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skills

Stan, PyMC3, emcee
Bayesian statistics
Hierarchical models
Asteroseismology
Jupyter Notebooks
Popular science writing
Software development
Open-source publication

programming

Python, Git
Unix, LaTeX,
SQL

languages

English, Dutch (bilingual)

open-source code

lightkurve
Accessible light curves

PBJam
Automated asteroseismology

michael
Speedy TESS rotation periods

positions

2020 →now **ESA Research Fellow** European Space Research & Technology Centre, Netherlands
+ Work on Bayesian ensemble analysis problems in asteroseismology and stellar astronomy
+ Develop open-source software to elevate science of current and future ESA missions

2020 **Freelance Developer** NumFOCUS, TX, USA
+ Developed training materials for *Kepler* and K2 users for STScI
+ Worked closely with a global team of collaborators to both write training materials and develop Lightkurve code

education

2016 →2020 **PhD** in Physics & Astronomy University of Birmingham, UK
+ Supervisor: Dr. Guy R. Davies
+ *Thesis*: "Ensemble Asteroseismology and Hierarchical Bayesian Models: New Inferences of Astrophysics with Oscillating Stars"

2012 →2016 **M.Sci.** in Physics & Astrophysics University of Birmingham, UK
+ 1st Class w. Honours
+ Dissertation supervisor: Prof. William J. Chaplin
+ Thesis topic: Detecting signatures of stellar activity cycles using asteroseismic frequency shifts

2006 →2012 **Gymnasium** Gemeentelijk Gymnasium Hilversum, The Netherlands
+ 8.5/10 average across eleven subjects

selected presentations

2021 Mar **SCI-S Science Seminar** Virtual - ESA
"Hierarchical models and asteroseismic rotation"

2021 Mar **SAC Seminar** Virtual - Aarhus University, Denmark
"Hierarchical models and asteroseismic rotation"

2020 Feb **CSH Symposium** Centre for Space and Habitability, Switzerland
Invited talk: "Asteroseismology & Rotational Evolution: Bayesian Inference in Stellar Astrophysics"

2020 Jan **ESA Research Fellow Jamboree** ESA ESTEC, The Netherlands
"Asteroseismic Follow-Up of *CHEOPS* Target Hosts"

2019 Nov **Departmental Seminar** University of Exeter, UK
"Asteroseismology & Applied Statistics"

2019 Jul **TASC5/KASC12** MIT, MA, USA
Invited talk: "Accessible Asteroseismology with Lightkurve"

2018 Dec **Birmingham-Warwick Science Meet-Up** University of Warwick, UK
"Testing asteroseismology with *Gaia* DR2: Hierarchical Models & the Red Clump"

2018 Jul **TASC4/KASC11** Aarhus University, Denmark
"Testing asteroseismology with *Gaia* DR2: Luminosity of the Red Clump"

conferences & workshops

2021 Mar	Cool Stars 20.5	Virtual
2021 Feb	Streams 21 Workshop	Virtual
2020 Dec	SCI Science Workshop 13	Virtual - ESA Internal Workshop
2020 Sep	online.TESS.science	Virtual
2020 Feb	CSH Symposium (**invited**)	Centre for Space and Habitability, Switzerland
2019 Oct	T'DA 9 (**invited**)	Institute for Astronomy, HI, USA
2019 Aug	Astro Hack Week 2019	Kavli Institude for Cosmology, UK
2019 Jul	TASC5/KASC12 (**invited**)	MIT, MA, USA
2019 Jan	T'DA 8	Aarhus University, Denmark
2018 Oct	T'DA 5 (**invited**)	Ohio State University, OH, USA
2018 Jul	T'DA 4	Aarhus University, Denmark
2018 Jul	TASC4/KASC11	Aarhus University, Denmark
2018 Jun	The Wetton Workshop 2018	University of Oxford, UK
2017 Dec	T'DA 3	KU Leuven, Belgium
2017 Jul	TASC3/KASC10	University of Birmingham, UK
2017 Apr	T'DA 2	Aarhus University, Denmark
2016 Nov	Asteroseismology of stellar activity cycles	Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur, France
2016 Nov	T'DA 1	University of Birmingham, UK

posters

2021 Mar   **Cool Stars 20.5**   Virtual
+ "New asteroseismic rotation rates of Kepler dwarfs show strong agreement with weakened magnetic braking on the late-age main sequence"
+ 1-minute video 'haiku' shown during the main programme

