



# ZIHAO LI (黎子豪)

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## Education

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### University of Copenhagen

*Ph.D. in Astronomy.*

*Advisor: Lise Christensen and Koki Kakiichi*

Aug. 2024 –

Copenhagen, Denmark

### Tsinghua University

*M.Sc. in Astronomy. GPA: 3.85/4.00*

*Advisor: Zheng Cai*

Sep. 2021 – Jun. 2024

Beijing, China

### Sichuan University

*B.Eng. in Aerospace Engineering. GPA: 3.80/4.00 rank: 2/28*

*Honors Degree in Top-notch Program.*

Sep. 2017 – Jun. 2021

Chengdu, China

## Research Interests & Experience

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- (Spatially resolved) metal enrichment of high- $z$  galaxies.
- Environmental dependence of galaxy formation and evolution.
- Probe large scale structure through IGM tomography.
- Data reduction for JWST NIRCcam/NIRISS WFSS.

## Honors & Awards

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- Outstanding Presentation Award for Graduate Research | Nanjing University. 2023
- 1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship for Comprehensive Performance (10k CNY) | Tsinghua University. 2022
- Award for Excellent Thesis | Chinese National Level in Aeronautics & Astronautics. 2021
- MITACS Research Fellow in Astronomy (\$6k, cancelled due to COVID) | University of Victoria. 2020
- 1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship for Academic Performance | Sichuan University. 2020
- Summer Abroad Subsidy (10k CNY) | Sichuan University. 2019
- 1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship of China Space Foundation (8k CNY) | Sichuan University. 2018
- 1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship for Comprehensive Performance | Sichuan University. 2018

## Publications

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### 1st/2nd Author Papers:

- **Li, Z.**, Cai, Z., et al. Cosmic evolution of galaxies' chemical abundance gradients: mode transitions of galaxy formation. Submitted
- **Li, Z.**, Cai, Z., et al. A SPectroscopic survey of biased halos In the Reionization Era (ASPIRE): First Look at the Metal Enrichment and its Environmental Effect at  $z \approx 5 - 7$  in QSO fields with JWST. In Prep
- **Li, Z.**, Cai, Z., et al. MAGNIF: A Tentative Lensed Rotating Disk at  $z = 8.34$  detected by JWST NIRCcam WFSS with Dynamical Forward Modeling. 2023, submitted to ApJ, [arXiv:2310.09327](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.09327)
- **Li, Z.**, Wang, X., Cai, Z., et al. First Census of Gas-phase Metallicity Gradients of Star-forming Galaxies in Overdense Environments at Cosmic Noon. 2022, [ApJL, 929, L8](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.14888)
- Wang, X., **Li, Z.**, Cai, Z., et al. The Mass–Metallicity Relation at Cosmic Noon in Overdense Environments: First Results from the MAMMOTH–Grism HST Slitless Spectroscopic Survey. 2022, [ApJ, 926, 70](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.14888)
- **Li, Z.**, Horowitz, B. and Cai, Z. Improved Ly $\alpha$  Tomography Using Optimized Reconstruction with Constraints on Absorption (ORCA). 2021, [ApJ, 916, 20](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.14888)

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## Talks

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- Jan. 2025. *JWST NIRCam WFSS data reduction workshop, lecturer at NAOC.* (Remote)
- Aug. 2024. *“Insights into cosmic evolution of gas-phase metallicity gradients with JWST”*, contributed talk at Santa Cruz Galaxy Workshop. (Santa Cruz, US)
- Nov. 2023. *“JWST insights on mass-metallicity relation and metallicity gradients of early galaxies”*, contributed talk at Nanjing University. (Nanjing, China)
- May. 2023. *“The metal-enrichment of low mass galaxies from cosmic dawn to noon in the JWST era”*, contributed talk at Chinese Astronomical Society Guoshoujing Symposium on Galaxies and Cosmology. (Huangshan, China)
- Mar. 2023. *“Research progress with HST/JWST slitless spectrograph and science preparation for CSST”*, contributed talk at China Space Station Telescope Conference 2023. (Huairou, China)

## Observing Proposals

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### Co-Investigator:

- **JWST-GO-2883**, PI Fengwu Sun: MAGNIF: Medium-band Astrophysics with the Grism of NIRCam in Frontier Fields.
- **JWST-GO-3325**, PI Feige Wang: Mapping the Most Extreme Protoclusters in the Epoch of Reionization.
- **HST-GO-17159**, PI Xin Wang: Escaping Lyman Continuum from the Overdensities of Extreme Emission Line Galaxies at  $z \sim 2.2$ .
- ALMA-2023.1.01213.S, PI Yunjing Wu: Revealing the dominant process that regulates gas-phase metallicity during the ongoing mergers at  $z > 6$ .

## Teaching Experience

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- Teaching Assistant of *Advanced Observational Astrophysics* at Tsinghua University. Spring 2023

## Professional Service

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- Reviewer for ApJ, Nat. Commun.

## Outreach Activities

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- Founder of Astronomical Research Scholarship of Sichuan University (30,000 CNY). 2025–
- Department Director of Sichuan University Astronomy Society. 2018–2019
- Co-Captain/Pilot/Technician of Sichuan University Students Aeromodel Team. 2018–2019

## References

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**Prof. Xin Wang**

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**Dr. Benjamin Horowitz**

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