Ethan Nadler | Curriculum Vitae

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Research

Dark Matter

– Linking dark matter particle properties to small-scale structure throughout cosmic history;
– Modeling dark matter–baryon interactions, self-interactions, and production mechanisms.

Computational Astrophysics

– Emulating the impact of baryons on small scales using cosmological simulations;
– Empirically modeling the connection between faint galaxies and dark matter halos.

Near-field Cosmology

– Unifying dark matter constraints from dwarf galaxies and strong gravitational lensing;
– Developing constrained N-body simulations of Milky Way and strong lens analogs.

Positions

Carnegie Observatories & University of Southern California *2021–*
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Education

Stanford University *2021*
Ph.D., Physics
Thesis: Faint Galaxies and Small Halos: Probes of Galaxy Formation and Dark Matter

University of California, Santa Barbara *2016*
B.S., Physics
Thesis: Universality in the Structure and Abundance of Dark Matter Halos

Scientific Collaborations

Satellites Around Galactic Analogs Survey: Member *2019–*
DECam Local Volume Exploration (DELVE) Survey: Member *2019–*
Rubin LSST Dark Energy Science Collaboration: Member, Dark Matter Working Group *2018–*
Dark Energy Survey: Member, Milky Way Working Group *2018–*

Fellowships & Awards

XSEDE Allocation: Simulations of Milky Way Halos with Large Magellanic Cloud Analogs *2020–*
NSF Graduate Research Fellow: National Science Foundation *2018–21*
Faculty Committee Commendation of Excellence: UCSB College of Creative Studies *2016*
Outstanding Senior Award: UCSB Department of Physics *2016*
Highest Academic Honors: UCSB Department of Physics *2016*

Mentoring

Graduate Students *2021–*

- Trey Driskell, USC: Generating constrained dark matter merger trees;
- Noah Glennon, University of New Hampshire: Soliton orbital evolution with axion self-interactions;
- Elise Darragh-Ford, Stanford: Integrating *Gaia* data in dwarf galaxy searches;
- Yunchong Wang, Stanford: Modeling dwarf galaxy star formation histories;
- Sidney Mau, Stanford: Dwarf galaxy constraints on decaying dark matter;

Undergraduate & Post-baccalaureate Students *2018–*

- Nyal McCrea, Central Washington '22 & NSBP: Visualizing subhalos in cosmological simulations;
- Resherle Verna, USC '20: Self-interacting dark matter in hydrodynamic simulations;
- Deveshi Buch, Stanford '23: Cosmological simulations of Milky Way-like halos;
- Veronica Pratt, Stanford '23: Statistics of Large Magellanic Cloud analogs in SAGA data;
- Nicel Mohamed-Hinds, Stanford '19 → UW: Emulating hydrodynamic zoom-in simulations;
- Abigail Lee, UPenn '19 → UChicago: Subhalo disruption in galaxy clusters.

Teaching

Teaching Assistant (Stanford) *2017–21*

- *Structure Formation & Galaxy Formation*, *Modern Astrophysics*, *Cosmology & Extragalctic Astrophysics*, *Origin & Development of the Cosmos*, and *Electricity & Magnetism*.

Course Assistant (UCSB) *2015–16*

- *Relativistic Quantum Mechanics*, *Kinetic Theory & Relativity*, *Mechanics & Waves*, and *Newtonian Mechanics*.

Tutor (UCSB Campus Learning Assistance Services) *2015-16*

- Held biweekly supplementary lectures for *Basic Physics*, *Linear Algebra*, and *Differential Equations*.

Service & Outreach

USC Physics Climate Committee (Member) *2021–*
San Mateo County Astronomical Society (Speaker) [video] *2021*
Journal Referee (*ApJ*, *Astropart. Phys.*, *JCAP*, *MNRAS*) *2019–*
Astronomy on Tap San Francisco (Speaker and Volunteer) *2018–20*
Stanford Future Advancers of Science and Technology (Physics Mentor) *2017–19*

Media

Fermilab Press Release, *DES census of the smallest galaxies hones the search for dark matter* *2020*
SLAC Press Release, *Milky Way satellites reveal link between dark matter and galaxy formation* *2020*
AAS Nova Research Highlight, *Constraining collisions of dark matter* *2019*
SLAC Press Release, *Satellite galaxies provide new clues about dark matter* *2019*
KIPAC Research Highlight, *Dark matter subhalo disruption: insights from machine learning* *2018*

