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EDUCATION

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics

2024 - present
Supervised by Dr. Jon M. Miller

Research Interest: X-ray Spectroscopy, Tidal Disruption Events, Outflow winds from black hole accretion disks.

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
M.S. in Astronomy and Astrophysics

2022 - 2024
Overall GPA: 3.9/4.0

Georgia Institute of Technology
B.S. in Physics - Astrophysics Concentration (with highest honor)
Minor in Computer Science - Intelligence

2019 - 2022
Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0

Undergraduate Thesis: “Including a Warm Corona in Active Galactic Nucleus Accretion Discs.” *Supervised by Dr. David Ballantyne*

PUBLICATIONS

9. **Xiang, X.** et al. Multi-layered Fast Wind observed in XMM-Newton snapshot of Seyfert 1 Markarian 877. *ApJ* (2025).
8. Miler, J. M., et al. incl. **Xiang, X.**, XRISM Spectroscopy of the Stellar-mass Black Hole GRS 1915+105. *ApJL* (2025)
7. Miler, J. M., **Xiang, X.**, et al. XRISM/Resolve Spectroscopy of the Central Engine in the Seyfert-1 AGN Mrk 279. *ApJL* 994, L10 (2025).
6. **Xiang, X.** et al. XRISM Spectroscopy of Accretion-driven Wind Feedback in NGC 4151. *ApJL* 988, L54 (2025).
5. XRISM Collaboration. et al. incl. **Xiang, X.** XRISM Spectroscopy of the Fe K α Emission Line in the Seyfert Active Galactic Nucleus NGC 4151 Reveals the Disk, Broad-line Region, and Torus. *ApJL* 973, L25 (2024).
4. **Xiang, X.** et al. Investigating the Mass of the Black Hole and Possible Wind Outflow of the Accretion Disk in the Tidal Disruption Event AT2021ehb. *ApJ* 972, 106 (2024).
3. Miller, J. M. et al. incl. **Xiang, X.** Evidence of a Massive Stellar Disruption in the X-Ray Spectrum of ASASSN-14li. *ApJL* 953, L23 (2023).
2. **Xiang, X.** et al. REXCOR: a model of the X-ray spectrum of active galactic nuclei that combines ionized reflection and a warm corona. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* 515, 353–368 (2022).
1. Ballantyne, D. R. & **Xiang, X.** Sustaining a warm corona in active galactic nucleus accretion discs. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* 496, 4255–4265 (2020).

TALKS

7. **22nd Meeting of the High Energy Astrophysics Division**, Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, St. Louis, Missouri, “XRISM spectroscopy of Accretion-driven Wind Feedback in NGC 4151”, Oral Presentation, Oct 14th, 2025.
6. **Compact Objects Meeting in Michigan and Ontario**, University of Michigan-Flint, “XRISM spectroscopy of Accretion-driven Wind Feedback in NGC 4151”, Oral Presentation, September 26th, 2025.
5. **XRISM 7th Science Meeting**, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, “Five XRISM X-ray Spectroscopy of the Seyfert AGN NGC 4151: Resolving Variable Multi-layer Warm Absorbers and Fast Outflows”, Oral Presentation, February 24th, 2025.
4. **245th Annual Meeting of the American Astronomical Society** National Harbor, MD, “Five XRISM X-ray Spectra of the Seyfert AGN NGC 4151: Resolving Variable Multi-layer Warm Absorbers and Fast Outflows”, Oral Presentation, January 16, 2025.
3. **XRISM 6th Science Meeting**, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Tokyo, Japan, “NGC 4151 Winds: Warm Absorbers and Fast Outflows”, Oral Presentation, Sep 27, 2024
2. **Compact Objects Meeting in Michigan and Ontario**, Wayne State University, MI, “Chandra High-Resolution X-ray Spectroscopy of the Tidal Disruption Event: AT2021ehb”, Oral Presentation, May 12, 2023
1. **15th Annual Undergraduate Research Spring Symposium**, Georgia Institute of Technology, GA, “Including a Warm Corona in Active Galactic Nuclei accretion discs”, Oral Presentation, April 22, 2021.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Rackham International Student Fellowship <i>Rackham Graduate Program, University of Michigan</i>	<i>November 2024</i>
The 2023 Astronomy Department DEI Champion Award <i>Department of Astronomy, University of Michigan</i>	<i>June 2023</i>
President’s Undergraduate Research Travel Awards <i>Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	<i>December 2022</i>
Letson Summer Internship Awards <i>The School of Physics, Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	<i>April 2021</i>
President’s Undergraduate Research Salary Awards <i>Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Georgia Institute of Technology</i>	<i>April 2020</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Graduate Student Instructor
<i>Department of Astronomy, University of Michigan</i> | <i>Jan 2023 - Dec 2023</i> |
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- Teaching Assistant and Labs Instructor for Astronomy 102 - Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe
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| Undergraduate Teaching Assistant
<i>The School of Physics, Georgia Institute of Technology</i> | <i>January 2022 - May 2022</i> |
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- Teaching Assistant for PHYS 4347 - Fundamentals of Astrophysics

Mentor / Group Leader / 1-to-1 Tutor *December 2020 - May 2021*
Tutoring and Academic Support, Office of Undergraduate Education,
Georgia Institute of Technology

- Hold small group meetings and provide training for current 1-to-1 tutors
- Conduct evaluations for tutors as general supervision of group members
- Organize and conduct orientation at the beginning of the semester
- Hold 1-to-1 academic tutor sessions for current students at Georgia Tech

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE/OUTREACH

Graduate Student Summer Event Organizer *May 2025 - August 2025*
Department of Astronomy, University of Michigan

- Organize summer cohort building events

Equi-TEA Talk: A Discussion on Women in Astronomy *March 29th 2025*
Department of Astronomy, University of Michigan

Graduate Practice Preliminary Exam Coordinator *August 2024 - May 2025*
Department of Astronomy, University of Michigan

- Support for the second-years with the prelim exam

FEMMES coordinator/volunteer *August 2022 - December 2024*
Department of Astronomy, University of Michigan

- Developing lesson plans and coordinating with FEMMES outreach events.
- Aiming to inspire local women+ teenagers to pursue STEM careers.

Mid-Autumn Festival Talk: Chang'e Flying to the Moon *Sep 2023, Sep 2024*
Detroit Observatory, University of Michigan

Science Specialist Camp Counselor *May 2019 - July 2019*
Camp Newaygo, Newaygo, MI

- Designed and led 2 science classes per day for campers
- Head counselor for science cabins with a group of Girls from 7-17 years old

MEMBERSHIP

Member *October 2021 - present*
The American Astronomical Society

AAS High Energy Astrophysics Division

Lifetime Member *Inducted in May 2022*
Sigma Pi Sigma – American honor society for physics and astronomy

SKILLS

Computer Languages	Python, C/C++, Java, Assembly, Fortran
Software & Tools	Matplotlib, NumPy, SciPy, PyTorch, Scikit-learn HEAsoft, Xspec, SPEX
Music	Music Sheet Transcript, Piano Performance Piano level 10 certificate (Central Conservatory of Music)
Language	Chinese: Native, English: Proficient