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RESEARCH

- Galaxy-Halo Connection: *galaxy group identification; secondary galaxy-halo connections*
- Dark Matter Halo: *halo assembly history; halo bias; halo structure*
- Protoclusters: *protocluster identification; protocluster evolution*
- Galaxy Quenching: *environmental quenching; relation to galaxy-halo connections*

EXPERIENCE

- Postdoctoral Research Associate, ICC and CEA, **Durham University** Since Jul. 2024
- KIAA Fellow, Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, **Peking University** Jul. 2022 - Jun. 2024

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Astronomy, **Tsinghua University** Sep. 2017 - Jul. 2022
Supervisors: Prof. Cheng Li & Prof. Houjun Mo, Thesis: Finding galaxy groups/clusters at $z \sim 1$ and its application
- Visiting Scholar, **University of Massachusetts, Amherst** Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2021
Supervisor: Prof. Houjun Mo
- B.S. in Astronomy, **University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)** Sep. 2013 - Jul. 2017

GRANTS

- KIAA fellow start-up research funding Jul. 2022 - Jul. 2024
50,000CNY
- China Scholarship for the Visiting Scholar Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2021
China Scholarship Council (CSC), \$45,600
- National Astronomy Training Base Jun. 2016 - Jun. 2017
Measure the conditional luminosity functions of galaxies at $z \sim 0.6$ using CLAUDS and BOSS, 20,000CNY
- National Astronomy Training Base May 2015 - May 2016
Thermal gravitational-wave background in the general pre-inflationary scenario, 20,000CNY

MENTORSHIP

- Zeyu Gao, graduate at Peking University since Nov. 2022
Project: Decoding the SEDs of galaxies with a prior from hydrodynamical simulations
- Xunda Sun, graduate at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences since Jun. 2023
Project: Characterizing the spatial distribution of the metal content for galaxies in FIRE2
- Jiaqi Wang, graduate at Shanghai Jiao Tong University since Dec. 2023
Project: Observational evidence of the halo assembly bias effect for protohalo size
- Chengyu Ma, graduate at USTC since Dec. 2023
Project: Revisiting the fundamental metallicity relation with observation and simulation
- Haochen Jiang, undergraduate at USTC since Dec. 2023
Project: Dissecting the quenching of massive central galaxies in TNG

- Zhijun Zhang, undergraduate at Peking University

Sep. 2022 - Jun. 2023

Bachelor Thesis: Identify protoclusters from high-redshift photometric surveys

TEACHING

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| • Cosmology and Galaxy Evolution | Guest Lecturer, Peking University, Autumn 2023 |
| • Observational Cosmology | Teaching Assistant, Tsinghua University, Autumn 2017 |
| • Particle Cosmology | Teaching Assistant, USTC, Spring 2017 |
| • General Relativity | Teaching Assistant, USTC, Autumn 2016 |

HONORS

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| • T. D. Lee Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined) | 2024 |
| • MUST Fellowship (declined) | 2022 |
| • Comprehensive scholarship (2nd class) of Tsinghua University | 2020 |
| • Comprehensive scholarship (1st class) of Tsinghua University | 2019 |
| • Future Scholar Scholarship of Tsinghua University | 2017 |
| • Outstanding Graduate of USTC | 2017 |
| • The annual scholarship of National Astronomical Observatories, CAS | 2016 |
| • National Inspirational Award | 2016 |
| • Excellent Student Scholarship (Silver Award) | 2014 |
| • Excellent Student Scholarship (Bronze Award) | 2013 |

SERVICE

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| • Professional Service | |
| Referee for MNRAS, ApJ, and A&A | |
| • Departmental Service | |
| Faculty Candidate Interview Committee at KIAA, Postdoc Representative | 2023, 2024 |
| Co-organizer of weekly Galaxy Party at KIAA | 2023 |
| Co-organizer of the Postdoc Science Day at KIAA | 2022 |
| Co-organizer of the Speaker Lunch at the Tsinghua Center for Astrophysics | 2018-2019 |

