Employment and Education

UC Berkeley / Lawrence Berkeley National Lab Postdoctoral Researcher	from 2024
Stanford University PhD in Physics (advisor: Natalia Toro)	2024
Oxford University (New College) MSc in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics with distinction	2019
Cambridge University (St. John's College) MASt in Mathematics with distinction	2018
Massachusetts Institute of Technology BS in Physics and Mathematics	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
Honorable Mention, Putnam Mathematical Competition	2016, 2017
Gold Medal, International Physics Olympiad	2012, 2013
Winner, USA Junior Mathematical Olympiad	2011

Publications

2312.11601	Physical Signatures of Fermion-Coupled Axion Dark Matter A. Berlin, A. J. Millar, T. Trickle, K. Zhou, JHEP 05, 314 (2024)
2303.04816	Interactions of Particles with "Continuous Spin" Fields P. Schuster, N. Toro, K. Zhou, JHEP 04, 010 (2023)
2209.12901	Discovering QCD-Coupled Axion Dark Matter with Polarization Haloscopes A. Berlin, K. Zhou, Phys. Rev. D 108, 035038 (2023)
2112.02104	Probing Invisible Vector Meson Decays with the NA64 and LDMX Experiments P. Schuster, N. Toro, K. Zhou, Phys. Rev. D 105, 035036 (2022)
2106.09033	Stellar Shocks From Dark Matter Asteroid Impacts A. Das, S. A. R. Ellis, P. Schuster, K. Zhou, Phys. Rev. Lett. 128, 021101 (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 104, L111701 (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 07, 088 (2020)	
1704.06266	Casimir Meets Poisson: Improved Quark/Gluon Discrimination with Counting Observed. Frye, A. Larkoski, J. Thaler, K. Zhou, JHEP 09, 083 (2017)	vables
1704.05456	Generalized Fragmentation Functions for Fractal Jet Observables B. Elder, M. Procura, J. Thaler, W. Wallewijn, K. Zhou, JHEP 06, 085 (2017)	
1703.04722	Minimum Energetic Cost to Maintain a Target Nonequilibrium State J. Horowitz, K. Zhou, J. England, Phys. Rev. E 95, 042102 (2017)	
Community	White Papers	
2203.14923	Axion Dark Matter Contributed writing for a subsection, and editing for all sections	
2203.08192	Current Status and Future Prospects for the Light Dark Matter eXperiment Contributed theoretical projections for experimental sensitivity, and figures	
2203.12714	Searches for New Particles, Dark Matter, and Gravitational Waves with SRF Cavities Contributed writing and feedback	5
Other Work	s	
2203.15821	Comment on "Poynting vector controversy in axion modified electrodynamics"	
	Physics Olympiad Handouts Solo-authored proto-textbook used by students in dozens of countries	
Talks		
UC Berk Phenom Flatiron Universi HEP/As	tures of Fermion-Coupled Axion Dark Matter keley "4D" Seminar enology 2024 Symposium Institute, Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology Meeting Around NYC ty of Geneva High Energy Particle Physics Seminar stro Results Forum Theory Seminar	8/24 5/24 4/24 3/24 3/24 11/23
UIUC H Hunting Caltech UC San Universi	ism and Gravity with Continuous Spin igh Energy Physics Seminar Invisibles (HIDDeN) Virtual Institute Seminar High Energy Physics Seminar ta Cruz SCIPP Seminar ty of Maryland EPT Seminar ECAP Seminar	10/24 11/23 10/23 10/23 9/23 7/23

CERN BSM Forum UC Davis QMAP Particle/Cosmology Seminar	6/23 4/23
UC Berkeley "4D" Seminar	4/23
Stanford Phenomenology Seminar	2/23
Perimeter Institute Theory Seminar	10/22
Discovering the QCD Axion with Polarization Haloscopes	7 /00
18th Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs and WISPs	7/23
Phenomenology 2023 Symposium Fermilab Theory Seminar	5/23 4/23
TRIUMF Theory Seminar	10/22
University of Victoria Theory Seminar	10/22
Flashes in the Dark: New Searches for Axions and Macroscopic Dark Matter	
Johns Hopkins Theory Seminar	9/22
Probing Dark Sectors With Invisible Vector Meson Decays	
Phenomenology 2022 Symposium	5/22
APS April Meeting 2022	4/22
ILC Workshop on Potential Experiments (ILCX2021)	10/21
Searching for Ultraheavy and Ultralight Dark Matter	
SLAC Theory Seminar	3/22
Stellar Shocks From Dark Asteroids	
24th International Conference on Particle Physics and Cosmology (COSMO'21)	8/21
APS Division of Particles & Fields Meeting (DPF21)	7/21
Phenomenology 2021 Symposium	5/21
Heterodyne Detection of Axion Dark Matter	- /
Virtual Axion Institute	8/20
Proposals	
An SRF Cavity for Dark Matter Axion Detection	2022 – 2024
 SLAC LDRD grant, with principal investigator Zenghai Li Participated in design discussions, writing and editing of proposal and progress updates 	
Outreach and Service	
U.S. Physics Olympiad	2015 – 2024
 Wrote and edited the largest physics competition in the United States (6,000 participants) 	
Taught classes on problem solving and lab skills to finalists at annual training camps	
• Directed the theoretical training of the U.S. traveling team from 2021 to 2024	
Physics StackExchange	2014 - 2020
• Wrote 1,000 answers for questions on all fields of physics, with 2.5 million total views	
Press coverage	2022

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

National Science Bowl 2022 – 2023

• 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)

Local outreach and department activities

• Served as student representative for the physics department's Graduate Studies Committee	ee 2023
• Judged research presentations for the US Invitational Young Physicists Tournament	2023
Participated on various panels for undergraduates and incoming graduate students	2020
$ullet$ Presented ${\sim}10$ papers at Stanford and SLAC journal clubs	2020 - 2022
 Taught high school students at "Splash" events at MIT, Oxford, and Stanford 	2013 - 2019

Peer review

- Refereed research papers for JHEP and Phys. Rev. D
- Refereed pegagogical papers and books for Am. J. Phys. and World Scientific

Teaching

Physics 230: Graduate Quantum Mechanics I	2024
Physics 120: Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism I	2023
Physics 330: Quantum Field Theory I	2022

• Ran weekly sections and office hours; helped write, edit, solve, and grade new problem sets