Qiaoya Wu

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Education

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), PhD candidate

Aug 2021 - present

Advisor: Yue Shen

Research: Quasar spectral surveys; AGN photoionization

Xiamen University (XMU), Bachelor of Astronomy

Sep 2017 - Jun 2021

Thesis: Spin mode reconstruction in Lagrangian space

Advisor: Hao-Ran Yu, Jianfeng Wu

Research: Cosmological N-body simulations; Black hole binaries

Followships and Awards

Chu Excellence in Research Graduate Student Award, UIUC	Apr 2025
Lewis E. Snyder Graduate Student Travel Award, UIUC	Mar 2025
CAPS Graduate Fellowship, Center for AstroPhysical Surveys, UIUC	2022-2023
Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards, XMU	Jun 2021
Caiwenzhong Fellowship, College of Physics Science and Technology, XMU	Apr 2020
Academic Excellence Scholarship, Department of Astronomy, XMU	Oct 2019
Guangqi Fellowship, Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, CAS	May 2019
National Scholarship, PRC Ministry of Education	Nov 2018

Approved Proposals

Wu, **Q. (PI)**, Shen, Y. *HST UV Spectroscopy of High-accretion-rate AGNs and the Origin of Offset in the Broad-Line Region Size-Luminosity Relation*. 19 orbits with **HST**. HST-GO-17433.

Wu, **Q**. **(PI)**, Wu, J., Sai, H. *Long-Term Optical Monitoring on the Black Hole Binary MAXI J1820+070*. 120 hours with **LCOGT**. CTAP2021-A0019.

Publications

Major contribution papers

- · Wu, Q., Shen, Y., Guo, H., et al. (2025). Understanding the Broad-line Region of Active Galactic Nuclei with Photoionization. I The Moderate-Accretion Regime. The Astrophysical Journal 980 (1), 134.
- · Wu, Q., & Shen, Y. (2023). Improved Redshifts for DESI EDR Quasars. Research Notes of the AAS, 7(9), 190.
- · Wu, Q., & Shen, Y (2022). A Catalog of Quasar Properties from Sloan Digital Sky Survey Data Release 16. The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series, 263(2), 42.
- · Zheng, W. M., Wu, Q., Wu, J., et al. (2022). The Disk Veiling Effect of the Black Hole Low-mass X-Ray Binary A0620-00*. The Astrophysical Journal, 925(1), 83.
- · **Wu, Q.**, Yu, H. R., Liao, S., Du, M. (2021). **Spin mode reconstruction in Lagrangian space**. Physical Review D, 103(6), 063522.

Other contributing-author papers

- · Nandra, K., et al. (2025). The eROSITA Final Equatorial Depth Survey (eFEDS)-The hard X-ray selected sample. Astronomy & Astrophysics, 693, A212.
- · Waddell, S. GH, et al. (2024). The eROSITA Final Equatorial Depth Survey (eFEDS): Complex absorption and soft excesses in hard X-ray-selected active galactic nuclei. Astronomy & Astrophysics, 690, A132.
- · Musiimenta, B., et al. (2023). A new discovery space opened by eROSITA-Ionised AGN outflows from X-ray selected samples. Astronomy & Astrophysics, 679, A84." Astronomy & Astrophysics 679 (2023): A84.
- · Cheng, S., Yu, H. R., Inman, D., Liao, Q., Wu, Q., & Lin, J. (2020). CUBE–Towards an Optimal Scaling of Cosmological N-body Simulations. In 2020 20th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Cluster, Cloud and

Internet Computing (CCGRID) (pp. 685-690). IEEE.

 \cdot Wen, J., et al. (2019). GRID: a student project to monitor the transient gamma-ray sky in the multi-messenger astronomy era. Experimental Astronomy, 48, 77-95.

Talks

· SDSS-V 2025 Collaboration Meeting, "From Quasar Spectra to Structure: SDSS-V Quasar Spectral A AGN Photoionization Studies" (remote), MPIA	nalysis and Mar 2025
· UIUC Journal Club, "Understanding the broad-line region of AGN with photoionization", UIUC	Apr, 2025
· AGN surveys workshop , "Understanding the broad-line region of AGN with photoionization", Municl for Astro-, Particle and BioPhysics	h Institute Mar 2025
• SDSS-V 2024 Collaboration Meeting, "Quasar value-added catalog and visual inspection", New Mexi University	ico State Jun, 2024
· Center for AstroPhysical Surveys seminars, "Photoionization in quasar Broad Line Region", UIUC	Aug, 2023
· SDSS-V 2023 Collaboration Meeting, "AGN demographics", Simons foundation, NY	Aug, 2023
· UIUC Journal Club, "Quasar spectral decompositions from public surveys", UIUC	May, 2023
· AGN demographics working group, "Tutorials on PyQSOFit" (remote)	Nov, 2022
 The 23rd Guoshoujing Conference, "Correlations between halo spins and primordial perturbations", University 	, Zhejiang May, 2021
· Binary system seminar , "Dynamical measurements on black hole binary system MAXI J1820+070", I University	Nanjing Nov, 2020

Outreach

Mentor at the UIUC Society for Equity in Astronomy mentoring program	2022 Fall - 2024 Spring
Volunteer at the UIUC girls astronomy summer camp	2022 Summer
President of Xiamen University Astronomical Club	2018-2019
Video editor and translator of Mufu Astronomy Team	2018-2020