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Fields of interest

Large-scale structure: galaxy clustering; cosmic microwave background; Hubble tension; nature of dark energy; primordial Universe

Education

Harvard University   Cambridge, MA, USA
- *Ph.D. in Astronomy*   *2020 – 2025*
  M.A. in Astronomy and Astrophysics, in passing   *2022*
    - Thesis: *Enhancing the analysis of the large-scale structure of the Universe for cutting-edge cosmological surveys with two-point correlation function and beyond* (expected May 2025)
    - Advisor: Prof. Daniel Eisenstein
    - Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian

- **Tel Aviv University**   Tel Aviv-Yafo, Israel
  B.Sc. in Physics, Summa Cum Laude (GPA: 98/100)   *2019 – 2020*
    - Raymond & Beverly Sackler School of Physics & Astronomy
    - Advisor: Dr. Omer Bromberg

- **Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology**   Dolgoprudny, Russia
  B.Sc. in Applied Mathematics and Physics, unfinished   *2015 – 2018*
    - Department of General and Applied Physics
    - Advisor: Prof. Vasily Beskin

- **Richelieu Lyceum**   Odesa, Ukraine
  High school, specialization in physics   *2010 – 2015*

Research topics and publications

- Extracting more information from DESI galaxy clustering using moderate thermal Sunyaev-Zeldovich detections
    - M. Rashkovetskyi, D. J. Eisenstein, *et al.*, "Clustering of DESI Luminous Red Galaxies selected by thermal Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect detection level from ACT+Planck y map", *in preparation*, 2024a

- Semi-analytical, semi-empirical covariance matrices for DESI with RASCALC code
    - M. Rashkovetskyi, D. Forero-Sánchez, A. de Mattia, D. J. Eisenstein, N. Padmanabhan, H. Seo, A. J. Ross, *et al.*, "Semi-analytical covariance matrices for two-point correlation function for DESI 2024 data", 2024b, `arXiv:2404.03007`

- M. Rashkovetskyi, D. J. Eisenstein, *et al.*, "Validation of semi-analytical, semi-empirical covariance matrices for two-point correlation function for early DESI data", MNRAS **524** (2023), no. 3, 3894–3911, `arXiv:2306.06320`

