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Will Handley

	Education				
2012-2016	University of Cambridge, Ph.D. Astrophysics, Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson				
2008–2012	University of Cambridge, MSci, MA: Natural Sciences, Gonville & Caius College				
2001–2008	Alleyn's School, A levels, GCSEs, London				
	Employment				
Oct 2020-	Royal Society University Research Fellow, Cavendish Lab, University of Cambridge Bayesian machine learning and tensions in cosmology				
Oct 2021-	Turing Fellow, Alan Turing Institute				
May 2021–	Fellow & 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	Postdoctoral researcher, <i>Prof. H. Peiris</i> , University College London Searching for features in the primordial power spectrum.				
2012–2016	Ph.D. Astrophysics , <i>Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson</i> , University of Cambridge Kinetic initial conditions for inflation: Theory, observations & methods.				
2011–2012	Part III Dissertation, <i>Prof. P. Alexander</i> , University of Cambridge Investigating the origins of cosmic magnetism.				
Summer 2011	Summer Research Student , <i>Prof. M. Faulkes & Dr. J. Spencer</i> , Imperial College Folded spectrum full configuration interaction quantum Monte Carlo.				
Summer 2011	Summer Research Student , <i>Dr. R. Blumenfeld</i> , University of Cambridge Geometry and field equations of granular systems.				
2010–2011	Research Review, <i>Prof. S. Gull</i> , University of Cambridge Literature Survey of the Physics-Philosophy crossover field of measurement theory.				
Summer 2010	iGEM Team Physicist , <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 (£2.8m)				
£1.3m	ERC starting grant ⇒ UKRI frontier research, Resolving cosmological tensions with diverse data, novel theories and Bayesian machine learning, Horizon Europe ERC STG 2021, invited for grant preparation, converted to UKRI frontier research guarantee, Start date: October 2023				
£170k	Royal Society Enhancement, Likelihood-free inference and Bayesian neural networks				
	DiRAC Resource Allocation Committee 13 th call 2020, Next generation cosmological analysis with nested sampling				
£723k	Royal Society URF 2020, Bayesian machine learning and tensions in cosmology				

2MCPUh DiRAC directors discretionary award 2020,

 \equiv £20k Bayesian model comparison of inflation and spatial curvature

£25k	STFC IAA 2016, Interfacing PolyChord 2.0			
£15k	KICC Workshop 2019, AstroHackWeek 2019			
\$6k	George Southgate Visiting Fellowship 2020, GAMBIT visit			
£2k	KICC visitors 2019, Likelihood free inference workshop			
£2k	KICC visitors 2017, Class and MontePython workshop			
£1.8k	Caius + Kavli, Summer 2019 student funding			
£1.5k	King's + Kavli, Summer 2018 student funding			
	Awards & Prizes			
Jul. 2022	Pacific Institute of Theoretical Physics visitor	University of British	Columbia	
Feb. 2020	George Southgate visiting Fellow	University o	of Adelaide	
Jul. 2019	Guiseppe and Vanna Cocconi Prize (WMAP and Planck)	EPS-HEP	PP Division	
Jun. 2018	Gruber Prize (Planck)	Gruber I	- oundation	
Dec. 2013	Best presentation	Cavendish grad. students	conference	
Jun. 2012	Best theoretical part III project	University of	Cambridge	
	Physics prize	Gonville & Cal	ius College	
Summer 2011	Undergraduate Research Bursary	Nuffield I	- oundation	
	UROP Studentship	Imper	rial College	
Summer 2010	iGEM Studentship	Welld	ome Trust	
2009–12	Junior and Senior Scholarships	Gonville & Ca	ius College	
	Students & postdocs w	villhandley.co.uk/st	udents/	
Postdoc	David Yallup	20	21-present	
	Jianghui Lui		2020	
	Kamran Javid		2018-19	
Ph.D.	Metha Prathaban, Wei-Ning Deng	20	21-present	
	Ayngaran Thavanesan, Adam Ormondroyd	20	21-present	
	George Carter, Kilian Scheutwinkel, Thomas Gessey-Jones	s 20	20-present	
	Thomas McAloone		2020-21	
	Isidro Gómez Vargas		2020	
	Ian Roque, Harry Bevins	20	19-present	
	Dominic Anstey		2018-2022	
	Fruzsina Agocs, Will Barker		2017-21	
	Lukas Hergt		2017-20	
	Ed Higson		2016-17	
Masters	Danielle Dineen, Sam Leeney		2022-	
	Allahyar Sahibzada, Yoann Launay, Oliver Normand, Xy V	Vang, Carola Zanoletti	2021-22	
	Yi Jer Loh, Metha Prathaban		2020-21	
	Thomas Gessey-Jones, Aleks Petrosyan, Ayngaran Thavai	nesan, Emma Shen	2019-20	
	Deaglan Bartlet, Jamie Bamber, Ian Roque		2018-19	
	Ward Haddadin, Jessica Rigley, Panagiotis Mavrogiannis		2017-18	
	Fruzsina Agocs, Robert Knighton, Stephen Pickman, Daniel Manela			
Summer	Mary Letey, Beichen Xu, Artyom Baryshnikov 202			

