

Research Field: Space Physics Focused Field: Dynamics of Earth's Radiation Belt



SHORT BIO

I began my space science research in 2012 as a Master's/PhD student under the supervision of Prof. Zhengyu Zhao and Prof. Binbin Ni at the Laboratory of Magnetospheric Space Weather and Effects (LMSWE), Wuhan University, China.

After obtaining my PhD in Space Physics, I joined the Institute of Space Science and Applied Technology (ISSAT) at Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen, in 2018 as a postdoctoral researcher, where I investigated the dynamics of Earth's radiation belt particles and plasma waves.

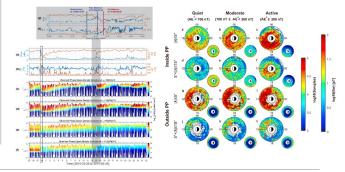
In 2021, I was appointed Assistant Professor at the State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences, Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST). My current research combines traditional space physics approaches with machine learning algorithms to study the temporal evolution of energetic electrons and wave-particle interactions in Earth's radiation belts. I also teach several postgraduate courses.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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GRANTS

FDCT&NSFC – **2024-2027** – PI : Analysis and Simulations of the Inner Radiation Belt Energetic Particle Evolutions based on Macau Science Satellite-1 Data

FDCT – **2024-2026** – PI : Analysis and Simulations of Bump-on-tail Spectra for Electron Phase Space Density in Earth Radiation Belt

FDCT – **2021-2024** – PI : Response of the Earth radiation belt to the solar wind disturbances during non-storm times

