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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	May 2012
	B.S., Physics, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA Degree conferred with honor. Senior Thesis Advisors: Dr. Patrick Sutton and Prof. Alan Weinstein	June 2006
EMPLOYMENT	Senior Postdoctoral Researcher, Caltech, Pasadena, CA USA Septem	ber 2015–Present
	NASA Einstein Fellow, Cornell, Ithaca NY, USA September 2	012–August 2015
	Research and Teaching Assistant, MIT, Cambridge MA, USA September 2006–May 2012	
	Teaching Assistant, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA Fall 2	2004, Spring 2005
	Summer Research Fellow, Caltech, Pasadena, CA, USA June-Sept	ember $2003/2005$
Research Interests	General relativity (GR), gravitation, and astrophysical phenomena which can elucidate gravity. Recent work is focused on gravitational-wave predictions in beyond-GR theories of gravity. Work in progress and future work includes numerical simulations of black hole mergers in beyond-GR theories, cosmological signatures of beyond-GR theories, and investigations in near-horizon extremal Kerr.	
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2010-Present

Mentoring

Graduate students

Maria (Masha) Okounkova, Caltech Fall 2015—present

Undergraduate students

Wayne Zhao, Harvard Summer 2016

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH, AND SERVICE Member, American Physical Society

Division of Gravitational Physics

Executive Committee Member-at-Large 2016–2019

Division of Astrophysics

Conference organizer

Workshop on Unifying Tests of General Relativity, Caltech

July 2016

Three day workshop, 52 participants

Seminar organizer

TAPIR seminar, Caltech Fall 2015—Present

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

33rd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), UCSB March 2017

"April" APS meeting, Washington D.C.

January 2017

32nd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), CSU Fullerton April 2016

Theoretical Astrophysics in Southern California (TASC), CSU Fullerton November 2015

Journal referee

Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Physics Letters B, Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Reviews of Modern Physics

Outreach

Caltech astronomy public lecture series panelist June 10, 2016

February 19, 2016

Guest on The Titanium Physicists Podcast

Episode 64: The edges of Einstein

April 25, 2016

Episode 62: Black Bells

February 1, 2016

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Quora Q&A Session on gravitational waves and first detection February 17, 2016

83.9k+ views, 12.8k+ followers

Invited guest host, public screening of COSMOS with Q&A, March/June 2014

Science Cabaret/Cornell

Invited public talk at Frontiers of Cornell Astronomy, November 2013

Cornell Friends of Astronomy

Invited video chat, Topics in Physics course,

July 2013

Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth

COMPUTER SKILLS Languages—Expert in MATHEMATICA. Proficient in C/C++. Experience in Python, Javascript, Java, Bash, Haskell; LaTeX, HTML, CSS.

Operating systems—Mac OS, Linux/*nix.

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). 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 for Chrome.

Publications in Progress

- 4. Okounkova, M., Stein, L. C. (2017) First black hole mergers in dynamical Chern-Simons.
- 3. Chen, B., Stein, L. C. (2017) Deformation of extremal black holes from stringy interactions.
- 2. Chen, B., Stein, L. C. (2017) Separation of variables for linear metric perturbations in near-horizon extremal Kerr.
- 1. Stein, L. C., McNees, R. (2017) Cosmological perturbations in dynamical Chern-Simons.

Submitted **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2. Tso, R., Isi, M., Chen, Y., Stein, L. C. (2016) Modeling the Dispersion and Polarization Content of Gravitational Waves for Tests of General Relativity, (Proceedings of CPT '16) [arXiv:1608.01284]
- 1. Galley, C. R., Tsang, D., Stein, L. C. (2014) The principle of stationary nonconservative action for classical mechanics and field theories, [arXiv:1412.3082]

Collaboration Publications

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

Refereed **PUBLICATIONS**

- 18. McNees, R., Stein, L. C., Yunes, N. (2016) Extremal Black Holes in Dynamical Chern-Simons Gravity, Class. Quantum Grav. 33 235013 [arXiv:1512.05453]
- 17. 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]
- 16. Yagi, K., Stein, L. C. (2016) Black Hole Based Tests of General Relativity, Class. Quantum Grav. **33** 054001 [arXiv:1602.02413]
- 15. Yagi, K., Stein, L. C., Yunes, N. (2016) Challenging the Presence of Scalar Charge and Dipolar Radiation in Binary Pulsars, Phys. Rev. D 93 024010 [arXiv:1510.02152]
- 14. Berti, E., (5 authors), Stein, L. C., (46 more authors) (2015) Testing General Relativity with Present and Future Astrophysical Observations, Class. Quantum Grav. 32 243001 arXiv:1501.07274
- 13. Tsang, D., Galley, C. R., Stein, L. C., Turner, A. (2015) "Slimplectic" Integrators: Variational Integrators for General Nonconservative Systems, ApJ 809 L9 [arXiv:1506.08443]
- 12. Yagi, K., Stein, L. C., Pappas, G., Yunes, N., Apostolatos, T. (2014) Why I-Love-Q: Explaining why universality emerges in compact objects, Phys. Rev. D 90 063010 [arXiv:1406.7587]
- 11. Stein, L. C. (2014) Rapidly rotating black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity: Decoupling limit solutions and breakdown, Phys. Rev. D 90 044061 [arXiv:1407.2350]
- 10. Stein, L. C., Yagi, K., Yunes, N. (2014) Three-Hair Newtonian Relations for Rotating Stars, ApJ **788** 15 [arXiv:1312.4532]
- 9. Stein, L. C., Yagi, K. (2013) Parameterizing and constraining scalar corrections to general relativity, Phys. Rev. D 89 044026 [arXiv:1310.6743]

