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I am interested in searching for the youngest exoplanet around T Tauri stars with the radial velocity technique, exploring brown dwarf/free-floating planets' atmosphere with the 1D radiative-convective model, and studying stellar groups in the Solar neighborhood with Gaia data.



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Education

- **Ph.D., Physics and Astronomy**, Rice University, Houston, TX, USA
(Jan. 2023 — Present)
 - Advisors: Prof. Christopher Johns-Krull (Rice) & Dr. Lisa Prato (Lowell Obs.)
- **Ph.D., Astronomy and Planetary Science**, Northern Arizona University (NAU), Flagstaff, AZ, USA — (GPA 4.0/4.0)
(Jan. 2020 — Dec. 2022)
 - Advisor: Dr. Lisa Prato
- **M.S., Physics**, National Central University (NCU), Taiwan — (GPA 3.88/4.0)
(Sep. 2017 — June 2019)
 - Advisor: Prof. Wen-Ping Chen
- **B.A., Physics**, National Central University (NCU), Taiwan — (GPA 3.80/4.0)
(Sep. 2013 — June 2017)
 - Advisor: Prof. Wen-Ping Chen

Research Experience

- **Graduate Research Assistant**, Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, AZ, USA
(Jan. 2020 — Present)
 - Advisor: Dr. Lisa Prato
- **Graduate Research Assistant**, National Central University, Astronomy Institute, Taiwan
(Sep. 2017 — June 2019)
 - Advisor: Prof. Wen-Ping Chen
- **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, National Central University, Astronomy Institute, Taiwan
(Jan. 2015 — Sep 2016)
 - Advisor: Prof. Wen-Ping Chen

Internships

- **Max-Planck-Institute for Astronomy**, Germany
(July 2018 – Sep. 2018)
 - Advisor: Dr. Bertrand Goldman & Dr. Chien-Cheng Lin
 - Topic: *Multi-dimensional parameterization of members in nearby star clusters: Gaia DR2 and photometric distancing*
- **The Chinese University of Hong Kong**
(Jun. 2016 – Aug. 2016)
 - Advisor: Prof. Li, Hua-bai
 - Topic: *Optical performance testing of the ASTE polarimeter for the ASTE telescope*

Successful Proposals

- PI: McDonald Observatory 2.7m/Tull coudé spectrographs, 8 nights (McD23-1-7)
- PI: McDonald Observatory 2.7m/Tull coudé spectrographs, 10 nights (McD22-3-8)
- Co-I: CFHT/SPIRou, 19 hours (20BH33)
- PI: Gemini North, Fast Turnaround/GNIRS, 1.5 hours (GN-2017B-FT-18)

Open Source Projects | GitHub

- IGRINS RV: https://github.com/shihyuntang/igrins_rv
An open-source python pipeline for extracting radial velocity (RV) for the Immersion GRating INfrared Spectrometer (IGRINS) instrument.

Teaching & Outreach

- Guest lecture @ Dept. Astronomy and Planetary Science, NAU, **Fall 2022**.
AST 391 — Astrophysics: stars.
- Teaching Assistant @ Dept. Astronomy and Planetary Science, NAU, **Fall 2022**.
AST 401L — Observational Astronomy Laboratory.
- Lab Instructor @ Dept. Astronomy and Planetary Science, NAU, **Fall 2022**.
AST 190L — The Planets Laboratory.
- Guest lectures @ Dept. Astronomy and Planetary Science, NAU, **Fall 2021**.
AST 391 — Astrophysics: stars.
- Co-instructor (with Christian J. Tai Udovicic) on programming course
@ Dept. Astronomy and Planetary Science, NAU, **Fall 2021**.
Course website: https://citu.github.io/spirl/f21_about.html
- Teaching Assistant @ Department of Physics, NCU, **Spring 2018**.
PH 1024 — General Physics Laboratory.
- Teaching Assistant @ Department of Physics, NCU, **Fall 2018**.
PH 1023 — General Physics Laboratory.

Student Project Mentor/Supervision

- Co-supervised (with Dr. Xiaoying Pang) undergrad final year project on data visualization using Plotly Dash App — Jiayu Li, XJTLU, **Fall 2021 — Spring 2022**.
Project web page: <http://3doc-morphology.lowell.edu>
- Mentoring undergraduate research — Hunter Brooks, NAU, **Fall 2021**. Project: *Discovery of New Low-Mass Objects and Brown Dwarfs in Blanco 1's Tidal Tails*

Invited talk

- 2023: Colloquium @ NCU Institute of Astronomy (May 12, 2023, @ Taiwan)

Conferences/Workshops

- 2023: 241st AAS meeting (Jan. 8-12, 2023 @ Seattle, USA) — **iPoster** [[iPoster link](#)]
- 2022: 2022 Fall Flagstaff Astronomy Symposium — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2022: 2022 Sagan Exoplanet Summer Hybrid Workshop: Exoplanet Science in the Gaia Era
— **Poster & Hands-on sessions Helper**

