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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Astrophysical Sciences
Princeton University
Compressed likelihoods and early universe constraints for cosmic microwave background experiments
- 2018 M.A. Astrophysical Sciences
Princeton University
- 2016 M.Sc. Applied Mathematics, cum laude
University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Gravitational lensing of the cosmic microwave background: techniques and applications
- 2013 B.Sc.(Hons.), Applied Mathematics, summa cum laude
University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Real space gravitational lensing reconstruction from cosmic microwave background temperature and polarization
- 2012 B.Sc. Mathematics and Physics, with distinction
Rhodes University, South Africa

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Department of Physics and Astronomy, Rutgers University

PUBLICATIONS

- H. Prince** and J. Dunkley, *Compressed Python likelihood for large scale temperature and polarization from Planck*. Phys. Rev. D Volume 105 Issue 2 (2022), [arXiv:2104.05715](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.05715).
- S. Aiola, E. Calabrese, L. Maurin, et al. (including **H. Prince**). *The Atacama Cosmology Telescope: DR4 maps and cosmological parameters*. JCAP 12 (2020) 047. [arXiv:2007.07288](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.07288).
- S. K. Choi, M. Hasselfield, S.-P. P. Ho, et al. (including **H. Prince**). *The Atacama Cosmology Telescope: a measurement of the Cosmic Microwave Background power spectra at 98 and 150 GHz*. JCAP 12 (2020) 045. [arXiv:2007.07289](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.07289).
- H. Prince** and J. Dunkley, *Data compression in cosmology: A compressed likelihood for Planck data*. Phys. Rev. D Volume 100 Issue 8 (2019), [arXiv:1909.05869](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.05869).

R. Datta, S. Aiola, S. K. Choi, et al. (including **H. Prince**). *The Atacama Cosmology Telescope: two-season ACTPol extragalactic point sources and their polarization properties*. MNRAS 486, 5239 (2019). [arXiv:1811.01854](#).

H. Prince, K. Moodley, J. Ridl., M. Bucher. *Real space lensing reconstruction using cosmic microwave background polarization*. JCAP 01 (2018) 034., [arXiv:1709.02227](#).

B. Partridge,, L. Bonavera, M. López-Caniego, et. al. (including **H. Prince**). *Can CMB Surveys Help the AGN Community?* Galaxies, 5, 47 (2017).

AWARDS AND HONORS

Princeton University

2016 Dean's Grant (five year funding package)
Princeton University First Year Fellowship

University of KwaZulu-Natal

2014 Vincent Maphai M.Sc.Scholarship
Square Kilometer Array M.Sc. Bursary
2013 National Research Foundation of South Africa B.Sc. (Honors) Scholarship

Rhodes University

2012 Rhodes University Foundation Scholarship
Alexander Ogg Prize for Physics
David Williams Memorial Prize for Mathematics
Investec Rhodes Top 100 Award for Academic Excellence in Science

2011 Rhodes Governors Scholarship
Maryam Babangida Scholarship
Trevor Williams Prize for Physics
Sydney Cruise Memorial Prize for Mathematics
Janinne Franke Prize for Computer Science

2010 Trevor Williams Prize for Physics
Open Box Prize for Computer Science

INVITED TALKS

2021 Characterizing primordial fluctuations with the Atacama Cosmology Telescope
Astronomy Seminar Columbia University

2021 Constraining isocurvature fluctuations with the Atacama Cosmology Telescope and
the Simons Observatory
Rutgers University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 Foreground-marginalized likelihood for constraining primordial gravitational waves
with the BICEP and Keck experiments
American Astronomical Society Meeting, Seattle

