My first year as a Fellow
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Career path

• 2004 - 2007: PhD, University of Leicester

• 2007-2009: PDRA, University of Leicester

• 2010-2013: JAXA ITYF Research Fellow, ISAS/JAXA
  [* huge transition in many ways!]

• 2013-2016: RAS Research Fellow, University of Leicester (first 6 months), Lancaster University
  [** two-body problem]

• 2016-present: Research Fellow & Lecturer, Lancaster University
  [*** three-body problem]
Getting started

• First time as PI? Starting at a new institute?

• Can be daunting, but make the most of the opportunity to do the research that interests you!

• Refer to your proposed ERF timeline (but don’t be surprised if you stray, vastly, from it)

• Maintain / broaden your network of collaborators, especially if you move.

### Suggested Timeline

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A logical timeline for their investigation is as shown:

**Summary** I am proposing a timely research programme to exploit new data from two space missions to significantly advance understanding of solar-planetary interactions and auroral

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**Source:** Lawrence et al., J. Geophys. Res. 114, 2009.
Progression

• Best time to negotiate a lectureship (but you can’t move fellowship in first year)

• Ask for PhD students
  • complementary research

• Be an applicant on e.g. consolidated grant applications
  • no extra FTE for you, but start to build a team with a PDRA
Institution support

• Pre-award and post-award team may be different
• Find a mentor - someone with fellowship experience
• Be selective about teaching and admin roles
• Keep the future in mind: e.g. promotion, grants

UCAS
1st Yr seminars
1st Yr tutorials
Academic advisor
Outreach/schools
Summer intern
Inclusion in Physics
Group coordinator
Dept committees
External roles

Summcer schools
Masters students

Guest lecturer
Congratulations!