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## Education

- 2012–2016 **University of Cambridge**, *PhD: Astrophysics*, Prof. A. Lasenby & Prof. M. Hobson.  
2008–2012 **University of Cambridge**, *MA, Msc: 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 | <i>Supervising</i>                             |
| 2012-present | Part IA Mathematics for NatSci      | <i>Supervising, Tripos classes</i>             |
| 2013         | Part II Theoretical Physics 1 & 2   | <i>Demonstrating</i>                           |
| 2006–2012    | Maths and Science Tuition           | <i>Individual coaching, 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) | <i>Gruber Foundation</i>                   |
| Dec. 2013 | Best presentation                    | <i>Cavendish grad. students conference</i> |
| Jun. 2012 | Best theoretical part III project    | <i>University of Cambridge</i>             |
|           | Physics prize                        | <i>Gonville &amp; Caius College</i>        |

Summer 2011 Undergraduate Research Bursary  
UROP Studentship  
Summer 2010 iGEM Studentship  
2009–12 Junior and Senior Scholarships

Nuffield Foundation  
Imperial College  
Wellcome Trust  
Gonville & Caius College

## Academic Talks

- May. 2018 **Planck, inflation and the future of inflationary constraints**, *Consistency of Cosmological Datasets*, Cambridge, UK.
- May. 2018 **Maximum entropy 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 cosmological inference with nested sampling**, *Cosmo 17*, 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**, CCA, 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.

## Computer skills

Programming MPI parallelisation, C++, FORTRAN, Mathematica, Maple, Python  
Computing Unix, Bash, zsh, vim, git, svn,  $\LaTeX$ , TikZ, VMs  
OS 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 .
- [4] W. Handley, A. Lasenby, and M. Hobson, arXiv (2016), arXiv:1612.02288 .
- [5] W. Handley, A. Lasenby, and M. Hobson, PRD **94**, 024041 (2016), arXiv:1607.04148 .
- [6] S. Hee, J. Vázquez, W. Handley, *et al.*, MNRAS **466**, 369 (2017), arXiv:1607.00270 .
- [7] E. Higson, W. Handley, M. Hobson, and A. Lasenby, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1704.03459 .
- [8] E. Higson, W. Handley, M. Hobson, and A. Lasenby, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1703.09701 .
- [9] G.-B. Zhao *et al.*, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1701.08165 .
- [10] C. Rumsey *et al.*, MNRAS **460**, 569 (2016), arXiv:1604.06120 .
- [11] S. Hee, W. Handley, M. Hobson, and A. Lasenby, MNRAS **455**, 2461 (2016), arXiv:1506.09024 .
- [12] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1707.04224 .
- [13] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1707.02259 .
- [14] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1706.04516 .
- [15] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1705.02170 .
- [16] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1704.05764 .

- [17] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1704.04501 .
- [18] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2017), arXiv:1703.10456 .
- [19] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2016), arXiv:1612.08270 .
- [20] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2016), arXiv:1612.00021 .
- [21] The CORE collaboration, arXiv (2016), arXiv:1609.07263 .
- [22] The Planck collaboration, A&A **594**, A20 (2016), arXiv:1502.02114 .
- [23] The Planck collaboration, A&A **594**, A1 (2016), arXiv:1502.01582 .

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## References

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