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EDUCATION

2018-present Graduate study in Astronomy, University of Maryland

2018-2020 M.S. in Astronomy, University of Maryland

2014-2018 B.S. *with Highest Distinction* in Physics, University of Illinois 2014-2018 B.S. *with High Distinction* in Astronomy, University of Illinois

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022-present	Research Assistant, Los Alamos National Lab, Theoretical Division	astrophysics
2020, Fall	Pre-doctoral Research Assistant, Flatiron CCA	astrophysics
2018-present	o18-present Graduate Research Assistant, University of Maryland	
2016-2018	Research Assistant, University of Illinois	astrophysics
2016, Summer	6, Summer SULI Research Assistant, General Atomics	
2014-2015	Summer Research Assistant, Catholic University of America	nuclear physics

Fellowships and Awards

Bruno Rossi Prize, co-awardee as a member of the NICER team

American Astronomical Society, High Energy Astrophysics Division

2021 Outstanding Research Assistant

University of Maryland Graduate School

2020 CCA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Flatiron Institute Center for Computational Astrophysics, Fall 2020

2018 Graduate School Dean's Fellowship

University of Maryland, Fall 2018 - Summer 2019

2018 Wyatt Award - graduating Astronomy major with most outstanding GPA and research

University of Illinois, Department of Astronomy, Spring 2018

Publications

Submitted

The Influence of Disk Composition on the Evolution of Stars in the Disks of Active Galactic Nuclei **Dittmann, A. J.**, Jermyn, A. S., Cantiello, M., accepted, ApJ

Journal Articles

Summary: 20 published, 8 first-author, 4 single-author

- The Radius of PSR Jo740+6620 from NICER with NICER Background Estimates Salmi, T., et al., ApJ 941, 450
- A Survey of Disc Thickness and Viscosity in Circumbinary Accretion: Binary Evolution, Variability, and Disc Morphology **Dittmann, A. J.**, Ryan, G., MNRAS 513, 6158
- 2022 Effects of an Immortal Stellar Population in AGN Disks Jermyn, A. S., **et al.**, ApJ 929, 133
- An Analytical, Fully Relativistic Framework for Tidal Disruption Event Streams in Schwarzschild Geometry

 Dittmann, A. J., MNRAS 511, 3408
- On the Terminal Spins of Accreting Stars and Planets: Boundary Layers **Dittmann, A. J.**, MNRAS 508, 1842
- Preventing Anomalous Torques in Circumbinary Accretion Simulations **Dittmann, A. J.**, Ryan, G., ApJ 921, 71
- The Radius of PSR J0740+6620 from NICER and XMM-Newton Data Miller, M. C., Lamb, F. K., **Dittmann, A. J.**, et al., ApJL 918, L28
- NICER Detection of Thermal X-Ray Pulsations from the Massive Millisecond Pulsars PSR J0740+6620 and PSR J1614–2230 Wolff, M., et al., ApJL 918, L26
- Accretion onto Stars in the Disks of Active Galactic Nuclei **Dittmann, A. J.**, Cantiello, M., Jermyn, A. S., ApJ 916, 48
- Stellar Evolution in the Disks of Active Galactic Nuclei Produces Rapidly Rotating Massive Stars Jermyn, A. S., **Dittmann, A. J.**, Cantiello, M., Perna, R., ApJ 914, 105
- 2021 Constraining the Neutron Star Mass-Radius Relation and Dense Matter Equation of State with NICER. III. Model and Systematics Bogdanov et al., ApJL 914, L15
- 2021 High-Order Multiderivative IMEX Schemes
 Dittmann, A. J. Applied Numerical Mathematics 160, 205
- 2020 Modified Hermite Integrators of Arbitrary Order **Dittmann, A. J.**, MNRAS 496, 1217
- 2020 Star Formation in Accretion Disks and SMBH Growth **Dittmann, A. J.**, Miller, M. C., MNRAS 493, 3732
- PSR Joo30+0451 Mass and Radius from NICER Data and Implications for the Properties of Neutron Star Matter
 Miller, M. C., Lamb, F. K., **Dittmann, A. J.**, et al., ApJL 887, L24

2019 Constraining the Neutron Star Mass-Radius Relation and Dense Matter Equation of State with NICER. II. Emission from Hot Spots on a Rapidly Rotating Neutron Star Bogdanov S., et al., ApJL 887, L26

