

MQ Photonics Research Centre Workshop



"How does a teaching and research academic start a global high tech company? From Australia?"

I'd like to know, because I am still keen to do just that! I can tell you about the first few steps of just one pathway, of how we took some half-baked ideas, made a couple of prototypes, and thought perhaps we should sell a few to colleagues and friends. As the title suggests, it seemed like a good idea at the time, and thus MOGLabs was born, and now employs 15 talented scientists and engineers, shipping high-tech goods made in Melbourne to countries around the globe. I will review some of the technology and products developed at MOGLabs, and hint at what they are working on for the future. And reflect on the pros and cons for young physicists, of working in industry relative to the conventional PhD/postdoc/postdoc/postdoc/maybe-academic career trajectory, and the potential for working in the non-academic innovation space in Australia.



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When: Tuesday 29 October 2019

Time: 15:00 - 16:30 PM

Where: Multipurpose room, 2.300 7WW