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Scientific Interests

Physics tests of gravity, gravitational waves, new physics beyond standard model

Astrophysics pulsar timing, neutron stars, black holes, dark matter, cosmology

Statistics data analysis, Bayesian inference, Monte Carlo experiments

Education & Profession

2017-present Scientific Staff, Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy, Bonn.

In the group "Fundamental Physics in Radio Astronomy" supervised by Michael Kramer

2015–2017 Junior Scientist, Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert Einstein Institute).

In the group "Astrophysical and Cosmological Relativity" supervised by Alessandra Buonanno

2010–2015 **Doctor of Theoretical Physics**, School of Physics, Peking University.

Jointly supervised by Michael Kramer, Bo-Qiang Ma, and Norbert Wex

2011–2013 **Visiting Scholar**, Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy, Bonn.

Supported by China Scholarship Council (CSC)

2007–2010 Bachelor of Physics, School of Physics, Peking University.

Grade-Point Average (GPA): 3.64/4.00

2007-2010 Double Degree of Economics, National School of Development, Peking University.

Grade-Point Average (GPA): 3.30/4.00

Summer 2009 Intercourse, Institute of Astronomy, National Tsing Hua University.

Supported by Hui-Chun Chin and Tsung-Dao Lee Chinese Undergraduate Research Endowment

2005–2007 Electronics, School of Electronics Engineering and Computer Science, Peking University.

Changing Major to Physics in July 2007

Memberships in Research Activities

2014-present Pulsar Science Working Group of The Square Kilometre Array (SKA)

2016-present Synergy with GWs Working Group of the enhanced X-ray Timing and Polarimetry (eXTP) Mission

2017-present Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) Data Challenge

2017-present GWIC Third Generation Ground-based Detectors (3G) Science Case Team Working Groups

2017-present BlackHoleCam Project

2015–2017 The Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) Scientific Collaboration

Selected Publication

2017 L. Shao, N. Sennett, A. Buonanno, M. Kramer, N. Wex, Phys. Rev. X 7 (2017) 041025.
Constraining nonperturbative strong-field effects in scalar-tensor gravity by combining pulsar timing and laser-interferometer gravitational-wave detectors.

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2017 A. Bohé, L. Shao, A. Taracchini, A. Buonanno, et al., Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 044028.
Improved effective-one-body model of spinning, nonprecessing binary black holes for the era of gravitational-wave astrophysics with advanced detectors.

* Implemented as the SEOBNRv4 waveform model in LIGO Algorithm Library (LAL)

2016 L. Shao, Phys. Rev. D 93 (2016) 084023.

Testing the strong equivalence principle with the triple pulsar PSR J0337+1715.

- * Featured by PRD editors as an Editors' Suggestion
- 2014 L. Shao, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014) 111103.

Tests of local Lorentz invariance violation of gravity in the standard model extension with pulsars.

- * Featured by School of Physics, Peking University
- 2013 L. Shao, R.N. Caballero, M. Kramer, N. Wex, D.J. Champion, A. Jessner, Class. Quantum Grav. 30 (2013) 165019.

A new limit on local Lorentz invariance violation of gravity from solitary pulsars.

- * Communicated by Editor-in-Chief & Selected in Highlights of 2013-2014
- 2013 L. Shao, N. Wex, Class. Quantum Grav. 30 (2013) 165020.

New limits on the violation of local position invariance of gravity.

- * Communicated by Editor-in-Chief & Selected in Highlights of 2013-2014
- 2012 L. Shao, N. Wex, Class. Quantum Grav. 29 (2012) 215018.

New tests of local Lorentz invariance of gravity with small-eccentricity binary pulsars.

- * Communicated by Editor-in-Chief & Selected in Highlights of 2012–2013
- 2010 L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma, Physica A 389 (2010) 3109.

The significant digit law in statistical physics.

* Invited to Wolfram Demonstrations ("Benford's law in statistical physics," by D. Pan, L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma)

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Science China - Physics, Mechanics and Astronomy ©Springer

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Universe © MDPI

Supervising Graduates

2017-present George Lampropoulos, Master thesis, University of Bonn; co-supervised with Dr. Norbert Wex.

