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Research Interests

- Low surface brightness astrophysics: galaxy outskirts, intracluster/intragroup lights, ultra-diffuse galaxies.
- Galaxy evolution: quenching, formation of massive galaxies, star formation scaling relations, galaxy-halo connection.
- Statistical methods and machine learning in astrophysics.

Education

Graduate Student, Department of Astrophysical Sciences, Princeton University, U.S. — Starting from Aug 2021

Bachelor of Science (highest honor), Department of Astronomy, Peking University, China — Sept 2016 - July 2020

- Major: Astrophysics GPA: 3.80/4.00 Rank: 2 / 28 | Detailed Transcript

  Thesis: *Probing low surface brightness features in the NGC 1052 field with Dragonfly Telephoto Array*

  Advisors: Pieter van Dokkum & Luis C. Ho

Research Positions

Research Assistant, KIAA, Peking University, China	Sept 2020 – Aug 2021
Undergraduate Research Intern, Yale University, U.S.	June 2019 – Sept 2019
Undergraduate Research Fellow, University of California, Santa Cruz, U.S.	Oct 2018 – Jan 2019
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Peking University, China	July 2017 – June 2020

References

Prof. Jenny Greene — Princeton University
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Prof. Yingjie Peng — Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Peking University
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Prof. Alexie Leauthaud — University of California, Santa Cruz
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Prof. Pieter van Dokkum — Yale University
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Publications

1. **Li J.**, Huang S., Leauthaud A., Moustakas J., Danieli S., Greene J., Abraham R., Ardila F., Kado-Fong E., Lokhorst D., Lupton R., Price P., Reaching for the Edge I: Probing the Outskirts of Massive Galaxies with HSC, DECaLS, SDSS, and Dragonfly, arXiv:2111.03557, MNRAS submitted.
2. Danieli S., van Dokkum P., Trujillo-Gomez S., Kruijssen D., Romanowsky A., Carlsten S., Shen Z., **Li J.**, et al., NGC5846-UDG1: A galaxy formed mostly by star formation in massive, extremely dense clumps of gas, arXiv:2111.14851, ApJL submitted.
3. Liu Q., Abraham R., Gilhuly C., van Dokkum P., Martin P. G., **Li J.**, Greco J. P., et al., A Method To Characterize the Wide-Angle Point Spread Function of Astronomical Images, arXiv:2110.11598, ApJ submitted.
4. Keim M. A., van Dokkum P., Danieli S., Lokhorst D., **Li J.**, Shen Z., Abraham R., et al., Tidal Distortions in NGC1052-DF2 and NGC1052-DF4: Independent Evidence for a Lack of Dark Matte, arXiv:2109.09778, ApJ submitted.

5. Miller T. B., van Dokkum P., Danieli S., **Li J.**, Abraham R., Conroy C., Gilhuly C., Greco J. P., Liu Q., Lokhorst D., Merritt A., The Dragonfly Wide Field Survey. II. Accurate Total Luminosities and Colors of Nearby Massive Galaxies and Implications for the Galaxy Stellar Mass Function, *ApJ*, 909, 74 (2021).
6. van Dokkum P., Lokhorst D., Danieli S., **Li J.**, Merritt A., Abraham R., Gilhuly C., Greco J. P., Multi-resolution filtering: an empirical method for isolating faint, extended emission in Dragonfly data and other low resolution images, *PASP*, 132, 1013 (2020).
7. Danieli S., Lokhorst D., Zhang J., Merritt A., van Dokkum P., Abraham R., Conroy C., Gilhuly C., Greco J., Janssens S., **Li J.**, Liu Q., Miller T., Mowla L., The Dragonfly Wide Field Survey. I. Telescope, Survey Design and Data Characterization, *ApJ*, 894, 2 (2020).

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award in Beijing (北京市本科优秀毕业论文)	Sept 2020
Weiming Bachelor ("未名学士" 称号)	June 2020
Outstanding Graduate of General Colleges and Universities in Beijing (北京市普通高校优秀毕业生)	June 2020
Outstanding Graduate of Peking University (北京大学优秀毕业生)	June 2020
PKU Scholar in Physics (未名物理学子)	2017 – 2020
Tang Li-Xin Scholarship (10,000 RMB per year, most competitive scholarship in PKU)	May 2019
AEON Scholarship, Peking University (10,000 RMB, 2/202)	Sept 2018
Leo KoGuan Scholarship, Peking University (10,000 RMB, 4/202)	Oct 2017
Lin-bridge Prize for Excellent Undergraduate Research (2,800 RMB, endowed by Prof. Douglas Lin)	Sept 2018
Merit Student, Peking University	2017, 2018
First Prize, 8th China Undergraduate Physicists Tournament	Aug 2017
Meritorious Winner in Mathematical Contest In Modeling (MCM/ICM)	Apr 2018
Silver Medal, 9th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA)	Aug 2015
Gold Medal & Best Result, China National Astronomy Olympiad	2014, 2015
Gold Medal (3rd place), 1st Princeton University Physics Competition	Jan 2015

Computer Skills

Skilled in: Python, LaTeX, Mathematica, Shell/Bash, Git.

Experienced with:
- Significant experience with HSC, DECaLS, Dragonfly, MaNGA, IllustrisTNG
- Manipulating catalogs, analyzing dataset and visualization
- Photometry for galaxies and low surface brightness features

Often-used Packages: `Astropy`, `IRAF`, `SExtractor`, `SWarp`, `The tractor`, `GalSim`, `emcee`, `PyTorch`.

Software Contributions:
- `mrf`: Multi-Resolution Filtering – a method for isolating faint extended emission in Dragonfly data and other low resolution images
- `kungpao`: Photometric analysis library for Hyper Suprime-Camera images
- `unagi`: For searching and downloading data from Hyper Suprime-Camera
- More works can be found on my Github: `@AstroJacobLi`

Observation Experience

Merian Survey with 4-m Blanco telescope and DECam: 7 nights	2021-2022
Shane 3-m Telescope, UCO Lick Observatory: 2 nights observation of spectroscopy.	Jan 2019
Xinglong 2.16-m Telescope (NAOC): 2 nights observation of photometry.	Oct 2019
Peking University 40-cm Telescope (PKUFT): photometry and spectroscopy	2017 – 2019

Outreach Experience

- President of Peking University Youth Astronomy Society (largest academic student association at PKU).
  I organized and also gave public talks on topics in astrophysics.
- Mentor of the Chinese Astronomy Olympiad National Team, and wrote a textbook on Astronomy Olympiad.
- Invited to a television show “Voice” (开讲啦) on CCTV-1 as a youth representative.
  I talked about the public outreach of astronomy in China and the future of Chinese astronomy.