

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

2013-present **Professor** at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2019-present **Director** of the Center for Theoretical Physics, MIT
2009-2013 **Associate Professor with Tenure** at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2007-2009 **Associate Professor** at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge
2003-2006 **Assistant Professor** at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge
2002-2003 **Research Assistant Professor** at the University of Washington, Seattle
Advisor: David B. Kaplan
1999-2002 **Post-Doctoral Research Associate** at the University of California, San Diego
Advisor: Aneesh Manohar

Education

1995-1999 **Ph.D., Theoretical Physics**, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena
Thesis: Applications of Chiral Perturbation Theory in Reactions with Heavy Particles.
Advisor: Mark B. Wise
1994-1995 **M.Sc., Theoretical Physics**, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada
Thesis: Derivative Expansion Approximation of Vacuum Polarization Effects.
1990-1994 **B.Sc., Joint Honors Physics and Mathematics**, University of Manitoba, Canada

Teaching Experience (20xx, *F* for fall, *S* for spring)

12_F-23_F **MIT**, 8.09 & 8.309. Lecturer for classical mechanics III.
14_S, 15_F, 17_S, 20_S, 22_S, 24_S **MIT**, 8.EFTx. Created a free online graduate course with worldwide enrollment.
03_S, 06_S, 09_F, 13_S, 17_S, 20_S **MIT**, 8.851. Created and Lectured a graduate course on effective field theories.
07_S-10_S, 12_S **MIT**, 8.325. Lecturer for graduate quantum field theory part III.
11_F **MIT**, 8.03. Section instructor for vibrations and waves.
04_F, 05_F, 07_F **MIT**, 8.05. Lecturer for undergraduate quantum mechanics.
03_F, 04_S, 16_S, 21_S **MIT**, 8.05 & 8.06. Section instructor for undergraduate quantum mechanics.

Honors and Selected Awards

2024 Committed to Caring award from MIT's Office of Graduate Education
2021 Appointed the Otto and Jane Morningstar Professor of Science
2016 Erwin Schrödinger Visiting Professor, University of Vienna, City of Vienna
2015 MIT Buechner Faculty Teaching Award
2014-present Simons Investigator of the Simons Foundation
2013 Fellow of the American Physical Society
2012, 2014, 2015 MISTI international collaboration awards from MIT
2008-present Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
2004-2008 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
2003-2008 Outstanding Junior Investigator Award, US Department of Energy
1994 Governor General's Silver Medal (highest standing in the University graduating class)

Selected Service

Lead advisor for the annual series of SCET workshops 2003-present. Organizer for *World SCET 2021*, the 18'th annual International SCET workshop, online, April 19-23, 2021. Organizer for *World SCET 2020*, the 17'th annual International SCET workshop, online, June 2 & 8-13, 2020. Organizer for Schrödinger Institute program *Quantum Field Theory at the Frontiers of the Strong Interaction*, Vienna, 5 weeks, August 2023. Organizer for Schrödinger Institute program *Challenges and Concepts for Field Theory and Applications in the Era of LHC Run-2*, Vienna, 4 weeks, July-Aug 2016. Organizer for Schrödinger Institute program *Jets and Quantum Fields for the LHC*, Vienna, 5 weeks, July 2013. Organizer for TASI summer school, *Particle Physics: The Higgs Boson and Beyond*, CO, June 2013. Organizer for *Workshop on Precision Measurements of α_s* , Munich, Germany, Feb. 9-11, 2011. Organizer for the workshop *Implications of First LHC Data*, MIT, August 10-13, 2010. Organizer for the 6th annual workshop on the Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET 2009), MIT, March 25-28, 2009. Program Organizer, *Effective Field Theory, QCD, and Heavy Hadrons*, Seattle (March–June, 2005). Director of the Center for Theoretical Physics & Division head (2019-present), Nuclear Theory Group Leader (2009-present), Graduate Student Officer (2012-2019), Chair of Computer Users Group (2011-2018), Pappalardo executive committee (2010-2016,2019), Chair of CTP faculty search committee (2012,2018), Institute: MITx faculty advisory board member (2015-present).

