

# Can Cui

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## Education

**2014-2015** University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK  
Part III/MASt in Astrophysics

**2010-2014** Pennsylvania State University, University Park, USA  
B.S. in Astronomy and Astrophysics  
B.S. in Physics  
Minor in Mathematics

## Research Experience

**2014 -2015** Instiute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK  
*Part III/MASt Astrophysics Project – Searching for Progenitors of Type Ia Supernovae*

- Fitted 752 photometrically-classified Type Ia supernovae light curves by SALT2 and k-corrected them to the rest-frame
- Measured the rise time of light curves, effective temperature at maximum light and Ni mass from the progenitor systems
- Simulated light curves and performed Kolmogorov - Smirnov tests to constrain the progenitor systems

Supervised by Dr. Heather Campbell

**2012 -2014** Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pennsylvania State University, USA  
*Honours Thesis Project – Studying Star Forming Galaxies*

- Reduced the HST ACS slit-less spectroscopic data from the 3D-HST
- Selected emission-line galaxies by identifying  $H\alpha$ ,  $H\beta$  and O [II]
- Measured star formation rate through  $H\alpha$  emission, dust extinction through Balmer decrement, and stellar mass through spectra energy distribution fitting

Supervised by Prof. Robin Ciardullo

## Talk

**April 2014** Neighborhood Workshop on Astrophysics and Cosmology, Pennsylvania State University, USA  
Title: *Detecting Emission-line Galaxies at  $z\sim 1$  in 3D-HST*

## Honours

- 2012-2014**    Elsbach Honours Scholarship
- 2014-**        Member of Sigma Pi Sigma – The Physics Honour Society
- 2011-**        Member of Golden Key International Honour Society

## Programming

Python, MatLab, IDL

## Interests

Traditional Chinese Gongbi Painting, Chinese Calligraphy