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## Education

- 2012–2016 **University of Cambridge**, *PhD: Astrophysics*, Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson.  
2008–2012 **University of Cambridge**, *Msc, MA: Natural Sciences*, Gonville & Caius College.  
2001–2008 **Alleyn's School**, *A levels, GCSEs*, London.

## Experience

### Research

- Oct 2016– **Junior Research fellow**, *Gonville & Caius College*, University of Cambridge.  
Jul-Sep 2016 **Postdoctoral position**, *Prof. H. Peiris*, University College London.  
Searching for features in the primordial power spectrum.  
2012–2016 **PhD: Astrophysics**, *Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson*, University of Cambridge.  
Kinetic initial conditions for inflation: Theory, observations & methods.  
2011–2012 **Part III Dissertation**, *Prof. P. Alexander*, University of Cambridge.  
Investigating the origins of cosmic magnetism.  
Summer 2011 **Summer Research Student**, *Prof. M. Faulkes & Dr. J. Spencer*, Imperial College.  
Folded spectrum full configuration interaction quantum Monte Carlo.  
Summer 2011 **Summer Research Student**, *Dr. R. Blumenfeld*, University of Cambridge.  
Geometry and field equations of granular systems.  
2010–2011 **Research Review**, *Prof. S. Gull*, University of Cambridge.  
Literature Survey of the Physics-Philosophy crossover field of measurement theory.  
Summer 2010 **iGEM Team Physicist**, *Dr. J. Haseloff*, University of Cambridge.  
E-glowli 2010 iGEM team (placed in final 6) <http://2010.igem.org/Team:Cambridge>

### Teaching

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2013-present | Part II Physics: General relativity | Supervising                                    |
| 2012-present | Part IA Mathematics for NatSci      | Supervising, <i>Tripas classes</i>             |
| 2013         | Part II Theoretical Physics 1 & 2   | Demonstrating                                  |
| 2006–2012    | Maths and Science Tuition           | Individual coaching, <i>key stage 1 — STEP</i> |

### Selected Outreach

over the course of my career i have given 16 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.  
Jan. 2014 **The first 3 yocto-pico seconds**, *Three minute wonder*, Cavendish Laboratory.

## Awards & Prizes

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| Jun. 2018 | Gruber Prize (co-shared with Planck) | Gruber Foundation                   |
| Dec. 2013 | Best presentation                    | Cavendish grad. students conference |
| Jun. 2012 | Best theoretical part III project    | University of Cambridge             |
|           | Physics prize                        | Gonville & Caius College            |

Summer 2011	Undergraduate Research Bursary	Nuffield Foundation
	UROP Studentship	Imperial College
Summer 2010	iGEM Studentship	Wellcome Trust
2009–12	Junior and Senior Scholarships	Gonville & Caius College

## Grants won

£25,000	<b>STFC IAA 2016</b> , <i>Interfacing PolyChord 2.0</i> .
£2,000	<b>KICC visitors 2017</b> , <i>Class and MontePython workshop</i> .
£41,934	<b>STFC IAA 2018</b> , <i>PolyChord and Bayesian Neural network recognition</i> .
£15,000	<b>KICC Workshop 2019</b> , <i>AstroHack week 2019</i> .

## Students

Post-Doc	Kamran Javid	2018-present
PhD	Ed Higson, Lukas Hergt, Fruzsina Agocs, Will Barker	2016-present
Masters	Fruzsina Agocs, Robert Knighton, Stephen Pickman, Daniel Manela	2016-2017
	Ward Haddadin, Jessica Rigley	2017-2016
Summer	Elizabeth Guest, Ward Haddadin	2018