2020 Dec   **SCI Science Workshop 13**   Virtual - ESA Internal Workshop
+ "Characterising the Red Clump standard cnalde in magnitude, colour, metallicity and alpha abundance"
+ "New asteroseismic rotation rates of Kepler dwarfs show strong agreement with weakened magnetic braking on the late-age main sequence"
+ 1-minute videos accompanying both posters

2019 Jul   **TASC5/KASC12**   MIT, MA, USA
+ "Improving gyrochronology of field stars with asteroseismic age and rotation"

2017 Jul   **TASC3/KASC10**   University of Birmingham, UK
+ "Mixture Models applied to *Kepler* backgrounds & development for TESS"

research visits

2018 Oct   **Visit to the KeplerGO office [3 weeks]**   NASA Ames Research Centre, CA, USA
+ Invited to build the **periodogram** & **seismology** modules of **Lightkurve**.

2018 Jan   **Visit to SAC [1 week]**   Aarhus University, Denmark
+ Invited to investigate & build tools for background subtraction of TESS FFIs.

grants & honours

2020 →2022	ESA Research Fellowship	ESA ESTEC, The Netherlands
2019	**£815** - Ogden Trust Alumni Fund One-Off Grants	The Ogden Trust, UK
2018	**£300** - IOP Research Student Conference Fund (*declined*)	Institute of Physics, UK
2016	**£3000** - Royal Society Partnership Grant	The Royal Society, UK
2015	Teach Physics Oustanding Intern 2015 - shortlisted	The Ogden Trust, UK

teaching & other research

2021 **LEAPS 2021 Supervisor** Virtual - The Leiden/ESA Astrophysics Program for Summer Students
+ Primary supervisor for student during a 10-week summer program
+ Jointly ran the selection process, including interviewing a shortlist

2021 →now **Student Supervision** Virtual - Leiden University
+ Helped advise masters students at the University of Leiden in an unofficial capacity.

2019 **Advanced HE - Associate Fellow (AFHEA)** Advanced HE
+ Formal acknowledgement of teaching experience and expertise

2019 **Access to Birmingham (A2B) supervisor** University of Birmingham
+ Supported applicants from disenfranchised backgrounds through the A2B scheme

2017 →2019 **2nd Year Laboratory Projects Demonstrator** University of Birmingham, UK
+ Taught students to build apparatus and understand their results
+ Marked students' work and provided constructive feedback

2016 →2019 **3rd Year Observatory Laboratory Supervisor** University of Birmingham, UK
+ Supervised students using an observatory and during data reduction
+ Helped students understand their results as well as the use of IRAF, Unix, and Python

2015 **Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE)** University of Leicester, UK
+ Performed a six-week project using Python to program a robotic arm system for testing a prototype focal plane for the Cherenkov Telescope Array

2015 **Ogden Trust Teach Physics Intern** Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Birmingham, UK
+ Helped teach pupils throughout lessons, acting as a teaching assistant
+ Prepared and taught a lesson & careers workshop

outreach & engagement

2021 *Scientist*, **Skype a Scientist** Virtual
+ 2021 Apr - 1st Grade Class, East Lansdowne Elementary, USA
+ 2021 Jan - USA-based family, 5th, 3rd and Kindergarten grade

2021 Apr *Selected Press* for **Hall et al. 2021**
+ The Independent - "Old stars are not behaving as expected, scientists say"
+ Metro - "Stars spin faster as they get older, astronomers learn"

2021 Mar *Speaker*, **Astronomy on Tap Leiden** Leiden, The Netherlands
A recording of the talk is **available online.**

2019 →2021 *Author*, **Astrobites Collaboration**
+ Wrote and edited monthly summaries of astronomy papers at an undergraduate level.
+ Committee member for **Advertising**, **Moderating**, **Hiring**, **Undergraduate Engagement**, and **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion**
+ Wrote a total of 14 articles over a 2 year period
+ Article featured in AAS Nova - "Cosmic Archaeology from an Ancient Pulsating Star"

