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Employment

Center for Astrophysics, Harvard & Smithsonian, US Nov 2023–present
NWO Rubicon Fellow

Kapteyn Astro. Institute, University of Groningen, NL Oct 2023–present
NWO Rubicon Fellow

Education

Kapteyn Astro. Institute, University of Groningen, NL Oct 2019–Sep 2023
PhD in Astronomy. Advisor: Mariano Méndez and Diego Altamirano

Department of Physics, Fudan University, CN Sep 2015–June 2019
B.S. (*Honor*) in Physics. Advisor: Cosimo Bambi

Hamburg University, DE Jul 2018
Summer Exchange Student

Previous Academic Positions

University of Southampton, UK Feb 2023
Visiting Researcher. PI: Diego Altamirano

Institute of High-Energy Physics, CAS, CN Mar 2021–Mar 2022
Visiting Researcher. PI: Shuang-Nan Zhang and Jin-Lu Qu

Shanghai Astronomical Observatory, CAS, CN Jun 2019–Sep 2019
Summer Visiting Student. PI: Wenfei Yu

Honors and Awards

NWO Rubicon Fellowship (~ 150 k EUR) 2023–2025
“New light on the origin of X-ray variability in Galactic accreting black holes”

CSC and UoG Scholarship (~ 100 k EUR) 2019–2023
“Spectral variability of compact X-ray sources”

Shanghai Outstanding Graduate 2019

Wangdao Scholar (named after the former president of Fudan) 2019

Fudan’s Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (10k CNY) 2018–2019
“Testing general relativity using X-ray reflection spectroscopy”

Member

IXPE Science Team 2024–present

NICER Science Team 2023–present

Professional Service

Panelist for NASA proposals

2024

Observation

- [1] PI, *Magellan* 2024B, “*The mass and spin of Swift J1727.8–1613*”, 2 nights
- [2] Co-I, *NuSTAR* Cycle 10, “*Slim-disk spectro-polarimetry with LMC X-3*”, PI: Steiner, 120 ks
- [3] Co-I, *IXPE* Cycle 1, “*Evolving slim-disk polarization with LMC X-3*”, PI: Steiner, 1.2 ms
- [4] PI, *Insight-HXMT* AO-6, “*Unravelling the origin of fast time variability in X-ray binaries with Insight-HXMT*”, 3.6 ms
- [5] PI, *Insight-HXMT* AO-5, “*On the QPO properties of a black-hole X-ray binary*”, 10 ks

Publications

- [1] Zhang, Z., Bambi, C., Liu, H., **incl. Zhang, Y.** et al. (2024). *A variable ionized disk wind in MAXI J1803–298 revealed by NICER*. Submitted to ApJ.
- [2] Podgorny, J., Svoboda, J., Dovciak, M., **incl. Zhang, Y.** et al. (2024). *Recovery of the X-ray polarisation of Swift J1727.8–1613 after the soft-to-hard spectral transition*. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 686, L12
- [3] Jin, P., Zhang, G., **Zhang, Y.** et al. (2024). *The bright black hole X-ray binary 4U 1543–47 during 2021 outburst - I. A clear state transition from super-Eddington to sub-Eddington accretion revealed by Insight-HXMT*. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 530(1), 929-946
- [4] Svoboda, J., Dovciak, M., Steiner, J., **incl. Zhang, Y.** et al. (2024). *Dramatic drop in the X-ray polarization of Swift J1727.8–1613 in the soft spectral state*. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 966(2), L35
- [5] Zhao, S., Tao, L., Li, P., **incl. Zhang, Y.** et al. (2024). *The bright black hole X-ray binary 4U 1543–47 during 2021 outburst: a thick accretion disk inflated by high luminosity*. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 685, A42
- [6] **Zhang, Y.**, Méndez, M., Motta, S. et al. (2024). *A systematic study of the high-frequency bump in the black-hole low-mass X-ray binary GX 339–4*. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 527(3), 5638-5648
- [7] Zhang, L., Méndez, M., García, F. et al., **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2023). *Type-A quasi-periodic oscillation in the black hole transient MAXI J1348–630*. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 526(3), 3944-3950
- [8] Ma, R., Méndez, M., García, F. et al., **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2023). *Variable corona during the transition from type-C to type-B quasi-periodic oscillations in the black hole X-ray binary MAXI J1820+070*. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 525(1), 854-875
- [9] Yang, Z. X., Zhang, L., Zhang S. N., **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2023). *Fast transitions of X-ray variability in the black hole transient GX 339–4: comparison with MAXI J1820+070 and MAXI J1348–630*. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 521(3), 3570-3584

