# Wen Zhao

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### Person Statement

An energetic young scientist seeks a postdoctoral position in Cosmology.

Main research interests: Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation, Dark Energy,

Gravitational Waves, Physics in the Early Universe.

# Research Work Experiences

#### 2007-2010 Lecturer

Department of Physics, Zhejiang University of Technology, P. R. China

### 2007-2010 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

School of Physics and Astronomy, Cardiff University, United Kingdom. Supervisor: Prof. Leonid P. Grishchuk

### Aug. 2010 Research Visitor

Discovery Center, Niles Bohr Institute, Copenhagen University, Denmark Supervisor: Prof. Pavel Naselsky

#### 2010-2011 Research Fellow

Astrophysics Group, Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute, Korea. Supervisor: Prof. Hyerim Noh

### 2011-2014 Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Discovery Center, Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen University, Denmark. Supervisor: Prof. Pavel Naselsky

# **Education**

#### 2002-2006 Doctor of Philosophy

Center for Astrophysics, University of Science and Technology of China, P.R.China

Subject: Cosmology and General Relativity

Supervisor: Prof. Yang Zhang

### 1998-2002 Bachelor of Science

Center for Astrophysics, University of Science and Technology of China, P.R.China

Subject: Astronomy and Cosmology Supervisor: Prof. Yang Zhang

## **Computer Skills**

Good working knowledge in **Fortran, C, Matlab, Mathematica**. Experience working with **Healpix** Package, **CAMB** package, and running **MCMC chains**.

# **Relevant Skills and Experiences**

◆ Organizational duties: Organizer of weekly Cosmology Seminar in University of Science and

Technology of China (2004-2005).

◆ **Refereeing:** Referee for peer-review journals: European Physical Journal C, The Open

Astronomy Journal, General Relativity and Gravitation

◆ Language: English and Chinese (Mandarin).

# **Teaching Experiences**

2007: Lab Demonstrator in first year physics lab at Zhejiang University of Technology.

**2006**: Tutorial in "Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics" at University of Science and Technology of China.

**2005**: Lab Demonstrator in second year physics lab at University of Science and Technology of China.

2005: Tutorial in "General Physics" at University of Science and Technology of China.2003: Tutorial in "General Physics" at University of Science and Technology of China.

## **Awards and Honors**

2010 Awarded the Chinese National Science Funds granted No. 11075141.

Grant title: Theoretical studies on the dynamical black hole and the observational test of the very early Universe

**2009 University teaching excellence prize for young scientists.** Awarded by Ministry of Education, Zhejing Province.

**2009** PhD thesis was ranked as outstanding by the Ministry of Education, Anhui Province.

Awarded the Chinese National Science Funds granted No. 10703005 (Primary recipient).

Grant title: Studies on dark energy, and its influence on gravitational waves and cosmic microwave background radiation.

2007 Awarded the Chinese National Science Funds granted No. 10775119.

Grant title: Research on black holes in dark energy dominated Universe and the related topics.

- **2005** Recipient of **Graduate Student Research Funding** from University of Science and Technology of China.
- **2002 BSc thesis was ranked as outstanding** by the Ministry of Education, University of Science and Technology of China.

# **Conference and Seminars (recent)**

- Talk entitled "Cosmic Microwave Background Polarization & Determination of Dark Energy by the Einstein Telescope" presented at the Cosmology Seminar, Center for Astrophysics, University of Science and Technology of China (Hefei).
- 2010 Talk entitled "Cosmic Microwave Background Polarization and Detection of Primordial Gravitational Waves" presented at 2010 Winter Symposium of the early Universe and dark energy, Institute of Theoretical Physics (Beijing)
- 2010 Attended "4<sup>th</sup> KIAS workshop on Cosmology and Structure Formation", Korea Institute for Advanced Study (Seoul)
- Talk entitled "Detecting relic gravitational waves in the CMB: from WMAP to CMBPol" presented at 2010 international workshop on gravitational waves detection with atom interferometry, Zhejiang University (Hangzhou)
- 2010 Attended UniverseNet Cosmology Workshop "Confronting theory with observations", The Niels Bohr International Academy (Copenhagen)
- Talk entitled "Effective Quantum Yang-Mills Condensate Dark Energy Models" presented at the Cosmology Seminar, Imperial College London (London).
- 2009 Talk entitled "The Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation as a Random Tensor Field on a sphere: Current Results and Future Plans for Detecting Relic Gravitational Waves" presented at the Annual WIMCS Meeting (Swansea).
- 2009 Co-Talk entitled "Stable indications of relic gravitational waves in Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe data and forecasts for Planck mission" presented at the Primordial Gravitational Waves Workshop (Cambridge).
- Talk entitled "Detecting Relic Gravitational Waves in the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation" presented at the Relativity Seminar, Astronomy Unit, Queen Mary (London).
- Talk entitled "Detecting Relic Gravitational Waves in the CMB: Optimal parameters and their constraints" presented at Brit-Grav 9 conference (Cardiff).
- 2009 Talk entitled "Primordial Gravitational Waves and the Physics in the early University" presented

