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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Galaxy-Halo Connection: *galaxy group identification; secondary galaxy-halo connections*
- Dark Matter Halo: *halo assembly history; halo assembly bias; halo structure*
- Protoclusters: *protocluster identification; protocluster evolution*
- Galaxy Quenching: *environmental quenching; relation to galaxy-halo connections*

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

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- KIAA Fellow, Kavli Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics, **Peking University** since Jul. 2022

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. in Astronomy, **Tsinghua University** Sep. 2017 - Jul. 2022  
*Supervisors: Prof. Cheng Li & Prof. Houjun Mo, Thesis: Finding galaxy groups/clusters at  $z\sim 1$  and its application*
- Visiting Scholar, **University of Massachusetts, Amherst** Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2021  
*Supervisor: Prof. Houjun Mo*
- B.S. in Astronomy, **University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)** Sep. 2013 - Jul. 2017

## STUDENT MENTORSHIP

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- Zeyu Gao, graduate at Peking University since Nov. 2022  
*Project: Decoding the SEDs of galaxies with a prior from hydrodynamical simulations*
- Xunda Sun, graduate at the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences since Jun. 2023  
*Project: Characterizing the spatial distribution of the metal content for galaxies in FIRE2*
- Jiaqi Wang, graduate at Shanghai Jiao Tong University since Dec. 2023  
*Project: Observational evidence of the halo assembly bias effect for protohalo size*
- Zhijun Zhang, undergraduate at Peking University Sep. 2022 - Jun. 2023  
*Bachelor Thesis: Identify protoclusters from high-redshift photometric surveys*

## GRANTS

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- KIAA fellow start-up research funding Jul. 2022 - Jul. 2024  
*50,000CNY*
- China Scholarship for the Visiting Scholar Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2021  
*China Scholarship Council (CSC), \$45,600*
- National Astronomy Training Base Jun. 2016 - Jun. 2017  
*Measure the conditional luminosity functions of galaxies at  $z\sim 0.6$  using CLAUDS and BOSS, 20,000CNY*
- National Astronomy Training Base May 2015 - May 2016  
*Thermal gravitational-wave background in the general pre-inflationary scenario, 20,000CNY*

## TEACHING

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- Cosmology and Galaxy Evolution Guest Lecturer, Peking University, Autumn 2023
- Observational Cosmology Teaching Assistant, Tsinghua University, Autumn 2017
- Particle Cosmology Teaching Assistant, USTC, Spring 2017
- General Relativity Teaching Assistant, USTC, Autumn 2016

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- MUST Fellowship (declined) 2022
- Comprehensive scholarship (2nd class) of Tsinghua University 2020
- Comprehensive scholarship (1st class) of Tsinghua University 2019
- Future Scholar Scholarship of Tsinghua University 2017
- Outstanding Graduate of USTC 2017
- National Inspirational Award 2016
- Excellent Student Scholarship (Silver Award) 2014
- Excellent Student Scholarship (Bronze Award) 2013

## SERVICE

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### • Professional Service

Referee for MNRAS, ApJ, and A&A

### • Departmental Service

- Faculty Candidate Interview Committee at KIAA, Postdoc Representative 2023, 2024
- Co-organizer of weekly Galaxy Party at KIAA 2023
- Co-organizer of the Postdoc Science Day at KIAA 2022
- Co-organizer of the Speaker Lunch at the Tsinghua Center for Astrophysics 2018-2019

## SELECTED TALKS

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- ITC Luncheon  
*How to connect galaxies across cosmic time?* Cambridge, Jan. 2024
- Steward/NOIRLab Galaxy Group Talk  
*How to connect galaxies across cosmic time?* Tucson, Jan. 2024
- Carnegie arXiv Tea  
*Relating galaxies across different redshift to study galaxy evolution* Pasadena, Jan. 2024
- KIPAC tea talk at Stanford University  
*Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories* Stanford, Jan. 2024
- UC Santa Cruz CGI (Cosmology/Galaxies/IGM) Seminar  
*Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment* Santa Cruz, Jan. 2024
- Galread: Princeton/IAS Galaxy Journal Club  
*Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories* Remote, Oct. 2023
- UC Santa Cruz CGI (Cosmology/Galaxies/IGM) Seminar  
*Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories* Remote, Oct. 2023
- The 2nd Shanghai Assembly on Cosmology and Structure Formation  
*Characterizing the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories* Shanghai, Oct. 2023
- Collaboration Workshop on Cosmology and Galaxy Formation  
*Relating Galaxies across Cosmic Time to study galaxy evolution* Shanghai, Jun. 2023
- 25th Chinese Astronomical Society Guoshoujing Symposium on Galaxies and Cosmology  
*Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment* Huangshan, May 2023

- Conference of Star Formation and Nuclei Activity in Galaxies  
*Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment* Nanjing, Mar. 2023
- KIAA-DoA Seminar, Peking University  
*Central Galaxy Quenching and its Relation to Halo Formation Time & Large-scale Environment* Beijing, Mar. 2023
- Lunch Talk at the Department of Astronomy, Tsinghua University  
*Relating galaxies across different redshift* Beijing, Nov. 2022
- Lunch Talk at Kavli-IPMU, University of Tokyo  
*Finding proto-clusters to trace galaxy evolution* Remote, Jun. 2021
- The 11-th Prime Focus Spectrograph collaboration meeting  
*Identifying galaxy groups from high-z and incomplete spectroscopic surveys* Pasadena, Dec. 2019
- The 10-th Prime Focus Spectrograph collaboration meeting  
*Finding groups/clusters of galaxies in the PFS galaxy evolution survey* Shanghai, Dec. 2018

