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Appointments

2022 -	Postdoctoral Fellow, Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Germany
2018 - 2022	Research Assistant, Dept. of Physics, Penn State, US
2016 - 2022	Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Physics, Penn State, US
Summer 2015	REU Intern, Dept. of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Penn State, US

Education

08/2022	Ph.D. in Physics, Pennsylvania State University, US
	Supervised by Prof. Péter Mészáros and Prof. Kohta Murase
	Thesis: Neutrino and Electromagnetic Counterparts of Galaxy and Astrophysical Black Hole
	Mergers
06/2016	B.Sc. in Astronomy, Nanjing University, China

Research Interests

- HE astrophysics (CR acceleration, transport and radiation processes): theoretical & numerical
- Multimessenger astrophysics: gamma rays, neutrinos and cosmic rays from TDEs, compact objects (e.g., GRBs and FRBs), AGNs, and SMBH mergers

Fellowships & Awards

2022	TDLI Prize Postdoctoral Fellowship, Tsung-Dao Lee Institute (declined)
2021-2022	W. Donald Miller Graduate Fellowship (x2), Pennsylvania State University
2019-2022	David C. Duncan Graduate Fellowship (x4), Pennsylvania State University
2018	APS Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Physical Society
2017	Homer F. Braddock Scholarship, Pennsylvania State University
2016	School of Astronomy and Space Science Dean's Scholarship, Nanjing Univ.
2016	Outstanding Thesis Award, Nanjing University
2016	Merit Student, Education Department of Jiangsu Province, China
2015	REU Intern Travel Grant (host institution: Penn State), Nanjing University
2015	Duxia Scholarship, Nanjing University

Conferences and Scientific Talks

Invited talks & seminars

09/2024	Roma International Conference on AstroParticle Physics (RICAP-24), Italy
	"Neutrinos from TDEs"
09/2024	NCfA Astrophysics Forum, UNLV, USA "Multi-Messenger Pictures for
	Neutrino-Emitting and Jetted TDEs"

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04/2024	Oxford-Berlin Neutrino Lectures, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany, "Neutrinos from Tidal Disruptions of Massive Stars"
02/2024	2nd Numerical Lepto-Hadronic Modeling Workshop, Paris, France
02/2021	"Multi-Messenger Modeling of TDEs using AM ³ "
12/2023	HE Astrophysics Seminar, Nanjing University, China, "Multi-Messenger Signals from
12/2023	TDEs"
12/2023	Astrophysics Colloquium, USTC, China, "Multi-Messenger Signals from TDEs"
11/2023	DESY Astroparticle Seminar , "TDEs in the Era of Multi-Messenger Astrophysics"
08/2023	Panelist of HE Transients, NEMMA Workshop, Penn State Univ.
	"Multi-Messenger Modeling of Neutrino-Coincident TDEs"
04/2023	CP3 seminar, UCLouvain, Belgium "Multi-Messenger Signals of Tidal Disruption
	Events and Supermassive Black Hole Mergers"
02/2023	Lepto-Hadronic Workshop, Bochum, Germany "Modeling the Hadronic Cascade
	Emission from Neutrino-Emitting TDEs"
11/2022	DESY THAT Seminar "Neutrino and Electromagnetic Counterparts of Galaxy and
	Compact Binary Mergers"
03/2022	University of Maryland CTC talk series "The Multimessenger View of Galaxy and
	Compact Binary Mergers"
12/2021	Columbia University HEP Seminar "The Multimessenger View of Galaxy and
	Compact Binary Mergers"
11/2021	DESY THAT Seminar "The Multimessenger View of Galaxy and Compact Binary Mergers"
10/2021	UNLV Astronomy Colloquium "The Multimessenger View of Galaxy and Compact
,	Binary Mergers"
10/2020	Tohoku University Astroparticle Seminar, Japan "Galaxy and Supermassive Black
,	Hole Mergers in the Era of Multi-Messenger Astrophysics"
10/2020	CCAPP AstroParticle Lunch, Ohio State University "High-energy neutrino emission
•	from super-massive black hole (SMBH) mergers"
09/2020	Penn State Astronomy Lunch Talk "High-energy neutrino emission subsequent to
	gravitational wave radiation from SMBH mergers"
08/2020	Time-Domain High-Energy Messenger Astrophysics Workshop, University of
	Kyoto, Japan (virtual) "High-energy neutrino emission subsequent to gravitational
	wave radiation from SMBH mergers"
06/2019	IGC@25: Multimessenger Universe Workshop "Neutrino and Secondary
	Electromagnetic Emissions from Galaxy Mergers"
08/2015	Penn State Astronomy Lunch Talk "High-Redshift Star-Forming Galaxies as Hidden
	Neutrino Sources"

