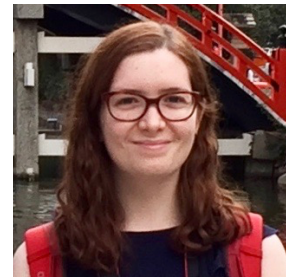


# Fran Lane

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT · THEORETICAL COSMOLOGIST

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## Postdoctoral Research Assistant - Royal Observatory Edinburgh

Sept. 2020 - Jan. 2021

## PhD Astrophysics - Edinburgh University

Sept. 2016 - Aug. 2020

THESIS SUBMITTED - AWAITING VIVA EXAMINATION

- Thesis title: Modelling cosmological structure formation in the non-linear regime
- Supervisors: Prof. Andy Taylor and Dr. Daniele Sorini

## MMath Pure and Applied Mathematics - Newcastle University

Sept. 2012 - Sept. 2016

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- Thesis title: Alternative dark matter theories: modelling fuzzy dark matter
- Supervisor: Dr. Gerasimos Rigopoulos

## Research interests

I work on the development of **perturbative methods to model large-scale structure** formation in the non-linear regime. My technique, the **General Cosmological Trajectories Method (GCTM)**, is based on Lagrangian Perturbation Theory. The GCTM can be used with multiple approximations, at a range of redshifts, and with a range of cosmological parameters. In my PhD thesis I demonstrate that observables, such as the power spectrum and correlation function, can be calculated numerically for the GCTM. I then use the GCTM in conjunction with a range of approximations to study features such as **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)** (in both real and redshift-space) and **redshift-space distortions**. The ultimate goal of this work is to **produce mock observables** that can be compared to data in order to constrain cosmological parameters. I am currently working on a pair of papers, based on my PhD thesis, describing this work.

## Awards

2019 **Scottish Universities Physics Alliance Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Award**

Worked with Dr. Zvonimir Vlah and Dr. Marko Simonovic on BAO reconstruction techniques during a month at CERN

2019 **Durham Edinburgh Extragalactic Conference XV talk prize**

## Selected Talks

Jan. 2020 **Durham Edinburgh Extragalactic Conference XVI, Durham, UK**

Talk

Dec. 2019 **Texas Symposium, Portsmouth, UK**

Talk

Dec. 2019 **SUPA Cormack meeting, Edinburgh, UK**

Talk

Sept. 2019 **Cosmo19, Aachen, Germany**

Talk

Mar. 2019 **University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland**

Invited talk

Jan. 2019 **Durham Edinburgh Extragalactic Conference XV, Edinburgh, UK**

Talk

## Publications

2020 **The General Cosmological Trajectories Method I: Modelling large-scale structure**

In prep

2020 **The General Cosmological Trajectories Method II: Modelling redshift-space distortions**

In prep

## Supervision experience

2019 **School of Physics and Astronomy Career Development Scholarship Programme: Niall Rodgers**

Project title: Entering the Golden Age of Cosmology: Are our N-body simulations good enough?

1<sup>st</sup> supervisor

2017 **Edinburgh Physics Summer Scholarship: Florian Regnault**

Project title: Simulating viscous dark matter

2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor