Theo Schutt

EDUCATION -

Expected 2026	Stanford University , Stanford, CA Ph.D., Physics
2020	Columbia University , New York, NY B.A., Physics with minor in Mathematics, <i>magna cum laude</i>
2013	Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center , Monterey, CA A.A., Pashto-Afghan Studies

Honors & Awards -

2022-present	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
2022-2024	LSST Discovery Alliance Data Science Fellow
2020-2022	Stanford Department of Physics Fellow
2020-2022	Stanford Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Fellow
2018-2019	Barrie & Emmanuel Roman Scholar
2018	Columbia University School of General Studies Honor Society

Collaboration/Group Membership -

2022-present	CMB×LSS Group @ SLAC/Stanford
2021-present	Dark Energy Survey (DES) Collaboration
2020-present	Vera C. Rubin Observatory, Legacy Survey of Space and Time Dark Energy Science Collaboration (LSST DESC)
2019-2020	General Antiparticle Spectrometer (GAPS) Collaboration
2018-2020	Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array (NuSTAR) @ Columbia

PUBLICATIONS -

PEER-REVIEWED

2024 **T. Schutt**, A. S. Maniyar, E. Schaan, W. R. Coulton, N. Mishra, "A new 'temperature inversion' estimator to detect CMB patchy screening by large-scale structure", *PRD*, 109, 10353 (2024). [ADS]

W. R. Coulton, **T. Schutt**, A. S. Maniyar, E. Schaan, *et al.*, "The Atacama Cosmology Telescope: Detection of Patchy Screening of the Cosmic Microwave Background", submitted for publication. [arXiv]

2023 J. H. Esteves, Y. Utsumi, A. Snyder, **T. Schutt**, *et al.*, "Photometry, Centroid and Point-Spread Function Measurements in the LSST Camera Focal Plane Using Artificial Stars", *PASP*, 135, 115003 (2023). [ADS]

- K. Mori, C. J. Hailey, T. Schutt, et al., "The X-ray binary population in the Galactic Center 2021 revealed through multi-decade observations", *ApJ*, 921, 148 (2021). [ADS]
- 2020 K. Mori, H. An, Q. Feng, K. Malone, R. R. Prado, T. Schutt, et al., "Multiwavelength Observations of 2HWC J1928+177: Dark Accelerator or New TeV Gamma-Ray Binary?", ApJ, 897, 129 (2020). [ADS]
- K. Mori, C. J. Hailey, S. Mandel, T. Schutt, et al., "NuSTAR and Chandra observations of new 2019 X-ray transients in the central parsec of the Galaxy", *ApJ*, 885, 142 (2019). [ADS]

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

2024 A. Roodman, A. Rasmussen, A. Bradshaw, E. Charles, J. Chiang, S. W. Digel, R. Dubois, A. S. Johnson, S. Kahn, S. Liang, S. Marshall, H. Neal, A. A Plazas, K. Reil, E. Rykoff, R. Schindler, T. Schutt, Y. Utsumi, et al., "LSST camera verification testing and characterization", Proc. SPIE 13096, Ground-based and Airborne Instrumentation for Astronomy X, 130961S (2024). [SPIE]

TALKS & POSTERS -

* indicates an invited talk.

2024	New Physics from Old Light: Illuminating the Universe with CMB Secondaries: Detecting
	Patchy Screening of the Cosmic Microwave Background, 2024 Sep 19.
	Stanford Intro & Graduate Observational Astrophysics, Guest Lecture: <i>Discovering the Dark Universe with LSSTCam and the Vera C. Rubin Observatory</i> , 2024 Jun 3.
	DES Collaboration Meeting, Plenary Session: <i>Point-spread function modeling for Y6 galaxy shear estimation</i> , 2024 May 29.
	* Duke University Cosmology Seminar: Detecting Patchy Screening of the Cosmic Microwave Back- ground, 2024 Feb 22.
	Stanford University, KIPAC Tea Talk: <i>Detecting Patchy Screening of the Cosmic Microwave Background</i> , 2024 Feb 9.
2023 * *	* Princeton Survey Science Meeting: T. Schutt , M. Yamamoto & N. Weaverdyck, <i>DES Y6: Systematic characterization and control of PSFs, cosmic shear and galaxy clustering</i> , 2023 Nov 13.
	DES Collaboration Meeting, Plenary Session: M. Yamamoto & T. Schutt , <i>Overview of the Y6 Shear Catalogs</i> , 2023 Oct 11.
	* Cosmopalooza 2023: Building the World's Largest Weak Lensing Shape Catalogs, 2023 Oct 5 (vir- tual). [recording]
	DESC ShearFest 2023: Color-dependent PSFs: Lessons from DES Y6, 2023 Jul 20.
	Rubin/LSST@SLAC: Color-dependent PSFs: Lessons from DES Y6, 2023 Feb 24.
2022	Rubin Project & Community Workshop, Graduate Student Poster Session: LSST Camera Char- acterization: Instrumentation, Image Analysis and Irregularities, 2022 Aug 8.
	DES Collaboration Meeting, Plenary Session: M. Gatti, T. Schutt , M. Yamamoto, <i>DES Year 6 Shear Measurement Development</i> , 2022 May 24.
	Stanford University, KIPAC Tea Talk: <i>PSF systematics in DES Y6 & LSST weak lensing analyses</i> , 2022 Feb 11.

