

# WENZER QIN

## CONTACT INFORMATION

*email*                    [wenzerq@mit.edu](mailto:wenzerq@mit.edu)  
*website*                <https://wenzerq.github.io/>  
*ORCID*                  <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7849-6585>

## EDUCATION

*2019-present*        Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA  
                          Advisor: Prof. Tracy SLATYER  
                          Ph.D., Physics; GPA: 5.0/5.0  
*2015-2019*            Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD  
                          Advisors: Prof. Marc KAMIONKOWSKI, Prof. Nadia ZAKAMSKA, Prof. Andrei GRITSAN  
                          B.S., Physics; B.A., Mathematics; GPA: 3.99/4.0 (Major GPA: 4.0/4.0)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 · NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
  - LeRoy Apker Award Finalist
  - C. M. Clay Fellowship (MIT First Year Fellowship)
  - Henry W. Kendall Fellowship (MIT First Year Fellowship)
  - Donald E. Kerr Memorial Award for outstanding graduating senior in Physics
  - J.J. Sylvester Award for outstanding graduating senior in Mathematics
- 2018 · Barry Goldwater Scholarship
  - Caltech's FUTURE of Physics program for outstanding undergraduate women in physics
  - Johns Hopkins STAR Award for summer research
- 2017 · Inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma ( $\Sigma\Pi\Sigma$ )
  - Maryland Space Grant recipient for summer research
  - 2nd Place Presentation, Maryland Space Grant Consortium Student Research Symposium

## PUBLICATIONS (\* INDICATES ALPHABETICAL AUTHORSHIP ORDER)

- [5] \* H. Liu, **W. Qin**, G. W. Ridgway, and T. R. Slatyer. "Lyman- $\alpha$  constraints on cosmic heating from dark matter annihilation and decay". August 2020. [arXiv:2008.01084](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.01084) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
- [4] **W. Qin**, K. K. Boddy, and M. Kamionkowski. "Subluminal stochastic gravitational waves in pulsar-timing arrays and astrometry". July 2020. [arXiv:2007.11009](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.11009) [[gr-qc](#)]
- [3] **W. Qin**, K. K. Boddy, M. Kamionkowski, and L. Dai. "Pulsar-timing arrays, astrometry, and gravitational waves". *Phys. Rev. D*, D99(6):063002, March 2019. [arXiv:1810.02369](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.02369) [[astro-ph.CO](#)]
- [2] **W. Qin**, D. M. Nataf, N. Zakamska, P. R. Wood, and L. Casagrande. "The Mira-based distance to the Galactic centre". *The Astrophysical Journal*, 865(1):47, August 2018. [arXiv:1808.01294](https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.01294) [[astro-ph.SR](#)]
- [1] CMS Collaboration (including **W. Qin**). "Search for a new scalar resonance decaying to a pair of Z bosons in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV". *Journal of High Energy Physics*, 6:127, June 2018. [arXiv:1804.01939](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.01939) [[hep-ex](#)]

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 · Cosmology From Home

## SEMINARS

2020 · MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, BSM Journal Club

2019 · MIT Kavli Institute, Graduate Lunch Seminar

## COMMUNITY

2020 · Treasurer of the MIT Physics Graduate Student Council

- Member of the MIT Physics Working Group

- Organizer and founding member the CTP Anti-Racism Reading Club

2019 · Organizer for the MIT Center for Theoretical Physics Friday Lunch Seminar

- Member of the Johns Hopkins team for the 2019 International Olympiad in Theoretical Physics; placed 1st overall

2018 · Founder of the Johns Hopkins Physics Undergraduate Journal Club

- Member of the Johns Hopkins team for the 2018 International Olympiad in Theoretical Physics; placed 9th overall

## TEACHING

2016-2018 · Teaching Assistant at Johns Hopkins University (General Physics 171.102 and 171.108)

August 7, 2020