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RESEARCH Interests Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology, Physics Beyond the Standard Model

Expertise: Indirect Dark Matter Detection, New Astroparticle Search Strategies, Using Astrophysical Datasets to Investigate New Particles + Dark Matter

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory Stanford University 2021–Present

SLAC Particle Theory Group

Associate Staff Scientist

Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology (KIPAC)

Senior Member

Previous
Appointments

SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

SLAC Particle Theory Group, Stanford University

2020 - 2021

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2017 - 2020

MIT Center for Theoretical Physics Postdoctoral Research Associate

EDUCATION

University of Melbourne

2013 - 2017

 $Centre\ of\ Excellence\ for\ Particle\ Physics\ at\ the\ Terascale\ (CoEPP)$

Ph.D. in Theoretical Particle Physics Thesis Advisor: Prof. Nicole Bell

University of Cambridge

2012 - 2013

Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP)

Master of Advanced Study in Mathematics (Part III of the Mathematical Tripos)

Essay Advisor: Prof. Ben Allanach

Monash University

2008-2011

Bachelor of Science Advanced with Honours

Majors: Physics and Mathematics. High Distinction.

Thesis Advisor: Prof. Csaba Balazs

Funded Grants	NASA Fermi Guest Investigator Program, Cycle 12, \$70,000 USD Characterizing Unresolved Point-Source Populations in the Inner Galaxy Grant No. 80NSSC19K1515, Slatyer and Leane	9-2020
Prizes, Awards & Scholarships	Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis, U. Melbourne Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, U. Melbourne Royal Society of Victoria Young Scientist Research Prize Science Abroad Travelling Scholarship Laby Foundation Early Career Researcher Travel Scholarship Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) Monash Jubilee Honours Scholarship J. L. William Honours Scholarship	2018 2018 2016 2016 2015 2-2016 2011 2011
Publications	INSPIRE profile and ARXIV publication list Asterisk indicates alphabetical order list (as per convention in theoretical particle pl	hysics).
	22. R. K. Leane* and T. Linden, First Analysis of Jupiter in Gamma Rays and a New Search for Dark Matter Submitted to PRL, [arXiv:2104.02068 [astro-ph.HE]]	2021 er
	21. R. K. Leane *, T. Linden, P. Mukhopadhyay, N. Toro, Celestial-Body Focused Dark Matter Annihilation Throughout the Galaxy Phys. Rev. D 103, 075030 (2021), [arXiv:2101.12213 [astro-ph.HE]]	2021
	20. R. K. Leane* and J. Smirnov Exoplanets as Sub-GeV Dark Matter Detectors Phys. Rev. Lett. 126, 161101 (2021), [arXiv:2010.00015 [hep-ph]] Selected as PRL Editor's Suggestion, Featured in APS Physics	2020
	19. D. Croon, G. Elor, R. K. Leane *, S. McDermott Supernova Muons: New Constraints on Z' Bosons, Axions, and ALPs JHEP 01 (2021) 107, [arXiv:2006.13942 [hep-ph]]	2020
	18. R. K. Leane Indirect Detection of Dark Matter in the Galaxy [arXiv:2006.00513 [hep-ph]]	2020
	17. R. K. Leane and T. R. Slatyer Spurious Point Source Signals in the Galactic Center Excess Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 121105 (2020), [arXiv:2002.12370 [astro-ph.HE]]	2020
	16. R. K. Leane and T. R. Slatyer The Enigmatic Galactic Center Excess: Spurious Point Sources and Signal Mismodeling Phys. Rev. D 102, 063019 (2020), [arXiv:2002.12371[astro-ph.HE]]	2020

1	5. D. Hooper, R. K. Leane *, Y. Tsai, S. Wegsman, S. Witte A Systematic Study of Hidden Sector Dark Matter: Application to the Gamma-Ray and Antiproton Excesses JHEP 07 (2020) 163, [arXiv:1912.08821 [hep-ph]]	2019
1	4. J. Acevedo, J. Bramante, R. K. Leane *, N. Raj Cooking Pasta with Dark Matter: Kinetic and Annihilation Heating of Neutron Star Crusts JCAP 03 (2020) 038, [arXiv:1911.06334 [hep-ph]]	2019
1	3. R. K. Leane and T. R. Slatyer Dark Matter Strikes Back at the Galactic Center Phys. Rev. Lett. 123 (2019) 241101, [arXiv:1904.08430 [astro-ph.HE]] Selected as PRL Editor's Suggestion, Featured in APS Physics	2019
1	2. 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 Physic Astro2020 Science White Paper (2019) [arXiv:1903.06349 [astro-ph.HE]]	2019 es
1	1. 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, [arXiv:1808.05624 [hep-ph]].	2018
1	O. 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 E. Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018), 123011, [arXiv:1808.05620 [astro-ph.HE]]	2018 mission
	9. R. K. Leane, T. R. Slatyer, J. F. Beacom, K. C.Y. Ng GeV-Scale Thermal WIMPs: Not Even Slightly Dead Phys. Rev. D98 (2018), 023016 [arXiv:1805.10305 [hep-ph]]	2018
	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), 023011 [arXiv:1705.01105 [hep-ph]]	2017
	7. R. K. Leane , K. C.Y. Ng, J. F. Beacom Powerful Solar Signatures of Long-Lived Dark Mediators Phys. Rev. D95 (2017), 123016 [arXiv:1703.04629 [astro-ph.HE]]	2017
	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]]	2016

