

SS 2025 Advanced Cosmology Seminars: Presentation Topics

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(including material originally presented by C. Pfrommer and J. Hennawi)

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1. Supernovae and Cosmology

Nobel Prize: http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/2011/#

SCP Website: <http://supernova.lbl.gov>

Popular Article: *Supernovae, Dark Energy, and the Accelerating Universe*
Perlmutter, S. 2003, Physics Today, 56, 040000
<http://supernova.lbl.gov/PDFs/PhysicsTodayArticle.pdf>

Review Article: *Measuring Cosmology with Supernovae*

Perlmutter, S., & Schmidt, B.~P. 2003, *Supernovae and Gamma-Ray Bursters*, 598, 195
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/9116g28114206078/fulltext.pdf>
<http://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0303428>

Article: *Observational Evidence from Supernovae for an Accelerating Universe and a Cosmological Constant*

Riess, A. G., Filippenko, A. V., Challis, P., et al. 1998, *AJ*, 116, 1009
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1998AJ....116.1009R>

Article: *Measurements of Omega and Lambda from 42 High-Redshift Supernovae*

Perlmutter, S., Aldering, G., Goldhaber, G., et al. 1999, *ApJ*, 517, 565
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1999ApJ...517..565P>

Review Article: *The Cosmological Constant*

Carroll, S. M. 2001, *Living Reviews in Relativity*, 4, 1
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2001LRR.....4....1C>

2. Cold Dark Matter & Numerical Cosmology

Millennium simulation web site:

<http://www.mpa-garching.mpg.de/galform/virgo/millennium/>

Mare Nostrum simulation web site:

<http://astro.ft.uam.es/marenostrom/universe/index.html>

Review Article:

Numerical simulations of the dark universe: State of the art and the next decade

Kuhlen, Michael; Vogelsberger, Mark; Angulo, Raul, 2012 *Physics of the Dark Universe*, Volume 1, Issue 1, p. 50-93.

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2012PDU.....1...50K>

Article for the millennium simulation:

Springel, V., White Simon, et al. 2005, *Nature*, 435, 629
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2005Natur.435..629S>

Seminal Article: *The evolution of large-scale structure in a universe dominated by cold dark matter*

Davis, M., Efstathiou, Frenk C., White S.D.M, 1985, *ApJ*, 292, 371
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1985ApJ...292..371D>

3. From Dark Matter Halos to Galaxies

Seminal paper: *Core condensation in heavy halos - A two-stage theory for galaxy formation and clustering*

White, S.D.M & Rees M., 1978, *MNRAS*, 183, 341

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1978MNRAS.183..341W>

Seminal paper: *Galaxy formation through hierarchical clustering*

White S.D.M & Frenk, C., 1991, *ApJ*, 379, 52

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1991ApJ...379...52W>

Review Article: *A primer on hierarchical galaxy formation: the semi-analytical approach* C.M. Baugh, 2006, Rep. Prog. Phys. 69, 3101 <http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2006RPPh...69.3101B>

Review Article: *Understanding Galaxy Formation and Evolution*
Avila-Reese, 2007, Ap&SS, 115
<http://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0605212>

Review Article: *Galaxy Formation Theory*
Benson, A. J. 2010, Phys. Rep, 495, 33
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2010PhR...495...33B>

Review Article: *Physical Models of Galaxy Formation in a Cosmological Framework*
Somerville, R. S. & Dave, R. 2015, ARAA, 53, 51
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015ARA%26A..53...51S>

4. Alternatives to a Cosmological Constant

Note: All articles are quite technical and theory oriented. We do not expect you to master the complex math of this field but to give a general overview of the alternatives to simple cosmological constant and their possible effect on structure formation.

