

# 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

### Peking University

*Summer School*

July 2021

GPA: 4.15/4.3

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Condensed Matter Theory

*Moiré physics/Edge State physics*

Jan 2021 - Present

*Prof. Wang Yao of HKU*

- We study how an hBN substrate can couple with bilayer graphene system and the resulting property. Up to this moment, we observe signature of inversion symmetry breaking in bilayer graphene valley in terms of Berry Curvature, which might give rise to Valley Hall Effect in this system.
- We observe a new kind of edge state in bilayer graphene with hybridized edge. It exhibits topological phase transition between two distinct topological phases. I am responsible for all calculation involved and writing. For detail, see publication.
- We study the Bloch Oscillations in the above-mentioned graphene-based system. Anomalous Bloch oscillation and electrical control of edge magnetization are observed. I am responsible for the calculation and writing.
- We study the correlated electron/exciton states in Moiré platform and dual Moiré platform (twisted bilayer graphene and twisted transition metal dichalcogenides). I am responsible for all calculation involved, electron states, topological invariants etc.

### High Energy Theory

*Dark Matter*

July 2021 - Present

*Prof. Tao Liu of 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.

### High Energy Theory

*Axion*

Jan 2022-Present

*Prof. Liantao Wang of UChicago and Prof. Zhen Liu of UMN*

- We study the dynamics of nucleus under the influence of cosmological axion background and the possibility of using the mechanism to probe the existence of axion. I am responsible for all calculation involved (primarily a master equation problem) and literature review.

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS(JAN 2022)

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### Language

- IELTS:8/9, speaking 7, Dec 2021
- GRE 336 (V:166 Q:170)

### Programming

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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.

- Mathematica, Matlab, Python, HTML
- Moire band calculation, tight-binding calculation, topological invariant calculation etc.

### Courses

- I have taken 8 undergraduate physics courses+ 7 graduate physics courses, all of which are full grade point.
- Undergraduate Courses: QM, Advanced Stat Mech, Classical Mech, Relativity, PDE, Nuclear Physics.
- 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

- I am currently self-learning QFT. I have written a note *An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory and Feynman Rules*
- I also investigate into the theory of topological insulator, as requested by Prof. Wang Yao during my project.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP(JAN 2022)

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Grace Wei Huang Memorial Prize-2019 Jun,academic-merit-based scholarship

Noel Chau Scholarship-2020 Jun, academic-merit-based scholarship

AEON Scholarship- 2020 May, academic-merit-based scholarship

China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, Zhi Yuan Scholarship, 2018-2022, merit-based scholarship

Lam Chi Him Memorial Prize in Physics 2020-2021, for being the best Year 2 physics student

Outstanding Poster Presentation, in the Poster Presentation of SRF and ORF Schemes and Summer Research Internship of URFP Programme 2020-21 of University of Hong Kong

Undergraduate Research Fellowship, awarded by HKU

International theoretical physics competition PLANCKS2022, Hong Kong District Champion, Captain of team

## PUBLICATION, PREPRINTS AND TALKS(FEB 2022)

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### Accepted

- **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)

### Working Paper

- Charge pumping and Chern Insulator states on the Dual Moiré platform, with W. Yao

### 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