at the Cosmology Seminar, Center for Astrophysics, University of Science and Technology of China (Hefei).

Talk entitled "Relic gravitational waves and their detection" presented at Gravitation and General Relativity Workshop in Beijing Normal University (Beijing).

**2007** Talk entitled "The CMB TE Cross Correlation and Relic Gravitational Waves" presented at WIMCS meeting, Swansea University (Swansea)

### Referees

### **Prof. Leonid P. Grishchuk**, postdoctoral supervisor.

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## **List of Publications**

#### Refereed Journals

- [1] **W.Zhao**, C.Van Den Broeck, D.Baskaran and T.G.F.Li, *Determination of dark energy by the Einstein Telescope: Comparing with CMB, BAO and SNIa observations,* Phys. Rev. D83 (2011) 023005 [arXiv:1009.0206]
- [2] **W.Zhao** and L.P.Grishchuk, *Relic gravitational waves: Latest revision and preparation for the new data*, Phys. Rev. D82 (2010) 123008 [arXiv: 1009.5243]
- [3] Y.Z.Ma, **W.Zhao** and M.Brown, Constraints on standard and non-standard early Universe models from CMB B-mode polarization, JCAP 10 (2010) 007 [arXiv:1007.2396]
- [4] **W.Zhao** and D.Baskaran, Separating E and B types of polarization on an incomplete sky, Phys. Rev. D82 (2010) 023001 [arXiv:1005.1201]
- [5] **W.Zhao**, D.Baskaran and L.P.Grishchuk, *Relic gravitational waves in the light of 7-year Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe data and improved prospects for the Planck mission*, Phys. Rev. D82 (2010) 043003 [arXiv:1005.4549]
- [6] **W.Zhao**, D.Baskaran and L.P.Grishchuk, *Stable indications of relic gravitational waves in Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe data and forecasts for Planck mission*, Phys. Rev. D80 (2009) 083005 [arXiv:0907.1169]
- [7] **W.Zhao** and D.Baskaran, *Detecting relic gravitational waves in the CMB: Optimal parameters and their constraints*, Phys. Rev. D79 (2009) 083003 [arXiv:0902.1851]
- [8] **W.Zhao**, Detecting relic gravitational waves in the CMB: Comparison of different methods, Phys. Rev. D79 (2009) 063003 [arXiv:0902.1848]
- [9] **W.Zhao**, D.Baskaran and L.P.Grishchuk, *On the road to discovery of relic gravitational waves: The TE and BB correlations in the cosmic microwave background radiation*, Phys. Rev. D79 (2009) 023002 [arXiv:0810.0756]
- [10] **W.Zhao** and W.Zhang, *Detecting relic gravitational waves in the CMB: Comparison of Planck and ground-based experiments*, Phys. Lett. B677 (2009) 16 [arXiv:0907.1453]
- [11] W.Zhao, Y.Zhang and T.Y.Xia, New method to constrain the relativistic free-streaming