Contributed conference talks & posters

08/2024 **TeVPA 2024, Chicago, USA** "Neutrino and Electromagnetic Signals from TDE Isotropic Winds and Relativistic Jets"

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09/2023	TeVPA 2023, Napoli, Italy "Neutrino and electromagnetic cascade models for tidal disruption events"
07/2021	EPS Conference on High Energy Physics "Jet-induced high-energy neutrino and
	electromagnetic counterparts of supermassive black hole mergers "
04/2021	APS April meeting (virtual) "Jet-induced high-energy neutrino and electromagnetic
	counterparts of supermassive black hole mergers"
02/2021	Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos (IGC), Penn State (virtual) "High-energy
	neutrino emission subsequent to gravitational wave radiation from SMBH mergers"
07/2019	Poster: 36th International Cosmic Ray Conference (ICRC), Madison, WI "A
	Multimessenger Picture of Galaxy Mergers: Neutrinos and Electromagnetic Emissions"
04/2018	APS April meeting, Columbus, OH "Cumulative Neutrino and Gamma-ray
	Backgrounds from Halo and Galaxy Mergers"

Software

Astrophysical Multi-Messenger Modeling (AM³)

An open-source tool for time-dependent lepto-hadronic modelling of astrophysical sources

- Documentation https://am3.readthedocs.io/
- Developers: Shan Gao, Marc Klinger, Annika Rudolph, Xavier Rodrigues, Chengchao Yuan,
 Gaëtan Fichet de Clairfontaine, Anatoli Fedynitch, Walter Winter, Martin Pohl
- **Contribution:** core developer; radiating blob expansion implementation; TDE examples; code tests; C++ documentation.

Programming Skills

- Programming languages: C++, Python, Mathematica and Fortran
- Extensive experience in using AM³ and CRpropa

Mentoring

PhD Students

2023 -	Karlijn Kruiswijk, Université catholique de Louvain '22, "GeV neutrinos from GRBs",
	co-mentored with Dr. Walter Winter and Prof. Gwenhaël de Wasseige

Master and Undergraduate Students

2024	Andre Neubauer, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (MSc, '23), "Multi-messenger
	emissions from collimated astrophysical jets"
2023	Federico Testagrossa, University of Padova (MSc, '22), DESY Summer School
2023	David Raudales, National Autonomous University of Honduras (BSc, '20), DESY
	Summer School

Teaching Experience

Oxford-Berlin Neutrino Physics Lecturer (Berlin, Germany, 2024)

Lecture Course on Neutrino Physics between Oxford University and Humboldt University Berlin

• Gave a lecture on time-dependent multi-messenger modeling using AM³ software

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DESY Summer School Lecturer (Zeuthen, Germany, 2023)

DESY Summer School on Astroparticle Physics for Undergraduate and Master Students

- Gave a lecture on the physics of GRBs and on the radiation processes in astroparticle physics
- Guided students to complete the analytical/numerical modeling of GRB afterglow emissions

Graduate Teaching Assistant (State College, PA, USA, 2016–2022)

Coordinating experiments/labs, grading assignments, offering office hours, and proctoring exams for graduate and undergraduate courses in the Physics Department

- Laboratory coordinator and lecturer: Electromagnetism, Introductory Physics
- Grader and office hour leader: Quantum Mechanics, Special and General Relativity, Methods of Theoretical Physics

Professional and Outreach Activities

Referee	MNRAS, MNRAS Letters (2023 -)
2024	Organizing Committee Member for the 3rd Numerical Lepto-Hadronic Modeling Workshop
2023	Organizing Committee Member for the DESY Astroparticle Division Retreat
2022 -	DESY Theoretical Astroparticle Seminar Organizer
2021	Abstract Sorting Committee of AAS 239th Annual Meeting
2021	Journal Club Organizer for the Center of Multimessenger Astrophysics
2017 - 2022	Guest Lecturer and co-organizer for the AstroFest (4-night outreach, 2500+ visitors)
2018	Astropy Demonstrator at K-12 Educators - Bring Cutting-Edge STEM Research into
	Classroom (2-day outreach, $100+$ high-school teachers)

