

# Yingtian “Bill” Chen

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### Education

- **University of Michigan Department of Astronomy** | Ann Arbor, US 2020 – 2026  
Ph.D. candidate in Astronomy and Astrophysics  
M.S. in Astronomy and Astrophysics
- **Peking University School of Physics** | Beijing, China 2016 – 2020  
B.S. in Physics (with honours)

### Experience

- **Visiting Researcher**, MIT Kavli Institute | Cambridge, US 2019

### Publications

- **10 publications in total:** citations > 110, h-index = 7
- **8 publications as first author:** citations > 100, h-index = 6

#### Publications as first author

1. **Chen**<sup>✉</sup>, Li<sup>✉</sup>, & Gnedin (2025) “Stellar streams reveal the mass loss of globular clusters”, *ApJL* **980**, L18.
2. **Chen**<sup>✉</sup>, Valluri, Gnedin, & Ash (2025) “Improved particle spray algorithm for modeling globular cluster streams”, *ApJS* **276**, 32.
3. **Chen**<sup>✉</sup> & Gnedin (2024) “Galaxy assembly revealed by globular clusters”, *OJAp* **7**, 23.
4. **Chen**<sup>✉</sup> & Gnedin (2024) “Catalogue of model star clusters in the Milky Way and M31 galaxies”, *MNRAS* **527**, 3692.
5. **Chen**<sup>✉</sup> & Gnedin (2023) “Formation of globular clusters in dwarf galaxies of the Local Group”, *MNRAS* **522**, 5638.
6. **Chen**<sup>✉</sup> & Gnedin (2022) “Modeling the kinematics of globular cluster systems”, *MNRAS* **514**, 4736.
7. **Chen**, Li<sup>✉</sup>, & Vogelsberger (2021) “Effects of initial density profiles on massive star cluster formation in giant molecular clouds”, *MNRAS* **502**, 6157.
8. **Chen** & Ma<sup>✉</sup> (2021) “Novel pre-burst stage of gamma-ray bursts from machine learning”, *JHEAp* **32**, 78.

#### Other publications

9. Ash<sup>✉</sup>, Valluri, **Chen**, & Bell (2024) “Stellar bars form dark matter counterparts in TNG50”, *ApJ* **976**, 189.
10. Pearson<sup>✉</sup>, Bonaca, **Chen**, & Gnedin (2024) “Forecasting the population of globular cluster streams in Milky Way-type galaxies”, *ApJ* **976**, 54.

### Honours and Awards

- **Rackham Conference Travel Grant** 2023 & 2024
- **Rackham International Student Fellowship** 2021
- **Weiming Physics Scholarship** (未名物理学子) 2020
- **Outstanding Graduate** (北京市普通高等学校优秀毕业生) 2020

- **First Prize & Best speaker**, Xingcheng Forum (兴诚本科生学术论坛) 2019
- **Huabao Funding for Undergraduate Research Program** (本科生科研华宝基金) 2018
- **National Scholarship** (国家奖学金) 2018
- **Pacemaker to Merit Student** (三好学生标兵) 2018
- **Outstanding Award & SIAM Award**, Mathematical Contest in Modeling 2018
- **Gold Medal**, Chinese Physics Olympiad (全国中学生物理竞赛) 2015

## Talks

- **Invited talk**, *DESI MWS telecon* | Remote 2024
- **Poster & flash talk**, *DGSCS 2024*, University of Chicago | Chicago, US 2024
- **Seminar**, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Purple Mountain Observatory, Nanjing University, Zhejiang University | Beijing/Shanghai/Nanjing/Hangzhou, China 2024
- **Talk**, *Astronomy graduate student lunch talk series*, University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, US 2021 – 2024
- **Invited talk**, *Galaxy formation group meeting*, CCA, Flatiron Institute | New York, US 2024
- **Invited talk**, University of Chicago | Remote 2024
- **Invited talk**, *SMWLX Star Clusters Working Group meeting* | Remote 2023
- **Conference talk**, *MODEST-23*, Northwestern University | Evanston, US 2023
- **Conference talk**, *Great Lakes Clusters and Streams*, University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, US 2023
- **Talk**, *Seminar for undergraduate students*, Peking University | Beijing, China 2019
- **Talk**, *Xingcheng Forum*, Peking University | Beijing, China 2019
- **Talk**, *Seminar for theoretical physics*, Fudan University | Shanghai, China 2019

## Service

### Professional service

- **Referee**: *ApJ* and *MNRAS* Since 2023
- **Session co-chair**: *DGSCS 2024* 2024
- **Local organizing committee chair**: *Great Lakes Clusters and Streams* 2023
- **Code developer**: ART, gala, galax, and galpy Since 2024
- **Organizer**: University of Michigan Stellar Halos Group meeting Since 2024

### University service

- **Organizer**: Astronomy graduate student lunch talks 2024 – 2025
- **Organizer**: Astrocoffee journal club 2022 – 2025
- **Chair**: University of Michigan Chinese astronomers networking group Since 2022
- **Graduate student instructor**: ASTRO 104, 106, and 115 2021 & 2024
- **Organizer**: Preliminary examination preparation club 2022 – 2023
- **Department bread baker** 2021 – 2022

## Skills

- **Programming Languages:** C/C++, Python, Latex, MATLAB, HTML/CSS...
- **Software/packages:** ART, AREPO, GADGET, MPI, AGAMA, multiprocessing, NumPy, Matplotlib, SciPy, scikit-learn, PyTorch, Astropy, yt, gala, galax, galpy, Git, Bootstrap...
- **Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent)

## References

- **Dr. Oleg Y. Gnedin**, Professor, University of Michigan; [ognedin\(at\)umich.edu](mailto:ognedin(at)umich.edu)
- **Dr. Monica Valluri**, Research Professor, University of Michigan; [mvalluri\(at\)umich.edu](mailto:mvalluri(at)umich.edu)
- **Dr. Hui Li (李辉)**, Assistant Professor, Tsinghua University; [hliastro\(at\)tsinghua.edu.cn](mailto:hliastro(at)tsinghua.edu.cn)