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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Sorbonne Université, Paris, France	2023 to 2024
Marie Curie Global Fellow	
University of Chicago, Chicago, USA	2022 to 2023
$Kadanoff\ Fellow$	
University of Chicago, Chicago, USA	2020 to 2022
Marie Curie Global Fellow	
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA	2019 to 2020
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	2016 to 2019
Junior Research Fellow, Merton College	

EDUCATION

Imperial College London, London, UK

Sep 2012 to Nov 2016

PhD, Theoretical Physics

• "Generalised geometry for supersymmetric flux backgrounds" with Prof. Daniel Waldram

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, US

Sep 2011 to Aug 2012

MA, Physics

• Enrolled as PhD student; studies interrupted to return to UK

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

Sep 2007 to June 2011

MPhys (Hons), Physics, First Class

• MPhys project: "Topics in gauge theories, geometry and string theory" with Prof. Yang-Hui He

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] "N = (2,0) AdS₃ Solutions of M-theory", A. Ashmore [arXiv:2209.10680 [hep-th]].
- [2] A. Ashmore, "Calabi-Yau metrics, CFTs and random matrices" in *Nankai Symposium on Mathematical Dialogues*. [arXiv:2202.05896 [hep-th]].
- [3] "Calabi-Yau Metrics, Energy Functionals and Machine-Learning", A. Ashmore, L. Calmon, Y.-H. He, and B. A. Ovrut [arXiv:2112.10872 [hep-th]].
- [4] "Exactly Marginal Deformations and Their Supergravity Duals", A. Ashmore, M. Petrini, E. L. Tasker, and D. Waldram, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **128** 19, (2022) 191601, [arXiv:2112.08375 [hep-th]].
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- [8] "Hidden Sectors from Multiple Line Bundles for the B-L MSSM", A. Ashmore, S. Dumitru, and B. A. Ovrut [arXiv:2106.09087 [hep-th]].

- [9] "Moduli-dependent KK towers and the swampland distance conjecture on the quintic Calabi-Yau manifold", A. Ashmore and F. Ruehle, *Phys. Rev. D* **103** 10, (2021) 106028, [arXiv:2103.07472 [hep-th]].
- [10] "Explicit soft supersymmetry breaking in the heterotic M-theory B L MSSM", A. Ashmore, S. Dumitru, and B. A. Ovrut, *JHEP* 08 (2021) 033, [arXiv:2012.11029 [hep-th]].
- [11] "Eigenvalues and eigenforms on Calabi-Yau threefolds", A. Ashmore [arXiv:2011.13929 [hep-th]].
- [12] "Line Bundle Hidden Sectors for Strongly Coupled Heterotic Standard Models", A. Ashmore, S. Dumitru, and B. A. Ovrut, Fortsch. Phys. 69 7, (2021), [arXiv:2003.05455 [hep-th]].
- [13] "Heterotic backgrounds via generalised geometry: moment maps and moduli", A. Ashmore, C. Strickland-Constable, D. Tennyson, and D. Waldram, JHEP 11 (2020) 071, [arXiv:1912.09981 [hep-th]].
- [14] "Machine Learning Calabi-Yau Metrics", A. Ashmore, Y.-H. He, and B. A. Ovrut, Fortsch. Phys. 68 9, (2020) 2000068, [arXiv:1910.08605 [hep-th]].
- [15] "Generalising G₂ geometry: involutivity, moment maps and moduli", A. Ashmore,
 C. Strickland-Constable, D. Tennyson, and D. Waldram, JHEP 01 (2021) 158, [arXiv:1910.04795 [hep-th]].
- [16] "Marginal deformations of 3d $\mathcal{N}=2$ CFTs from AdS₄ backgrounds in generalised geometry", A. Ashmore, *JHEP* 12 (2018) 060, [arXiv:1809.03503 [hep-th]].
- [17] "Finite deformations from a heterotic superpotential: holomorphic Chern-Simons and an L_{∞} algebra", A. Ashmore, X. de la Ossa, R. Minasian, C. Strickland-Constable, and E. E. Svanes, *JHEP* 10 (2018) 179, [arXiv:1806.08367 [hep-th]].
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- [19] "The exceptional generalised geometry of supersymmetric AdS flux backgrounds", A. Ashmore, M. Petrini, and D. Waldram, *JHEP* 12 (2016) 146, [arXiv:1602.02158 [hep-th]].
- [20] "Exceptional Calabi–Yau spaces: the geometry of $\mathcal{N}=2$ backgrounds with flux", A. Ashmore and D. Waldram, Fortsch. Phys. **65** 1, (2017) 1600109, [arXiv:1510.00022 [hep-th]].
- [21] A. Ashmore and Y.-H. He, "Calabi-Yau three-folds: Poincaré polynomials and fractals" in *Strings*, gauge fields, and the geometry behind: The legacy of Maximilian Kreuzer, pp. 173–186. (2011) .