References

Dr. Walter Winter (walter.winter@desy.de)

Group leader theoret. astroparticle physics

Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), Zeuthen

Dr. Kohta Murase (murase@psu.edu)

Professor, Physics and Astronomy & Astrophysics

Pennsylvania State University, USA

Dr. Cecilia Lunardini (cecilia.lunardini@asu.edu)

Professor, Department of Physics

Arizona State University, USA

Dr. Péter Mészáros (nnp@psu.edu)

Eberly Chair Professor Emeritus, Astronomy & Astrophysics and Physics

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Publications

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1st-author publications: 10

- 1. **Yuan, C.**, Zhang, B. T., Winter, W., Murase, K., (2024), "Structured Jet Model for Multiwavelength Observations of the Jetted Tidal Disruption Event AT 2022cmc", arXiv: 2401.09320, ApJ in press
- 2. **Yuan, C.**, Winter, W., Lunardini, C., (2024), "AT2021lwx: Another Neutrino-Coincident Tidal Disruption Event with a Strong Dust Echo?", ApJ 969 136
- 3. **Yuan, C.,** and Winter, W. (2023), "Electromagnetic Cascade Emission from Neutrino-Coincident Tidal Disruption Events", ApJ 956 30
- 4. **Yuan, C.**, Murase, K., Guetta, D., Pe'er, A., Bartos, I., & Mészáros, P. (2021) "GeV Signature of Short Gamma-Ray Bursts in Active Galactic Nuclei", *ApJ* 932 80
- 5. **Yuan, C.**, Murase, K., Zhang, B. T., Kimura, S. S. & Mészáros, P. (2021) "Post-Merger Jets from Supermassive Black Hole Coalescences as Electromagnetic Counterparts of Gravitational Wave Emission", *ApJL*, 911 L15
- Yuan, C., Murase, K., Kimura, S. & Mészáros, P. (2020) "High-energy neutrino emission subsequent to gravitational wave radiation from supermassive black hole mergers", *Phys. Rev. D* 102, 083013
- 7. **Yuan, C.**, Murase, K. & Mészáros, P. (2020) "Complementarity of Stacking and Multiplet Constraints on the Blazar Contribution to the Cumulative High-Energy Neutrino Intensity", *ApJ*, 890:1
- 8. **Yuan, C.**, Murase, K. & Mészáros, P. (2019) "Secondary Radio and X-ray Emissions from Galaxy Mergers", *ApJ*, 878:76
- 9. **Yuan, C.**, Mészáros, P., Murase K. & Jeong, D. (2018) "Cumulative Neutrino and Gamma-Ray Backgrounds from Halo and Galaxy Mergers", *ApJ*, 857:50
- 10. **Yuan, C.** & Wang, F. (2015) "Cosmological Test Using Strong Gravitational Lensing Systems", *MNRAS*, 452:3

2nd-to-4th-author publications

- 11. Klinger, M., **Yuan, C.,** Taylor, A., Winter, W., (2024), "Lepto-Hadronic Scenarios for TeV Extensions of Gamma-Ray Burst Afterglow Spectra", arXiv:2403.13902, submitted to ApJ
- 12. Klinger, M., Rudolph, M., Rodrigues, X., **Yuan, C.,** Fichet de Clairfontaine, G., Fedynitch, A., Winter, W., Pohl, M., Gao, S. (2023), "AM3: An Open-Source Tool for Time-Dependent Lepto-Hadronic Modeling of Astrophysical Sources", arXiv: 2312.13371, submitted to ApJS
- 13. Zhang, T. B., Murase, K., **Yuan, C**., Kimura, S. S. & Mészáros, P. (2020) "External Inverse-Compton Emission Associated with Extended and Plateau Emission of Short Gamma-Ray Bursts: Application to GRB 160821B", *ApJL* 908 L36

5th+-author publications

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14. Zhang, B.T., Murase, K., Ioka, K., Song, D., **Yuan, C.**, Meszaros, P. (2023) "External Inverse-Compton and Proton Synchrotron Emission from the Reverse Shock as the Origin of VHE γ -Rays from Hyper-Bright GRB 221009A", ApJL 947 L14

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