Review Article: *The Cosmological Constant*
Carroll, S. M. 2001, Living Reviews in Relativity, 4, 1
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2001LRR....4....1C>

Review Article: *Dark matter and dark energy proposals: maintaining cosmology as a true science?*
George Ellis 2009, EAS Publications Series, Volume 36, 2009, pp.325-336
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2009EAS....36..325E>

Journal Article: *Dark energy and inhomogeneity*
George Ellis 2008, Journal of Physics: Conference Series, Volume 189, Issue 1
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2009JPhCS.189a2011E>

Review Article: *Dark energy and dark gravity: theory overview*
Ruth Durrer, Roy Maartens, 2008,
General Relativity and Gravitation, Volume 40, Issue 2-3, pp. 301-328
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2008GRGr..40..301D>
(very technical, look mainly to page 314 tp 320)

Review Article: *Dark Energy simulations*
Marco Baldi 2012, Physics of the Dark Universe, Volume 1, Issue 1, p. 162-193
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2012PDU.....1..162B>

5. Cosmic Microwave Background

WMAP Website: <http://map.gsfc.nasa.gov>

Movies: Sensitivity of CMB power spectrum to cosmological parameters, Martin White
<http://astro.berkeley.edu/~mwhite/movies.html>

CMB Tutorial: Introduction to the CMB Tutorial, Wayne Hu
<http://background.uchicago.edu/~whu/beginners/introduction.html>

Online Notes: Wayne Hu's Notes on CMB Fundamentals
http://background.uchicago.edu/~whu/Papers/cmbfun_hr.pdf

Popular Article: *The Cosmic Symphony*
M. White & W. Hu, Scientific American, 2003
http://astro.berkeley.edu/~mwhite/sciam03_short.pdf

Review Article: *Cosmic Microwave Background Anisotropies* Hu, W., & Dodelson, S. 2002, ARAA, 40, 171
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2002ARA%26A..40..171H>

Review Article: *The Cosmic Microwave Background*
Jones, A., & Lasenby, A. 1998, Living Reviews in Relativity, 1, 11
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1998LRR.....1...11J>

Article: *First-Year Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) Observations: Determination of Cosmological Parameters*
Spergel, D. N., Verde, L., Peiris, H. V., et al. 2003, ApJS, 148, 175
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2003ApJS..148..175S>

Article: *Three-Year Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) Observations: Implications for Cosmology*
Spergel, D. N., Bean, R., Dore, O., et al. 2007, ApJS, 170, 377
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2007ApJS..170..377S>

Article: Planck 2013 results. XVI. Cosmological parameters
Planck Collaboration, arXiv:1303.5076
http://www.aanda.org/index.php?option=com_article&access=doi&doi=10.1051/0004-6361/201321591

6. Weak Gravitational Lensing

Euclid mission (ESA web site):
<http://sci.esa.int/science-e/www/area/index.cfm?fareaid=102>
<http://sci.esa.int/science-e/www/object/index.cfm?fobjectid=46661>

Euclid consortium web page:
<http://www.euclid-imaging.net/>

Book (really long!): *Euclid Imaging Consortium Science Book*
Refregier et al. 2010
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1001.0061>

Review Article: *Weak Gravitational Lensing and its Cosmological Applications*
Hoekstra H. & Jain B., 2008, 85, 93
<http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev.nucl.58.110707.171151>

Review Article: *Weak Gravitational Lensing*
Bartelmann, M. & Schneider P. 2001, 340, 291
<http://xxx.lanl.gov/abs/astro-ph/9912508>

Review Article: Cosmology with weak lensing survey Dipak M, et al.
2008, PhRv, 462, 67 http://adsabs.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/bib_query?arXiv:astro-ph/0612667

7. Emerging cosmological probes (review 2201.07241)

Choose two probes among the ones presented in this review
<https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2022LRR....25....6M/abstract>

8. CMB Polarization, and Gravity Waves from Inflation

Online Tutorial on CMB Polarization, by Wayne Hu:
<http://background.uchicago.edu/~whu/polar/webversion/polar.html>

Review Article: *A CMB Polarization Primer*
White, M. & Hu, W.
<http://arxiv.org/pdf/astro-ph/9706147.pdf>
<http://ads.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/abs/1997NewA....2..323H>

Article: *Signature of Gravity Waves in the Polarization of the Microwave Background*
Seljak, U & Zaldarriaga, Matias, 1997, Physical Review Letters, 78, 2054 <http://ads.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/abs/1997PhRvL..78.2054S>

