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## EDUCATION

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### California Institute of Technology

Ph.D. in Physics; Advisor: Prof. James J. (Jamie) Bock

September 2015 - June 2021 (Expected)

### California Institute of Technology

M.S. in Physics

September 2015 - June 2019

### National Taiwan University

B.S. in Physics

September 2010 - June 2014

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Line Intensity Mapping, Extragalactic Background Light (EBL), Intra-Halo Light, Data Analysis, Large-scale Structure, Epoch of Reionization, Machine Learning

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### California Institute of Technology

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Advisor: Prof. James J. (Jamie) Bock

Pasadena, CA

September 2015 - Present

- Cosmic Infrared Background Experiment (CIBER)
  - Studying intra-halo light with CIBER images
  - Building analysis pipeline and characterizing noise and systematic effects for CIBER imaging data
- Intensity Mapping
  - Developing techniques to overcome the line blending problem in line intensity mapping
  - Establishing the formalism of optimal mapping strategy for large-scale structure survey
  - Performing the sensitivity forecast of redshift-dependent EBL spectrum for SPHEREx
- Tomographic Ionized Carbon Intensity Mapping Experiment (TIME)
  - Simulating the signal and foregrounds for TIME analysis pipeline
  - Developing foreground mitigation techniques for line intensity mapping
  - Analyzing TIME instrument data

### Academia Sinica of Astronomy and Astrophysics (ASIAA)

*Research Assistant*

Advisor: Dr. Tzu-Ching Chang

- Developing foreground cleaning technique for line intensity mapping

Taipei, Taiwan

May 2014 - July 2015

*Summer Student*

Advisor: Dr. Sheng-Yuan Liu, Dr. Yu-Nung Su, Mr. I-Ta Hsieh

- Modeling the starless core with radiative transfer

July 2013 - August 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

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For the complete publication list, see my [ADS](#), [Google Scholar](#), and [INSPIRE](#)

### First-author papers

- “Phase-Space Spectral Line De-confusion in Intensity Mapping”  
**Y.-T. Cheng**, T.-C. Chang, and J. J. Bock  
2020, ApJ, 901, 142; arXiv:2005.05341, DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/abb023
- “Optimally Mapping Large-Scale Structures with Luminous Sources”  
**Y.-T. Cheng**, R. de Putter, T.-C. Chang, and O. Doré  
2019, ApJ, 877, 86; arXiv:1809.06384, DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/ab1b2b
- “Spectral Line De-Confusion in an Intensity Mapping Survey”  
**Y.-T. Cheng**, T.-C. Chang, J. J. Bock, C. M. Bradford, and A. R. Cooray  
2016, ApJ, 832, 165; arXiv:1604.07833, DOI: 10.3847/0004-637X/832/2/165

## Co-author papers

- “*Line-Intensity Mapping: 2017 Status Report*”  
E. D. Kovetz, M. P. Viero, ..., **Y.-T. Cheng**, et al.  
arXiv:1709.09066
- “*A Foreground Masking Strategy for [C ii] Intensity Mapping Experiments Using Galaxies Selected by Stellar Mass and Redshift*”  
G. Sun, L. Moncelsi, M.P. Viero, ..., **Y.-T. Cheng**, et al.  
2018, ApJ, 856, 107; arXiv:1610.10095, DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/aab3e3

## Manuscripts In Preparation

- “*Probing Intra-Halo Light with Galaxy Stacking in CIBER Images*”  
**Y.-T. Cheng**, et al. (CIBER collaboration)
- “*Extragalactic Background Light Spectrum Tomography with SPHEREx*”  
**Y.-T. Cheng**, and T.-C. Chang
- “*Super-resolution Reconstruction of Severely Undersampled Point Spread Functions Using Point Source Stacking and Deconvolution*”  
T. Symons, M. Zemcov, ..., **Y.-T. Cheng**, et al.
- “*Rocket Based Measurements of the Zodiacal Light Absolute Intensity through Fraunhofer Absorption Line Spectroscopy*”  
P. M. Korngut, ..., **Y.-T. Cheng**, et al.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference/Seminar Presentations:

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| • UChicago KICP Seminar                                      | (virtual) Chicago, IL, Jan, 2021  |
| • 237th AAS Meeting  | (virtual), Jan, 2021              |
| • Berkeley BCCP Seminar                                      | (virtual) Berkeley, CA, Dec, 2020 |
| • CCA Flatiron Institute Cosmology Group Meeting             | (virtual) CCA, NY, Oct, 2020      |
| • OSU CCAPP Seminar  | (virtual) OSU, OH, Oct, 2020      |
| • Johns Hopkins U Cosmology/GW Journal Club                  | (virtual) JHU, MD, Oct, 2020      |
| • UPenn Astronomy Seminar                                    | (virtual) UPenn, PA, Sep, 2020    |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | (virtual) Caltech, CA, Sep, 2020  |
| • CCAT-prime Science Working Group Meeting                   | (virtual) Cornell, NY, Sep, 2020  |
| • CCA Flatiron Institute Lunch Talk                          | (virtual) CCA, NY, Sep, 2020      |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | Caltech, CA, Feb, 2020            |
| • L2S2 : Lines in the Large Scale Structure Conference       | Marseille, France, Jul, 2019      |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | Caltech, CA, Jun, 2019            |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | Caltech, CA, May, 2019            |
| • 233rd AAS Meeting  | Seattle, WA, Jan, 2019            |
| • Taiwanese Theoretical Astrophysics Workshop                | ASIAA, Taiwan, Sep, 2018          |
| • ASIAA Seminar  | ASIAA, Taiwan, Sep, 2018          |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | Caltech, CA, Jun, 2018            |
| • Cosmological Signals from Cosmic Dawn to the Present       | Aspen, CO, Feb, 2018              |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | Caltech, CA, Dec, 2017            |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | Caltech, CA, Nov, 2016            |
| • Caltech ObsCos Seminar                                     | Caltech, CA, Jun, 2016            |
| • Opportunities and Challenges in Intensity Mapping Workshop | KIPAC, CA, Mar, 2016              |
| • ASROC Annual Meeting (Taiwanese Astronomical Society)      | Ilan, Taiwan, May, 2015           |

### Posters:

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| • Summer School on Large-Scale Structure | Berlin, Germany, Jul, 2018 |
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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Statistical Tools: Bayesian statistics, Markov Chain Monte Carlo, Fisher analysis, Sparse Reconstruction, Machine Learning (with experience in CNN and Machine Learning Explainability)
- Programming Languages: Python (Astropy, emcee, Pandas, scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras, seaborn), SQL, IDL, Matlab, C++, Fortran, Latex
- Instrumentation: SOLIDWORKS, machine shop trained

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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Taiwan-Caltech Ministry of Education Fellowship	Sep 2015 - Aug 2019
Dean's Award of College of Science, National Taiwan University	Jun 2014

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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237th AAS meeting oral session chair	Jan 2021
233rd AAS meeting poster judge	Jan 2019
Leading physics in-class activities at Gabrielino High School, CA	Jan 2020 - Present

## REFERENCES

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Jet Propulsion Laboratory
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