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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Large-Scale Structure · Cosmic Microwave Background · Deep Learning

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND TITLES

Ohio University, Graduate Research Assistant	2016-present
Ohio University, Graduate Teaching Assistant	2015-2016
Sharif University of Technology, Graduate Assistant	2012-2015
Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics, Research Assistant	2014-2015
Institute for Research in Fundamental Sciences, Graduate Research Assistant	2013-2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Physics, Ohio University	in progress
<i>Supervisor:</i> Professor Hee-Jong Seo	expected March 2021
<i>Dissertation:</i> “Robust Measurements of the Large-Scale Clustering of Galaxies and Quasars”	
M.Sc., Physics, Sharif University of Technology	2015
B.Sc., Physics, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , Shahid Chamran University	2012

COLLABORATION MEMBERSHIP

· SDSS-IV Extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (eBOSS)

Galaxy Quasar Clustering working group (2017-present): I have primarily worked on the identification and mitigation of imaging systematics; helped with the quality assurance and tests of the large-scale clustering catalogs of emission-line galaxies and quasars. My recent contribution includes the preparation of the final sample of eBOSS quasars spanning the redshift range $0.8 < z < 3.5$ for a precise measurement of primordial non-Gaussianity parameter f_{NL} , and for studying the impact of systematics on Baryon Acoustic Oscillations and Redshift Space Distortions.

· Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI)

Galaxy Quasar Clustering and Imaging Validation working groups (2016-present): I have contributed to the analysis of the characterization and mitigation of foreground contaminants in the photometric catalogs of emission-line galaxies and luminous red galaxies from the DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys. I have also observed for a total of 17 nights at the Mayall 4-meter telescope on Kitt Peak in Arizona. I have been involved in various analyses of the large-scale clustering of simulated datasets (e.g., QUICKSURVEY in 2017 and UNIT in 2019). My recent involvement in DESI includes the preparation of the templates for identifying and mitigating the various sources of systematic error for the different galaxy samples in the Survey Validation phase.

HONORS / AWARDS

Graduate Student of the Week, Ohio University Graduate Student Senate, Ohio University	2018
Ranked among top 5% in my class, Sharif University of Technology	2015
Six-month Research Assistantship at the Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics, South Korea	2014
Ranked third among +8000 test-takers in the nationwide qualifying exam for M.Sc. in Physics	2012
Selected as distinguished undergraduate physics student for three consecutive years	2009-2012

SKILLS

Programming: Python, BASH, FORTRAN, C/C++, Git, MPI

Machine Learning: Neural Nets, Regression, Clustering, Dimensionality Reduction, Ensemble Methods

Software: L^AT_EX, Jupyter Notebook, Gnuplot, Tableau

TALKS / PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- “Robust Measurements of the Large-Scale Clustering of Galaxies and Quasars ”* 2020
DESI Lunch, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
Cosmology Journal Club, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Caltech
LSS group seminar, Waterloo Centre For Astrophysics, University of Waterloo
TACOS seminar, University of Arizona
Princeton & IAS Cosmology Lunch seminar, Princeton University
High-Energy Theory & Cosmology seminar, Northeastern University
Cosmology Lunch, Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute
Large-Scale Structure seminar, University of Edinburgh
Open Group seminar, Harvard University
- “Observational Systematics in the era of Big Astronomical Data”* 2020
Scientific Computation Symposium, Ohio University, Athens, OH
- “Robust Measurements of the eBOSS and DESI Galaxy and Quasar Clustering”* 2020
235th American Astronomical Society meeting, Honolulu, HI
- “Application of Deep Learning in Cosmology”* 2019
Cosmology seminar, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran
- “Probing Dark Energy with Galaxy Clustering and Deep Learning”* 2019
Rocky Mountain Advanced Computing Consortium, Boulder, CO
- “Emission Line Galaxies photometric weights with neural networks”* 2018
eBOSS collaboration meeting, Paris, France
- “Mitigation of photometric systematics in galaxy clustering”* 2018
DECam community science workshop, Tucson, AZ
- “Mitigating systematic errors in galaxy surveys with artificial intelligence”* 2018
Cosmology Lunch, CCAPP, the Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- “Clustering results from quicksurvey”* 2017
DESI collaboration meeting, LBNL, Berkeley, CA

MENTORING / TEACHING (SELECTED)

