

# QING LIU

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)** *September 2014 - Present*  
Undergraduate, Department of Astronomy, School of Physics  
Overall GPA: 88.10/100      Junior GPA: 91.53/100      Rank: 3/20

## STANDARDIZED TESTS

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**TOEFL**    105 (R30 L26 S22 W27)      **IELTS**    7.5 (R8.0 L8.5 S6.0 W6.5)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Stellar Population Synthesis (SPS) & Analysis  
Galaxy Formation and Evolution  
Star-forming Main Sequence, Radial Profiles, 2D Patterns  
Big Data Survey, Integral Field Unit (IFU) Survey  
Statistics, Machine learning & Computer Vision in Astronomy

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Summer Research, University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC)** *July 2017 - Present*  
*With Prof. Sandra Faber & Prof. David Koo*

- Generating synthetic SED for different **star formation history (SFH)** models
- Computing model **color evolutions** and match them with  $0.5 < z < 2.5$  observations from **CANDELS**
- Testing SFH models derived from abundance matching and main sequence with **SED-fitting**
- Fine-tuning models on effects of fluctuations, metallicity and emission lines

**Undergraduate Research, USTC** *October 2016 - May 2017*  
*With Prof. Xu Kong & Dr. Enci Wang*

- Manipulating SED fitting & emission line fitting on SDSS galaxy spectra
- Extracting resolved quantities (eg.  $\Sigma_*$ ,  $\Sigma_{SFR}$ ) of nearby galaxies from **MaNGA** data
- Exploring patterns and trends in **spatially-resolved star formation** activities
- Studying dependencies of resolved SFMS in star-forming galaxies on global properties

**Summer Research, National Astronomical Observatory (NAOC)** *August 2016*  
*With Prof. You-jun Lu*

- Reconstructing synthetic spectra with **Binary Black Hole (BBH)** double-disk accretion models
- Inferring posterior physical properties of BBH in Mrk231 from Keck spectra with **MCMC**
- Simulating BBH dynamical & frictional timescales in separate coalescence stages

**Course Project: Image Deconvolution** *May 2017*

- Recovering faint exoplanet signals in direct imaging data from Gemini and HST based on Karhunen-Loeve Transformation and High-pass Filtering

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

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| CANDELS Team Meeting  | August 2017   |
| <i>-Talk: Properties of Stellar Populations in Star-forming Galaxies Based on SED-fitting</i>         |               |
| Galaxy Formation & Evolution Workshop   | August 2017   |
| SDSS-IV MaNGA Team Meeting & MaNGA Data Workshop  | November 2016 |
| Annual Conference of Astronomical Society of China  | October 2016  |
| NAOC Observational Astrophysics Workshop  | July 2016     |
| <i>-Talk: Data Reduction &amp; Calibration: Spectroscopy and Photometry for Time-domain Astronomy</i> |               |

## PUBLICATION

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1. **From Classic to Realistic: Connetting Star Formation Histories and Color Evolutions of  $0.5 < z < 2.5$  Galaxies in CANDELS** *first author, in prep*
2. **Resolved Main Sequence in Local Star-forming Galaxies Following Inside-out and Outside-in Mass Assembly Modes** *first author, submitted to MNRAS*
3. What Determines the Local Metallicity of Galaxies: Global Stellar Mass, Local Stellar Mass Surface Density or Star Formation Rate? *Gao et al. 2017, submitted to ApJ*
4. The Properties of Massive Star-forming galaxies with Outside-in Assembly Mode *Wang et al. 2017, ApJ, 844, 144*

## SKILLS & TECHNIQUES

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| <b>Computer Languages</b>     | Python (>3 yrs) , R , IDL , C , Shell , Mathematica   |
| <b>Software</b>               | DS9 , IRAF/Pyraf (General)<br>GALAXEV , FSPS , SMpy (SPS)<br>SExtractor , AstroImageJ (Photometry)<br>FAST , STARLIGHT , ppxf, ifuana1 (SED-fitting)<br>scikit-learn/image , astroML , PyTorch (Machine Learning) |
| <b>Statistical Techniques</b> | regression, PCA, factor analysis, hypothetical testing,<br>Bayesian inference, classification, clustering, cross validation and etc.  |

## APPOINTMENT

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| <b>Research Assistant</b>                                   | November 2015 - Present                              |
| Key Laboratory for Research in Galaxies and Cosmology, USTC |  |
| <b>Teaching Assistant</b>                                   | Fall 2017  |
| AY14204   | Galaxies in the Universe (for 4th-yr UG & 1st-yr PG) |

## VISITING

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| Shanghai Normal university (ShNU)   | September 2017             |
| University of California, Santa Cruz  | June 2017 - September 2017 |
| <i>-Talk: Resolved Main Sequence in Local SFGs Following Two Star-Forming Scenarios</i> |                            |
| Shanghai Astronomical Observatory (SHAO)  | October 2016, June 2014    |
| National Astronomical Observatory (NAOC)  | Summer 2016, August 2013   |
| Mauna Kea Observatory, Subaru Telescope   | February 2016              |
| Purple Mountain Observatory (PMO)   | July 2015                  |