Simone Aiola

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birth date and place June 4, 1988 - Rome, Italy

Nationality Italian

Languages Italian (native speaker), English (proficiency level)

Research Interests

Cosmology: phenomenology and data analysis.

Cosmic Microwave Background physics: temperature, polarization, lensing,

Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect.

Cosmic Microwave Background analysis: map-making, simulations, time-

ordered data analysis, n-point estimators.

Research and Appointments

Sept 2016 - present Postdoctoral Research Associate, Supervisor: Jo Dunkley.

Physics Department, Princeton University - NJ, USA

Aug 2013 - Aug 2016 Graduate Student Researcher, Advisor: Prof. Arthur Kosowsky.

Physics and Astronomy Department, University of Pittsburgh - PA, USA

Aug 2012 - Dec 2013 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Pittsburgh - PA, USA.

Courses: Lab for Physics and Engineers - Lab 0219 (Fall 2012), Intro to Physics 2 -Phys 0111 (Spring 2013 and Summer 2013), Stonehenge to Hubble - Astro 0088 (Fall 2013) - Stars, Galaxies and Cosmos - Astro 0089 (Summer 2014)

For official records of teaching performances please contact Levla Hirschfeld, graduate program coordinator (lmh@pitt.edu).

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Physics University of Pittsburgh - PA, USA, 2012 - 2016.

Thesis: New Probes of CMB Large-Scale Anomalies

Advisor: Prof. Arthur Kosowsky

M.Sc., Physics University of Pittsburgh, PA - USA, 2012 - 2013 (Awarded in 2014).

M.Sc., Astrophysics

'La Sapienza' University of Rome, IT, 2010 - 2012.

Remarks: graduated cum laude

B.Sc., Physics & Astrophysics

'La Sapienza' University of Rome, IT, 2007 - 2010.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014 and 2015

Zaccheus Daniel Predoctoral Fellowship.

Department of Physics and Astronomy - University of Pittsburgh

2015 Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship.

The Dietrich School of Art and Sciences - University of Pittsburgh

2014 University of Pittsburgh School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship.

The Dietrich School of Art and Sciences - University of Pittsburgh

2014 Nomination for Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards.

American Association of Physics Teachers

2014 Myron P. Garfunkel Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Award.

Department of Physics and Astronomy - University of Pittsburgh

MENTORSHIP

Sept 2014 - Sept 2015 Art and Sciences Teaching Assistant Mentor.

University of Pittsburgh - PA, USA

May 2014 - Aug 2016 Undergraduate Mentorship, Co-advising undergraduate student Ellis Herman

(University of Richmond).

Project: Probing the lack of large-scale CMB correlation with polarization and lensing

measurements.

May 2013 - Aug 2016 Undergraduate Mentorship, Co-advising undergraduate student Bingjie Wang

(University of Pittsburgh).

Project: Large-scale anomalies in the CMB temperature sky.

COLLABORATIONS

May 2016 - Present Simons Observatory (SO), Main contributions: TOD-to-map working group,

pipeline design working group.

Sept 2014 - Present Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT), Main contributions: Remote Control

Observer, lead map-maker, kSZ working group, cosmology from 2-point working group.

Sept 2010 - Aug 2012 Large-Scale Polarization Explorer (LSPE), Main contributions: optimization

of the scanning strategy for B-mode search.

Computer skills and Competences

Languages Fortran, C/C++, IDL, Matlab (Octave), Python

Cosmological tools CAMB, CLASS, polSPICE, HEALPix

Supercomputing MPI, OpenMP, clusters used: SCINET (Canada) and Hippo (South Africa)

Talks and Poster Presentations

For a detailed list of talks and posters with PDFs, visit my website. Below a list of talks from 2016.

Nov 2017 'Cosmology with ACTPol and AdvACT', invited talk.

Cosmology Seminar - Case Wester Reserve University, USA

July 2017 'Maximum-likelihood map-making for ACT', contributed talk.

Advances in Theoretical Cosmology in Light of Data - Nordita, Stockholm

Feb 2017 'Cosmology with ACT', invited talk.

UKZN, SKA, and AIMS - South Africa

Feb 2017 'Maximum-likelihood map-making for ACT', contributed talk.

Cosmology on Safari - South Africa

 Jan 2017 'From Time-Ordered Data to Cosmology with the Atacama Cosmology

Telescope', invited talk.

Gravity Group Lunch - Princeton University, USA

Mar 2016 'New Probes of Large-scale CMB Anomalies', invited talk.

Cosmology Seminar - Case Wester Reserve University, USA

References

Prof. Arthur Kosowsky, *Ph.D. Advisor*, email: kosowsky@pitt.edu.

Prof. Jo Dunkley, *Postdoc Supervisor*, email: jdunkley@princeton.edu.

Prof. Lyman Page, email: page@princeton.edu.

Additional References

Prof. Glenn Starkman, email: glenn.starkman@case.edu.

Prof. Jonathan Sievers, email: jonathan.sievers@gmail.com.