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## Education

### The Ohio State University(OSU)

BS IN PHYSICS AND BS IN ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS

Columbus, Ohio

Jan. 2021 - Present

- GPA 3.93 (Summa Cum Laude)
- Research Distinction in Astronomy & Astrophysics

### Shandong Jiaotong University(SDJTU)

BE IN ENGINEERING

Jinan, China

Aug. 2018 - Jan. 2021

- Already Transferred to OSU

## Publications

### Detecting Biosignatures in Nearby Rocky Exoplanets using High-Contrast Imaging and Mid-Resolution Spectroscopy with Extremely Large Telescope

Astronomical Journal

Huihao Zhang, Ji Wang, Michael K. Plummer; *Under Review*

Aug, 2023

### The Development of HISPEC for Keck and MODHIS for TMT: Science Cases and Predicted Sensitivities

Proceedings of SPIE

Q., Konopacky, A., Baker, D., Mawet, M., Fitzgerald, and others (including Huihao Zhang); *arXiv:2309.11050*

Sep, 2023

### Specsim and it's Web Interface: a Calculator for SNR and Exposure Time Calculations of TMT-MODHIS and Keck-HISPEC

PASP

Ashley Baker, Huihao Zhang, Dimitri Mawet; *In Prep*

Sep, 2023

### Realizing the Full Potential of Clumped Isotopes as an Orthogonal Exoplanet Biosignature

Astrophysical Journal

Ji Wang and Huihao Zhang, Amy Hofmann, Eddie Schwieterma; *In Prep*

Oct, 2023

## Research Projects

### Exposure Time Calculator (ETC) for Keck-HISPEC and TMT-MODHIS

Pasadena, CA

MENTOR: PROF. DIMITRI MAWET, DR. ASHLEY BAKER; CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

June. 2023 - Present

- Provides updates on instrument throughput as well as instrument coupling for the simulation packages TMT-MODHIS and Keck-HISPEC based on official data.
- Recompiles the direct imaging exoplanets functions of simulation packages of TMT-MODHIS and Keck-HISPEC.
- Provides web interface to exposure time calculator for TMT-MODHIS and Keck-HISPEC.
- Provides exemplary scientific cases for the TMT-MODHIS and Keck-HISPEC simulation package.
- The main language of the project is Python, and the main libraries used in this project are PICASO, PSISim, specsim, Astropy, NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib.
- This project was selected by Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) of Caltech and was awarded a ten-week (June - Aug, 2023) research fellowship for a total of \$7,000 (Approx)

### Quantifying the Ability of JWST and E-ELT to Detect Biosignatures in the Atmosphere of Exoplanets.

Columbus, Ohio

MENTOR: PROF. JI WANG; THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Nov. 2021 - Present

- Based on NASA's publicly available data, we assume that TRAPPIST-1 e has the atmosphere of Modern Earth and Archean Earth.
- We use PICASO/petitRADTRANS for simulating the transmission spectra of TRAPPIST-1 e and use PandExo for simulating JWST observation results of TRAPPIST-1 e (transiting)
- We use the BT-Settl model to simulate the flux of TRAPPIST-1, assuming that TRAPPIST-1 e has an Earth-like albedo (Modern), and use the method proposed by Dr. Ji Wang and Dr. Dimitri Mawet et al. to simulate the results of ELT direct imaging of TRAPPIST-1 e.
- Based on the method proposed by Caprice Phillips and Dr. Ji Wang et al. to quantify the ability of JWST and ELT to detect a single gas biosignature in the atmosphere of exoplanets, we proposed a method to detect the ability of JWST and ELT to detect a gas pair biosignatures.
- The main language of the project is Python, and the main libraries used in this project are PICASO, PandExo, petitRADTRANS, Astropy, NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib.
- This project was selected by Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP) of Ohio State University and was awarded a three-month (May - July, 2022) research fellowship for a total of \$6,000 (Approx)

## Presentation & Poster

### 2023 Great Lake Exoplanet Area Meeting

PRESENTATION: WEB PLATFORM FOR CALCULATIONS OF SNR AND EXPOSURE TIME WITH SPECSIM FOR TMT-MODHIS AND KECK-HISPEC

- H., Zhang, A., Baker., D., Mawet, HISPEC/MODHIS team.

