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Research Interests

Research EXPERIENCE

Department of Physics, 2018 - Present

Southern Methodist University

Assistant Professor

Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics (CITA)

University of Toronto, 2012 - 2018

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.

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

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

- COLLABORATIONS CMB-S4, 2015-present, (Light Relics Working Group Co-Lead)
 - Simons Observatory, 2016-present
 - PICO, 2016-present
 - CCAT-Prime, 2016-present

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

- CMB-S4 Collboration Workshop, Fermilab-2019, Fermilab, March 2019
- Building Astronomy in Texas Symposium 2019, Dallas, TX, January 2019
- CMB in HD, Flatiron Institute, December 2018
- nu Physics in the CMB, University of California, San Diego, November 2018
- University of Texas at Dallas Physics Colloquium, October 2018
- University of Texas at Austin Theory Group Seminar, October 2018
- CMB-S4 Collboration Workshop, Princeton-2018, Princeton University, September 2018
- PICO Collaboration Science Meeting, University of Minnesota May 2018
- YITP Seminar, Stony Brook University, April 2018
- Rice Colloquium, Houston, TX, February 2018
- SMU Colloquium, Dallas, TX, February 2018
- Lake Louise Winter Institute 2018, Lake Louise, Alberta, February 2018
- Cosmology Lunch, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, November 2017
- 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

Eric Guzman, Ph.D. Student at SMU, October 2018 - present

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

Alex Laguë, Ph.D. Student at University of Toronto, Summer 2018 - present

Victor Chan, Co-supervision with Renée Hložek and Alex van Engelen, Ph.D. Student at University of Toronto, Summer 2018 - present

Connor Sheere, Co-supervision with Alex van Engelen and Daan Meerburg, Summer 2016 - present

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

 $\bf Derek\ Inman,$ 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

- Cosmology, Spring 2019, SMU
- 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

CMB-S4: Light Relics Working Group Co-Lead, Science Council Member, 2018 - present

CITA Cosmology Discussion: Co-organizer and frequent contributor, 2012 - 2018

CITA Blackboard Discussion: Co-organizer and frequent contributor, 2013 - 2018

CITA Postdoc Hiring Committee: Member, 2013 - 2018

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

- CMB in HD, Flatiron Institute, December 2018
- Neutrinos and (G)astrophysics in Large-Scale Structure, CITA, December 2016

PUBLICATIONS

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

- 1. (*) E. B. Grohs, J. R. Bond, R. J. Cooke, G. M. Fuller, J. Meyers and M. W. Paris, Big Bang Nucleosynthesis and Neutrino Cosmology, arXiv:1903.09187 [astro-ph.CO].
- 2. (*) S. Ferraro et al., Inflation and Dark Energy from spectroscopy at z > 2, arXiv:1903.09208 [astro-ph.CO].
- 3. (*) D. Green et al., Messengers from the Early Universe: Cosmic Neutrinos and Other Light Relics, arXiv:1903.04763 [astro-ph.CO].
- 4. (*) S. Shandera et al.,

 Probing the origin of our Universe through cosmic microwave background constraints
 on gravitational waves,
 arXiv:1903.04700 [astro-ph.CO].
- 5. (*) P. D. Meerburg et al., Primordial Non-Gaussianity, arXiv:1903.04409 [astro-ph.CO].
- (*) N. Sehgal et al., Science from an Ultra-Deep, High-Resolution Millimeter-Wave Survey, arXiv:1903.03263 [astro-ph.CO].
- 7. (*) S. C. Hotinli, J. Meyers, et al., Transverse Velocities with the Moving Lens Effect, Submitted to PRL arXiv:1812.03167 [astro-ph.CO].
- 8. (*) S. Foreman, P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen, Cosmic variance mitigation in measurements of the integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect, Submitted to PRD arXiv:1811.00529 [astro-ph.CO].
- 9. J. Aguirre et al. [Simons Observatory Collaboration], The Simons Observatory: Science goals and forecasts, JCAP **1902**, 056 (2019) arXiv:1808.07445 [astro-ph.CO].
- (*) G. J. Stacey et al., CCAT-prime: Science with an Ultra-widefield Submillimeter Observatory at Cerro Chajnantor, arXiv:1807.04354 [astro-ph.GA].
- R. de Putter, O. Doré, J. Gleyzes, D. Green and J. Meyers, *Dark Matter Interactions, Helium, and the CMB*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 122, 041301, (2018) arXiv:1805.11616 [astro-ph.CO].
- 12. D. Green, P. D. Meerburg and J. Meyers, Aspects of Dark Matter Annihilation in Cosmology, Accepted to JCAP arXiv:1804.01055 [astro-ph.CO].
- (*) S. Foreman, P. D. Meerburg, A. van Engelen and J. Meyers, Lensing reconstruction from line intensity maps: the impact of gravitational nonlinearity, JCAP 1807, no. 07, 046 (2018) arXiv:1803.04975 [astro-ph.CO].

- 14. (*) S. C. Hotinli, J. Frazer, A. H. Jaffe, J. Meyers, L. C. Price and E. R. M. Tarrant, Effect of reheating on predictions following multiple-field inflation, Phys. Rev. D **97**, no. 2, 023511 (2018) arXiv:1710.08913 [astro-ph.CO].
- 15. (*) J. Meyers, P. D. Meerburg, A. van Engelen and N. Battaglia, Beyond CMB Cosmic Variance Limits on Reionization with the Polarized SZ effect, Phys. Rev. D **97**, no. 10, 103505 (2018), **Editor's Suggestion** arXiv:1710.01708 [astro-ph.CO].
- P. D. Meerburg, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen, Reconstructing the Primary CMB Dipole, Phys. Rev. D 96, no. 8, 083519 (2017) arXiv:1704.00718 [astro-ph.CO].
- 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].
- 18. (*) 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].
- 19. K. N. Abazajian *et al.* [CMB-S4 Collaboration], *CMB-S4 Science Book, First Edition*, arXiv:1610.02743 [astro-ph.CO].
- 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].
- D. Green, J. Meyers and A. van Engelen, *CMB Delensing Beyond the B Modes*, JCAP 1712 (2017) no.12, 005 arXiv:1609.08143 [astro-ph.CO].
- 22. J. Meyers,

 Cosmic Neutrinos and Other Light Relics,
 arXiv:1605.05575 [astro-ph.CO].
- 23. (*) 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].
- 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].
- 25. (*) 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].
- 26. M. Alvarez et al., Testing Inflation with Large Scale Structure: Connecting Hopes with Reality, arXiv:1412.4671 [astro-ph.CO].
- 27. V. Britto and J. Meyers, Monthly Modulation in Dark Matter Direct-Detection Experiments, JCAP **1511**, 006 (2015) arXiv:1409.2858 [astro-ph.CO].

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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].

29. J. Meyers,

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

30. 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].

31. 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].

32. W. Fischler and J. Meyers,

Dark Radiation Emerging After Big Bang Nucleosynthesis?, Phys. Rev. D 83, 063520 (2011) arXiv:1011.3501 [astro-ph.CO].