- Contributions to DESI BAO analysis and clustering catalogs

  - J. Moon, D. Valcin, M. Rashkovetskyi, C. Saulder, *et al.*, "First detection of the BAO signal from early DESI data", MNRAS **525** (2023), no. 4, 5406–5422, `arXiv:2304.08427`
  - D. Forero-Sánchez, M. Rashkovetskyi, O. Alves, A. de Mattia, S. Nadathur, P. Zarrouk, H. Gil-Marín, Z. Ding, J. Yu, U. Andrade, X. Chen, C. Garcia-Quintero, J. Mena-Fernández, *et al.*, "Analytical and EZmock covariance validation for the DESI 2024 results", 2024, `arXiv:2411.12027`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "DESI 2024 III: Baryon Acoustic Oscillations from Galaxies and Quasars", 2024a, `arXiv:2404.03000`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "DESI 2024 II: Sample Definitions, Characteristics, and Two-point Clustering Statistics", 2024b, `arXiv:2411.12020`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "DESI 2024 V: Full-Shape Galaxy Clustering from Galaxies and Quasars", 2024c, `arXiv:2411.12021`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "DESI 2024 VI: Cosmological Constraints from the Measurements of Baryon Acoustic Oscillations", 2024d, `arXiv:2404.03002`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "DESI 2024 VII: Cosmological Constraints from the Full-Shape Modeling of Clustering Measurements", 2024e, `arXiv:2411.12022`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "DESI 2024 IV: Baryon Acoustic Oscillations from the Lyman Alpha Forest", 2024f, `arXiv:2404.03001`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "Validation of the Scientific Program for the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument", AJ **167** (2024)g, no. 2, 62, `arXiv:2306.06307`
  - DESI Collaboration *et al.*, "The Early Data Release of the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument", AJ **168** (2024)h, no. 2, 58, `arXiv:2306.06308`
  - J. Mena-Fernández, C. Garcia-Quintero, S. Yuan, B. Hadzhiyska, O. Alves, M. Rashkovetskyi, H. Seo, N. Padmanabhan, S. Nadathur, C. Howlett, S. Alam, A. Rocher, A. J. Ross, E. Sanchez, M. Ishak, *et al.*, "HOD-Dependent Systematics for Luminous Red Galaxies in the DESI 2024 BAO Analysis", 2024, `arXiv:2404.03008`
  - C. Garcia-Quintero, J. Mena-Fernández, A. Rocher, S. Yuan, B. Hadzhiyska, O. Alves, M. Rashkovetskyi, H. Seo, N. Padmanabhan, S. Nadathur, C. Howlett, M. Ishak, L. Medina-Varela, P. McDonald, A. J. Ross, Y. Xie, X. Chen, A. Bera, *et al.*, "HOD-Dependent Systematics in Emission Line Galaxies for the DESI 2024 BAO analysis", 2024, `arXiv:2404.03009`
  - U. Andrade, J. Mena-Fernández, H. Awan, A. J. Ross, S. Brieden, J. Pan, A. de Mattia, *et al.*, "Validating the Galaxy and Quasar Catalog-Level Blinding Scheme for the DESI 2024 analysis", 2024, `arXiv:2404.07282`
  - E. Paillas, Z. Ding, X. Chen, H. Seo, N. Padmanabhan, A. de Mattia, A. J. Ross, S. Nadathur, C. Howlett, *et al.*, "Optimal Reconstruction of Baryon Acoustic Oscillations for DESI 2024", 2024, `arXiv:2404.03005`
  - X. Chen, Z. Ding, E. Paillas, S. Nadathur, H. Seo, S. Chen, N. Padmanabhan, M. White, A. de Mattia, P. McDonald, A. J. Ross, A. Variu, A. Carnero Rosell, B. Hadzhiyska, M. M. S. Hanif, D. Forero-Sánchez, *et al.*, "Extensive analysis of reconstruction algorithms for DESI 2024 baryon acoustic oscillations", 2024, `arXiv:2411.19738`
  - J. Yu, A. J. Ross, A. Rocher, O. Alves, A. de Mattia, D. Forero-Sánchez, J.-P. Kneib, A. Krolewski, T. Lan, M. Rashkovetskyi, *et al.*, "ELG Spectroscopic Systematics Analysis of the DESI Data Release 1", 2024, `arXiv:2405.16657`

- A. Pérez-Fernández, L. Medina-Varela, R. Ruggeri, M. Vargas-Magaña, H. Seo, N. Padmanabhan, M. Ishak, *et al.*, "Fiducial-Cosmology-dependent systematics for the DESI 2024 BAO Analysis", 2024, `arXiv:2406.06085`
- S. F. Chen, C. Howlett, M. White, P. McDonald, A. J. Ross, H. J. Seo, N. Padmanabhan, *et al.*, "Baryon acoustic oscillation theory and modelling systematics for the DESI 2024 results", MNRAS **534** (2024), no. 1, 544–574, `arXiv:2402.14070`

- Inhomogeneous recombination relieving Hubble tension

  - M. Rashkovetskyi, J. B. Muñoz, D. J. Eisenstein, and C. Dvorkin, "Small-scale clumping at recombination and the Hubble tension", Phys. Rev. D **104** (2021), no. 10, 103517, `arXiv:2108.02747`

- The dynamics of highly magnetized jets propagating in the medium

- Orthogonal radiopulsars and their statistics

  - E. M. Novoselov, V. S. Beskin, A. K. Galishnikova, M. M. Rashkovetskyi, and A. V. Biryukov, "Orthogonal pulsars as a key test for pulsar evolution", MNRAS **494** (2020), no. 3, 3899–3911, `arXiv:2004.03211`

- Pulsar losses mechanisms

  - V. S. Beskin, A. K. Galishnikova, E. M. Novoselov, A. A. Philippov, and M. M. Rashkovetskyi, "So how do radio pulsars slow-down?", in "Journal of Physics Conference Series", vol. 932, p. 012012. 2017

Teaching experience

- **Astronomy 200: Radiative Processes in Astrophysics** — Harvard University
  Teaching Fellow — Fall 2023
- **Astronomy 201: Astrophysical Fluids & Plasmas** — Harvard University
  Teaching Fellow — Spring 2023
- **Astronomy 130: Introduction to Cosmology** — Harvard College
  Teaching Fellow — Fall 2022

