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EMPLOYMENT

Ruhr-University Bochum German Centre for Cosmological Lensing Fellow	2021.11-present
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EDUCATION

University of British Columbia, Vancouver PhD in Physics Supervisors: Profs. Gary Hinshaw and Ludovic van Waerbeke Thesis: <i>Probing the Universe with Multiple Large-Scale Structure Tracers</i>	2017.09-2021.08
University of British Columbia, Vancouver MSc in Astronomy Supervisor: Prof. Gary Hinshaw	2015.07-2017.08
Tsinghua University, Beijing BSc in Physics Supervisor: Prof. Charling Tao	2011.09-2015.07

RESEARCH

Research interests

- Probing the dark sector of the Universe with large-scale structure statistics
- Exploring various large-scale structure tracers
- Applying machine learning to cosmology

Research experience

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| • KiDS-Legacy 3×2 pt, 6×2 pt analyses | 2022-now |
| • KiDS-Legacy angular galaxy clustering measurements | 2022-now |
| • Systematics test for UNIONS cosmic shear | 2021-now |
| • Developing the Redshift Assessment Infrastructure Layers for DESC | 2021-now |
| • Cross-correlating various large-scale structure tracers | 2015-now |
| Supervisors (during PhD): Profs Gary Hinshaw and Ludovic van Waerbeke | |
| • Studies on galaxy clusters with machine learning and hydrodynamic simulations | 2017-2021 |
| Supervisors: Profs Gary Hinshaw and Ludovic van Waerbeke | |
| • Instrument simulation for PIXIE (Master's thesis) | 2016-2017 |
| Supervisor: Prof. Gary Hinshaw | |
| • An analysis of foreground contamination for CMB polarization (Bachelor's thesis) | 2014-2015 |
| Supervisor: Prof. Charling Tao | |
| • Noise analysis for QUBIC (summer research at APC, Paris) | 2014.7 |
| Supervisor: Prof. Jean-Christophe Hamilton | |
| • Measurement of exoplanet transit (student research training at Tsinghua) | 2012-2013 |
| Supervisor: Prof. Zhang Youhong | |

COLLABORATIONS

Dark Energy Science Collaboration	2021-Present
Full member (2024-), in-kind contributor (2021-),	
Ultraviolet Near-Infrared Optical Northern Survey	2021-Present
Member	
Kilo-Degree Survey	2019-Present
Member, infrastructure contributor for the Legacy analyses	
Cosmology Large Angular Scale Surveyor	2017-2021
Member	
Primordial Inflation Explorer	2016-2017
Master's thesis project	

COMPUTER SKILLS

Skilled in python, Shell script, \LaTeX ;
Familiar with C, IDL, MATLAB;
Familiar with numerical computation, statistical methods, and data visualization for astronomical data analyses;
Experience with measuring and modeling large-scale statistics from galaxy catalogs and sky maps;
Experience with cosmological parameter constraints from measurements;
Experience with building and analyzing deep neural networks with Tensorflow;
Software contributions:

- tiaogeng: a package that corrects the selection effects in galaxy angular clustering;
- rail_som: a SOM-based redshift calibration pipeline implemented in RAIL;
- photerr: a photometric error model for astronomical imaging surveys;
- CIB_CC: a PYCCL-based package to calculate the halo model for CIB cross-correlations;
- DC2_mock: photometric realizations and spectroscopic selections from cosmoDC2

SERVICE

Reviewer: Nature Astronomy, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Publications of the Astronomical Society of Japan;
News & views article author for Nature Astronomy: *Weighing galaxy clusters by laptop*
Organizer of the journal club at GCCL

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award (UBC)
2018-2022 UBC Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (UBC)
2016 Physics and Astronomy Graduate Scholarship (UBC)
2015 Faculty of Science Graduate Award (UBC)
2014 The outstanding academic scholarship of Guanghua (Tsinghua)
2013-2015 Tsinghua Xuetaang scholarship (Tsinghua)
2013-2015 Member Student of Tsinghua Xuetaang Physics Program (Tsinghua)
2012 The outstanding academic scholarship of Zheng Geru (Tsinghua)

ACADEMIC TALKS

Invited Talks / Seminar Talks / Colloquia

- Invited remote talk, DES LSS/WL/TCP call, online, 2024
- Invited seminar talk, Kavli IPMU, 2024
- Invited seminar talk, Institute for Theoretical Physics, Utrecht University, 2024
- Invited seminar talk, Department of Astronomy, Tsinghua University, online, 2023
- Invited seminar talk, Yunnan University, online, 2023

