2011

Education

Stanford University PhD in Physics (advisor: Natalia Toro)	(expected) 2019 – 2024
Oxford University (New College) MSc in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics with distinction	2018 – 2019
Cambridge University (St. John's College) MASt in Mathematics with distinction	2017 – 2018
Massachusetts Institute of Technology BS in Physics and Mathematics	2013 – 2017
Fellowships and Awards	
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2017 - 2022
Marshall Scholarship	2017 - 2019
Demuth Prize, New College	2019
Dirac Prize, St. John's College	2018
Finalist, Hertz Fellowship	2017
Joel Matthew Orloff Award for Outstanding Research, MIT	2017
Hananakla Mantian Dutuan Mathamatical Commetition	2016 201
Honorable Mention, Putnam Mathematical Competition	2016, 2017

Publications

Winner, USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad

2112.02104	Probing Invisible Vector Meson Decays with the NA64 and LDMX Experiments P. Schuster, N. Toro, K. Zhou, Phys. Rev. D (2022)
2106.09033	Stellar Shocks From Dark Matter Asteroid Impacts A. Das, S. A. R. Ellis, P. Schuster, K. Zhou, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2022)
2007.15656	Heterodyne Broadband Detection of Axion Dark Matter A. Berlin, R. T. D'Agnolo, S. A. R. Ellis, K. Zhou, Phys. Rev. D (2021)
1912.11048	Axion Dark Matter Detection by Superconducting Resonant Frequency Conversion A. Berlin, R. T. D'Agnolo, S. A. R. Ellis, C. Nantista, J. Neilson, P. Schuster, S. Tantawi, N. Toro, K. Zhou, JHEP (2020)
1704.06266	Casimir Meets Poisson: Improved Quark/Gluon Discrimination with Counting Observables C. Frye, A. Larkoski, J. Thaler, K. Zhou, JHEP (2017)
1704.05456	Generalized Fragmentation Functions for Fractal Jet Observables B. Elder, M. Procura, J. Thaler, W. Wallewijn, K. Zhou, JHEP (2017)

1703.04722 Minimum Energetic Cost to Maintain a Target Nonequilibrium State J. Horowitz, K. Zhou, J. England, Phys. Rev. E (2017)

Talks

Theory and Phenomenology of Continuous Spin Particles Perimeter Institute Theory Seminar	9/2022
Flashes in the Dark: New Searches for Axions and Macroscopic Dark Matter Johns Hopkins Theory Seminar	9/2022
Probing Dark Sectors With Invisible Vector Meson Decays Phenomenology 2022 Symposium APS April Meeting 2022 ILC Workshop on Potential Experiments (ILCX2021)	5/2022 4/2022 10/2021
Searching for Ultraheavy and Ultralight Dark Matter SLAC Theory Seminar	3/2022
Stellar Shocks From Dark Asteroids 24th International Conference on Particle Physics and Cosmology (COSMO'21) APS Division of Particles & Fields Meeting (DPF21) Phenomenology 2021 Symposium	8/2021 7/2021 5/2021
Heterodyne Detection of Axion Dark Matter Virtual Axion Institute	8/2020

Teaching

Physics 330: Quantum Field Theory I

Autumn 2022

Outreach

U.S. Physics Olympiad

2015 - present

- Wrote and edited the largest physics competition in the United States (6,000 participants)
- Released 1,000 pages of original learning materials, used by students around the world
- Taught classes on problem solving and lab skills to finalists at annual summer camps
- Intensively trained team to represent the U.S. at the 2021 International Physics Olympiad, leading to its first ever 5 gold medal finish

Physics StackExchange

2014 - 2020

2013 - 2019

- Wrote answers on topics ranging from everyday physics to quantum field theory
- Total of over 1,000 answers with 2 million total views

Splash

- Spoke to high school students at annual Splash events hosted at MIT, Oxford, and Stanford
- Taught classes on quantum cryptography, dimensional analysis, chirality, and particle detectors

Press coverage 2022

• Participated in several interviews for "Stellar Shocks From Dark Matter Asteroid Impacts" (Altmetric score of 200+, in top 1% of PRL outputs)

National Science Bowl 2022

• Wrote and edited physics questions for the U.S. Department of Energy's flagship middle school and high school outreach event (\sim 10,000 participants)