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EDUCATION

Department of Astrophysical Sciences, Princeton University, USA

2019 - Present

PhD Candidate, Expected Graduation Year: 2022

Thesis: 'Large Scale Structure Cosmology from the Higher-Point Functions'

Thesis Advisors: Prof. David N. Spergel & Prof. Matias Zaldarriaga

M.A. in Astrophysics (2020)

Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Cambridge, USA

2018 - 2019

Pre-Doctoral Student, Herchel-Smith Scholar

Advisor: Prof. Daniel J. Eisenstein

Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge

2017 - 2018

MSci in Astrophysics

Part III: 1st Class (Rank 1/28, 97%)

Thesis: 'Detection and Removal of B-mode CMB Dust Foregrounds with Signatures of Statistical Anisotropy'

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Blake D. Sherwin

Institute of Astronomy Prize

Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

2014 - 2017

BA (Hons) in Natural Sciences, Senior Scholar

Parts IA, IB, II: 1st Class (Rank 1/20, 90%)

Holgate Pollard Memorial Prize

LONG-TERM ACADEMIC VISITS

Institute for Advanced Study Visiting Graduate Student with Prof. Matias Zaldarriaga	Sep. 2020 - Present Princeton, USA
Max-Planck Institute for Astrophysics Visiting Graduate Student with Prof. Eiichiro Komatsu	Aug Sep. 2020 Munich, Germany
Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics	May - Jul. 2020
Visiting Graduate Student with Dr. Blake D. Sherwin	Cambridge, UK
Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie	Jul Sep. 2017
Summer Intern with Dr. Jan Rybizki	Heidelberg, Germany
Center for Astrophysics Harvard & Smithsonian	Jun Aug. 2016
Undergraduate Research Fellow with Dr. Ákos Bogdán	Cambridge, USA

PUBLICATION LIST

Major Author

1. Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., Nishimichi, T., Takada, M. "Cosmological constraints without fingers of God", *submitted to JCAP* (arXiv).

- 2. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Hou J., Slepian, Z. "A First Detection of the Connected 4-Point Correlation Function of Galaxies using the BOSS CMASS Sample", *submitted to Phys. Rev. D* (arXiv).
- 3. **Philcox**, **O. H. E.** "Cosmology Without Windows: Cubic Estimators for the Galaxy Bispectrum", accepted by Phys. Rev. D (arXiv).
- 4. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian Z. "Efficient Computation of N-Point Correlation Functions in D Dimensions", submitted to PNAS (arXiv).
- 5. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian, Z., Hou, J., Warner, C., Cahn, R. N., Eisenstein, D. J. "ENCORE: Estimating Galaxy N-point Correlation Functions in $\mathcal{O}(N_g^2)$ Time", accepted by MNRAS (arXiv).
- 6. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian, Z. "An Exact Integral-to-Sum Relation for Products of Bessel Functions", accepted by Proc. Roy. Soc. A (arXiv).
- 7. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Goodman, J., Slepian Z. "Kepler's Goat Herd: An Exact Solution to Kepler's Equation for Elliptical Orbits", *MNRAS* **506**, 6111 6116 (2021) (arXiv).
- 8. Slepian, Z., **Philcox**, **O. H. E.** "A Uniform Spherical Goat (Problem): Explicit Solution for Homologous Collapse's Radial Evolution in Time" (arXiv).
- 9. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian, Z. "Beyond Yamamoto: Anisotropic Power Spectra and Correlation Functions with Pairwise Lines-of-Sight", *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 123509 (2021) (arXiv).
- 10. **Philcox, O. H. E.** "Cosmology Without Windows: Quadratic Estimators for the Galaxy Power Spectrum", *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 103504 (2021) (arXiv).
- 11. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Aviles, A., Massara, E. "Modeling the Marked Spectra of Matter and Biased Tracers in Real and Redshift Space", *JCAP* 03 038 (2021) (arXiv).
- 12. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Ivanov, M. M., Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M., Schmittfull, M. "Fewer Mocks and Less Noise: Reducing the Dimensionality of Cosmological Observables with Subspace Projections", *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 043508 (2021) (arXiv).
- 13. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Sherwin, B. D., Farren, G. S., Baxter, E. J. "Determining the Hubble Constant without the Sound Horizon: Measurements from Galaxy Surveys", *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 023538 (2021) (arXiv).
- 14. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Massara, E., Spergel, D. N. "What does the Marked Power Spectrum Measure? Insights from Perturbation Theory", *Phys. Rev. D* **102**, 043516 (2020) (arXiv).
- 15. **Philcox, O. H. E.** "A Faster Fourier Transform? Computing Small-Scale Power Spectra and Bispectra for Cosmological Simulations in $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ Time", MNRAS **501**, 4004 4034 (2021) (arXiv).
- Philcox, O. H. E., Spergel, D. N., Villaescusa-Navarro, F. "The Effective Halo Model: Creating a Physical and Accurate Model of the Matter Power Spectrum and Cluster Counts", *Phys. Rev. D* 101, 123520 (2020) (arXiv).
- 17. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Ivanov, M. M., Simonović, M., Zaldarriaga, M. "Combining Full-Shape and BAO Analyses of Galaxy Power Spectra: A 1.6% CMB-Independent Constraint on H_0 ", JCAP 05 032 (2020) (arXiv).
- Philcox, O. H. E., Rybizki, J. "Inferring Galactic Parameters from Chemical Abundances: A Multi-Star Approach", ApJ 887, 9 (2019) (arXiv).
- 19. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Eisenstein, D. J., "Computing the Small-Scale Galaxy Power Spectrum and Bispectrum in Configuration-Space", *MNRAS* **492** 1214 1242 (2019) (arXiv).
- 20. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Eisenstein, D. J., "Estimating Covariance Matrices for Two- and Three-Point Correlation Function Moments in Arbitrary Survey Geometries", *MNRAS* **490**, 5931 5951 (2019) (arXiv).
- 21. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Eisenstein, D. J., O'Connell, R., Wiegand, A., "RASCALC: A Jackknife Approach to Estimating Single and Multi-Tracer Galaxy Covariance Matrices", *MNRAS* 491, 3290-3317 (2019) (arXiv).
- 22. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Sherwin, B. D., van Engelen, A., "Detection and Removal of B-mode Dust Foregrounds with Signatures of Statistical Anisotropy", *MNRAS* 479, 5577 5595 (2018) (arXiv).
- 23. **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Rybizki, J., Gutcke, T., "On the Optimal Choice of Nucleosynthetic Yields, Initial Mass Function, and Number of SNe Ia for Chemical Evolution Modeling", *ApJ* 861, 40 (2018) (arXiv).

