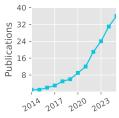
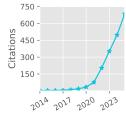
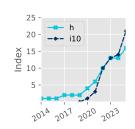
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Department of Mathematics & Statistics, University of Exeter

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Oct 2014–Aug 2018 PhD in Meteorology

Thesis title (shortened): 'Characteristics of Polar Lows in the Nordic Seas'

School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia Supervisors: Ian A. Renfrew, Thomas Spengler, Stephen Dorling

Sep 2009–May 2014 Specialist Diploma (1st class)

Thesis title: 'Idealised Numerical Modelling of Polar Mesocyclone Dynamics'

Department of Meteorology and Climatology, Moscow State University

Supervisor: Victor Stepanenko

Funding and Awards

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2024 Above & Beyond Silver Award University of Exeter	£1000
2023 Meeting Organisation Funding (Exoclimes VI and ExoSLAM) RAS	£5000
2022 Undergraduate Student Bursary (awarded; student declined) RAS	£1200
2017 Best Presentation Award CEEDA Symposium	\sim £ 100
2016 Travel Bursary Polar Prediction School	\sim £ 1000
2015 Travel Award High-Latitude Dynamics workshop	\sim £ 1000
2014 Lord Zuckerman PhD scholarship School of Environmental Sciences, UEA	\sim £112000
2014 Young Scientist Travel Award EGU General Assembly	\sim £200
2014 Russian Academy of Sciences Young Scientist Medal	\sim £ 1000
Direct Funding, co-I	
2024 UKSA Studentships: Mars Exploration Science	
2024 Research Software Engineer Support DiRAC HPC	\sim £ 45000
Observational Facilities Resources	
2023 JWST: 49.21 Primary Spacecraft Hours in Cycle 2 (GO 3838, PI: J. Kirk)	•

Research Interests

Atmospheric aerosols:

How do clouds, hazes and dust shape planetary climates?

Atmospheric convection on exoplanets:

How does convection shape global energy redistribution?

Extraterrestrial lightning:

How is lightning generated on exoplanets and can we detect it?

Publications (see below):

#17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 34

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Atmospheric dynamics on Earth and other planets:

How do wind jets and cyclones form in planetary atmospheres?

Planet formation:

How does atmospheric composition relate to the planet's history?

Model development and intercomparison:

• How do we build robust and reproducible exoplanet models?

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Conferences and Seminars

Invited Talks

- Jun 2025 Atmospheric dynamics on other planets

 Durham HPC Days | Durham, UK
 - Evonlanet climate modelling with L
- Feb 2025 Exoplanet climate modelling with LFRic University of East Anglia | Norwich, UK
- May 2024 3D simulations of exoplanet atmospheres with the next-generation Met Office model University of Leicester | Leicester, UK
- Apr 2024 Shall I compare thee to a distant world? Inter-planet and inter-model comparative studies

	EGU General Assembly Vienna, Austria
Jul 2023	Simulations of idealised 3D atmospheric flows on terrestrial planets using LFRic-Atmosphere
	NASA GISS Seminar Online
Mar 2023	First results of using LFRic for exoplanet climate modelling NIWA Seminar Wellington, New Zealand
Feb 2023	Atmospheric dynamics and chemistry on exoplanets
	UQ Astro Group Meeting Brisbane, Australia
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	UniSQ Exoplanet Group Seminar Brisbane, Australia
Feb 2023	Atmospheric dynamics and chemistry on exoplanets
	UNSW AstroSeminar Sydney, Australia
Apr 2022	Dichotomy of the atmospheric circulation on TRAPPIST-1e 🗹
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Nov 2021	TRAPPIST-1 Habitable Atmosphere Intercomparison (THAI)
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May 2021	Overcast on TRAPPIST-1e 🗹
_	RCC MSU Geophysical Seminar Online
Sep 2020	Simulations of convection over a range of atmospheric conditions on TRAPPIST-1e 🗹 THAI Workshop Online
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Jun 2024	The impact of convection on the climate of a tidally locked planet in stretched-mesh simulations
	Exoplanets 5 Leiden, Netherlands
Apr 2024	The impact of convection on the climate of TRAPPIST-1e in global stretched-mesh simulations
	EGU General Assembly Vienna, Austria
Apr 2024	The impact of convection on the climate of a tidally locked planet in stretched-mesh simulations
	UK Exoplanet Community Meeting Birmingham, UK
Nov 2022	Dry Modern-Day Mars Climate in the Met Office Unified Model
	UK Solar System Planetary Atmospheres London, UK
Sep 2022	Bistability of the Atmospheric Circulation on TRAPPIST-1e
	UK Exoplanet Community Meeting Edinburgh, UK
Jul 2015	Structure and dynamics of a shear-line polar low during a cold-air outbreak over the Norwegian Sea
	Royal Meteorological Society Student Conference Birmingham, UK
Mar 2015	Structure and dynamics of a shear-line polar low during a cold-air outbreak over the Norwegian Sea
	Dynamics of Atmosphere-Ice-Ocean Interactions in the High Latitudes workshop Rosendal, Norway
May 2014	Numerical modelling of polar mesocyclones dynamics diagnosed by the energy budget
	EGU General Assembly Vienna, Austria
Apr 2013	Impact of subgrid-scale vegetation heterogeneity on the carbon cycle
	EGU General Assembly Vienna, Austria
Apr 2013	Numerical modelling of polar mesocyclones generation mechanisms
	EGU General Assembly Vienna, Austria

Supervision

(Projects with me as the lead supervisor are in **bold**. Students who continued their academic career are underlined.)