£225k STFC IPS 2019, PolyChord and Bayesian sparse facial recognition

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

	Zak Shamayov, Mattia Varrone	2021		
	Denis Werth, Maxime Jabarian, Liam Lau	2019		
	Elizabeth Guest, Ward Haddadin, Shu-Fan Chen	2018		
	Lecturing			
2021	<u> </u>	146 1 0 1 1		
-	Part III Physics: Relativistic Astrophysics & Cosmology	MSci 24 lecture course		
2017-present	Bayesian Statistics	Graduate 2 lecture course		
	Workshops			
2022	ICCS, Training Machine Learning models, Cambridge, UK github.com/handley-lab/2022-cambridge-iccs			
2018	CosmoTools, Introduction to Statistics, Aachen, Germany indico.cern.ch/e/CosmoTools2018			
2017	CosmoTools, Cosmological statistics & sampling, IFT Madrid, S	pain		
2011	workshops.ift.uam-csic.es/cosmotools2017	pa		
	Small group teaching			
2020-present	Part III Physics: Relativistic Astrophysics and Cosmology	Supervising (24 hours)		
2013–2018,	Part II Physics: General relativity	Supervising (136 hours)		
2021-present	,	, 5(,		
2012-2017	Part IA Mathematics for NatSci Tripos classes (20 ho	urs),Supervising (580 hours)		
2015-2016	Part IA Physics	Supervising (20 hours)		
2013	Part II Theoretical Physics 1 & 2	Demonstrating (8 hours)		
2006–2012	Maths and Science Tuition Individual co	aching, key stage 1 – STEP		
	Academic Talks - github com (williamiamechandle)	/talks + - romata		
6 0000	Academic Talks github.com/williamjameshandley			
Sep. 2022	Next generation cosmological analysis with nested sampling, KICC Symposium, Cambridge, UK			
Sep. 2022	Next generation cosmological analysis with nested sampling, Corfu2022: Tensions in Cosmology, Corfu, Greece			
Aug. 2022	Dark matter, cosmology and likelihood-free Inference, GAMBIT XIV, Kelowna, Canada			
Jul. 2022	Nested Sampling: An efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for particle physics			
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- Jan. 2021 Bayesian information fusion, Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, UK[†]
- Oct. 2020 Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for 21cm cosmology, 3rd Global 21-cm Workshop, Cambridge, UK[†]
- Sep. 2020 **Nested Sampling for optimising sensor location**, *Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment*, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, 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 Electro-magnetic Environment*, Isaac Newton Institute, 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, Cosmo Tools 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 c	areer I have	given 19	public o	outreach	talks	including.
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- 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	REACH
2021-present	Center for data-driven discovery (C2D3) steering committee	University of Cambridge
2022-present	KICC Scientific Strategy Committee	KICC
2022-present	KICC Visitor and Lecturer committee	KICC
2019-present	Gonville & Caius College Council	Gonville & Caius college
2018-present	Science Research Fellowships committee	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

- Dec 2021 High-resolution CMB bispectrum estimator, Wu Hyun Sohn, Ph.D.
- Sep 2020 Machine Learning Applied to Gaia and Other Survey Data: Applications Supporting a Polarisation Survey, Kyriakos Stylianiopoulos, MPhil
- 2020- Masters exam checking, Astrostatistics, Part III Maths
- 2021–2022 Exam setting, Relativistic Astrophysics and Cosmology, Part III Physics

