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Education

## University of Minnesota, 2015-Present

PhD candidate, PhysicsAdviser: Prof. Clem Pryke

### The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2011-2013

• MPhil, Physics

• Advisers: Prof. Ming Chung Chu and Dr. Lap Ming Lin

### The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2008-2011

• BSc, Physics

 $\bullet\,$  with Honours, First Class

• Minor: Mathematics

# Research Experience

Searching for Inflation Signals with the Bicep/Keck Telescopes, with BICEP/Keck Collaboration, 2015-Present

- Travel to South Pole to deploy and calibrate receivers of the *Keck Array* and BICEP3 and BICEP Array telescopes.
- Lead the Bicep/Keck weekly data reduction campaign in 2019-2022.
- Lead the analysis of CMB data from *Keck Array* and BICEP3 2016-2018 observing seasons for the *r* constraint. The result is published in the "BK18" paper.
- Involve in the development of the new telescope Bicep Array, particularly for the mount and the cryostat.
- Lead the pipeline construction of BICEP Array.
- Lead the "pipeline A" analysis of the BK18+SPT-3G delensing studies.

# Impacts of Neutrino Degeneracies on Cosmic Microwave Background, with Shek Yeung and Prof. Ming Chung Chu, 2016-2019

• Investigate the impacts of neutrino degeneracies in CMB data fitting, particularly for the constraint of Hubble parameter  $H_0$  and the spectral index  $n_s$ .

# Test Runs & Field Deployment

#### California Institute of Technology, Jul 2021-Sep 2021

• Conduct test runs on the BICEP Array 150 GHz detector modules and receiver.

#### Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica, Nov 2019-Feb 2020

• Disassemble the *Keck Array* mount, build the BICEP Array mount and deploy the BICEP Array 30/40 GHz receiver during the entire summer season campaign.

# Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica, Nov 2017-Jan 2018

• Deploy the *Keck Array* 270 GHz receiver.

## Awards & Honors

• Antarctica Service Medal, 2021

#### **Publications**

- BICEP/Keck XV: The BICEP3 Cosmic Microwave Background Polarimeter and the First Three-year Data Set,
  - P.A.R. Ade et al. (BICEP/Keck Collaboration), Astrophys. J. 927, 77 (2022)
- BICEP/Keck XIV: Improved constraints on axionlike polarization oscillations in the cosmic microwave background,
  P.A.R. Ade et al. (BICEP/Keck Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 105, 022006 (2022)
- BICEP/Keck XIII: Improved Constraints on Primordial Gravitational Waves using Planck, WMAP, and BICEP/Keck Observations through the 2018 Observing Season,
   PAR Ade et al. (BICEP/Keck Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 151301
  - P.A.R. Ade et al. (BICEP/Keck Collaboration), Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 151301 (2021)
- Relic Neutrino Degeneracies and Their Impact On Cosmological Parameters, S. Yeung, K. Lau and M.-C. Chu, JCAP 04, 024 (2021)
- BICEP/Keck XII: Constraints on Axion-like Polarization Oscillations in the Cosmic Microwave Background,

  PAR Ade et al. (BICEP/Keck Collaboration) Phys. Rev. D 103, 042002
  - P.A.R. Ade et al. (BICEP/Keck Collaboration), Phys. Rev. D 103, 042002 (2021)
- A Demonstration of Improved Constraints on Primordial Gravitational Waves with Delensing,
   P.A.R. Ade et al. (BICEP/Keck and SPTpol Collaborations), Phys. Rev. D 103, 022004 (2021)
- BICEP2/Keck Array XI: Beam Characterization and Temperature-to-Polarization Leakage in the BK15 Data Set,
   P.A.R. Ade et al. (Keck Array and BICEP2 Collaborations), Astrophys. J. 884, 114 (2019)
- Constraints on Primordial Gravitational Waves Using Planck, WMAP, and New BICEP2/Keck Observations through the 2015 Season,
   P.A.R. Ade et al. (Keck Array and BICEP2 Collaborations), Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 221301 (2018)

#### **Preprints**

- Snowmass 2021 CMB-S4 White Paper, Kevork Abazajian et al., arXiv:2203.08024 (2022)
- Snowmass 2021 Cosmic Frontier: Cosmic Microwave Background Measurements White Paper,
  Clarence L. Chang et al., arXiv:2203.07638 (2022)

