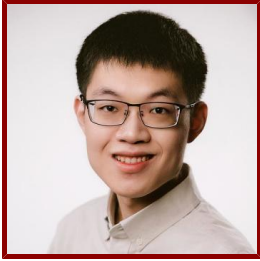


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Bio

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I studied in Peking University during 2013 - 2017 and got my bachelor's degree in astronomy in 2017. I was then enrolled in the graduate program in astronomy in The Ohio State University and got my PhD degree in 2023. I am now a postdoc fellow in the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology (KIPAC) in Stanford University.

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Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My research aims to understand how supermassive black holes (SMBHs) grow over cosmic time, one of the key questions in astrophysics.

I have done substantial work in accurately measuring the mass of SMBHs through reverberation mapping (RM). In particular, I derived a new relationship between the radius of the Mg II broad line region and the continuum luminosity of the active galactic nuclei (AGN) based on the OzDES RM project, which is critical for SMBH mass measurements and demographic studies in cosmic noon – the peak of AGN activity. I have also done extensive work in understanding the accretion physics in both AGN and quiescent SMBHs.

Now my work focuses on better understanding the accretion onto SMBHs, the major path of SMBH growth. I collaborate closely with the XOC group and the Rubin LSST team in KIPAC. My research probes the inner most region of the AGN accretion disk through joint analysis of the X-ray spectral and timing data. I will also probe the accretion disk through time domain analysis of the LSST data in the near future.

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