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Fields of Interest

- Observations and analysis of transient sources, including of fast radio bursts (FRBs).
- Digital signal processing, discovering interesting phenomena from data collected by radio telescopes.
- Applying statistical, deep learning, and other fields' new methods to astrophysical research.

Skills

Languages: Chinese (native), English (Fluent), Japanese (N2)

Software: Python, Pytorch, CUDA, Web Scraper (see Outreach and Other Experience)

Education

- **Doctor of Philosophy**, Astrophysics Sept 2019 – Jun 2024
National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Sciences (NAOC)
- **Bachelor of Science**, Physics Sept 2015 – Jun 2019
University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS)

References

- **Prof. Di Li** Tsinghua University
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- **Prof. Chao-Wei Tsai** National Astronomical Observatories of China
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Honors and Awards

- President Award (Special Prize) of Chinese Academy of Sciences Top 0.1%, Jul 2024
- Excellent Graduate of Beijing Top 1%, Jul 2024
- National Scholarship for Graduate Student Top 0.1%, Dec 2023
- People's Choice Poster in ACAMAR 9 Top 5%, Aug 2023
- Merit Student of UCAS Top 10%, May 2021

Professional Service

- Referee for Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society 2024
- Referee for Nature Astronomy 2023

Teaching

- Advanced Astrophysics by Prof. Ji-Feng Liu (070400M01003H) 2020-2022
Teaching assistant for graduate course at UCAS

Talks

- DSA Meeting, Online Dec 2023
The Stochastic Nature of Active Repeating Fast Radio Bursts
- FRB 2023, Online Nov 2023
[The Stochastic Nature of Active Repeating Fast Radio Bursts](#)
- FRB 2023, Online, **Invited** Nov 2023
[FAST Observations of Fast Radio Burst](#)

- ACAMAR 9, Perth, Australia, Poster Aug 2023
The Stochastic Nature of Repeating FRBs
- Chinese Fast Radio Burst Conference 2023, Hefei, China May 2023
The Stochastic Nature of Active Repeating FRBs
- ACAMAR/FRB, Online Sept 2021
Time Domain Analysis of two active repeating FRBs
- FAST/Future Pulsar Symposium 9, Jinan, China Jul 2021
Periodic Analysis of FRB 121102

Approved PI Proposals

- FAST, PT2024_0148 9 hours, 2024
Monitoring an active repeating FRB in a clean environment
- FAST, PT2024_0263 6 hours, 2024
A Mini Survey for White Dwarf Pulsar
- FAST, PT2023_0100 9 hours, 2023
Do All Active Repeating FRBs Have Complex Magnetic Environments?
- GBT, GBT/22A-502 41 hours, 2022
Monitoring FRB 20200120E in a Globular Cluster for Polarization Insights
- FAST, PT2022_0067 24 hours, 2022
Constrain the Relation between Fast Radio Bursts and Star Formation Rates
- FAST, PT2021_0039 20 hours, 2021
Do all fast radio bursts repeat?

Outreach and Other Experience

- [MSP](#) / This is a popular science project I built for converting radio data into audio. Based on this project, I created a video titled "[Sounds from the Depths of the Universe](#)", which was given as a gift to new students at UCAS in 2020. The video was widely shared by media outlets such as People's Daily and CCTV News, receiving widespread acclaim.
- [CHIME VOEvents](#) / This is the website I built to summarize CHIME VOEvents.
- [DRAFTS](#) / This is a tool I built using deep learning for real-time searching of single pulses in radio data.
- [XiaoQing](#) / Based on web scraping and large language models, I created my AI assistant, XiaoQing.

Publications

First Author

- [The arrival time and energy of FRBs traverse the time-energy bivariate space like a Brownian motion](#) SciBu, Apr 2024
Zhang Yong-Kun, Li Di, Feng Yi, Wang Pei, Niu Chen-Hui, Dai Shi, Yao Ju-Mei, Tsai Chao-Wei
- [FAST Observations of FRB 20220912A: Burst Properties and Polarization Characteristics](#) ApJ, Oct 2023
Zhang Yong-Kun, Li Di, Zhang Bing, Cao Shuo, Feng Yi, Wang Wei-Yang, Qu Yuanhong, Niu Jia-Rui, et al.
- [FAST Observations of an Extremely Active Episode of FRB 20201124A. II. Energy Distribution](#) RAA, Dec 2022
Zhang Yong-Kun, Wang Pei, Feng Yi, Zhang Bing, Li Di, Tsai Chao-Wei, Niu Chen-Hui, Luo Rui, et al.
- [Circular polarization in two active repeating fast radio bursts](#) SciBu, Dec 2022
Feng Yi, Zhang Yong-Kun(co-first), Li Di, Yang Yuan-Pei, Wang Pei, Niu Chen-Hui, Dai Shi, Yao Ju-Mei

