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## Appointments

2023- Lyman Spitzer, Jr. Fellowship  
Princeton University  
2020-2023 Sherman Fairchild Physics Prize Fellow  
Walter Burke Institute for Theoretical Physics, California Institute of Technology

## Education

2016-2021 PhD. Physics (Supervisor: Ue-Li Pen)  
University of Toronto/ Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics, Canada  
2015-2016 MSc. Physics (Perimeter Scholar International)  
University of Waterloo/ Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Canada  
2011-2015 BSc. Astronomy  
Nanjing University, China

## Major collaboration

2019-now CHIME/FRB collaboration  
2020-now GMRT/FRB collaboration  
2021-now FAST FRB key project

## Selected Presentations

2023 Astrophysics of Fast Radio Bursts II (invitation-only)  
2023 Gravity and the Extreme Universe 2023 AGM(invited)  
2023 Colloquium at ASIAA (invited)  
2023 Columbia University physics colloquium (invited)  
2022 Cornell FRB meeting (invitation-only)  
2022 Purdue University Astro Seminar (invited)  
2022 Green Bank Observatory community webinars, virtual (invited)  
2022 UChicago KICP seminar, Chicago, US (invited)  
2021 16th Marcel Grossman Meeting, virtual (invited)  
2021 Colloquium in ASTRON, Amsterdam, Netherlands (invited)  
2020 FRB 2020, Virtual Conference  
2019 Gravity Meets Plasma Workshop, Kunming, China  
2019 Meterwave Sky II, Pune, India  
2018 Scintillometry Workshop, Shanghai, China  
2018 The International Pulsar Timing Array Science meeting, Albuquerque, United States

## Referee

**Journals** Nature Astronomy, ApJL, ApJ, MNRAS  
**Telescope proposals** FAST, GMRT

## Successful Proposals (PI: D. Z. Li):

### MeerKat 2023: 60h Priority B1

Studying Extreme Lensing and Magneto-Active Environment in Pulsar Binaries

### FAST (under FAST FRB Key Project): 2022: 6h, 2021: 6h

Searching globular cluster FRBs in M87

### Effelsberg 2022: 24h

High-frequency polarimetry of repeating FRBs in magneto-active environments

### FAST 2021: A (8h) B(12h) C(30h)

Targeted Observations of Local Universe Fast Radio Bursts

### GMRT DDT 2021:12h

Multi-frequency study of the active Repeating FRB20201124A and associated persistent radio source

### VLBA DDT 2021:6h

VLBA milliarcsecond localization of FRB 20201124A

### GMRT 2021: 24h

Constraining models of the Repeating FRB 180916.J0158+65 with Polarization

### Parkes 2019 OCT: 8h

Testing models of interstellar scintillation with the Vela pulsar

### GMRT 2017: 6h

Probing Differential Faraday Rotation of Vela

■ **Co-I** on dozens of GMRT, GBT, Arecibo, Parkes, FAST proposals.

■ **Instrumental:** 2016-2020 Visit Algonquin radio telescope three times a year, debugging/installing feeds.

## Organizing Events

- 2023 TAPIR seminar
- 2021-2022 Caltech Theorist/Observer Pizza Lunch
- 2022 Caltech FRB reading group
- 2019 Scintillometry Workshop (SOC)
- 2018 CITA seminar committee
- 2017 Scintillometry Workshop (LOC)
- 2016 CITA-PI Day Workshop

## Supervising Experience

- 2023 Nadja Aldarondo Quinones(University of Puerto Rico)  
*Searching extreme polarized FRBs*
- 2020-2022 Suryarao Bethapudi(MPIfR, grad) *GMRT FRB polarization study*
- 2018-2021 Akanksha Bij (U of T, post-bach) *Abnormal behaviors from Crab Giant Pulse*  
Co-supervised with Dr. Hsiu-hsien Lin and Prof. Marten van Kerkwijk
- 2019-2020 Hengrui Zhu (Oberlin College, undergrad) *VLBI Study of Vela Pulsar*
- 2018-2018 Kayenta Schmidt (U of T, undergrad) *Searching De-polarization from Crab Giant Pulse*
- 2017-2018 Steven Ufkes (U of T, master) *Optimizing Toeplitz Matrix De-convolution Algorithm*  
Co-supervised with prof. Ue-Li Pen
- 2016-2017 Visal Sok (U of T, undergrad) *Optimizing Toeplitz Matrix De-convolution Algorithm*

## Teaching/Outreach

2022	Public talk: Youtube/Weibo	Fast radio bursts
2022	Host of Astronomy on Tap	Special Events Dedicated to JWST
2020	Guest in Podcast	Pythagorean Astronomy: Mass Gaps and Radio Bursts
2020	Guest lecture: 30 students	Application of Radio Propagation Effects
2019	Public talk: 50 audiences	Sensing hidden signals with pulsars
2019	Tutorial: 50 students	Electricity and Magnetism
2018	Online tutorial: 40 students	Physics of Music
2016-2017	Lab demonstrator: 30 students	Introduction to physics

## Major contribution (including 2 Nature paper, in total 483 citations, excluding self-citations)

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## Contributed (including 6 Nature paper, in total 2437 citations)

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- [13] X. Er, U.-L. Pen, X. Sun & **D. Z. Li**. **2023**. Plasma lensing with magnetic field and a small correction to the Faraday rotation measurement. *Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc.* **522**, 3965–3971.
- [14] F. X. Lin, R. A. Main, D. Jow, D. Z. Li, U. -. Pen, et al. **2023**. Plasma lensing near the eclipses of the Black Widow pulsar B1957+20. *Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc.* **519**, 121–135.
- [15] H.-H. Lin, P. Scholz, C. Ng, U.-L. Pen, M. Bhardwaj, [...], **D. Z. Li**, et al. **2023**. Do All Fast Radio Bursts Repeat? Constraints from CHIME/FRB Far Side-Lobe FRBs. *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2307.05261.
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- [20] C.-C. Miao, V. Blackmon, W.-W. Zhu, D.-Z. Li, M. Ge, et al. **2023**. Reciprocating Magnetic Fields in the Pulsar Wind Observed from the Black Widow Pulsar J1720-0534. *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2307.00731.
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