Presentations

Dark Matter Constraints from a Unified Analysis of Strong Lenses and Satellite Galaxies *2021*
LSS DESC Dark Matter Working Group*
Virginia Tech Center for Neutrino Physics, Journal Club*

The Faintest Galaxies and their Dark Matter Halos *2020–21*
Caltech, TAPIR Seminar*

Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics, Cosmology Lunch Seminar*
Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, GCSP Seminar [video]
International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, Less Travelled Path of Dark Matter* [video, slides]
UC Santa Cruz, FLASH Seminar*
UC Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics, Cosmology Seminar* [slides]
STScI, The Local Group: Assembly and Evolution
KITP, The Galaxy–Halo Connection Across Cosmic Time: Recent Updates [video]
LIneA, Webinar* [video, slides]
KIPAC, Astrophysics Colloquium* [video]
Fermilab, New Perspectives [slides]
USC, CosmoLab Seminar*
BSM Pandemic Seminar* [video, slides]
Fermilab, Wine & Cheese*

Milky Way Satellites: Probes of Dark Matter Microphysics *2019*
University of Chicago, Cosmic Controversies [slides]
KICP, LSST Dark Matter Workshop* [slides]
Institute for Advanced Study, Astro Coffee*
Johns Hopkins, High Energy Physics/Cosmology Seminar*
UC Berkeley, LSST DESC Winter Collaboration Meeting

Modeling Subhalos and Satellites in Milky Way-like Systems *2018*
KICP, Near-Field Cosmology with DES DR1* [slides]
KITP, The Small-Scale Structure of Cold(?) Dark Matter [video, slides]
UC Berkeley Center for Cosmological Physics, Cosmology Seminar* [slides]

Predicting Realistic Subhalo Populations *2017*
KITP, The Galaxy–Halo Connection Across Cosmic Time

*invited presentation

First & Co-Authored Publications

E. O. Nadler, S. Birrer, D. Gilman, R. H. Wechsler, X. Du, A. Benson *et al*. *Dark Matter Constraints from a Unified Analysis of Strong Gravitational Lenses and Milky Way Satellite Galaxies*. 2021, ApJ, 917, 7.

S. Das & **E. O. Nadler**. *Constraints on the epoch of dark matter formation from Milky Way satellites*. 2021, PRD 103, 043517.

E. O. Nadler & A. Drlica-Wagner *et al.* (DES Collaboration). *Constraints on Dark Matter Properties from Observations of Milky Way Satellite Galaxies*. 2021, PRL 126, 091101.

E. O. Nadler, A. Banerjee, S. Adhikari, Y.-Y. Mao, and R. H. Wechsler. *Signatures of Velocity-dependent Dark Matter Self-interactions in Milky Way-mass Halos*. 2020, ApJ, 896, 112.

E. O. Nadler & R. H. Wechsler *et al.* (DES Collaboration). *Milky Way Satellite Census. II. Galaxy-Halo Connection Constraints Including the Impact of the Large Magellanic Cloud*. 2020, ApJ, 893, 48.

E. O. Nadler, V. Gluscevic, K. K. Boddy, and R. H. Wechsler. *Constraints on Dark Matter Microphysics from the Milky Way Satellite Population*. 2019, ApJL, 878, 32.

E. O. Nadler, Y.-Y. Mao, G. M. Green, and R. H. Wechsler. *Modeling the Connection between Subhalos and Satellites in Milky Way-like Systems*. 2019, ApJ, 873, 34.

E. O. Nadler, Y.-Y. Mao, R. H. Wechsler, S. Garrison-Kimmel, and A. Wetzel. *Modeling the Impact of Baryons on Subhalo Populations with Machine Learning*. 2018, ApJ, 859, 129.

E. O. Nadler, A. Perko, and L. Senatore. *On the bispectra of very massive tracers in the Effective Field Theory of Large-Scale Structure*. 2018, JCAP, 1, 058.

E. O. Nadler, S. P. Oh, and S. Ji. *On the apparent power law in CDM halo pseudo-phase space density profiles*. 2017, MNRAS, 470, 500.

