# XIAOSHENG ZHAO

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## **EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE**

| <b>Tsinghua University, China</b><br>PhD in Astronomy<br>Thesis title: Explore the epoch of reionization with machine learning | Sep 2018 - Jun 2024 |
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| Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris (IAP), France.<br>Visitor  | Nov 2022 - May 2024 |
| Wuhan University, China<br>BS in Physics   | Sep 2014 - Jun 2018 |

#### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

I am interested in interactions between machine learning (ML) techniques and astrophysics/cosmology, to understand our universe's origin, content, and evolution. Currently, my research interests mainly focus on (Field-level) Bayesian inference through (the synergies of) multi-modal astrophysical and cosmological probes, such as 21 cm probes, galaxy surveys, and the CMB, with the aid of ML. Broadly, my research interests include but are not limited to, implicit-likelihood (or called simulation-based and likelihood-free) inference from the 3D fields, generative models to accelerate forward modeling, geometric ML leveraging the appropriate geometric structures within large-scale surveys, interpretable ML, and automatic knowledge discovery by symbolic regression from multi-modal information of the universe.

### AWARDS

| Comprehensive Scholarship (First-class)  | 2021 - 2022 |
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| (University-level scholarship)   |             |
| AMD Scholarship  | 2020 - 2021 |
| (Top scholarship awarded to two graduate students in the department this year) |             |
| Future Scholar Scholarship of Tsinghua University                              | 2018        |
| (University-level scholarship)   |             |
| National Scholarship   | 2015 - 2016 |
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## TALKS & PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

| Astro Coffee<br>Informal talk: Can Diffusion Model Conditionally Generate Astrophysical Images?  | Sept 2023<br>IAS          |
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| <b>Understanding the epoch of reionization</b><br>Contributed talk: Implicit Likelihood Inference of Reionization Parameters from<br>21 cm Power Spectrum and solid harmonic wavelet scattering coefficients | Mar 2023<br>Sexten, Italy |
| <b>SAZERAC 21cm 2022</b><br>Contributed talk: Implicit Likelihood Inference of Reionization Parameters from<br>the 21 cm Power Spectrum  | Mar 2022<br>Virtual       |

| <b>SAZERAC SIP, learning the high-redshift universe</b><br>Contributed talk: Simulation Based Inference of Reionization Parameters From<br>3D Tomographic 21 cm Lightcone Images | Feb 2022<br>Virtual      |
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| <b>SKA CD/EoR Science Telecon</b><br>Contributed talk: Simulation Based Inference of Reionization Parameters From<br>3D Tomographic 21 cm Images                                 | July 2021<br>Virtual     |
| HERA telecon<br>Invited talk: Simulation Based Inference of Reionization Parameters From<br>3D Tomographic 21 cm Images  | Jun 2021<br>UC, Berkeley |

### SKILLS

**Coding languages:** {Python, Jax} (Fluent), {C, Shell, html&CSS}(Basic) **General:** Data science and Machine learning application with Pandas, Scikit-learn, Tensorflow and Pytorch.

## TRAINING AND SUMMER SCHOOL

| <b>Big Data Capability Enhancement Project</b><br>Courses: e.g. big data system, big data analysis, big data application | Sep 2021 - July 2022<br>Tsinghua University |
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| Big-data challenge: Multi-modal short-video classification   | I. I. 2022                                  |
| Chinese Survey Space Telescope (CSST) summer school  | July 2022                                   |
| Got certification of data processing practice  | Peking University                           |
| OUTREACH & SERVICE   |   |
| I am a member of Simons Foundation on Learning the Universe (LtU)  | Jul 2023 - Present                          |
| I organized the machine learning session at DoA, Tsinghua.   | Mar 2021 - Mar 2022                         |
| I co-organized the joint machine learning session among  | Oct 2021 - Mar 2022                         |
| DoA (Tsinghua), JBCA (Manchester) and SKAO.  |   |
| MENTORING & TEACHING EXPERIENCE  |   |
| Teaching Assistant in undergraduate <i>Physics</i> course.   | Feb - Jun 2019                              |
| REFERENCES   |   |
| Prof. Yi Mao, Tsinghua University  | ymao@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn                   |
| Prof. Benjamin D. Wandelt, Sorbonne Université & Flatiron Institute  | bwandelt@iap.fr                             |
| Prof. Yuan-Sen Ting,   | -   |
| Australian National University & The Ohio State University   | yuan-sen.ting@anu.edu.au                    |
| PUBLICATION  |   |
| Refereed (first author, 60 cited from ads)   |   |

Can Diffusion Model Conditionally Generate Astrophysical Images? (5 cited) Xiaosheng Zhao; Yuan-Sen Ting; Kangning Diao; Yi Mao 2023, MNRAS, 526, 1699 Implicit Likelihood Inference of Reionization Parameters from the 21 cm Power Spectrum (20 cited) Xiaosheng Zhao; Yi Mao; Benjamin D. Wandelt 2022, ApJ, 933, 236

Simulation-Based Inference of Reionization Parameters From 3D Tomographic 21 cm Lightcone Images. (35 cited)
Xiaosheng Zhao; Yi Mao; Cheng Cheng ; Benjamin D. Wandelt
2022, ApJ, 926, 151

## **Conference** proceedings

3D ScatterNet: Inference from 21 cm Light-cones Xiaosheng Zhao; Shifan Zuo; Yi Mao 2023, ICML 2023 Workshop on Machine Learning for Astrophysics

Evaluating Summary Statistics with Mutual Information for Cosmological Inference. Ce Sui; Xiaosheng Zhao; Tao Jing; Yi Mao

2023, ICML 2023 Workshop on Machine Learning for Astrophysics

### Under review

Simulation-based Inference of Reionization Parameters from 3D Tomographic 21 cm Light-cone Images - II: Application of Solid Harmonic Wavelet Scattering Transform.

Xiaosheng Zhao; Yi Mao; Shifan Zuo; Benjamin D. Wandelt 2023, Submitted to ApJ, a more detailed complement to the accepted ICML paper "3D ScatterNet: Inference from 21 cm Light-cones".

Information-Ordered Bottlenecks for Adaptive Semantic Compression.

Matthew Ho; Xiaosheng Zhao; Benjamin D. Wandelt 2023. Submitted to Machine Learning: Science and Technology (MLST).