- 2020 Data compression and likelihood-free inference in cosmology
American Astronomical Society Meeting, Hawaii
- 2019 Data compression in cosmology: A lightweight *Planck* likelihood
Cosmology on Safari Conference, South Africa
- 2015 Cross-correlating CMB lensing with post-reionisation HI intensity mapping surveys
Square Kilometre Array Bursary Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 2015 Real space lensing reconstruction using cosmic microwave background polarization
Cosmology on Safari Conference, South Africa
- 2014 Real space lensing reconstruction using cosmic microwave background polarization
Square Kilometre Array Bursary Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa
- 2014 Real space lensing reconstruction using cosmic microwave background polarization
South African Gravity Society Conference, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2014 Real space lensing reconstruction using cosmic microwave background polarization
Dark Side of the Universe Conference, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2014 Real space lensing reconstruction using cosmic microwave background polarization
South African Institute of Physics Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa

CAMPUS AND COLLABORATION TALKS

- 2023 Forecasting dark energy constraints for the Rubin Observatory Legacy Survey of
Space and Time
Astronomy Seminar, Rutgers University
- 2022 Compressed likelihoods and early universe constraints for cosmic microwave
background experiments
Dissertation Talk, Princeton University
- 2018 Variability of blazars at 148 GHz in the Atacama Cosmology Telescope data
Atacama Cosmology Telescope collaboration meeting, Princeton
- 2015 Cross-correlating CMB lensing with post-reionisation HI intensity mapping surveys
University of KwaZulu-Natal Research Day, South Africa
- 2014 Real space lensing reconstruction using cosmic microwave background polarization
University of KwaZulu-Natal Research Day, South Africa

TEACHING

Princeton University Prison Teaching Initiative

Instruct a unit (3-6 weeks) of a semester-long course accredited by Raritan Valley Community College or Rutgers University in a New Jersey correctional facility

Introductory Astronomy Course Developer (to be taught in Fall 2023)
Mathematics in the Courtroom (Spring 2023)
Mathematics: Pre-Algebra (Fall 2022, Spring 2019)
Introductory Physics with Laboratories (Spring 2020)
Mathematics: Pre-Calculus (Fall 2018)

Princeton University

Planets in the Universe: Teaching Assistant (Fall 2017)

University of KwaZulu-Natal

Physics Tutor, upper-level undergraduate classes (2014-2015)

Rhodes University

Physics Tutor (2011-2012)

Physics and Electronics Laboratories (2012)

RELEVANT COURSEWORK AND WORKSHOPS TAKEN

- 2021 Fundamentals of Machine Learning, Princeton University
- 2021 Modern Statistics, Princeton University
- 2019 Workshop on the Boltzmann-Einstein solvers CLASS and SONG, Center for Computational Astrophysics, New York
- 2017 Physics of the Universe, Princeton University
- 2016 Software Engineering for Scientific Computing, Princeton University
- 2014 Radio Astronomy School, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
- 2014 Exploiting Nature's Telescopes: A first look at the Hubble Space Telescope Frontier Fields, Durban, South Africa

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages

C/C++

Python

Markup Languages

L^AT_EX

Software

NumPy, SciPy, pandas

scikit-learn

Astropy

Core Cosmology Library

Cosmological parameter estimation codes including CosmoSIS and Cobaya

Boltzmann codes including CLASS and CAMB

MCMC sampling codes including emcee

Simulation based inference codes including pydelfi

OUTREACH

- 2023 Illuminating the dark sector of the universe from the Atacama Desert (April 2023)
Amateur Astronomers, Inc. Lecture, Cranford NJ
- 2022 Infrared light and the James Webb Space Telescope
Elementary school science day activities
- 2019 Astronomy talk and Q&A
Skype a Scientist virtual classroom talk, California

- 2019 Junior Girl Scout Career Talk
Cranford NJ
- 2019 Girl Scout Career Day Panel
Springfield NJ
- 2014- Astrophysics presentations at several high schools
2015 Durban, South Africa

ORGANIZER

- 2021 Mental health workshop for graduate students, Princeton NJ
- 2019 Astrophysics Department discussion on Maunakea and the Thirty Meter Telescope,
Princeton NJ
- 2018 Free weekly yoga classes for students and staff in the Astrophysics Department,
Princeton NJ

REFERENCES

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