# Conference Proceedings

- The Latest Constraints on Inflationary B-modes from the BICEP/Keck Telescopes,
  - King Lau et al., Proceedings of the 56<sup>th</sup> Rencontres de Moriond on Cosmology (2022)
- Receiver development for BICEP Array, a next-generation CMB polarimeter at the South Pole,
  - Lorenzo Moncelsi et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy X; 1145314 (2020)
- Analysis of Temperature-to-Polarization Leakage in BICEP3 and Keck CMB Data from 2016 to 2018,
  - Tyler St. Germaine et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy X; 114532E (2020)

- Polarization calibration of the BICEP3 CMB polarimeter at the South Pole, James Cornelison et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy X; 1145327 (2020)
- Observing low elevation sky and the CMB Cold Spot with BICEP3 at the South Pole,
  - Jae Hwan Kang et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX; 114532D (2020)
- Design and Performance of the First BICEP Array Receiver, Alessandro Schillaci et al., J. Low Temp. Phys. (2020)
- Characterizing the Sensitivity of 40 GHz TES Bolometers for BICEP Array, Cheng Zhang et al., J. Low Temp. Phys. (2020)
- Optical Characterization of the Keck Array and BICEP3 CMB Polarimeters from 2016 to 2019.
  - Tyler St. Germaine et al., J. Low Temp. Phys. (2020)
- Optical Design and Characterization of 40-GHz Detector and Module for the BI-CEP Array,
  - Ahmed Soliman et al., J. Low Temp. Phys. (2020)
- Microwave multiplexing on the Keck Array, Ari Cukierman et al., J. Low Temp. Phys. (2020)
- Measurements of Degree-Scale B-mode Polarization with the BICEP/Keck Experiments at South Pole,
  - Benjamin Racine et al., Proceedings of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Rencontres de Moriond on Cosmology (2018)
- Design and performance of wide-band corrugated walls for the BICEP Array detector modules at 30/40 GHz,
  - Ahmed Soliman et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX; 107082G (2018)
- Ultra-Thin Large-Aperture Vacuum Windows for Millimeter Wavelengths Receivers.
  - Denis Barkats et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX; 107082K (2018)
- BICEP Array cryostat and mount design,
   Michael Crumrine et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX; 107082D (2018)
- BICEP Array: a multi-frequency degree-scale CMB polarimeter, Howard Hui et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX; 1070807 (2018)
- 2017 upgrade and performance of BICEP3: a 95GHz refracting telescope for degree-scale CMB polarization,

  Jae Hwan Kang et al., Millimeter, Submillimeter, and Far-Infrared Detectors and Instrumentation for Astronomy IX; 107082N (2018)

BICEP/Keck Constraints on Primordial Gravitational Waves, CMB-S4 Summer Collaboration Meeting, Chicago, IL, Aug 17 2022

Searching for Inflation Signals with the BICEP/Keck Telescopes, 240<sup>th</sup> AAS Meeting, Pasadena, CA, Jun 16 2022

The Latest Constraints on Inflationary B-modes by the BICEP/*Keck* Telescopes, 56<sup>th</sup> Rencontres de Moriond on Cosmology, La Thuile, Italy, *Jan 25 2022* 

**Talks** 

#### Posters

BICEP3 and *Keck Array* performances from 2016 -2018, 18<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Low Temperature Detectors, Milan, Italy, *Jul 25 2019* 

## Community Outreach

BICEP Array Telescope Open House, Martin. A. Pomerantz Observatory, Feb~2.~2020

• Exhibition of the fully operational BICEP Array telescope, opened to members of the Amundsen-Scott South Pole station.

## BICEP Array Mount Open House, University of Minnesota, May 5, 2019

• Demonstration of the scanning of the BICEP Array receivers on its mount.

## Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, School of Physics and Astronomy, **University of Minnesota**, 2015-2017

- Phys 1302: Introductory Physics for Science and Engineering II (Spring 2017)
- Phys 1301: Introductory Physics for Science and Engineering I (Fall 2016)
- Phys 1302: Introductory Physics for Science and Engineering II (Spring 2016)
- Phys 1101: Introductory College Physics I (Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistant, Physics Department, **The Chinese University of Hong Kong**, 2011-2013

- PHYS 3202: Quantum Physics II (Spring 2013)
- PHYS 3011: Mechanics (Fall 2012)
- PHYS 3202: Quantum Physics II (Spring 2012)
- PHYS 2811: Physics Laboratory I (Fall 2011)

#### Languages

- Native proficiency in Cantonese
- Native proficiency in written Chinese
- Full professional proficiency in English

# Programming Languages

Python, MATLAB, HTML, JavaScript, FORTRAN, LATEX