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2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS	Dark Matter Phenomenology, Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology, Collider Physics, Physics Beyond the Standard Model	
Academic Appointments	Massachusetts Institute of Technology  MIT Center for Theoretical Physics  Postdoctoral Research Associate	2017–Present
	MIT Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research Affiliate Postdoctoral Scholar	
Education	University of Melbourne  Centre of Excellence for Particle Physics at the Terascale (CoEPP)  Ph.D. in Theoretical Particle Physics  Thesis Title: Phenomenology of Particle Dark Matter  Thesis Advisor: A/Prof. Nicole Bell	2013–2017
	University of Cambridge  Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP)  Master of Advanced Study in Mathematics (Part III of the Mathematical Essay Advisor: Prof. Ben Allanach	2012–2013 Tripos)
	Monash University Bachelor of Science Advanced with Honours Majors: Physics and Mathematics. High Distinction. Thesis Advisor: A/Prof. Csaba Balazs	2008–2011
Prizes, Awards	Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis, U. Melbourne	2018
& Scholarships	Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, U. Melbourne	2018
	Best PhD Completion Seminar, Physics Dept., U. Melbourne	2017
	Royal Society of Victoria Young Scientist Research Prize	2016
	Science Abroad Travelling Scholarship	2016
	Best Geoff Opat Seminar Series Talk, Physics Dept., U. Melbourne	2015
	Laby Foundation Early Career Researcher Travel Scholarship	2015
	Australian Postgraduate Award (APA)	2012–2016
	Monash Jubilee Honours Scholarship	2011

J. L. William Honours Scholarship

- 13. **R. K. Leane** and T. R. Slatyer, "Dark Matter Strikes Back at the Galactic Center", MIT-CTP/5104, [arXiv:1904.08430 [astro-ph.HE]].
- M. Un Nisa, J. F. Beacom, S. Y. BenZvi, R. K. Leane, T. Linden, K. C.Y. Ng, A. H.G. Peter, B. Zhou, "The Sun at GeV-TeV Energies: A New Laboratory for Astroparticle Physics", Astro2020 Science White Paper (2019) [arXiv:1903.06349 [astro-ph.HE]].
- HAWC Collaboration and J.F. Beacom, R. K. Leane\*, T. Linden, K. C.Y. Ng, A. Peter, B. Zhou, "Constraints on Spin-Dependent Dark Matter Scattering with Long-Lived Mediators from TeV Observations of the Sun with HAWC", Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018), 123012, MIT-CTP/5038, [arXiv:1808.05624 [hep-ph]].
- HAWC Collaboration and J.F. Beacom, R. K. Leane\*, T. Linden, K. C.Y. Ng, A. Peter, B. Zhou, "First HAWC Observations of the Sun Constrain Steady TeV Gamma-Ray Emission", Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018), 123011, MIT-CTP/5037, [arXiv:1808.05620 [astro-ph.HE]].
- R. K. Leane, T. R. Slatyer, J. F. Beacom, K. C.Y. Ng, "GeV-Scale Thermal WIMPs: Not Even Slightly Dead", MIT-CTP/5020, Phys. Rev. D98 (2018) no.2, 023016 [arXiv:1805.10305 [hep-ph]].
- 8. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, J. B. Dent, **R. K. Leane**\*, T. J. Weiler, "Enhancing Dark Matter Annihilation Rates with Dark Bremsstrahlung", Phys. Rev. D96 (2017) no.2, 023011 [arXiv:1705.01105 [hep-ph]].
- 7. R. K. Leane, K. C.Y. Ng, J. F. Beacom, "Powerful Solar Signatures of Long-Lived Dark Mediators", Phys. Rev. D95 (2017) no.12, 123016 [arXiv:1703.04629 [astro-ph.HE]].
- 6. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane**\*, "Impact of Mass Generation for Spin-1 Mediator Simplified Models", JCAP 01 (2017) 039 [arXiv:1610.03063 [hep-ph]].
- 5. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane**\*, "Dark Forces in the Sky: Signals from Z' and the Dark Higgs", JCAP 08 (2016) 001 [arXiv:1605.09382 [hep-ph]].
- 4. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane**\*, "Mono-W Dark Matter Signals at the LHC: Simplified Model Analysis", JCAP 01 (2016) 051 [arXiv:1512.00476 [hep-ph]].
- 3. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, J. B. Dent, **R. K. Leane**\*, T. J. Weiler, "Dark matter at the LHC: Effective field theories and gauge invariance", Phys. Rev. D92, no.5 053008 (2015) [arXiv:1503.07874 [hep-ph]].