## PUBLICATION

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◆ **23** publications; **10** as the first/corresponding author; **173** citations; *H*-index: **7**

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First/Corresponding\* author papers:

1. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Yangyao Chen, Joop Schaye, MNRAS, 527, 10760 (2024) [[arXiv: 2310.00200](#)]  
*An efficient and robust method to estimate halo concentration based on the method of moments*
2. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Yangyao Chen, et al. MNRAS, 528, 2046 (2024) [[arXiv: 2309.01039](#)]  
*Characterize the assembly of dark matter halos with protohalo size histories: I. Redshift evolution, relation to descendant halos, and halo assembly bias*
3. **Kai Wang**, Xin Wang, Yangyao Chen, ApJ, 951, 66 (2023) [[arXiv: 2305.08161](#)]  
*Environmental dependence of the mass-metallicity relation in cosmological hydrodynamical simulations*
4. **Kai Wang**, Yangyao Chen, Qingyang Li, Xiaohu Yang, MNRAS, 522, 3188 (2023) [[arXiv: 2304.07189](#)]  
*Late-formed halos prefer to host quiescent central galaxies. I. Observational results*
5. **Kai Wang**, Yingjie Peng, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 523, 1268 (2023) [[arXiv: 2304.06886](#)]  
*Dissect two-halo galactic conformity effect: The dependence of star formation activities on the large-scale environment for central galaxies*
6. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Cheng Li, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 520, 1774 (2023) [[arXiv: 2211.00485](#)]  
*Relating galaxies across different redshift to study galaxy evolution*
7. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Cheng Li, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 505, 3892 (2021) [[arXiv: 2104.12223](#)]  
*Finding proto-clusters to trace galaxy evolution: I. The finder and its performance*
8. **Kai Wang**, Houjun Mo, Cheng Li, Jiacheng Meng, Yangyao Chen, MNRAS 499, 89 (2020) [[arXiv: 2006.05426](#)]  
*Identifying galaxy groups at high redshift from incomplete spectroscopic data: I. The group finder and application to zCOSMOS*
9. **Kai wang**, Larissa Santos, Jun-Qing Xia, Wen Zhao, JCAP 01, 053 (2017) [[arXiv: 1608.04189](#)]  
*Thermal gravitational-wave background in the general pre-inflationary scenario*
10. Yi-Fan Wang, **Kai Wang\***, Wen Zhao, RAA 16, 4 (2016) [[arXiv: 1511.01220](#)]  
*Smoothing methods comparison for CMB E- and B-mode separation*

Co-author papers:

11. Tao Wang et al. Submitted to Nature (2023) [[arXiv: 2311.07653](#)]  
*Black holes regulate cold gas accretion in massive galaxies*
12. Yangyao Chen, H.J Mo, **Kai Wang**, MNRAS 526, 2542 (2023) [[arXiv: 2304.13890](#)]  
*Massive Dark Matter Halos at High Redshift: Implications for Observations in the JWST Era*
13. Cheqiu Lyu et al. ApJ 959, 5 (2023) [[arXiv: 2310.10733](#)]  
*From Halos to Galaxies. VII. The Connections Between Stellar Mass Growth History, Quenching History, and Halo Assembly History for Central Galaxies*

14. Jiacheng Meng et al. Submitted to ApJ (2023) [arXiv: 2008.13733]  
*Measuring galaxy abundance and clustering at high redshift from incomplete spectroscopic data: Tests on mock catalogs*
15. Yangyao Chen et al. MNRAS 525, 1254 (2023) [arXiv: 2301.08972]  
*A Conditional Abundance Matching Method of Extending Simulated Halo Merger Trees to Resolve Low-Mass Progenitors and Sub-halos*
16. Qingyang Li et al. ApJ 933, 9 (2022) [arXiv: 2205.05517]  
*Groups and Protocluster Candidates in the CLAUDS and HSC-SSP Joint Deep Surveys*
17. Yangyao Chen et al. MNRAS 507, 2510 (2021) [arXiv: 2106.03984]  
*MAHGIC: A Model Adapter for the Halo-Galaxy Inter-Connection*
18. Zhaoyu Wang et al. Sci. China Phys. Mech. Astron. 64, 289811 (2021) [arXiv: 2106.14159]  
*The clustering of galaxies in the DESI imaging legacy surveys DR8:I. the luminosity and color dependent intrinsic clustering*
19. Yangyao Chen et al. MNRAS 504, 4865 (2021) [arXiv: 2009.12467]  
*How to empirically model star formation in dark matter halos: I. Inferences about central galaxies from numerical simulations*
20. Yangyao Chen et al. ApJ, 899, 81 (2020) [arXiv: 2003.05137]  
*Relating the structure of dark matter halos to their assembly and environment*
21. Jia-Ni Ye, **Kai Wang**, Yi-Fu Cai, Eur. Phys. J. C 77:720 (2017) [arXiv: 1705.10956]  
*Superconducting cosmic strings as sources of cosmological fast radio bursts*
22. Larissa Santo et al. JCAP, 01, 043 (2017) [arXiv: 1612.03564]  
*Statistical imprints of CMB B-type polarization leakage in an incomplete sky survey analysis*
23. Larissa Santo et al. JCAP 07, 029 (2016) [arXiv: 1510.07779]  
*Probing the statistical properties of CMB  $B$ -mode polarization through Minkowski Functionals*

## REFERENCES

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