Article: *Planck* 2013 results. XXII. Constraints on inflation, Planck Collaboration
Planck Collaboration, 2013, arXiv:1303.5082
<http://www.aanda.org/articles/aa/pdf/forth/aa21569-13.pdf>

See in particular the “Lighting Review of Inflation” in Section 2
Article: *Detection of B-Mode Polarization at Degree Angular Scales by BICEP2*

Planck Collaboration

<http://ads.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/abs/2014PhRvL.112x1101A>

Article: *Planck intermediate results. XXX. The angular power spectrum of polarized dust emission at intermediate and high Galactic latitudes*

Planck Collaboration, arXiv: 1409.5738

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1409.5738>

Commentary: *Big Bang blunder bursts the multiverse bubble*

Steinhardt, P. 2014, Nat, 510, 9

<http://www.nature.com/news/big-bang-blunder-bursts-the-multiverse-bubble-1.15346>

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014Natur.510....9S>

Article: *A joint analysis of Planck and BICEP2 B modes including dust polarization uncertainty*

Mortonson, M. J., & Seljak, U. 2014, arXiv:1405.5857

<http://ads.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/abs/2014arXiv1405.5857M>

Article: *Toward an understanding of foreground emission in the BICEP2 region*

Flauger, R, Hill, J. C., & Spergel, D. N, 2014, JCAP, 8, 39 <http://ads.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/abs/2014JCAP...08..039F>

9. Galaxy Clusters as Cosmological Probes

X-ray Satellites

Chandra satellite: <http://chandra.si.edu/about/>

XMM-Newton satellite: <http://sci.esa.int/science-e/www/area/index.cfm?fareaid=23>

Review Article: *Tracing cosmic evolution with clusters of galaxies* Voit,

G. M. 2005, Reviews of Modern Physics, 77, 207

http://rmp.aps.org/abstract/RMP/v77/i1/p207_1

Review Article: *Cosmology with Clusters of Galaxies*

Borgani, S.: 2008, LNP, 740, 287

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2008LNP...740..287B>

Review Article: *Formation of Galaxy Clusters* Kravtsov,

A. V. & Borgani, S. 2012, ARAA, 50, 353

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2012ARA%26A..50..353K>

Review Article: *Cosmological Parameters from Observations of Galaxy Clusters* Allen,

S. W., Evrard, A. E., & Mantz, A. B. 2011, ARAA, 49, 409

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2011ARA%26A..49..409A>

Article: *Chandra Cluster Cosmology Project III: Cosmological Parameter Constraints*

Vikhlinin, A., et al. 2009, ApJ, 692, 1060

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2009ApJ...692.1060V>

10. The Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect

South Pole Telescope: <http://pole.uchicago.edu>

Atacama Cosmology Telescope: <http://www.physics.princeton.edu/act>

Planck Satellite: <http://sci.esa.int/planck/>

Review Article: *Cosmology with the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect* Carlstrom, J. E., Holder, G. P., & Reese, E. D. 2002, ARAA, 40, 643
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2002ARA%26A..40..643C>

Review Article: *Formation of Galaxy Clusters* Kravtsov, A. V. & Borgani, S. 2012, ARAA, 50, 353
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2012ARA%26A..50..353K>

Review Article: *Cosmological Parameters from Observations of Galaxy Clusters* Allen, S. W., Evrard, A. E., & Mantz, A. B. 2011, ARAA, 49, 409
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2011ARA%26A..49..409A>

Article: *The Atacama Cosmology Telescope: Cosmology from Galaxy Clusters Detected via the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect* Sehgal, N., Trac, H., Acquaviva, V., et al. 2011, ApJ, 732, 44
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2011ApJ...732...44S>

Article: *A Sunyaev-Zel'dovich-selected Sample of the Most Massive Galaxy Clusters in the 2500 deg² South Pole Telescope Survey* Williamson, R., Benson, B. A., High, F. W., et al. 2011, ApJ, 738, 139
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2011ApJ...738..139W>