Research Overview

[\(Link to INSPIRE Publication List\)](#)

Euclidean Distributions for Lattice QCD: Derived a factorization theorem between euclidean and light-cone parton distributions with the operator product expansion. Devised a method to determine the non-perturbative Collins-Soper evolution Kernel. Derived formalism for relating euclidean and light-cone transverse momentum parton distribution functions. [Selected Publications: **PRD 97** (2018) 5, 054512; **PRD 98** (2018) 5, 056004; **PRD 99** (2019) 3, 034505; **JHEP 09** (2019) 037]

Collider Physics and Soft-Collinear Effective Theory: Simplified proofs of factorization in classic hard scattering processes. Derived a new factorization theorem for the invariant mass differential cross-section for energetic jets from an unstable massive quark, and defined a top-mass scheme for jet measurements with well defined perturbative and non-perturbative corrections relating it to the invariant mass peak. Computations of the perturbative and power corrections for the e^+e^- thrust and C-parameter event shapes, consistent at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ and N³LL, and determined $\alpha_s(m_Z)$ with 1% precision. Introduced beam functions to describe initial state radiation at the LHC. Devised the method of estimating perturbative uncertainties currently used in Higgs searches with a jet-veto, and computed the vetoed cross section at NNLL+NNLO. Invented N-jettiness, an event shape to define exclusive N-jet events at the LHC. Developed a procedure to calibrate the meaning of the top mass parameter in parton shower Monte Carlos. Demonstrated how to resum fiducial power corrections for the Drell-Yan q_T spectrum at N³LL. [Selected Publications: **PRD 77** (2008) 074010; **PRD 81** (2010) 094035; **PRL 105** (2010) 092002; **PRD 85** (2012) 034011; **PRD 88** (2013) 054031; **JHEP 1506** (2015) 077; **PRL 117** (2016) 23, 232001; **arXiv:2006.11382** (2020)]

Soft-Collinear Effective Theory - Formalism: Developed an effective theory for processes with energetic hadrons or jets. This theory is applicable to both exclusive and inclusive hard processes in QCD and for B -decays to light hadrons. Developed a subtraction procedure for “differential effective field theories”, such as the soft-collinear effective theory and Non-Relativistic QCD, and used it to provide a setup to resolve an old puzzle on endpoint singularities in exclusive processes by separating modes in rapidity. Devised an operator formalism to describe hadron mass effects in event shapes. Developed an effective field theory for systematically treating forward scattering and factorization violation. Derived a one-loop subleading power soft theorem for amplitudes. Developed helicity based techniques for SCET operator bases. Developed formalism for summing soft and collinear logarithms at subleading power, and performed the first such all orders resummation. [Selected Publications: **PRD** **63** (2001) 114020; **PLB** **16** (2001) 134; **PRD** **65** (2002) 054022; **PRD** **76** (2007) 074002; **PRD** **85** (2012) 045010; **PRD** **87** (2013) 014025; **JHEP** **08** (2016) 025; **PRD** **95** (2016) 9, 094003; **JHEP** **11** (2017) 142; **JHEP** **08** (2018) 013; **JHEP** **04** (2019) 123]

B Physics and Soft-Collinear Effective Theory: Selected applications: The first proof of factorization for the $B \rightarrow D\pi$ class of decays. Formulated rigorous definitions for soft and hard form factor contributions to heavy-to-light form factors. Discovered a factorization theorem for color suppressed decays. Derived a factorization theorem for the $B \rightarrow M_1 M_2$ class of decays which are used to study CP violation. Proposed a new method to measure the CP-violating standard model parameter γ . Classified and analyzed power corrections for nonleptonic decays to light mesons. Computed subleading endpoint decay rates for the inclusive processes $B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ and $B \rightarrow X_u \ell \bar{\nu}$, and the leading rate for the measurable $B \rightarrow X_s \ell^+ \ell^-$ spectra. Developed a method to systematically treat uncertainties in quark distribution functions. [Selected Pubs: **PRD** **68** (2003) 114009; **PRD** **70** (2004) 054015; **PRD** **74** (2006) 011501; **PRD** **78** (2008) 114014; **arXiv:2007.12304** (2020)]