Bloomington, IN

Oct. 2023

### 2023 NASA Sagan Summer Workshop

POSTER: BIOSIGNATURE DETECTABILITY IN ROCKY EXOPLANET WITH ELT-HARMONI AND ELT-METIS IN DIFFERENT CORONAGRAPH CONTRAST LEVELS

- H., Zhang, J., Wang., M., Plummer.

Pasadena, CA

Aug. 2023

### 242 Meeting of the American Astronomical Society

POSTER: ASSESSING THE FEASIBILITY OF HIGH-CONTRAST DIRECT IMAGING IN NIR AND MID-RESOLUTION MODE WITH ELTS FOR ATMOSPHERE OF ROCKY EXOPLANETS

- H., Zhang, J., Wang., M., Plummer.

Albuquerque, NM

June. 2023

### 2023 Spring Undergraduate Research Festival

PRESENTATION: QUANTIFYING THE ABILITY OF E-ELT(DIRECT IMAGING) AND JWST(TRANSIT METHOD) TO DETECT BIOSIGNATURES

- H., Zhang, J., Wang.

Columbus, OH

Apr. 2023

### 2022 Great Lake Exoplanet Area Meeting

PRESENTATION: QUANTIFYING THE ABILITY OF JWST TO DETECT BIOSIGNATURES

- H., Zhang, J., Wang.

Columbus, OH

Nov. 2022

## Observation Experience

### WASP imager on the 200-inch Telescope, Palomar Observatory

co-PI

- Target: ZTF23aatkmu, one night observation

San Diego, CA

Aug. 2023

## Honors & Awards

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| 2023    | <b>Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships</b> , Selected by the Student-Faculty Programs of Caltech        | Pasadena, CA      |
| 2023    | <b>NASA Eclipse Ambassador</b> , Selected by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific                          | San Francisco, CA |
| 2022    | <b>Ann Slusher Tuttle Award</b> , Recognizes outstanding astronomy majors, nominated by faculty               | Columbus, OH      |
| 2022    | <b>URAP Research Fellowship</b> , Selected by the office of undergraduate education of Ohio State University. | Columbus, OH      |
| 2022    | <b>Smith Sophomore Award</b> , Recognizes outstanding physics majors(sophomore), nominated by faculty.        | Columbus, OH      |
| 2021-23 | <b>Dean's List(6 out of 6)</b> , The Ohio State University  | Columbus, OH      |
| 2020    | <b>Third-class of scholarship</b> , Recognizes outstanding safety engineering majors, nominated by faculty    | Jinan, China      |

## Skills

**Programming** Python, Mathematica, LaTeX, HTML, SQL, Javascript, CSS

**Technology** PSIsim(developer), Specsime(developer), Flask, PyQt5, Celery, PandExo, PICASO, petitRADTRANS, Astropy, sklearn, Keras

**Languages** English(Fluent), Chinese(Native)

## Extracurricular Activity & Volunteering

### NASA Partner Eclipse Ambassador

MEMBER

- A program designed to serve over 200 people in local underrepresented communities for NASA and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific
- Spread knowledge of Astronomy as well as organizing local eclipse-related events

San Francisco, CA

Jan. 2023

### Friends of Ohio State Astronomy and Astrophysics

VOLUNTEER

- Providing directions, organizing signage
- Answer questions from participants

Columbus, Ohio

Oct. 2022

## Fan translation(Chinese) of Youtube channel Launch Pad Astronomy

MEMBER&VOLUNTEER

*Cyber Space*

*May. 2022 - PRESENT*

- I was given permission to translate four videos as a volunteer and post them on the Chinese community Bili Bili.
- Videos currently receives 12k plays on Bili Bili.