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Education

University of Cambridge, Institute of Astronomy , Cambridge, UK	2017 - 2021
PhD in Cosmology advised by Prof. Anthony Challinor	
Thesis: <i>Polishing the Lenses: Refined Modelling of Gravitational Lensing and Delensing of the CMB</i>	
Examined by Prof. George Efstathiou and Prof. Antony Lewis	
University of Cambridge, DAMTP , Cambridge, UK	2016 - 2017
MASt in Applied Mathematics & Theoretical Physics (<i>Part III of the Mathematical Tripos</i>)	
Columbia University , New York, USA	2012 - 2016
B.Sc. Applied Physics, minor in Applied Mathematics. <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	

Academic appointments

BCCP fellow , UC Berkeley & Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	2021 - 2026
Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics Postdoctoral Fellowship	

Fellowships & Awards

Seal of Excellence, European Commission, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions	2026
Lancelot M. Berkeley Prize for Meritorious Work in Astronomy (shared with DESI collab.)	2026
BCCP (Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics) Fellowship	2021 -
Isaac Newton PhD Scholarship, University of Cambridge	2017 - 2021
Marie Skłodowska-Curie/ Inphinit La Caixa graduate fellowship (declined)	2017
Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias Summer Studentship	2017
Trinity College Cambridge Studentship in Mathematics	2016 - 2017
Perimeter Institute PSI scholarship (declined)	2016
University of Oxford bursary for summer research in Astrophysics	2014
Columbia University Egleston Scholar	2012 - 2016
Davis UWC Scholar at Columbia University	2012 - 2016
United World Colleges Scholarship	2010 - 2012

Collaboration work

Simons Observatory (SO)	1/2018 -
– Delensing working group lead and member of the analysis team (2022 -)	
Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)	1/2022 -
– DESI-CMB cross-correlations topical group lead (2024 -)	
– Co-coordinator of Key Project combining DESI clustering with lensing (2024 -)	

Public Codes

[DirectSHT](#): Direct Spherical Harmonic Transform code for point sets on the sphere

[CARDiAC](#): Code for Anisotropic Redshift Distributions In Angular Clustering

[COSMOBLENDER](#): Cosmological Biases to LENsing Due to Extragalactic Radiation

Selected publications

For a complete, up-to-date list, please see my ORCID page ([0000-0002-0232-6480](#))

1. M. Maus, **A. Baleato Lizancos**, M. White, A. de Mattia & S. Chen (2026). Submitted to JCAP [2602.12343](#)
An analytic approximation to the covariance between pre- and post-reconstruction galaxy two-point statistics
2. E. Hertig, **A. Baleato Lizancos** et al. (2025). Submitted to Phys. Rev. D. [arXiv:2511.21949](#)
Atacama Cosmology Telescope: B-mode delensing with DR6 data & external tracers of large-scale structure
3. A. Wang, **A. Baleato Lizancos** and J.L. Bernal (2025), Phys. Rev. D 112, 123535 [arXiv:2507.04666](#)
Delensing CMB B-modes using galaxy surveys: the effect of galaxy bias and matter clustering non-linearities
4. **A. Baleato Lizancos**, W. Coulton, A. Challinor and B. Sherwin (2025), JCAP 07 014
A halo model of extragalactic foreground contamination to CMB lensing, delensing, and cross-correlations
5. M. Maus et al. (incl. **A. Baleato Lizancos**) (2025) JCAP 11 077
A joint analysis of 3D clustering and galaxy \times CMB-lensing cross-correlations with DESI DR1 galaxies
6. **A. Baleato Lizancos**, U. Seljak, M. Karamanis, M. Bonici and S. Ferraro (2025). JCAP07(2025)014
Selecting samples of galaxies with fewer Fingers-of-God
7. J. L. Bernal and **A. Baleato Lizancos** (2025) Phys. Rev. D 111, 043539
Removal of interloper contamination to line-intensity maps using correlations with ancillary tracers of the large-scale structure
8. E. Hertig et al. (incl. **A. Baleato Lizancos**) (2024) Phys. Rev. D 110, 043532
The Simons Observatory: Combining cross-spectral foreground cleaning with multi-tracer B-mode delensing for improved constraints on inflation
9. **A. Baleato Lizancos** and M. White (2024). JCAP05(2024)010.
Harmonic analysis of discrete tracers of large-scale structure
10. **A. Baleato Lizancos** and M. White (2023). JCAP, 2023(7), 044.
The Impact of Anisotropic Redshift Distributions on Angular Clustering
11. **A. Baleato Lizancos** and S. Ferraro (2023). Phys. Rev. D, 107(12), 123532.
Model independent variance cancellation in CMB lensing cross-correlations
12. **A. Baleato Lizancos** and S. Ferraro (2022). Phys. Rev. D, 106(6), 063534.
Impact of extragalactic foregrounds on internal delensing of the CMB B-mode polarization
13. T. Namikawa, **A. Baleato Lizancos** and SO Collaboration (2022). Phys. Rev. D 105(2), 023511.
Simons Observatory: Constraining inflationary gravitational waves with multitracer B-mode delensing
14. **A. Baleato Lizancos**, A. Challinor, B. Sherwin and T. Namikawa (2022). MNRAS, 514(4), 5786–5812.
Delensing the CMB with the cosmic infrared background: the impact of foregrounds
15. **A. Baleato Lizancos**, A. Challinor and J. Carron (2021). JCAP, 2021(3), 016.
Impact of internal-delensing biases on searches for primordial B-modes of CMB polarisation
16. **A. Baleato Lizancos**, A. Challinor and J. Carron (2021). Phys. Rev. D 103, 023518. *Editor's suggestion.*
Limitations of CMB B-mode template delensing