PhD Supervision

Sep 2025-Sep 2029	Alex Corbett (U. Bristol) Project: Convection on Sub-Neptunes
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	Co-supervisors: B. Shipway, Z. Leinhardt
Sep 2025-Sep 2029	Will Luscombe
	Project: Forecasting Martian dust storms
	Co-supervisors: N. J. Mayne, M. Bate, B. Drummond
Sep 2021-Apr 2025	Martha (Mei Ting) Mak (U. Exeter)
	Project: Hazes in Planetary Atmospheres
	Co-supervisors: N. J. Mayne, J. Manners, E. Hébrard

Masters Supervision

Jan 2023–May 2024	Tom Batchelor, Luke Benzing, & <u>Alex McGinty</u> Project: Mars Atmosphere Modelling
	Co-supervisors: M. Bate, N. J. Mayne, D. McCulloch
Sep 2020-Sep 2022	Danny McCulloch (MSci by Research)
	Project: Climate Modelling of Modern-Day Mars
	Co-supervisors: M. Bate, N. J. Mayne
Apr 2021-Sep 2022	Meghan Plumridge (MSci by Research)
	Project: Climate Modelling of Early Mars
	Co-supervisors: M. Bate, N. J. Mayne
Jan 2021–May 2022	Jasper Chadwick & Esse Sellwood
	Project: Ocean Heat Transport on Rocky Exoplanets
	Co-supervisors: F. H. Lambert, J. Eager-Nash
Jan 2021–May 2022	Isabelle Browne & Oakley Young
	Project: Greenhouse Effect on Early Mars
	Co-supervisors: F. H. Lambert, N. J. Mayne, J. Eager-Nash
Jan 2020–May 2021	Toby Ferrison
	Project: Titan Climate Modelling
	Co-supervisor: F. H. Lambert

Oct 2018-May 2019 Jake Eager-Nash & David Reichelt

Project: Implications of Stellar Type on the Climate of Tidally Locked Terrestrial Exoplanets

Co-supervisors: F. H. Lambert, N. J. Mayne

Undergraduate and Summer Internship Supervision

Jul-Sep 2022 Oakley Young

Project: Ekman Ocean Model

Co-supervisors: J. Eager-Nash, F. H. Lambert

Jun-Sep 2022 James McDermott & Lottie Woods

Project: Simulations of Lightning Storms on Tidally Locked Rocky Exoplanets

Jun-Aug 2021 Oakley Young

Project: Climate Modelling of Archean Earth Co-supervisors: J. Eager-Nash, N. J. Mayne

Jun-Aug 2021 Joshua Parkin & Esse Sellwood

Project: The Impact of Host Star Spectrum on the Climate of Rocky Exoplanets

Co-supervisors: J. Eager-Nash, N. J. Mayne

Jun-Aug 2019 Isobel Parry

Project: Water Cycle on Proxima Centauri b

Co-supervisor: F. H. Lambert

Teaching and Mentoring

2025-now	Environmental Physics
2025	Lecturer University of Bristol ~40 students
2025-now	Practical Physics III: Research Skills and Group Project
2025	Tutor University of Bristol 2 groups of ∼7 students
2025-now	Research Project in Physics
	Supervisor & assessor University of Bristol \sim 10 students
Jul 2024	Algorithms For Exascale Summer School ♂
	Invited lecturer University of Exeter \sim 20 students
Feb 2024	Physics of Climate Change
	Workshop lead University of Exeter \sim 30 students
Jul 2023	Climatematch Academy
	Mentor Online 3 groups of \sim 5 students
Jul 2023	International Sustainability Summer School
	Lecturer \mid University of Exeter \mid \sim 10 students
Jun 2023	Exoclimes Summer School in Atmospheres and Modelling (ExoSLAM)
	Lecturer University of Exeter \sim 50 students
2016-2018	Introduction to Python in Environmental Sciences 🗹
	Course creator & lead University of East Anglia \sim 50 students
2015-2017	Modelling Environmental Processes; Meteorology; Numerical Skills
	Teaching assistant University of East Anglia
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Research Leadership and Impact

