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Research Interests

Early Universe Cosmology, Cosmic Microwave Background, Theoretical High Energy Physics

Research Experience

Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA)

University of Toronto, 2012 - Present
Senior Research Associate, Theoretical Cosmology

Weinberg Theory Group and Texas Cosmology Center

University of Texas at Austin, 2006 - 2012
Theoretical Cosmology, Dissertation research conducted with Prof. Steven Weinberg.

Collaborations

CMB Stage IV

- August 2015 - Present
- Among primary contributors of forecasts and content for Neutrinos and Light Relics

Simons Observatory

- September 2016 - Present
- Member of High-ℓ Science and Lensing working groups

Education

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, USA

Ph.D. in Physics, August 2012

- Dissertation Topic: *Inflation: Connecting Theory to Observation*
- Advisor: Professor Steven Weinberg

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

B.S. in Physics and Mathematics, May 2006

- Thesis Topic: *Cosmic Superstrings*
- Thesis Advisor: Professor Gary Shiu

Honors and Awards

- Beatrice and Vincent Tremaine Fellowship, 2016 - 2017
- Texas Cosmology Center Summer Research Fellowship, 2010
- A.D. Hutchison Student Endowment Fellowship, 2009 - 2010
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Wisconsin, 2006
- Mike Litvinov Memorial Academic Scholarship, 2002 - 2006

Invited Talks

- *Kavli CMB Lensing Workshop*, Stanford University, September 2017
- *CMB-S4 Collboration Workshop, Harvard-2017*, Harvard University, August 2017
- *SLAC Summer Institute 2017*, SLAC, August 2017
- *Phenomenology 2017 Symposium*, Plenary Talk, University of Pittsburgh, May 2017
- University of California Riverside Seminar, March 2017
- University of Illinois Theory Seminar, February 2017
- University of Texas at Austin Theory Group Seminar, January 2017
- Boston University Theory Seminar, October 2016
- *CMB-S4 / Future Cosmic Surveys*, University of Chicago, September 2016
- *Cosmology with CMB-S4*, University of Chicago, September 2016
- *US Radio/Millimeter/Submillimeter Science Futures II*, Baltimore, Maryland, August 2016
- *Nuetrinos and Light Particles in Cosmology*, University of California Berkeley, June 2016
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Cosmology Lunch, March 2016
- *Cosmology with CMB-S4 Workshop*, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, March 2016
- Johns Hopkins University Theory Seminar, Novebmer 2015
- *Cosmology with CMB-S4*, University of Michigan, September 2015
- California Institute of Technology TAPIR Seminar, June 2015
- Perimeter Institute Seminar, May 2015
- *Testing Inflation with Large Scale Structure*, CITA, October 2014
- University of Texas at Austin Theory Group Seminar, May 2014
- Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare Theory Seminar, April 2014
- St. Mary's University Astrophysics Seminar, February 2014
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas Theory Seminar, December 2013
- University of British Columbia Cosmology Seminar, August 2013
- Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics Seminar, University of Chicago, May 2013
- University of Nottingham Cosmology Seminar, April 2013
- Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe Seminar, November 2012
- CITA Seminar, University of Toronto, July 2012

Conference Contributions

- *COSMO-16*, University of Michigan, August 2016
- *Rencontres de Moriond Cosmology*, March 2016
- *Cosmology on Safari*, January 2015
- *New Challenges for Early Universe Cosmologists*, Lorentz Center, August 2013
- *The Universe as Seen by Planck*, European Space Agency/European Space Research and Technology Centre, April 2013
- *Gravity and Cosmology 2012*, Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, December 2012
- *Critical Tests of Inflation Using Non-Gaussianity*, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, November 2012
- *Inflationary Theory and its Confrontation with Data in the Planck Era*, Aspen Center for Physics, February 2012
- *DEUS: Current and Future Challenges of the Dark and Early Universes*, Dark Cosmology Centre, Niels Bohr Institute, August 2011
- *Cosmological Non-Gaussianity: Observations Confront Theory Workshop*, University of Michigan, May 2011
- *Primordial Features and Non-Gaussianities*, Harish-Chandra Research Institute, May 2011
- *Texas Cosmology Network Meeting*, University of Texas at Austin, October 2009

Students Supervised

Selim Hotinli, Co-supervision with Andrew Jaffe, Ph.D. Student at Imperial College London, October 2016 - present

Connor Sheere, Co-supervision with Alex van Engelen and Daan Meerburg, Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2016 and 2017 at CITA

Brayden Mon, Co-supervision with Daan Meerburg and Alex van Engelen, Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2017 at CITA

Matthew Wilson, Co-supervision with Dick Bond, Master's student in University of Toronto Physics Department, January - August 2016

Harrison Winch, Co-supervision with Daan Meerburg and Alex van Engelen, Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2016 at CITA

Vivian Britto, Summer Undergraduate Research Program 2014 at CITA

Derek Inman, Co-supervision with Ue-Li Pen, Ph.D. Student at CITA, September 2013 - August 2014

Shenglin Jing, Co-supervision with Ido Ben-Dayan, Undergraduate Student at CITA, September 2012 - August 2013

