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Research Interests

High energy astrophysics, gamma-ray observation, stellar physics, stellar atmosphere, pulsars

Skills

- Computing Skills: Python and related packages, *Fermi* Science Tools, Fermipy, Naima
- Languages: English (near-native fluency), Chinese (Mandarin, native fluency)
- Other: mentorship, communication, networking, public speaking, teaching, open pedagogy methods, event organisation, WordPress

Education

08/2017-07/2022	Doctor of Philosophy in Physics, **CUNY Graduate Center**, New York, United States Proposed Dissertation: "Stacking the γ-ray Sky to Search for Faint Astrophysical Population" Advisor: Prof. Timothy A. D. Paglione (M.Phil., CUNY Graduate Center, 2021)
09/2014-08/2016	Master of Philosophy in Astrophysics, **the University of Hong Kong**, Hong Kong SAR Thesis: "Theoretical Study of γ-ray Emission from Pulsars" Supervisor: Prof. Kwong-Sang Cheng
09/2010-06/2014	Bachelor of Science in Astronomy, **Nanjing University**, Nanjing, China Thesis: "Analysis of γ-ray Pulsars Using a 2D Two-layer Outer Gap Model" Supervisor: Prof. Yongfeng Huang

Appointments

05/2019-Current	Workshop Coordinator & Mentor, **AstroCom NYC Program**, New York, United States
08/2018-Current	Adjunct Lecturer, **CUNY York College**, New York, United States
09/2016-05/2017	Instructional Assistant, **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**, Hong Kong SAR
07/2013	Research Assistant, **National Astronomical Observatories of China**, Beijing, China Supervisor: Prof. Di Li

Research Experience

03/2018-Current	**Stacking *Fermi*-LAT data to detect gamma-rays from faint populations**, Advisor: Prof. Timothy Paglione · Based on the *Fermi* likelihood analysis pipeline, I developed methods to stack residual maps and spatial and parameter-space likelihood profiles · Applied stacking methods to nearby flare stars and restricted their flare rates · Developed a temporal analysis pipeline which lead to the detection of the first gamma-ray emitting isolated main sequence star, TVLM 513 · Model fitting results with Naima shows the detected gamma-ray emission agrees with physical conditions of the star · Applied stacking methods to pulsars and discovered a new population of low spin-down luminosity pulsars that might emit gamma-rays · Applied stacking methods to globular clusters · Developed a toy model to validate the likelihood analysis and stacking methods.
03/2014-08/2016	**Gamma-Ray Emissions from Pulsar Magnetosphere**, Advisor: Prof. Kwong Sang Cheng · Used a stationary three-dimensional two-layer outer gap model to explain the phase-averaged spectrum and phase-resolved spectrum by *Fermi-LAT data* · Then developed it into non-stationary model, which fitted the results better · Added an Inverse-Compton Scattering component to explain the high energy tails of the spectrum of some powerful pulsars like Geminga
2013	**Star Formation Area in Taurus**, Advisor: Prof. Di Li · Blind-searched for bubbles (ring or arc structures) in the FCRAO data of ^{12}CO(J=1-0) and ^{13}CO(J=1-0) as candidates, produced channel maps, contour maps and P-V diagrams as criteria to select 37 bubbles · Calculated mass, momentum, energy and energy injection rate of the bubbles and compared with the turbulence of the clouds

Awards & Scholarships

2021	**Honorable Mention, Chambliss Astronomy Student Achievement Award**, 238^{th} Meeting of the American Astronomical Society (AAS)
2020	**Award for Excellence in Teaching**, CUNY Graduate Center Annual teaching award to three graduate students at CUNY Graduate Center
2017-2022	**CUNY Science Scholarship**, full scholarship to support study at CUNY Graduate Center
2014-2016	**Postgraduate Scholarship**, full scholarship to support study at the University of Hong Kong
2012	**Social Practice Scholarship**, Nanjing University Awarded for excellent service as president of the Amateur Astronomers Association at Nanjing University
2011	**People's Scholarship, Social Work Scholarship**, Nanjing University Awarded for top 20% students at Nanjing University
2011-2014	**Class for Elite Students in Astronomy Scholarship**, Nanjing University Top 30% students of the Dept. of Astronomy

Grants & Fellowships

2021-2022	**Science Communication Fellow**, CUNY Graduate Center ($3,000)
2021	**Early Research Initiative Pre-Dissertation Research Grant**, CUNY Graduate Center ($5,000)
2021	**Doctoral Student Research Grant** Round 16, CUNY Graduate Center ($500)
2021	**Fermi Guest Investigator Program, Cycle-14**, co-I, (PI: Prof. Joshua Tan), not funded
2020	**Open Pedagogy Fellow**, CUNY Graduate Center ($1,000)
2020	**FAMOUS Travel Grant**, American Astronomical Society, $500 travel grant for the 235th AAS Meeting
2019	**Doctoral Student Research Grant** Round 14, CUNY Graduate Center ($800)

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Earth & Physical Sciences, CUNY York College

2018-present	Introductory Astronomy Lab (ASTR141), fall and spring semesters Physics Lab (PHYS113), fall semesters only

Instructional Assistant, Department of Physics, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Spring 2017	Capstone Project (PHYS4191), General Physics w/ Calculus (PHYS1112), Energy & Related Environmental Issues (PHYS1003)
Fall 2016	Electric & Magnetism (PHYS3033), General Physics w/ Calculus (PHYS1112), Modern Physics Laboratory (PHYS2023)

