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Education

- 2020 - 2022 **Ph.D.**
California Institute of Technology
Division of Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics
Thesis: *Direct Detection of Light Dark Matter with Electrons, Phonons, and Magnons*
Advisor: Prof. Kathryn M. Zurek
- 2017 - 2020 Ph.D. Student
University of California, Berkeley
Initial progress towards Ph.D.
Advisor: Prof. Kathryn M. Zurek
- 2013 - 2017 **B.S.**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Physics
- 2013 - 2017 **B.S.**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Mathematics

Appointments

- 2022 - **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, IL 60510, USA
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- 2022 - **Associate Member**
North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves ([NANOGrav](#))

Publications

1. R. Linehan, T. Trickle, C. R. Conner, S. Ghosh, T. Lin, M. Sholapurkar, and A. N. Cleland, “Listening For New Physics With Quantum Acoustics,” [arXiv:2410.17308](#) [[hep-ph](#)]
2. G. Krnjaic, D. Rocha, and T. Trickle, “The Non-Relativistic Effective Field Theory Of Dark Matter-Electron Interactions,” [arXiv:2407.14598](#) [[hep-ph](#)]
3. A. Berlin, A. J. Millar, T. Trickle, and K. Zhou, “Physical signatures of fermion-coupled axion dark matter,” *JHEP* **05** (2024) 314, [arXiv:2312.11601](#) [[hep-ph](#)]

4. Y. Kahn, J. Schütte-Engel, and T. Trickle, “Searching for high-frequency gravitational waves with phonons,” *Phys. Rev. D* **109** (2024) no. 9, 096023, [arXiv:2311.17147 \[hep-ph\]](#)
5. A. Mitridate, K. Pardo, T. Trickle, and K. M. Zurek, “Effective field theory for dark matter absorption on single phonons,” *Phys. Rev. D* **109** (2024) no. 1, 015010, [arXiv:2308.06314 \[hep-ph\]](#)
6. **NANOGrav** Collaboration, A. Afzal *et al.*, “The NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Search for Signals from New Physics,” *Astrophys. J. Lett.* **951** (2023) no. 1, L11, [arXiv:2306.16219 \[astro-ph.HE\]](#)
7. A. Berlin and T. Trickle, “Absorption of Axion Dark Matter in a Magnetized Medium,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **132** (2024) no. 18, 181801, [arXiv:2305.05681 \[hep-ph\]](#)
8. G. Krnjaic and T. Trickle, “Absorption of vector dark matter beyond kinetic mixing,” *Phys. Rev. D* **108** (2023) no. 1, 015024, [arXiv:2303.11344 \[hep-ph\]](#)
9. T. Trickle, “Extended calculation of electronic excitations for direct detection of dark matter,” *Phys. Rev. D* **107** (2023) no. 3, 035035, [arXiv:2210.14917 \[hep-ph\]](#)
10. T. Trickle, *Direct Detection of Light Dark Matter with Electrons, Phonons, and Magnons*. PhD thesis, Caltech, 2022
11. D. E. Kaplan, A. Mitridate, and T. Trickle, “Constraining fundamental constant variations from ultralight dark matter with pulsar timing arrays,” *Phys. Rev. D* **106** (2022) no. 3, 035032, [arXiv:2205.06817 \[hep-ph\]](#)
12. A. Mitridate, T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Snowmass white paper: Light dark matter direct detection at the interface with condensed matter physics,” *Phys. Dark Univ.* **40** (2023) 101221, [arXiv:2203.07492 \[hep-ph\]](#)
13. H.-Y. Chen, A. Mitridate, T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, M. Bernardi, and K. M. Zurek, “Dark matter direct detection in materials with spin-orbit coupling,” *Phys. Rev. D* **106** (2022) no. 1, 015024, [arXiv:2202.11716 \[hep-ph\]](#)
14. M. Papucci, T. Trickle, and M. B. Wise, “Radiative semileptonic \bar{B} decays,” *JHEP* **02** (2022) 043, [arXiv:2110.13154 \[hep-ph\]](#)
15. A. Mitridate, T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Dark matter absorption via electronic excitations,” *JHEP* **09** (2021) 123, [arXiv:2106.12586 \[hep-ph\]](#)
16. S. M. Griffin, K. Inzani, T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Extended calculation of dark matter-electron scattering in crystal targets,” *Phys. Rev. D* **104** (2021) no. 9, 095015, [arXiv:2105.05253 \[hep-ph\]](#)
17. V. S. H. Lee, S. R. Taylor, T. Trickle, and K. M. Zurek, “Bayesian Forecasts for Dark Matter Substructure Searches with Mock Pulsar Timing Data,” *JCAP* **08** (2021) 025, [arXiv:2104.05717 \[astro-ph.CO\]](#)