Non-relativistic QCD/QED: Accounting for coupled energy and momentum scales, calculated $t\bar{t}$ production near threshold with an order of magnitude reduction in the uncertainty. Developed a renormalization group for Coulombic systems such as Hydrogen, positronium, and muonium. Computed logarithms of the fine structure constant in Lamb shifts, hyperfine splittings, and decay widths and proved that the $(\alpha \ln \alpha)^k$ series terminate. Resolved $\alpha^8 \ln^3 \alpha$ Hydrogen Lamb shift controversy. Constructed an effective theory for the annihilation of heavy dark matter. [Selected Publications: **PRL** **85** (2000) 2248-2251; **PRL** **86** (2001) 1951-1954; **PRD** **65** (2002) 014014]

Heavy Quark Effective Theory, Chiral Perturbation Theory, and Operator Product Expansion: Study of perturbative and Λ_{QCD}/m_Q corrections in heavy quark systems. Examples: Predicted semileptonic B (Λ_b) decays to excited charmed mesons (baryons). Determined the $D^* D\pi$ coupling using chiral perturbation theory. Presented a method for a precision extraction of $|V_{ub}|$ from exclusive decays. Discovered, “ R -evolution”, a method for stabilizing heavy quark masses and operator product expansions. [Selected Publications: **NPB** **529** (1998) 62-80; **PRD** **57** (1998) 308-330; **PRL** **92** (2004) 202001; **PRL** **95** (2005) 071802; **PRL** **101** (2008) 151602]

Few-Nucleon Effective Theory: Classified pion contributions in two-nucleon effective field theory. Calculated next-to-next-to-leading order NN phase shifts in the 1S_0 , 3S_1 , and 3D_1 channels including radiation pion contributions. Demonstrated the presence of non-relativistic conformal symmetry and Wigner symmetry in the limit of large scattering lengths and studied their implications. [Selected Publications: **PRL** **83** (1999) 931-934; **NPA** **665** (2000) 164-182; **NPA** **677** (2000) 313-366; **PLB** **474** (2000) 145-152]

Dark Matter Indirect Detection: Developed an effective field theory to accurately calculate the annihilation of heavy dark matter to two photons, including the simultaneous resummation of both Sommerfeld electroweak potential effects and Sudakov double logarithms. Further expanded this EFT to treat finite photon resolution effects, which enable the detected photon to recoil against a jet of electroweak particles. [Selected Publications: **PRL** **114** (2015) 21, 211302; **PRD** **95** (2017) 5, 055001; **JHEP** **03** (2018) 117; **JHEP** **01** (2019) 036]

Graduate Student Supervisor

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- 1) Sonny Mantry, Ph.D. 2005. Thesis: “Heavy Quark Symmetry in the Soft Collinear Effective Theory”. Faculty at Georgia Tech University
 - 2) Vivek Mohta, Ph.D. 2005 (from Harvard Math Department). Thesis: “Applications of Chiral Per-

turbation Theory”

- 3) Keith S.M. Lee, Ph.D. 2006. Thesis: “Effective Field Theories for Inclusive B Decays”
- 4) Chris Arnesen, Ph.D. 2007. Thesis: “Model-Independent Approaches to QCD and B Decays”
- 5) Ambar Jain, Ph.D. 2009. Thesis: “Heavy Quarks in Effective Field Theories”. Faculty at IISER Bhopal, India
- 6) Claudio Marcantonini, Ph.D. 2010. Thesis: “Applying SCET to Parton Showers”
- 7) Wouter Waalewijn, Ph.D. 2010. Thesis: “Factorization at the LHC: From PDFs to Initial State Jets”. Faculty at the University of Amsterdam.
- 8) Riccardo Abbate, Ph.D. 2012. Thesis: “Precision Determination of the Strong Coupling Constant”
- 9) Teppo Jouttenus, Ph.D. 2012. Thesis: “Jet Production at Hadron Colliders”
- 10) Daniel Kolodrubetz, Ph.D. 2016. Thesis: “Accuracy and Precision in Collider Event Shapes”
- 11) Ian Moulton, Ph.D. 2016. Thesis: “Effective Field Theories for the LHC”. Faculty at Yale University.
- 12) Aditya Pathak, Ph.D. 2017. Thesis: “Top Mass Determination using Effective Field Theory”
- 13) Gherardo Vita, Ph.D. 2020. Thesis: “QCD Beyond Leading Power”
- 14) Gregory Ridgway, Ph.D. 2022. Thesis: “Exotic Dark Matter in the Early Universe” (jointly advised with Tracy Slatyer)
- 15) Stella Schindler (6th year)
- 16) Anjie Gao (5th year)
- 17) Zhiquan Sun (4th year)
- 18) Anna Ferdinand (1st year)

