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## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Berkeley, USA**  
Ph.D. Physics

2018–2023

Thesis adviser: Uroš Seljak

**University of Cambridge, UK**  
Master of Advanced Study, Mathematics

2017–2018

**Imperial College London, UK**  
MSci Physics with Theoretical Physics  
Graduated top of the cohort (approx. 250 students).

2013–2017

Thesis adviser: Fay Dowker

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Princeton University, USA**  
Postdoctoral Researcher

2023–

Adviser: David Spergel

**Simons Foundation, USA**  
Guest Researcher

2023–

Adviser: David Spergel

**The University of Tokyo (Kavli IPMU), Japan**  
Visiting Researcher (3 months)

2022

Adviser: Jia Liu

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA**  
Undergraduate Researcher (2 months)

2016

Adviser: Lindley Winslow

**Imperial College London, UK**  
Undergraduate Researcher (3 months)

2015

Adviser: Henrique Araújo

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2022

Berkeley Distinguished Graduate Fellows Video Prize (\$1,000 grant), University of California, Berkeley, 2019

The Berkeley Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2018

Abdus Salam Undergraduate Prize, Imperial College London, 2017

Governors' MSci Prize in Physics, Imperial College London, 2017

Ken Allen Prize, Imperial College London, 2016

Winton Capital Prize for Outstanding Performance in Second Year Physics, Imperial College London, 2015

EPSRC Summer Vacation Bursary (£2,200 grant), Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, 2015

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- Bayer, A. E.**, Y. Zhong, Z. Li, J. DeRose, Y. Feng, and J. Liu. “The HalfDome Multi-Survey Cosmological Simulations: N-body Simulations”. In: (July 2024). arXiv: [2407.17462](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.17462) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
- Bayer, A. E.**, J. Liu, C. D. Kreisch, and A. Pisani. “The Significance of Void Shape: Neutrino Mass from Voronoi Void-Halos?” In: (May 2024). arXiv: [2405.12302](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.12302) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
- Bayer, A. E.**, U. Seljak, and C. Modi. “Field-Level Inference with Microcanonical Langevin Monte Carlo”. In: *40th International Conference on Machine Learning*. July 2023. arXiv: [2307.09504](https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.09504) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]

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8. **Bayer, A. E.**, A. Banerjee, and U. Seljak. “Beware of fake  $\nu$ ’s: The effect of massive neutrinos on the nonlinear evolution of cosmic structure”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 105.12, 123510 (June 2022), p. 123510. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.105.123510](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.105.123510). arXiv: [2108.04215](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.04215) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
9. Kreisch, C. D., A. Pisani, F. Villaescusa-Navarro, D. N. Spergel, B. D. Wandelt, N. Hamaus, and **A. E. Bayer**. “The GIGANTES Data Set: Precision Cosmology from Voids in the Machine-learning Era”. In: *ApJ* 935.2, 100 (Aug. 2022), p. 100. DOI: [10.3847/1538-4357/ac7d4b](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ac7d4b). arXiv: [2107.02304](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.02304) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
10. **Bayer, A. E.**, U. Seljak, and J. Robnik. “Self-calibrating the look-elsewhere effect: fast evaluation of the statistical significance using peak heights”. In: *MNRAS* 508.1 (Nov. 2021), pp. 1346–1357. DOI: [10.1093/mnras/stab2331](https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stab2331). arXiv: [2108.06333](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.06333) [[astro-ph.IM](#)]
11. **Bayer, A. E.**, F. Villaescusa-Navarro, E. Massara, J. Liu, D. N. Spergel, L. Verde, B. D. Wandelt, M. Viel, and S. Ho. “Detecting Neutrino Mass by Combining Matter Clustering, Halos, and Voids”. In: *ApJ* 919.1, 24 (Sept. 2021), p. 24. DOI: [10.3847/1538-4357/ac0e91](https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ac0e91). arXiv: [2102.05049](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.05049) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
12. **Bayer, A. E.**, A. Banerjee, and Y. Feng. “A fast particle-mesh simulation of non-linear cosmological structure formation with massive neutrinos”. In: *J. Cosmology Astropart. Phys.* 2021.1, 016 (Jan. 2021), p. 016. DOI: [10.1088/1475-7516/2021/01/016](https://doi.org/10.1088/1475-7516/2021/01/016). arXiv: [2007.13394](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.13394) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
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## SELECTED TALKS

<b>University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA</b> Simons Observatory Collaboration Meeting “CMB x LSS with the HalfDome Simulations”	July 2024
<b>Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences, Split, Croatia</b> Cosmology in the Adriatic – From PT to AI “Cosmology in the Adriatic with Adrian: from field-level inference to joint analyses”	July 2024
<b>Università degli Studi di Catania - Dipartimento di Fisica e Astronomia, Catania, Italy</b> International Conference on Machine Learning for Astrophysics – 2nd Edition “Extracting optimal information from cosmological surveys with field-level inference and joint analyses”	July 2024
<b>Sexten Center for Astrophysics, Sexten, Italy</b> New Strategies For Extracting Cosmology From Future Galaxy Surveys Workshop – 2nd Edition “The HalfDome CMB x LSS Simulations”	July 2024
<b>Aspen Center for Physics, Aspen CO, USA</b> Fundamental Physics in the Era of Big Data and Machine Learning “Physics-based sampling”	June 2024