TALKS

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| • Galaxy & Cosmology seminar at Tsinghua University | |
| <i>Dark matter halo and its structure, assembly, and clustering</i> | Beijing, May 2024 |
| • Lunch talk at South-Western Institute For Astronomy Research, Yunnan University | |
| <i>Galaxy formation within and without dark matter halos</i> | Kunming, Apr. 2024 |
| • Conference of the Co-evolution of galactic eco-systems and their large-scale environments | |
| <i>Dissecting two-halo galactic conformity effect for central galaxies</i> | Hangzhou, Apr. 2024 |
| • Astronomical Seminar at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology | |
| <i>Galaxy formation within and without dark matter halos</i> | Wuhan, Mar. 2024 |
| • ITC Luncheon | |
| <i>How to connect galaxies across cosmic time?</i> | Cambridge, Jan. 2024 |
| • Steward/NOIRLab Galaxy Group Talk | |
| <i>How to connect galaxies across cosmic time?</i> | Tucson, Jan. 2024 |
| • Carnegie arXiv Tea | |
| <i>Relating galaxies across different redshift to study galaxy evolution</i> | Pasadena, Jan. 2024 |
| • KIPAC tea talk at Stanford University | |
| <i>Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories</i> | Stanford, Jan. 2024 |

• UC Santa Cruz CGI (Cosmology/Galaxies/IGM) Seminar	<i>Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment</i>	Santa Cruz, Jan. 2024
• Galread: Princeton/IAS Galaxy Journal Club	<i>Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories</i>	Remote, Oct. 2023
• UC Santa Cruz CGI (Cosmology/Galaxies/IGM) Seminar	<i>Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories</i>	Remote, Oct. 2023
• The 2nd Shanghai Assembly on Cosmology and Structure Formation	<i>Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories</i>	Shanghai, Oct. 2023
• Collaboration Workshop on Cosmology and Galaxy Formation	<i>Relating Galaxies across Cosmic Time to study galaxy evolution</i>	Shanghai, Jun. 2023
• 25th Chinese Astronomical Society Guoshoujing Symposium on Galaxies and Cosmology	<i>Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment</i>	Huangshan, May 2023
• Conference of Star Formation and Nuclei Activity in Galaxies	<i>Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment</i>	Nanjing, Mar. 2023
• KIAA-DoA Seminar, Peking University	<i>Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment</i>	Beijing, Mar. 2023
• Lunch Talk at the Department of Astronomy, Tsinghua University	<i>Relating galaxies across different redshift</i>	Beijing, Nov. 2022
• Lunch Talk at Kavli-IPMU, University of Tokyo	<i>Finding proto-clusters to trace galaxy evolution</i>	Remote, Jun. 2021
• The 11-th Prime Focus Spectrograph collaboration meeting	<i>Identifying galaxy groups from high-z and incomplete spectroscopic surveys</i>	Pasadena, Dec. 2019
• The 10-th Prime Focus Spectrograph collaboration meeting	<i>Finding groups/clusters of galaxies in the PFS galaxy evolution survey</i>	Shanghai, Dec. 2018

PUBLICATION

♦ 26 publications; 11 as the first/corresponding author; 220 citations; H-index: 8

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First-author/Corresponding-author* papers:

1. Chengyu Ma, **Kai Wang***, Enci Wang*, et al. ApJL (2024) [[arXiv: 2407.21716](#)]
Revisiting the fundamental metallicity relation with observation and simulation
2. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Yangyao Chen, Joop Schaye, MNRAS, 527, 10760 (2023) [[arXiv: 2310.00200](#)]
An efficient and robust method to estimate halo concentration based on the method of moments
3. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Yangyao Chen, et al. MNRAS, 528, 2046 (2024) [[arXiv: 2309.01039](#)]
Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories: I. Redshift evolution, relation to descendant halos, and halo assembly bias
4. **Kai Wang**, Xin Wang, Yangyao Chen, ApJ, 951, 66 (2023) [[arXiv: 2305.08161](#)]
Environmental dependence of the mass-metallicity relation in cosmological hydrodynamical simulations
5. **Kai Wang**, Yangyao Chen, Qingyang Li, Xiaohu Yang, MNRAS, 522, 3188 (2023) [[arXiv: 2304.07189](#)]
Late-formed halos prefer to host quiescent central galaxies. I. Observational results
6. **Kai Wang**, Yingjie Peng, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 523, 1268 (2023) [[arXiv: 2304.06886](#)]
Dissect two-halo galactic conformity effect: The dependence of star formation activities on the large-scale environment for central galaxies
7. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Cheng Li, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 520, 1774 (2023) [[arXiv: 2211.00485](#)]
Relating galaxies across different redshift to study galaxy evolution
8. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Cheng Li, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 505, 3892 (2021) [[arXiv: 2104.12223](#)]
Finding proto-clusters to trace galaxy evolution: I. The finder and its performance

9. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Cheng Li, Jiacheng Meng, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 499, 89 (2020) [arXiv: 2006.05426]
Identifying galaxy groups at high redshift from incomplete spectroscopic data: I. The group finder and application to zCOSMOS
 10. **Kai wang**, Larissa Santos, Jun-Qing Xia, Wen Zhao, JCAP 01, 053 (2017) [arXiv: 1608.04189]
Thermal gravitational-wave background in the general pre-inflationary scenario
 11. Yi-Fan Wang, **Kai Wang***, Wen Zhao, RAA 16, 4 (2016) [arXiv: 1511.01220]
Smoothing methods comparison for CMB E- and B-mode separation
- Co-author papers:
12. Cheqiu Lyu et al. ApJ (2024) [arXiv: 2407.03409]
From Halos to Galaxies. IX. Accurate estimate of halo assembly history for SDSS galaxy groups
 13. Qinxun Li et al. ApJL 969 L25 (2024) [arXiv: 2402.10740]
Black-Hole-to-Halo Mass Relation From UNIONS Weak Lensing
 14. Tao Wang et al. Nature (2023) [arXiv: 2311.07653]
Black holes regulate cold gas accretion in massive galaxies
 15. Yangyao Chen, H.J Mo, **Kai Wang**, MNRAS 526, 2542 (2023) [arXiv: 2304.13890]
Massive Dark Matter Halos at High Redshift: Implications for Observations in the JWST Era
 16. Cheqiu Lyu et al. ApJ 959, 5 (2023) [arXiv: 2310.10733]
From Halos to Galaxies. VII. The Connections Between Stellar Mass Growth History, Quenching History, and Halo Assembly History for Central Galaxies
 17. Jiacheng Meng et al. ApJ 964, 2 (2024) [arXiv: 2008.13733]
Measuring galaxy abundance and clustering at high redshift from incomplete spectroscopic data: Tests on mock catalogs
 18. Yangyao Chen et al. MNRAS 525, 1254 (2023) [arXiv: 2301.08972]
A Conditional Abundance Matching Method of Extending Simulated Halo Merger Trees to Resolve Low-Mass Progenitors and Sub-halos
 19. Qingyang Li et al. ApJ 933, 9 (2022) [arXiv: 2205.05517]
Groups and Protocluster Candidates in the CLAUDS and HSC-SSP Joint Deep Surveys
 20. Yangyao Chen et al. MNRAS 507, 2510 (2021) [arXiv: 2106.03984]
MAHGIC: A Model Adapter for the Halo-Galaxy Inter-Connection
 21. Zhaoyu Wang et al. Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astron. 64, 289811 (2021) [arXiv: 2106.14159]
The clustering of galaxies in the DESI imaging legacy surveys DR8: I. the luminosity and color dependent intrinsic clustering
 22. Yangyao Chen et al. MNRAS 504, 4865 (2021) [arXiv: 2009.12467]
How to empirically model star formation in dark matter halos: I. Inferences about central galaxies from numerical simulations
 23. Yangyao Chen et al. ApJ, 899, 81 (2020) [arXiv: 2003.05137]
Relating the structure of dark matter halos to their assembly and environment
 24. Jia-Ni Ye, **Kai Wang**, Yi-Fu Cai, Eur. Phys. J. C 77:720 (2017) [arXiv: 1705.10956]
Superconducting cosmic strings as sources of cosmological fast radio bursts
 25. Larissa Santo et al. JCAP, 01, 043 (2017) [arXiv: 1612.03564]
Statistical imprints of CMB B-type polarization leakage in an incomplete sky survey analysis
 26. Larissa Santo et al. JCAP 07, 029 (2016) [arXiv: 1510.07779]
Probing the statistical properties of CMB B-mode polarization through Minkowski Functionals

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