Selected talks post-PhD (invited unless stated otherwise)

DESI: Cosmological Constraints from the Joint Analysis of Galaxy Clustering and CMB Gravitational Lensing

- 3/26. APS Global Physics Summit

Cosmic acceleration through a new lens: synergies between galaxy surveys and the CMB

- 12/25. CIEMAT
- 12/25. IFAE
- 9/25. Perimeter Institute
- 9/25. Waterloo Center for Astrophysics.

A patchwork of ideas at the interface of CMB and LSS analyses

- 9/24 *New Physics from Old Light* workshop. Cambridge, UK
- 2/25 Theoretical Astrophysics and Cosmology Seminar. University of Arizona

Harmonic analysis of discrete tracers of large-scale structure

- 7/24 *Cosmology in the Adriatic* workshop. Split, Croatia
- 6/24 University of Pennsylvania
- 6/24 *Cosmology from Home* conference.
- 1/24 LBNL. Presented at CMB and DESI lunch seminars

New data, new methods, new challenges in CMB lensing and angular clustering

- 9/23 Instituto de Física de Cantabria
- 9/23 Donostia International Physics Center

The Impact of Anisotropic Redshift Distributions on Angular Clustering

- 8/23 Dark Energy Science Collaboration Photo-z meeting

New techniques for precision cosmology from angular clustering

- 9/23 Contributed talk. IFT Madrid, Spain. COSMO '23 conference.
- 6/23 SLAC & Stanford Rubin meeting.

Model independent variance cancellation in CMB lensing cross-correlations

- 6/23 SLAC & Stanford CMB meeting.
- 4/23 LBNL & UC Berkeley. Presented at CMB and DESI lunch seminars.
- 4/23 Contributed talk. Kyoto, Japan. Future Science with CMB x LSS workshop.
- 2/23 CMB-S4 Maps to Other Statistics meeting

A review of CMB delensing

- 7/23 Discussion organizer. Benasque, Spain. Understanding cosmological observations workshop.
- 7/22 Review talk & chair of panel discussion. Cambridge, UK. Key Challenges in Lensing Workshop

Halo model approach to characterizing CMB lensing biases

- 7/22 Talk & panel discussion. Cambridge, UK. Key Challenges in Galaxy & CMB Lensing Workshop

The impact of galaxies and clusters on delensing of CMB B-mode polarization

- 7/22 Vipolže, Slovenia. BCCP summer workshop.
- 6/22 Stanford University. Cosmology seminar.

CMB lensing & delensing for fundamental physics: the good, the bad & the systematics

- 3/22 University of Hawaii. Cosmology seminar.
- 10/21 Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Physics seminar.