Public presentations

- **APS April meeting (contributed talk)** — Minneapolis, MN, USA
  First Detection of the BAO Signal from Early DESI Data — April 18, 2023
- **Cosmology from Home 2023 (contributed talk co-presenter)** — online
  First Detection of the BAO Signal from Early DESI Data (on YouTube) — July 4, 2023
- **ITC Luncheon (talk)** — Cambridge, MA, USA
  Semi-analytic covariance matrices for 2PCF of DESI galaxies (on YouTube) — September 28, 2023
- **IX Essential Cosmology for the Next Generation (talk)** — Playa del Carmen, Mexico
  Clustering of DESI galaxies selected based on ACT thermal SZ map — December 5, 2024
- **Frontiers in Cosmology and Gravitational Physics (poster)** — Portsmouth, UK
  Fast semi-analytical covariance matrices for 2PCF of galaxies and quasars — May 20-23, 2024

- **VIII Essential Cosmology for the Next Generation (poster)**   Playa del Carmen, Mexico
  `RascalC`: *Empirical 2PCF Covariance Matrices without Mocks*   *Nov 30 - Dec 3, 2022*
- **CMB-S4 Summer Meeting (poster)**   online
  Small-scale Clumping at Recombination and the Hubble Tension   *August 9-13, 2021*
- **CMB-S4 Spring Meeting (poster)**   online
  Hubble Tension with Small-Scale Clumping   *March 8-12, 2021*
- **Physics of Neutron Stars - 2017 (poster)**   Saint-Petersburg, Russia
  On the light-curve anomalies of radio pulsars   *July 10-14, 2017*

Other conferences and schools

- **DESI December**   Cancún, Mexico
  DESI Collaboration   *December 10-13, 2024*
- **DESI July**   Marseille, France
  DESI Collaboration   *July 9-12, 2024*
- **Fundamental Physics from Future Spectroscopic Surveys**   Berkeley, CA, USA
  Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory   *May 6-8, 2024*
- **DESI December**   Waikoloa, HI, USA
  DESI Collaboration   *December 11-14, 2023*
- **DESI July**   Durham, UK
  DESI Collaboration   *July 17-21, 2023*
- **Michigan Cosmology Summer School**   Ann Arbor, MI, USA
  University of Michigan   *June 5-9, 2023*
- **DESI December**   Cancún, Mexico
  DESI Collaboration   *December 5-9, 2022*
- **DESI June**   Berkeley, CA, USA
  DESI Collaboration   *June 21-24, 2022*
- **15th School of Modern Astrophysics**   Dolgoprudny, Russia
  Moscow Insitute of Physics and Technology   *July 1-12, 2019*
- **13th School of Modern Astrophysics**   Dolgoprudny, Russia
  Moscow Insitute of Physics and Technology   *July 3-21, 2017*
- **International School of Subnuclear Physics - 2017**   Erice, Italy
  "Ettore Majorana" Foundation and Centre for Scientific Culture   *June 14-23, 2017*
- **International school on particles, fields and strings**   Moscow, Russia
  National Research University "High School of Economics"   *April 17-24, 2017*
- **Astronomical practice**   Nizhniy Arkhyz, Russia
  Special Astrophysical Observatory   *June 25 – July 2, 2016*

Awards, grants and honors

Dean's Certificate in Recognition of Outstanding Academic Achievements (TAU) 2019–2020

Stipend for excellent students of MIPT in the name of A.Abramov 2016–2017

International Physics Olympiad, bronze medal . . . . Mumbai, 2015

International Physics Olympiad, silver medal . . . . Astana, 2014

Selected open source contributions (`https://github.com/misharash`)

- RASCALC   C++ & Python
  Fast semi-analytic covariance matrices library/program   2022-2024
- RASCALC **scripts**   Python
  DESI covariance matrix pipeline for 2-point correlation function (scripts)   2024
- PYCORR   Python
  Library for 2-point correlation function estimation   2024

Outreach

- **DESI redshift-space distortions animation (co-author)**   with Claire Lamman
  Used in the press-release and following news articles   Nov 19, 2024

Languages

- **Russian: native**

- **Ukrainian: fluent**

- **English: advanced**

- **Hebrew: advanced**

- **German: intermediate**