Tests of scalar-tensor theories with binary pulsars

Teaching Experience

Autumn 2013 Teaching Assistant, School of Physics, Peking University.

Quantum Statistical Physics

Autumn 2010 **Teaching Assistant**, *Peking University*.

What is Science?

Spring 2010 **Teaching Assistant**, National School of Development, Peking University.

Probability Theory and Statistics

Autumn 2009 **Teaching Assistant**, National School of Development, Peking University.

Linear Algebra (awarded as an Excellent Teaching Assistant)

Summer 2007 Aid Education, Luodian City, Guizhou Province.

Summer 2006 Aid Education, Daning City, Shanxi Province.

Academic Activities

Dec 2017 Invited Talk, Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy & University of Bonn.

The 11th Bonn Workshop on Formation and Evolution of Neutron Stars

- Oct 2017 **Invited Talk**, *The 656th WE-Heraeus-Seminar, Bremen, Germany*. Fundamental Physics in Space
- Aug 2017 **Invited as a Key Participant**, *CERN*, *Geneva*, *Switzerland*. Probing the Dark Sector and General Relativity at All Scales
- May 2017 **Oral Presentation**, *La Pirogue Resort*, *Flic en Flac*, *Mauritius*. Fundamental Physics with the Square Kilometre Array
- Sep 2016 **Oral Presentation**, *University of Szczecin, Poland*. Varying Constants and Fundamental Cosmology
- July 2016 **Oral Presentation**, *Zunyi, Guizhou, China*. FAST Pulsar Symposium 5
- Mar 2016 **Invited Talk**, *Chinese Embassy in Berlin, Germany*.

 The First Detection of Gravitational Waves and Related Astrophysics
- Nov 2015 **Seminar Talk**, *Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics*. Tests of Local Lorentz Invariance of post-Newtonian Gravity
- July 2015 **Invited Talk**, *Huazhong University of Science and Technology*. Testing Spacetime Symmetries with Radio Pulsars
- July 2015 **Oral Presentation**, *Mingantu, Inner Mongolia, China*. FAST Pulsar Symposium 4
- Apr 2015 **Invited Talk**, *National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Sciences*. Testing Spacetime Symmetries with Radio Pulsars
- Mar 2015 **Oral Talk**, *The Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Peking University*. Testing Spacetime Symmetries with Radio Pulsars
- Aug 2014 Invited Talk, Indiana University, Bloomington, US.
 Gravitational Tests of Lorentz Invariance
- July 2014 **Oral Presentation**, *Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, Shanghai, China*. FAST Pulsar Symposium 3
- June 2014 **Oral Presentation**, *Giardini Naxos, Italy*.

 Advancing Astrophysics with the Square Kilometre Array
- Apr 2013 **Oral Presentation**, Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy & University of Bonn. The 3rd Bonn Workshop on Gravitational Waves and Gravity Tests
- Jan 2013 Invited Talk, Aspen Center for Physics, Aspen CO, US.
 Physical Applications of Millisecond Pulsars
- Aug 2012 **Poster Presentation**, *China National Convention Center*.

 The 28th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union (IAU)
- July 2012 **Invited Talk**, *Stockholm University*, *Stockholm Sweden*. The 13th Marcel Grossmann Meeting
- May 2011 **Oral Presentation**, *Institute of High Energy Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences*. Workshop on Lorentz and CPT Violation in Astrophysics and Cosmology
- Jan 2011 **Oral Presentation**, *Department of Physics, National Taiwan University*.

 The Second APCosPA Winter School/Workshop on Cosmology and Particle Astrophysics
- Aug 2010 **Summer School**, *Department of Astronomy, Nanjing University*. Summer School on Frontiers of Astronomy and Astrophysics
- Jan 2010 **Oral Presentation**, *Department of Physics, National Taiwan University*. The First APCosPA Winter School on Cosmology and Particle Astrophysics
- Sept 2009 **Oral Presentation**, *Institute of High Energy Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences*. The 5-th International Conference on Quarks and Nuclear Physics

Publication List << with stars (⋆) marking first-author/corresponding-author papers ▷▷

- □ 400 □ 2017 B.P. Abbott, et al., [arXiv:1712.01168].