<sup>\*</sup>Author list is alphabetical, as per convention in theoretical particle physics.

- 2. N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, **R. K. Leane**\*, A. D. Medina, "Leptophilic dark matter with Z' interactions", Phys. Rev. D 90, no.3, 035027 (2014) [arXiv:1407.3001 [hep-ph]].
- 1. G. Brooijmans et al (incl **R. K. Leane**\*), "Les Houches 2011: Physics at TeV Colliders New Physics Working Group Report", FERMILAB-CONF-12-924-T (2012) [arXiv:1203.1488 [hep-ph]]. (*Note:* Contribution 1, "DLHA: Dark Matter Les Houches Agreement", is heavily based on my bachelor thesis.)

#### Teaching

Guest Lecturer for MIT graduate level course 8.811: Particle Physics II	
Lecture Title: "Dark Matter Model Building"	
ATLAS International Masterclass Tutor, U. Melbourne	2015
Physics Teaching Assistant (Tutorials, Grading, Office Hours), U. Melbourne	2014
Physics Teaching Assistant (Lab Demonstrator, Grading), U. Melbourne	2012
Physics Teaching Assistant (Lab Demonstrator, Grading), Monash U.	2011
High School Senior Tutoring, Physics and Mathematics	

## OUTREACH

Key Scientific Researcher on International Science Documentary Series 2014–2015 "Uranium: Twisting the Dragon's Tail"

Worked with Emmy Award winning producer Sonya Pemberton and writer Wain Fimeri part time over 12 months. Had a major role in explaining science content and developing the script for the series. Aired in the United States, Australia, Germany, France, Middle East, Norway and Sweden. The series has been nominated for and won numerous science communication and film awards.

Interview, Quanta Magazine, Dark Matter Gets a Reprieve in New Analysis	2019
Open House Talk, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Cambridge MA, USA	2018
Young Scientist Research Prize Talk, Royal Society of Victoria, Australia	2016
Public Talk, Strathcona Girls' School, Australia	2014
Panel Member, National Science Week: Kids Ask Questions, Australia	2013
Panel Member, National Science Week: Ask a Scientist, Australia	
Public Talk, Monash University Open Day Seminar Series, Australia	2011
Physics Demonstrator, Monash University Open Day, Australia	

## SERVICE

Particle Theory Seminar Organizer, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics 2018–Present MIT Heising-Simons Physics Research Fellowship Peer Review Committee 2018

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

## Programming Languages:

C/C++, Python, Bash/zsh, HTML/CSS, Mathematica (all working proficiency level)

# Packages & Frameworks:

FeynRules, MadGraph, Pythia, ROOT, MadAnalysis, Fastjet, Delphes, Micromegas, Pppc4dmid, Dragon, FeynArts, FeynCalc, TikZ, Minuit, Matplotlib

