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Education	Ph.D., Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA Dissertation Advisor: Prof. Scott Hughes Dissertation Title: Probes of strong-field gravity		
	B.S., Physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena Degree conferred with honor. Senior Thesis Advisors: Dr. Patrick Sutton and Prof. A		
EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	USA August 2018–Present	
	Senior Postdoctoral Researcher, Caltech, Pasadena, CA USA September 2015–August 2018		
	NASA Einstein Fellow, Cornell, Ithaca NY, USA	September 2012–August 2015	
	Research and Teaching Assistant, MIT, Cambridge MA, USA September 2006–May 2012		
	Teaching Assistant, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA	Fall 2004, Spring 2005	
	Summer Research Fellow, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA	${\bf June-September~2003/2005}$	
Research Interests	General relativity (GR), gravitation, and astrophysical phenomena which can elucidate gravity. One major theme is pushing numerical and analytical gravitational-wave (GW) predictions to the precision frontier in advance of next-generation observatories. A second major theme is using GWs to test GR against beyond-GR models, in both theory-independent and theory-dependent models. This involves numerical relativity and renormalization methods applied to specific effective field models for beyond-GR theories.		
Honors and Awards	CAREER Award, NSF	2021–2026	
	Einstein Postdoctoral Fellow, NASA	2012 – 2015	
	Henry Kendall Teaching Award, Massachusetts Institute	e of Technology 2011	
	Upperclass Merit Scholarship, California Institute of Technology 2005–20		
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi Phys. 213, General physics I	Spring 2021	
	Phys. 401, Electromagnetism I	Falls 2019–2021	
	Phys. 402, Electromagnetism II Phys. 463/4, Senior research project	Springs 2019–2021 Fall 2020, Spring 2021	
	Phys. 503/630, Graduate reading course	Spring 2019, Falls 2020–2021	
	Phys. 709, Advanced Mechanics I	Fall 2018	
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 $\mathbf{Spring}\ \mathbf{2020}$

Phys. 750, General relativity II

	Guest Lecturer, California Institute of Technology Ph236, General relativity Ph237, Gravitational Waves	Fall 2017 Spring 2016
	Guest Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 8.901, Graduate Astrophysics I	Spring 2011
	Teaching Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 8.942, Cosmology 8.901, Graduate Astrophysics I 8.286, The Early Universe Teaching Assistant, California Institute of Technology	Fall 2011 Spring 2011 Fall 2009
	Ph 7, Nuclear and Quantum Physics Lab Ph 5, Analog Electronics for Physicists	Spring 2005 Fall 2004
MENTORING/ SUPERVISION	Postdoctoral researchers Károly Csukás José Tomás Gálvez Ghersi	Fall 2021–present Fall 2019–present
	Graduate students Lorena Magaña Zertuche, University of Mississippi Sashwat Tanay, University of Mississippi Maria (Masha) Okounkova, Caltech Baoyi Chen, Caltech	Fall 2018-present Fall 2018-present Fall 2015-Summer 2019 Fall 2016-Summer 2018
	Undergraduate students Wayne Zhao, Harvard	Summer 2016
Professional Activities, Outreach, and Service	LISA Consortium, Full member UMiss LISA Group leader	2020–Present 2020–Present
	Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes collaboration Executive committee member	2015–Present 2018–Present
	American Physical Society, member Division of Gravitational Physics	2010 eg Present
	Executive Committee Member-at-Large Division of Astrophysics	2016-2019
	Conference organizer	
	Workshop on Numerical Relativity beyond General Relativity, Be Week-long international workshop, 59 participants	enasque June 2018
	34^{th} Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech Two-day conference, ~ 125 participants	March 2018
	Workshop on Unifying Tests of General Relativity, Caltech Three day workshop, 52 participants	July 2016

Seminar organizer

TAPIR seminar, Caltech	Fall 2015–Spring 2018
General Relativity Informal Tea-Time Series (GRITTS), MIT	Fall 2011–Spring 2012
MKI Journal Club, MIT	Fall 2007–Spring 2010

Conference session chair; Judge for best student speaker award

April 2018	April APS meeting, Columbus, OH
March 2018	34 th Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech
March 2017	33 rd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), UCSB
January 2017	"April" APS meeting, Washington D.C.
April 2016	32 nd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), CSU Fullerton
November 2015	Theoretical Astrophysics in Southern California (TASC), CSU Fullerton