18. A. Coskuner, T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Directional detectability of dark matter with single phonon excitations: Target comparison,” *Phys. Rev. D* **105** (2022) no. 1, 015010, [arXiv:2102.09567 \[hep-ph\]](#)
19. V. S. H. Lee, A. Mitridate, T. Trickle, and K. M. Zurek, “Probing Small-Scale Power Spectra with Pulsar Timing Arrays,” *JHEP* **06** (2021) 028, [arXiv:2012.09857 \[astro-ph.CO\]](#)
20. T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Effective field theory of dark matter direct detection with collective excitations,” *Phys. Rev. D* **105** (2022) no. 1, 015001, [arXiv:2009.13534 \[hep-ph\]](#)
21. A. Mitridate, T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Detectability of Axion Dark Matter with Phonon Polaritons and Magnons,” *Phys. Rev. D* **102** (2020) no. 9, 095005, [arXiv:2005.10256 \[hep-ph\]](#)
22. H. Ramani, T. Trickle, and K. M. Zurek, “Observability of Dark Matter Substructure with Pulsar Timing Correlations,” *JCAP* **12** (2020) 033, [arXiv:2005.03030 \[astro-ph.CO\]](#)
23. S. M. Griffin, K. Inzani, T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Multichannel direct detection of light dark matter: Target comparison,” *Phys. Rev. D* **101** (2020) no. 5, 055004, [arXiv:1910.10716 \[hep-ph\]](#)
24. T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, K. M. Zurek, K. Inzani, and S. M. Griffin, “Multi-Channel Direct Detection of Light Dark Matter: Theoretical Framework,” *JHEP* **03** (2020) 036, [arXiv:1910.08092 \[hep-ph\]](#)
25. T. Trickle, Z. Zhang, and K. M. Zurek, “Detecting Light Dark Matter with Magnons,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **124** (2020) no. 20, 201801, [arXiv:1905.13744 \[hep-ph\]](#)
26. J. A. Dror, H. Ramani, T. Trickle, and K. M. Zurek, “Pulsar Timing Probes of Primordial Black Holes and Subhalos,” *Phys. Rev. D* **100** (2019) no. 2, 023003, [arXiv:1901.04490 \[astro-ph.CO\]](#)

Talks

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| Sep. 2024 | High Energy Physics Seminar
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
<i>The Non-Relativistic Effective Field Theory of Dark Matter-Electron Interactions</i> |
| Sep. 2024 | Particle Physics Seminar
Notre Dame University
<i>The Non-Relativistic Effective Field Theory of Dark Matter-Electron Interactions</i> |
| Apr. 2024 | Particle Theory Seminar
Harvard University
<i>New Ways To Search For Axion Dark Matter</i> |