- Seminar talk, CSST seminar, online, 2022
- Colloquium talk, AIRUB, Bochum, 2022
- Seminar talk, University of British Columbia, 2022
- Invited seminar talk, Department of Astronomy, Tsinghua University, 2021
- Invited seminar talk, Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, 2021
- Seminar talk, German Centre for Cosmological Lensing, online, 2020
- Seminar talk, Kavli IPMU, online, 2020
- Seminar talk, CSST seminar, online, 2020
- Group seminar talk, University of Waterloo, online, 2020
- Group seminar talk, Ohio State University, online, 2020
- Group seminar talk, Stanford University and LMU (adjoint meeting), online, 2020
- Invited seminar talk, Tsung-Dao Lee Institute, online, 2020
- Astronomy colloquium talk, University of British Columbia, 2020
- Invited seminar talk, Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale, 2019

Contributed Talks / Posters

- Parallel session talk, DESC collaboration meeting at ETH, 2024
- Conference talk, Starting the golden years: going strong after KiDS, Leiden, 2024
- Parallel session talk, DESC collaboration meeting at SLAC, 2023
- Short talk and poster, YITP workshop, 2023
- Talk, KiDS busy week, Hull, UK, 2022
- Talk, Cosmology from home workshop, online, 2022
- Talk, KiDS busy week, Leiden, the Netherlands, 2021
- Invited seminar talk, Department of Astronomy, Tsinghua University, 2021
- Talk, KiDS busy week, online, 2020
- Poster, CosmoGold IAP Workshop, 2019
- Poster, SSI SLAC Summer Institute Workshop, 2017
- Talks, UBC-SFU-TRIUMF adjoint meetings, TRIUMF, 2017, 2019, 2020

VISITS, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

- DESC collaboration meeting, ETH, Zürich, Switzerland, 2024.07
- Visiting scholar, Kavli IPMU, Kashiwa, Japan, 2024.06
- Visiting scholar, ITP, Utrecht, the Netherlands, 2024.05
- DESC collaboration meeting, SLAC, CA, USA, 2023.07
- KiDS busy weeks, Institutes in Bochum, Leiden, Warsaw, Hull, and London, 2021-2023
- Future Science with CMB x LSS workshop, YITP, Kyoto, Japan, 2023.04
- Tensions in cosmology conference, Corfu, Greece, 2023.04
- Visiting scholar, Department of Astronomy, THU, Beijing, China, 2021.09
- Visiting scholar, Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, Shanghai, China, 2021.08
- CosmoGold IAP 2019 Workshop, IAP, Paris, France, 2019.06
- Visiting scholar, Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale, Orsay, France, 2019.06
- SSI SLAC Summer Institute 2017 Workshop, SLAC, CA, USA, 2017.08
- Summer Research, APC, Paris, France, 2014.07
- Frontier Conference in Cosmology, Beijing, China, 2014.06

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at UBC

Featured courses: Cosmology, Measurements in Physics, Group theory, High energy astrophysics, Introductory physics

Mentorship

- Angela Zhou (High-school project): 2019-2021
Investigating Hubble tension with dark matter-dark energy interaction models

- Susrestha Paul Bachelor's project: 2024
Extended Λ CDM model with KiDS data
- Leon Gawlytta (Master's project): 2023-
Clustering of Lyman-break galaxies from KiDS
- Fabian Kampshoff (Master's project): 2024-
Cross-correlating KiDS-Legacy, tSZ and CMB lensing
- Shiyang Zhang (PhD project): 2023-
Probing dark matter with lensing-Gamma ray cross-correlation
Selecting dwarf galaxies from Milky Way satellites

OUTREACH

Public talks

- The Century of the Universe (public talks in three high schools, 2021)
- High Energy Physics *vs* cosmology (Online interview show, 2021, [link](#))
- Your First Cosmology Class (Online interview show, 2021, [link](#))
- Kick Start the Universe (Three Minute Thesis Competition, UBC, 2017)
- Introduction to Astronomy (public talk in a remote middle school in China, 2015)

Book Translation (To Chinese)

- Chapters of *Knowledge in a Nutshell: Astrophysics* by Sten Odenwald; in press
- *El sistema solar (The Solar System)* by Joel Gabas Masip; ISBN: 12829555
- *Gravity: A Very Short Introduction* by Timothy Clifton; ISBN: 9787544392730

Other activities

- Writing popular science articles about science, physics and astronomy on social media (Weibo, WeChat Official Account)
- Outreach activity with the Astronomy Club of High School Affiliated to Minzu University
- Volunteer in stargazing activities organized by the Astronomy Club of Tsinghua University

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Southwestern and standard Mandarin (first language), English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate), German (intermediate), Cantonese (moderate)

REFERENCES

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