- 2022: Exoplanets IV (May 1-6, 2022 @ Las Vegas, USA) — **Poster**
- 2022: 2022 Spring Flagstaff Astronomy Symposium — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2021: 2021 Sagan Exoplanet Summer Virtual Workshop (online): Circumstellar Disks and Young Planets — **Helper on leading hands-on sessions**
- 2021: The 6th Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science Symposium (May 24-26, 2021, online) — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2020: 2020 Fall Flagstaff Astronomy Symposium — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2019: Micro-Workshop for Stellar Initial Mass Function and Molecular Core Mass Function (Nov. 2019 @ Taipei, Taiwan) — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2019: The Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (Taiwan) annual meeting — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2019: Star Cluster Workshop (Apr. 2019 @ Kunming, China) — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2018: ESO Workshop: A revolution in stellar physics with Gaia and large surveys (Sep. 2018 @Warsaw, Poland) — **Poster**
- 2018: Star Cluster Workshop (Jul. 2018 @ Xinjiang, China) — **Talk (contributed)**
- 2018: The Astronomical Society of the Republic of China (Taiwan) annual meeting — **Talk (contributed)**

Awards/Scholarship

- 2019 Best presentation (oral) award for the Astronomical Society of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Annual Meeting
- 2018 The Physics Society of Taiwan, Undergraduate Excellent Thesis Award
- 2018 NCU, Scholarship for Outstanding Student
- 2018 Fellowship of MPIA summer internship (full financial support)
- 2018 Best poster award for the Taiwan Physics Society Annual Meeting
- 2017 NCU, The ICT Solution Provider scholarship
- 2016 NCU, Fellowship for Exchange Student to Niigata University, Japan
- 2016 Best presentation (poster) award for the Astronomical Society of the R.O.C. (Taiwan) Annual Meeting

Publications | 8/15 1st & 2nd author papers | h-index: 8 | See more on



1st & 2nd author papers:

- ☆ 2023: **Tang, Shih-Yun**; Stahl, Asa G.; Prato, L. et al., *Star-Crossed Lovers DI Tau A and B: Orbit Characterization and Physical Properties Determination*, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), submitted.
- 2022: Pang, Xiao-Ying; **Tang, Shih-Yun**; Li, Yuqian et al., *3D Morphology of Open Clusters in the Solar Neighborhood with Gaia EDR3 II: Hierarchical Star Formation Revealed by Spatial and Kinematic Substructures*, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 931:156.
- ☆ 2021: **Tang, Shih-Yun**; Robinson, Tyler D.; Marley, Mark S. et al., *Impacts of Water Latent Heat on the Thermal Structure of Ultra-Cool Objects: Brown Dwarfs and Free-Floating Planets*, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 922:26.

- 2021: Stahl, Asa G.; **Tang, Shih-Yun**; Johns-Krull, Christopher M. et al., IGRINS RV: A Precision RV Pipeline for IGRINS Using Modified Forward-Modeling in the Near-Infrared, [The Astronomical Journal](#), 161:283.
- ☆ 2021: **Tang, Shih-Yun**; Stahl, Asa G.; Johns-Krull, Christopher M. et al., IGRINS RV: A Python package for precision radial velocities with Near-Infrared Spectra, [The Journal of Open Source Software](#), 6:62.
- 2020: Zhang, Yu; Tang, Shih-Yun*; Chen, W. P. et al., Diagnosing the Stellar Population and Tidal Structure of the Blanco1 Star Cluster, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 889:99.
- ☆ 2019: **Tang, Shih-Yun**; Pang, Xiao-Ying; Yuan, Zhen et al., Disrupted Open Clusters with tidal tails: Coma Berenices and its neighboring group, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 877:12.
- ☆ 2018: **Tang, Shih-Yun**; Chen, W. P.; Chiang, P. S. et al., Characterization of Stellar and Substellar Members in the Coma Berenices Star Cluster, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 862:106.

Co-author papers:

- 2022: Pang, Xiao-Ying; Li, Yuqian; **Tang, Shih-Yun**, et al., Dynamical Origin for the Collinder 132-Gulliver 21 Stream: A Mixture of three Co-Moving Populations with an Age Difference of 250 Myr, [The Astrophysical Journal Letters](#), 937:L7.
- 2021: Mann, Andrew W.; Wood, Mackenna L.; Schmidt, Stephen P. et al. (including **Tang, Shih-Yun**), TESS Hunt for Young and Maturing Exoplanets (THYME) VI: an 11 Myr giant planet transiting a very low-mass star in Lower Centaurus Crux, [The Astronomical Journal](#), 163, 156.
- 2021: Lee, Yong-Hee; Johnstone, Doug; Lee, Jeong-Eun et al. (including **Tang, Shih-Yun**), The JCMT Transient Survey: Four Year Summary of Monitoring the Submillimeter Variability of Protostars, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 920:119.
- 2021: Li, Yezhang; Pang, Xiao-Ying; **Tang, Shih-Yun** et al., Evidence of Early-stage Tidal Structures of Open Clusters Revealed by Kinematics with Gaia EDR3, [Research Notes of the AAS](#), 5:173.
- 2021: Pang, Xiao-Ying; Yu, Zeqiu; **Tang, Shih-Yun** et al., Disruption of Hierarchical Clustering in the Vela OB2 Complex and the Cluster Pair Collinder 135 and UBC7 with Gaia EDR3: Evidence of Supernova Quenching, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 923:20.
- 2021: Pang, Xiao-Ying; Li, Yuqian; Yu, Zeqiu; **Tang, Shih-Yun** et al., 3D Morphology of Open Clusters in the Solar Neighborhood with Gaia EDR 3: Its Relation to Cluster Dynamics, [The Astrophysical Journal](#), 912:162.
- 2020: Pang, Xiao-Ying; Li, Yuqian; **Tang, Shih-Yun** et al., Different Fates of Young Star Clusters after Gas Expulsion, [The Astrophysical Journal Letters](#), 900:L4.