## Academic Talks

May. 2018	<b>Planck, inflation and the future of inflationary constraints</b> , <i>Consistency of Cosmological Datasets</i> , Cambridge, UK.
May. 2018	<b>MaxEnt priors with derived parameters in a specified distribution</b> , Cambridge, UK.
May. 2018	<b>Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for astrophysics and cosmology</b> , ICIC, UK.
April. 2018	<b>Introduction to statistics</b> , <i>CosmoTools 18</i> , RWTH Aachen, Germany.
Jan. 2018	<b>Advances in Nested Sampling &amp; astrophysical application</b> , Cambridge, UK.
Aug. 2017	<b>PolyChord 2.0: Fast cosmo inference &amp; nested sampling</b> , <i>Cosmo17</i> , Paris, France.
Jun. 2017	<b>Modern Bayesian Inference: Theory and Practice</b> , RWTH Aachen, Germany.
Mar. 2017	<b>Parameter estimation and Model comparison</b> , <i>CosmoTools 17</i> , Madrid, Spain.
Feb. 2017	<b>PolyChord 2.0: Advances in Nested Sampling &amp; astrophysical application</b> , CCA, US.
Sep. 2016	<b>PolyChord 2.0 &amp; the future of nested sampling</b> , University College London, UK.
May. 2016	<b>PolyChord 2.0 &amp; the future of nested sampling</b> , University of Sussex, UK.
Mar. 2016	<b>PolyChord &amp; the future of nested sampling</b> , Edinburgh, UK.
Dec. 2015	<b>PolyChord: next generation nested sampling</b> , Max Planck Institute, Germany.
Feb. 2015	<b>PolyChord: next generation nested sampling</b> , University of Sussex, UK.
Dec. 2013	<b>Kinetic dominance in the pre-inflationary universe</b> , Cavendish grad. conference.

## Computer skills

Programming	MPI parallelisation, C++, FORTRAN, Mathematica, Maple, Python
Computing	Unix, Bash, zsh, vim, git, svn, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, TikZ, VMs
OS	Arch Linux & HPC supercomputing (Experienced), Windows & OSX (Familiar)

## Publications

- [1] W. Handley, M. Hobson, and A. Lasenby, MNRAS **453**, 4384 (2015), arXiv:1506.00171 .
- [2] W. Handley, M. Hobson, and A. Lasenby, MNRAS **450**, L61 (2015), arXiv:1502.01856 .
- [3] W. Handley, S. Brechet, A. Lasenby, and M. Hobson, PRD **89**, 063505 (2014), arXiv:1401.2253 .

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- [5] W. Handley, A. Lasenby, and M. Hobson, PRD **94**, 024041 (2016), arXiv:1607.04148 .
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- [8] A. J. K. Chua, S. Hee, W. J. Handley, E. Higson, C. J. Moore, J. R. Gair, M. P. Hobson, and A. N. Lasenby, MNRAS **478**, 28 (2018).
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- [10] E. Higson, W. Handley, M. Hobson, and A. Lasenby, ArXiv e-prints , arXiv:1804.06406 (2018), arXiv:1804.06406 .
- [11] G.-B. Zhao, M. Raveri, L. Pogosian, Y. Wang, R. G. Crittenden, W. J. Handley, W. J. Percival, F. Beutler, J. Brinkmann, C.-H. Chuang, A. J. Cuesta, D. J. Eisenstein, F.-S. Kitaura, K. Koyama, B. L'Huillier, R. C. Nichol, M. M. Pieri, S. Rodriguez-Torres, A. J. Ross, G. Rossi, A. G. Sánchez, A. Shafieloo, J. L. Tinker, R. Tojeiro, J. A. Vazquez, and H. Zhang, Nature Astronomy **1**, 627 (2017).
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- [14] E. Higson, W. Handley, M. Hobson, and A. Lasenby, ArXiv e-prints , arXiv:1703.09701 (2017), arXiv:1703.09701 .
- [15] C. Rumsey, M. Olamaie, Y. C. Perrott, H. R. Russell, F. Feroz, K. J. B. Grainge, W. J. Handley, M. P. Hobson, R. D. E. Saunders, and M. P. Schammel, MNRAS **460**, 569 (2016).
- [16] S. Hee, W. J. Handley, M. P. Hobson, and A. N. Lasenby, MNRAS **455**, 2461 (2016).
- [17] The CORE collaboration, Journal of Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics **2018**, 023 (2018).
- [18] The CORE collaboration, Journal of Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics **2018**, 022 (2018).
- [19] The CORE collaboration, Journal of Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics **2018**, 021 (2018).
- [20] The CORE collaboration, Journal of Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics **2018**, 020 (2018).
- [21] The CORE collaboration, Journal of Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics **2018**, 019 (2018).
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## Open source contributions

scipy Weighted kernel density estimation  
 matplotlib Vertical slider in matplotlib.widgets.Slider

## References

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