 Constraints on cosmic strings using data from the first Advanced LIGO observing run.
- □ 459 □ 2017 B.P. Abbott, et al., [arXiv:1711.05578].
 □ GW170608: Observation of a 19-solar-mass binary black hole coalescence.

- □ Search for post-merger gravitational waves from the remnant of the binary neutron star merger GW170817.
- d 57 d 2017 Y.W. Wu, G. Torricelli-Ciamponi, M. Massi, R.J. Reid, B. Zhang, L. Shao, X.W. Zheng, Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. (accepted) [arXiv:1711.07598]. Revisiting LS I +61°303 with VLBI astrometry.
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 □ Gravitational waves and gamma-rays from a binary neutron star merger: GW170817 and GRB170817A.
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- □ 48 □ 2017 B.P. Abbott, et al., Phys. Rev. D (submitted) [arXiv:1710.02327].
 □ First narrow-band search for continuous gravitational waves from known pulsars in advanced detector data.
- \triangleleft **46** \triangleright 2017 B.P. Abbott, *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* (submitted) [arXiv:1709.09203]. First search for nontensorial gravitational waves from known pulsars.
- * < 45 ▷ 2017 N. Sennett, L. Shao, J. Steinhoff, *Phys. Rev. D* 96 (2017) 084019 [arXiv:1708.08285]. Effective action model of dynamically scalarizing binary neutron stars.
 - \triangleleft 44 \triangleright 2017 B.P. Abbott, et al., Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) 062002 [arXiv:1707.02667]. All-sky search for periodic gravitational waves in the O1 LIGO data.
- * < 42 > 2017 L. Shao, Class. Quantum Grav. 34 (2017) 175011 [arXiv:1707.06535].

 An independent test on the local position invariance of gravity with the triple pulsar PSR J0337+1715.
 - □ 41 □ 2017 B.P. Abbott, et al., Astrophys. J. 847 (2017) 47 [arXiv:1706.03119].

 Upper limits on gravitational waves from Scorpius X-1 from a model-based cross-correlation search in Advanced LIGO data.
- * < 39 ▷ 2017 L. Shao, B. Zhang, *Phys. Rev. D* 95 (2017) 123010 [arXiv:1705.01278]. Bayesian framework to constrain the photon mass with a catalog of fast radio bursts.
 - □ 38 ▷ 2017 B.P. Abbott, et al., Phys. Rev. D 96 (2017) 022001 [arXiv:1704.04628].

 Search for intermediate mass black hole binaries in the first observing run of Advanced LIGO.
 - ⊲ 37 ▷ 2017 B.P. Abbott, et al., Phys. Rev. D 95 (2017) 122003 [arXiv:1704.03719].

 Search for gravitational waves from Scorpius X-1 in the first Advanced LIGO observing run with a hidden Markov model.
- * < 36 > 2017 L. Shao, N. Sennett, A. Buonanno, M. Kramer, N. Wex, *Phys. Rev. X* 7 (2017) 041025 [arXiv:1704.07561].

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- * < 31 ▷ 2016 L. Shao, N. Wex, *Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astron.* 59 (2016) 699501 [arXiv:1604.03662]. Tests of gravitational symmetries with radio pulsars.
- * \triangleleft 30 \triangleright 2016 L. Shao, *Phys. Rev. D* 93 (2016) 084023 [arXiv:1602.05725]. Testing the strong equivalence principle with the triple pulsar PSR J0337+1715.
- * < 29 > 2015 L. Shao, I.H. Stairs, J. Antoniadis, A.T. Deller, P.C.C. Freire, J.W.T. Hessels, G.H. Janssen, M. Kramer, J. Kunz, C. Lämmerzahl, V. Perlick, A. Possenti, S. Ransom, B.W. Stappers, W. van Straten, PoS (AASKA14) 042 [arXiv:1501.00058].

