QING-CANG SHUI PH.D.

Fields of Interest

- Quasi-periodic oscillations (QPOs): conducting joint X-ray timing and spectral analysis using novel methods, such as the Hilbert-Huang transform, to understand the physical mechanisms driving QPOs observed from accreting compact objects, including black hole X-ray binaries, ultraluminous X-ray sources and active galactic nucleus.
- X-ray polarization: investigating the accretion geometry of compact objects by X-ray polarimetry through current IXPE and future eXTP observations.
- Accretion under strong magnetic fields: studying timing and spectral properties, such as evolution of cyclotron resonate scattering features (CRSFs), from X-ray pulsars to understand the accretion physics under strong magnetic fields ($> 10^{12}$ G).

EDUCATION

Institute of High Energy Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences Beijing, China Ph.D. in Particle Physics and Nuclear Physics 2021.09 – 2026.06 (expected)

- Advisor: Prof. Shu Zhang
- Research area: High Energy Astrophysics

School of Space Science and Physics, Shandong University

B.S. in Space Science and Technology

Weihai, China 2017.09 – 2021.06

• GPA: 90.6/100.0, Rank: 3/43.

Awards and Honors

- International Cooperative Training Program Scholarship for Doctoral Students, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences 2025.01
- National Scholarship for Graduate Student (Most prestigious scholarship for graduate student in China)
 2024.11
- Academic First Class Scholarship, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences 2024.09
- Academic First Class Scholarship, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences 2023.09
- Outstanding Graduate of Shandong University, Shandong University 2021.06
- National Scholarship for Undergraduate Student (Most prestigious scholarship for undergraduate student in China)
- Academic First Class Scholarship, Shandong University 2019.09

APPROVED PROPOSALS

• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 9 ks on WFST0525lxnt	2025.05
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 12 ks on EP 250512a	2025.03
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 3 ks on EP J1440.2–6317	2025.04
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 3 ks on EP 250315b	2025.03
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 9 ks on GRB 250314a	2025.03
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 3 ks on EP 250108a	2025.01
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 9 ks on 3C 273	2025.01
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 3 ks on ATO J062.5554+20.7139	2024.12
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 6 ks on EP 241119a	2024.11
• EP-FXT ToO (PI), 5 ks on GOTO 065054.49+593624.51	2024.10
• Insight-HXMT AO6 (PI), 100 ks on GX 339-4	2023.06
• Insight-HXMT AO6 (PI), 100 ks on H 1743–322	2023.06
• Insight-HXMT AO6 (PI), 100 ks on 1A 0535+262	2023.06
• Insight-HXMT AO5 (PI), 100 ks on GX 339-4	2022.05
• Insight-HXMT AO5 (PI), 100 ks on H 1743–322	2022.05

PROJECTS

Tracing the Accretion Geometry of Black Hole X-ray Binary H 1743-322 during Outbursts

2020.05 - 2021.05 Undergraduate research training program

State Transitions of Black Hole X-ray Binary GX 339-4

Undergraduate research training program 2018.05 - 2020.05

SKILLS

Languages: Chinese, English.

Programming: Python, C++, MATLAB

Familiar with Instruments: XMM-Newton, NuSTAR, Insight-HXMT, NICER, EP, IXPE,

RXTE

PRESENTATIONS Seminar Talk at the School of Space Science, Shandong University

Invited Talk (60 min) Weihai, China (Jun 18, 2025)

"Advances in Astronomy" Lecture of Shandong University

Invited Lecturer (100 min) Weihai, China (Jun 18, 2025)

The 5th China-India Workshop on High Energy Astrophysics

Invited Speaker (20 min) Given remotely, (Dec 19, 2024)

The 6th Symposium on X-ray Binary Multiwavelength Studies

Speaker (15 min) Qingdao, China, (Nov 15, 2024)

Unveiling the Dynamic and Energetic Universe with Insight-HXMT for Six Years and Beyond

Zhuhai, China, (Jan 23, 2024) Speaker (15 min)

The 32nd Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics

Speaker (12 min) Shanghai, China, (Dec 15, 2023)

The 5th Symposium on X-ray Binary Multiwavelength Studies

Speaker (15 min) Wuhan, China, (Nov 17, 2023)

The Insight-HXMT Workshop of 2023

Qingdao, China, (Jul 10, 2023) Speaker (15 min)

The Insight-HXMT and X-ray Binaries Workshop at Shandong University

Weihai, China, (Jul 14, 2021) Speaker (15 min)

The Insight-HXMT and X-ray Binaries Workshop at Xiangtan University

Speaker (15 min) Xiangtan, China, (Apr 3, 2020)

Members

Einstein Probe Science Topical Panels 4 and 6

Associate Member 2023 - present

eXTP Science Team

Contribute to the white papers 2024 – present

PUBLICATIONS (FIRST-AUTHOR)

- 1. Shui Q.-C., Zhang S.*, Feng H.*, et al., 2025, ApJ, 984, 130

 A Phase-resolved View of Millihertz Quasiperiodic Oscillations in the Ultraluminous X-Ray Source M51 ULX-7: Evidence for a Magnetically Truncated Disk and Geometrical Beaming
- Shui Q.-C.*, Zhang S.*, Peng J.-Q.*, et al., 2024, ApJ, 973, 92
 A Phase-resolved View of "Heartbeat"-like Variability in IGR J17091-3624 during the 2022 Outburst
- 3. Shui Q.-C.*, Zhang S.*, Peng J.-Q.*, et al., 2024, ApJ, 973, 59

