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California Institute of Technology

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EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology

Sept 2018 - Present

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 Internship

July 2017 - Sept 2017

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cosmological simulations of galaxy formation; Astrophysical constraints of the nature of dark matter; Galaxies and quasars at high redshift

RESEARCH INDICES AND METRICS

Total refereed publications: 11

Total citations: 366

Total number of reads: 6328

h-index: 9

i10-index: 9

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TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Natural Languages

Native in Mandarin. Fluent in English.

Programming Languages

Proficient in Python, Mathematica, C and Linux shell.

Experience in C++, MATLAB, SQL.

Markup Languages

Proficient in \LaTeX and HTML.

License and Certificate

Introduction to Financial Engineering and Risk Management (Coursera)

Issued Jun 2022, Credential ID 8K3YWRDRVZU5

Term-Structure and Credit Derivatives (Coursera)

Issued August 2022, Credential ID K2QCSYGZ24L6

TEACHING & ADVISING

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

AWARDS

James A. Cullen Memorial Fellowship <i>Caltech, The Division of Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy</i>	2022
Honored Graduate <i>Peking University</i>	2018
Robin Li Fellowship <i>Peking University</i>	2017
Meritorious Award <i>Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM)</i>	2017
Silver Medal <i>National Final of the 30th Chinese Physics Olympiad (CPHO)</i>	2013

PUBLICATIONS (FIRST-AUTHOR/MAJOR CONTRIBUTION)

1. Vogelsberger, Mark; Nelson, Dylan; Pillepich, Annalisa; Shen, Xuejian et al. (2020), **High redshift JWST predictions from IllustrisTNG: Dust modelling and galaxy luminosity functions**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 492 (4), 5167-5201
2. Shen, Xuejian; Hopkins, Philip; Faucher-Giguère, Claude-André; Alexander, Dave; Richards, Gordon; Ross, Nicholas; Hickox, Ryan (2020), **The Bolometric Quasar Luminosity Function at $z = 0 - 7$** , Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 495 (3), 3252-3275
3. Shen, Xuejian; Vogelsberger, Mark; Nelson, Dylan; Pillepich, Annalisa et al. (2020), **High redshift JWST predictions from IllustrisTNG: II. Galaxy line and continuum spectral indices and dust attenuation curves**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 495 (4), 4747-4768
4. Shen, Xuejian; Hopkins, Philip; Necib, Lina et al. (2021), **Dissipative Dark Matter on FIRE: I. Structural and kinematic properties of dwarf galaxies**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 506 (3), 4421-4445
5. Shen, Xuejian; Vogelsberger, Mark; Nelson, Dylan; Pillepich, Annalisa et al. (2022), **High redshift JWST predictions from IllustrisTNG: III. Infrared luminosity functions, obscured star formation and dust temperature of high-redshift galaxies**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Volume 510 (4), 5560-5578
6. Xiao, Huangyu; Shen, Xuejian; Zurek, Kathryn; Hopkins, Philip (2021), **SMBH seeds from dissipative dark matter**, Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics 2021 (07), 039-43
7. Shen, Xuejian; Hopkins, Philip; Necib, Lina et al. (2022), **Dissipative Dark Matter on FIRE: II. Observational signatures and constraints from local dwarf galaxies** (submitted to MNRAS)
8. Shen, Xuejian; Thejs Brinckmann; David Rapetti et al. (2022), **X-ray morphology of cluster-mass haloes in self-interacting dark matter** (to be published on MNRAS)

9. Shen, Xuejian; Xiao, Huangyu; Hopkins, Philip F.; Zurek, Kathryn M. (2022), **Disruption of Dark Matter Minihaloes in the Milky Way environment: Implications for Axion Mini-clusters and Early Matter Domination**, arXiv:2207.11276

PUBLICATIONS (ADVISORY/COLLABORATIVE)

1. Lovell, Mark R.; Zavala, Jesús; Vogelsberger, Mark; Shen, Xuejian; Cyr-Racine, Francis-Yan et al. (2018), **ETHOS – an effective theory of structure formation: predictions for the high-redshift Universe – abundance of galaxies and reionization**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 477 (3), 2886-2899
2. Wang, Yunchong; Vogelsberger, Mark; Xu, Dandan; Shen, Xuejian et al. (2019), **Early-type galaxy density profiles from IllustrisTNG – II. Evolutionary trend of the total density profile**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 490 (4), 5722-5738
3. Mocz, Philip; Fialkov, Anastasia; Vogelsberger, Mark; Becerra, Fernando; Shen, Xuejian et al. (2019), **Galaxy Formation with BECDM – II. Cosmic Filaments and First Galaxies**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 494 (2), 2027-2044
4. Emami, Razieh; Hernquist, Lars; Alcock, Charles; Genel, Shy et al. (2021), **Inferring the Morphology of Stellar Distribution in TNG50: Twisted and Twisted-stretched Shapes**, The Astrophysical Journal 918 (1), 7-24
5. Kannan, Rahul; Smith, Aaron; Garaldi, Enrico; Shen, Xuejian et al. (2022), **The THESAN project: predictions for multi-tracer line intensity mapping in the Epoch of Reionization**, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Volume 514, Issue 3, pp.3857-3878
6. Jiang, Fangzhou; Benson, Andrew; Hopkins, Philip F. et al. (2022), **A semi-analytic study of self-interacting dark-matter haloes with baryons**, arXiv:2206.12425
7. Emami, Razieh; Hernquist, Lars; Vogelsberger, Mark; Shen, Xuejian et al. (2022), **On the robustness of the velocity anisotropy parameter in probing the stellar kinematics in Milky Way like galaxies: Take away from TNG50 simulation**, arXiv:2202.07162

TALKS

The bolometric quasar luminosity function	Caltech group meeting (2019.4)
High-z prediction with Illustris-TNG	Caltech group meeting (2019.8)
High-z prediction with Illustris-TNG	MIT Computational Structure and Galaxy Formation group meeting (2019.11)
Dissipative dark matter on FIRE	Caltech group meeting (2020.4)
Alternative dark matter and structure formation	Invited talk, Observational cosmology seminar Caltech (2021.7)
Axion miniclusters in the Milky Way halo environment	Caltech group meeting (2022.2)
Dissipative dark matter on FIRE: structural and kinematic properties of dwarfs and observational signatures	AAS, the 240th meeting (Pasadena, CA, 2022)
Galaxy formation in dissipative dark matter	GalFRESCA (Pasadena, CA, 2022)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer of journals:
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 (GalFRESKA) workshop (2022)