Justin L. Ripley

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Employment

Research Associate, DAMTP, University of Cambridge

October 2020-present

Research and Teaching Assistant, Princeton University

September 2014-July 2020

Education

PhD, Physics, Princeton University

September 2014-July 2020

Advisor: Frans Pretorius

B.A., Physics, Columbia University

September 2010-May 2020

Minor in Mathematics

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

Research Interests

General relativity (GR), and modeling of astrophysical and cosmological phenomena which can be used to test and increase our understanding of the dynamics of GR and the Standard Model of particle physics. This research program includes work in the mathematics of GR and of modified gravity theories, to better understand the self-consistency of modeling used to compare theory to observation and experiment. I am also interested in numerical relativity, numerical analysis, and scientific visualization.

Awards/Grants

Hartle award for best talk by a student, ISGRG

December 2019

Awarded for GR 22/Amaldi 13 conference

GRFP honorable mention, NSF

March 2015

Erwin H. Leiwant Scholarship, Columbia University

September 2013-May 2014

John Jay Scholar, Columbia University

September 2010-May 2014

Refereed Publications

Link to preprints: InSpire Hep

- 8. **Justin L. Ripley**, Frans Pretorius Dynamics of a \mathbb{Z}_2 symmetric EdGB gravity in spherical symmetry. Class. Quant. Grav. 37 (15), 155003. 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. arXiv:1911.11027
- 6. **Justin L. Ripley**, Excision and avoiding the use of boundary conditions in numerical relativity. Class. Quantum Grav. 36 (23) 237001. arXiv:1908.04234
- 5. **Justin L. Ripley**, Frans Pretorius, *Gravitational collapse in Einstein dilaton Gauss-Bonnet gravity* Class. Quantum Grav. 36 (13) 134001. arXiv:1903.07543 (Invited to Focus Issue on Numerical Relativity Beyond General Relativity)
- Justin L. Ripley, Frans Pretorius, Hyperbolicity in Spherical Collapse of a Horndeski Theory. Phys. Rev. D 99 (8), 084014. 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. arXiv:1705.03068
- Anna Ijjas, Justin L. Ripley, Paul J. Steinhardt, NEC violation in mimetic cosmology revisited. Phys.Lett. B760 132-138. arXiv:1604.08586
- 1. **Justin L. Ripley**, Brian D. Metzger, Almudena Arcones, and Gabriel Martnez-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. arXiv:1310.2950

Invited Talks

4. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (virtual talk)
Classical modifications to Einstein's General Relativity around black holes

October 2020

3. Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, ON (virtual talk)

Exploring the nonlinear dynamics of Einstein dilaton Gauss-Bonnet gravity

April 2020

2. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Testing General Relativity and the nonlinear dynamics of modified gravity theories

January 2020

1. Black Hole Initiative, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Nonlinear dynamics of Horndeski theories in spherical collapse

December 2019

Seminars/Contributed Talks

5. APS April Meeting, Washington, DC (virtual talk) Second order perturbation of a Kerr black hole

April 2020

4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA Second order vacuum perturbation of a Kerr black hole

December 2019

3. GR 22/Amaldi 13, Valencia, Spain
Nonlinear dynamics of Horndeski theories in spherical collapse

July 2019

2. APS April Meeting, Denver, CO

Hyperbolicity in gravitational collapse in a modified gravity theory

April 2019

1. Numerical Relativity beyond General Relativity, Benasque, Spain Gravitational collapse in a modified gravity theory

June 2018

Computational Experience

Languages: C/C++, Fortran, Mathematica, Python

See my Github account, JLRipley314, for some of the computational projects I have worked on/am working on.

Professional Activities

COMMITTEES

Climate and Inclusion Committee
Department of Physics, Princeton University

September 2019-May 2020

SEMINAR ORGANIZER

Friday GR seminar DAMTP, University of Cambridge October 2020-present

Journal Referee

Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters

April 2020-present

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of American Physical Society

2018-present

Teaching and Mentorship

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

EGR/PHY 191, An integrated introduction to engineering, math, physics

Fall 2019

PHY 103/105, General Physics I Lab

Fall 2018

PHY 304, Advanced Electromagnetism

Spring 2018

AST 203, The Universe

PHY 523, General Relativity

Spring 2017,2018

AST 204, Topics in Modern Astronomy

Spring 2016

Fall 2017

PHY 301, Thermal Physics

Fall 2015, Spring 2016

TEACHING ASSISTANT, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Math V2000, Introduction to higher mathematics

Spring 2014

Outreach

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

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

December 2018

Article in Daily Princetonian

Co-organizer for science "teach-in" event at Princeton Public Library

October 2017

Article in Daily Princetonian

Interviews on "These Vibes are Too Cosmic"

These Vibes are Too Cosmic is a radio program run through Princeton University.

• Interview on exotic compact objects

January 2019

• Interview on antigravity

March 2016