- [10] **Zhang, Y.**, Méndez, M., García, F. et al. (2023). *A NICER look at the jet-like corona of MAXI J1535–571 through type-B quasi-periodic oscillation*. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 520(4), 5144-5156
- [11] **Zhang, Y.**, Méndez, M., García, F. et al. (2022). *The evolution of the high-frequency variability in the black hole candidate GRS 1915+105 as seen by RXTE*. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 514(2), 2891-2901
- [12] García, F., Karpouzas, K., Méndez, M. et al., **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2022). *The evolving properties of the corona of GRS 1915+105: a spectral-timing perspective through variable-Comptonization modelling*. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 513(3), 4196-4207.
- [13] Liu, H., Fu, Y., Bambi, C. et al., **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2022). *The disk wind in GRS 1915+105 as seen by Insight-HXMT*. The Astrophysical Journal, 933(2), 122.
- [14] Yang, Z. X., Liang, Z., Bu, Q. C. et al., **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2022). *The accretion flow geometry of MAXI J1820+070 through broadband noise research with Insight-HXMT*. The Astrophysical Journal, 932(1), 7.
- [15] **Zhang, Y.**, Méndez, M., García, F. et al. (2022). *The evolution of the corona in MAXI J1535-571 through type-C quasi-periodic oscillations with Insight-HXMT*. Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, 512(2), 2686-2696.
- [16] Méndez, M., Karpouzas, K., García, F. et al., **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2022). *Coupling between the accreting corona and the relativistic jet in the microquasar GRS 1915+105*. Nature Astronomy, 6(5), 577-583.
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- [18] Tripathi, A., **Zhang, Y.**, Abdikamalov, A. B. et al. (2021). *Testing general relativity with NuSTAR data of galactic black holes*. The Astrophysical Journal, 913(2), 79.
- [19] Abdikamalov, A. B., Ayzenberg, D., Bambi, C. et al. **incl. Zhang, Y.** (2021). *Implementation of a radial disk ionization profile in the relxill_nk model*. Physical Review D, 103(10), 103023.
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- [22] **Zhang, Y.**, Abdikamalov, A., Ayzenberg, D. et al. (2019). *About the Kerr nature of the stellar-mass black hole in GRS 1915+105*. The Astrophysical Journal, 875 (1), 41.
- [23] **Zhang, Y.**, Zhou, M., & Bambi, C. (2018). *Iron line spectroscopy of black holes in asymptotically safe gravity*. The European Physical Journal C, 78 (5), 376.

Conferences and Talks

- [1] Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA 21 Feb 2024
“A NICER view of the corona through Comptonization modeling of the QPO in bright black-hole X-ray binaries”
- [2] Seminar, Wuhan University, CN 8 Oct 2023

- “The accretion-ejection coupling in Galactic accreting black holes”*
- [3] Seminar, University of Amsterdam, NL 13 Sep 2023
“The accretion-ejection coupling in Galactic accreting black holes”
- [4] Seminar, Yunnan Observatory, CN 14 Aug 2023
“The accretion-ejection coupling in Galactic accreting black holes”
- [5] Seminar, Fudan University, CN 1 Aug 2023
“The accretion-ejection coupling in Galactic accreting black holes”
- [6] Seminar, Institute of High-Energy Physics, CN 27 Jul 2023
“The accretion-ejection coupling in Galactic accreting black holes”
- [7] The First Vasto Accretion Meeting, Vasto, IT 19–23 Jun 2023
“The corona-jet evolution of black-hole X-ray transients MAXI J1535–571 and MAXI J1820+070 (Poster)”
- [8] 10th Microquasar Workshop, Crete, GR 22–26 May 2023
“The jet-like corona of black-hole X-ray transient from the HIMS to the SIMS”
- [9] Nederlandse Astronomen Conferentie 2023, Leeuwarden, NL 15–17 May 2023
“Corona as the energy reservoir for radio jet: a case study of GRS 1915+105 (Poster)”
- [10] NOVA Network NW3, Amsterdam, NL 19 Jan 2023
“The jet-like corona of black-hole X-ray transients from the HIMS to the SIMS”
- [11] 44th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Athens, GR 16–24 Jul 2022
“Corona evolution of MAXI J1535–571 revealed by type-C quasi-periodic oscillations observed with Insight-HXMT”
“The evolution of the high-frequency variability in GRS 1915+105 as seen by RXTE (Poster)”
- [12] Black Hole Accretion under the X-ray Microscope, Madrid, ES 14–17 Jun 2022
“The evolution of the corona in MAXI J1535–571 through type-C quasi-periodic oscillations with Insight-HXMT (Poster)”
- [13] China Astronomy Annual Meeting (online), Nanchong, CN 2–6 Dec 2021
“Mapping the Comptonization region of black holes up to 100 keV through quasi-periodic oscillations in the intermediate state with Insight-HXMT”
- [14] The future of X-ray timing, Amsterdam, NL 21–25 Oct 2019
- [15] Recent progress in relativistic astrophysics, Shanghai, CN 6–8 May 2019

References

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