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California Institute of Technology

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EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology

Sept 2018 - June 2023 (expected)

Ph.D. Candidate, Physics

Division of Physics, Math and Astronomy, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA

Academic and Research Advisor: Prof. Philip Hopkins

Thesis Title: Cosmic structure and galaxy formation in alternative dark matter

Peking University

Sept 2014 - June 2018

B.S., Physics

Department of Physics, Peking University, Beijing, China

Advisor: Prof. Fukun Liu

Thesis Title: “Strengthened Kozai-Lidov Oscillation, Tidal Disruption Event Rate and Gravitational Wave in Hierarchical SMBH Triplets”

EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Research Assistant

July 2022 - Present

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Jan 2018 - June 2022

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA

Undergraduate Summer Research Intern

July 2017 - Sept 2017

Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theoretical Astrophysics, primarily cosmological simulations of galaxy formation and astrophysical constraints for the nature of dark matter. Secondary interest: galaxies at high redshift.

SUMMARY OF PUBLICATIONS

Refereed publications: **12** (see attached publication list)

Metrics: **>390 citations**, **>171 first-author citations**, **h-index: 9**

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

James A. Cullen Memorial Fellowship

2022

Caltech, The Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy

Honored Graduate

2018

Peking University

Robin Li Fellowship

2017

*Peking University***Meritorious Award**

2017

*Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM)***SELECTED TALKS**

High-z prediction with Illustris-TNG	MIT (Cambridge, MA, 2019)
Alternative dark matter and structure formation	Observational cosmology seminar Caltech (Pasadena, CA, 2021)
Galaxy formation in dissipative dark matter	GalFRESCA workshop (Pasadena, CA, 2022)
Alternative dark matter in galaxy formation	Harvard CfA (Cambridge, MA, 2022)
Alternative dark matter in galaxy formation	MIT, Brown Bag Lunch Talk (Cambridge, MA, 2022)
Alternative dark matter in galaxy formation	Princeton, Dark Cosmos Talk (Princeton, NJ, 2022)

TEACHING & ADVISING

Caltech Graduate Teaching Assistant	Computational Physics Lab Ph20/21/22 (2019 - 2022)
Caltech SURF program 2021	Co-advisor of Gabriel Aguiar (Undergraduate)
Caltech SURF program 2022	Co-advisor of Eitan Rapaport (Undergraduate)

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Natural Languages	Native in Mandarin. Fluent in English.
Programming Languages	Proficient in Python, Mathematica, C/C++ and Linux shell. Experience in MATLAB, SQL.
Markup Languages	Proficient in L ^A T _E X and HTML.

PROFESSION SERVICE & OUTREACH

Oscii Bascii (& Grad student representative) of Theoretical AstroPhysics Including Relativity and Cosmology (TAPIR), Caltech

Journal Referee: Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society; The Astrophysical Journal
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Leader of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for the Galaxy Formation and Evolution in Southern California (GalFRESCA) workshop (2022)

PUBLICATIONS (FIRST-AUTHOR & PEER-REVIEWED)

See my [NASA ADS bibliography](#) for full information

1. **Xuejian Shen**, Thejs Brinckmann, David Rapetti, Mark Vogelsberger, Adam Mantz, Jesús Zavala, and Steven W. Allen. X-ray morphology of cluster-mass haloes in self-interacting dark matter. *MNRAS*, 516(1):1302–1319, October 2022
2. **Xuejian Shen**, Mark Vogelsberger, Dylan Nelson, Sandro Tacchella, Lars Hernquist, Volker Springel, Federico Marinacci, and Paul Torrey. High-redshift predictions from IllustrisTNG - III. Infrared luminosity functions, obscured star formation, and dust temperature of high-redshift galaxies. *MNRAS*, 510(4):5560–5578, March 2022

3. **Xuejian Shen**, Philip F. Hopkins, Lina Necib, Fangzhou Jiang, Michael Boylan-Kolchin, and Andrew Wetzel. Dissipative dark matter on FIRE - I. Structural and kinematic properties of dwarf galaxies. *MNRAS*, 506(3):4421–4445, September 2021
4. **Xuejian Shen**, Mark Vogelsberger, Dylan Nelson, Annalisa Pillepich, Sandro Tacchella, Federico Marinacci, Paul Torrey, Lars Hernquist, and Volker Springel. High-redshift JWST predictions from IllustrisTNG: II. Galaxy line and continuum spectral indices and dust attenuation curves. *MNRAS*, 495(4):4747–4768, July 2020
5. **Xuejian Shen**, Philip F. Hopkins, Claude-André Faucher-Giguère, D. M. Alexander, Gordon T. Richards, Nicholas P. Ross, and R. C. Hickox. The bolometric quasar luminosity function at $z = 0-7$. *MNRAS*, 495(3):3252–3275, January 2020

PUBLICATIONS (FIRST-AUTHOR & UNDER REVIEW)