 [arXiv:1110.1612 [hep-th]].
- [22] "Numerical analysis of space charge effects in electron bunches at laser-driven plasma accelerators", A. Ashmore, R. Bartolini, and N. Delerue, Central Eur. J. Phys. 9 (2011) 980–985, [arXiv:1008.4823 [physics.acc-ph]].

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Marie Curie Individual Fellowship: €260,000

2020 to 2023

Global Fellowship for three-year research programme at the University of Chicago and Sorbonne Université

Grant for Short Term Scientific Mission: €1,150

Jan 2016

Awarded by COST Action MP1210, for visit to LPTHE at UPMC, Paris

EPSRC Prize Studentship

2012 to 2016

Awarded for PhD study, one of seven university wide

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Tutor, Merton College, Oxford

Spring 2019

Third-year undergraduate tutorials on General Relativity and Cosmology

Lecturer, Mathematical Institute, Oxford

Autumn 2018

Course lecturer and assessor for General Relativity I graduate course

Tutor, Merton College, Oxford

Autumn 2018

Second-year undergraduate tutorials on Mathematical Methods

College mentor, Merton College, Oxford

Autumn 2017 to present

College subject mentor providing supplementary academic support to undergraduates

Class tutor, Mathematical Institute, Oxford

Autumn 2017 to Summer 2018

Intercollegiate classes for General Relativity I and General Relativity II graduate courses

Tutorial assistant, Imperial College London

2012 to 2015

First- and second-year undergraduate tutorials covering classical mechanics, quantum mechanics, thermodynamics, statistical mechanics and nuclear physics

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Departmental Teaching Award, Mathematical Institute, Oxford

2019

Awarded for lecturing of General Relativity I graduate course

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Seminar organiser

2021 to present

Organiser for Particle Theory Seminar series at University of Chicago

External examiner

Aug 2021

External examiner for masters thesis at University of Stavanger, Norway

Outreach

Oct 2020

High-school talk for Women in Math Honor Society students on string theory and uses of mathematics

Reviewer

2018 to present

Referee for Annales Henri Poincaré, Journal of Symbolic Computation, and Symmetry, Integrability and Geometry: Methods and Applications

Undergraduate interviews, Merton College, University of Oxford

Dec 2018

Interviewer and assessor for undergraduate applicants in physics

Workshop organiser, South East Mathematical Physics Seminars

Jul 2018

Organiser of the 12th meeting of the South East Mathematical Physics Seminar

General interest talk, Merton College, University of Oxford

Jun 2018

Presentation on string theory and my work for a general audience

Oxford string theory website, University of Oxford

2018 to 2019

Web administrator for string theory group website

Library committee, Merton College, University of Oxford

2018 to 2019

 $Committee \ member \ on \ matters \ relating \ to \ the \ college \ library \ and \ archives, \ including \ approving \ annual \ budget \ and \ publication \ rights$

Gardens committee, Merton College, University of Oxford

2017 to 2019

Committee member on matters relating to the maintenance and amenity of the college gardens and grounds

Outreach

2014 to present

Interviewed for podcasts discussing black holes and symmetries in nature

Conference Presentations

"Calabi-Yau Metrics, CFTs and Random Matrices"

Dec 2021

Plenary talk, string_data_2021, University of Cape Town, South Africa

"Calabi-Yau metrics: what are they good for?"