Journal referee

Classical and Quantum Gravity, Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, General Relativity and Gravitation, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Physics Letters B, Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review X, Reviews of Modern Physics, The Physics Teacher

Agency work

External reviewer for NSF, NASA

83.9k+ views, 20.8k+ followers

Outreach

Guest on the Starts With a Bang podcast Episode 42: Black holes and gravitationa	March 25, 2019
Invited speaker for Latin American Webinar on Physics Webinar 75: "Testing Einstein with numerical relativity"	March 13, 2019
Caltech astronomy public lecture series speaker Lecture: "The truth about black holes"	March 2018
Astronomy on Tap public lecture series speaker and volunteer Close to a monthly basis	2016-2018
Caltech astronomy public lecture series panelist and emcee Approximately every three months	2016–2018
Invited guest lecture on black holes and gravitational waves Science of Space and Time, Hampshire College	November 2017
Invited video Q&A session, public high school physics class $\begin{tabular}{l} The Nova Project school, Seattle \end{tabular}$	June 2017
Guest on The Titanium Physicists Podcast Episode 80: Picturing the Bach Hole Episode 64: The edges of Einstein Episode 62: Black Bells	August 21, 2019 April 25, 2016 February 1, 2016
Quora Q&A Session on gravitational waves and first detection	February 17, 2016

Invited guest host, public screening of COSMOS with Q&A. Science Cabaret/Cornell

March/June 2014

Invited public talk at Frontiers of Cornell Astronomy, Cornell Friends of Astronomy

November 2013

Invited video chat, Topics in Physics course, Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth July 2013

COMPUTER SKILLS Expert in MATHEMATICA. Proficient in C/C++, Python, Bash, Javascript. Experience in Java, Haskell. Proficient at *nix and HPC. Markup languages: LATEX, HTML, CSS, Markdown.

> Software—Most contributions can be found at https://github.com/duetosymmetry. Member of the Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes (SXS) collaboration, contributor to the Spectral Einstein Code (SpEC). Member of the Black Hole Perturbation Toolkit. Author of qnm python package (https: //github.com/duetosymmetry/qnm). Core collaborator on XACT (http://xact.es) abstract tensor calculus package for MATHEMATICA. Coauthor of XTERIOR package for exterior differential geometry under XACT. Co-maintainer of community contributions at http://contrib.xact.es. Developed arXiv-keys browser extension/add-on for Chrome/Firefox. Author of orcidlink and coauthor of gripapers packages for LATEX.

Submitted **PUBLICATIONS**

- 50. Magaña Zertuche, L., Mitman, K., Khera, N., Stein, L. C., et al., (2021) High Precision Ringdown Modeling: Multimode Fits and BMS Frames, [arXiv:2110.15922].
- 49. Tanay, S., Cho, G., Stein, L. C., (2021) Action-angle variables of a binary black-hole with arbitrary eccentricity, spins, and masses at 1.5 post-Newtonian order, [arXiv:2110.15351].
- 48. Clark, W. A., Gomes, M. W., Rodriguez-Gonzalez, A., Stein, L. C., Strogatz, S. H., (2021) Surprises in a classic boundary-layer problem, [arXiv:2107.11624].
- 47. Okounkova, M, Farr, W. M., Isi, M., Stein, L. C., (2021) Constraining gravitational wave amplitude birefringence and Chern-Simons gravity with GWTC-2, [arXiv:2101.11153].

Collaboration **PUBLICATIONS**

From 2008–2012, I was coauthor on 34 refereed LIGO and/or LIGO/Virgo collaboration publications. I only list short author-list publications below.