Service

- Referee for Phys. Rev. D, JCAP, MNRAS, RASTI, OJAp and internal reviewer of DESI publications. Reviewer of US DOE SCGSR grants.
- Organizer of the CMB seminar and Cosmology Journal Club, UC Berkeley & LBNL (2022-24)
- Chair/organizer of sessions in DESI & SO collaboration meetings and international workshops (e.g. Benasque, Cambridge).
- Lead organizer of *New Frontiers in Cosmology 2026* conference jointly organized by Berkeley, Simons Foundation & Universidade da Coruña.

Mentoring

- Advised five undergraduate students on research projects in collaboration with National Society of Black Physicists, the Simons Foundation and Berkeley N3AS. One project lead to a first-author publication.
 - Co-advised two graduate students at Cambridge and Berkeley on SO and DESI pipeline development, leading to three publications.
 - Acted as career mentor for three undergraduate students through Berkeley Compass Project and N3AS.
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Teaching

- Tutored Prof Pettini's *Introduction to Cosmology* undergraduate course. 10/18 - 1/19, U. of Cambridge.
 - Tutored Prof Efstathiou's *The Physics of Cosmology* undergraduate course. 1/20 - 4/20, U. of Cambridge.
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Public engagement

Interviews & Podcasts

- Printed press interviews with *La Voz de Galicia* and *GCIencia* on DESI DR2 results. 3/2025.
- Recurring participant on the “Efervescencia” radio show of the Radio Galega: *on DESI DR2 results* (3/25), “Earendel, a estrela máis lonxana” (3/2022), ‘O Universo é un panettone” (2/2022) *Galicia, Spain*.
- Interviewed at the “Despierta Aragón” radio show, Radio Aragón. 8/2023.
- Interviewed for the “QuarkNet - Physics in and Through Cosmology” summer program for high school students. 6/2023. *Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Berkeley, CA*
- Twice interviewed at the “A noite é necesaria” section of the “Con Voz” radio show, RadioVoz. 11/2021 and 12/2021. *Galicia, Spain*
- “Testigos no tempo” podcast participant. 5/2020. *Luis Seoane Foundation. A Coruña, Spain*
- “Un Universo en evolución” – talk & conversation with middle school kids. 11/2016. *Área de Galego. Instituto Español Cañada Blanch. London, UK*

Public talks

- “Unha ollada cosmolóxica ao pasado (e futuro) do Universo” 12/2023. *Asociación Cultural Alexandre Bóveda. A Coruña, Spain*
- “Pasado, presente y futuro del Universo” 8/2023. *Centro de Ciencias Pedro Pascual. Benasque, Spain*
- “Noites escuras, ideas brillantes: as revolucións cosmolóxicas do s.XX”. 5/2022. *III Encontro da Noite. A Coruña, Spain*.
- “Pasado, presente e futuro do Universo” 12/2021. *Planetario da Casa das Ciencias. A Coruña, Spain*
- “Revealing the origin and fate of the Universe with gravitational lensing” 11/2021. *Lester B. Pearson United World College. BC, Canada*
- “Nuevos horizontes en la investigación del fondo cósmico de microondas” 10/2021. *XXIV Congreso Estatal de Astronomía. A Coruña, Spain*
- “Revealing the origin and fate of our Universe with gravitational lensing” 2/2021. *Cambridge University Astronomical Society talks series. Cambridge, UK*
- “Gravitational lensing: a window to the invisible Universe” 2/2020 *Public talk. IoA, Cambridge, UK*
- “Our Utterly Wonderful Cosmos” 11/2019 *Friday Night Lecture. Atlantic College UWC. Wales, UK*
- “Telescopes as time machines” 5/2019 *Outreach talks series. IoA, Cambridge, UK*

Other

- Staffed a cosmology outreach table at the Berkeley farmer's market. 11/2024.
- “The Microwave Secrets of Our Universe, Young and Old: Virtual Reality visualizations of data from the Planck Space Observatory”. 2/2023. Chabot Space & Science Center. *Oakland, CA*.
- “Campus de estrelas” Developed virtual reality visualisations (*Galician/English*) for cosmology outreach for the *Aulas Galegas* teaching platform.
- Outreach program volunteer. 2017 - 2021 *Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge*

References

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