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## EMPLOYMENT

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### Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics

Assistant Research Fellow

2016—

### University of Arizona

Steward Theory Fellow

2014—2016

### Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics

Postdoctoral Fellow

2011—2014

## EDUCATION

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### University of Cambridge

PhD, Theoretical Astrophysics

2011

BA and MSci, Natural Sciences: Astrophysics (First Class honors)

2008

## RESEARCH

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**Topics:** theoretical astrophysics, astrophysical fluid dynamics, accretion disks, planet formation and evolution, numerical simulations

**Computing languages:** Fortran, C, IDL, Mathematica, Python

**Codes:** ATHENA, DEDALUS, FARGO, FARGO3D, PLUTO, ZEUS-MP

## AWARDS

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- Academic Sinica Initial Employment Academic Research Award 2016—2018
- Steward Observatory Prize Fellowship in Theoretical and Computational Astrophysics 2014
- CITA Postdoctoral Fellowship 2011
- Smith Rayleigh Knight Prize 2010
- Fellow of the Cambridge Overseas Society 2008
- St. John's College Benefactors' Scholarship 2008
- Isaac Newton Studentship 2008
- Overseas Research Scholarship 2008
- Institute of Astronomy Prize (top of class) 2008
- JS Wilson Prize for Natural Sciences 2006, 2007, 2008
- College Awarded Bursary 2007
- Skerne Scholarship 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- College Book Prize for Academic Distinction 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

## GRANTS

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### MOST

### Research Project for Newly-recruited Personnel

- 'From dust and gas to planet formation and evolution' 107-2112-M-001-043-MY3 (NTD 4.4M) 2018—2021

**NASA****Astrophysics Theory Program**

- o 'Hydrodynamic processes in planet-forming accretion disks' NNX17AK59G (USD 300K)

2017—2020

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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- o International Astronomical Union, [URL here](#) 2018—
- o The Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (Taiwan) 2018—
- o The Physical Society of Taiwan 2020—

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**ACADEMIC SERVICES**

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- Referee for: The Astrophysical Journal, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Astrophysics and Space Science, Geophysical & Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics  
MOST proposal reviewer 2018—
- Panelist, NASA proposal review panel 2015, 2016
- ASIAA Colloquium Committee 2016—, 2017—2018 (chair)
- LOC, TIARA/CHARMS Mini-Workshop on Disks in the Protoplanetary Systems Jul. 2017
- LOC, TIARA Summer School on Origins of the Solar System Jul. 2018
- LOC, Taiwanese Theoretical Astrophysics Workshop Sep. 2018
- LOC, EANAM 8 Oct. 2018

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**SUPERVISION AND TEACHING**

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**ASIAA***Postdoctoral research*

- o S. Auddy, *Machine learning and disk-planet interaction* 2018—

*Graduate research*

- o S. Bandopadhyay, *Development of the Antares MHD code* (co-supervised with S. Shang) 2017—

*Undergraduate summer student program*

- o Lecture: *Accretion disks* Aug. 2017
- o J.-W. Chen, *Dusty disk-planet simulations* 2017
- o K. Chen, *Streaming instability in turbulent disks* 2017
- o S. Tong, *Axisymmetric dusty disk-planet simulations* 2019
- o J. Bi, *Three-dimensional dusty disk-planet simulations* 2019

**National Taiwan University***Computational Astrophysics*

- o Protoplanetary disks: theory and simulations 2019

**University of Arizona***Graduate research*

- o M. Hammer, *Numerical simulations of disk-planet interactions* (supervisor: Prof. K. Kratter) 2015—

*ASTR 296: Topics in Astronomical Research*

- o 'Signposts of planet formation' Apr. 2015

**CITA, University of Toronto***Undergraduate summer student program*

- o R. Les, *Gap formation and stability in non-isothermal protoplanetary discs* 2014
- o R. Cloutier, *Orbital migration of giant planets induced by gravitationally unstable gaps* 2012

**University of Cambridge***Undergraduate supervision*

- o Part II NST Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics 2011
- o Part IA NST Mathematics 2008—2011

# PUBLICATIONS

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\*directly supervised student

