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Academic Employment

Research Associate, Department of Physics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

August 2022-present

Research Associate, DAMTP, University of Cambridge

October 2020-June 2022

Research and Teaching Assistant, Princeton University

September 2014-July 2020

Education

PhD, Physics, Princeton University

September 2014-July 2020

Advisor: Frans Pretorius

BA, Physics, Columbia University

September 2010-May 2014

Minor in Mathematics

Departmental honors in Physics, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Awards/Grants

Hartle award, ISGRG (GR 22/Amaldi 13 conference)

December 2019

Erwin H. Leiwant Scholarship, Columbia University

September 2013-May 2014

John Jay Scholar, Columbia University

September 2010-May 2014

Computational Experience

I have programming experience with C/C++, Fortran (77/90), Julia, Python, and Mathematica. My Github account: JLRipley314, lists some of the individual computational projects I have worked on. I have also done some work for the GRChombo collaboration, which works on an open-source numerical relativity code written in C++.

Teaching and Mentorship

Assistant Instructor, Princeton University

EGR/PHY 191, An integrated introduction to engineering, math, physics
PHY 103/105, General Physics I Lab
PHY 304, Advanced Electromagnetism
AST 203, The Universe
PHY 523, General Relativity (graduate course)
AST 204, Topics in Modern Astronomy
Spring 2016
PHY 301, Thermal Physics
Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University

Math V2000, Introduction to higher mathematics

Spring 2014

Supervisor for undergraduate summer student projects, University of Cambridge

Shikhar Kumar, Computing null geodesics in slightly perturbed black hole spacetimes

Adam Wills (co-supervised), Computing the quasinormal modes of wormholes

Summer 2021

Summer 2021

Professional Activities

University of Cambridge, DAMTP

Friday general relativity seminar co-organizer General relativity journal club co-organizer October 2020-June 2022 October 2020-June 2022

Princeton University Department of Physics

Member on the Climate and Inclusion Committee

September 2019-May 2020

Referee

Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Classical and Quantum Gravity

Outreach

Princeton citizen scientists

The Princeton Citizen Scientists is a graduate student led group at Princeton University that is dedicated to science policy and outreach at the local, state, and federal level.

President June 2018–July 2019

Co-organizer for science advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. (article)

Co-organizer for science and intersectionality workshop (link to schedule)

Co-organizer for science "teach-in" event at Princeton public library (article)

December 2018

February 2018 October 2017

Open labs

Open labs is a graduate student group at Princeton University that organizes "science cafes" where local high and middle school students hear talks given by graduate students about their research.

Treasurer and presenter

May 2018-February 2019

Department of physics, Princeton University

I participated in several science outreach events organized through the department of physics at Princeton University throughout my time as a graduate student. events where I helped plan/organize some of programming are listed below.

Trenton science summer camp (helped plan and run several lessons over 2 weeks)

July 2018

Interviews on "these vibes are too cosmic"

These vibes are too cosmic is a radio program run through Princeton University.

Interview about exotic compact objects

Interview about antigravity

January 2019

March 2016

Refereed Publications

Link to all papers, including preprints: InSpire Hep

- 15. Maxence Corman, William E. East, **Justin L. Ripley**. Evolution of black holes through a nonsingular cosmological bounce. JCAP 09 (2022) 063 arXiv:2206.08466
- 14. **Justin L. Ripley**. Computing the quasinormal modes and eigenfunctions for the Teukolsky equation using horizon penetrating, hyperboloidally compactified coordinates. Class. Quantum Grav. 39 (14) 145009 (2022). arXiv:2202.03837
- 13. William E. East, **Justin L. Ripley**. Dynamics of Spontaneous Black Hole Scalarization and Mergers in Einstein-Scalar-Gauss-Bonnet Gravity. Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 101102 (2021). arXiv:2105.08571
- 12. **Justin L. Ripley**. A symmetric hyperbolic formulation of the vacuum Einstein equations in affine-null coordinates. Journal of Mathematical Physics 62, 062501 (2021). arXiv:2104.09972
- 11. **Justin L. Ripley**, Nicholas Loutrel, Elena Giorgi, and Frans Pretorius. *Numerical computation of second-order vacuum perturbations of Kerr black holes*. Phys. Rev. D 103 (10), 104018 (2021). arXiv:2010.00162
- 10. Nicholas Loutrel, **Justin L. Ripley**, Elena Giorgi, and Frans Pretorius. Second Order Perturbations of Kerr Black Holes: Reconstruction of the Metric. Phys. Rev. D 103, 104017 (2021). arXiv:2008.11770
- 9. William E. East, **Justin L. Ripley**. Evolution of Einstein-scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity using a modified harmonic formulation. Phys.Rev.D 103 4, 044040 (2021). arXiv:2011.03547