Article: *Discovery and Cosmological Implications of SPT-CL J2106-5844, the Most Massive Known Cluster at $z > 1$* Foley, R. J., Andersson, K., Bazin, G., et al. 2011, ApJ, 731, 86
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2011ApJ...731...86F>

Article: *Planck 2013 results. XX. Cosmology from Sunyaev-Zeldovich cluster counts* Planck Collaboration 2013, arXiv:1303.5080
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2013arXiv1303.5080P>

11. Strong Gravitational Lensing

Book: *Gravitational Lensing: Strong, Weak, and Micro* Schneider, P., Kochanek, C., Wambsganss, 2006
<http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-540-30310-7/page/1>

Saas-Fee Advanced Course. Entire book available for download. Lots of theoretical details, but instead focus on Part 2 by C.S. Kochanek, on the different types of lenses observed, and primary observational results.

Review Article: *Cluster Lenses*

Kneib, J. P., Natarajan, P. 2011, A&ARv, 19, 47

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00159-011-0047-3>

Review Article: *Arc Statistics*

Meneghetti, M., Bartelmann, M., Dahle, H., & Limousin, M. 2013, SSRv, 177, 31

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11214-013-9981-x>

Review Article: *Applications of Gravitational Lensing in Cosmology*

Bartelmann, M. 2006, Astrophysics Update 2, 213

http://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/3-540-30313-8_7

Article: *Characterizing the Cluster Lens Population*

Hennawi, J. F., Dalal, N., Bode, P., & Ostriker, J. P. 2007, ApJ, 654, 714

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2007ApJ...654..714H>

Article: *CLASH: The Concentration-Mass Relation of Galaxy Clusters*

Merten, J., Meneghetti, M., Postman, M., et al. 2015, ApJ, 806, 4

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015ApJ...806....4M>

Review Article: *Strong Lensing by Galaxies*

Treu, T. 2010, ARA&A 48, 87

<http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/full/10.1146/annurev-astro-081309-130924>

12. Non-Einsteinian Gravity

Book: *Dark Energy. Theory and Observations*. L. Amendola & S. Tsujikawa (2010)

13. Gravitational waves and cosmology

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1807.09241.pdf>

<https://phys.org/news/2018-10-gravitational-dark.html>

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1710.05893.pdf>

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1801.06683.pdf>

14. Galaxy Clustering & Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

SDSS Web Site: <http://www.sdss.org>

Martin White's BAO Page: <http://astro.berkeley.edu/~mwhite/bao/>

Review Article: *Baryon Acoustic Oscillations*

Basset, B. & Hlozek, R., chapter contributed to the book "Dark Energy", Ed. P. Ruiz-Lapuente, Cambridge University Press

<http://arxiv.org/abs/0910.5224>

Review Article: *Dark Energy and Cosmic Sound*

Eisenstein, D. J. 2005, NAR, 49, 360

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2005NewAR..49..360E>

Article: *Detection of the Baryon Acoustic Peak in the Large-Scale Correlation Function of SDSS Luminous Red Galaxies*

Eisenstein, D. J., Zehavi, I., Hogg, D. W., et al. 2005, ApJ, 633, 560

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2005ApJ...633..560E>

Review Article: *Measuring our Universe from Galaxy Redshift Surveys*

Lahav, O., & Suto, Y. 2004, Living Reviews in Relativity, 7, 8

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2004LRR.....7....8L>

15. The Ly α Forest & the Intergalactic Medium

Review Article: *The physics of the intergalactic medium*

Meiksin, A. A. 2009, Reviews of Modern Physics, 81, 1405

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2009RvMP...81.1405M>

Review Article: *The Lyman Alpha Forest in the Spectra of QSOs*

Rauch, M. 1998, ARAA, 36, 267

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1998ARA%26A..36..267R>

Review Article: *The Ly α Forest as a Cosmological Tool*

Weinberg, D. H. et al. 2003, The Emergence of Cosmic Structure, 666, 157

<http://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0301186>

Article: *Can Sterile Neutrinos Be the Dark Matter?*

Seljak, U., Makarov, A., McDonald, P., & Trac, H. 2006, PRL, 97, 191303

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2006PhRvL..97s1303S>

Article: *Cosmological parameters from combining the Lyman- α forest with CMB, galaxy clustering and SN constraints*