2019 *Developer*, **State of The Universe** collaboration Astro Hack Week 2019
+ Helped build and maintain an informative package for teachers and planetarium guides

2018 →2019 *Demonstrator*, **Applicant Visit Days** University of Birmingham, UK
+ Developed and taught laboratory sessions for undergraduate applicants

2016 →2017 *Partnered Researcher*, **Royal Society Partnership Grant** Bishop Challoner Catholic College, UK
+ Developed and taught a series of lessons and lab activities engaging Year 9 pupils with exoplanet characterisation and asteroseismology

community services

2020 →2021	*Organiser*, **LEAPS 2021 Summer Student Programme**	Virtual - ESA ESTEC/Leiden University

+ Worked with researchers at the University of Leiden and ESA to organise a virtual summer research programme for a cohort of 21 students across the globe
+ Organised twice-weekly seminars and workshops in conjunction with the Amsterdam-based ASPIRE programme

2021	*Panelist*, **TESS Cycle 4**	Virtual - NASA Goddard

+ Collaborated virtually with a global team of panelists to rank research proposals

2020 →now	*Reviewer*

+ For The Astrophysical Journal

2020	*LOC*, **SCI Science Workshop 13**	Virtual - ESA Internal Workshop

+ Organised poster viewing and social gatherings in Gather Town
+ Moderated speaker sessions

2018 →2019	*Organiser*, **9th BEAR Conference**	University of Birmingham, UK

+ Organised local annual high performance computing conference

2017	*LOC*, **TASC3/KASC11**	University of Birmingham, UK

+ Helped organise 150+ attendee asteroseismology conference

2021 →now	Member of the *International Astronomical Union* (IAU)	
2018 →now	Member of the **Lightkurve** collaboration	NASA Ames Research Centre, CA, USA
2016 →now	Member of the *TESS Data for Asteroseismology* (**T'DA**) collaboration	
2016 →now	Member of the *TESS Asteroseismic Science Consortium* (TASC)	

selected publications

14 publications, of which 2 as first author, with 302 total citations. **H-index: 9**

first & second author publications:

1. **Hall, O. J.**, Davies, G. R., van Saders, J. and 9 coauthors
   Weakened magnetic braking supported by asteroseismic rotation rates of Kepler dwarfs
   Nature Astronomy, **2021**
   Summary: Made new measurements of asteroseismic rotation rates, and compared these to population models of rotational evolution to indicate the presence of weakened magnetic braking.
   `doi:10.1038/s41550-021-01335-x`, `arXiv:2104.10919`

2. **Hall, O. J.**, Davies, G. R., Elsworth, Y. P. and 9 coauthors
   Testing asteroseismology with Gaia DR2: Hierarchical models of the Red Clump
   Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, **2019**
   Summary: Constrained the luminosity of the Red Clump and the *Gaia* DR2 parallax zero-point offset simultaneously using hierarchical latent variable models.
   `doi:10.1093/mnras/stz1092`, `arXiv:1904.07919`

3. Khan, S., **Hall, O. J.**, Miglio, A., Davies, G. R., Mosser, B., Girardi, L., Montalbán, J.
   The Red-giant Branch Bump Revisited: Constraints on Envelope Overshooting in a Wide Range of Masses and Metallicities
   The Astrophysical Journal, **2018**
   Contribution: Used Mixture Models to constrain the position of the Red-Giant Branch Bump.
   `doi:10.3847/1538-4357/aabf90`, `arXiv:1804.06669`

contributing author publications:

4. Montalbán, J., Mackereth, J. T., Miglio, A. and 16 coauthors including **Hall, O. J.**
   Chronologically dating the early assembly of the Milky Way
   Accepted, **Nature Astronomy**, **2021**
   Contribution: Obtained seismic parameters for stellar sample and helped develop hierachical model.
   `arxiv:2001.04653`

5. Mackereth, J. T., Miglio, A., Elsworth, Y., and 30 coauthors including **Hall, O. J.**
   Prospects for Galactic and stellar astrophysics with asteroseismology of giant stars in the TESS continuous viewing zones and beyond
   Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, **2021**

Contribution: Obtained fundamental seismic parameters for stellar sample.

