

Fireside Chats with Ron across the Years

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Actually, we didn't have any fireside
chats -

This could be a very short talk

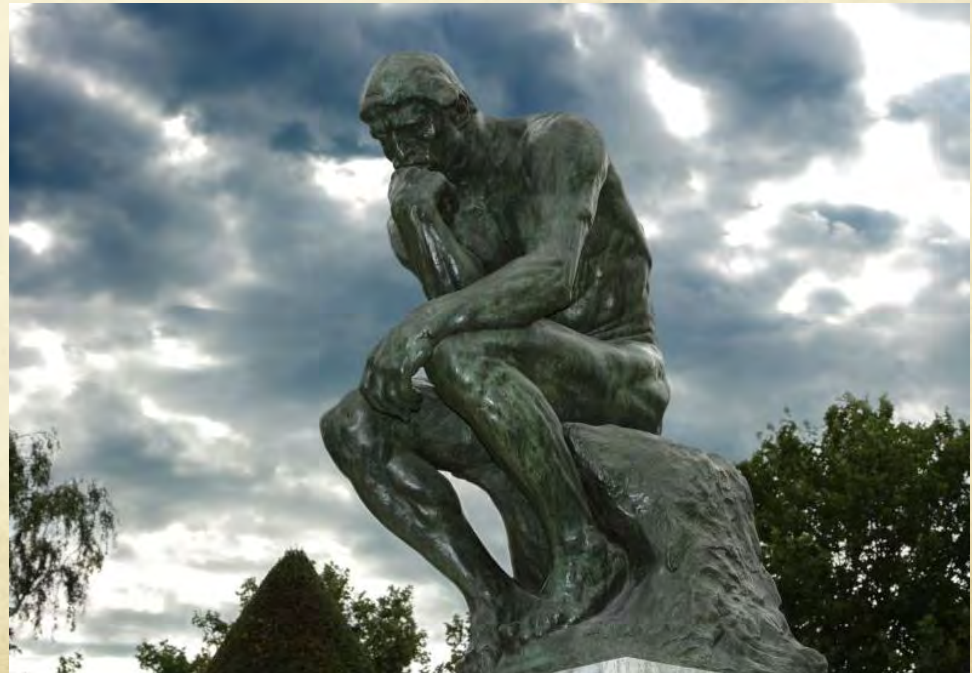




Also, most chats were confidential so I can't talk about them either

Ron - an original thinker

- AT Users Committee & CSIRO
- IAU - Sydney & Prague
- Science for all
- AAL



AT Users Committee & CSIRO

- ATUC presentation to Director – he listened. Did we give him the answers he wanted? Always thoughtful comments & provocative suggestions
- As ATUC Chair for 6 years – I enjoyed immensely the interactions & the Director's Report
- Guided us to support SKA – ALMA was secondary. Why?
- Then there was the weekend away for personal development and networking to Robertson in the Southern Highlands, NSW

PERSONALITY TYPES KEY

E	Extroverts are energized by people, enjoy a variety of tasks, a quick pace, and are good at multitasking.	S	Sensors are realistic people who like to focus on the facts and details, and apply common sense and past experience to come up with practical solutions to problems.
I	Introverts often like working alone or in small groups, prefer a more deliberate pace, and like to focus on one task at a time.	N	Intuitives prefer to focus on possibilities and the big picture, easily see patterns, value innovation, and seek creative solutions to problems.
T	Thinkers tend to make decisions using logical analysis, objectively weigh pros and cons, and value honesty, consistency, and fairness.	J	Judgers tend to be organized and prepared, like to make and stick to plans, and are comfortable following most rules.
F	Feelers tend to be sensitive and cooperative, and decide based on their own personal values and how others will be affected by their actions.	P	Perceivers prefer to keep their options open, like to be able to act spontaneously, and like to be flexible with making plans.

SOURCE: "Do What You Are: Discover the Perfect Career for You Through the Secrets of Personality Type" by Paul D. Tsigas, Barbara Baron, Kelly Tinger. BUSINESS INSIDER

ISTJ Doing what should be done	ISFJ A high sense of duty	INFJ An inspiration to others	INTJ Everything has room for improvement
ISTP Ready to try anything once	ISFP Sees much but shares little	INFP Performing noble service to aid society	INTP A love of problem solving
ESTP The ultimate realists	ESFP You only go around once in life	ENFP Giving life an extra squeeze	ENTP One exciting challenge after another
ESTJ Life's administrators	ESFJ Hosts and hostesses of the world	ENFJ Smooth talking persuaders	ENTJ Life's natural leaders

Myers Briggs personality types

Ron – the introvert innovator

John Brooks & I – the organiser, facilitator

Myers Briggs Personalities

What's Your Personality Type?

Use the questions on the outside of the chart to determine the four letters of your Myers-Briggs type. For each pair of letters, choose the side that seems most natural to you, even if you don't agree with every description.

