Paul Shah



Research Experience

2022 Research Associate, Cosmology Group, UCL, UK

o Sponsor: Ofer Lahav

1995–1996 Postdoctoral Researcher, DAMTP, University of Cambridge, UK

Fellow, St. John's College

1992–1995 PhD, DAMTP, University of Cambridge, UK

o Thesis: Vortices and moduli spaces

o Advisor: Nick Manton

Education

2020–2022 MSc (Astrophysics), UCL, London, Distinction

High Energy Astrophysics, Advanced Cosmology, Galaxy Formation and Evolution, Exoplanets, Particle Physics, Quantum Information

• Essay: The Hubble Constant Tension

Project: Weak lensing magnification of SN Ia

o Advisor: Ofer Lahav

1991–1992 Part III (Theoretical Physics), DAMTP, Cambridge, Distinction

Quantum Field Theory, General Relativity, Cosmology, Group Theory, Applied Gauge Theory

• Essay: Baryogenesis in the early universe

o Advisor: Anne Davis

1986–1989 Bachelor (Mathematics), Girton College, Cambridge

Director of Studies: Ruth M. Williams

Employment

2010–2018 Managing Director, Nomura International Plc, London

Global Head of Structured Rates and Quantitative Research

1995–2010 **Managing Director**, *UBS AG*, London, Tokyo, Chicago and Singapore Financial Derivatives Trader

1989–1991 **Spacecraft Controller**, *European Space Agency*, Darmstadt, Germany Hipparcos mission to measure stellar parallax

Teaching and Supervision

2022 Supervision of undergraduate and MSc research projects

1992–1995 Problem solving classes for Part III students in Gauge Theory and QFT

Prizes

2022 MAPS Prize	Best Masters Student in Maths, Astronomy and Physics
2022 Harrie Massey Prize	Best Masters Student in Astrophysics
1995 Smith Essay Prize	Awarded for PhD thesis
1991 Mayhew Prize	Awarded for highest mark in Part III (Applied)

Skills

Programming Python, Fortran, SQL

Packages Polychord, Cobaya

Languages English (native), basic Japanese, French and German

Oral presentations

Invited

2022	Royal Astronomical Society	Conference
2021	University of Sussex	Journal Club
2021	University of Oxford	Journal Club
1995	Isaac Newton Institute (Cambridge)	Seminar
	Contributed	
1992	Queen Mary University (London)	Conference

Institutional roles

2022 Organiser, UCL Journal Club

Service to the community

1995-1995 Referee for Nuclear Physics B

2021- Referee for MNRAS

Publications

- [1] Paul Shah, Pablo Lemos, and Ofer Lahav. The impact of weak lensing on Type Ia supernovae luminosity distances. *arXiv e-prints*, page arXiv:2210.10688, October 2022.
- [2] Paul Shah, Pablo Lemos, and Ofer Lahav. Weak-lensing magnification of Type Ia supernovae from the Pantheon sample. *MNRAS*, 515(2):2305–2321, September 2022.
- [3] P. Shah, P. Lemos, and O. Lahav. A buyer's guide to the Hubble constant. *The Astronomy and Astrophysics Review*, 29(1):9, December 2021.
- [4] P. Shah. Phase transitions in a vortex gas. *Nuclear Physics B*, 438(3):589–606, February 1995.

- [5] P. Shah. Vortex scattering at near-critical coupling. *Nuclear Physics B*, 429(2):259–276, October 1994.
- [6] P. Shah and N. Manton. Thermodynamics of vortices in the plane. *Journal of Mathematical Physics*, 35(3):1171–1184, March 1994.