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EDUCATION

2018 - 05/2023 Ph.D. (Astronomy), University of Maryland College Park

Advisor: Massimo Ricotti

Thesis: Multiscale Radiation-MHD Simulations of Compact Star Clusters

2016 - 2018 M.S. (Astronomy), University of Maryland College Park

Spring 2015 Non-degree Visiting Student at Georgia Institute of Technology

2012 - 2016 B.S. (Physics, GPA: 3.92/4) WITH HIGHEST HONOR, Jilin University, China

POSITIONS

Postdoc fellow, RSAA, The Australian National University

2023-

HONORS & AWARDS

Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST)

2021 – 2024

Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland

2023

Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland (declined)

2021

Dean's Honored Graduates, Jilin University

2016

The highest honor awarded to graduating seniors in the college

China Youth Science and Technology Innovation Award, the Communist Youth League of China

2016

The highest award for youth science and technology innovation in China, awarded to 20 college students in 2016

Tang-Ao Qing Supreme Award for Excellence in Research & Practice, Jilin University

2016

National Scholarship, China

2015

Scholarship for Overseas Study, China Scholarship Council

2014

SELECTED TALKS

Dissertation Talk, 241st AAS Meeting | American Astronomical Society

2023/1

Invited, Star Formation/ISM Seminar | Princeton University

2022/12

Invited, the Center for Relativistic Astrophysics Seminar | Georgia Tech

2022/11

Aspen Winter Conference | Aspen Center for Physics

2022/3

iPoster presentation, 237th AAS Meeting | American Astronomical Society

2021

Invited, the Anton Pannekoek Insitute for Astronomy | University of Amsterdam

2020

Invited, the Emmy Noether Research Group on Massive Star Formation | University of Tübingen

2020

TEACHING/MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Mentor 2021 – 2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland 2016 – 2021

- Check my [teaching portfolio](#)
- Courses taught include *Introduction to Astronomy*, *Galaxies*, *Cosmology*, *Origin of the Universe*, *Stars and Stellar Systems*, *Solar System Astronomy*, and *Life in the Universe*.
- Responsibilities include leading classroom discussions and labs, preparing homework and exam solutions, grading, and holding office hours to provide additional guidance to students.

SKILLS

Professional Programming Experienced in MPI Parallel Programming, Hydrodynamics Simulations and Data Analysis
Python, Julia, LaTeX (advanced); C, Fortran, Mathematica, MATLAB (proficient); C++, HTML/CSS, JavaScript (basic)

Data Science Knowledge of Machine Learning, including Deep Learning and Neural Networks ([Coursera certification](#))

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Referee: MNRAS 2020 -

Member: American Astronomical Society 2018 -

SELECTED PRESS COVERAGE

2020 Amsterdam Science, “Cosmic Flashlights in the Early Galaxies”, Retrieved on Oct 6, 2020 from [this link](#) (page 20).

SELECTED OUTREACH

Computational Science Blog 2022 –
[\[Link\]](#) A blogging site I created where I write articles on computational astrophysics and machine learning for the general public with college or high school background

The Great Conjunction 2020 2020
[\[Link\]](#) Produced animations for the outreach program by the Astrophysics Group at the University of Exeter. Video links: [Video1](#) and [Video2](#) (retrieved 2020-12-8). [Source code](#).

GRAD-MAP Python Bootcamp 2018 – 2020
[\[Link\]](#) Lecture Assistant for the GRAD-MAP Python Bootcamp, University of Maryland

List of Publications: Chong-Chong He

Check NASA/ADS for a list of [full publications](#) or [refereed/under-review publications](#), or check my [Google Scholar profile](#).

FIRST-AUTHOR REFEREED/UNDER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS (121 CITATIONS)

Including first-author papers by students I (co-)mentored.

- ¹**C.-C. He** and M. Ricotti, “Magnetic braking fails to work: formation of large keplerian disks in magnetically critical giant molecular clouds”, submitted to MNRAS (2023).
- ²**C.-C. He** and M. Ricotti, “Massive pre-stellar cores in radiation-magneto-turbulent simulations of molecular clouds”, [MNRAS 522, 5374–5392 \(2023\)](#).
- ³**R. Hix, C.-C. He**, and M. Ricotti, “Bimodal star formation in simulations of strongly magnetized giant molecular clouds”, [MNRAS 522, 6203–6216 \(2023\)](#).
- ⁴**C.-C. He**, “A Fast and Accurate Analytic Method of Calculating Galaxy Two-point Correlation Functions”, [ApJ 921, 59, 59 \(2021\)](#).
- ⁵**C.-C. He**, M. Ricotti, and S. Geen, “Simulating star clusters across cosmic time - ii. escape fraction of ionizing photons from molecular clouds”, [MNRAS 492, 4858–4873 \(2020\)](#).
- ⁶**C.-C. He**, M. Ricotti, and S. Geen, “Simulating star clusters across cosmic time - i. initial mass function, star formation rates, and efficiencies”, [MNRAS 489, 1880–1898 \(2019\)](#).
- ⁷**C.-C. He** and L. Keek, “Anisotropy of X-Ray Bursts from Neutron Stars with Concave Accretion Disks”, [ApJ 819, 47, 47 \(2016\)](#).

PAPERS WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS

- ¹D. K. Galloway, Z. Johnston, A. Goodwin, and **C.-C. He**, “Robust Inference of Neutron-star Parameters from Thermonuclear Burst Observations”, [ApJS 263, 30, 30 \(2022\)](#).

Explanation of my roles:

- ¹I wrote the code `DiskAnisotropy` which is a core module of the code presented in this paper.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

- ¹**C.-C. He** and M. Ricotti, “Mock spectra of proto-globular clusters at $z > 6$ and its implications on cluster density and escape of ionizing photons”, *in prep.* (2023).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS/ABSTRACTS

- ¹**C. He**, “Destructing Molecular Clouds with Photoionization Feedback and the Escape of Ionizing Photons”, in [American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts](#), Vol. 53 (Jan. 2021), p. 329.03.

SELECTED ESSAYS

- ¹“Simulating a real solar system with 70 lines of Python code”, [medium.com](#) (2020).