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# Will Handley

	Education
2012–2016	University of Cambridge, PhD: Astrophysics, Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson.
2008–2012	University of Cambridge, MSci, MA: Natural Sciences, Gonville & Caius College.
	Alleyn's School, A levels, GCSEs, London.
	Employment
2020-present	<b>Royal Society University Research Fellow</b> , <i>Cavendish Lab</i> , University of Cambridge. Bayesian machine learning and tensions in cosmology
2021-present	College Lecturer, Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge.
2016–2020	Research fellow, Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge. Funded by Gonville & Caius College and an STFC IPS grant.
Jul-Sep 2016	<b>Postdoctoral researcher</b> , <i>Prof. H. Peiris</i> , University College London. Searching for features in the primordial power spectrum.
2012–2016	<b>PhD: Astrophysics</b> , <i>Prof. A. Lasenby &amp; Prof. M. Hobson</i> , University of Cambridge. Kinetic initial conditions for inflation: Theory, observations & methods.
2011–2012	<b>Part III Dissertation</b> , <i>Prof. P. Alexander</i> , University of Cambridge. Investigating the origins of cosmic magnetism.
Summer 2011	<b>Summer Research Student</b> , <i>Prof. M. Faulkes &amp; Dr. J. Spencer</i> , Imperial College. Folded spectrum full configuration interaction quantum Monte Carlo.
Summer 2011	<b>Summer Research Student</b> , <i>Dr. R. Blumenfeld</i> , University of Cambridge. Geometry and field equations of granular systems.
2010–2011	<b>Research Review</b> , <i>Prof. S. Gull</i> , University of Cambridge. Literature Survey of the Physics-Philosophy crossover field of measurement theory.
Summer 2010	<b>iGEM Team Physicist</b> , <i>Dr. J. Haseloff</i> , University of Cambridge. E-glowli 2010 iGEM team (placed in final 6) http://2010.igem.org/Team:Cambridge
	Grants won
30M CPUh $\approx$ £300,000	DiRAC Resource Allocation Committee 13 <sup>th</sup> call 2020,  Next generation cosmological analysis with nested sampling.
£722,622	Royal Society URF 2020, Bayesian machine learning and tensions in cosmology.
2M CPUh	
	Bayesian model comparison of inflation and spatial curvature.
£225,000	STFC IPS 2019, PolyChord and Bayesian sparse facial recognition.

£42,000 STFC IAA 2018, PolyChord and Bayesian neural network facial recognition.

£25,000 STFC IAA 2016, Interfacing PolyChord 2.0. £15,000 KICC Workshop 2019, AstroHackWeek 2019.

\$6,000 AUS George Southgate Visiting Fellowship 2020, GAMBIT visit.

£1,800	KICC visitors 2017, Class and MontePython workshop.  Caius + Kavli, Summer 2019 student funding.  King's + Kavli, Summer 2018 student funding.		
	Awards & Prizes		
Jul. 2019	Guiseppe and Vanna Cocconi Prize (WMAP and Planck)	EPS-I	HEPP Division
Jun. 2018	Gruber Prize (Planck)	Grub	er Foundation
Dec. 2013	Best presentation	Cavendish grad. stude	nts conference
Jun. 2012	Best theoretical part III project	University	of Cambridge
	Physics prize	Gonville &	Caius College
Summer 2011	Undergraduate Research Bursary	Nuffie	eld Foundation
	UROP Studentship	In	nperial College
Summer 2010	iGEM Studentship	V	Vellcome Trust
2009–12	Junior and Senior Scholarships	Gonville &	Caius College
	Supervision of graduate students and postdo	ctoral researche	ers
Postdoc	David Yallup		2021-present
	Jianghui Lui		2020
	Kamran Javid		2018-2019
PhD	George Carter, Kilian Scheutwinkel, Thomas Gessey-Jone	S	2020-present
	Ian Roque, Harry Bevins		2019-present
	Dominic Anstey		2018-present
	Fruzsina Agocs, Will Barker		2017-present
	Lukas Hergt		2017-2020
	Ed Higson		2016-2017
Masters	Yi-Jer Loh, Metha Prathaban		2020-2021
	Tom Gessey-Jones, Aleks Petrosyan, Ayngaran Thavanesa	an, Emma Shen	2019-2020
	Deaglan Bartlet, Jamie Bamber, Ian Roque		2018-2019
	Ward Haddadin, Jessica Rigley, Panagiotis Mavrogiannis		2017-2018
	Fruzsina Agocs, Robert Knighton, Stephen Pickman, Dar	niel Manela	2016-2017
Summer	Zak Shumaylov, Mattia Varrone		2021
	Denis Werth, Maxime Jabarian, Liam Lau		2019
	Elizabeth Guest, Ward Haddadin, Shu-Fan Chen		2018
	Teaching		
2017-present	Bayesian Statistics	Graduate	lecture course
-	Part III Physics: Relativistic astrophysics and cosmology		Supervising
			Supervising
	Part IA Mathematics for NatSci	Supervising,	Tripos classes
2013	Part II Theoretical Physics 1 & 2		Demonstrating
	-	dual coaching, key sta	_
	Academic Talks		

