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Education

Princeton University — Princeton, US
Graduate Student, Department of Astrophysical Sciences — Sep. 2021 – Expected 2026
Thesis: Multiscale multiphase modeling of black hole accretion and feedback

Peking University — Beijing, CN
Bachelor of Science in Physics, Yuanpei College — Sep. 2016 – Jul. 2021
Thesis: A numerical study of scalar-tensor gravity theory

Position

Institute for Advanced Study — Princeton, US
Visiting Graduate Student, School of Natural Sciences — Dec. 2023 – Expected 2026

Research Interests

- Black holes, high energy astrophysics, accretion disk, general relativistic magnetohydrodynamics (GRMHD)
- Active galactic nuclei (AGN), galaxy formation and evolution, multiphase interstellar medium (ISM)
- Numerical methods and simulations, GPU computing, new numerical techniques
- Neutron stars, pulsars, gravitational waves, modified gravity theory

Publications

See ADS or Google Scholar for full list

1. **Guo, Minghao**, James M. Stone, Eliot Quataert, and Volker Springel, "Cyclic Zoom: Multi-scale GRMHD Modeling of Black Hole Accretion and Feedback," arXiv e-prints , arXiv:2504.16802 (2025), arXiv:2504.16802 [astro-ph.HE] .

2. **Guo, Minghao**, Eliot Quataert, Jonathan Squire, Philip F. Hopkins, and James M. Stone, "Idealized Global Models of Accretion Disks with Strong Toroidal Magnetic Fields," arXiv e-prints , arXiv:2505.12671 (2025), arXiv:2505.12671 [astro-ph.HE] .

3. **Guo, Minghao**, Chang-Goo Kim, and James M. Stone, "Evolution of Supernova Remnants in a Cloudy Multiphase Interstellar Medium," arXiv e-prints , arXiv:2411.12809 (2024), arXiv:2411.12809 [astro-ph.GA] .

4. **Guo, Minghao**, James M. Stone, Eliot Quataert, and Chang-Goo Kim, "Magnetized Accretion onto and Feedback from Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies," ApJ **973**, 141 (2024), highlighted in @PlotAstro, arXiv:2405.11711 [astro-ph.HE] .

5. **Guo, Minghao**, James M. Stone, Chang-Goo Kim, and Eliot Quataert, "Toward Horizon-scale Accretion onto Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies," ApJ **946**, 26 (2023), highlighted in AAS Nova, arXiv:2211.05131 [astro-ph.HE] .

6. **Guo, Minghao**, Junjie Zhao, and Lijing Shao, "Extended reduced-order surrogate models for scalar-tensor gravity in the strong field and applications to binary pulsars and gravitational waves," PhRvD **104**, 104065 (2021), arXiv:2106.01622 [gr-qc] .

7. **Guo, Minghao**, Kohei Inayoshi, Tomonari Michiyama, and Luis C. Ho, "Hunting for Wandering Massive Black Holes," ApJ **901**, 39 (2020), arXiv:2006.08203 [astro-ph.HE] .

8. **Guo, Minghao**, Min Du, Luis C. Ho, Victor P. Debattista, and Dongyao Zhao, "A New Channel of Bulge Formation via the Destruction of Short Bars," ApJ **888**, 65 (2020), arXiv:1911.07002 [astro-ph.GA] .

9. Hai-Yang Wang, **Guo, Minghao**, Elias R. Most, Philip F. Hopkins, and Aretaios Lalakos, "Galactic-scale Feeding Reveals Warped Hypermagnetized Multiphase Circumbinary Accretion Around Supermassive Black Hole Binaries," arXiv e-prints , arXiv:2504.03874 (2025), arXiv:2504.03874 [astro-ph.HE] .

10. Julie Hlavacek-Larrondo, Hyunseop Choi, **Guo, Minghao**, Annabelle Richard-Laferrière, Carter Rhea, Marine Prunier, Helen Russell, Andy Fabian, Jonelle L. Walsh, Marie-Joëlle Gingras, Brian McNamara, Steve Allen, André-Nicolas Chené, Alastair Edge, Marie-Lou Gendron-Marsolais, Michael McDonald, Priyamvada Natarajan, Jeremy Sanders, James F. Steiner, Benjamin Vigneron, and Anja von der Linden, "Hubble Space Telescope Observations within the Sphere of Influence of the Powerful Supermassive Black Hole in PKS 0745-191," ApJ **980**, 170 (2025), arXiv:2501.03339 [astro-ph.GA] .

11. James M. Stone, Patrick D. Mullen, Drummond Fielding, Philipp Grete, **Guo, Minghao**, Philipp Kempski, Elias R. Most, Christopher J. White, and George N. Wong, "AthenaK: A Performance-Portable Version of the Athena++ AMR Framework," arXiv e-prints , arXiv:2409.16053 (2024), arXiv:2409.16053 [astro-ph.IM] .

12. Rebecca Diesing, **Guo, Minghao**, Chang-Goo Kim, James Stone, and Damiano Caprioli, "Nonthermal Signatures of Radiative Supernova Remnants," arXiv e-prints , arXiv:2404.15396 (2024), arXiv:2404.15396 [astro-ph.HE] .

