

# Nicholas M. Rapidis

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2019– **Stanford University**  
Ph.D. in Physics
- 2015-2019 **University of California, Berkeley**  
B.A. in Physics. Graduated with High Distinction and Departmental Honors  
Thesis Title: *Resonant Axion-Photon Scattering and Galactic Searches for Axions* – Adviser: Prof. Karl van Bibber
- 2018 **Institute for Quantum Computing – University of Waterloo**  
Attended *Undergraduate School on Experimental Quantum Information Processing (USEQIP)*. Selective two week fully funded summer program introducing the fundamentals of Quantum Information.
- 2011-2015 **Psychiko College High School, Athens, Greece**  
Completed International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in May 2015

## Research and Teaching Experience

- 2019-present **Graduate Research Assistant**  
Studying the physics and phenomenology of dense dark matter axion clumps in the context of astrophysics and cosmology.
- 2016-2019 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**  
Member of Berkeley HAYSTAC group led by Prof. Karl van Bibber in search of the QCD Axion.  
· Use of the bead perturbation technique to study characteristics of annular cavities.  
· Determination of frequency scan range for future runs based on cavity measurements.  
· Initial measurements on photonic band gap cavities.  
· Finite element electromagnetic simulations using *CST Microwave Studio* for different types of cavities.  
· Machining of parts to be used on test cavities.

Summer 2017 **Reader** Department of Physics

Graded weekly problem sets for 65 students in Quantum Mechanics (Physics 137A) taught by Dr. Charles Wohl at UC Berkeley.

## Honors & Awards

2019 *Member of  $\Phi$ BK*

2018-2019 *Haas Scholar*

2017-2018 *Berkeley Physics Undergraduate Research Scholar*

2016-2019 UC Berkeley *Dean's List*

2014 Member of the Greek National Linguistics Team: Attended 12th International Linguistics Olympiad in Beijing, China.

## Publications, Talks, & Conferences

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles<sup>1</sup>

#### **Resonant Conversion of Dark Matter Oscillons in Pulsar Magnetospheres**

A. Prabhu and N.M. Rapidis. [arXiv:2005.03700](#).

#### **An improved analysis framework for axion dark matter searches**

D.A. Palken, B.M. Brubaker, M. Malnou, S. Al Kenany, K.M. Backes, S.B. Cahn, Y.V. Gurevich, S.K. Lamoreaux, S.M. Lewis, R.H. Maruyama, [N.M. Rapidis](#), J.R. Root, M. Simanovskaia, T.M. Shokair, S. Singh, D.H. Speller, I. Urdinaran, K. van Bibber, L. Zhong, K.W. Lehnert. [arXiv:2003.08510](#).

#### **Characterization of the HAYSTAC axion dark matter search cavity using microwave measurement and simulation techniques**

[N.M. Rapidis](#), S.M. Lewis, K.A. van Bibber, *Review of Scientific Instruments* **90**, 024706 (2019). [doi.org/10.1063/1.5055246](#)

#### **Results from Phase 1 of the HAYSTAC microwave cavity axion experiment**

L. Zhong, S. Al Kenany, K.M. Backes, B.M. Brubaker, S.B. Cahn, G. Carosi, Y.V. Gurevich, W.F. Kindel, S.K. Lamoreaux, K.W. Lehnert, S.M. Lewis, M. Malnou, R.H. Maruyama, D.A. Palken, [N.M. Rapidis](#), J.R. Root, M. Simanovskaia, T.M. Shokair, D.H. Speller, I. Urdinaran, K.A. van Bibber. *Phys. Rev. D* **97**, 092001, (2018). [doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.97.092001](#).

#### **Design and Operational Experience of a Microwave Cavity Axion Detector for the 20-100 $\mu$ eV Range**

S. Al Kenany, M.A. Anil, K.M. Backes, B.M. Brubaker, S.B. Cahn, G. Carosi, Y.V. Gurevich, W.F. Kindel, S.K. Lamoreaux, K.W. Lehnert, S.M. Lewis, M. Malnou, D.A. Palken, [N.M. Rapidis](#), J.R. Root, M. Simanovskaia, T.M. Shokair, I. Urdinaran, K.A. van Bibber, L. Zhong. *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A* **854** (2017) 11–24. [doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2017.02.012](#).

#### **First Results from a Microwave Cavity Axion Search at 24 $\mu$ eV**

B.M. Brubaker, L. Zhong, Y.V. Gurevich, S.B. Cahn, S.K. Lamoreaux, M. Simanovskaia, J.R. Root, S.M. Lewis, S. Al Kenany, K.M. Backes, I. Urdinaran, [N.M. Rapidis](#), T.M. Shokair, K.A. van Bibber, D.A. Palken, M. Malnou, W.F. Kindel, M.A. Anil, K.W. Lehnert, G. Carosi. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **118**, 061302 (2017). [doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.118.061302](#).

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<sup>1</sup>All publications are also available on [INSPIRE](#).

## Conference Proceedings

### Completion of Phase I and Preparation for Phase II of the HAYSTAC Experiment

N.M. Rapidis, Contributed to the 14th Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs and WISPs, DESY in Hamburg, June 18 to 22, 2018. arXiv: 1809.05913 [physics.ins-det]

### Application of the Bead Perturbation Technique to a Study of a Tuneable 5 GHz Annular Cavity

N.M. Rapidis (2018), In: Carosi G., Rybka G., van Bibber K. (eds) Microwave Cavities and Detectors for Axion Research. Springer Proceedings in Physics, vol 211. Springer, Cham doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-92726-8\_5.

## Talks

### Characterization of the HAYSTAC dark matter detector cavity: microwave measurement and simulation

*APS April Meeting 2019*, April 13-16, 2019, Denver, CO

### Completion of Phase I and Preparation for Phase II of the HAYSTAC Experiment

*14th Patras Workshop on Axions, WIMPs, and WISPs*, June 18-22, 2018, DESY, Hamburg, Germany

### Application of the Bead Perturbation Technique to a Study of a Tunable 5 GHz Annular Cavity

*2nd Workshop on Microwave Cavities and Detectors for Axion Research*, January 10-13, 2017, LLNL, Livermore, CA

## Skills

### Programming

Advanced: *Mathematica*, *CST Microwave Studio*, *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X*

Intermediate: *Python*, *LabVIEW*, *Matlab*

Basic: *HTML*

### Languages

English (native), Greek (native), German (advanced proficiency)

### Experimental Tools

Basic Machine Shop Skills (operating mills, lathes, and drill presses for work on metallic parts),  
Operating and calibrating network analyzers for studies of electromagnetic devices.