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Postdoc



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Technical Skills

Overview



Programming

Expert:

Python

Experienced:

Shell • SQL • Matlab • \LaTeX

Competent:

C • C++ • R • Ruby • IDL • html

Education

Ph.D., Astronomy

University of Hertfordshire, UK

2015 - 2019

Passed viva w/ minor corrections

MPhys, Physics

Durham University, UK

2010 - 2014

2:1 with Honours

Affiliations

Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, FRAS

Summary

I am a postdoctoral researcher specialising in Bayesian statistical analysis on big data, working on the weak-lensing colour-gradient bias with Euclid. My main interests are reverberation mapping and the interface between star-forming galaxies and AGN. I have worked with a diverse range of data including the latest releases from the LOFAR, SDSS, and H-ATLAS surveys and the Horizon-AGN simulations. My latest work combines the use of novel statistical Bayesian analysis with these large datasets in order to facilitate effective exploitation of the next generation of surveys.

Research Interests

- **Star-formation:** LOFAR, FIR, empirical relations, FIRC, MagPhys, SFG-AGN interface.
- **Reverberation mapping:** High redshift, photometric techniques, $t_{lag} - L_{5100}$, selection biases.
- **Big data & Bayesian analysis:** Large surveys, advanced Bayesian statistical inference, bias mitigation.

Experience

Oct 2019 – Present	Postdoc Galaxy shape measures in Euclid <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quantifying the colour-gradient bias in Euclid weak-lensing measurements• Generation of realistic galaxy catalogues• Hubble image reduction	Osservatorio Astronomico di Roma - INAF
Oct 2015 – Oct 2019	Ph.D. Supervisor: Dr Daniel J.B. Smith Thesis: Measuring the Physical Properties of Distant Galaxies and Black Holes in the Era of Surveys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studying the relation between the star-formation rate and radio luminosity of galaxies.• Using new photometric time-series techniques to estimate quasar black-hole masses with reverberation mapping.• Innovating new Bayesian methods to infer complete distributions from incomplete, noisy data in order to mitigate observational bias and explore large datasets.	University of Hertfordshire
Jun 2016	Observing	William Herschel Telescope, La Palma
Jan 2016 – Present	Programming teaching assistant & tutor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught students Python and Matlab for scientific programming courses.• Ran code review sessions for post-graduates and Ph.D. students.• Lead programming lectures and demonstrations.	University of Hertfordshire, UK
Nov 2016 – Mar 2017	'Physics of stars' demonstrator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assisted students at the Bayfordbury teaching observatory.• Instructed in the use of 16-inch telescopes and the reduction of data.• Projects included PNe imaging and constructing open cluster HR-diagrams.	University of Hertfordshire, UK
Jul 2014 – Jul 2015	Insight Analyst Processing big data from raw consumer search patterns to an explanatory format suitable for client business strategies. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big data processing with Python & sci-kit learn• Communication with the backend team• API design, visualisation, and automation development.	Linkdex, UK

Other Experience

Jun 2013 – Aug 2013	Summer Student Supervisor: Dr Alastair Sinclair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked with the Time & Frequency Team.• Analysed Gaussian beam quality for the strontium ion optical clock group.• Developed analytical Matlab code and the optical bench setup required.	National Physical Laboratory, UK
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Presentations

April 2018	European Week of Astronomy and Space Science University of Liverpool, UK	European Astronomical Society, EAS poster
July 2017	National Astronomy Meeting University of Hull, UK	Royal Astronomical Society, RAS contributed talk
June 2016	National Astronomy Meeting University of Nottingham, UK	Royal Astronomical Society, RAS contributed talk, poster
May 2016	The Cosmic FIR Landscape with H-ATLAS University of Lisbon, Portugal	H-ATLAS consortium contributed talk

Publications

Published

- *Galaxy morphological classification in deep-wide surveys via unsupervised machine learning*
Martin, G.; Kaviraj, S.; Hocking, A.; **Read, S.C.**; Geach, J.E. – 2020MNRAS.491.1408M
- *The performance of photometric reverberation mapping at high redshift and the reliability of damped random walk models*
Read, S.; Smith, D.; Jarvis, M.; Gürkan, G. – accepted by Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 2019
- *A LOFAR-IRAS cross-match study: the far-infrared radio correlation and the 150 MHz luminosity as a star-formation rate tracer*
Wang, L.; Gao, F.; Duncan, K.J.; Williams, W.L.; Rowan-Robinson, M.; Sabater, J.; Shimwell, T.W.; Bonato, M.; Calistro-Rivera, G.; Chyży, K.T.; Farrah, D.; Gürkan, G.; Hardcastle, M.J.; McCheyne, I.; Prandoni, I.; **Read, S.C.**; Röttgering, H.J.A.; Smith, D.J.B. – 2019A&A...631A.109W
- *The Far-Infrared Radio Correlation at low radio frequency with LOFAR/H-ATLAS*
Read, S.C.; Smith, D.J.B.; Gürkan, G.; Hardcastle, M.J.; Williams, W.L.; Best, P.N.; Brinks, E.; Calistro-Rivera, G.; Chyży, K.T.; Duncan, K.; Dunne, L.; Jarvis, M.J.; Morabito, L.K.; Prandoni, I.; Röttgering, H.J.A.; Sabater, J.; Viaene, S. – 2018MNRAS.480.5625R
- *The Astropy Problem*
Muna, D.; Alexander, M.; Allen, A.; Ashley, R.; Asmus, D.; Azzollini, R.; Bannister, M.; Beaton, R.; Benson, A.; Berriman, G.B.; Bilicki, M.; Boyce, P.; Bridge, J.; Cami, J.; Cangi, E.; Chen, X.; Christiny, N.; Clark, C.; Collins, M.; Comparat, J.; Cook, N.; Croton, D.; Delberth Davids, I.; Depagne, É.; Donor, J.; dos Santos, L.A.; Douglas, S.; Du, A.; ...; **Read, S.**; ... – 2016arXiv161003159M
- *LOFAR/H-ATLAS: a deep low-frequency survey of the Herschel-ATLAS North Galactic Pole field*
Hardcastle, M.J.; Gürkan, G.; van Weeren, R.J.; Williams, W.L.; Best, P.N.; de Gasperin, F.; Rafferty, D.A.; **Read, S.C.**; Sabater, J.; Shimwell, T.W.; Smith, D.J.B.; Tasse, C.; Bourne, N.; Brienza, M.; Brügger, M.; Brunetti, G.; Chyży, K.T.; Conway, J.; Dunne, L.; Eales, S.A.; Maddox, S.J.; Jarvis, M.J.; Mahony, E.K.; Morganti, R.; Prandoni, I.; Röttgering, H.J.A.; Valiante, E.; White, G.J. – 2016MNRAS.462.1910H

Submitted and in preparation

- *On the causes of the mass dependency of the star-formation rate – radio luminosity relation with LOFAR, Horizon-AGN, and CANDID*
Read, S.; Smith, D.; Gürkan, G.; Hardcastle, M.; et al. – in prep.
- *A Markov Chain Monte Carlo approach for measurement of jet precession in radio-loud active galactic nuclei*
Horton, M.; Hardcastle, M.; **Read, S.**; Krause, M. – submitted to MNRAS
- *Bias and accretion rate dependency in the reverberation-mapped lag-luminosity relation*
Read, S.; Smith, D.; et al. – in prep.
- *Low mass stars and multiple systems in Gaia*
González-Egea, E.; Pinfield, D.; **Read, S.**; et al. – in prep.