- gas in the Universe, Phys. Lett. B677 (2009) 235 [arXiv:0905.3223]
- [12] **W.Zhao**, D.Baskaran and P.Coles, *Detecting relics of a thermal gravitational wave background from early Universe*, Phys. Lett. B680 (2009) 411 [arXiv:0907.4303]
- [13] **W.Zhao**, *Perturbations of the Yang-Mills field in the Universe,* Research in Astronomy and Astrophysics 9 (2009) 874
- [14] **W.Zhao**, Attractor solution in coupled Yang-Mills field dark energy models, Int. J. Mod. Phys. D18 (2009) 1331 [arXiv:0810.5506]
- [15] Y.Zhang **W.Zhao** et al., *Relic gravitational waves and CMB polarization in accelerating Universe*, Int. J. Mod. Phys. D17 (2008) 1105 [arXiv:0806.2243]
- [16] **W.Zhao**, Statefinder diagnostic for Yang-Mills dark energy model, Int. J. Mod. Phys. D17 (2008) 1245 [arXiv:0711.2319]
- [17] W.Zhao, Holographic hessence models, Phys. Lett. B655 (2007) 97 [arXiv:0706.2211]
- [18] Y.Zhang, T.Y.Xia and **W.Zhao**, *Yang-Mills dark energy coupled with matter and radiation*, Class. Quant. Grav. 24 (2007) 3309 [gr-qc/0609115]
- [19] **W.Zhao** and D.H.Xu, *Evolution of magnetic component in Yang-Mills condensate dark energy models*, Int. J. Mod. Phys. D16 (2007) 1735 [gr-qc/0701136]
- [20] **W.Zhao**, *Improved calculation of relic gravitational waves*, Chinese Physics 16 (2007) 1735 [gr-qc/0612041]
- [21] **W.Zhao**, Quintessence models with an oscillating equation of state and their potentials, Chinese Physics 17 (2007) 2830 [astro-ph/0604459]
- [22] **W.Zhao** and Y.Zhang, *Analytic approach to the CMB polarizations generated by relic gravitational waves*, Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 083006 [astro-ph/0508345]
- [23] **W.Zhao** and Y.Zhang, *Relic gravitational waves and their detection*, Phys. Rev. D74 (2006) 043503 [astro-ph/0604458]
- [24] **W.Zhao** and Y.Zhang, *Coincidence problem in YM field dark energy model*, Phys. Lett. B640 (2006) 69 [astro-ph/0604457]
- [25] **W.Zhao** and Y.Zhang, *Quintom models with an equation of state crossing -1,* Phys. Rev. D73 (2006) 123509 [astro-ph/0604460]
- [26] **W.Zhao** and Y.Zhang, *The state equation of Yang-Mills field dark energy models*, Class. Quant. Grav. 23 (2006) 3405 [astro-ph/0510356]

- [27] Y.Zhang, X.Er, T.Xia, **W.Zhao** et al., *An exact analytic spectrum of relic gravitational waves in accelerating Universe*, Class. Quant. Grav. 23 (2006) 3783 [astro-ph/0604456]
- [28] Y.Zhang, Y.F.Yuan, **W.Zhao,** et al., *Relic gravitational waves in the accelerating Universe*, Class. Quant. Grav. 22 (2005) 1383 [astro-ph/0501329]
- [29] Y.Zhang, **W.Zhao** et al., *Numerical spectrum of relic gravitational waves in accelerating Universe*, Chin. Phys. Lett. 20 (2005) 1817 [astro-ph/0505589]
- [30] Y.Zhang, H.Hao and **W.Zhao**, An approximate analytic formula for the polarization of cosmic microwave background radiation, Chinese Astronomy & Astrophysics 29 (2005) 250
- [31] Y.Zhang, **W.Zhao** and Y.F.Yuan, *The gravitational waves sources in the Universe,* Publication of Purple Mountain Observatory 23 (2004) 53
- [32] Y.Zhang, **W.Zhao** and J.L.Han, *A test of the MOND theory and the model of dark matter,* Chinese Astronomy & Astrophysics 28 (2004) 9
- [33] **W.Zhao** and Y.Zhang, *Multi-pulsar cross-correlation method for detecting cosmic gravitational waves*, Acta Astronomica Sinica 44 (2003) 273

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- [1] **W.Zhao**, Detection of relic gravitational waves in the CMB: Prospects for CMBPol mission, JCAP submitted
- [2] **W.Zhao and** Q.G.Huang, *Testing inflationary consistency relations by the potential CMB observations*, Phys. Rev. D submitted

#### Other Publications

- [1] **W.Zhao**, Y.Zhang and M.Tong, *Quantum Yang-Mills condensate dark energy models,* Chapter 5 of the Publication "Dark Energy: Theories, Developments and Implications", NOVA Publishers, Eds: K.Lefebvre and R.Garcia [arXiv:0909.3874]
- [2] D.Baskaran, L.P.Grishchuk and **W.Zhao**, *Primordial gravitational waves and cosmic microwave background radiation*, A summary of Presentations delivered at OC1 Parallel session "Primordial Gravitational Waves and the CMB" of the 12<sup>th</sup> Marcel Grossmann Meeting on General Relativity (Paris, 12-18 July 2009) World Scientific Publisher, Eds: T.Damour, R.Jantzen and R.Ruffini [arXiv:1004.0804]