Aug 2021

Plenary talk, Nankai Symposium, Nankai University, Tianjin

"Numerical metrics and the swampland distance conjecture"	July 2021
Plenary talk, String Pheno 2021, Virtual Discussion session on numerical metrics	May 2021
Simons Collaboration on Special Holonomy in Geometry, Analysis and Physics, Virtual "Moduli and obstructions from a heterotic superpotential" String Theory, Geometry and String Model Building, Mainz	Sep 2018
"Moduli and obstructions of $N=1$ heterotic backgrounds" String Pheno 2018, Warsaw	July 2018
"Generalising Calabi–Yau for generic flux backgrounds" 22nd European String Workshop – COST MP1210 Conference, University of Milano–Bicocco	Feb 2017
"Marginal deformations from generalised geometry" Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Institut Henri Poincaré	Feb 2017
"Generalised geometry and supersymmetric flux backgrounds" The Particle Physics and Cosmology of Supersymmetry and String Theory, DESY Hamburg	Mar 2015
"Supergravity backgrounds and generalised geometry" London Student Triangle, Imperial College London	Nov 2014
"The geometry of supersymmetric AdS backgrounds" Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, Municipal Strings, Cosmology and Cosmology Strings, Cosmology Strings, Cosmology Strings, Cosmology String	Nov 2013
Invited Seminars	
"Deformed N=1 SCFTs and their Supergravity Duals" Exceptional Geometry Seminar Series	May 2022
"Deformed N=1 SCFTs and their Supergravity Duals" String Phenomenology Seminar Series	April 2022
	March 2022
"Machine Learning for Calabi-Yau Compactifications" Joint Edinburgh Mathematical Physics Group Seminar	Nov 2021
"Calabi–Yau Metrics, CFTs and Random Matrices"	Oct 2021
String Theory Seminar at Imperial College London "Calabi–Yau Metrics, CFTs and Random Matrices" Lint Connector Fields and Strings Common at University of New England	Sept 2021
Joint Geometry Fields and Strings Seminar at University of New England "Calabi-Yau metrics: what are they good for?"	May 2021
String Theory Seminar at University of Vienna "Calabi-Yau metrics: what are they good for?"	May 2021
High-Energy Theory Seminar at University of Liverpool "Calabi-Yau metrics: what are they good for?"	Apr 2021
String Theory Seminar at Virginia Tech "Calabi-Yau metrics, machine learning, and the spectrum of the Laplace operator"	Feb 2021
High-Energy Theory Seminar at KEK Theory Center "Moduli of general $N=1$ heterotic backgrounds"	Oct 2018
Mathematical Physics Seminar at University of Surrey "Moduli of general $N=1$ heterotic backgrounds"	Apr 2018
String Theory Seminar at Enrico Fermi Institute, University of Chicago "Marginal deformations from generalised geometry"	Feb 2018
Joint Edinburgh Mathematical Physics Group Seminar	

"Generalising Calabi–Yau for generic flux backgrounds"	$\mathrm{Jan}\ 2016$
String Theory Seminar at Queen Mary University of London	
"Generalising Calabi–Yau for generic flux backgrounds"	Nov 2015
String Theory Seminar at LMU Munich	
"Generalising Calabi–Yau for generic flux backgrounds"	Nov 2015
Paris String Theory Seminar at Ecole Normale Supérieure	
"Generalising Calabi–Yau for generic flux backgrounds"	Oct 2015
String Theory Seminar at Mathematics Department, University of Oxford	

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