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- * < 26 ▷ 2015 L. Shao, N. Wex, M. Kramer, in *Proceedings of the Thirteenth Marcel Grossmann Meeting on General Relativity* (World Scientific, Singapore, 2015), p. 1704 [arXiv:1211.6558].

 New tests of local Lorentz invariance and local position invariance of gravity with pulsars.
- * < 25 ▷ 2014 L. Shao, Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 122009 [arXiv:1412.2320].

 New pulsar limit on local Lorentz invariance violation of gravity in the standard-model extension.
- * < 24 ▷ 2014 L. Shao, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112 (2014) 111103 [arXiv:1402.6452].

 Tests of local Lorentz invariance violation of gravity in the standard model extension with pulsars.
- * < 22 ▷ 2013 L. Shao, N. Wex, Class. Quantum Grav. 30 (2013) 165020 [arXiv:1307.2637]. New limits on the violation of local position invariance of gravity.
- * < 21 ▷ 2013 L. Shao, R.N. Caballero, M. Kramer, N. Wex, D.J. Champion, A. Jessner, *Class. Quantum Grav.* 30 (2013) 165019 [arXiv:1307.2552]

 A new limit on local Lorentz invariance violation of gravity from solitary pulsars.
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 New constraints on preferred frame effects from binary pulsars.
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- * < 17 ▷ 2011 L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma, *Phys. Rev. D* 83 (2011) 127702 [arXiv:1104.4438]. Lorentz violation induced vacuum birefringence and its astrophysical consequences.
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 OPERA superluminal neutrinos and evolutions of spacetime concepts (in Chinese).
- * < 15 ▷ 2011 L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma, *J. Shanxi Datong Univ.* 27 (2011) 19.

 Quantum gravitational relic effects on low energy photons (in Chinese).

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- \triangleleft 12 \triangleright 2010 Z. Xiao, L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma, *Eur. Phys. J. C* 70 (2010) 1153 [arXiv:1011.5074]. Eikonal equation of the Lorentz-violating Maxwell theory.
- * < 11 ▷ 2010 L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma, *Mod. Phys. Lett. A* 25 (2010) 3251 [arXiv:1007.2269]. Lorentz violation effects on astrophysical propagation of very high energy photons.
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- * < **09** ▷ 2010 **L. Shao**, B.-Q. Ma, *Physica A* 389 (2010) 3109 [arXiv:1005.0660]. The significant digit law in statistical physics.
- * < **08** ▷ 2010 **L. Shao**, B.-Q. Ma, *Sci. Tech. Rev.* 28 (2010) 98. First digit law of the Nature (in Chinese).
- * < **07** ▷ 2010 **L. Shao**, Z. Xiao, B.-Q. Ma, *Astropart. Phys.* 33 (2010) 312 [arXiv:0911.2276]. Lorentz violation from cosmological objects with very high energy photon emissions.
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- * \triangleleft **05** \triangleright 2010 **L. Shao**, Y.-J. Zhang, B.-Q. Ma, *Phys. Lett. B* 686 (2010) 136 [arXiv:1002.4747]. Sea quark contents of octet baryons.
- * < **04** > 2010 **L. Shao**, Y. Zhang, B.-Q. Ma, *Chin. Phys. C* 34 (2010) 1417 [arXiv:1008.1689]. Parton distribution functions and nuclear EMC effect in a statistical model.
- * < **03** ▷ 2009 **L. Shao**, B.-Q. Ma, *Mod. Phys. Lett. A* 24 (2009) 3275 [arXiv:1004.3077]. First digit distribution of hadron full width.
 - □ Q D Y. Zhang, L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma, Nucl. Phys. A 828 (2009) 390 [arXiv:0909.0454].

 Nuclear EMC effect in a statistical model.
 - □ V. Zhang, L. Shao, B.-Q. Ma, Phys. Lett. B 671 (2009) 30 [arXiv:0812.3294].

 Statistical effect in the parton distribution functions of the nucleon.