

I work on neutral hydrogen intensity mapping with MeerKAT and the future SKAO.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Astrophysics

2020–2023

Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics, University of Manchester

Supervisor: Dr. Laura Wolz

Co-Supervisor: Prof. Richard Battye

– Thesis: “Interferometric Neutral Hydrogen Intensity Mapping in the Post-Reionization Universe”

M.Sc. in Astronomy and Astrophysics (Distinction)

2019–2020

Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics, University of Manchester

Supervisor: Dr. Laura Wolz

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– Thesis: “Interferometric Neutral Hydrogen Intensity Mapping”

B.Sc. in Physics

2015–2019

University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)

Supervisor: Prof. Yi-Fu Cai

RESEARCH POSITION

Postdoctoral Research Associate

2023–

Institute for Astronomy, University of Edinburgh

EXPERIENCE

Student Supervisor

Senior Honour project for undergraduate students, University of Edinburgh.

2023–

Project Supervisor

Nuffield summer placement, Nuffield organisation

2022

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles and preprints under peer-review:

1. MeerKLASS collaboration (incl. **Z. Chen** with significant contributions), “MeerKLASS L-band deep-field intensity maps: entering the HI dominated regime”, submitted to *MNRAS*. arXiv: 2407.21626
2. K. Diao, **Z. Chen**, X. Chen and Y. Mao, “Reionization Parameter Inference from 3D Minkowski Functionals of the 21 cm Signals”, *ApJ* 974 (2024) 141. arXiv: 2406.20058
3. A. Mazumder, L. Wolz, **Z. Chen** et al. “HI Intensity Mapping with the MIGHTEE Survey: First Results of the HI Power Spectrum”, submitted to *MNRAS*.
4. **Z. Chen**, and A. Pourtsidou, “Power spectrum multipoles and clustering wedges during the Epoch of Reionization”, submitted to *MNRAS*. arXiv: 2405.05414
5. **Z. Chen**, E. Chapman, L. Wolz and A. Mazumder, “Detecting the HI Power Spectrum in the Post-Reionization Universe with SKA-Low”, *Mon.Not.Roy.Astron.Soc.* 524 (2023) 3, 3724. arXiv: 2302.11504
6. S. Paul, M. G. Santos, **Z. Chen** and L. Wolz, “A first detection of neutral hydrogen intensity mapping on Mpc scales at $z \approx 0.32$ and $z \approx 0.44$ ”, *submitted to ApJ letters*. arXiv: 2301.11943

7. **Z. Chen**, L. Wolz and R. Battye, “Towards Optimal Foreground Mitigation Strategies for Interferometric HI Intensity Mapping in the Low-Redshift Universe”, *Mon.Not.Roy.Astron.Soc.* 518 (2023) 2, 2971–2990. arXiv: 2205.07776
8. **Z. Chen**, L. Wolz, M. Spinelli and S. G. Murray, “Extracting HI Astrophysics from Interferometric Intensity Mapping”, *Mon.Not.Roy.Astron.Soc.* 502 (2021) 4, 5259–5276. arXiv: 2010.07985
9. S. G. Murray, B. Diemer, **Z. Chen** et al., “TheHaloMod: An online calculator for the halo model”, *Astron.Comput.* 36 (2021) 100487. arXiv: 2009.14066
10. **Z. Chen**, W. Luo, Y.-F. Cai, and E. Saridakis, “New test on general relativity and $f(T)$ torsional gravity from galaxy-galaxy weak lensing surveys”, *Phys. Rev. D* 102 (2020), 104044. arXiv: 1907.12225
11. B. Li, **Z. Chen**, Y.-F. Cai, and Y. Mao, “Testing the scale-dependent hemispherical asymmetry with the 21-cm power spectrum from the epoch of reionization”, *Mon.Not.Roy.Astron.Soc.* 487 (2019) 4, 5564–5571. arXiv: 1904.04683
12. **Z. Chen**, Y. Xu, Y. Wang and X. Chen, “Stages of Reionization as revealed by the Minkowski Functionals”, *Astrophys.J.* 885 (2019) 23. arXiv: 1812.10333

Conference proceedings and other articles:

1. M. Santos, S. Camera, **Z. Chen**, S. Cunningham and J. Fonseca, “Cosmology with ESO–SKAO Synergies”, to appear in *the Messenger*, 193 (2024) 20–23.
2. **Z. Chen**, “Perspective of using multipole power spectrum wedges as summary statistics in future SKA-Low surveys”, contribution to 58th Rencontres de Moriond on Cosmology.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Referee for Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 2022–

COLLABORATION ROLES

MeerKLASS collaboration

I am a leading member of the MeerKAT interferometric intensity mapping group, working on the data analysis pipeline¹.

I lead the HI stacking project for the single dish survey.

I lead the development of `meer21cm`, a PYTHON package for intensity mapping analysis².

SKAO Cosmology Science working group

I am a member of the SKAO cosmology science working group working on SKA-low simulations.

Astrophysical Computing

I am a contributing author of `halomod`³.

SELECTED TALKS

CASTLE 2024

Title: Neutral Hydrogen stacking from MeerKLASS

09/2024

Tagliolo Monferrato, Italy

Tianlai 2024

Title: Clustering wedges of power spectrum multipoles during Epoch of Reionization

07/2024

HDU, Hangzhou

Moriond 2024

Title: Clustering wedges of power spectrum multipoles during Epoch of Reionization

04/2024

La Thuile, Italy

³<https://github.com/zhaotingchen/hiimtool>

³<https://github.com/zhaotingchen/meer21cm>, currently private and only available to MeerKLASS members

³<https://github.com/halomod/halomod>

MeerKLASS Workshop 2024	02/2024
Title: Foreground leakage from calibration errors in MeerKAT 21cm observations	STIAS, Stellenbosch
SKAO Cosmology Science Working Group meeting 2024	01/2024
Title: Foreground leakage from calibration errors in MeerKAT 21cm observations	Planetário do Porto
UK National Astronomy Meeting 2023	07/2023
Title: A first detection of neutral hydrogen intensity mapping	Cardiff University
National Astronomical Observatories of China	04/2023
Title: A first detection of neutral hydrogen intensity mapping on Mpc scales at $z \approx 0.32$ and $z \approx 0.44$	NAOC
Department of Astronomy, Tsinghua University	04/2023
Title: 21cm Cosmology in the Post-Reionization Universe	THU
Shanghai Astronomical Observatory	04/2023
Title: Interferometric Intensity Mapping in the Low-Redshift Universe	SHAO
SKAO Cosmology Science Working Group meeting 2023	01/2023
Title: A first detection of neutral hydrogen intensity mapping on Mpc scales at $z \approx 0.32$ and $z \approx 0.44$	JBCA
HITS (HI Intensity Mapping in Trieste) 2022	05/2022
Title: Interferometric Intensity Mapping	SISSA Trieste
ETH astronomy (invited)	04/2022
Title: Interferometric Intensity Mapping	IPA, ETH Zurich
SAZERAC 21cm 2022	03/2022
Title: Interferometric Intensity Mapping in the Low-Redshift Universe	Online
UK National Astronomy Meeting 2021	07/2021
Title: Extracting HI Astrophysics from Interferometric Intensity Mapping	University of Bath
2021 SKA Science Conference	03/2021
Title: Extracting HI Astrophysics from Interferometric Intensity Mapping	SKA Organisation
SWIFAR Colloquium (invited)	09/2020
Title: Halo Model, Interferometric Intensity Mapping and HI Shot Noise	Yunnan University