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]]	2016
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]]	2015
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, 053008 (2015) [arXiv:1503.07874 [hep-ph]]	2015
2.	N. F. Bell, Y. Cai, R. K. Leane *, A. D. Medina Leptophilic dark matter with Z' interactions Phys. Rev. D 90, 035027 (2014) [arXiv:1407.3001 [hep-ph]]	2014
1.	G. Brooijmans et al (incl R. K. Leane *) Les Houches 2011: Physics at TeV Colliders New Physics Working Group Re (2012) [arXiv:1203.1488 [hep-ph]] (<i>Note:</i> Contribution 1, "DLHA: Dark Matter Les Houches Agreement", is he based on my bachelor thesis.)	-

Talks

<u>Summary:</u> 9 invited plenary talks, 10 invited colloquia, 48 invited seminars, 23 additional conference/workshop talks (incl. 14 invited). Talks across Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Guadeloupe, Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Note that most talks from Mar 2020 onwards are online due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Invited Plenary Talks and Colloquia:

90. Invited Plenary Talk, Identification of DM 2022, Vienna, Austria	Jul 2022
89. Invited Colloquium, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA	Feb 2022
88. Invited Colloquium, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada	$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2021$
87. Invited Colloquium, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland	Oct 2021
86. Invited Plenary Talk, Dark Matter 2021, Santander, Spain	Sep 2021
85. Invited Colloquium, North Carolina State U., Rayleigh NC, USA	Sep 2021
84. Invited Plenary Talk, EXPLORE workshop, Germany	Aug 2021
83. Invited Plenary Talk, Planck 2021, Durham, UK	Jun 2021
82. Invited Colloquium, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden	May 2021
81. Invited Colloquium, University of Chicago KICP, Chicago IL, USA	May 2021
80. Invited Colloquium, University at Albany SUNY, Albany NY, USA	Mar 2021
79. Invited Colloquium, Northeastern University, Boston MA, USA	Feb 2021
78. Invited Plenary Talk, Light Dark World 2020, Sydney, Australia	$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2020$
77. Invited Plenary Talk, Identification of DM 2020, Vienna, Austria	Jul 2020
76. Invited Plenary Talk, 3rd World Summit on EDSU, Guadeloupe	Mar 2020
75. Invited Colloquium, MIT, LNS, Cambridge MA, USA	Feb 2020
74. Invited Plenary Talk, DM@LHC 2019, Seattle WA, USA	Aug 2019
73. Invited Colloquium, University of Melbourne, Melbourne Australia	Dec 2018
72. Invited Overview Talk, CAASTRO-CoEPP Joint Workshop, Australia	Jan 2017

Invited Seminars and Other Conference Talks:

71. Invited Talk, FISICA 2022, Mainz, Germany	Mar 2022
70. Invited Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford CA, USA	Jan 2022
69. Invited Seminar, Rutgers University, Piscataway NJ, USA	Dec 2021
68. Invited Seminar, UC Berkeley/LBNL, Berkeley CA, USA	Nov 2021
67. Invited Seminar, Colgate University, Hamilton NY, USA	Nov 2021
66. Invited Parallel Talk, PANIC 2021, Lisbon, Portugal	Sep 2021