1. Are you outwardly or inwardly focused? If you:

- Could be described as talkative, outgoing
- Like to be in a fast-paced environment
- Tend to work out ideas with others, think out loud
- Enjoy being the center of attention

then you prefer

E
Extraversion

- Could be described as reserved, private
- Prefer a slower pace with time for contemplation
- Tend to think things through inside your head
- Would rather observe than be the center of attention

then you prefer

I
Introversion

2. How do you prefer to take in information? If you:

- Focus on the reality of how things are
- Pay attention to concrete facts and details
- Prefer ideas that have practical applications
- Like to describe things in a specific, literal way

then you prefer

S
Sensing

- Imagine the possibilities of how things could be
- Notice the big picture, see how everything connects
- Enjoy ideas and concepts for their own sake
- Like to describe things in a figurative, poetic way

then you prefer

N
Intuition

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3. How do you prefer to make decisions? If you:

- Make decisions in an impersonal way, using logical reasoning
- Value justice, fairness
- Enjoy finding the flaws in an argument
- Could be described as reasonable, level-headed

then you prefer

T
Thinking

- Base your decisions on personal values and how your actions affect others
- Value harmony, forgiveness
- Like to please others and point out the best in people
- Could be described as warm, empathetic

then you prefer

F
Feeling

4. How do you prefer to live your outer life? If you:

- Prefer to have matters settled
- Think rules and deadlines should be respected
- Prefer to have detailed, step-by-step instructions
- Make plans, want to know what you're getting into

then you prefer

J
Judging

- Prefer to leave your options open
- See rules and deadlines as flexible
- Like to improvise and make things up as you go
- Are spontaneous, enjoy surprises and new situations

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IAU 2003 - Sydney

- Women in Astronomy WG of the Executive
- Huge support & encouragement from the President



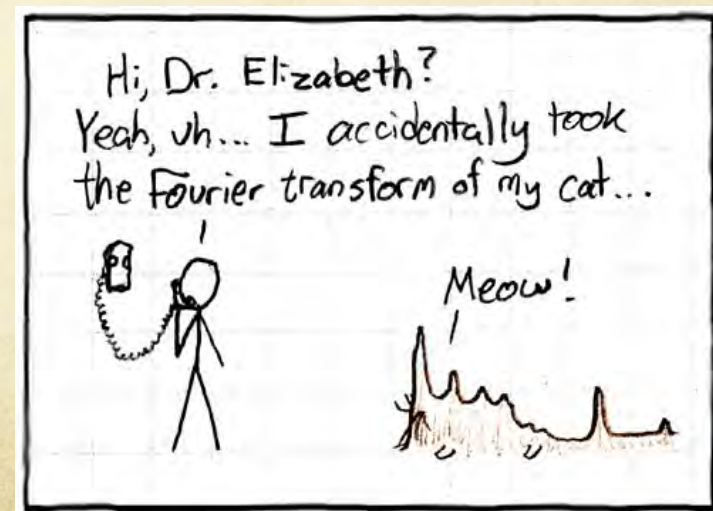
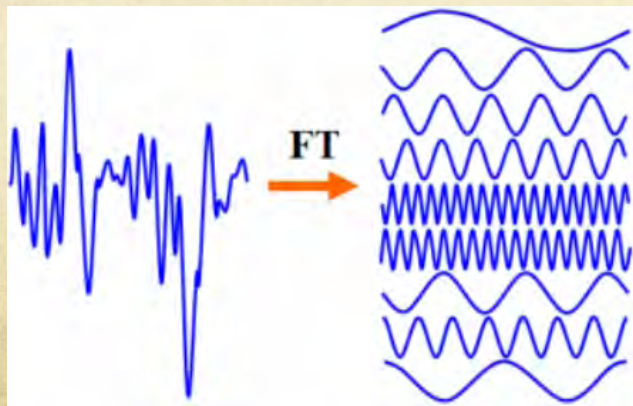


IAU 2006 - Prague
A hornet's nest was stirred up



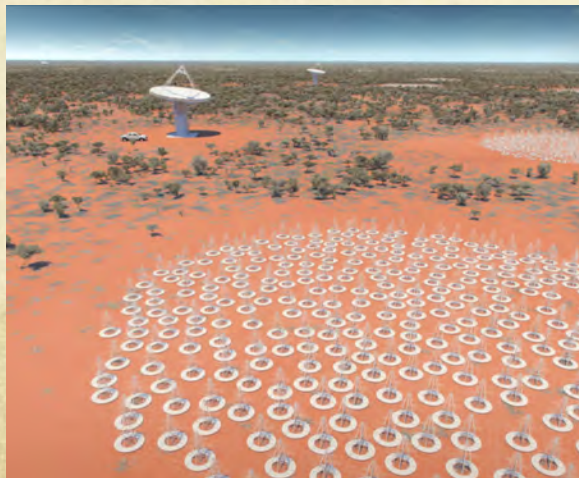
Science for All & me

- Several papers as co-authors on HIPASS Survey, HII regions, polarisation – a great collaboration
- Could be caustic in seminars with those who should know better – gentle on students and those relearning the ropes and their astrophysics
- Ron thinks in Fourier space – deep understanding of interferometry & imaging



AAL discussions

- Amazing breadth of understanding & connections
- Thinks ahead of the consequences (must be a good chess player)
- Robust comments but always polite (even when he loses his temper)



The Ron SWOT Analysis

- ○ **STRENGTHS**

- Very creative
- Wide & varied knowledge
- Inspirational leader

- ○ **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Talent to teach us all
- Adds value to all conversations

- ○ **WEAKNESSES**

- Forgetful
- Easily distracted
- Rather disorganised

- ○ **THREATS**

- Might decide to really retire

An innovative polymath

- Deep understanding of science, radio astronomy techniques and the politics of science
- Truly innovative & creative in research ideas
- Generous and caring of students and colleagues
- A real pleasure to work with
- Still haven't finished our conversations