- 8. **Justin L. Ripley**, Frans Pretorius. *Dynamics of a* \mathbb{Z}_2 *symmetric EdGB gravity in spherical symmetry*. Class. Quantum Grav. 37 (15), 155003 (2020). arXiv:2005.05417
- 7. **Justin L. Ripley**, Frans Pretorius. Scalarized black hole dynamics in Einstein-dilaton-Gauss-Bonnet gravity. Phys. Rev. D 101 (4), 044015 (2019). arXiv:1911.11027
- 6. **Justin L. Ripley**. Excision and avoiding the use of boundary conditions in numerical relativity. Class. Quantum Grav. 36 (23) 237001 (2019). arXiv:1908.04234
- 5. **Justin L. Ripley**, Frans Pretorius. *Gravitational collapse in Einstein dilaton Gauss-Bonnet gravity* Class. Quantum Grav. 36 (13) 134001 (2019). arXiv:1903.07543
- 4. **Justin L. Ripley**, Frans Pretorius. *Hyperbolicity in Spherical Collapse of a Horndeski Theory*. Phys. Rev. D 99 (8), 084014 (2019). arXiv:1902.01468
- 3. **Justin L. Ripley**, Kent Yagi. Black hole perturbation under a 2+2 decomposition in the action. Phys. Rev. D 97 (2), 024009 (2017). arXiv:1705.03068
- 2. Anna Ijjas, **Justin L. Ripley**, Paul J. Steinhardt. *NEC violation in mimetic cosmology revisited*. Phys.Lett. B760 132-138 (2016). arXiv:1604.08586
- 1. **Justin L. Ripley**, Brian D. Metzger, Almudena Arcones, and Gabriel Martinez-Pinedo. *X-ray Decay Lines from Heavy Nuclei in Supernova Remnants as a Probe of the r-Process Origin and the Birth Periods of Magnetars*. Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 438 (4), 3243-3254 (2013). arXiv:1310.2950

GRChombo collaboration papers: Since 2020 I have been a member of the GRChombo collaboration.

- 2. Radia et al., Lessons for adaptive mesh refinement in numerical relativity. Class. Quant. Grav. 39 (13) 135006 (2022). arXiv:2112.10567
- 1. Andrade et al., GRChombo: An adaptable numerical relativity code for fundamental physics. J. Open Source Softw. 6 (2021) 3703. arXiv:2201.03458

Conferences and Seminars

7. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK (online)

Computing the second order gravitational perturbation of Kerr black holes

Invited conference talks/seminars	
16. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL Modeling black hole binaries in modified theories of gravity	September 2022
15. Black Hole Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (online) Numerical Relativity and testing General Relativity with gravitational waves: Parts I&II	March 2022
14. University of Tübingen, Tübingen, DE (online) Evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar Gauss-Bonnet gravity	February 2022
13. Albert Einstein Institute, Potsdam, DE (online) Evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar Gauss-Bonnet gravity	November 2021
12. Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, IT (online) Computing the second order gravitational perturbation of Kerr black holes	May 2021
11. University of Oxford, Oxford, UK (online) The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories	February 2021
10. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (online) The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories	February 2021
9. Kyoto University, Kyoto, JP (online) The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories	February 2021
8. University of Southampton, Southampton, UK (online) The classical evolution of binary black hole systems in scalar-tensor theories	January 2021

November 2020

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