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## EDUCATION

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**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ 2018 - expected 2024  
*Phd student of Science in Physics*

**Courses:** Financial Econometrics, Machine Learn & Pattern Recognition, Statistical Foundations of Data Science, Quantitative Data Analysis in Finance. Game theory.

**Tsinghua University**, Beijing, China. 2014 - 2018  
*Bachelor of Science in Physics (Tsinghua Xuetaang Talents Program)*  
Overall GPA: 92/100. Major GPA: 94/100

## RESEARCH

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**Laboratory for Topological Quantum Matter and Advanced Spectroscopy** 2018 - Present  
*Research Assistant*  
*Princeton, NJ*

- Adopted state-of-the-art **angular-resolved photoemission spectroscopy** (ARPES) and **scanning tunneling spectroscopy** (STM) techniques to discover novel strong-correlated topological materials, including Weyl line/loop state and high order fermions, and characterize their electronic structures.
- Constructed the **tight binding** and **mean field models** for analyzing materials' band structure. Developed **Python-based numerical framework** for simulating spectrum function and calculating response functions based on the Hamiltonian.
- Developed and maintained **Python-based data acquisition and analysis tools**, significantly improving the work efficiency of the group members and coworkers.
- Published over 15 peer-reviewed papers in high-profile journals, with ~ 1000 citations ([Link](#)).

**The State Key Laboratory of Low-Dimensional Quantum Physics.** 2015 - 2018  
*Undergraduate Research Assistant*  
*Beijing, CN*

- Adopted machine learning method (SVM and neural network) and self-developed instrument control software to develop an automatic workflow for calibrating the tip of the STM without supervision. Related patent: [Link](#).
- Analyzed the universal scaling behavior of quantum anomalous hall systems using nonlinear fitting and Bootstrap method. ([Link](#))

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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(Co-) First Author:

- Magnetization-Direction-Tunable Kagome Weyl Line. *Adv. Mat.* **2022**, 35 (3), 2205927.
- Observation of a Linked-Loop Quantum State in a Topological Magnet. *Nature* **2022**, 604 (7907), 647–652.

- Signatures of Weyl Fermion Annihilation in a Correlated Kagome Magnet. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **2021**, 127 (25).
- Visualizing the Out-of-Plane Electronic Dispersions in an Intercalated Transition Metal Dichalcogenide. *Phys. Rev. B* **2022**, 105 (12).

*Contributing author:*

- Helicoid-Arc van Hove Singularities in Topological Chiral Crystals. *Nat. Phy.* **2023**
- A Fermi Arc Quantum Ladder. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **2023**, in press
- Room-Temperature Quantum Spin Hall Edge State in a Higher-Order Topological Insulator Bi<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>. *Nat. Mater.* **2022**, 21,1111-1115.
- Unconventional Chiral Charge Order in Kagome Superconductor KV<sub>3</sub>Sb<sub>5</sub>. *Nat. Mater.* **2021**, 20,1353–1357.
- Rare Earth Engineering in RMn<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub> (R = Gd – Tm , Lu) Topological Kagome Magnets. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **2021**, 126 (24), 246602.
- Quantum-Limit Chern Topological Magnetism in TbMn<sub>6</sub>Sn<sub>6</sub>. *Nature* **2020**, 583 (7817), 533–536.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

**Programming:** Python/Igor Pro/Mathematica/C/LabView/R/Latex.

GitHub: ([Link](#))

**Packages:** NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, SciPy, Sklearn, Numba, Pytorch

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| • Tsinghua Xuetang Talents Program Scholarship                     | 2014-2018 |
| • Hengda Scholarship for the top students in Department of Physics | 2016-2017 |
| • Academic Excellence Scholarship                                  | 2015-2016 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Physics

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| • General Physics II | Spring | 2022, 2023 |
| • General Physics I  | Fall   | 2019       |

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Three conference talks ([Link](#)) and session chair of 2022 APS march meeting.
- Journal referee for Physics Review B, Physics Review Materials, Advanced Materials.