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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023 to 2024
2022 to 2023
2020 to 2022
2019 to 2020
2016 to 2019

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 by family circumstances to return to UK

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

Sep 2007 to June 2011

MPhys (Hons), Physics, First Class

Publications

- [1] "A heterotic Kodaira-Spencer theory at one-loop", A. Ashmore, J. J. M. Ibarra, D. D. McNutt, C. Strickland-Constable, E. E. Svanes, D. Tennyson, and S. Winje [arXiv:2306.10106 [hep-th]].
- [2] "Numerical spectra of the Laplacian for line bundles on Calabi-Yau hypersurfaces", A. Ashmore, Y.-H. He, E. Heyes, and B. A. Ovrut, *JHEP* **07** (2023) 164, [arXiv:2305.08901 [hep-th]].
- [3] "Geometric flows and supersymmetry", A. Ashmore, R. Minasian, and Y. Proto [arXiv:2302.06624 [hep-th]].
- [4] "N = (2,0) AdS₃ Solutions of M-theory", A. Ashmore, *JHEP* **23** (2022) 101, [arXiv:2209.10680 [hep-th]].
- [5] A. Ashmore, "Calabi-Yau metrics, CFTs and random matrices" in *Nankai Symposium on Mathematical Dialogues*. [arXiv:2202.05896 [hep-th]].
- [6] "Calabi-Yau Metrics, Energy Functionals and Machine-Learning", A. Ashmore, L. Calmon, Y.-H. He, and B. A. Ovrut, *International Journal of Data Science in the Mathematical Sciences* (2021), [arXiv:2112.10872 [hep-th]].
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- [11] "Hidden Sectors from Multiple Line Bundles for the B-L MSSM", A. Ashmore, S. Dumitru, and B. A. Ovrut, Fortsch. Phys. **70** 7-8, (2022) 2200071, [arXiv:2106.09087 [hep-th]].
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- [13] "Explicit soft supersymmetry breaking in the heterotic M-theory B-L", A. Ashmore, S. Dumitru, and B. A. Ovrut, *JHEP* **08** (2021) 033, [arXiv:2012.11029 [hep-th]].
- [14] "Eigenvalues and eigenforms on Calabi-Yau threefolds", A. Ashmore [arXiv:2011.13929 [hep-th]].
- [15] "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]].
- [16] "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]].
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 C. Strickland-Constable, D. Tennyson, and D. Waldram, *JHEP* 01 (2021) 158, [arXiv:1910.04795 [hep-th]].
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Grants and Funding

Marie Curie Individual Fellowship: €260,000 2020 to 2024 Global Fellowship for three-year research programme at the University of Chicago and Sorbonne Université MATRIX-Simons Travel Grant: \$1,600 Jan 2024 Awarded to attend "New Deformations of Quantum Field and Gravity Theories" at MATRIX, a research institute for the mathematical sciences in Australia. 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 masters course Tutor, Merton College, Oxford Autumn 2018 Second-year undergraduate tutorials on Mathematical Methods College mentor, Merton College, Oxford 2017 to 2019 College subject mentor providing supplementary academic support to undergraduates Class tutor, Mathematical Institute, Oxford 2017 to 2018 Intercollegiate classes for General Relativity I and General Relativity II masters 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 Mentor Aug 2022 to present Mentor for String Theory Mentoring Program External examiner Aug 2022 External examiner for masters thesis at University of Stavanger, Norway 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 Annals of Physics, Annales Henri Poincaré, the Journal of Symbolic Computation, SIGMA and SciPost

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Dec 2018

Undergraduate interviews, Merton College, University of Oxford

Interviewer and assessor for undergraduate applicants in physics

Workshop organiser, South East Mathematical Physics Seminars Organiser of the 12th meeting of the South East Mathematical Physics Seminar	Jul 2018
General interest talk, Merton College, University of Oxford Presentation on string theory and my work for a general audience	Jun 2018
Oxford string theory website, University of Oxford Web administrator for string theory group website	2018 to 2019
Library committee, Merton College, University of Oxford Committee member on matters relating to the college library and archives, including appendix and publication rights	2018 to 2019 oproving annual
Gardens committee, Merton College, University of Oxford	2017 to 2019
Committee member on matters relating to the maintenance and amenity of the college gard	ens and grounds
Outreach	2014 to 2016
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	
Chair of 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-Bio	Feb 2017
"Marginal deformations from generalised geometry"	Feb 2017
Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Institut Henri Poincaré	
"Generalised geometry and supersymmetric flux backgrounds"	Mar 2015
The Particle Physics and Cosmology of Supersymmetry and String Theory, DESY Hamb	urg
"Supergravity backgrounds and generalised geometry"	Nov 2014
London Student Triangle, Imperial College London	
"The geometry of supersymmetric AdS backgrounds"	Nov 2013
Strings, Cosmology and Gravity Student Conference, Max Planck Institute for Physics, 1	Munich
Invited Seminars	
"Machine Learning for String Compactifications"	March 2023
University of Wisconsin - Madison Theory Seminar	
"Deformed N=1 SCFTs and their Supergravity Duals"	May 2022
Exceptional Geometry Seminar Series	
"Deformed N=1 SCFTs and their Supergravity Duals"	April 2022
String Phenomenology Seminar Series	M 1 2022
"Exactly Marginal Deformations and their Supergravity Duals"	March 2022

Joint Israeli High Energy Seminar	
"Machine Learning for Calabi-Yau Compactifications"	Nov 2021
Joint Edinburgh Mathematical Physics Group Seminar	
"Calabi–Yau Metrics, CFTs and Random Matrices"	Oct 2021
String Theory Seminar at Imperial College London	
"Calabi–Yau Metrics, CFTs and Random Matrices"	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"	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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