65.	Invited Seminar, Max-Planck Institute, Heidelberg, Germany	Jul 2021
64.	Invited Seminar, UCLA, Los Angeles CA, USA	Jun 2021
63.	Invited Seminar, Imperial College London, London, UK	Apr 2021
62.	Invited Seminar, University of Torino, Torino, Italy	Apr 2021
61.	Invited Talk, Aspen Center for Physics Winter Conf., Aspen CO, USA	Mar 2021
60.	Invited Seminar, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN, USA	Mar 2021
59.	Invited Seminar, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton NY, USA	Feb 2021
58.	Invited Seminar, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada	Feb 2021
57.	Invited Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford CA, USA	Dec 2020
56.	Invited Seminar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, USA	Dec 2020
55.	Invited Talk, 3rd South American DM Workshop, Brazil	Dec 2020
54.	Invited Seminar, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA, USA	Nov 2020
53.	Invited Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA	Nov 2020
52.	Invited Talk, Snowmass CF-01 Group Meeting	Aug 2020
51.	Invited Seminar, Sydney CCPC, Sydney, Australia	Aug 2020
50.	Invited Seminar, Kavli IPMU, Tokyo, Japan	May 2020
49.	Parallel Talk, Pheno 2020, Pittsburgh PA, USA	May 2020
48.	Invited Talk, Astrophysical Signatures of DM Workshop, MI, USA (canceled due to covid-19)	May 2020
47.	Invited Talk, Aspen Winter Conf. on Particle Physics, Aspen CO, USA $(canceled\ due\ to\ covid-19)$	Mar 2020
46.	Invited Seminar, U. Mass Amherst, Amherst MA, USA	Feb 2020
45.	Invited Seminar, Tufts University, Medford MA, USA	Feb 2020
44.	Invited Seminar, Boston University, Boston MA, USA	Nov 2019
43.	Invited Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA	Oct 2019
42.	Invited Seminar, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, USA	Oct 2019
41.	Invited Seminar, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Camb. MA, USA	Sep 2019
40.	Invited Seminar, Perimeter Institute, Waterloo ON, Canada	Jun 2019
39.	Invited Talk, Aspen Center for Physics, Aspen CO, USA	Jun 2019
38.	Invited Seminar, KICP, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA	Apr 2019
37.	Invited Seminar, Brown University, Providence RI, USA	Apr 2019
36.	Invited Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia IL, USA	Mar 2019
35.	Invited Seminar, Brandeis University, Boston MA, USA	Mar 2019
34.	Invited Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, USA	Feb 2019
33.	Invited Talk, TRIUMF Dark Matter Workshop, Vancouver BC, Canada	Feb 2019
32.	Parallel Talk, DESY Theory Workshop, Hamburg, Germany	Sep 2018

31.	Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Sep 2	2018
30.	Parallel Talk 1, IDM 2018, Providence RI, USA	Jul 2	2018
29.	Parallel Talk 2, IDM 2018, Providence RI, USA	Jul 2	2018
28.	Invited Parallel Talk, PASCOS 2018, Cleveland OH, USA	Jun 2	2018
27.	Parallel Talk, Pheno 2018 Symposium, Pittsburgh PA, USA	May 2	2018
26.	Invited Seminar, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena CA, USA	Apr 2	2018
25.	Invited Seminar, LBNL, Berkeley CA, USA	Apr 2	2018
24.	Invited Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, USA	Apr 2	2018
23.	Invited Seminar, Dartmouth University, Hanover NH, USA	Apr 2	2018
22.	Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Jan 2	2018
21.	Invited Seminar, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Camb. MA, USA $$	Sep 2	2017
20.	PhD Completion Seminar, University of Melbourne, Australia	Mar 2	2017
19.	Invited Talk, TRIUMF, Vancouver BC, Canada (remote)	Dec 2	2016
18.	Invited Talk, ATLAS Astroparticle Forum Plenary Meeting, CERN	Nov 2	2016
17.	Invited Talk, CETUP Dark Matter Workshop, Deadwood SD, USA	Jul 2	2016
16.	Invited Seminar, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH, USA	May 2	2016
15.	Invited Seminar, CCAPP, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA	Jun 2	2016
14.	Invited Seminar, UC Riverside, Riverside CA, USA	May 2	2016
13.	Invited Seminar, UC Irvine, Irvine CA, USA	May 2	2016
12.	Parallel Talk, Pheno 2016 Symposium, Pittsburgh PA, USA	May 2	2016
11.	Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Apr 2	2016
10.	Invited Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park CA, USA	Oct 2	2015
9.	Invited Seminar, CCAPP, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, USA	Oct 2	2015
8.	Invited Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia IL, USA	Sep 2	2015
7.	Invited Seminar, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN, USA	Sep 2	2015
6.	Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	Aug 2	2015
5.	Parallel Talk, SUSY 2015, Lake Tahoe CA, USA	Aug 2	2015
4.	Invited Seminar, University of Melbourne, Melbourne VIC, Australia	May 2	2015
3.	Parallel Talk, CoSPA2014, Auckland, New Zealand	Dec 2	2014
2.	Contributed Talk, RESCEU APCosPA School, Matsumoto, Japan	Jul 2	2014
1.	Invited Seminar University of Cambridge Cambridge UK	Jun 2	2013