- Summer internship with Prof. Hee-Jong Seo
- Grant Merz, *“Impact of observational systematics on BAO”* 2019
- Ana Bucki-Lopez, *“Hyper-parameter tuning of feed-forward neural networks”* 2018
- Science & Math for Upward Bound, Ohio University 2015-2017
- Teacher of high school Physics, *Soroush* high school, Tehran, Iran 2013-2014
- TA for Classical Electrodynamics, graduate course, Sharif University of Technology 2013-2014

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SELECTED)

- Physics Open House:* Demo of telescopes, Ohio University, OH Nov 9, 2019
- Math and Science Family Night:* Infra-Red cameras, Coolville, OH Oct 3, 2019
- Science Night:* Demo of angular momentum, Nelsonville, OH Mar 1, 2018
- State Science Day:* Judging, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH May 14, 2016
- Kids On Campus:* Demo of conductivity, Trimble Middle School, Glouster, OH Jan 13, 2016

Publications

15 Total / 2 First Author / 3 Second Author (including the papers in the final stage of preparation)

FIRST AUTHOR PAPERS

1. Rezaie, Mehdi, Hee-Jong Seo, Ashley J. Ross, and Razvan C. Bunescu. "Improving galaxy clustering measurements with deep learning: analysis of the DECaLS DR7 data." MNRAS (2020).
2. Rezaie, Mehdi et al. "Primordial non-Gaussianity from the Completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey I: Catalog preparation and systematic mitigation", in preparation.

SECOND AUTHOR PAPERS

3. Merz, Grant, **Mehdi Rezaie** et al. "Testing the Effect of Systematic Error Mitigation Methods on the BAO signal in the eBOSS DR16 Catalogs", in preparation.
4. Mueller, Eva, **Mehdi Rezaie** et al. "The Completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey: Primordial non-Gaussianity in Fourier Space" in preparation.
5. Zarrouk, Pauline, **Mehdi Rezaie**, Anand Raichoor et al. "Baryon Acoustic Oscillations in the projected cross-correlation function between the eBOSS DR16 quasars and photometric galaxies from the DESI Legacy Imaging Surveys." accepted for MNRAS (2020).

COLLABORATION PAPERS

6. Gil-Marín, Hector, Julian E. Bautista, Romain Paviot et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "The Completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey: measurement of the BAO and growth rate of structure of the luminous red galaxy sample from the anisotropic power spectrum between redshifts 0.6 and 1.0." MNRAS (2020).
7. Raichoor, Anand, Arnaud de Mattia, Ashley J. Ross et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "The completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey: Large-scale Structure Catalogues and Measurement of the isotropic BAO between redshift 0.6 and 1.1 for the Emission Line Galaxy Sample." MNRAS (2020).
8. de Mattia, Arnaud, Vanina Ruhlmann-Kleider, Anand Raichoor et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "The Completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey: measurement of the BAO and growth rate of structure of the emission line galaxy sample from the anisotropic power spectrum between redshift 0.6 and 1.1." MNRAS (2020).
9. Ross, Ashley J., Julian Bautista, Rita Tojeiro et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "The Completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey: Large-scale Structure Catalogs for Cosmological Analysis." MNRAS (2020).
10. Alam, Shadab, Marie Aubert, Santiago Avila et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "The Completed SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey: Cosmological Implications from two Decades of Spectroscopic Surveys at the Apache Point observatory." Physical Review D (2020), submitted (arXiv: 2007.08991).
11. Ahumada, Romina, Carlos Allende Prieto, Andres Almeida et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "The 16th data release of the Sloan Digital Sky Surveys: first release from the APOGEE-2 Southern Survey and full release of eBOSS Spectra." The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Serie (2020).
12. Dey, Arjun, David J. Schlegel, Dustin Lang et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "Overview of the DESI legacy imaging surveys." The Astronomical Journal (2019).
13. Khaledi-Nasab, Ali, M. Sabaieian, **M. Rezaie**, and M. Mohammad-Rezaee. "Linear and nonlinear tunable optical properties of intersubband transitions in GaN/AlN quantum dots in presence and absence of wetting layer." Journal of the European Optical Society (2014).

14. Aghamousa, Amir, Jessica Aguilar, Steve Ahlen, Shadab Alam, Lori E. Allen, Carlos Allende Prieto, James Annis et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "*The DESI experiment part I: Science, targeting, and survey design.*" arXiv preprint arXiv:1611.00036 (2016).
15. Aghamousa, Amir, Jessica Aguilar, Steve Ahlen, Shadab Alam, Lori E. Allen, Carlos Allende Prieto, James Annis et al. (incl. **Mehdi Rezaie**) "*The DESI experiment part II: Instrument design.*" arXiv preprint arXiv:1611.00037 (2016).