`doi:10.1093/mnras/stab098`, `arXiv:2012.00140`

6. Nielsen, M. B., Davies, G. R., Ball, W. H., Lyttle, A. J., Li, T., **Hall, O. J.** and 11 other coauthors
   PBjam: A Python Package for Automating Asteroseismology of Solar-like Oscillators
   The Astronomical Journal, **2021**
   Contribution: Developed code and documentation for PBJam package

   `doi:10.3847/1538-3881/abcd39`, `arXiv:2012.00580`

7. Silva Aguirre, V., Stello, D., Stokholm, A. and 75 coauthors including **Hall, O. J.**
   Detection and characterisation of oscillating red giants: first results from the TESS satellite
   The Astrophysical Journal, **2020**
   Contribution: Obtained fundamental seismic parameters for stellar sample.

   `doi:10.3847/2041-8213/ab6443`, `arXiv:1912.07604`

8. Chaplin, W., Serenelli, A. M., Miglio, A. and 83 coauthors including **Hall, O. J.**
   Age dating of an early Milky Way merger via asteroseismology of the naked-eye star νIndi
   Nature Astronomy, 2020
   Contribution: Advised on systematic uncertainties in spectroscopic methods.

   `doi:10.1038/s41550-019-0975-9`, `arXiv:2001.04653`

9. Huber, D., Chaplin, W. J., Chontos, A and 139 coauthors including **Hall, O. J.**
   A Hot Saturn Orbiting An Oscillating Late Subgiant Discovered by TESS
   The Astronomical Journal, **2019**
   Contribution: Checked proper use and interpretation of *Gaia* parallaxes.

   `doi:10.3847/1538-3881/ab1488`, `arXiv:1901.01643`

10. Bugnet, L., García, R. A., Mathur, S., Davies, G. R., **Hall, O. J.**, Lund, M. N., Rendle, B. M.
    FliPer$_{Class}$: In search of solar-like pulsators among TESS targets
    Astronomy & Astrophysics, **2019**
    Contribution: Aided with interpretation of systematic uncertainties on effective temperature.

    `doi:10.1051/0004-6361/201834780`, `arXiv:1902.09854`

11. Bugnet, L., García, R. A., Davies, G. R., Mathur, S., Corsaro, E., **Hall, O. J.**, Rendle, B. M.
    FliPer: A global measure of power density to estimate surface gravities of main-sequence solar-like stars and red giants
    Astronomy & Astrophysics, **2018**
    Contribution: Helped develop the FliPer metric & its machine learning implementation.

    `doi:0.1051/0004-6361/201833106`, `arXiv:1809.05105`

12. Davies, G. R., Lund, M. N., Miglio, A., Elsworth, Y. P. and 13 coauthors including **Hall, O. J.**
    Using red clump stars to correct the Gaia *DR1 parallaxes*
    Astronomy & Astrophysics, **2017**
    Contribution: Verified results found by lead authors.

    `doi:10.1051/0004-6361/201630066`, `arXiv:1701.02506`

software publications:

13. Lightkurve Collaboration, Cardoso, J. V. d. M., Hedges, C., Gully-Santiago, M., Saunders, N., Cody, A-M., Barclay, T., **Hall, O. J.**, Sagear, S., Turtelboom, E., Zhang, J., Tzanidakis, A., Mighell, K., Coughlin, J., Bell, K., Berta-Thompson, Z., Williams, P., Dotson, J., Barentsen, G.
    Lightkurve: Kepler and TESS time series analysis in Python
    Astrophysics Source Code Library, **2018**
    Contribution: Led development of the 'periodogram' and 'seismology' modules.

    `ascl:1812.013`

white papers:

14. Khullar, G., Kholer, S., Konchady, T. and 32 coauthors including **Hall, O. J.**
    Astrobites as a Community-led Model for Education, Science Communication, and Accessibility in Astrophysics
    arXiv e-prints, **2019**

    `arXiv:1907.09496`