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## ABOUT ME

I am Yifei Jiao (he/him), a postdoc researcher at Tsinghua University and UC Santa Cruz. My research interests are focused on the collisional and dynamical evolution of small planetary bodies, as well as the asteroid exploration and deflection dynamics. I would enjoy exploring any unsolved and exciting questions of our solar system with theoretical and numerical methods.

## EDUCATION

<b>Tsinghua University, Beijing, China</b> <i>PhD with Prof. Hexi Baoyin</i> <i>Numerical modeling of impact ejection and collisional evolution of asteroids</i>	2020–2025
<b>Tsinghua University, Beijing, China</b> <i>Bachelor of Engineering</i>	2016–2020

## EXPERIENCE

<b>University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA</b> <i>Research Fellow with Prof. Francis Nimmo</i>	Sep 2025–now
<b>Tsinghua University, Beijing, China</b> <i>Postdoc with Prof. Hexi Baoyin</i>	Sep 2025–now
<b>Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, Shanghai, China</b> <i>Visiting Scholar with Prof. Xian Shi</i>	Aug 2025
<b>University of Tokyo &amp; NAOJ, Tokyo, Japan</b> <i>Visiting Student with Prof. Seiji Sugita</i>	May 2025
<b>LPL, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA</b> <i>Visiting Student with Prof. Erik Asphaug</i>	Jan–Jun 2024
<b>Tsinghua University, Beijing, China</b> <i>Teaching Assistant for Theoretical Mechanics</i>	2020, 2021

## GRANTS

<b>National Natural Science Foundation of China (as PhD student PI)</b> <i>Impact dynamics and collisional evolution of highly porous asteroids</i>	2024–2025
<b>Youth Talent Support Program of China Association for Science and Technology</b> <i>Host by the Chinese Society of Space Research</i>	2024–2025

## PUBLICATIONS

- Yifei Jiao**, Bin Cheng, Hexi Baoyin. *Probing the Moon from future asteroid impacts: a review.* (2025)
- Yifei Jiao**, Bin Cheng, Yukun Huang, Erik Asphaug, Brett Gladman, Renu Malhotra, Patrick Michel, Yang Yu, Hexi Baoyin. *Asteroid (469219) Kamoʻoalewa’s journey from the lunar Giordano Bruno crater to Earth 1:1 resonance.* *Nature Astronomy* (2024)

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3. **Yifei Jiao**, Xiaoran Yan, Bin Cheng, Hexi Baoyin. *SPH-DEM modeling of hypervelocity impacts on rubble-pile asteroids*. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* (2023)
4. **Yifei Jiao**, Bin Cheng, Hexi Baoyin. *Optimal kinetic-impact geometry for asteroid deflection exploiting Delta-V hodograph*. *Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics* (2022)

## CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

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Seminar, Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, Shanghai, China	Aug 2025
PhD Academic Forum of Tsinghua University, Beijing, China	May 2025
Seminar, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, Tokyo, Japan	May 2025
Seminar, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan	May 2025
Europlanet Science Congress, Berlin, Germany	Sep 2024
Seminar, LPL, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA	Apr 2024
Young Scientist Forum of Planetary Science, Sanya, China	Mar 2023

## SOFTWARE

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1. **Yifei Jiao**, et al. The SPHSOL code, which is a parallel smoothed particle hydrodynamics C++ solver for simulating the impact process in planetary science. <https://sphsol-tutorial.readthedocs.io>

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, Tsinghua University	2025
Outstanding Doctoral Graduate Award, Beijing Municipality	2025
<b>Tsinghua Top Grade Scholarship (10 best students per year)</b> , Tsinghua University	2024
China National Scholarship, China	2024
Outstanding Paper Award, Young Scientist Forum of Planetary Science, China	2023
The First/Second Prize Scholarship, Tsinghua University	2022, 2023
China Trajectory Optimization Competition, 2nd Place, China	2020
Air Cargo Challenge, 4th Place, Germany	2019
Outstanding Academic Scholarship, Tsinghua University	2017, 2018, 2019

## SERVICES

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Referee for Nature Communications, Space: Science & Technology, Earth and Planetary Physics