£2,000 KICC visitors 2019, Likelihood free inference workshop.

- Feb. 2021 **Bayesian methods for quantifying global parameter tensions between cosmological datasets**, *Tehran meeting on cosmology at the crossroads*, Tehran (remote), Iran.
- Jan. 2021 **Bayesian information fusion**, *Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment*, DAMTP, Cambridge (remote), UK.
- Oct. 2020 **Nested Sampling:** an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for 21cm cosmology, 3rd Global 21-cm Workshop, Cambridge (remote), UK.
- Sep. 2020 **Nested Sampling for optimising sensor location**, *Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment*, DAMTP, Cambridge (remote), UK.
- Feb. 2020 **Nested Sampling:** an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for physics and machine learning, *Physics Colloquium*, Adelaide, Australia.
- Jan. 2020 **Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for astrophysics and cosmology**, Oxford, UK.
- Jan. 2020 **PolyChord: next generation nested sampling**, *Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment*, DAMTP, Cambridge, UK.
- Dec. 2019 Quantised primordial power spectra, Texas 2019, Portsmouth, UK.
- Nov. 2019 **Nested Sampling:** an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for Machine Learning and Data Science, *CDT talk*, Cambridge, UK.
- Aug. 2019 Curvature tension: evidence for a closed universe(?), ICG Portsmouth, UK.
- Jul. 2019 Quantifying cosmological tensions, University College London, UK.
- Jun. 2019 Likelihood free inference, GAMBIT X, Germany.
- Mar. 2019 Compromise-free Bayesian sparse reconstruction, LFI workshop, Flatiron institute, US.
- Dec. 2018 Inflation, curvature and kinetic dominance, Future uses of Planck data, ESAC, Spain.
- Nov. 2018 BAMBI Resurrection: Blind Accelerated Multimodal Bayesian Inference, Dark Machines, Worldwide.
- Nov. 2018 Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for cosmology and particle physics, *Dark Machines*, Worldwide.
- Oct. 2018 Bayesian Statistics, Third Asterics-Obelics workshop, Cambridge, UK.
- May. 2018 Planck, inflation and the future of inflationary constraints, Consistency of Cosmological Datasets, Cambridge, UK.
- May. 2018 MaxEnt priors with derived parameters in a specified distribution, Cambridge, UK.
- May. 2018 Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for astrophysics and cosmology, ICIC, UK.
- April. 2018 Introduction to statistics, CosmoTools 18, RWTH Aachen, Germany.
- Jan. 2018 Advances in Nested Sampling & astrophysical application, Cambridge, UK.
- Aug. 2017 PolyChord 2.0: Fast inference & nested sampling, Cosmo17, Paris, France.
- Jun. 2017 Modern Bayesian Inference: Theory and Practice, RWTH Aachen, Germany.
- Mar. 2017 Parameter estimation and Model comparison, CosmoTools 17, Madrid, Spain.
- Feb. 2017 **PolyChord 2.0: Advances in Nested Sampling & astrophysical application**, Flatiron institute, US.
- Sep. 2016 PolyChord 2.0 & the future of nested sampling, University College London, UK.
- May. 2016 PolyChord 2.0 & the future of nested sampling, University of Sussex, UK.
- Mar. 2016 PolyChord & the future of nested sampling, Edinburgh, UK.
- Dec. 2015 PolyChord: next generation nested sampling, Max Planck Institute, Germany.
- Feb. 2015 PolyChord: next generation nested sampling, University of Sussex, UK.
- Dec. 2013 Kinetic dominance in the pre-inflationary universe, Cavendish grad. conference.