Seljak, U., Slosar, A., & McDonald, P. 2006, JCAP, 10, 14

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2006JCAP...10..014S>

Article: *The Thermal Memory of Reionization History*

Hui, L., & Haiman, Z. 2003, ApJ, 596, 9

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2003ApJ...596....9H>

Article: *Constraints from the Ly α Forest Power Spectrum*
Zaldarriaga, M., Hui, L., & Tegmark, M. 2001, ApJ, 557, 519
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2001ApJ...557..519Z>

Review Article: *The Evolution of the Intergalactic Medium*
McQuinn, M. 2015, ARAA, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.00086>

16. First Light & Cosmic Reionization

Popular Article: *The First Stars in the Universe and Cosmic Reionization*
Barkana, R. 2006, Science, 313, 931
<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/313/5789/931.full.pdf>

Review Article: *Observational Constraints on Cosmic Reionization* Fan,
X., Carilli, C. L., & Keating, B. 2006, ARAA, 44, 415
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2006ARA%26A..44..415F>

Review Article: *In the beginning: the first sources of light and the reionization of the universe*
Barkana, R., & Loeb, A. 2001, Phys. Rep., 349, 125
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2001PhR...349..125B>

Review Article: *The physics and early history of the intergalactic medium*
Barkana, R., & Loeb, A. 2007, Reports on Progress in Physics, 70, 627
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2007RPPh...70..627B>

Article: *A luminous quasar at a redshift of $z = 7.085$*
Mortlock, D. J., Warren, S. J., Venemans, B. P., et al. 2011, Nature, 474, 616
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2011Natur.474..616M>

Article: *Lower-Luminosity Galaxies could reionize the Universe: Very Steep Faint-End Slopes to the UV Luminosity Functions at $z \geq 5-8$ from the HUDF09 WFC3/IR Observations*
Bouwens, R. J., Illingworth, G. D., Oesch, P. A., et al. 2011, arXiv:1105.2038
<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2011arXiv1105.2038B>
New JWST data: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2211.02607.pdf>

Review Article: *The Evolution of the Intergalactic Medium*
McQuinn, M. 2015, ARAA, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.00086>

Book Chapter: *Observing the Epoch of Reionization with the Cosmic Microwave Background*
Reichardt, C. L., 2016, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1511.01117>

Article: *HERA Phase I Limits on the Cosmic 21 cm Signal: Constraints on Astrophysics and Cosmology during the Epoch of Reionization*
The HERA collaboration, Abdurashidova, Z., Aguirre, J. E., Alexander, P., et al., ApJ 924, 2, 30, 2022, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.07282>

Review Article: *Quasars and the Intergalactic Medium at Cosmic Dawn*

Fan, X., Banados, E., Simcoe, R. A., *ARAA* 2023, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2212.06907.pdf>

Book recommendation: The cosmic 21-cm revolution. Charting the first billion years of our universe. Mesinger, Andrei, 2020. Bristol: IOP Publishing

17. Cosmological tests of gravity

Review Article: *Measuring gravity at cosmological scales*

Amendola, L. et al. 2019

<http://inspirehep.net/record/1720827>

18. Reheating in inflation

Review: *Lectures on Reheating after inflation*

K. Lozanov

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1907.04402.pdf>

Review: *The Physics of inflation*

D. Baumann

https://www.icts.res.in/sites/default/files/baumann_icts_dec2011.pdf

Article: *Reheating after inflation*

Kofman, Linde, Starobinski

<http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/1994PhRvL..73.3195K>

19. Primordial black holes

Massive Primordial Black Holes as Dark Matter and their detection with Gravitational Waves

Juan Garcia-Bellido, arXiv:1702.08275.

Constraints on Primordial Black Holes with Extended Mass Functions

F.Kühnel, K. Freese, *Phys.Rev. D*95 (2017) no.8, 083508, arXiv:1701.07223.

Review: PBHs as dark matter candidates

Carr and Kühnel

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.02821>