2024-now	Co-lead of Climates Using Interactive Suites of Intercomparisons Nested for Exoplanet Studies
	(CUISINES) &
Jun 2023	Co-chair of Exoclimes Summer School in Atmospheres and Modelling (ExoSLAM)
2023	Interview by the University of Exeter about my research 🗹
2023	Interview by UKRI/STFC about my outreach <a>™
2023	Expert Scientist at the British Science Festival Climate Exhibition &
2022	Press releases: University of Exeter C, American University C, & INSU CNRS C
2020-now	3D visualisations of exoplanet simulations:
	'Cloudy Skies of Distant Exoplanets' 🗹 University of Exeter Images of Research 2023
	'A refined look at tidally locked exoplanets' 🗹 DiRAC HPC Research Image Competition 2023

'Exoplanetary Atmospheres' L | Exeter Science Centre, Science as Art Gallery 2020

'Dusty exoplanet atmospheres' 🗹 | Nature Press Release

'Virtual Reality Exploration of Exoplanets' 🗹 | 360 VR video (contributor)

2019 Science consulting on the 'Exoplanet Explorers' videogame

2015 Blogging:

Disastrous Disaster Movies 🗹

Polar Lows: What Fuels Arctic Hurricanes?

Worldwide Weird Weather Words Z

Organisation of Scientific Meetings

Mar 2026	UK Exoplanet Community Meeting (SOC) ☑ Bristol, UK
Oct 2025	Atmospheric and interior evolution of planetary magma oceans (SOC) ☑ Leiden, the Netherlands
Sep 2025	BUFFET-5 (Co-chair) 🗹 Bordeaux, France
Jul 2025	Exoclimes VII (SOC) 🗹 Montreal, Canada
Jun 2025	Idealised modelling with LFRic (Chair) \mid Exeter, UK \mid \sim 50 attendees
Oct 2024	BUFFET-4: Building a Unified Framework For Exoplanet Treatments (Co-chair) 🗹 Online
Jun 2024	What's Cookin' Doc? A CUISINES meeting (Chair) Leiden, the Netherlands \sim 20 attendees
Jun 2023	ExoSLAM Summer School (Co-chair) 🗹 Exeter, UK ~50 attendees
Jun 2023	Exoclimes VI (LOC) ☑ Exeter, UK ~200 attendees
Mar 2023	Challenge of Science Leadership Short Course Exeter, UK

Reviewing and External Activities

2017-now	Reviewer for: Nat. Astron., MNRAS, Planet. Sci. J., Geophys. Res. Lett., ApJ, Planet. Space Sci., Q. J.
	R. Meteorol. Soc.
2023-now	Expert reviewer for: the James Webb Space Telescope General Observer Programs (Exoplanets & Disks,
	Cycles 3 & 4)
2021-now	Member of: the Royal Astronomical Society, Europlanet Society

Skills

Jan 2017

Languages English (fluent), French (basic), Russian (native)
Numerical models LFRic, Unified Model, SOCRATES, LAGRANTO, Isca

Programming languages Python, Bash, FORTRAN, MATLAB, NCL

Python libraries (user) cartopy, cython, iris, matplotlib, numpy, pandas, pyvista, xarray

Python libraries (creator/contributor) aeolus, cartopy, pyvista, geovista

Parallel computing Dask, MPI, OpenMP Version control Git, Subversion

Document preparation LATEX, Quarto, Jupyter Notebooks, Markdown, HTML, CSS, reST

Vocational Training

Raspberry Pi Basics

Sep 2023	Belbin Training 🗹
Mar 2023	Challenge of Science Leadership ☑
Dec 2022	Interview Training
Jul 2020	Writing Workshop for Climate Scientists
Mar 2020	ESA JWST Master Class 🗹
Jul 2019	ICTP Summer School on Convective Organization and Climate Sensitivity 🗹
Apr 2018	Fortran Modernisation Workshop 🗹
Jan 2018	Helicopter Underwater Escape Training Course (CA-EBS)
Dec 2017	Sea Survival Course
Jun 2017	Weather Presenting
Feb 2017	Level 1 First Aid for Field Work Course

Apr 2016 WWRP/WCRP/Bolin Center Polar Prediction School

Dec 2014 UK Met Office Unified Model Training

Vocational Experience

Apr-Jun 2018	Data Technician
	Processing of meteorological data collected in the IGP field campaign 🗹 University of East Anglia
2015-2018	Founder and Leader
	Python Users Group 🗹 University of East Anglia
Feb-Mar 2018	Member of the Meteorology Team
	The Iceland-Greenland Seas Project (IGP) field campaign Akureyri, Iceland
Mar 2015	Rapporteur
	Dynamics of Atmosphere-Ice-Ocean Interactions in the High-Latitudes 🗹 Rosendal, Norway
Oct 2013	Research Intern
	Geophysical Institute University of Bergen, Norway
Aug-Sep 2013	Trainee Forecaster
	Forecast and Briefing Service Main Aviation Meteorological Centre, Vnukovo Airport
Jul 2012	Research Intern

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