

LINDA ZHENYU JIN

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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara

September 2020–December 2023

Bachelor of Science, Physics | Minor, Comparative Literature

Santa Barbara, CA

- Major GPA: 3.93/4.00; GPA: 3.90/4.00; High Honors (Top 8.5%), Dean's Honors, 2023 Worster Research Fellowship

Experience

GenAI Research Data Analyst

September 2024–Present

Professor Uros Seljak, The Berkeley Center for Cosmology Physics (BCCP)

Department of Physics, UC Berkeley

- Improve field-level cosmological inference with generative models (GenAI) by building a conditional U-Net (map-to-map Convolutional Neural Network) in Pytorch for high-resolution hydrodynamical simulations.
- Configure the kernels and the loss function with physics constraints in both Euclidean and Fourier space.
- Compare generation performance with conditional Diffusion Model variations, Gaussian Processors, and Normalizing Flows and achieve superior field-level performance for total matter map generation compared to previous models.
- Develop through National Energy Research Scientific Computing (NERSC) Perlmutter supercomputer.
- Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy project "Surrogating High Dimensional Probability Distributions with Deep Learning for Scientific Inference and Data Analysis".

Astrophysics-ML Research Assistant

April 2022–September 2024

Professor Joseph F. Hennawi, ENIGMA Group

Department of Physics, UCSB

- Created a first machine-learning (ML) solution to extract thermal information of intergalactic medium at post-Reionization epoch.
- Trained emulation error to 0.5% with hyper-parameter optimization and training time within 5 seconds, superior than previous emulators for Ly α data.
- Ran NumPyro Hamiltonian Monte Carlo with Bayesian inference for accurate parameter estimation within 10 seconds, reduced the cost per effective sample by 20 times in comparison with the traditional interpolation model.
- Propagated uncertainty to pass credibility test for out-of-distribution data with accelerated inference by 99.3%.
- Achieved same-level parameter constraints while using only 10% of original simulations, saving ~ 17 M GPU hours.

Observatory Laboratory Assistant

March 2023–June 2023

Globular and Open Clusters Comparison Study in Professor Philip Lubin lab

Department of Physics, UCSB

- Led a team to work with the LCO's SBIG STL-6303 0.4m telescope for data collection and conduct the analysis on Hertzsprung-Russell Diagrams for Clusters M13 and M6.
- Produced and presented a research report that would serve as reference for further deduction about the properties of galaxies based on their locations on the graph, archived as writing samples for the lab course.

Publication & Talks

Jin, Z., Wolfson, M., Henna, J. F., & González-Hernández, D. (2024). Neural network emulator to constrain the high- z IGM thermal state from Lyman- α forest flux auto-correlation function. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. <https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stae2741>.

Northwestern University Prof. Claude-André Faucher-Giguère's Group Meeting | *Online*

January 2025

The University of Chicago Prof. Nick Gnedin's Cosmology Group Meeting | *Online*

November 2024

2023 Worster Summer Research Fellowship Awardee Presentation | *UCSB*

November 2023

Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics | *University of California, Merced*

January 2023

2022 KITP Undergraduate Physics Research Symposium | *Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics*

September 2022

Leadership & Extracurricular

VP of Finance | The Women's Network, UCSB

October 2022–June 2023

Peer Advisor | College of Letters & Science Academic Advising, UCSB

April 2022–June 2023

VP of Events | UCSB Chinese Students and Scholars Association

August 2020–February 2022

Skills & Related Coursework

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| • Machine Learning, JAX, Pytorch, Tensorflow, Optuna, Hugging Face | Jupyter, Fortran | Graphic design, Canva, Figma | • Statistics, Data Analysis, and Machine Learning for Physicists |
| • GitHub, Supercomputer operation, Python, | • AWS, Amazon SageMaker, ZenML, Comet ML, Docker | • Quantum Mechanics | |
| | • L ^A T _E X, Presentation, | • Cosmology, Gravitation and Relativity | |