*N*th-Author Publications

D. Nguyen, D. Sarnaaik, K. K. Boddy, **E. O. Nadler**, and V. Gluscevic. *Observational constraints on dark matter scattering with electrons*. 2107.12380 (PRD submitted).

S. Bhattacharyya, S. Adhikari, A. Banerjee, S. More, A. Kumar, **E. O. Nadler** *et al*. *The Signatures of Self-Interacting Dark Matter and Subhalo Disruption on Cluster Substructure*. 2106.08292 (ApJ submitted).

A. Drlica-Wagner, J. Carlin, D. L. Nidever *et al*. (DELVE Collaboration). *The DECam Local Volume Exploration Survey: Overview and First Data Release*. 2103.07476 (ApJ submitted).

Y. Wang, **E. O. Nadler** *et al*. UniverseMachine*: Predicting Galaxy Star Formation over Seven Decades of Halo Mass with Zoom-in Simulations*. 2021, ApJ 915, 116.
- Major contributions: Interpretation of dwarf galaxy star formation history predictions, simulation analysis.

E. Darragh-Ford, **E. O. Nadler** *et al*. *Searching for Dwarfs in Gaia DR2 Phase-space Data using Wavelet Transforms*. 2021, ApJ 915, 48.
- Major contributions: Pilot study, search algorithm development, predictions for number of detected dwarfs.

K. Maamari, V. Gluscevic, K. K. Boddy, **E. O. Nadler**, and R. H. Wechsler. *Bounds on velocity-dependent dark matter–proton scattering from Milky Way satellite abundance*. 2021, ApJL 907, 46.
- Major contributions: Development of numerical techniques to constrain interacting dark matter models.

Y.-Y. Mao, M. Geha, R. H. Wechsler, B. Weiner, E. J. Tollerud, **E. O. Nadler** *et al*. *The Saga Survey. II. Building a Statistical Sample of Satellite Systems around Milky Way-like Galaxies*. 2021, ApJ, 907, 85.
- Major contributions: Interpretation of SAGA observations in the context of galaxy–halo connection models.

A. Drlica-Wagner, K. Bechtol, S. Mau, M. McNanna, **E. O. Nadler** *et al*. (DES Collaboration). *Milky Way Satellite Census. I. The Observational Selection Function for Milky Way Satellites in DES Y3 and Pan-STARRS DR1*. 2020, ApJ, 893, 47.
- Major contributions: Machine-learning modeling of satellite detection sensitivity, simulation analysis.

S. Mau & W. Cerny *et al*. (DELVE Collaboration). *Two Ultra-Faint Milky Way Stellar Systems Discovered in Early Data from the DECam Local Volume Exploration Survey*. 2020, ApJ, 890, 136.

C. E. Martínez-Vázquez *et al*. (DES Collaboration). *Search for RR Lyrae stars in DES ultrafaint systems: Grus I, Kim 2, Phoenix II, and Grus II*. 2019, MNRAS 490, 2183.

K. M. Stringer *et al*. (DES Collaboration). *Identification of RR Lyrae stars in multiband, sparsely-sampled data from the Dark Energy Survey using template fitting and Random Forest classification*. 2019, AJ 158, 16.

White Papers

V. Gluscevic *et al*. *Cosmological Probes of Dark Matter Interactions: The Next Decade*. 2019, 1903.05140.

J. Simon *et al*. *Dynamical Masses for a Complete Census of Local Dwarf Galaxies*. 2019, 1903.047435.

K. Bechtol *et al*. *Dark Matter Science in the Era of LSST*. 2019, 1903.04425.

A. Drlica-Wagner & Y.-Y. Mao *et al*. *Probing the Fundamental Nature of Dark Matter with the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope*. 2019, 1902.01055.
- Major contributions: Forecasts and theoretical development for LSST dwarf galaxy dark matter constraints.

Interdisciplinary Studies

D. Guilbeault, **E. O. Nadler** *et al*. *Color associations in abstract semantic domains.* 2020, Cognition 201, 104306.

B. S. Desikan, T. Hull, **E. O. Nadler** *et al*. `comp-syn`: *Perceptually Grounded Word Embeddings with Color.* 2020, Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Computational Linguistics, 1744.

Stanford Art of Science 2020, *The Graduate Students in Electrical Engineering 2nd Place Prize*: Changing Views in Data Science over Fifty Years.