Organisation of scientific meetings

2020	Scientific organising committee member of 3 rd Global 21-cm Workshop	KICC
2019	Local organising committee member of KICC 10 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 70 reviews for journals including Physical Review D and Physical Review Letters;

https://www.webofscience.com/wos/author/record/S-9134-2018

PRD (32), MNRAS (6), JCAP (8), PRL (6), JOSS (2), APJ (2), EPJC (1), PLB (6), RASTI (1) Entropy (2), Astronomy & Computing (2), Physics of the Dark Universe (2)

Review for fellowship awards:

- 2022 C2D3 Early Career Researcher Seed Fund
- 2022 ABTA UK Doctoral Research Award
- 2022 Blavatnik fellowship
- 2021- Gonville & Caius Junior Research Fellowships

Collaborations

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

Software

PolyChord	Sole author and	maintainer:	github.com/PolyChord/PolyChordLite
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pyBAMBI Team maintainer: github.com/DarkMachines/pyBAMBI

anesthetic Principle author and maintainer: github.com/williamjameshandley/anesthetic

 $fgivenx \quad Sole \ author \ and \ maintainer: \ github.com/williamjameshandley/fgivenx$

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

- 2022 Cavendish Laboratory News, What can astrophysical data-intensive science do beyond the Universe?, PolyChord, the next generation optimisation technology https://www.phy.cam.ac.uk/news/what-can-astrophysical-data-intensive-science-do-beyonduniverse-polychord-next-generation
- 2022 BBC Radio 4, *The Third Degree*, Astrophysics Don "Students vs Dons" BBC radio quiz aired July 2022
- 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)

References

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- Prof. Mike Hobson, +44 (0)1223 339992, mph@mrao.cam.ac.uk
- Prof. Ofer Lahav, +44 (0)203 5495813,o.lahav@ucl.ac.uk
- Prof. Alan Heavens, +44 (0)207 5942930, a.heavens@imperial.ac.uk
- Prof. Hiranya Peiris, +44 (0)203 5495831, h.peiris@ucl.ac.uk
- Prof. Julien Lesgourgues, +49 241 80 25724, lesgourg@physik.rwth-aachen.de

Publications:

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- [1] **Will Handley** and Pablo Lemos. Quantifying the global parameter tensions between ACT, SPT, and Planck. *PRD*, 103(6):063529, March 2021.
- 2] Will Handley. Curvature tension: Evidence for a closed universe. PRD, 103(4):L041301, February 2021.
- Will Handley. Primordial power spectra for curved inflating universes. PRD, 100(12):123517, July 2019.
- [4] **Will Handley** and Pablo Lemos. Quantifying tensions in cosmological parameters: Interpreting the DES evidence ratio. *PRD*, 100(4):043504, August 2019.
- [5] **Will Handley** and Pablo Lemos. Quantifying dimensionality: Bayesian cosmological model complexities. *PRD*, 100(2):023512, July 2019.
- [6] **Will Handley**, Anthony Lasenby, and Mike Hobson. Logolinear series expansions with applications to primordial cosmology. *PRD*, 99(12):123512, June 2019.
- [7] Will Handley. anesthetic: nested sampling visualisation. JOSS, 4:1414, May 2019.
- [8] Will Handley and Marius Millea. Maximum-Entropy Priors with Derived Parameters in a Specified Distribution. Entropy, 21(3):272, March 2019.
- [9] Will J. Handley, Anthony N. Lasenby, Hiranya V. Peiris, and Michael P. Hobson. Bayesian inflationary reconstructions from Planck 2018 data. *PRD*, 100(10):103511, November 2019.
- [10] Will Handley. fgivenx: A Python package for functional posterior plotting. JOSS, 3(28):849, August 2018.
- [11] **W. J. Handley**, A. N. Lasenby, and M. P. Hobson. Novel quantum initial conditions for inflation. *PRD*, 94(2):024041, July 2016.
- [12] **W. J. Handley**, A. N. Lasenby, and M. P. Hobson. The Runge-Kutta-Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin Method. arXiv, 1612.02288, December 2016.
- [13] W. J. Handley, M. P. Hobson, and A. N. Lasenby. POLYCHORD: next-generation nested sampling. *MNRAS*, 453(4):4384–4398, November 2015.
- [14] **W. J. Handley**, M. P. Hobson, and A. N. Lasenby. polychord: nested sampling for cosmology. *MNRAS*, 450:L61–L65, June 2015.
- [15] **W. J. Handley**, S. D. Brechet, A. N. Lasenby, and M. P. Hobson. Kinetic initial conditions for inflation. *PRD*, 89(6):063505, March 2014.

