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Professional Website

Education

August 2017– Present **Bachelor of Arts in Astrophysics & Mathematics**, *University of Colorado Boulder*,
GPA in Upper Division MATH, PHYS, & ASTR: 3.6/4.0.

Positions

January 2019– Present **Research Assistant**, JOINT INSTITUTE FOR LABORATORY ASTROPHYSICS (JILA),
Boulder CO, Supervised by Dr. Aleksey Genozov and Prof. Ann-Marie Madigan.

- Used CU's supercomputing resources to run N-body simulations of galactic nuclear disks in galaxy mergers
- Routinely managed large data sets for their analysis in Python
- Performed a novel study of gravitational perturbation theory of stellar orbits (results summarized in publication below)

Honors

AAS Division of Dynamical Astronomy (DDA) Registration Grant
Alpha Kappa-Akappa Kappa (Acacia Fraternity) Scholarship of Highest Merit
Dean's List
Chancellor Achievement Scholarship
Arts and Sciences Honors Program Admit (since 2017)

Publications

Galactic Merger Implications for Eccentric Nuclear Disks
Rodriguez A., Genozov A., & Madigan A.-M. [arXiv:2010.15957](#)

Contributed Talks

[AAS Division of Dynamical Astronomy \(DDA\) 51st Meeting, Online](#)
[CASA/JILA Seminar, December 2020, Online](#)

Teaching

Fall 2018 MATH2400 (*Calculus 3*)
Fall 2018 PHYS1110 (*Calculus-based Physics 1*)
Spring 2019 MATH1300 (*Calculus 1*)

Tutor at the Student Academic Success Center (SASC) at the University of Colorado Boulder for underprivileged and poorly represented students.

Graduate/Advanced Coursework

Fall 2019 MATH5470 (*Partial Differential Equations*)
[With Project and Lecture on Green's Functions and Potentials](#)
Fall 2020 MATH4230 (*Differential Geometry*)
Fall 2020 PHYS5030 (*Mathematical Physics I*)

Spring 2021 PHYS5040 (*Mathematical Physics II*)

Spring 2021 PHYS5770 (*General Relativity*)

Programming Languages

Experienced: Python, Bash, Latex

Familiar: Mathematica, Maple, HTML, Lean

Projects & Organizations

Fall 2018 Designed leapfrog N-body integrator with sourcecode available at [GitHub alro15260](https://github.com/alro15260)

Fall 2018 M77 Supernova Analysis Project with 24" telescopes at CU Boulder

Spring 2019 Statistical Analysis of Stars in Galactic Nuclei Project

Fall 2019 Academic Chair of Alpha Kappa-Alpha Kappa (Acacia Fraternity)