- 8. 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]
- 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]
- 6. Vigeland, S., Yunes, N., Stein, L. C. (2011), Bumpy black holes in alternative theories of gravity, Phys. Rev. D 83 104027 [arXiv:1102.3706]
- 5. Yunes, N., Stein, L. C. (2011), Nonspinning black holes in alternative theories of gravity, Phys. Rev. D 83 104002 [arXiv:1101.2921]
- 4. Stein, L. C., Yunes, N. (2011), Effective gravitational wave stress-energy tensor in alternative theories of gravity, Phys. Rev. D 83 064038 [arXiv:1012.3144]
- 3. Lutomirski, A., Tegmark, M., Sanchez, N. J., **Stein, L. C.**, Urry, W. L., Zaldarriaga, M. (2011), Solving the corner-turning problem for large interferometers, MNRAS **410** 2075 [arXiv:0910.1351]
- Sutton, P., Jones, G., Chatterji, S., Kalmus, P., Leonor, I., Poprocki, S., Rollins, J., Searle, A., Stein, L., Tinto, M., Was, M. (2010), X-Pipeline: an analysis package for autonomous gravitational-wave burst searches, New J. Phys. 12 053034 [arXiv:0908.3665]
- Chatterji, S., Lazzarini, A., Stein, L., Sutton, P., Searle, A. (2006), Coherent network analysis technique for discriminating gravitational-wave bursts from instrumental noise, Phys. Rev. D 74 082005 [arXiv:gr-qc/0605002]

UNREFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 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]
- 2. Stein, L. C. (2009), Binary Inspiral Gravitational Waves from a Post-Newtonian Expansion, Contribution to the Wolfram Demonstrations Project, http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/BinaryInspiralGravitationalWavesFromAPostNewtonianExpansion/
- 1. **Stein, L. C.** (2006), Gravitational Wave Burst Source Localization in a Coherent Network Analysis, Senior thesis at California Institute of Technology

INVITED TALKS

- 16. Bumpy black hole parameterizations, Strong Gravity and Binary Dynamics workshop (StronG BaD), University of Mississippi, February/March 2017
- 15. Modifications and tests of general relativity: round table discussion at The universe through gravitational waves conference, Stonybrook, December 2016
- 14. Numerical black holes and mergers beyond general relativity, New Frontiers in Gravitational Radiation workshop, UPenn, December 2016
- 13. Present and future tests of general relativity, Event Horizon Telescope collaboration meeting, Cambridge MA, November/December 2016
- 12. Black hole mergers: beyond general relativity, Fellows at the Frontiers 2016, CIERA, August/September 2016.
- 11. Alternative theories of gravity, novel physics around compact objects: panel discussion at GR@100++ conference, Princeton, April 2016
- 10. Rapidly rotating black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity: Decoupling limit solutions and breakdown, Einstein fellows symposium, October 2014.
- 9. Probing (beyond) general relativity with compact binaries and gravitational waves, Strong gravity seminar, Perimeter Institute, October 2014.
- 8. Friends of astronomy outreach event, Cornell, November 2013

- 7. Parameterizing and constraining scalar corrections to general relativity, Einstein fellows symposium, October 2013
- Corrections to general relativity, and where to look for them, Physics colloquium, SUNY Geneseo, October 2013
- 5. Parameterizing scalar corrections to general relativity, UMD gravity seminar, University of Maryland, October 2013
- 4. Corrections to general relativity, and where to look for them, YCAA seminar, Yale University, September 2013
- 3. Scalar gravitational effects, YITP long-term workshop, Kyoto University, June 2013
- 2. Conditions for Preheating, Einstein fellows symposium, October 2012
- 1. Signatures of strong gravity corrections to GR, Cornell Relativity Lunch, November 2011

Contributed Talks (selected)

- 12. Numerical black holes and mergers in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity, GR21, July 2016
- 11. Extremal black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity, April APS Meeting 2016
- 10. Hiding corrections to GR with topology, Eastern Gravity Meeting, May 2015
- 9. Why neutron stars have three hairs, April APS Meeting 2015
- 8. Rapidly rotating black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity: Decoupling limit solutions and breakdown, NEB 16—Recent developments in gravity, September 2014
- 7. Three-Hair Newtonian Relations for Rotating Stars, April APS Meeting 2014
- 6. Parameterizing and constraining scalar corrections to general relativity, XXVII Texas symposium, December 2013
- 5. Eccentric binary effects in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity, April APS Meeting 2013
- 4. Signatures of strong gravity corrections to GR, Caltech TAPIR Seminar, December 2011
- 3. Effective gravitational wave stress-energy tensor in alternative theories of gravity, Eastern Gravity Meeting, June 2011
- 2. Effective gravitational wave stress-energy tensor in alternative theories of gravity, April APS Meeting 2011
- 1. Tuning advanced gravitational-wave detectors to optimally measure neutron-star merger waves, April APS Meeting 2010

References

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