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- SLAC Summer Institute 2017, August 2017, SLAC
- Scientific Computing - Symbolic Computing, May 2016 and May 2017, CITA
- MCAT Physics, June 2007 - March 2009, Princeton Review, Austin, Texas

Tutor

- General Physics, June 2011 - August 2012, Austin, Texas
- Astronomy, August 2011 - August 2012, Austin, Texas
- MCAT Physics, August 2008 - January 2009, Princeton Review, Austin, Texas
- Calculus, Fall 2007, Austin, Texas

Teaching Assistant

- University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2006 - Spring 2012
- General physics, History of Science, Undergraduate Quanum Mechanics, Graduate Quantum Mechanics, Quantum Field Theory

Service and Leadership

CITA Cosmology Discussion: Co-organizer and frequent contributor, 2012 - present

CITA Blackboard Discussion: Co-organizer and frequent contributor, 2013 - present

Postdoc Hiring Committee: Member, 2013 - present

CITA Jamboree: Co-organizer, 2014 - 2015

Journal Referee:

- Physical Review Letters
- Physical Review D
- Physical Review X
- Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics

Workshops Organized

Neutrinos and (G)astrophysics in Large-Scale Structure, CITA, December 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Note: All author lists are alphabetical except those with an asterisk (*)

1. (*) J. Meyers, P. D. Meerburg, A. van Engelen and N. Battaglia,
Beyond CMB Cosmic Variance Limits on Reionization with the Polarized SZ effect,
Submitted to Phys. Rev. D arXiv:1710.01708 [astro-ph.CO].
2. P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen,
Reconstructing the Primary CMB Dipole,
Accepted to Phys. Rev. D arXiv:1704.00718 [astro-ph.CO].
3. P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers, K. M. Smith and A. van Engelen,
Reconstructing CMB Fluctuations and the Mean Reionization Optical Depth,
Phys. Rev. D **95**, no. 12, 123538 (2017) arXiv:1701.06992 [astro-ph.CO].
4. (*) C. Sheere, A. van Engelen, P. D. Meerburg and J. Meyers,
Establishing the Origin of CMB B-mode Polarization,
Phys. Rev. D **96**, no. 6, 063508 (2017) arXiv:1610.09365 [astro-ph.CO].
5. K. N. Abazajian *et al.* [CMB-S4 Collaboration],
CMB-S4 Science Book, First Edition,
arXiv:1610.02743 [astro-ph.CO].
6. R. de Putter, O. Doré, D. Green and J. Meyers,
Single-Field Inflation and the Local Ansatz: Distinguishability and Consistency,
Phys. Rev. D **95**, no. 6, 063501 (2017) arXiv:1610.00785 [hep-th].
7. D. Green, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen,
CMB Delensing Beyond the B Modes,
Submitted to JCAP arXiv:1609.08143 [astro-ph.CO].
8. J. Meyers,
Cosmic Neutrinos and Other Light Relics,
arXiv:1605.05575 [astro-ph.CO].
9. (*) P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers, A. van Engelen and Y. Ali-Haïmoud,
CMB B-Mode Non-Gaussianity,
Phys. Rev. D **93**, 123511 (2016) arXiv:1603.02243 [astro-ph.CO].
10. D. Baumann, D. Green, J. Meyers and B. Wallisch,
Phases of New Physics in the CMB,
JCAP **1601**, 007 (2016) arXiv:1508.06342 [astro-ph.CO].
11. (*) P. D. Meerburg, R. Hložek, B. Hadzhiyska and J. Meyers,
Multiwavelength Constraints on the Inflationary Consistency Relation,
Phys. Rev. D **91**, no. 10, 103505 (2015) arXiv:1502.00302 [astro-ph.CO].
12. M. Alvarez *et al.*,
Testing Inflation with Large Scale Structure: Connecting Hopes with Reality,
arXiv:1412.4671 [astro-ph.CO].
13. V. Britto and J. Meyers,
Monthly Modulation in Dark Matter Direct-Detection Experiments,
JCAP **1511**, 006 (2015) arXiv:1409.2858 [astro-ph.CO].
14. J. Meyers and E. R. M. Tarrant,
Perturbative Reheating After Multiple-Field Inflation: The Impact on Primordial Observables,
Phys. Rev. D **89**, no. 6, 063535 (2014) arXiv:1311.3972 [astro-ph.CO].

15. J. Meyers,
Non-Gaussian Correlations Outside the Horizon in Local Thermal Equilibrium,
arXiv:1212.4438 [astro-ph.CO].

16. J. Meyers and N. Sivanandam,
Adiabaticity and the Fate of Non-Gaussianities: The Trispectrum and Beyond,
Phys. Rev. D **84**, 063522 (2011) arXiv:1104.5238 [astro-ph.CO].

17. J. Meyers and N. Sivanandam,
Non-Gaussianities in Multifield Inflation: Superhorizon Evolution, Adiabaticity, and the Fate of fnl,
Phys. Rev. D **83**, 103517 (2011) arXiv:1011.4934 [astro-ph.CO].

18. W. Fischler and J. Meyers,
Dark Radiation Emerging After Big Bang Nucleosynthesis?,
Phys. Rev. D **83**, 063520 (2011) arXiv:1011.3501 [astro-ph.CO].