## Selected Outreach

Over the course of my career I have given 19 public outreach talks including:

- May 2015 Intro. to Astronomy: Beyond the Milky Way, IoA Public Talk, Cambridge.
- May 2015 To infinity and beyond: Dark Energy, Pint of Science, Cambridge Brewhouse.
- Feb 2014 The Physics of Juggling, CCPE, Cavendish Laboratory.
- Jan 2014 The first 3 yocto-pico seconds, Three minute wonder, Cavendish Laboratory.

# Institutional responsibilities

2020-present	Convener of CosmoBit	GAMBIT
2020-present	Leader of data analysis team REAC	
2021-present	sent Center for data-driven discovery (C2D3) steering committee University of	
2019-present	Gonville & Caius College Council	Gonville & Caius college
2018-present	Investments committee	Gonville & Caius college
2016-present	Undergraduate Admissions	Gonville & Caius college
2018-2020	Education and research committee	Gonville & Caius college
2017-present	Organiser of weekly group seminars	Cavendish astrophysics group

## Examination

- Sep 2020 Machine Learning Applied to Gaia and Other Survey Data: Applications Supporting a Polarisation Survey, Kyriakos Stylianiopoulos, MPhil.
- 2020–2021 Masters exam checking, Astrostatistics, Part III Maths.

# Organisation of scientific meetings

2020	Scientific organising committee member of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Global 21-cm Workshop	KICC
2019	Local organising committee member of KICC $10^{\mathrm{th}}$ anniversary symposium	KICC
2019	Secured funding for Likelihood free inference workshop (currently organising)	KICC
2019	Helped secure funding and organised AstroHack week 2019	KICC
2018	Secured funding for and organised CLASS+MontePython software workshop	KICC

# Peer review

Performed 55 reviews for journals including Physical Review D and Physical Review Letters; https://publons.com/researcher/1596769/will-handley/peer-review/PRD (25), MNRAS (6), JCAP (5), PRL (5), JOSS (2), APJ (2), EPJC (1), PLB (6), Entropy (2), Astronomy & Computing (1)

# Collaborations

astro.phy.cam.ac.uk/research/research-projects/reach	REACH	2018-present
gambit.hepforge.org	GAMBIT	2018-present
darkmachines.org	DarkMachines	2018-present
terrahunting.org	Terra Hunter Experiment	2017–2018
core-mission.org	CORE	2016-2017
astro.phy.cam.ac.uk/research/research-projects/AMI	AMI	2015–2016
cosmos.esa.int/web/planck	Planck	2015-2019

## Software

PolyChord Sole author and maintainer: github.com/PolyChord/PolyChordLite

pyBAMBI Team maintainer: github.com/DarkMachines/pyBAMBI

anesthetic Sole author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/anesthetic fgivenx Sole author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/fgivenx primordial Sole author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/primordial

ModeCode Maintainer: modecode.org

MultiNest Maintainer: github.com/farhanferoz/MultiNest

Open source scipy: Weighted kernel density estimation in scipy.stats.gaussian\_kde

matplotlib: Vertical slider in matplotlib.widgets.Slider

# Interaction with industry

PolyChord Founded start-up company PolyChord Ltd. to bring Bayesian methods & tools from cosmology to Machine Learning & Biotech industries: polychord.co.uk

AnyVision Working collaboratively as part of STFC grant to apply Bayesian sparse reconstruction to facial recognition

Shell Work with department postdocs in the department applying nested sampling to geophysics

DSTL Consult for government defence research using Bayesian inference

CMAM Consult for local finance company on Bayesian algorithmic trading

## In the media

2020 Quanta Magazine, Modified gravity in cosmology led by Will Barker. quantamagazine.org/why-is-the-universe-expanding-so-fast-20200427/

2019 KICC annual report, Compromise-free Bayesian cosmology & AstroHack week. kicc.cam.ac.uk/aboutus/kicc-annual-report-2019

# Computer skills

Programming MPI parallelisation, C++, FORTRAN, Mathematica, Maple, Python

Computing Unix, Bash, zsh, vim, git, svn, LATEX, TikZ, VMs, CI

OS Arch Linux & HPC supercomputing (Experienced), Windows & OSX (Familiar)

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[5] Will Handley and Pablo Lemos. Quantifying dimensionality: Bayesian cosmological model complexities. PRD, 100(2):023512, July 2019.

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