

# TIXUAN TAN

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Hong Kong

*Bsc in Physics (starting from September 2020)*

Sept 2018 - Present

*GPA: 4.3/4.3, ranking 1/44<sup>1</sup>*

### University of Chicago

*Two-Quarter Exchange*

Jan 2021 - June 2021

*GPA: 4.0/4.0*

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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### Primary Interest (Trained)

- **Condensed Matter Theory**, including strongly correlated system, topological system, Moiré system, superconductivity, etc.
- **High Energy Theory**, including gravity, collider physics, models beyond SM (dark matter, SUSY, etc.), etc.

### Other Interest

- Condensed Matter Experiment, Quantum Information

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Condensed Matter Theory

*Moiré physics/Edge State physics*

Jan 2021 - Present

*Prof. Wang Yao (HKU)*

- We study Moiré potential from hBN substrate. A collaboration with experimental group has been carried out and the result has been submitted. I am responsible for theoretical calculation on the phase transition.
- We observe a new kind of edge state in bilayer graphene with phase transition. I am responsible for all calculation involved and writing. For detail, see publication.
- We study the anomalous Bloch Oscillations and electrical control of edge magnetization in the above-mentioned graphene-based system. I am responsible for the calculation and writing.
- We study the correlated electron/exciton states in Moiré platform and dual Moiré platform. I am responsible for all calculation involved, electron states, topological invariants etc.

### High Energy Theory

*Dark Matter*

July 2021 - Dec 2021

*Prof. Tao Liu (HKUST)*

- We focus on fuzzy dark matter, and probe the possibility of using binary black hole to probe their existence. I am responsible for dark matter evolution calculation.
- We study how to use the coupling of axion with photon and gravity to detect its existence.

### High Energy Theory

*Axion Detection*

Jan 2022 - Present

*Prof. Liantao Wang (UChicago) and Prof. Zhen Liu (Minnesota)*

- We study the dynamics of nucleus under the influence of cosmological axion background and the possibility of using the mechanism to probe the parameter space of axion. I work independently with help of my advisors. I am responsible for all the literature review, as well as code implementation of my advisors' advice.

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<sup>1</sup>I have transferred program, and this GPA includes only post-transfer courses, according to HKU's policy. GPA including pre-transfer courses would be 4.18/4.3. Before 2020, I was in other programs in the Business School. For ranking, see awards.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Dean's Honors List	In Business& Economics Faculty, by HKU	2019
Grace Wei Huang Memorial Prize	Academic-merit-based scholarship, by HKU	2019 Jun
Noel Chau Scholarship	Academic-merit-based scholarship, by HKU	2020 Jun
AEON Scholarship	Academic-merit-based scholarship, by HKU	2020 May
Zhi Yuan Scholarship	Academic-merit-based scholarship, by Soong Ching Ling Foundation	2018-2022
Lam Chi Him Memorial Prize in Physics	For being the best Year 2 physics student, by HKU	2021
Outstanding Poster Presentation	In the university-wide research poster presentation, by HKU	2021
Undergraduate Research Fellowship	With Research Award (awarded to $\frac{1}{3}$ of fellowship recipient), by HKU	2021
PLANCKS2022 Hong Kong District Champion	International theoretical physics competition, by Physical Society of Hong Kong	2022

## PUBLICATION, PREPRINTS AND TALKS

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### Published

- **T. Tan**, C. Li, and W. Yao, Edge state in AB-stacked bilayer graphene and its correspondence with SSH ladder, Phys. Rev. B **104**, 245419 (2021)
- **T. Tan**, F. Fan, C. Li, and W. Yao, Anomalous Bloch oscillation and electrical switching of edge magnetization in bilayer graphene nanoribbon, Phys. Rev. B **106**, 045405 (2022)

### Submitted

- D. Kim, R. Mayorga-Luna, D. Ye, **T. Tan** et al., Engineering Universal Potential of hBN Double Moiré Superlattices, **Under Review**.

### Working Paper

- **Excitonic insulator states on the dual Moiré platform, with W. Yao.**  
We study how the electron correlation may manifest itself on the platform via symmetry breaking, superfluid state, and charge-transfer exciton states.
- **Axion detection via qubit decoherence, with L. Wang and Z. Liu**  
We work on how the interaction between axion and nucleon may be understood using quantum information formation, and how this interaction may be implemented in near future for axion detection.

### Talks and Poster

- **Talk at APS March Meeting**, March 15, 2022, Chicago. Connecting edge states in bilayer graphene nanoribbon with SSH ladder. Session F56.00013
- **Invited Talk at Research Colloquium** hosted by University of Hong Kong, October 28, 2021, on projects involving graphene nanoribbon.
- **Poster at Poster Presentation of SRF and ORF Schemes and Summer Research Internship of URFP Programme 2020-21 of University of Hong Kong**, October 21, 2021, on projects involving graphene nanoribbon.
- **Poster at The 24th International Conference on High Magnetic Fields in Semiconductor Physics (HMF-24)**, July, 2022

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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### Language

- IELTS:8/9, speaking 7, Dec 2021
- GRE 336 (V:166 Q:170), **pGRE in 2022 is cancelled due to Covid-19 in Hong Kong.**

## **Programming**

- Mathematica (advanced), Matlab (advanced, primary use), Python, HTML
- Moire band calculation (tight-binding, continuum), tight-binding calculation, topological invariant calculation, Hartree-Fock calculation, etc.

## **Courses**

- All physics courses are full grade point.
- Graduate Courses: Particle Physics, Group Theory in Physics (Lie algebra & manifold), Graduate QM(Scattering & Quantum Information), Graduate EM I&II, Graduate Stat Mech, General Relativity.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Particle Physics course project, available at *An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory and Feynman Rules*
- I investigated into the theory of topological insulator, as requested by Prof. Wang Yao during my project.
- Participated in the writing of the textbook *Advanced Classical Electromagnetism* by R. Wald and was mentioned in preface