Refereed **PUBLICATIONS**

- 46. Gálvez Ghersi, J. T., Stein, L. C., (2021) Numerical renormalization group-based approach to secular perturbation theory, Phys. Rev. E 104, 034219 [arXiv:2106.08410].
- 45. Mitman, K., Khera, N., Iozzo, D. A. B., Stein, L. C., et al., (2021) Fixing the BMS frame of numerical relativity waveforms, Phys. Rev. D 104, 024051 [arXiv:2105.02300].
- 44. Iozzo, D. A. B., Khera, N., Stein, L. C., et al., (2021) Comparing Remnant Properties from Horizon Data and Asymptotic Data in Numerical Relativity, Phys. Rev. D 103, 124029 [arXiv:2104.07052].
- 43. Tahura, S., Nichols, D. A., Saffer, A., Stein, L. C., Yagi, K. (2020) Brans-Dicke theory in Bondi-Sachs form: Asymptotically flat solutions, asymptotic symmetries and gravitational-wave memory effects, Phys. Rev. D 103, 104026 [arXiv:2007.13799].
- 42. Tanay, S., Stein, L. C., Gálvez Ghersi, J. T., (2020) Integrability of eccentric, spinning black hole binaries up to second post-Newtonian order, Phys. Rev. D 103, 064066 [arXiv:2012.06586].
- 41. Gálvez Ghersi, J. T., Stein, L. C., (2020) A fixed point for black hole distributions, Class. Quantum Grav. 38 045012 [arXiv:2007.11578].
- 40. Okounkova, M., Stein, L. C., Moxon, J., Scheel, M. A., Teukolsky, S. A., (2020) Numerical relativity simulation of GW150914 beyond general relativity, Phys. Rev. D 101, 104016 [arXiv:1911.02588].
- 39. Stein, L. C., Warburton, N., (2020) Location of the last stable orbit in Kerr spacetime, Phys. Rev. D **101**, 064007 [arXiv:1912.07609].

- 38. Okounkova, M., Stein, L. C., Scheel, M. A., Teukolsky, S. A., (2019) Numerical binary black hole collisions in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity, Phys. Rev. D 100, 104026 [arXiv:1906.08789].
- 37. Varma, V, et al. (2019) Surrogate models for precessing binary black hole simulations with unequal masses, Phys. Rev. Research 1, 033015 [arXiv:1905.09300].
- Stein, L. C., (2019) qnm: A Python package for calculating Kerr quasinormal modes, separation constants, and spherical-spheroidal mixing coefficients, J. Open Source Softw., 4(42), 1683 [arXiv:1908.10377].
- 35. Boyle, M., et al. (LCS is corresponding author) (2019) The SXS Collaboration catalog of binary black hole simulations, Class. Quantum Grav. 36 195006 [arXiv:1904.04831].
- 34. Barack, L., et al. (2019) Black holes, gravitational waves and fundamental physics: a roadmap, Class. Quantum Grav. 36 143001 [arXiv:1806.05195].
- 33. Varma, V., **Stein, L. C.**, Gerosa, D., (2019) The binary black hole explorer: on-the-fly visualizations of precessing binary black holes, Class. Quantum Grav. **36** 095007 [arXiv:1811.06552], [project website].
- 32. Varma, V., Gerosa, D., **Stein, L. C.**, Hébert, F., Zhang, H., (2019) *High-accuracy mass, spin, and recoil predictions of generic black-hole merger remnants*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **122**, 011101 [arXiv:1809.09125].
- 31. Isi, M., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) Measuring stochastic gravitational-wave energy beyond general relativity, Phys. Rev. D **98**, 104025 [arXiv:1807.02123].
- 30. Prabhu, K., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) Black hole scalar charge from a topological horizon integral in Einstein-dilaton-Gauss-Bonnet gravity, Phys. Rev. D **98**, 021503(R) (Rapid Communication) [arXiv:1805.02668].
- 29. Gerosa, D., Hébert, F., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) Black-hole kicks from numerical-relativity surrogate models, Phys. Rev. D **97**, 104049 [arXiv:1802.04276].
- Chen, B., Stein, L. C. (2018) Deformation of extremal black holes from stringy interactions, Phys. Rev. D 97, 084012 [arXiv:1802.02159].
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- Flanagan, É. É., Nichols, D. A., Stein, L. C., Vines, J. (2016) Prescriptions for Measuring and Transporting Local Angular Momenta in General Relativity, Phys. Rev. D 93, 104007 [arXiv:1602.01847].
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- 14. Yagi, K., Stein, L. C., Yunes, N., Tanaka, T. (2013) Isolated and Binary Neutron Stars in Dynamical Chern-Simons Gravity, Phys. Rev. D 87 084058 [arXiv:1302.1918].
- 13. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N., Tanaka, T. (2012), Post-Newtonian, Quasi-Circular Binary Inspirals in Quadratic Modified Gravity, Phys. Rev. D **85** 064022 [arXiv:1110.5950].
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- 5. **Stein, L. C.** (2014), Note on Legendre decomposition of the Pontryagin density in Kerr, [arXiv:1407.0744].
- 4. **Stein, L. C.** (2012), *Probes of Strong-field Gravity*, Ph.D. thesis at Massachusetts Institute of Technology [hdl:1721.1/77256].
- 3. Betancourt, M., Stein, L. C. (2011) The Geometry of Hamiltonian Monte Carlo, [arXiv:1112.4118].
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- 1. **Stein, L. C.** (2006), Gravitational Wave Burst Source Localization in a Coherent Network Analysis, Senior thesis at California Institute of Technology