<b>Grand Arsenal, Chania, Greece</b>	May 2024
COSMO21: Statistical Challenges in 21st Century Cosmology	
“Towards an Optimal Cosmological Detection of Neutrino Mass with Joint Analyses and Field-Level Inference”	
<b>Stanford University, Stanford CA, USA</b>	April 2024
Cosmology Seminar	
“Towards an Optimal Cosmological Detection of Neutrino Mass with Field-Level Inference”	
<b>Yale University, New Haven CT, USA</b>	April 2024
Cosmology Seminar	
“Towards an Optimal Cosmological Detection of Neutrino Mass with Field-Level Inference”	
<b>Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute, New York NY, USA</b>	March 2024
Cosmology X Data Science Meeting	
“The HalfDome CMB x LSS Simulations”	
<b>The Center for Cosmology and Particle Physics, New York University, NY, USA</b>	March 2024
Astrophysics and Relativity Seminar	
“Towards an Optimal Cosmological Detection of Neutrino Mass with Field-Level Inference”	
<b>Center for Data Driven Discovery (CD3), Kavli IPMU, University of Tokyo, Japan</b>	January 2024
The CD3 x Simons Foundation workshop: AI-driven discovery in physics and astrophysics	
“Cosmological Field-Level Inference with Microcanonical Langevin Monte Carlo”	
<b>High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK), Tsukuba, Japan</b>	January 2024
ML at HEP workshop	
“Extracting optimal information from upcoming cosmological surveys”	
<b>Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute, New York NY, USA</b>	November 2023
Debating the potential of machine learning for astronomical surveys (#2) – IAP/CCA Conference	
“Cosmological Field-Level Inference with Microcanonical Langevin Monte Carlo”	
<b>Imperial College London, London, UK</b>	November 2023
Seminar	
“Towards an Optimal Cosmological Detection of Neutrino Mass”	
<b>Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland</b>	October 2023
Hamers & Nails, Frontiers in Machine Learning in Cosmology, Astro & Particle Physics	
“Cosmological Field-Level Inference with Microcanonical Langevin Monte Carlo”	
<b>Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu HI, USA</b>	July 2023
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Workshop on Machine Learning for Astrophysics	
“Field-Level Inference with Microcanonical Langevin Monte Carlo”	
<b>Sexten Center for Astrophysics, Sexten, Italy</b>	July 2023
New Strategies For Extracting Cosmology From Future Galaxy Surveys Workshop	
“Field-Level Inference with Microcanonical Hamiltonian Monte Carlo”	
<b>Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute, New York NY, USA</b>	May 2023
Cosmic Connections Symposium	
“Field-Level Inference with Microcanonical Hamiltonian Monte Carlo”	
<b>Stanford University, Stanford CA, USA (zoom)</b>	January 2023
LSST Higher-Order Statistics Meeting	
“Super-Sample Covariance of Higher-Order Statistics”	
<b>Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton NJ, USA</b>	December 2022
Cosmology Lunch	
“Towards Optimal Measurement of the Neutrino Mass using Large-Scale Structure”	
<b>Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute, New York NY, USA</b>	December 2022
Cosmology X Data Science Meeting	
“Towards Optimal Measurement of the Neutrino Mass using Large-Scale Structure”	

<b>University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA, USA</b> CMB Meeting “Towards Optimal Measurement of the Neutrino Mass using Large-Scale Structure”	December 2022
<b>Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada</b> Astronomie Speaker Series “Massive Neutrino Information in Large-Scale Structure and Field-Level Inference”	November 2022
<b>Vipolže, Slovenia</b> Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics Summer Workshop “Massive Neutrino Information in Large-Scale Structure and Field-Level Inference”	July 2022
<b>The University of Tokyo (Hongo Campus), Tokyo, Japan</b> GPU Workshop “Cosmological simulations on GPU with tensorflow”	May 2022
<b>The University of Tokyo (Kavli IPMU), Kashiwanoha, Japan</b> APEC Seminar “Towards detecting neutrino mass using non-linear cosmic structure”	April 2022
<b>Kyoto University (Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics), Kyoto, Japan</b> Cosmology with Weak Lensing: Beyond the 2-pt Statistics “Detecting neutrino mass using nonlinear cosmic structure”	April 2022
<b>Institut d’Astrophysique de Paris, Paris, France</b> Journal Club – Univers “Detecting neutrino mass using nonlinear cosmic structure”	February 2022
<b>Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute, New York NY, USA</b> Learn the Universe “The Look-Elsewhere Effect”	August 2021
<b>Pennsylvania State University, State College PA, USA</b> Statistical Challenges in Modern Astronomy VII “The Look-Elsewhere Effect from a Unified Bayesian and Frequentist Perspective”	June 2021
<b>University of Cambridge (Kavli Institute for Cosmology), Cambridge, UK</b> KICC 10th Anniversary Symposium “Look Elsewhere” (poster)	September 2019

## TEACHING

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**Bayesian Data Analysis and Machine Learning for Physical Sciences**  
Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley, 2021

**Python for Physics**  
Teaching Assistant, Imperial College London, 2016

## MENTORING

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James Sunseri (Graduate Student), Princeton University  
Project: Information Content of the Cosmic Web (co-advised with Jia Liu)

Yici Zhong (Graduate Student), The University of Tokyo  
Project: HalfDome Cosmological Simulations for Stage IV Surveys (co-advised with Jia Liu)

Malika Golshan (Undergraduate Student), UC Berkeley  
Project: Can AI reliably learn neutrino physics from N-body simulations? (co-advised with Vanessa Böhm)

## OUTREACH TALKS

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**Neutrino Mass from Cosmology: Measuring the Mass of a Needle in a Haystack** November 2023  
Astronomy on Tap, Trenton NJ, USA

## **OUTREACH**

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Astronomy on Tap (Trenton), Host and Organizer (2023, 2024)

Berkeley Compass Mentor (2022)

Adopt-a-Physicist Mentor (2020)

## **REFEREEING**

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The Astrophysical Journal (ApJ)

Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences, Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics (JCAP)

Astrophysical Journal Letters (ApJL)

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS)

Machine Learning for Astrophysics Workshop, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)