Cathal Maguire

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Education

Ph.D., Astrophysics — *Trinity College Dublin*, Dublin, Ireland
Expected Graduation: September 2024 — *2020 – Present*

B.A., Physics & Astrophysics — *Trinity College Dublin*, Dublin, Ireland
Graduated with First Class Honours (75%) — *2016 – 2020*
Received a Gold Medal for "exceptional merit at degree examinations"

Research Experience

Postgraduate Researcher | Supervisor: Prof. Neale Gibson — *Trinity College Dublin*, Dublin, Ireland
- *High-resolution transmission spectroscopy observations of exoplanetary atmospheres* — *2020 – Present*
- *Applied advanced Bayesian inference techniques to constrain the atmospheric composition and dynamics of ultra-hot Jupiters*

SSDF Visitor | Supervisor: Dr. Elyar Sedaghati — *European Southern Observatory*, Santiago, Chile
- *Compared efficacy of high-resolution telluric removal techniques from high-resolution observations* — *Mar 2023 – May 2023*
- *Conducted multiple nights of observations at the Very Large Telescope (VLT), Paranal Observatory*
- *Utilised the ESPRESSO instrument for both scientific and calibration observations*

Research Assistant | Supervisor: Prof. Salvatore Orlando — *PRACE*, Cineca, Bologna, Italy
- *Worked remotely as part of the PRACE Summer of High-Performance Computing (SoHPC)* — *Jun 2020 – Aug 2020*
- *Simulated highly-energetic supernova and investigated the interaction of their ejecta with their surrounding environments*

Undergraduate Researcher | Supervisor: Prof. Aline Vidotto — *Trinity College Dublin*, Dublin, Ireland
- *Modelled the 1D velocity and temperature profile of the stellar wind of the red supergiant Alpha Orionis* — *Sep 2019 – Jan 2020*
- *Radiative transfer modelling of stellar wind were compared with radio observations*

Current Research Interests (selected)

- Exoplanetary atmospheres (observations & modelling)
- High-resolution spectroscopy
- Bayesian inference methods
- High-performance computing
- Telluric correction of high-resolution spectra

Publications

Refereed Publications

4 Ramkumar, Swaetha *et al.* (4 co-authors, incl. **Maguire, Cathal**), 2023, *High-resolution emission spectroscopy retrievals of MASCARA-1b with CRIRES+: strong detections of CO, H2O, and Fe emission lines and a C/O consistent with solar,* ***MNRAS, 525, 2985***.

3 Gandhi, Siddharth *et al.* (11 co-authors, incl. **Maguire, Cathal**), 2023, *Retrieval Survey of Metals in Six Ultrahot Jupiters: Trends in Chemistry, Rain-out, Ionization, and Atmospheric Dynamics,* ***AJ, 165, 242***.

2 **Maguire, Cathal** *et al.*, 2023, *High-resolution atmospheric retrievals of WASP-121b transmission spectroscopy with ESPRESSO: Consistent relative abundance constraints across multiple epochs and instruments,* ***MNRAS, 519, 1030***.

1 Gibson, Neale P. *et al.* (4 co-authors, incl. **Maguire, Cathal**), 2022, *Relative abundance constraints from high-resolution optical transmission spectroscopy of WASP-121b, and a fast model-filtering technique for accelerating retrievals ,* ***MNRAS, 512, 4161***.

Under Review

2 **Maguire, Cathal** et al., *High-resolution atmospheric retrievals of WASP-76b transmission spectroscopy with ESPRESSO: Monitoring limb asymmetries across multiple transits*

1 Fortune, Mark; *et al.* (5 co-authors, incl. **Maguire, Cathal**), *How do wavelength correlations affect your transmission spectrum? Application of a new fast and flexible 2D Gaussian process framework to transiting exoplanet spectroscopy*

Contributed & Invited Talks

8 **Cathal Maguire**, 2023. "Optimising the removal of telluric contamination from high-resolution transmission spectra." *Irish National Astronomy Meeting (INAM)*, University College Cork, Ireland.

8 **Cathal Maguire**, 2023. "Optimising the removal of telluric contamination from high-resolution transmission spectra." *Exoplanets by the Lake*, Starnberg, Germany.

8 **Cathal Maguire**, 2023. "Optimising the removal of telluric contamination from high-resolution transmission spectra." *European Southern Observatory*, Santiago, Chile.

8 **Cathal Maguire**, 2023. "Transmission Spectroscopy of WASP-121b with ESPRESSO." *Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez*, Santiago, Chile.

8 **Cathal Maguire**, 2022. "Transmission Spectroscopy of WASP-121b with ESPRESSO." *DUblin STar formation, DeBris dIsks and plaNets (DUSTBIN) Meeting*, Maynooth University, Ireland.

8 **Cathal Maguire**, 2022. "Above the Clouds: Probing the atmosphere of the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-121b with VLT/ESPRESSO." *AIP Thinkshop 2022: High-resolution spectroscopy for exoplanet atmospheres and biomarkers*, Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics, Potsdam, Germany.

8 **Cathal Maguire**, 2022. "Above the Clouds: Probing the atmosphere of the ultra-hot Jupiter WASP-121b with VLT/ESPRESSO." *Irish National Astronomy Meeting (INAM)*, Dunsink Observatory, Ireland.

Teaching & Outreach

Teaching Assistant *Trinity College Dublin*, Dublin, Ireland
2020 – Present

- *Undergraduate teaching assistant for Junior Sophister astrophysical labs*
- *Facilitated laboratory exercises, providing hands-on support to students and ensuring a conducive learning environment*
- *Successfully completed a postgraduate course focusing on pedagogical methods and best practices*

STEM Mentor *Innumeris Education*, Dublin, Ireland
2020 – 2022

- *Mentored final year secondary school students from underrepresented backgrounds*
- *Provided assistance with university admissions procedures, offering insights and support*
- *Delivered tailored tutoring sessions, addressing individual learning needs*

Professional Skills

- **Programming / Markup Languages**: Python, IDL, C/C++, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, LaTeX
- **Data Analysis Techniques**: Bayesian inference, Cross-correlation analysis, Astronomical image reduction, Radiative transfer, Open-source code management, Web development
- **Languages**: English (native), Irish (native), Spanish (intermediate)

Miscellaneous

Sales Consultant *Next Retail Plc.*, Dublin, Ireland
2015 – 2020

Rides Operator *Canada's Wonderland*, Vaughan, Canada
Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

Interests & Hobbies

I am passionate about sports, having participated in teams across a variety of sports, including soccer and gaelic football.

I am also interested in science and advancing technologies, with my main interests coming in the physical and space sciences.

References available upon request. Last updated: 2024-02-18. CV adapted from here.