INVITED TALKS

39. SISSA, Current challenges in gravitational physics workshop,

April 2021

38. Flatiron CCA, Gravitational wave astronomy group seminar,

January 2021

37. University of Birmingham, astrophysics seminar

September 2020

36. Albert Einstein Institute, ACR division seminar

July 2020 May 2020

35. Black Hole Perturbation Toolkit, Spring 2020 workshop

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34. American Physical Society Meeting

April 2020

33.	UVA, physics department colloquium	November 2019
32.	UT Dallas, physics department colloquium	October 2019
31.	Northwestern University, CIERA astrophysics seminar	May 2019
30.	ETH-ITS Zurich, "New horizons for gravity" workshop	May 2018
29.	UC San Diego, astrophysics seminar	March 2018
28.	UC Berkeley, 4D particle physics seminar	March 2018
27.	Kyoto University, YKIS2018a Symposium	February 2018
26.	Oakland University physics seminar	February 2018
25.	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee gravity seminar	January 2018
24.	Caltech/JPL Gravitational-Wave (CaJAGWR) seminar	January 2018
23.	ICN UNAM, Relativity seminar	December 2017
22.	University of Mississippi, Astrophysics seminar	November 2017
21.	University of Florida, Astrophysics seminar	November 2017
20.	University of Nottingham, Mathematical Physics seminar	July 2017
19.	Sapienza University of Rome, New Frontiers in Gravitational-Wav	re Astrophysics – June 2017
18.	Rochester Institute of Technology, CCRG seminar	March 2017
17.	Penn State, IGC seminar	March 2017
16.	University of Mississippi, Strong Gravity/Binary Dynamics works	hop February/March 2017
15.	SUNY Stony Brook, "The universe through gravitational waves"	December 2016
14.	University of Pennsylvania, New Frontiers in Gravitational Radiatio	on workshop December 2016
13.	Cambridge MA, Event Horizon Telescope collaboration meeting	November/December 2016
12.	Northwestern University CIERA, "Fellows at the Frontiers"	$August/September\ 2016$
11.	Princeton University, GR@100++ panel discussion	April 2016
10.	Cambridge MA, Einstein fellows symposium	October 2014
9.	Perimeter Institute, Strong gravity seminar	October 2014
8.	Cornell University, Friends of astronomy outreach event	November 2013
7.	Cambridge MA, Einstein fellows symposium	October 2013
6.	SUNY Geneseo, Physics colloquium	October 2013
5.	University of Maryland, UMD gravity seminar	October 2013
4.	Yale University, YCAA seminar	September 2013
3.	Kyoto University, YITP long-term workshop	June 2013
2.	Cambridge MA, Einstein fellows symposium	October 2012
1.	Cornell University, Relativity lunch	November 2011

CONTRIBUTED TALKS (SELECTED)

20. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2021
19. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2019
18. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2018
17. Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting	March 2017
16. American Physical Society Meeting	April January 2017
15. Testing Gravity 2017	January 2017
14. 21^{st} International meeting on GR (GR21)	July 2016
13. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2016
12. Eastern Gravity Meeting	May 2015
11. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2015
10. NEB 16 Recent developments in gravity	September 2014
9. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2014
8. XXVII Texas symposium on relativistic astrophysics	December 2013
7. 20^{th} International meeting on GR (GR20)	July 2013
6. Eastern Gravity Meeting	June 2013
5. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2013
4. Caltech TAPIR Seminar	December 2011
3. Eastern Gravity Meeting	June 2011
2. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2011
1. American Physical Society Meeting	April 2010

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