

# ALEXIS YEE SHAN LAU

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## EDUCATION

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### Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Marseille (LAM), France

Oct 2020 - Dec 2023

PhD in Optique, Photonique et Traitement d'image. Thesis title: "PSF Estimation and Deconvolution of Hyper-spectroscopic Data"

Supervisors: Benoit Neichel, Romain Fetick, Thierry Fusco, Olivier Beltramo-Martin

### University of Exeter, UK

Sep 2016 - Jul 2020

MPhys Physics with astrophysics, First Class Honours

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### PSF Estimation and Deconvolution

Oct 2020 - Dec 2023

PhD

Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Marseille (LAM)

- Conducting fine analysis of AO images and deconvolution
- Optimising PSF estimation process from science images
- Generalisation to hyper-spectral data
- Application to solar system observations

### Direct Imaging of Exoplanets and Circumstellar Disks

May 2018 - June 2020

Masters' Thesis, researcher

University of Exeter

- Analysed H, K and L band data from W.M. Keck Observatory
- Developed and Applied a pipeline for automated data analysis and candidates search
- Performed photometric and astrometric analysis of candidates

### How magnetic geometries influences the amount of open flux

Jun - Sep 2019

Researcher

University of Exeter

- Built magnetic field geometries by mixing higher order of modes with dipole and implemented to existing magneto-hydrodynamics model
- Created a pipeline in Python for extracting and analysing data from simulations of stellar wind

## SKILLS

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### Technical

Python, C, IDL, SQL, Matlab, Octave, Git, Latex, conda

### Languages

Native: Cantonese, English, Mandarin; Basic: French

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed

**Lau, A.**, Fetick, R., Neichel, B. , Beltramo-Martin O., Fusco, T. *'Improved Prior for Adaptive Optics Point Spread Function Estimation from Science Images: Application for Deconvolution.'* Astronomy Astrophysics, 2023.

Hinkley, S., et al (including **Alexis Lau**), *'Discovery of an Edge-on Circumstellar Debris Disk around BD+45° 598: A Newly Identified Member of the  $\beta$  Pictoris Moving Group'*, The Astrophysical Journal, 2021.

### Non Peer reviewed

**Lau, A.**, Fetick, R., Neichel, B. , Beltramo-Martin O., Fusco, T. *'Towards robust deconvolution of hyperspectral data cubes'*, Proc. SPIE 12185, Adaptive Optics Systems VIII, 2022.

Muslimov, E., et al (including **Alexis Lau**), '*Current status of PAPHYRUS: the pyramid based adaptive optics system at LAM/OHP*', Proc. SPIE 11876, Optical Instrument Science, Technology, and Applications II, 2021.

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SCHOOLS

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AO4ELT7 (Oral presentation), 2023  
LAM-GRD Seminar (Oral presentation), 2023  
SPIE Astronomical Instrumentation (Poster presentation), 2022  
NYRIA Workshop (Oral presentation), 2021, 2022  
[AO4ASTRO2](#) (Oral presentation), 2021  
[Spatially Resolved Spectroscopy with Extremely Large Telescopes](#) (Oral presentation), 2021  
ORP Instrumentation School, 2023  
European Adaptive Optics Summer School, 2021  
ESCAPE Summer School, 2021  
LAM High Angular Resolution Summer School, 2020

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Seminar organising committee at Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Marseille 2022  
[NYRIA](#) workshop organising committee 2022, 2023 (main-organiser)

## ACADEMIC, TEACHING AND OUTREACH EXPERIENCES

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**Teaching Experience Univeristy of Exeter** May 2020 – June 2020

- Supervised master students to get started with the direct imaging survey

**Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Marseille (LAM)** May 2023 – Aug 2023

- Supervised a master student to work on AO-image deconvolution
- Supervised a student to work on solar AO-image deconvolution

### Outreach Experience

SpaceExe, University of Exeter (Sep 2016 – 2020)

- Local Organising Committee of "Space:Exe Space Science and Astronomy Conference" (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Organising and managing scientific projects, e.g. XRT-C, an awarded students' project for building a 4.5m radio telescope in Cornwall
- Participating in the local Science Festivals and Organising community stargazing events

## REFERENCES

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