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Searching for dark energy off the beaten track

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Most of our attempts towards understanding dark energy (DE) have focused on using standard cosmological observations to probe its gravitational signatures, and in particular its equation of state. However, there is potentially a lot to be learned about DE by getting off the beaten track. This talk will discuss the results of my work in this direction over the past 5 years, which include developing new terrestrial searches for non-gravitational signatures of DE and new ultra-light particles, as well as cosmological and astrophysical tests of DE based on new non-standard probes.

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