## Refereed:

29. *A Machine Learning model to infer planet masses from gaps observed in protoplanetary disks*  
Auddy, S., **Lin, M.-K.**, ApJ, accepted 2020
28. *Migrating low-mass planets in inviscid dusty protoplanetary discs*  
Hsieh, H.-F., **Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, accepted 2020
27. *How efficient is the streaming instability in viscous protoplanetary disks?*  
**\*Chen, K., Lin, M.-K.**, ApJ, 891, 132 2020
26. *Vortex instabilities triggered by low-mass planets in pebble-rich, inviscid protoplanetary discs*  
Pierens, A., **Lin, M.-K.**, Raymond, S., MNRAS, 488, 645 2019
25. *Dust settling against hydrodynamic turbulence in protoplanetary discs*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 485, 5221 2019
24. *Observational diagnostics of elongated planet-induced vortices with realistic planet formation timescales*  
Hammer, M., Pinilla, P., Kratter, K., **Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 482, 3609 2019
23. *On the evolution of vortices in massive protoplanetary discs*  
Pierens, A., **Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 479, 4878 2018
22. *Dusty disc-planet interaction with dust-free simulations*  
**\*Chen, J.-W., Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 478, 2737 2018
21. *Vortex survival in 3D self-gravitating accretion discs*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, Pierens, A., MNRAS, 478, 575 2018
20. *A thermodynamic view of dusty protoplanetary disks*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, Youdin, A.N., ApJ, 849, 129 2017
19. *Slowly-growing gap-opening planets trigger weaker vortices*  
Hammer, M., Kratter, K.M., **Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 466, 3 2017
18. *On the gravitational stability of gravito-turbulent accretion disks*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, Kratter, K.M., ApJ, 824, 91 2016
17. *Cooling requirements for the vertical shear instability in protoplanetary disks*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, Youdin, A.N., ApJ, 811, 17 2015
16. *Gap formation and stability in non-isothermal protoplanetary discs*  
**\*Les, R., Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 450, 1503 2015
15. *One-armed spirals in locally isothermal, radially structured self-gravitating discs*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 448, 3806 2015
14. *Linear stability of magnetized massive protoplanetary disks*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, ApJ, 790, 13 2014
13. *Testing large-scale vortex formation against viscous layers in three-dimensional discs*  
**Lin, M.-K.**, MNRAS, 437, 575 2014
12. *Steady state of dust distributions in disk vortices: observational predictions and applications to transitional disks*  
Lyra, W., **Lin, M.-K.**, ApJ, 775, 17 2013

11. *Orbital migration of giant planets induced by gravitationally unstable gaps: the effect of planet mass*  
\*Cloutier, R., Lin, M.-K., MNRAS, 434, 621 2013
10. *Non-barotropic linear Rossby wave instability in three-dimensional disks*  
Lin, M.-K., ApJ, 765, 84 2013
9. *Effects of upper disc boundary conditions on the linear Rossby wave instability*  
Lin, M.-K., MNRAS, 428, 19 2013
8. *Vortex and spiral instabilities at gap edges in three-dimensional self-gravitating disc-satellite simulations*  
Lin, M.-K., MNRAS, 426, 3211 2012
7. *Rossby wave instability in locally isothermal and polytropic disks: three-dimensional linear calculations*  
Lin, M.-K., ApJ, 754, 21 2012
6. *Outward migration of a giant planet with a gravitationally unstable gap edge*  
Lin, M.-K., Papaloizou, J.C.B., MNRAS, 421, 780 2012
5. *Spin-down of protostars through gravitational torques*  
Lin, M.-K., Krumholz, M. R., Kratter, K. M., MNRAS, 416, 580 2011
4. *Edge modes in self-gravitating disc-planet interactions*  
Lin, M.-K., Papaloizou, J.C.B., MNRAS, 415, 1445 2011
3. *The effect of self-gravity on vortex instabilities in disc-planet interactions*  
Lin, M.-K., Papaloizou, J.C.B., MNRAS, 415, 1426 2011
2. *Type III migration in a low viscosity disc*  
Lin, M.-K., Papaloizou, J.C.B., MNRAS, 405, 1473 2010
1. *Three-layer magnetoconvection*  
Lin, M.-K., Silvers, L. J., Proctor, M.R.E., Physics Letters A, 373, 69 2008

