Bryson Cale

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Education

George Mason University   **Fairfax, VA**
Ph.D., Physics   *2017-2021*

Areas of Study: Physics & Astronomy. *Dissertation: Retreival and Applications of Precise Radial Velocities to Detect Exoplanets. Advisor:* Dr. Peter Plavchan.

Missouri State University   **Springfield, MO**
Master of Natural and Applied Science, Transferred after one year   *2016-2017*

Areas of Study: Physics, Astronomy, & Materials Science. Computer Science.

Grinnell College   **Grinnell, IA**
Bachelor of Arts   *2012-2016*

Areas of Study: Double Major in Physics & Mathematics. *Advisor:* Dr. Eliza Kempton.

Interests

- Detection and characterization of extra-solar planets.
- Development of robust mathematical modeling codes to solve a variety of unique challenges in astronomical data science.

Employment

NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory / IPAC   **Pasadena, CA**
NASA Postdoctoral Program (NPP) Fellow   *August 2021 - Current*

- Utilizing a variety of spectrographs from around the world spanning visible and near-infrared wavelengths to detect exoplanets.
- Developing a pipeline for the new diffraction-limited PARVI spectrograph at Palomar Observatory to process echelle spectra.

George Mason University   **Fairfax, VA**
Graduate Research Assistant   *August 2017 - August 2021*

- Aided in the confirmation of > 10 exoplanets via the radial velocity technique with a variety of echelle spectrographs utilizing my set of codes.
- Logged > 100 partial nights of observing with the iSHELL spectrograph on the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility.

George Mason University   **Fairfax, VA**
Academic Tutor   *August 2017 - May 2021*

- Tutored George Mason University student athletes in physics, calculus, differential equations, linear algebra, and other upper level math, physics, and computer science courses.

Missouri State University   **Springfield, MO**
Graduate Teaching Assistant   *August 2016 - May 2017*

- Prepared lectures for and instructed students through an introductory astronomy lab course.

Grinnell College   **Grinnell, IA**
Physics Lab Teaching Assistant   *September 2015 - December 2015*

- Guided students through an introductory physics lab.

Grants and Funding

- George Mason University Physics Department Summer Fellowship (2020), $7.5K
- NASA Exoplanet Research Program Fellowship (XRP) (Co-I) (2019), 3-year stipend
- George Mason University Physics Department Summer Fellowship (2018), $6K

Awarded Telescope Time

- **2022B**: PARVI/Hale - Commissioning Science with the Palomar Radial Velocity Instrument (PARVI). Co-I.
- **2022A**: PARVI/Hale - Commissioning Science with the Palomar Radial Velocity Instrument (PARVI). Co-I.
- **2021B**: WIYN/NEID - Radial Velocity Follow Up of Exoplanet Candidates Orbiting Cool Low Mass Stars Identified With TESS. Co-I.
- **2021B**: IRTF/iSHELL - Radial Velocity Follow Up of Extrasolar Planet Candidates Orbiting Cool Low Mass Stars Identified With TESS. PI.
- **2021A**: IRTF/iSHELL - Radial Velocity Follow Up of Extrasolar Planet Candidates Orbiting Cool Low Mass Stars Identified With TESS. PI.
- **2020B**: HIRES/Keck - Measuring Stellar Activity with Chromatic Radial-Velocities in the Active and Planet-Bearing Nearby M dwarf AU Mic. Co-I.
- **2020B**: CHIRON/CTIO - Measuring Stellar Activity with Chromatic Radial-Velocities in the Active and Planet-Bearing Nearby M dwarf AU Mic. Co-I.
- **2020B**: IRTF/iSHELL - Radial Velocity Follow Up of Extrasolar Planet Candidates Orbiting Cool Low Mass Stars Identified With TESS. PI.
- **2020A**: IRTF/iSHELL - Radial Velocity Follow Up of Extrasolar Planet Candidates Orbiting Cool Low Mass Stars Identified With TESS. PI.
- **2019B**: CHIRON/CTIO - Measuring Stellar Activity with Chromatic Radial-Velocities in the Active and Planet-Bearing Nearby M dwarf AU Mic. Co-I.
- **2019B**: IRTF/iSHELL - RVx*TESS*: Spectral Studies of M Dwarfs with Simultaneous *TESS* and IRTF/iSHELL Observations. Co-I.
- **2019B**: IRTF/iSHELL - Radial Velocity Follow-up of Recently Discovered Transiting Planets Orbiting the Young and Active M Dwarf AU Mic. Co-I.
- **2019B**: IRTF/iSHELL - Radial Velocity Follow Up of Extrasolar Planet Candidates Orbiting Cool Low Mass Stars Identified With *TESS*. PI.
- **2019A**: IRTF/iSHELL - What Lies Beyond the TRAPPIST-1 Snow Line? Constraining Long Period Neptunes with iSHELL Radial Velocity Observations. Co-I.
- **2019A**: IRTF/iSHELL - Hidden Binaries in the Beta Pictoris Moving Group. Co-I.
- **2019A**: IRTF/iSHELL - Zodiacal Exoplanets In Time: Measuring the Masses of Young Exoplanets. PI.
- **2018B**: IRTF/iSHELL - Zodiacal Exoplanets In Time: Measuring the Masses of Young Exoplanets. PI.
- **2017A**: IRTF/iSHELL - What radial velocity precision is obtainable with iSHELL and the isotopic methane gas cell? Co-I.

