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### I. EDUCATION

1996 Ph.D. in Astrophysics, Princeton University  
1991 Master of Science, National Chiao-Tong University  
1989 Bachelor of Science, National Taiwan University

### II. EMPLOYMENT

1998 – present Professor,  
Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics, University of Toronto  
2016 – 2019 Interim Director  
Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics, University of Toronto  
2017 – present TD Lee Visiting Professor  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai  
1997 – present Adjunct Research Fellow  
Academia Sinica Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Taiwan  
2014 – present Associate  
Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Waterloo, Canada

### III. FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020 Governor General's Innovation Awards  
Project Title: *Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME)*  
2019 2020 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics (1/347 share)  
2018 Humboldt Prize  
2018 Simons Investigator Award  
1995 – 1998 Harvard Junior Fellow  
1994 – 1995 Princeton Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship  
Citation: *The highest honorific fellowship awarded by the Graduate School is conferred annually upon the student who, in the judgement of the University faculty, displayed the highest scholarly excellence.*  
1994 Ray Grimm Computational Physics Prize  
1990 – 1991 Taiwan Ministry of Education Graduate Scholarship

### IV. SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

2007 – 2024 17 Postdocs/ 18 PhD/ 8 Master Students/Master Thesis  
Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics, University of Toronto

### V. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1998 – present Faculty, University of Toronto, CITA, cross appointments to Dept of Physics and Dept of Astronomy and Astrophysics, regularly taught courses in three departments. Minimal current obligations.

## VI. ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2016 – 2019 Scintillometry Workshops.  
*Annual: Bonn (2016), Toronto (2017), Shanghai (2018), Bonn (2019)*
- 2019 Galaxy Angular Momentum Alignment, SOC, TDLI, Shanghai

## VII. MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

- 2013 – present Thoth Technology Inc.,  
Real time VLBI, Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics
- 2013 – present CHIME, CHIME-FRB, CHIME-VLBI
- 2012 – present Pulsar Scintillometry
- 2011 – 2018 CAASTRO (ARC Centre of Excellence for All-sky Astrophysics), Australia
- 2015 – 2018 TianNu collaboration:  
implemented world's large N-body simulation on then fastest supercomputer,  
TianHe-2, info at <https://www.cita.utoronto.ca/~haoran/thnu/movie.html>

## VIII. Most Significant Contributions

### 1. *21cm cosmology*

21cm cosmology investigates the radio emissions of intergalactic hydrogen gas at the 21 cm wavelength. This technique has revealed much about the early Universe, including the so-called Dark Ages and the Epoch of Reionization. I am an internationally-recognized leader in this field whose work opened a new window for the precision study of dark energy and neutrinos. I have published a series of 26 papers on this topic since 2006, which have garnered over 1,368 citations.

Li, Dongzi; Zhu, Hong-Ming; Pen, Ue-Li. Cross-correlation of the kinematic Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect and 21 cm intensity mapping with tidal reconstruction. (2019). *Physical Review Research*. 100(2): id.023517.

Zhu, Hong-Ming; Pen, Ue-Li; Yu, Yu; Chen, Xuelei. (2018). Recovering lost 21 cm radial modes via cosmic tidal reconstruction. *Physical Review D*. 98(4): id.043511.

Anderson, C. J.; Luciw, N. J.; Li, Y.-C.; Kuo, C. Y.; Yadav, J.; Masui, K. W.; Chang, T.C.; Chen, X.; Oppermann, N.; Liao, Y.-W.; Pen, U.-L.; Price, D. C.; Staveley-Smith, L.; Switzer, E. R.; Timbie, P. T.; Wolz, L. (2017). Low-amplitude clustering in low-redshift 21-cm intensity maps cross-correlated with 2dF galaxy densities. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*. 476(3): 3382-3392.

### 2. *Fast Radio Bursts*

Fast radio bursts are one of the most important topics in astrophysics today. My earlier work on 21cm intensity mapping contributed to the ambitious CHIME observatory, which has turned Canada into a world leader in the search for FRBs. Since directly entering this field in 2015, I have published 8 papers with over 213 citations.

CHIME/FRB Collaboration. (2020). A repeating fast radio burst source localized to a nearby spiral galaxy. *Nature*. 577(7789): 190-194.

CHIME/FRB Collaboration. (2020). Periodic activity from a fast radio burst source, accepted by *Nature*.

- CHIME/FRB Collaboration. (2019). A second source of repeating fast radio bursts, *Nature*, 566(7743):235-238
- CHIME/FRB Collaboration. (2019). Observations of Fast Radio Bursts at Frequencies down to 400 Megahertz. *Nature*. 566(7743): 230-234.
- Masui, K., Lin, H., Pen, U.L., et al. (2015). “Dense magnetized plasma associated with a fast radio burst”. *Nature*, 528(7583), 523525G.

3. *Pulsar measurements of fundamental physics*

I pioneered the new field of pulsar scintillometry in 2012. I have published 16 papers in this area which are not starting to receive attention, with a preliminary 83 citations. This series demonstrates the ability of scintillometry to precisely localize gravitational wave sources, constrain scalar gravitational modes, supernova neutrinos, and more.

Main, R., Yang, I. -S., Chan, V., Li, D., Lin, F. X., Mahajan, N., Pen, U.-L., van Kerkwijk, M. (2018). Pulsar emission amplified and resolved by plasma lensing in an eclipsing binary. *Nature* 557, 522-525.

Pen, UeLi; Macquart, JeanPierre; Deller, Adam T.; Brisken, Walter. (2014). “50 picoarcsec astrometry of pulsar emission”, *MNRAS*, 440, 36.

4. *Cosmic Structure*

This has been an ongoing interest of mine since my PhD work. I have published over 100 papers in this area that have received over 7,000 citations since 1994. Recent examples include:

Yu, H.R., Pen, U., Wang, X. (2018). Parity-odd Neutrino Torque Detection. Submitted to *Physical Review Letters*, Retrieved from arXiv:1810.11784

Yu et al. (2017). Differential Neutrino Condensation onto Cosmic Structure, *Nature Astronomy* 1, 0143.

Pen and Turok. (2016) Shocks in the early universe, *Physical Review Letters* 117, 1301