



Peter Graham

Associate Professor of Physics

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

Bio

BIO

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CAREER HISTORY:

After completing his undergraduate work at Harvard, Peter Graham received his PhD from Stanford in 2007. He was a postdoctoral research associate for one year with the particle theory group at SLAC and then took a postdoctoral position with the Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics in the Physics Department. Graham began his appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics in September 2010.

Honors and Awards:

2017 New Horizons Prize in Physics

DOE Early Career Award 2014

Terman Fellowship, Stanford

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Physics

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Director, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics, (2018- present)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Stanford Physics Department, (2018- present)
- Terman Fellowship, Stanford University, (2013-2013)
- Assistant Professor of Physics, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics, (2010-2017)
- Postdoctoral Scholar, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics, (2008-2010)
- Visiting Member, Institute for Advanced Study, (2008-2008)
- Research Associate, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, (2007-2008)
- Graduate Fellowship, Mellam Family Foundation, (2006-2007)
- Fellowship, Achievement Rewards for College Scientists, (2005-2006)
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship, Department of Defense, (2002-2005)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- New Horizons Prize in Physics, Breakthrough Prize Foundation (2017)
- DOE Early Career Award, Department of Energy (2014)
- Hellman Faculty Scholar, Hellman Fellows Fund (2013)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University (2002)
- Sanderson Award for top senior physics student, Harvard University (2002)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Fermi Telescope Collaboration
- Chair, Physics Department Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee, Stanford University (2012 - 2013)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Stanford University , Physics (2007)

- A.M., Harvard University , Physics (2002)
- A.B., Harvard University , Physics (2002)

LINKS

- Publications on INSPIRE: http://inspirehep.net/search?ln=en&p=find+a+peter+w+graham&of=hb&action_search=Search&sf=earliestdate&so=d

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

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Teaching

COURSES

2019-20

- General Relativity: PHYSICS 262 (Aut)
- The Early Universe: PHYSICS 362 (Win)

2018-19

- Electricity, Magnetism and Waves Laboratory: PHYSICS 64 (Win)
- Electricity, Magnetism, and Waves: PHYSICS 63 (Win)
- General Relativity: PHYSICS 262 (Aut)

2017-18

- Electricity, Magnetism and Waves Laboratory: PHYSICS 64 (Win)
- Electricity, Magnetism, and Waves: PHYSICS 63 (Win)
- General Relativity: PHYSICS 262 (Aut)

2016-17

- General Relativity: PHYSICS 262 (Aut)
- Introduction to Cosmology and Extragalactic Astrophysics: PHYSICS 161, PHYSICS 261 (Spr)
- Thinking About the Universe: What do we know? How do we know it?: THINK 45 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Jacopo Dalmasson, Stephen Kuenstner, Chris Overstreet, Dylan Rueter, Mae Teo, Thomas Wilkason, George Wojcik

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Sebastian Baum, Michael Fedderke, Robert Lasenby

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

William DeRocco, Saarik Kalia

Doctoral (Program)

Evan Coleman, Jacopo Dalmasson, Kareem Hegazy, Zach Hulcher, Dae Heun Koh, Ronen Kroeze, Andy Liu, Jacob Marks, Pavel Nosov, Kate Pistunova, Anirudh Prabhu, Brandon Rayhaun, Dylan Rueter, Olivier Simon, Jonathan Sorce, Jed Thompson, Richie Wang, Nick Werby, Cynthia Yan, Shunyu Yao, Tony Zhang

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Constraining Primordial Black Hole Abundance with the Galactic 511 keV Line** *PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS*
DeRocco, W., Graham, P. W.
2019; 123 (25)
- **SAGE: A proposal for a space atomic gravity explorer** *EUROPEAN PHYSICAL JOURNAL D*
Tino, G. M., Bassi, A., Bianco, G., Bongs, K., Bouyer, P., Cacciapuoti, L., Capozziello, S., Chen, X., Chiofalo, M. L., Derevianko, A., Ertmer, W., Gaaloul, N., Gill, et al
2019; 73 (11)
- **Supernova signals of light dark matter** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
DeRocco, W., Graham, P. W., Kasen, D., Marques-Tavares, G., Rajendran, S.
2019; 100 (7)
- **Constraints on bosonic dark matter from ultralow-field nuclear magnetic resonance.** *Science advances*
Garcon, A., Blanchard, J. W., Centers, G. P., Figueroa, N. L., Graham, P. W., Jackson Kimball, D. F., Rajendran, S., Sushkov, A. O., Stadnik, Y. V., Wickenbrock, A., Wu, T., Budker, D.

