ApJ, 785, 119
- J. Aasi et al., 'Search for Long-Lived Gravitational-Wave Transients Coincident with Long Gamma-Ray Bursts', 2013, Phys. Rev. D., 88, 122004
- J. Aasi et al., 'A Directed Search for Continuous Gravitational Waves from the Galactic Center', 2013, Phys. Rev. D., 88, 102022
- J. Aasi et al., 'Parameter Estimation for Compact Binary Coalescence Signals with the First Generation Gravitational Wave Detector Network', 2013, Phys. Rev. D., 88, 062001

- J. Aasi et al., 'Enhanced Sensitivity of the LIGO Gravitational Wave Detector by using Squeezed States of Light', 2013, Nature Photonics, 7, 613
- J. Aasi et al., 'Search for Gravitational Waves from Binary Black Hole Inspiral, Merger and Ringdown in LIGO-Virgo Data from 2009-2010', 2013, Phys. Rev. D., 87, 022002
- J. Aasi et al., 'Einstein@Home All-Sky Search for Periodic Gravitational Waves in LIGO S5 Data', 2013, Phys. Rev. D., 87, 042001
- S. Adrian-Martinez, 'A First Search for Coincident Gravitational Waves and High Energy Neutrinos using LIGO, Virgo and ANTARES Data from 2007', 2013, JCAP, 1306, 008
- J. Abadie et al., 'Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts during LIGO Science Run 6 and Virgo Science Runs 2 and 3', 2012, ApJ, 760, 12
- P.A. Evans et al., 'Swift Follow-Up Observations of Candidate Gravitational-Eave Transient Events', 2012, ApJS, 203, 28
- J. Abadie et al., 'All-Sky Search for Gravitational-Wave Bursts in the Second Joint LIGO-Virgo Run', 2012, Phys. Rev. D., 85, 122007
- J. Abadie et al., 'Upper Limits on a Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background using LIGO and Virgo Interferometers at 600-1000 Hz', 2012, Phys. Rev. D, 85,102004
- J. Abadie et al., 'Search for Gravitational Waves from Intermediate Mass Binary Black Holes', 2012, Phys. Rev. D, 85, 102004
- J. Abadie et al., 'Search for Gravitational Waves from Low Mass Compact Binary Coalescence in LIGO's Sixth Science Run and Virgo's Science Runs 2 and 3', 2012, Phys. Rev. D, 85, 082002
- J.Abadie et al., 'All-sky Search for Periodic Gravitational Waves in the Full S5 LIGO Data', 2012, Phys. Rev. D, 85, 022001
- J. Aasi et al., 'The Characterization of Virgo Data and its Impact on Gravitational-Wave Searches', 2012, CQG, 29, 155002
- J.Abadie et al. 'First Low-Latency LIGO+Virgo Search for Binary Inspirals and their Electromagnetic Counterparts', 2012, A&A, 541, A155

Presentations

Colloquium March 2017 'The Astrophysics we can do with LIGO - Exploring the Apparent Black Hole Mass Gap and Hunting for Electromagnetic Counterparts' Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Canada

Colloquium March 2017 'Observing Gravitational Waves with Advanced LIGO and Hunting for Counterparts' University of Guelph, Canada

Invited Poster

'Detecting Gravitational Waves from the Merger of Black Holes with LIGO'

February 2017

Israeli-American Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium, Irvine CA, USA

Invited Talk

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'Observing Gravitational Waves with Advanced LIGO and Hunting for Counterparts'
JINA-CEE Frontiers in Nuclear Astrophysics, Michigan State University, USA

February 2017

'Observing Gravitational Waves with Advanced LIGO'

Invited Talk October 2016

Compact Stars and Gravitational Waves, Kyoto University, Japan

Colloquium

'Gravitational Waves: The Birth of a New Era of Astronomy'

October 2016

Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Canada

Colloquium

'Gravitational Waves: The Birth of a New Era of Astronomy'

September 2016

Lancaster University, UK

Invited Talk 'Searching for Gravitational Waves from Advanced LIGO's First Observing Run'

May 2016 JINA-CEE International Symposium on Neutron Stars in the Multi-Messenger Era: Prospects and Challenges, Ohio University, USA

Talk 'Applying Data Quality to Searches for Compact Binary Coalescences in the First

April 2016 Observing Run of Advanced LIGO' APS April Meeting, Salt Lake City, USA

'Gravitational Waves: The Birth of a New Area of Astronomy'

March 2016 Colgate College, USA

Colloquium

Colloquium 'Gravitational Waves: The Birth of a New Area of Astronomy'

February 2016 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Invited Talk 'Ensuring we will Recognise Gravitational Waves in Advanced LIGO/Virgo'

June 2015 General Relativity & Gravitation: A Centennial Perspective, Pennsylvania State University, USA

Colloquium 'Preparing for Advanced LIGO: Characterising Gravitational Wave Interferometers'

March 2014 Cardiff University, UK

Talk 'First Search for Optical Counterparts to Gravitational-Wave Candidate Events'

October 2013 23rd Midwest Relativity Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA

Talk 'Electromagnetic Observations of Gravitational Wave Events'

February 2013 Bristol Exeter Cardiff Student Seminars (BECss), Bristol University, UK

Poster 'Automation of the ROTSE Image Processing Pipeline'

April 2012 New Windows on Transients Across the Universe, Royal Society Discussion Meeting, London, UK

Talk 'Automation of the ROTSE Image Processing Pipeline for Rapid Identification of

March 2012 Electromagnetic Counterparts to Gravitational Wave Triggers' NAM 2012, Manchester, UK

Talk 'A Pipeline for the Identification of Optical Transients in ROTSE Images with

July 2011 Events in Gravitational Wave Data' Amaldi 9 NRDA 2011, Cardiff, UK.

Talk 'Electromagnetic Observations of Gravitational Wave Events'

April 2011 Speaking of Science, Cardiff, UK

Colloquium 'LIGO and the LOOC UP Project'

January 2011 University of Michigan, USA

Poster 'Identifying the Host Galaxy of Gravitational Wave Candidates'

January 2010 GWDAW 14, Rome, Italy

I have actively participated in many LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration meetings. I have presented my work to the entire collaboration and compact binary coalescence, burst and detector characterisation working groups at numerous face to face and plenary sessions.

Outreach Activities

Development An Astro Safari: interactive hour introducing students to astrophysics (2014-2015)

Team CoffeeShop Astrophysics: informal public lecture series (2014-2015)

Mentor Adopt-a-Physicist (2013/2014)

Discover! Saturday Club for Girls (2012)

Researcher in Residence at Christ College Brecon (2010-2012)

Online Maintainer of the UWM astrophysics group website (2013-2015)

Builder/maintainer of CoffeeShop Astrophysics website (2014-2015)

Head of social media for the UWM astrophysics group (2013-2015)

Presenter STEM/GEM days at UW-Waukesha (2014)

Black Hole Bash at UWM (2014)

Speaker Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics - Syracuse (2016)

Women In Science: Postdoctoral Seminar Program (2014/2015)

AstroBreak at the UWM Planetarium (2014/2015)

Monmouth Astronomical Society (2013)

Sixth Form Conference held at Cardiff University (2010/2011)

References

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