APPROVED PROPOSALS

EuroHPC	$\sim$ 1 M GPU hours
Multi-scale (GR)MHD modelling of accretion onto supermassive black holes	Mar. 2024 – Mar. 2025
NSF ACCESS Maximize	$\sim$ 100 k GPU hours
Investigating stellar and black hole heating in massive galaxies, groups and clusters	Oct. 2024 – Sep. 2025
JWST Cycle 3	$\sim$ 6 hours
Mapping a Black Hole Accretion Flow with JWST/NIRSpec	2024 – 2025
NSF ACCESS Accelerate	$\sim$ 42 k GPU hours
Multiscale GRMHD Modeling of Accretion onto Supermassive Black Holes	Nov. 2023 – Feb. 2025
NSF ACCESS Explore	$\sim$ 10 k GPU hours
Multi-scale MHD Modeling of Accretion onto Supermassive Black Holes	Jun. 2023 – Jun. 2024

REFERENCES

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Honors and Awards

Weiming Bachelor	Jun. 2021
Yuanpei Outstanding Young Scholars	Dec 2020
Lin-bridge First Prize for Undergraduate Research	Sep. 2020
Yuanpei College First Award for Undergraduate Research	Jun. 2020
Xingcheng Award for Undergraduate Research	May 2019
National Undergraduate Research & Training Program	May 2019
Peking University Scholarship for Outstanding Freshmen	Sep. 2016

Teaching, Mentoring, Service and Outreach

Prison Teaching Initiative, Astronomy	Jan. 2025 - Now
Reviewer for the Astrophysical Journal (ApJ)	2024 - Now
Co-advising Princeton Undergraduate: Sajia Shahrin Neha, Milo Salvucci	2023 - Now
Astronomy on Tap Trenton: How does a tiny black hole affect the entire galaxy?	Mar. 2025
Teaching Assistant for Cosmology	Jan. 2024 – May 2024
Co-organizer of the Princeton Astrophysics Thunch, Astronomy	2022 - 2023

Technical Skills

Programming: Proficient in Python, C/C++, LaTeX, Mathematica, Git; Basic knowledge of Matlab and Fortran.

Software and Packages: AthenaK, Athena++, MPI, OMP, cuda, SymPy, yt, emcee, VisIt, ParaView, PLUTO, IRAF, GALFIT

Techniques: Massive parallel computing on supercomputer, dataset analyzing and visualization.

Software development

- AthenaK (Developer): Block-based AMR framework with fluid, particle and numerical relativity solvers in Kokkos.
- AthenaKit (Owner): Toolkit for data analyzing and visualization with AthenaK

Talks & Presentations

Flatiron Institute CCA Numerical Series	Jun. 2025
(Oral talk) *Cyclic Zoom: Multiscale GRMHD modeling of Black Hole Accretion and Feedback*	
CIERA Theory Group Meeting	Jun. 2025
(Oral talk) *Accretion and Feedback from Galactic to Horizon Scales*	
Flatiron Institute CCA Coffee Talk	May 2025
(Oral talk) *Accretion and Feedback from Galactic to Horizon Scales*	
The Institute for Theory and Computation (ITC) luncheons	Apr. 2025
(Oral talk) *Magnetized Accretion onto and Feedback from Supermassive Black Holes*	

The 245th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society   Jan. 2025
(Oral talk) *Magnetized Accretion onto and Feedback from Supermassive Black Holes*

DCC Workshop: Deciphering the Cosmic Code for Galaxy Formation   Dec. 2024
(Oral talk) *Magnetized Accretion onto and Feedback from Supermassive Black Holes*

Harvard BHI Workshop: Bridging Scales in the Black Hole Accretion-Feedback Problem   May 2024
(Invited talk) *Multi-Scale Simulations of Galaxy-SMBH Feeding*

KITP Program: Turbulence in Astrophysical Environments   Jan. 2024
(Oral talk) *Toward Horizon-scale Accretion onto Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies*

Black Holes on Broadway: The Next Generation of AGN Models in Galaxy Formation   Dec. 2023
(Oral talk) *Toward Horizon-scale Accretion onto Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies*

Galaxy Formation in Hangzhou: Observations and Physics of AGN Feedback   Oct. 2023
(Oral talk) *Toward Horizon-scale Accretion onto Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies*

Flatiron Institute CCA Fluid Dynamics Summer School   Aug. 2023
(Oral talk) *GPU Computing using AthenaK: Black Hole Accretion and Supernova Remnants*

The Second Athena++ Workshop   May 2023
(Oral talk) *Toward Horizon-scale Accretion onto Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies*

Learning the Universe Annual Meeting   Sep. 2022
(Oral talk) *Accretion of Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies*

The 240th Meeting of the AAS   Jun. 2022
(Poster presentation) *Accretion of Supermassive Black Holes in Elliptical Galaxies*

2020 PKU-DoA Undergraduate Astronomy Symposium   Sep. 2020
(Oral talk) *Hunting for Wandering Massive Black Holes*

2019 PKU-DoA Undergraduate Astronomy Symposium   Sep. 2019
(Oral talk) *A New Channel of Bulge Formation via the Destruction of Short Bars*

2019 Annual Meeting of Chinese Astronomical Society   Sep. 2019
(Oral talk) *A New Channel of Bulge Formation via the Destruction of Short Bars*

IAU Symposium 353: Galactic Dynamics in the Era of Large Surveys   Jun. 2019
(Poster presentation) *The Role of Short Bar Destruction in Regulating the Co-evolution of Black Holes and Bulges*