2019; 5 (10): eaax4539

- **Relaxation of the cosmological constant** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Rajendran, S.
2019; 100 (1)
- **Axion dark matter detection with CMB polarization** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Fedderke, M. A., Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S.
2019; 100 (1)
- **Search for Axionlike Dark Matter with a Liquid-State Nuclear Spin Comagnetometer** *PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS*
Wu, T., Blanchard, J. W., Centers, G. P., Figueroa, N. L., Garcon, A., Graham, P. W., Kimball, D., Rajendran, S., Stadnik, Y. V., Sushkov, A. O., Wickenbrock, A., Budker, D.
2019; 122 (19): 191302
- **Observable signatures of dark photons from supernovae** *JOURNAL OF HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS*
DeRocco, W., Graham, P. W., Kasen, D., Marques-Tavares, G., Rajendran, S.
2019
- **Wu et al. Reply.** *Physical review letters*
Wu, T., Blanchard, J. W., Centers, G. P., Figueroa, N. L., Garcon, A., Graham, P. W., Kimball, D. F., Rajendran, S., Stadnik, Y. V., Sushkov, A. O., Wickenbrock, A., Budker, D.
2019; 123 (16): 169002
- **Constraining Primordial Black Hole Abundance with the Galactic 511 keV Line.** *Physical review letters*
DeRocco, W., Graham, P. W.
2019; 123 (25): 251102
- **White dwarfs as dark matter detectors** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Janish, R., Narayan, V., Rajendran, S., Riggins, P.
2018; 98 (11)
- **Stochastic axion scenario** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Scherlis, A.
2018; 98 (3)
- **Search for light scalar dark matter with atomic gravitational wave detectors** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Arvanitaki, A., Graham, P. W., Hogan, J. M., Rajendran, S., Van Tilburg, K.
2018; 97 (7)
- **Spin precession experiments for light axionic dark matter** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Mardon, J., Rajendran, S., Terrano, W. A., Trahms, L., Wilkason, T.
2018; 97 (5)
- **Born again universe** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Rajendran, S.
2018; 97 (4)
- **Localizing gravitational wave sources with single-baseline atom interferometers** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Jung, S.
2018; 97 (2)
- **The cosmic axion spin precession experiment (CASPER): a dark-matter search with nuclear magnetic resonance** *QUANTUM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY*
Garcon, A., Aybas, D., Blanchard, J. W., Centers, G., Figueroa, N. L., Graham, P. W., Kimball, D., Rajendran, S., Sendra, M., Sushkov, A. O., Trahms, L., Wang, T., Wickenbrock, et al
2018; 3 (1)
- **Resonant mode for gravitational wave detectors based on atom interferometry** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Hogan, J. M., Kasevich, M. A., Rajendran, S.
2016; 94 (10)

- **Vector dark matter from inflationary fluctuations** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Mardon, J., Rajendran, S.
2016; 93 (10)
- **Dark matter direct detection with accelerometers** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Mardon, J., Rajendran, S., Terrano, W. A.
2016; 93 (7)
- **Testing long-distance modifications of gravity to 100 astronomical units** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Buscaino, B., DeBra, D., Graham, P. W., Gratta, G., Wiser, T. D.
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- **Cosmological Relaxation of the Electroweak Scale** *PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS*
Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Rajendran, S.
2015; 115 (22)
- **Radio for hidden-photon dark matter detection** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Chaudhuri, S., Graham, P. W., Irwin, K., Mardon, J., Rajendran, S., Zhao, Y.
2015; 92 (7)
- **Dark matter triggers of supernovae** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S., Varela, J.
2015; 92 (6)
- **Towards a Bullet-proof test for indirect signals of dark matter** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S., Van Tilburg, K., Wiser, T. D.
2015; 91 (10)
- **Cosmological Relaxation of the Electroweak Scale.** *Physical review letters*
Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Rajendran, S.
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- **Experimental Searches for the Axion and Axion-Like Particles** *ANNUAL REVIEW OF NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE SCIENCE, VOL 65*
Graham, P. W., Irastorza, I. G., Lamoreaux, S. K., Lindner, A., van Bibber, K. A.
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- **Parametrically enhanced hidden photon search** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Mardon, J., Rajendran, S., Zhao, Y.
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- **Supersymmetric crevices: Missing signatures of R-parity violation at the LHC** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S., Saraswat, P.
2014; 90 (7)
- **Exploring eternal stability with the simple harmonic universe** *JOURNAL OF HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS*
Graham, P. W., Horn, B., Rajendran, S., Torroba, G.
2014
- **Proposal for a Cosmic Axion Spin Precession Experiment (CASPEr)** *PHYSICAL REVIEW X*
Budker, D., Graham, P. W., Ledbetter, M., Rajendran, S., Sushkov, A. O.
2014; 4 (2)
- **Displaced vertices from R-parity violation and baryogenesis** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Barry, K., Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S.
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- **A simple harmonic universe** *JOURNAL OF HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS*
Graham, P. W., Horn, B., Kachru, S., Rajendran, S., Torroba, G.
2014