- Apr. 2024 Nuclear Seminar
University of Kentucky
New Ways To Search For Axion Dark Matter
- Feb. 2024 Theory Seminar
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Tabletop to Telescope: Unraveling The Mystery of Dark Matter
- Dec. 2023 High Energy Theory Brown Bag Seminar
University of Michigan
Searching for High Frequency Gravitational Waves with Phonons
- Nov. 2023 High Energy and Astrophysics (HEAP) Seminar
University of Utah
Searching for High Frequency Gravitational Waves with Phonons
- Nov. 2023 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics Seminar
Searching for High Frequency Gravitational Waves with Phonons
- Mar. 2023 Quantum Science Center Presentation
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
Dark Matter - Phonon Interactions in Sapphire
- Feb. 2023 Particle Theory Seminar
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
New Ideas in Direct Detection of Light Dark Matter with Electrons
- Jan. 2023 Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics Seminar
University of Chicago
New Ideas in Direct Detection of Light Dark Matter with Electrons
- Dec. 2022 Nuclear Seminar
University of Kentucky
Searching for Ultralight Dark Matter with Pulsar Timing Arrays
- Apr. 2022 NANOGrav Working Group, Presentation
Constraints on Ultralight Dark Matter from Mass Fluctuations in Pulsar Timing Arrays
- Nov. 2021 BSM Pandemic - Delta Lecture Series
Multi-Channel Searches For Light Dark Matter
- Oct. 2021 SuperCDMS Science Presentation
First Principles Calculations of Dark Matter-Electron/Phonon Excitation Rates
- Oct. 2021 High Energy Phenomenology Seminar
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Searching for Dark Matter Subhalos with Pulsar Timing Arrays
- Jun. 2021 QuantISED Group, Presentation
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Extended Calculation of Dark Matter-Electron Scattering in Crystal Targets

- Apr. 2021 NANOGrav Working Group, Presentation
Pulsar Timing Array Signals from Dark Matter Subhalos
- Jan. 2020 4D Seminar
University of California, Berkeley
Multi-Channel Direct Detection of Light Dark Matter
- Dec. 2019 Particle Theory Group, Presentation
California Institute of Technology
Multi-Channel Direct Detection of Light Dark Matter

Workshops and Conferences

- Nov. 2024 Chicago-Area Phenomenology Symposium
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Listening For New Physics With Quantum Acoustics
- Oct. 2024 Dark Interactions 2024
Simon Fraser University
Theory of Direct Detection For The Next Generation
- Aug. 2023 Pulsar Timing Arrays: A Star-Way To New Physics
Mainz Institute of Theoretical Physics
- Apr. 2023 PACC IQ Initiative: Axion, Fundamental and Synthetic
University of Pittsburgh
Detecting Axion Dark Matter with Phonons and Magnons
- Jun. 2022 Physics of This Universe
Johns Hopkins University
Constraining Fundamental Constant Variations from Ultralight Dark Matter with Pulsar Timing Arrays
- Jul. 2021 APS Division of Particles and Fields 2021
Dark Matter Absorption via Electronic Excitations
- May 2021 Phenomenology 2021 Symposium (PHENO)
Improved Calculation of Dark Matter-Electron Scattering in Semiconductors

Awards

- 2022 **Robert F. Christy Prize for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis in Theoretical Physics**
Awarded to a student who has produced an outstanding thesis in theoretical physics.
- 2021 **John S. Stemple Memorial Prize**
For outstanding progress in research and excellent performance on the oral candidacy exam.

Teaching Experience

- Jan. 2022 - Mar. 2022 **Teaching Assistant**
Relativistic Quantum Field Theory, Phys 205b
California Institute of Technology
- Jan. 2021 - Mar. 2021 **Teaching Assistant**
Relativistic Quantum Field Theory, Phys 205b
California Institute of Technology
- Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2018 **Graduate Student Instructor**
Introduction to Mathematical Physics, Physics 89
University of California, Berkeley
- Aug. 2017 - Jun. 2018 **Graduate Student Instructor**
Physics for Scientists and Engineers, Physics 7A
University of California, Berkeley

Outreach

- Dec. 2024 Saturday Morning Physics Panel
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

Service to Profession

- 2020 - **Journal Referee**
Physical Review D
Physical Review Letters
Journal of High Energy Physics