Co-Author

- [Scintillation Velocity and Arc Observations of FRB 20201124A](#) ApJL, Jul 2024
Wu Ziwei, et al. (including Zhang Yong-Kun)

- [The Relativistic Spin Precession in the Compact Double Neutron Star System PSR J1946+2052](#) ApJ, May 2024
Meng Lingqi, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [Scintillation Arc from FRB 20220912A](#) SCPMA, Jan 2024
Wu Zi-Wei, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [Discovery and Timing of Millisecond Pulsars in the Globular Cluster M5 with FAST and Arecibo](#) ApJS, Dec 2023
Zhang Lei, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [Atypical radio pulsations from magnetar SGR 1935+2154](#) arXiv, Aug 2023
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- [A radio pulsar phase from SGR J1935+2154 provides clues to the magnetar FRB mechanism](#) SciA, Jul 2023
Zhu Weiwei, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [Blinkverse: A Database of Fast Radio Bursts](#) Univ, Jul 2023
Xu Jiaying, Feng Yi, Li Di, Wang Pei, **Zhang Yongkun**, Xie Jintao, Chen Huaxi, Wang Han, et al.
- [Magnetic field reversal in the turbulent environment around a repeating fast radio burst](#) Sci, May 2023
Anna-Thomas Reshma, Connor Liam, Dai Shi, Feng Yi, Burke-Spolaor Sarah, Beniamini Paz, Yang Yuan-Pei, **Zhang Yong-Kun**, et al.
- [Do Multi-Structural One-Off FRBs Trace Similar Cosmology History with Repeaters?](#) Univ, May 2023
Zhu Yuhao, Niu Chenhui, Cui Xianghan, Li Di, Feng Yi, Tsai Chaowei, Wang Pei, **Zhang Yongkun**, et al.
- [An extreme active repeating fast radio burst in a clean environment](#) arXiv, Apr 2023
Feng Yi, Li Di, **Zhang Yong-Kun**, Tsai Chao-Wei, Wang Wei-Yang, Yang Yuan-Pei, Qu Yuanhong, Wang Pei, et al.
- [Atlas of dynamic spectra of fast radio burst FRB 20201124A](#) ChPhB, Feb 2023
Wang Bo-Jun, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [FAST Observations of an Extremely Active Episode of FRB 20201124A: I. Burst Morphology](#) RAA, Dec 2022
Zhou D. J., et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [FAST Observations of an Extremely Active Episode of FRB 20201124A. III. Polarimetry](#) RAA, Dec 2022
Jiang Jin-Chen, Wang Wei-Yang, Xu Heng, Xu Jiang-Wei, Zhang Chun-Feng, Wang Bo-Jun, Zhou De-Jiang, **Zhang Yong-Kun**, et al.
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Niu Jia-Rui, Zhu Wei-Wei, Zhang Bing, Yuan Mao, Zhou De-Jiang, **Zhang Yong-Kun**, Jiang Jin-Chen, Han J. L., et al.
- [A fast radio burst source at a complex magnetized site in a barred galaxy](#) Natur, Sept 2022
Xu H., et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [Radio Detection of an Elusive Millisecond Pulsar in the Globular Cluster NGC 6397](#) ApJL, Aug 2022
Zhang Lei, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [A repeating fast radio burst associated with a persistent radio source](#) Natur, Jun 2022
Niu C. -H., et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- [Frequency-dependent polarization of repeating fast radio bursts-implications for their origin](#) Sci, Mar 2022
Feng Yi, Li Di, Yang Yuan-Pei, **Zhang Yongkun**, Zhu Weiwei, Zhang Bing, Lu Wenbin, Wang Pei, et al.
- [A bimodal burst energy distribution of a repeating fast radio burst source](#) Natur, Oct 2021
Li D., Wang P., Zhu W. W., Zhang B., Zhang X. X., Duan R., **Zhang Y. K.**, Feng Y., et al.
- [Shining on from the first light: The early sciences of FAST](#) ChSBu, Aug 2021
Li Di, Wang Pei, **Zhang Yongkun**

- **CRAFTS for Fast Radio Bursts: Extending the Dispersion-Fluence Relation with New FRBs Detected by FAST**
Niu Chen-Hui, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)
- **A Single-pulse Study of PSR J1022+1001 Using the FAST Radio Telescope**
Feng Yi, et al. (including **Zhang Yong-Kun**)

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