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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-	<b>Royal Society University Research Fellow</b> , <i>Cavendish Lab</i> , 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	<b>Ph.D. Astrophysics</b> , <i>Prof. A. Lasenby &amp; 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	<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	Research Review, <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 (£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 <sup>th</sup> 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

£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 of Adelaide	
Jul. 2019	Guiseppe and Vanna Cocconi Prize (WMAP and Planck)	•	
Jun. 2018	Gruber Prize (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	
	Supervision of graduate students and postdoo	ctoral researchers	
Postdoc	David Yallup	2021-present	
	Jianghui Lui	2020	
	Kamran Javid 2018		
Ph.D.	Metha Prathaban, Wei-Ning Deng 2021-preser		
	Ayngaran Thavanesan, Adam Ormondroyd		
	George Carter, Kilian Scheutwinkel, Thomas Gessey-Jone	•	
	Thomas McAloone	2020-21	
	Isidro Gómez Vargas	2020	
	Ian Roque, Harry Bevins	2019-present	
	Dominic Anstey	2018-2022	
	Fruzsina Agocs, Will Barker 2017-2		
	Lukas Hergt 2017-20		
	Ed Higson	2016-17	
Masters	Danielle Dineen, Sam Leeney	2022-	
	Allahyar Sahibzada, Yoann Launay, Oliver Normand, Xy N	Wang, Carola Zanoletti 2021-22	
	Yi Jer Loh, Metha Prathaban	2020-21	
	Thomas Gessey-Jones, Aleks Petrosyan, Ayngaran Thavanesan, Emma Shen 2019		
	Deaglan Bartlet, Jamie Bamber, Ian Roque 2018-		
	Ward Haddadin, Jessica Rigley, Panagiotis Mavrogiannis 2017-1		
	Fruzsina Agocs, Robert Knighton, Stephen Pickman, Dar	niel Manela 2016-17	
Summer	Mary Letey, Beichen Xu, Artyom Baryshnikov	2022	

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

£25k STFC IAA 2016, Interfacing PolyChord 2.0

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

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	Denis Werth, Maxime Jabarian, Liam Lau 20	
	Elizabeth Guest, Ward Haddadin, Shu-Fan Chen 201	
	Lecturing	
2021-present	Part III Physics: Relativistic Astrophysics & Cosmology	MSci 24 lecture course
-	Bayesian Statistics	Graduate 2 lecture course
	Workshops delivered	
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	Snain
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	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)
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2012-2017	Part IA Mathematics for NatSci Tripos classes (20	hours),Supervising (580 hours)
2015-2016	Part IA Physics	Supervising (20 hours)
	Part II Theoretical Physics 1 & 2	Demonstrating (8 hours)
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	Academic Talks github.com/williamjameshandle	
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, GAI	MBIT XIV, Kelowna, Canada
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- Jan. 2021 Bayesian information fusion, Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, UK<sup>†</sup>
- Oct. 2020 Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for 21cm cosmology, 3rd Global 21-cm Workshop, Cambridge, UK<sup>†</sup>
- Sep. 2020 **Nested Sampling for optimising sensor location**, *Mathematical Challenges in the Electromagnetic Environment*, Isaac Newton Institute, Cambridge, UK<sup>†</sup>
- 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<sup>†</sup>
- Nov. 2018 Nested Sampling: an efficient and robust Bayesian inference tool for cosmology and particle physics, *Dark Machines*, Worldwide<sup>†</sup>
- 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, Cosmo Tools 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 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 GAME		
2020-present	t Leader of data analysis team RE		
2021-present	t Center for data-driven discovery (C2D3) steering committee University of Ca		
2022-present	t KICC Scientific Strategy Committee		
2022-present	nt KICC Visitor and Lecturer committee		
2019-present	nt Gonville & Caius College Council Gonville & Caiu		
2018-present	t Science Research Fellowships committee Gonville & C		
2018-present	ent Investments committee Gonville & Caius ent Undergraduate Admissions Gonville & Caius		
2016-present			
2018-2020	Education and research committee	Gonville & Caius college	
2017-present	present Organiser of weekly group seminars Cavendish astrophysics		

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> Global 21-cm Workshop	KICC
2019	Local organising committee member of KICC 10 <sup>th</sup> 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

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 Principle 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

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-beyond-universe-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. Ofer Lahav, +44 (0)203 5495813,o.lahav@ucl.ac.uk
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- 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.
- [3] 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

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- [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.
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- [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.
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- [26] Metha Prathaban and **Will Handley**. Rescuing palindromic universes with improved recombination modeling. *PRD*, 105(12):123508, June 2022.
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- [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  $m_{\nu}$ : Effects of uniform versus logarithmic priors. PRD, 103(12):123511, June 2021
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- [33] L. T. Hergt, W. J. Handley, M. P. Hobson, and A. N. Lasenby. Constraining the kinetically dominated universe. PRD, 100(2):023501, July 2019.
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