Post-Docs and Research Fellows Supervised

- 1) Dan Pirjol, 2003-2006, currently with J.P. Morgan Chase
- 2) Bjorn Lange, 2004-2007, Research Fellow, University of Siegen, Germany
- 3) Alejandro Jenkins, 2006-2009, University of Costa Rica, Faculty
- 4) Ignazio Scimemi, 2007, University of Madrid, Faculty
- 5) Carola Berger, 2007-2010, started the company CFB Scientific Translations
- 6) Frank Tackmann, 2008-2011, DESY Hamburg, Senior Scientist
- 7) Christopher Lee, 2010-2012, Los Alamos National Lab, Scientist
- 8) Vicent Mateu, 2011-2013, Salamanca University, Faculty
- 9) Daekyoung Kang, 2011-2014, Fudan University, Faculty
- 10) Simone Marzani, 2014-2015, Genoa University, Faculty
- 11) Andrew Larkowski, 2012-2015, Reed College, Faculty
- 12) Duff Neill, 2012-2016, Los Alamos National Laboratory, tenure track Scientist
- 13) HuaXing Zhu, 2015-2017, Zhejiang University, China, Faculty
- 14) Yong Zhao, 2016-2019, Argonne National Lab, tenure track Scientist
- 15) Yang-Ting Chen, 2016-2019, Georgia State University, junior Faculty
- 16) Markus Ebert, 2017-2020, postdoc at MPI in Munich
- 17) Bernhard Mistlberger, 2018-2020, SLAC, tenure track Scientist
- 18) Varun Vaidya, 2019-2022, University of South Dakota, Faculty
- 19) Xiaojun Yao, 2019-2022, University of Washington, Seattle, research assistant professor
- 20) Johannes Michel, 2020-2023, MIT postdoc
- 21) Kyle Lee, 2022-present, MIT postdoc
- 22) Fanyi Zhao, 2023-2024, MIT postdoc

Undergraduate Research and Senior Thesis Supervisor

- 1) Shankar Mukherji, UROP Summer 2003, “On Ultraviolet Divergences in Quantum Mechanical Perturbation Theory”
- 2) Tongyan Lin, UROP Summer 2006. Senior Thesis fall 2006, spring 2007: “On Isospin and SU(3) Relations for Three-Body Nonleptonic B-Decays”. Currently Junior Faculty at University of California, San Diego
- 3) Mobolaji Williams, Independent study on effective field theory and supported by OCW to produce a latex version of my SCET lecture notes from my special topics graduate course, Spring 2011
- 4) Emily Nardoni, UROP for credit Spring 2012. Sponsored UROP Summer 2012, Fall 2012, “On Gaining Precision in Higher Order Jet-Binning Uncertainties”, current postdoc at UC Los Angeles
- 5) Jeffrey Prouty, .Senior Thesis “On Investigating the Strong Coupling via Analysis of Thrust Distributions” UROP Fall 2012, Summer 2013. Senior Thesis Spring 2014
- 6) Amyas Chew, on “Non-Relativistic Quantum Electrodynamics”, sponsored UROP for Summer and Fall 2014, also attended workshop in Vienna in Summer 2015. Currently a graduate student at Caltech
- 7) Brad Bachu, on “Kinematic Extraction of Short Distance Top Mass”, sponsored UROP for Spring and Fall 2016. Currently a graduate student at Princeton
- 8) Cyuan-Han Chang, on “Constructing Subleading Operator Basis for Glauber Exchange”, sponsored UROP for Summer and Fall 2017. Currently a graduate student at Caltech
- 9) Arindam Bhattacharya, on ”Helicity Methods for High Multiplicity Subleading Soft and Collinear Limits”, UROP for Summer 2018, Fall 2018
- 10) Sanjay Raman, on ”Soft-Glauber Duality Relations”, UROP for Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring and Fall of 2023