1. **Xuejian Shen**, Huangyu Xiao, Philip F. Hopkins, and Kathryn M. Zurek. Disruption of Dark Matter Minihaloes in the Milky Way environment: Implications for Axion Miniclusters and Early Matter Domination. *arXiv e-prints*, page arXiv:2207.11276, July 2022
2. **Xuejian Shen**, Philip F. Hopkins, Lina Necib, Fangzhou Jiang, Michael Boylan-Kolchin, and Andrew Wetzel. Dissipative Dark Matter on FIRE: II. Observational signatures and constraints from local dwarf galaxies. *arXiv e-prints*, page arXiv:2206.05327, June 2022

PUBLICATIONS (CO-AUTHORED & PEER-REVIEWED)

1. Rahul Kannan, Aaron Smith, Enrico Garaldi, **Xuejian Shen**, Mark Vogelsberger, Rüdiger Pakmor, Volker Springel, and Lars Hernquist. The THESAN project: predictions for multi-tracer line intensity mapping in the epoch of reionization. *MNRAS*, 514(3):3857–3878, August 2022
2. Huangyu Xiao, **Xuejian Shen**, Philip F. Hopkins, and Kathryn M. Zurek. SMBH seeds from dissipative dark matter. *J. Cosmol. Astropart. Phys.*, 2021(7):039, July 2021 ([Major contribution](#))
3. Razieh Emami, Lars Hernquist, Charles Alcock, Shy Genel, Sownak Bose, Rainer Weinberger, Mark Vogelsberger, **Xuejian Shen**, Joshua S. Speagle, Federico Marinacci, John C. Forbes, and Paul Torrey. Inferring the Morphology of Stellar Distribution in TNG50: Twisted and Twisted-stretched Shapes. *ApJ*, 918(1):7, September 2021
4. Philip Mocz, Anastasia Fialkov, Mark Vogelsberger, Fernando Becerra, **Xuejian Shen**, Victor H. Robles, Mustafa A. Amin, Jesús Zavala, Michael Boylan-Kolchin, Sownak Bose, Federico Marinacci, Pierre-Henri Chavanis, Lachlan Lancaster, and Lars Hernquist. Galaxy formation with BECDM - II. Cosmic filaments and first galaxies. *MNRAS*, 494(2):2027–2044, May 2020
5. Mark Vogelsberger, Dylan Nelson, Annalisa Pillepich, **Xuejian Shen**, Federico Marinacci, Volker Springel, Rüdiger Pakmor, Sandro Tacchella, Rainer Weinberger, Paul Torrey, and Lars Hernquist. High-redshift JWST predictions from IllustrisTNG: dust modelling and galaxy luminosity functions. *MNRAS*, 492(4):5167–5201, March 2020 ([Major contribution](#))
6. Yunchong Wang, Mark Vogelsberger, Dandan Xu, **Xuejian Shen**, Shude Mao, David Barnes, Hui Li, Federico Marinacci, Paul Torrey, Volker Springel, and Lars Hernquist. Early-type galaxy density profiles from IllustrisTNG - II. Evolutionary trend of the total density profile. *MNRAS*, 490(4):5722–5738, October 2019

7. Mark R. Lovell, Jesús Zavala, Mark Vogelsberger, **Xuejian Shen**, Francis-Yan Cyr-Racine, Christoph Pfrommer, Kris Sigurdson, Michael Boylan-Kolchin, and Annalisa Pillepich. ETHOS - an effective theory of structure formation: predictions for the high-redshift Universe - abundance of galaxies and reionization. *MNRAS*, 477(3):2886–2899, July 2018

PUBLICATIONS (CO-AUTHORED & UNDER REVIEW)

1. Thomas K. Waters, Colton Peterson, Razieh Emami, **Xuejian Shen**, Lars Hernquist, Randall Smith, Mark Vogelsberger, Charles Alcock, Grant Tremblay, Matthew Liska, John C. Forbes, and Jorge Moreno. Gas Morphology of Milky Way-like Galaxies in the TNG50: Signals of Twisting and Stretching. *arXiv e-prints*, page arXiv:2210.01051, October 2022
2. Fangzhou Jiang, Andrew Benson, Philip F. Hopkins, Oren Slone, Mariangela Lisanti, Manoj Kaplinghat, Annika H. G. Peter, Zhichao Carton Zeng, Xiaolong Du, Shengqi Yang, and **Xuejian Shen**. A semi-analytic study of self-interacting dark-matter haloes with baryons. *arXiv e-prints*, page arXiv:2206.12425, June 2022
3. Razieh Emami, Lars Hernquist, Mark Vogelsberger, **Xuejian Shen**, Joshua S. Speagle, Jorge Moreno, Charles Alcock, Shy Genel, John C. Forbes, Federico Marinacci, and Paul Torrey. On the robustness of the velocity anisotropy parameter in probing the stellar kinematics in Milky Way like galaxies: Take away from TNG50 simulation. *arXiv e-prints*, page arXiv:2202.07162, February 2022

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1. **Xuejian Shen**, Philip Hopkins, Lina Necib, Fangzhou Jiang, Michael Boylan-Kolchin, and Andrew Wetzel. Dissipative Dark Matter on FIRE: Structural and kinematic properties of dwarf galaxies and observational constraints. In *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts*, volume 54 of *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts*, page 347.06, June 2022