Other publications

- [16] Harry Bevins, Stefan Heimersheim, Irene Abril-Cabezas, Anastasia Fialkov, Eloy de Lera Acedo, **Will Handley**, Saurabh Singh, and Ravi Barkana. Constraints on the Physics of the Infant Universe with Joint Multi-wavelengths and Multi-scale Data Analysis. *Nature Astronomy (in press)*, September 2022.
- [17] Greg Ashton, Noam Bernstein, Johannes Buchner, Xi Chen, Gábor Csányi, Andrew Fowlie, Farhan Feroz, Matthew Griffiths, Will Handley, Michael Habeck, Edward Higson, Michael Hobson, Anthony Lasenby, David Parkinson, Livia B. Pártay, Matthew Pitkin, Doris Schneider, Joshua S. Speagle, Leah South, John Veitch, Philipp Wacker, David J. Wales, and David Yallup. Nested sampling for physical scientists. Nature Reviews Methods Primers, 2(1):39, May 2022.
- [18] REACH Collaboration. The REACH radiometer for detecting the 21-cm hydrogen signal from redshift z \approx 7.5-28. *Nature Astronomy*, 6:984–998, July 2022.
- [19] Andrew Fowlie, Sebastian Hoof, and **Will Handley**. Nested Sampling for Frequentist Computation: Fast Estimation of Small p -Values. *PRL*, 128(2):021801, January 2022.
- [20] Gong-Bo Zhao, Marco Raveri, Levon Pogosian, Yuting Wang, Robert G. Crittenden, **Will J. Handley**, and et al. Dynamical dark energy in light of the latest observations. *Nature Astronomy*, 1:627–632, August 2017.
- [21] David Yallup, **Will Handley**, Mike Hobson, Anthony Lasenby, and Pablo Lemos. Split personalities in Bayesian Neural Networks: the case for full marginalisation. *arXiv*, 2205.11151, May 2022.
- [22] David Yallup, Timo Janßen, Steffen Schumann, and **Will Handley**. Exploring phase space with nested sampling. *European Physical Journal C*, 82(8):678, August 2022.
- [23] Aleksandr Petrosyan and **Will Handley**. SuperNest: accelerated nested sampling applied to astrophysics and cosmology. *Entropy (in press)*, 2022.
- [24] A. N. Lasenby, W. J. Handley, D. J. Bartlett, and C. S. Negreanu. Perturbations and the future conformal boundary. *PRD*, 105(8):083514, April 2022.
- [25] D. J. Bartlett, **W. J. Handley**, and A. N. Lasenby. Improved cosmological fits with quantized primordial power spectra. *PRD*, 105(8):083515, April 2022.

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- [28] F. J. Agocs, W. J. Handley, A. N. Lasenby, and M. P. Hobson. Efficient method for solving highly oscillatory ordinary differential equations with applications to physical systems. *Physical Review Research*, 2(1):013030, January 2020.
- [29] F. J. Agocs, L. T. Hergt, W. J. Handley, A. N. Lasenby, and M. P. Hobson. Quantum initial conditions for inflation and canonical invariance. *PRD*, 102(2):023507, July 2020.
- [30] Lukas T. Hergt, Fruzsina J. Agocs, **Will J. Handley**, Michael P. Hobson, and Anthony N. Lasenby. Finite inflation in curved space. *arXiv*, 2205.07374, May 2022.
- [31] L. T. Hergt, W. J. Handley, M. P. Hobson, and A. N. Lasenby. Bayesian evidence for the tensor-to-scalar ratio r and neutrino masses m_{ν} : Effects of uniform versus logarithmic priors. *PRD*, 103(12):123511, June 2021.
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