#### Conference proceedings and abstracts:

5. *Insights into the Streaming Instability in Protoplanetary Disks*  
Youdin, A.N., Lin, M.-K., Li, R., AAS -DPS meeting 49, #500.06 2017
4. *Vertical shear instability in the solar nebula*  
Lin, M.-K., Youdin, A.N., IAUS 314 proceedings 2016
3. *Gravitational instability of planetary gaps and its effect on orbital migration*  
Lin, M.-K., \*Cloutier, R., IAUS 299 proceedings 2014
2. *Instabilities at planetary gap edges in 3D self-gravitating disks*  
Lin, M.-K., Instabilities and Structures in Proto-Planetary Disks, Marseille, France, EPJ Web of Conferences, 46, id.07001 2013
1. *Evolution of bar-driven disks under the influence of the interaction between two inner Lindblad resonances*  
Yuan, C., Yen, D. C. C., Lin, M.-K., AAS meeting 207, #188.04 2005

#### Outreach:

2. *Exoplanet science: a new era of astronomy (in Chinese)*  
Lin, M.-K., Physics Bimonthly, [URL here](#) 2020
1. *Planet Formation: From Small Particles to Big Planets*  
Lin, M.-K., Taiwan Research Highlight, [URL here](#) 2019

## PRESENTATIONS

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- **Making planets from small grains and big data**  
StarPlan seminar (remote), University of Copenhagen, Denmark May 2020
- **Planetesimal formation in turbulent protoplanetary disks**  
Annual Meeting of the Physics Society of Taiwan, NPTU Feb. 2020
- **Dust dynamics in (3D) protoplanetary disks**  
2nf Workshop for Protoplanetary Disks and Exoplanets, ASIAA Dec. 2019
- **The thickness of dusty protoplanetary disks depends on metallicity**  
Extreme Solar Systems IV, Reykjaík, Iceland Aug. 2019
- **A rocky road from dust to planets**  
Seminar, Herzberg Astronomy and Astrophysics Research Centre, Victoria, Canada May 2019  
Invited colloquium, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China May 2019
- **Dust settling in turbulent protoplanetary disks**  
Annual Meeting of the Physical Society of Taiwan, NCTU, Taiwan Jan. 2019  
New Horizons in Planetary Systems, Victoria, Canada May 2019  
CCA Planet Formation Workshop, Flatiron Institute, New York, USA May 2019  
Great Barriers in Planet Formation, Palm Cove, Australia Jul. 2019  
Theory Group Workshop, ASIAA, Taiwan Jul. 2019
- **Astrophysical fluid dynamics: accretion disks**  
Mini-school on Computational Astrophysics, ASIAA, Taiwan Oct. 2018
- **Dust settling in turbulent protoplanetary disks**  
Taiwanese Theoretical Astrophysics Workshop, ASIAA, Taiwan Sep. 2018  
8th East Asian Numerical Astrophysics Meeting, NCKU, Taiwan Oct. 2018
- **Linear hydrodynamics of protoplanetary discs: a crash course**  
TIARA Summer School on Origins of the Solar System, ASIAA, Taiwan Jul. 2018
- **Dust-free modelling of dusty protoplanetary discs**  
Exoplanets II, Cambridge, UK Jul. 2018  
Planets, Stars and Discs: A Golden Age for Particle and Gas Dynamics, Oxford, UK Jul. 2018
- **Footprints of planet formation**  
Colloquium, National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan May 2018
- **Dust dynamics in protoplanetary disks**  
Seminar, Imperial College London, UK Mar. 2018  
Seminar, University of Bristol, UK Mar. 2018  
Seminar, Queen Mary University of London, UK Mar. 2018  
Seminar, University of Exeter, UK Mar. 2018  
Seminar, University of Leicester, UK Mar. 2018  
Colloquium, ASIAA, Taiwan Nov. 2018  
Colloquium, NTHU, Taiwan Nov. 2018
- **Lifting dust particles by the vertical shear instability**  
ALMA North American-Taiwan Joint Workshop Feb. 2018  
ASROC Annual Meeting, Kinmen May 2018
- **Footprints of planet formation**  
Invited colloquium, National Central University, Taiwan Oct. 2017  
Invited colloquium, Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan Oct. 2017
- **Dust-free modeling of dusty protoplanetary disks**  
Exoplanets and Planet formation, Shanghai, China Dec. 2017  
TIARA/CHARMS Mini-Workshop on Disks in the Protoplanetary Systems, Taiwan Jul. 2017  
Cross-Strait Symposium of Astrophysics, ASIAA, Taiwan Jul. 2017  
Asia-Pacific Regional IAU Meeting, Taipei, Taiwan Jul. 2017
- **Hydrodynamic models of dusty protoplanetary disks**