Publications

- ***Diving Beneath the Sea of Stellar Activity: Chromatic Radial Velocities of the Young AU Mic Planetary System.* First Author. Published in *Astronomical Journal*. 2021.**
- ***Precise Radial Velocities of Cool Low Mass Stars With iSHELL.* First Author. Published in *Astronomical Journal*. 2019.**
- ***Precise Near-Infrared Radial Velocities with iSHELL*. First Author. White Paper submitted to the National Academies of Science. 2018.**
- *Transit Timing Variations for AU Microscopii b and c* Co-Author. Published in *Astronomical Journal*. 2022.

- *A Close-in Puffy Neptune with Hidden Friends: The Enigma of TOI 620.* Co-Author. Published in *Astronomical Journal*. 2022.
- *The Magellan-TESS Survey I: Survey Description and Mid-Survey Results.* Co-author. Published in *Astrophysical Journal*. Teske et al. 2021.
- *TOI-431/HIP 26013: A Super-Earth and a Sub-Neptune Transiting a Bright, Early K Dwarf, With a Third Planet Candidate.* Co-author. Published in *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*. Osborn et al. 2021.
- *Precise mass and radius of a transiting super-Earth planet orbiting the M dwarf TOI-1235: a planet in the radius gap?* Co-author. Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. Bluhm et al. 2020.
- *A planet within the debris disk around the pre-main-sequence star AU Microscopii* Co-author. Published in *Nature*. Plavchan et al. 2020.
- *Magnetism and spin-orbit alignment in the young planetary system AU Mic* Co-author. Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. Martioli et al. 2020.
- *The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs Two planets on the opposite sides of the radius gap transiting the nearby M dwarf LP 729–54.* Co-author. Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. Nowak et al. 2020.
- *TOI 442: The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs: TOI 442.01=LP714-47b: Populating the Neptune desert.* Co-author. Published in *Astronomy & Astrophysics*. Dreizler et al. 2020.
- *A Hot Saturn Orbiting an Oscillating Late Subgiant Discovered By TESS* Co-author. Published in *Astronomical Journal*. Huber et al. 2019
- *TOI 257: A Warm Sub-Saturn on a Moderately Eccentric Orbit.* Co-author. Published in *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*. Addison et al. 2021
- *EarthFinder Report.* NASA probe study report. Co-author. Plavchan et al. 2019
- *Exo-Transmit: An Open-Source Code for Calculating Transmission Spectra for Exoplanet Atmospheres of Varied Composition.* Co-author. Published in *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific*. Kempton et. al 2017.

Panels Served On

- NOIRLab Telescope Allocation Committee

Invited Talks

- *Retreival and Applications of Precise Radial Velocities to Detect Exoplanets* IPAC Seminar. February 2, 2022.

Conference Talks

- *2 Years of TESS Follow-up with iSHELL.* Talk. 22nd TESS Science Team Meeting. 2020.
- *Precise NIR RVs of Cool Low Mass Stars with iSHELL.* Talk. Chesapeake Bay Area Exoplanet Meeting. 2020.
- *iSHELL Data Analysis.* Talk. Extreme Precise Radial-Velocities. 2017
- *Precise Radial Velocity First Light Observations With iSHELL.* Session Talk. 229th American Astronomical Society Meeting. 2017

Poster Presentations

- *Precise Near Infrared Radial Velocities with iSHELL.* Poster. 235th American Astronomical Society Meeting. 2020
- *Precise Near Infrared Radial Velocities with iSHELL.* Poster. Sagan Meeting Workshop - *Did I Really*

Just Find an Exoplanet?. 2018

○ *Precise Near IR Radial Velocity First Light Observations With iSHELL*. Poster. 231st American Astronomical Society Meeting. 2018

○ *Transiting Exoplanet Observations at Grinnell College*. Poster. 223rd American Astronomical Society Meeting. 2014

Technical Skills

○ **Highly Proficient:** Python (Numpy+SciPy, plotting), Julia
○ **Experienced With:** C, JavaScript, React+JSX, HTML/CSS, Java, Matlab, IDL, Scheme, PHP
○ **Noteworthy Packages:**
  - `optimize:` Tools for solving Bayesian Inference problems in Python.
    · https://optimize.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
  - `IterativeNelderMead.jl:` A robust Nelder-Mead solver for non-linear regression in Julia with support for bounded parameters.
    · https://astrobc1.github.io/IterativeNelderMead.jl/dev/
  - `Echelle.jl:` A set of Julia packages for processing echelle spectra and inferring the existence of extrasolar planets.
    · https://astrobc1.github.io/EchelleDocs/
  - `RVModelingToolkit.jl:` A Julia package to model radial velocity observations with Keplerian orbits + Gaussian processes to infer the existence of extrasolar planets.
    · https://astrobc1.github.io/RVModelingToolkitDocs/