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- 24. Hou, J., Cahn, R. N., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Slepian, Z., "Analytic Gaussian Covariance Matrices for Galaxy N-Point Correlation Functions", submitted to MNRAS (arXiv).
- 25. Schmittfull, M., Simonović, M., Ivanov, M. M, Philcox, O. H. E., Zaldarriaga, M. "Modeling Galaxies in Redshift Space at the Field Level", *JCAP* 05 059 (2021) (arXiv).
- 26. Villaescusa-Navarro, F., Anglés-Alcázar, D., Genel, S., et al. (inc. **Philcox, O. H. E.**) "The CAMELS project: Cosmology and Astrophysics with Machine Learning Simulations", ApJ, 915, 1 (2018) (arXiv).
- 27. Wang, Y., Zhao, G-B., Zhao, C., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, et al. "The clustering of the SDSS-IV extended Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey DR16 luminous red galaxy and emission line galaxy samples: cosmic distance and structure growth measurements using multiple tracers in configuration space", *MNRAS* 498, 3470 3483 (2020) (arXiv).
- 28. Chudaykin, A., Ivanov, M. M., **Philcox, O. H. E.**, Simonović, M., "Class-PT: non-linear perturbation theory extension of the Boltzmann code Class", *Phys. Rev. D*, **102**, 063533 (2020) (arXiv).

SELECTED TALKS

2021 University of Pennsylvania, Astronomy & Astrophysics Seminar

Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics, Cosmology Seminar

Stanford University, Theory Colloquium

Columbia University, Theory Seminar (Virtual)

Cosmology from Home Conference (Virtual)

Princeton University, Gravity Group (Virtual)

Southampton University, H_0 Workshop (Virtual, Invited Talk)

University of Geneva, Cosmology & Particle Physics Group (Virtual)

2020 DESI, Galaxy & Quasar Clustering Working Group (Virtual)

Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Eisenstein Group (Virtual)

UK Cosmology Meeting (Virtual)

Institute for Advanced Study, Joint Cosmology Group (Virtual)

Cosmology from Home Conference (Virtual)

American Statistical Association, Joint Statistical Meeting (Virtual, Invited Talk)

Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Cosmology Colloquium (Virtual)

Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics, Journal Club (Virtual)

Center for Computational Astrophysics, Cosmology X Data Science Group (Virtual)

2019 Princeton University, Gravity Group

JINA-CEE, Nuclear Astrophysics Seminar (Virtual)

Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, Joint Cosmology Group

2017 Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie, Rix Group

Heidelberg Institute for Theoretical Studies, Springel Group

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee MNRAS (2020-), JCAP (2020-), MPLA (2021-)

Coadvisor Jess Boyland Simons-NSBP Undergraduate Scholars Program (2020–2021)

James Sunseri University of Florida REU Program (2021)

MISCELLANEOUS

Computing Languages Python, C++, Cuda, Mathematica, Julia

Codes Developed Encore, NPCFs.jl, EffectiveHalos, Class-PT, Hipster, RascalC

Teaching 6 years of online tutoring (high-school to Masters level)

Teaching assistant for Princeton introductory astronomy class (AST203)

TEFL qualification in English teaching