TA, Department of Physics, University of Hong Kong

Spring 2016	Introduction to Relativity (PHYS2055)
Fall 2015	Physics by Inquiry (PHYS1240), Selected Topics in Astrophysics (PHYS4651)
Spring 2015	Cosmology (PHYS4653)
Fall 2014	Fundamental Physics (PHYS1250)

Mentoring Experience

2021-present	Co-mentor of Kayla Docher (Barnard College), AMNH Physical Sciences REU program
2021-present	Co-mentor of Keisi Kacanja (CUNY Hunter College), AstroCom NYC Program
2020-2021	Co-mentor of Vanessa Pinto (CUNY Hunter College), AstroCom NYC Program
2019-2020	Mentored a cohort of AstroCom NYC scholars on Classical Mechanics
2017	Mentor to physics students in the Capstone Project as part of their final year projects

Publications

1. Kacanja, K., Docher, K., Paglione, T., & **Song, Y.**, *Searching for Gamma-ray Halo Around Luminous Stars Using Stacking Methods*, in prep
2. Pinto, V., Paglione, T., **Song, Y.**, Zurek, D., & Tan, J., *Gamma-Rays from Globular Clusters*, in prep
3. **Song, Y.**, Paglione, T., Tan, J., & Lee-Georgescu, C., *A Large Population of Sub-Threshold Gamma-Ray Pulsars*, ApJ, in review
4. **Song, Y.**, & Paglione, T., *A Stacking Search for Gamma-Ray Emission from Nearby Flare Stars and the Periodic Source TVLM 513-46546*, 2020, ApJ, 900, 185S. arXiv:2008.01143
5. **Song, Y.**., Takata, J., & Cheng, K. S., *Theoretical Study of Gamma-Ray Pulsar*, 2016 JASS, 33(2), 69-73
6. Li, H., Li, D., Qian, L., Duo, X., Goldsmith, P. F., Noriega-Crespo, A., Wu, Y., **Song, Y.**, & Nan. R. *Outflows and Bubbles in Taurus: Star-formation Feedback Sufficient to Maintain Turbulence*, 2015 ApJS, 219 20L. arXiv:1507.06512

Talks and Conferences

10/2021	*Will Stacking Fermi Data Enable Dark Matter Annihilation Signal Detection?*, Galaxy Formation Group Meeting, Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute
10/2021	*Stacking the Gamma-ray Sky to Search for Faint Astrophysical Populations*, Colloquium, Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Louisville
06/2021	*A Large Population of Sub-Threshold Gamma-Ray Pulsars*, 238^{th} AAS Meeting, 2021AAS, 23812802S
01/2021	*Gamma-Rays from Globular Clusters*, co-author, 237^{th} AAS Meeting, 2021AAS, 23713002P
10/2020	*Detecting Gamma-ray Emission from Nearby Flare Stars*, Seminar for Laboratory of Atmospheric and Space Physics, University of Colorado, Boulder
01/2020	*Tentative Gamma-Ray Detection of Fast Rotating TVLM 513-46546*, 235th 235^{th} Meeting, 2020AAS, 23528804S
01/2020	*Correlating White Light and Gamma-Ray emission in Solar Flares*, co-author, 235^{th} AAS Meeting, 2020AAS, 23528804S
01/2020	*Gamma-rays from Jupiter*, co-author, 235^{th} AAS Meeting, 2020AAS, 23528804S
01/2016	*Theoretical study of gamma-ray emission from young pulsars*, 6^{6th} Fermi Asian Network (FAN) workshop

Community and Professional Service

Fall 2020	Physics & Astronomy tutor, Dept. of Earth & Physical Sciences, CUNY York College
2021-present	Member, Committee for Sexual-Orientation & Gender Minorities in Astronomy (SGMA) of AAS
2019-present	Mentor. Organizing weekly skill development workshops for undergraduate researchers at AstroCom NYC program and serving as a graduate student mentor for AstroCom NYC scholars.
2019-present	Member, AMNH Astrophysics Department Seminar Committee
08/2019	Student helper, CUNY Graduate Center Science Day & Orientation
2014-2015	Bass Singer, the Shun Hing College Schola Cantorum Choir of the University of Hong Kong
2013-2014	Bass Singer, the Nanjing University Choir
2013	Volunteer, the 2^{nd} Asia Youth Games, Nanjing
08/2012	Volunteer, the 28^{th} IAU General Assembly, Beijing
2011-2012	President of the Astronomy Amateurs Association of Nanjing University

Professional Development and Training

2021 - 2022	**Science Communication Fellow**, CUNY Graduate Center. A year-long fellowship aims to train and prepare STEM graduate students to be effective science communicators who are skilled at engaging the general public.
2021 - 2022	**Effective Practice Framework**, Association of College and University Educators. A 25-week training for refining teaching practices with a nationally recognized Certificate in Effective College Instruction issued upon completion.
06/2021	**Astrostatistics Summer School**, Pennsylvania State University
2021	**Machine Learning Class**, Center for Computational Astrophysics, Flatiron Institute, taught by Prof. Viviana Acquaviva
08/2020	**Open Pedagogy Fellow**, CUNY Graduate Center. After participating in a CUNY faculty development workshop, I developed a zero-cost open educational resource syllabus for the introductory astronomy laboratory (ASTR141) I teach at York College. It is also designed to fit the pandemic-era online learning.
07/2013	2^{nd} **Radio Astronomy Summer School**, Guizhou University & National Astronomical Observatories of China

Membership

American Astronomical Society, American Physical Society