- **Vortex dynamics in protoplanetary disks**  
EANAM 7, Beijing, China Oct. 2016
- **Non-ideal gravitational instabilities in protoplanetary disks**  
Exoplanets I, Davos, Switzerland Jul. 2016
- **Hydrodynamic processes in protoplanetary disks**  
API Colloquium, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands Jun. 2016
- **Hydrodynamic activity in protoplanetary disks**  
Colloquium and CompAS seminar, ASIAA, Taipei, Taiwan Apr. 2016  
Lunchtime talk, University of Leicester, UK Mar. 2016  
Journal club talk, Queen Mary University of London, UK Mar. 2016
- **Vortex (and spiral) instabilities in structured protoplanetary disks**  
Protoplanetary DISCussions, University of Edinburgh, UK Mar. 2016
- **How to fragment protostellar disks with your bare hands**  
FLASH talk, NOAO, Tucson, Arizona, USA Feb. 2016
- **Vertical shear instability in protoplanetary disks**  
Protoplanetary Disk Dynamics and Planet Formation, Yokohama, Japan Sep. 2015  
In the Spirit of Lyot, Montreal, Canada; CITA fluids talk Jun. 2015  
IAUS 314: Young Stars & Planets Near the Sun, Atlanta, USA May 2015
- **On the formation of one-armed spirals in locally isothermal disks**  
Disc Dynamics & Planet Formation, Larnaka, Cyprus Jun. 2015  
Star and Planet Formation in the Southwest, Tucson, USA Mar. 2015
- **Strange aspects of locally isothermal astrophysical disks and the stability of magnetized massive disks**  
UC Berkeley CIPS seminar Feb. 2015
- **Gap formation and stability in non-isothermal protoplanetary disks**  
Characterizing Planetary Systems Across the HR Diagram, Cambridge, UK Jul. 2014
- **From the complex plane to planet formation**  
CITA (ISIMA talk), University of Arizona Jul. 2014
- **Dust trapping in protoplanetary disk vortices**  
University of Toronto Mar. 2014
- **Large-scale hydrodynamic instabilities and structures in protoplanetary disks**  
Centre for Star and Planet Formation/Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen, Denmark Jan. 2014
- **Gravitational instability of planetary gaps and its effect on orbital migration**  
IAUS 299: Exploring the Formation and Evolution of Planetary Systems, Victoria, Canada Jun. 2013  
University of Toronto May 2013
- **Large-scale hydrodynamic instabilities in protoplanetary disks**  
MIT, Harvard-Smithsonian CfA Apr. 2013
- **Large-scale vortex formation in protoplanetary disks**  
Cornell University (invited colloquium), Princeton University Feb. 2013  
University of Toronto Nov. 2012
- **Vortices and spirals at gap edges in 3D self-gravitating disk-planet simulations**  
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA Dec. 2012  
Instabilities and Structures in Protoplanetary Disks, Marseille, France Sep. 2012
- **Planet migration with gravitationally unstable gaps**  
University of Cambridge Oct. 2011
- **Vortex instabilities in self-gravitating disc-planet interactions**  
Baroclinic Instability and Protoplanetary Accretion Disks, Ringberg, Germany Jun. 2011

- *The stability of self-gravitating gaps*  
ASIAA; University of Cambridge Nov. 2010
- *Spin down of protostars through gravitational disk torques*  
East Asian Numerical Astrophysics Meeting, ASIAA, Taiwan Nov. 2010
- International Summer Institute for Modeling in Astrophysics, UC Santa Cruz, USA Aug. 2010
- *Type III migration in a low viscosity disc.*  
American Museum of Natural History, New York City, USA Jan. 2010
  
- *Type III migration in a low viscosity disc.*  
Winter Workshop on Planetary Astrophysics, KIAA, Peking University, China Dec. 2009
- University of Cambridge Oct. 2009
- *Vortices in planetary migration*  
Dynamics of Discs and Planets, Cambridge, UK Aug. 2009
- *Three-layer magnetoconvection*  
UKMHD, Coventry University, UK Jun. 2009

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

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### UC Santa Cruz

*ISIMA summer student* 2010  
Project: Numerical simulations of star-disk interaction, with M. Krumholz and K. Kratter

### DAMTP, University of Cambridge

*Summer student* 2007  
Project: Three-layer magneto-convection, with L. Silvers and M. Proctor

### ASIAA, Taipei, Taiwan

*Summer/visiting student* 2005, 2006  
Project: Bar-driven density waves in galactic disks, with C. Yuan and D.C.C. Yen

## REFERENCES

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