- **New observables for direct detection of axion dark matter** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S.
2013; 88 (3)
- **New method for gravitational wave detection with atomic sensors.** *Physical review letters*
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- **New method for gravitational wave detection with atomic sensors.** *Physical review letters*
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Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Rajendran, S., Walters, M. T.
2012; 1 (1-2): 32-49
- **New measurements with stopped particles at the LHC** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Howe, K., Rajendran, S., Stolarski, D.
2012; 86 (3)
- **Displaced Supersymmetry** *JOURNAL OF HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS*
Graham, P. W., Kaplan, D. E., Rajendran, S., Saraswat, P.
2012
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2012
- **Fundamental Physics at the Intensity Frontier**
Hewett, J. L., et al
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- **Semiconductor Probes of Light Dark Matter** *Physics of the Dark Universe*
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- **Axion dark matter detection with cold molecules** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S.
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- **Reply to "Comment on 'Atomic gravitational wave interferometric sensor'"** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
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2011; 84 (2)
- **An atomic gravitational wave interferometric sensor in low earth orbit (AGIS-LEO)** *GENERAL RELATIVITY AND GRAVITATION*
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- **Observing the dimensionality of our parent vacuum** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*

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- Graham, P. W., Harnik, R., Rajendran, S.
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- **Exothermic dark matter** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Harnik, R., Rajendran, S., Saraswat, P.
2010; 82 (6)
 - **Little solution to the little hierarchy problem: A vectorlike generation** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Ismail, A., Rajendran, S., Saraswat, P.
2010; 81 (5)
 - **Domino theory of flavor** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Graham, P. W., Rajendran, S.
2010; 81 (3)
 - **Decaying dark matter as a probe of unification and TeV spectroscopy** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Arvanitaki, A., Dimopoulos, S., Dubovsky, S., Graham, P. W., Harnik, R., Rajendran, S.
2009; 80 (5)
 - **Gravitational wave detection with atom interferometry** *PHYSICS LETTERS B*
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2009; 79 (10)
 - **Atomic gravitational wave interferometric sensor** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Dimopoulos, S., Graham, P. W., Hogan, J. M., Kasevich, M. A., Rajendran, S.
2008; 78 (12)
 - **General relativistic effects in atom interferometry** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Dimopoulos, S., Graham, P. W., Hogan, J. M., Kasevich, M. A.
2008; 78 (4)
 - **Testing general relativity with atom interferometry** *PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS*
Dimopoulos, S., Graham, P. W., Hogan, J. M., Kasevich, M. A.
2007; 98 (11)
 - **Four Taus at the Tevatron**
Graham, P. W., Pierce, A., Wacker, J. G.
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 - **Limits on split supersymmetry from gluino cosmology** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Arvanitaki, A., Davis, C., Graham, P. W., Pierce, A., Wacker, J. G.
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 - **Indirect signals from dark matter in split supersymmetry** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Arvanitaki, A., Graham, P. W.
2005; 72 (5)
 - **One loop predictions of the finely tuned supersymmetric standard model** *PHYSICAL REVIEW D*
Arvanitaki, A., Davis, C., Graham, P. W., Wacker, J. G.
2004; 70 (11)
 - **The scintillation efficiency of carbon and hydrogen recoils in an organic liquid scintillator for dark matter searches** *ASTROPARTICLE PHYSICS*
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