

# Ryan Low

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## SUMMARY

Ryan Low is an Astrophysics Theory PhD. His research interests lie at the intersection of structure formation, phenomenological modeling, and advanced machine learning methods.

## POSITIONS

<b>PhD Student</b>	Aug 2020 - Present
Using hydrodynamical cosmological simulations, can we use novel methods to detect and constrain generic self-interacting dark matter models? Performing these simulations requires high performance computing. Analysis involves handling big data with both C/C++ and Python. Major projects include studying how modified dark matter physics affects small scale structure formation and how to connect simulation results to observation beyond summary statistics.	
<b>Teaching Assistant</b>	Jan 2020 - Present
– Quantum Mechanics I	2020
– Mechanics Laboratory	2020 - 2022
– Optics Laboratory	2022 - 2024
– Graduate Problem Solving	2024 - Present

## EDUCATION

2020 - present PhD Physics at **University of Kansas** (Expected Defense: May 2026) (GPA: 4.0/4.0)  
2016 - 2020 B. Sc. Physics at **University of California, San Diego** (GPA: 3.8/4.0, Cum Laude)

## PUBLICATIONS

**Low, Ryan**, Adhikari, Rakshak, Rose, Jonah C., O’Neil, Stephanie, et al. Mar. 2025. “Structure Formation under Inelastic Two-Component Dark Matter: Halo Statistics and Matter Power Spectra in the High- $z$  Universe”. In: *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2503.05881, arXiv:2503.05881. DOI: [10.48550/arXiv.2503.05881](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2503.05881). arXiv: [2503.05881 \[astro-ph.CO\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.05881).

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**Low, Ryan**, Burgasser, Adam J., Reylé, Céline, Gerasimov, Roman, Hsu, Chih-Chun, and Theissen, Christopher A. Feb. 2021. “Spectroscopic Confirmation of an M6 Dwarf Companion to the Nearby Star BD-08 2582”. In: *Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society* 5.2, 26, p. 26. DOI: [10.3847/2515-5172/abe470](https://doi.org/10.3847/2515-5172/abe470).

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Low, Ryan**, Adhikari, Rakshak, Medvedev, Mikhail, Vogelsberger, Mark, et al. Apr. 2022. “Lyman-alpha forest studies of cosmological simulations with inelastic two-component dark matter (2cDM)”. In: *APS April Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 2022. APS Meeting Abstracts, S17.051, S17.051.

**Low, Ryan**, Adhikari, Rakshak, Medvedev, Mikhail, O’Neil, Stephanie, et al. Apr. 2023. “Numerical studies of inelastic dark matter cosmology”. In: *APS April Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 2023. APS Meeting Abstracts, P01.004, P01.004.

**Low, Ryan**, Adhikari, Rakshak, Medvedev, Mikhail, Vogelsberger, Mark, et al. Apr. 2024. “Effect of inelastic dark matter on Lyman-alpha forest”. In: *APS April Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 2024. APS Meeting Abstracts, T12.007, T12.007.

**Low, Ryan**, Adhikari, Rakshak, Medvedev, Mikhail, Vogelsberger, Mark, et al. Mar. 2025. “Effects of Inelastic Two-Component Dark Matter in Subhalo Formation and Composition”. In: *APS Global Physics Summit Abstracts*. Vol. 2025. APS Meeting Abstracts, R21.005, R21.005.

**Low, Ryan** and Medvedev, Mikhail. Nov. 2025. “Eigenmodes in an ultrarelativistic pair QED-plasma”. In: *APS DPP Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 2025. APS Meeting Abstracts, BP13.038, BP13.038.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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2020 - present American Physical Society

DAP, DCOMP

## SKILLS

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Python	9+ yrs
C/C++	9+ yrs
Linux	9+ yrs
Java	8+ yrs
Mathematica	7+ yrs
HPC/slurm	5+ yrs

## SKILLS

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Redeker Scholarship 2024  
E. E. Slossen Award 2022 - 2023