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Languages

Greek → Native
English → Fluent

Professional Summary

A highly motivated researcher specializing in Cosmology and Astrophysics. I am proficient in the theoretical and numerical exploration of cosmological models, including cosmological parameter inference using various well-known MCMC software. I have worked on several aspects of the Hubble and S_8 tensions. Part of the Snowmass - Cosmology Intertwined collaboration. I would describe myself as a fast learner and excellent collaborator.

Education

- 2018 - 2022 **PhD Candidate** University of Ioannina
PhD Thesis: "ΛCDM and the Implications of the Hubble Tension"
Advisor: Prof. Leandros Perivolaropoulos
- 2015 - 2017 **MSc in Theoretical Physics** University of Patras
Upper First Class Honours, GPA was 8.87.
MSc Thesis: "Thermodynamic Properties of Self-Gravitating Systems", grade: 10/10
- 2010 - 2014 **BSc in Physics** University of Patras
Upper Second Class Honours, top 4 percent of my class. My specialization was Theoretical and Mathematical Physics, Astronomy and Astrophysics. Specialization courses GPA was 8,36.
BSc Thesis: "Cosmological Perturbation Theory and Gravitational Waves", grade: 10/10, Indicative Courses and grades:
1. Astrophysics I: 8/10
2. Astrophysics II: 8.5/10
3. Computational Physics : 9.5/10
4. Elementary Particles and Cosmology: 8/10

Publication Record

Eight papers (highlighted most important) with a total of more than 170 citations and h-index = 7. The codes used in the analysis of all the papers are publicly available at my [GitHub](#) page. Click [here](#) for my up to date InspireHEP profile.

1. **Constraining a late time transition of G_{eff} using low- z galaxy survey data**, G. Alestas, L. Perivolaropoulos and K. Tanidis, arXiv: 2201.05846 (Under peer-review)
2. **Late-transition vs smooth $H(z)$ deformation models for the resolution of the Hubble crisis**, G. Alestas, D. Camarena, E. Di Valentino, L. Kazantzidis, V. Marra, S. Nesseris and L. Perivolaropoulos, arXiv: 2110.04336 (Accepted in Phys.Rev.D)
3. **Hints for a gravitational constant transition in Tully-Fisher data**, G. Alestas, I. Antoniou and L. Perivolaropoulos, Universe 7 (2021) 366, DOI: 10.3390/universe7100366, (More than 10 citations)
4. **Late time approaches to the Hubble tension deforming $H(z)$, worsen the growth tension**, G. Alestas, L. Perivolaropoulos, Mon.Not.Roy.Astron.Soc. 504 (2021) 3, 3956-3962, DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stab1070, (More than 25 citations)

5. **A $w-M$ phantom transition at $z < 0.1$ as a resolution of the Hubble tension**, G. Alestas, L. Kazantzidis, L. Perivolaropoulos, Phys.Rev.D 103 (2021) 8, 083517, DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.103.083517, (More than 25 citations)
6. **Existence and Stability of Static Spherical Fluid Shells in a Schwarzschild-Rindler-anti-de Sitter Metric**, G. Alestas, G.V. Kraniotis, L. Perivolaropoulos, Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 104015, DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.102.104015, (More than 5 citations)
7. **H_0 tension, phantom dark energy, and cosmological parameter degeneracies**, G. Alestas, L. Kazantzidis, L. Perivolaropoulos, Phys.Rev.D 101 (2020) 12, 123516, DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.101.123516, (More than 80 citations)
8. **Evading Derrick's theorem in curved space: Static metastable spherical domain wall**, Alestas G., Perivolaropoulos L., Phys.Rev.D 99 (2019) no.6, 064026, DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.99.064026, (More than 5 citations)

Scholarships & Grants

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| 2021-22 | Fellow of the Greek State and the European Union (European Social Fund – ESF) through the Operational Programme "Competitiveness, Entrepreneurship and Innovation 2014-2020 (EPAnEK)" |
| 2020-21 | Fellow of the Greek State and the European Union (European Social Fund – ESF) through the Operational Programme "Human Resources Development, Education and Lifelong Learning 2014-2020" |
| 2020 | European Cooperation in Science & Technology (COST) grant for a short term scientific mission (STSM) in the context of the action "CA15117 - Cosmology and Astrophysics Network for Theoretical Advances and Training Actions (CANTATA)" and the project "Search for Hints of Modified Gravity in Cosmological Data" |

Conferences Attended & Talks Given

- HEP 2020 - 38th Conference on Recent Developments in High Energy Physics and Cosmology, September 2021, Athens, Greece.
- 16th Marcel Grossmann Meeting - MG16, July 2021, Rome, Italy, **(Talk)**
- 19th online Conference in the String Phenomenology Conference Series, June 2020, Boston, United States.
- 9th Korea Institute of Advanced Study (KIAS) Workshop on Cosmology and Structure Formation webinar, November 2020, Seoul, South Korea
- Workshop on Quantum Fields and Nonlinear Phenomena, SEENET-MTP-CERN-ICTP Joint Meeting, 2020, Romania, **(Talk)**
- SEENET-MTP Balkan School on High Energy and Particle Physics: Theory and Phenomenology, 2019, Ioannina, **(Talk)**
- HEP 2019 - Recent Developments on High Energy Physics and Cosmology, 2019, Athens

Research Interests

Theoretical Cosmology, Observational Cosmology, Hubble Tension, Modified Gravity Theories, Dark Energy, Data Analysis, Gravitational waves, Soliton Physics.

Programming Knowledge

- Linux, Windows
- Python, C/C++, Fortran, HTML
- COSMOMC/CAMB, MontePython/Class, Mathematica, Matlab

Skills

Cosmology, Theoretical Astrophysics, Computational Physics, General Relativity, Data Analysis

Referee Work

I am a referee for the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS) journal. For more details please click [here](#) to visit my Publons profile.

Teaching Experience

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| 2021-22 | Teaching Assistant University of Ioannina
Classical Electrodynamics I (5th Semester Core Course – 52), my duties were:
1. The tutoring of third year students.
2. The grading of weekly assignments. |
| 2021-22 | Teaching Assistant University of Ioannina
Gravity and General Theory of Relativity (Advanced Undergraduate Elective Course – 106), my duties were:
1. The grading of weekly assignments and reports. |
| 2020-21 | Teaching Assistant University of Ioannina
Cosmology (Advanced Undergraduate Elective Course – 105), my duties were:
1. The grading of weekly assignments and reports. |
| 2020-21 | Teaching Assistant University of Ioannina
Gravity and General Theory of Relativity (Advanced Undergraduate Elective Course – 106), my duties were:
1. The grading of weekly assignments and reports. |
| 2019-20 | Teaching Assistant University of Ioannina
Classical Electrodynamics I (5th Semester Core Course – 52), my duties were:
1. The grading of weekly assignments and reports. |

2016-17	Teaching Assistant Astrophysics Laboratory (TAE450), my duties were: 1. The tutoring of third and fourth year students. 2. The grading of weekly assignments and reports.	University of Patras
2016-17	Teaching Assistant Astronomy Laboratory (TAE451), my duties were: 1. The tutoring of third and fourth year students. 2. The grading of weekly assignments and reports. 3. Demonstrating the use of Astronomical equipment.	University of Patras

Societies

- Student Member of the American Physical Society (APS)
- Junior Member of the Hellenic Society on Relativity, Gravitation and Cosmology

Professional References

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