OUTREACH	Video Interview ($\sim 8 \text{K views}$), Universe Today,	2021
& Press	Interview with Dr. Rebecca K. Leane, Detecting Dark Matter Interview, <i>SLAC News</i> ,	2021
	How Exoplanets Could Aid the Search for Dark Matter	2021
	Interview, Universe Today, Jupiter Could Make an Ideal Dark Matter Detector	2021
	Press Piece, APS Physics,	2021
	Detecting Dark Matter in Exoplanets	
	Interview, Science Magazine,	2021
	Dark Matter Could Warm the Hearts of Lonely Old Planets, Scientists Predict	
	Interview, Wired Magazine, Where's the Dark Matter? Look for Suspiciously Warm Planets	2021
	Interview, Quanta Magazine,	2020
	Physicists are Expanding the Search for Dark Matter	
	Interview, The Boston Globe Newspaper,	2019
	MIT scientists find DM could be cause of mysterious energy at the center of or Interview, MIT News,	ur galaxy 2019
	Is there dark matter at the center of the Milky Way? Press Piece, APS Physics,	2019
	New Hope for Milky-Way Dark Matter	2019
	Interview, Gizmodo,	2019
	The Future of Particle Physics Is Bright, Bleak, and Magical	
	Interview, Quanta Magazine,	2019
	Dark Matter Gets a Reprieve in New Analysis	2019
	Interview, Kavli Foundation, Dark Matter is Back	2019
	Interview, Science Magazine,	2019
	Physicists Revive Hunt for Dark Matter in the Heart of the Milky Way	
	Interview, Popular Mechanics,	2019
	Filling the Void: What is Dark Matter?	
	Open House Talk, MIT Center for Theoretical Physics, Cambridge MA, USA	2018 2016
	Young Scientist Research Prize Talk, Royal Society of Victoria, Australia	
	"Uranium: Twisting the Dragon's Tail"	2014–2015
	Worked with Emmy Award winning producer Sonya Pemberton and writer Wapart time in a paid role over 12 months. Had a major role in explaining science	ce content
	and developing the script for the series. Aired in the United States, Australia, France, Middle East, Norway and Sweden. The series has been nominated for numerous science communication and film awards.	• ,
	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	2013
	Public Talk, Monash University Open Day Seminar Series, Australia	2011
	High impact papers on Altmetric (stats as of $06/14/21$):	

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 - "Exoplanets as Sub-GeV Dark Matter Detectors" (2021) paper w/ Juri Smirnov: Altmetric Score of 435, ranked #49 of all time for media coverage of PRL outputs
 - "Dark Matter Strikes Back at the Galactic Center" (2019) paper w/ Tracy Slatyer: Altmetric Score of 327, ranked #91 of all time for media coverage of PRL outputs

TEACHING	Summer School Talk, EXPLORE2021 Workshop Guest Lecturer for MIT graduate level course 8.811: Particle Physics II Lecture Title: "Dark Matter Model Building"	2021 2017
	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 Tutoring, Physics and Mathematics	2008–2010
STANFORD/SLAC	Stanford Physics Recruitment Committee	2021-
SERVICE	Stanford Physics, Identity, and Equity (PIE) Program Invited Speaker	2021
	Stanford Graduate Student Orientation: SLAC Theoretical Physics Overview	Talk 2021
	SLAC Particle Theory Website Maintenance	2021 -
	SLAC Dark Matter Meeting Founder and Organizer	2021-
Reviewing	Grant Reviewer for:	
	• National Science Foundation (NSF)	2021-
	Journal Referee for:	2010
	Physical Review Journals One of the language of the lang	2019–
	• Reviews of Modern Physics	2019-
	• Journal of High Energy Physics (JHEP)	2021-
	• Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics (JCAP)	2021-
	• SciPost Physics	2020-
Community	Coordinator, Editor, and Author	2021-
	Snowmass Cosmic Frontier CF01 White Paper:	
	"Puzzling Excesses and How to Resolve Their Origin"	
	Section Editor and Author	2021-
	Snowmass Cosmic Frontier CF03 White Paper: "Dark Matter In Extreme Environments"	
	Coordinator/Co-Principal Author of Two Snowmass Letters of Interest	2020
	Understanding the Galactic Center Gamma-Ray Excess: Observational Prosp Understanding the Galactic Center Gamma-Ray Excess: Theory Prospects Submitted to Cosmic Frontier and Theory Frontier Snowmass Working Group	
	Convener, Dark Matter Session, TeV Particle Astrophysics (TeVPA) Conferen	
	MIT Heising-Simons Physics Research Fellowship Peer Review Committee	2018

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