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EDUCATION

University of California, Riverside (UCR) , Riverside, United States	<i>2018 - Present</i>
Ph.D. student in Physics & Astronomy	
NASA FINESST FI	<i>2021 - Present</i>
National Taiwan University (NTU) , Taipei, Taiwan	<i>2016 - 2018</i>
M.S. in Astrophysics	
National Taiwan University (NTU) , Taipei, Taiwan	<i>2010 - 2014</i>
B.S. in Physics	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

(Keywords) Cosmology, intergalactic medium, Ly α forest, Gaussian processes, emulation, Bayesian statistics, machine learning, black holes.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher	Riverside, CA
<i>Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of California</i>	<i>September 2018 - Present</i>

- 1. Multi-fidelity emulation for cosmological simulations.
- 2. Automate the detection of damped Ly α absorbers (DLAs) using Gaussian processes.
- 3. Analyze black hole population using a Bayesian hierarchical model.

Graduate Research Assistant	Taipei, Taiwan
<i>Graduate Institute of Astrophysics, National Taiwan University</i>	<i>August 2016 - February 2018</i>

- Generate spherical convolutional feature maps on HEALPix grids. (🐱 jibanCat/Conv1d-HEALPix)

Undergraduate Researcher	Taipei, Taiwan
<i>Department of Physics, National Taiwan University</i>	<i>June 2013 - August 2014</i>

- **Instrumental:** Calibrate 13 element AMiBA array, an interferometer radio telescope using Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

1. NASA FINESST Fellowship (3 years)	<i>2021 - Present</i>
2. Provost's Scholars for the Advancement of Physical Sciences (honored), UC Riverside	<i>2021</i>
3. Outstanding Junior Graduate Student Researcher Award, UC Riverside	<i>2021</i>
4. GSA Conference Travel Award, UC Riverside	<i>2019</i>
5. Student Thesis Award, Physics Society of Taiwan	<i>2019</i>
6. Dean's Fellowship, UC Riverside	<i>2018</i>
7. Laureate for Philosophical Treatise, National Taiwan University	<i>2012</i>


COLLABORATION & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Project Instructor

Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of California

Riverside, CA

September 2020 - March 2022

- Mentor high school students (Emma Shah and Rafael Rosales) on science fair projects on using Gaussian process to analyze quasar spectra. (Gold medal in the county competition) ( [jibanCat/gpy_dla_detection](#))

Team Lead

Data Science Challenge, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)

Virtual

September 2021


- Lead a team of CS undergrads to build machine learning/deep learning models for star-galaxy classification and asteroid detection.

Research Assistant

Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica

Taipei, Taiwan

March 2018 - August 2018




- Hired as a programmer for an interdisciplinary text mining and machine learning project between department of Literature, Computer Science, and History. ( [jibanCat/DigitalHumanities](#))

PUBLICATIONS


Papers

- *A Multi-Fidelity Emulator for the Lyman- α Forest Flux Power Spectrum*
M.A. Fernandez, **Ming-Feng Ho**, Simeon Bird, *accepted to MNRAS, 2022.*
- *Multi-Fidelity Emulation for the Matter Power Spectrum using Gaussian Processes*
Ming-Feng Ho, Simeon Bird, Christian R. Shelton, *MNRAS, Jan., 2022.*
- *Damped Lyman-alpha Absorbers from Sloan Digital Sky Survey DR16Q with Gaussian processes*
Ming-Feng Ho, Simeon Bird, and Roman Garnett, *MNRAS, Jul., 2021.*
- *Automated measurement of quasar redshift with a Gaussian process,*
Leah Fauber, **Ming-Feng Ho**, Simeon Bird, Christian R. Shelton, Roman Garnett, Ishita Korde, *MNRAS, Sep., 2020.*
- *Detecting multiple DLAs per spectrum in SDSS DR12 with Gaussian processes*
Ming-Feng Ho, Simeon Bird, and Roman Garnett, *MNRAS, Jun., 2020.*
- *AMiBA: Cluster Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect Observations with the Expanded 13-Element Array*
K.-Y. Lin, et. al. (**M.-F. Ho** in co-authorship), *APJ, Oct., 2016.*

Selected Talks

- *Contributed Talk: Multi-Fidelity Emulation for Matter Power Spectrum and Ly α Flux Power Spectrum*
Ming-Feng Ho, M.A. Fernandez, Simeon Bird, Christian R. Shelton, *Cosmology from home, July 2022, [ Video]*.
- *Contributed Talk: Multi-Fidelity Emulation for Cosmological Simulations*
Ming-Feng Ho, Simeon Bird, Christian R. Shelton, *SAZERAC-SIP, February 2022, [ Video]*.
- *Contributed Talk: Finding Strong Ly α Absorbers in the Shadows of Quasars with Bayesian Machine Learning*
Ming-Feng Ho, Simeon Bird, Roman Garnett, *Cosmology from home, September 2020, [ Video]*.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

1. Founder of UCR's Physics and Astronomy Student Seminar (PASS) *2022*
2. Co-I of UC Astronomy Osterbrock Sierra Conference *2021*
3. Secretary of Physics Graduate Student Association *2021*
4. Volunteer in UCR's Stargazing Series: [ Video] *2020 - 2021*
5. Volunteer in UCR's Mercury Transit Public Outreach *2019*
6. Mandatory military service, Taiwan *2014 - 2015*