## Other:

Linux OS, LATEX

Seminars & Conference Talks	Upcoming	A 2010	
	Invited Plenary Talk, DM@LHC 2019, Seattle WA, USA Invited Seminar, Perimeter Institute, Waterloo ON, Canada	Aug 2019 Jun 2019	
	"Dark Matter Strikes Back at the Galactic Center"		
	Invited Seminar, KICP, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA	Apr 2019	
	Invited Seminar, Brown University, Providence RI, USA	$\mathrm{Apr}\ 2019$	
	Invited Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia IL, USA	Mar 2019	
	Invited Seminar, Brandeis University, Boston MA, USA	Mar 2019	
	Invited Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, USA	Feb 2019	
	Invited Talk, TRIUMF Dark Matter Workshop, Vancouver BC, Canada	Feb 2019	
	"A Tour of the Universe: The Hunt for Dark Matter"		
	Invited Colloquium, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Dec 2018	
	"Tricking Non-Poissonian Template Fitting: DM Hiding at the Galactic Center?"		
	Parallel Talk, DESY Theory Workshop, Hamburg, Germany	Sep $2018$	
	Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Sep 2018	
	"Point Sources at the Galactic Center"		
	Parallel Talk, IDM 2018, Providence RI, USA	Jul 2018	
	"GeV-Mass Thermal WIMPs: Not Even Slightly Dead"		
	Parallel Talk, IDM 2018, Providence RI, USA	Jul 2018	
	Invited Parallel Talk, PASCOS 2018, Cleveland OH, USA	$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2018$	
	Parallel Talk, Pheno 2018 Symposium, Pittsburgh PA, USA	May 2018	
	Invited Seminar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, USA	$\mathrm{Apr}\ 2018$	
	Invited Seminar, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley CA, USA	Apr 2018	
	Invited Seminar, Michigan Center for Theoretical Physics, Ann Arbor MI, US	_	
	Invited Seminar, Dartmouth University, Hanover NH, USA	Apr 2018	
	Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Jan 2018	
	"Novel Signatures of Dark Matter in the Sky"		
	Invited Seminar, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Cambridge MA, USA	Sept 2017	
	"Phenomenology of Particle Dark Matter"		
	PhD Completion Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melb VIC, Australia	$Mar\ 2017$	
	"Dark Matter Theory and New Searches"		
	Invited Talk, CAASTRO-CoEPP Joint Workshop, Melb VIC, Australia	$\mathrm{Jan}\ 2017$	
	"Novel Signatures of Dark Matter in the Sky"		
	Invited Talk, TRIUMF, Vancouver BC, Canada (remote)	$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2016$	
	"Impact of Mass Generation for Simplified Dark Matter Models"		
	Invited Talk, ATLAS Astroparticle Forum Plenary Meeting, CERN (remote)	Nov 2016	
	"Unitarity and Gauge Invariance in Dark Matter Models"		
	Invited Talk, CETUP Dark Matter Workshop, Deadwood SD, USA	Jul 2016	
	Invited Seminar, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH, USA	May 2016	
	"Dark Forces in the Sky: Signals from Z' and the Dark Higgs"		
	Invited Seminar, CCAPP, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA	$\mathrm{Jun}\ 2016$	
	Invited Seminar, UC Riverside, Riverside CA, USA	$\mathrm{May}\ 2016$	
	Invited Seminar, UC Irvine, Irvine CA, USA	$\mathrm{May}\ 2016$	
	Parallel Talk, Pheno 2016 Symposium, Pittsburgh PA, USA	May 2016	
	Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Apr 2016	

SEMINARS & CONFERENCE TALKS (CONT'D)	"Dark Matter at the LHC" Invited Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA Invited Seminar, CCAPP, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA Invited Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia IL, USA Invited Seminar, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN, USA	Oct 2015 Oct 2015 Sep 2015 Sep 2015
	"Dark Matter at the LHC: EFTs, Gauge Invariance and the Mono-W" Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Aug 2015
	"Dark Matter at the LHC: EFTs and Gauge Invariance" Parallel Talk, SUSY2015, Lake Tahoe CA, USA Seminar, Geoff Opat Seminar Series, U. Melbourne, Melb VIC, Australia	Aug 2015 May 2015
	"Leptophilic Dark Matter with $Z'$ Interactions" Parallel Talk, CoSPA2014, Auckland, New Zealand Contributed Talk, RESCEU APCosPA Summer School, Matsumoto, Japan	Dec 2014 Jul 2014
	"Dark Matter and the Universe" Invited Seminar, St Edmund's Academic Talks Series, U. Cambridge, UK	Jun 2013

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