- A Candidate Tidal Disruption Event in a Quasar at z = 2.359 from Abundance Ratio Variability Liu, X., **Dittmann, A. J.**, Shen, Y., Jiang, L., ApJ 859, 8
- Separated kaon electroproduction cross section and the kaon form factor from 6 GeV JLab data Carmignotto, M., et al., PhysRevC 97, 025204
- The Aerogel Čerenkov detector for the SHMS magnetic spectrometer in Hall C at Jefferson Lab Horn, T., et al., NIMA 842, 28
- PSR J1930–1852: A Pulsar in the Widest Known Orbit Around Another Neutron Star Swiggum, J. K. et al., ApJ 805, 156

Seminars, Colloquia, and Symposia

2022	The Evolution of Stars and Black Holes in AGN disks, Astrophysics Seminar (GMU), November 3
2022	The Evolution of Stars and Black Holes in AGN disks, Physics Colloquium (GWU), October 20
2022	The Evolution of Stars and Black Holes in AGN disks, Transient Astronomy Meeting (UMD), September 2
2022	The Evolution of Stars and Black Holes in AGN disks, Los Alamos Astrophysics Seminar (LANL), August 25
2022	The Orbital Evolution and Appearance of Binaries Fed by Circumbinary Disks, Gravitational Astrophysics Laboratory lunch seminar (GSFC), February 24
2021	Neutron Star Masses and Radii from NICER Data, JSI Minisymposium on Neutron Stars and Dense Matter (UMD), December 10
2021	The Orbital Evolution and Appearance of Binaries Fed by Circumbinary Disks, Center for Theory and Computation Seminar (UMD), November 10
2021	Measuring the Heaviest Known Neutron Star: the Radius of PSR Jo740 from X-ray Data, Compact Objects Group Meeting (CCA), April 22
2021	Circumbinary Disks, sink particles, and making simulations less sensitive to tuning parameters, Hernquist Group Meeting (CfA), March 5
2021	Stellar Evolution in AGN Disks, Flatiron/CCA Predoc Symposium, February 26
2021	Circumbinary Disks, sink particles, and making simulations less sensitive to tuning parameters, Compact Objects Group Meeting (CCA), January 28

Conferences and Workshops

2020

- 2022 Promoting BIPOC and Marginalized Students to Pursue Computational Physics through CRANE, contributed talk by Ernesto Barraza-Valdez, **et al.**, APS DPP, October 17
- 2018 A Time-domain Analysis of Nitrogen-Rich Quasars, poster, Winter AAS, January 10

Stars in AGN disks, CCA lunch talk, October 1

- 2016 Ray-tracing studies of fast waves in the lower hybrid range of frequencies, poster, APS DPP, November 1
- Exploring the potential for studies of the electromagnetic structure of the kaon at 12 GeV JLab, contributed talk, APS DNP, October 31
- The Optical Characterization of Aerogel Tiles for Cherenkov Detectors at Jefferson Lab, poster, APS DNP, October 10

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland

2020 - spring	Theoretical Astrophysics	wrote and taught discussions, graded
2020 - spring	Black Holes	graded, helped update lecture material
2019 - fall	General Astronomy	presented 3 lectures, taught discussions and labs, graded
2019 - spring	General Astronomy	taught and graded discussions and labs
2018 - fall	General Astronomy	taught and graded discussions and labs

Computing

Languages C, Python, Fortran, CUDA, IDL

Tools git, SLURM

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Journals

Referee MNRAS, ApJ

GRAD-MAP1

Winter Workshop mentoring	N-body simulations of stellar binaries and SMBHs (2020), the perturbed circular restricted 3-body problem (2022)
Winter Workshop Python Bootcamp	Co-lead (2022), lecture teaching/planning (2020, 2021)
Summer Scholars mentoring	Hydrodynamic simulations of tidal disruption event streams
Summer Scholars teaching	Lectured on visualizing multidimensional data using Python and an introduction to programming in C

CRANE²

Notebook co-author Runge-Kutta methods, PDEs

Lecturer hyperbolic PDEs, the Boris push algorithm

Teaching assistant Numerical integration, ODEs, PDEs, PIC Methods

Undergraduate Curriculum

Introductory labs revised, restructured, and tested new labs

¹Graduate Resources Advancing Diversity with Maryland Astronomy and Physics, https://www.umdgradmap.org/

²Computational Research Access NEtwork, https://compmethods0.wixsite.com/computationalmethods