 Phase-resolved Spectroscopy of Low-frequency Quasiperiodic Oscillations from the Newly Discovered Black Hole X-Ray Binary Swift J1727.8-1613
- 4. Shui Q.-C.*, Zhang S.*, Zhang S.-N.*, et al., 2024, ApJL, 965, L7
 Recovery of High-energy Low-frequency Quasiperiodic Oscillations from Black Hole X-Ray Binary MAXI J1535–571 with a Hilbert–Huang Transform Method
- Shui Q.-C.*, Zhang S.*, Wang P.-J.*, et al., 2024, MNRAS, 528, 7320
 Cyclotron line evolution revealed with pulse-to-pulse analysis in the 2020 outburst of 1A 0535+262
- 6. Shui Q.-C.*, Zhang S.*, Zhang S.-N.*, et al., 2023, ApJ, 957, 84

 A Phase-resolved View of the Low-frequency Quasiperiodic Oscillations from the Black Hole Binary MAXI J1820+070
- 7. Shui Q.-C.*, Zhang S.*, Chen Y.-P.*, et al., 2023, ApJ, 943, 165

 Tracing the Accretion Geometry of H1743-322 with Type C Quasiperiodic Oscillations in Multiple Outbursts
- 8. Shui Q.-C., Yin H.-X.*, Zhang S., Qu J.-L., et al., 2021, MNRAS, 508, 287 State transitions of GX 339-4 during its outburst rising phase

PUBLICATIONS (CORRESPONDING-AUTHOR)

- 1. Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, Shui Q.-C.*, et al., 2024, ApJL, 973, L7
 Insight-HXMT, NICER, and NuSTAR Views to the Newly Discovered Black Hole X-Ray
 Binary Swift J151857.0–572147
- Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, Shui Q.-C.*, et al., 2024, ApJL, 965, L22
 NICER, NuSTAR, and Insight-HXMT Views to Black Hole X-Ray Binary SLX 1746–331
- 3. Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, Shui Q.-C.*, et al., 2024, ApJL, 960, L17
 NICER, NuSTAR, and Insight-HXMT Views to the Newly Discovered Black Hole X-Ray
 Binary Swift J1727.8–1613
- 4. Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, Shui Q.-C.*, et al., 2024, ApJ, 975, 4

 The Peculiar Disk Evolution of 4U 1630–472 Observed by Insight-HXMT During its 2022 and 2023 Outbursts

(Co-author)

- Publications 1. Yu Z.-L.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2025, A&A, 699, A130 An investigation into the X-ray bursts in Cir X-1
 - 2. Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, Shui Q.-C., et al., 2025, JHEAp, 45, 316 A possible jet and corona configuration for Swift J1727.8-1613 during the hard state
 - 3. Dai X.-H.*, Kong L.-D.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2025, A&A, 692, A117 Unveiling the rebrightening mechanism of GRS 1915+105: Insights from a change in the quasi-periodic oscillations and from a wind analysis
 - 4. Yu Z.-L.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, A&A, 690, A279 The correlation between dip width and peak flux in Cir X-1
 - 5. Wang P.-J.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, A&A, 689, A47 Burst-recurrence properties revealed with Insight-HXMT and NICER for the newly discovered accreting millisecond pulsar MAXI J1816-195
 - 6. Chen Y.-P.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, MNRAS, 531, 1756 Insight-HXMT observations of thermonuclear X-ray bursts from 4U 1608–52 in the low/hard state: the energy-dependent hard X-ray deficit and cooling saturation of the corona
 - 7. Kong L.-D.*, Ji L.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, A&A, 686, A211 Likely detection of magnetic field related LFQPO in the soft X-ray rebrightening of GRS 1915+105
 - 8. Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, A&A, 685, A71 New insight into the hard X-ray emission influenced by the type I bursts observed by Insight-HXMT during the outburst of 4U 1636–536
 - 9. Li P.-P., Tao L.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, MNRAS, 529, 1187 Broad-band noise and quasi-periodic oscillation characteristics of the X-ray pulsar RX J0440.9+4431
 - 10. Wang P.-J.*, Chen Y.-P.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, JHEAp, 41, 106 Type-I X-ray burst evolution of the new millisecond pulsar MAXI J1816–195 revealed by Insight-HXMT
 - 11. Zhao Q.-C., Tao L.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, ApJL, 961L, 42 The First Polarimetric View on Quasiperiodic Oscillations in a Black Hole X-Ray Binary
 - 12. Yu Z.-L.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2024, MNRAS, 527, 8029 The post-quiescence properties of Cir X-1 at orbital phase around periastron observed by NuSTAR and NICER
 - 13. Li P.-P., Tao L.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2023, MNRAS, 526, 3637 Timing properties of the X-ray accreting pulsar RX J0440.9+4431 studied with Insight-HXMT and NICER
 - 14. Chen Y.-P.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2023, JHEAp, 40, 76 Insight-HXMT observations on thermonuclear X-ray bursts from 4U 1608-52 in 2022: The accretion rate dependent anisotropy of burst emission
 - 15. Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2023, ApJ, 955, 96 Back to Business: SLX 1746-331 after 13 Years of Silence
 - 16. Zhang P.*, Soria R.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2023, A&A, 677, A178 Intermittent properties of the quasi-periodic oscillations of MAXI J1820+070 revealed by Insight-HXMT
 - 17. Peng J.-Q.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2023, MNRAS, 518, 2521 A possible overall scenario for the outburst evolution of MAXI J1820+070 revealed by Insight-HXMT
 - 18. Chen Y.-P.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2023, ApJL, 942L, 12 Return of 4U 1730-22 after 49 yr Silence: The Outburst Properties Observed by NICER and Insight-HXMT
 - 19. Chen Y.-P.*, Zhang S.*, ..., Shui Q.-C., et al., 2023, ApJL, 942L, 12 Return of 4U 1730-22 after 49 yr Silence: The Outburst Properties Observed by NICER and Insight-HXMT