2018 Columbia Astronomy Department Weekly Talks: *Spatial distribution of black hole X-ray binaries in the central parsec of the Milky Way Galaxy*, 2018 Sep 11.

Columbia University AstroFest, Poster Session: **T. Schutt**, K. Mori, C. J. Hailey, *Spatial distribution of black hole X-ray binaries in the central parsec of the Milky Way Galaxy*, 2018 Sep 7.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING -

- *Spring 2024* **Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer**, Graduate Observational Astrophysics & Introduction to Observational Astrophysics (combined courses), Stanford University.
- *Winter 2024* **Participant**, IDEAL Pedagogy Learning Community, Stanford's Center for Teaching and Learning.
- Spring 2023 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Observational Astrophysics, Stanford University.
- *Fall 2022* **Teaching Assistant**, Classical Mechanics Lab, Stanford University.
- *Fall 2022* **Practicum Student**, Teaching of Physics Seminar/Practicum, Stanford University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE –

2021-present	DES Shear Analysis Team Co-convener Co-organizer (with Masaya Yamamoto) of ~10-person analysis team (AT) weekly telecons, weekly AT updates for the larger collaboration and AT parallel sessions during twice yearly collaboration meetings.
2024	Rubin Community Workshop at SLAC Event volunteer Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP) at Stanford & SLAC Event volunteer
2023	DES Y6KP Workshop at Princeton Science organizing committee, session facilitator DESC Collaboration Meeting at SLAC Local organizing committee, co-lead of social activities subcommittee
AY 2018-19	Columbia University Committee on Science Instruction School of General Studies student representative
2018	CUWiP at Barnard College, Columbia University and City College of New York Host institution proposal committee member and event volunteer
Broader	Impact —
2023-present	KIPAC Public Stargazing

Science communicator and 0.7m-class telescope operator for ~twice quarterly public outreach stargazing events, usually serving 50-150+ attendees.

2020-present Stanford Physics, Identity and Equity Program

Volunteer in yearly student-led 3-day workshop (plus extended one-on-one mentoring) to help undergraduate students from underrepresented backgrounds plan for and apply to graduate programs in physics and related fields.

Mentored four students through the graduate school application process, including statement revisions and check-ins on application progress. All four students had successful applications and matriculated at graduate physics programs.

2021, 2023 Stanford Physics "Respect is Part of Research" Program

Conversation facilitator in yearly graduate student orientation program where incoming students discuss in small groups how to encourage respectful research group dynamics and navigate potential identity-based conflicts or harmful situations.

AY 2022-23 Letters to a Pre-Scientist

Volunteer in year-long one-on-one snail mail pen pal program connecting STEM professionals with middle/high school students, often from underrepresented backgrounds. The program seeks to demystify STEM career pathways, encourage students' curiosity in STEM fields and broaden their awareness of "who can be a scientist."

AY 2018-19 Barnard-Columbia Math Mentors

Volunteer one-on-one math tutor for 6th graders at local public middle school.

2016-2020 Columbia Spectra: A Society for Diversity and Inclusion in Physics Mentor to three underclassmen in physics and related majors.

Press Coverage & Outreach -

2024	Rubin Observatory outreach video: Instagram / YouTube, 8 Oct 2024. Interview with Tri-Valley Stargazers, Apr 2024.
2023	Rubin Observatory press release / <i>Space.com</i> article, 13 Oct 2023. <i>VOA News</i> video feature, 17 Jan 2023.
2022	<i>Symmetry Magazine</i> article, 22 Nov 2022. <i>InMenlo</i> news article, 30 Sep 2022.

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2012-2016 US Air Force, Pashto Cryptologic Language Analyst