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Education

- 2023–  **Doctor in Physics**
Federal University of ABC (UFABC), Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil
Advisor: André G. S. Landulfo 
- 2021–2023  **Master in Physics**
Federal University of ABC (UFABC), Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil
Advisor: André G. S. Landulfo 
Thesis: *Nonperturbative Aspects of Quantum Field Theory in Curved Spacetime*
- 2017–2021  **Bachelor in Physics**
Institute of Physics, University of São Paulo (IFUSP), São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
Advisor: João C. A. Barata 

Academic Publications

Papers and Preprints

- 1 N. Aguiar Alves and A. G. S. Landulfo. “Null infinity as a Killing horizon”. *Physical Review D* **112**, 065017 (2025). arXiv: 2504.12514 [gr-qc].
- 2 N. Aguiar Alves, A. G. S. Landulfo, and B. A. Costa. “Positive mass in general relativity without energy conditions”. *Physical Review D* **111**, 044027 (2025). arXiv: 2408.00154 [gr-qc].




Other Works

- 1 N. Aguiar Alves. *Lectures on the Bondi–Metzner–Sachs group and related topics in infrared physics*. 2025. arXiv: 2504.12521 [gr-qc]. Submitted.
- 2 N. Aguiar Alves and B. A. Costa. *The Measure of a Mass*. Essay written for the Gravity Research Foundation 2025 Awards for Essays on Gravitation. 2025. arXiv: 2503.18963 [gr-qc].
- 3 N. Aguiar Alves. “Nonperturbative Aspects of Quantum Field Theory in Curved Spacetime”. MSc thesis. Santo André, Brazil: Federal University of ABC, 2023. xxiv, 152 pp. arXiv: 2305.17453 [gr-qc].






To Appear

- 1 N. Aguiar Alves, C. C. Rodrigues, and G. J. Olmo. *Platypus stars: Exotic compact objects supported by vacuum pressure*. In preparation.

Funding



- 2025–  PhD Scholarship
São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) Grant No. 2025/05161-0
Project: The Sky as a Killing Horizon and Other Topics on the Infrared Structure of Gravity
Advisor: André G. S. Landulfo 
- 2023–2025  PhD Scholarship
Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Ensino Superior (CAPES)
Granted to pursue my PhD after placing first in UFABC’s admission ranking

Funding (continued)




- 2021–2023  MSc Scholarship
[São Paulo Research Foundation](#) (FAPESP) Grant No. 2021/07372-7
Project: [The Functional Renormalization Group in Quantum Field Theory in Curved Spacetimes](#)
Advisor: André G. S. Landulfo 
- 2021  MSc Scholarship
[Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento do Pessoal de Ensino Superior](#) (CAPES)
Granted to pursue my MSc after placing first in UFABC's admission ranking
- 2019–2020  BSc Scholarship
[São Paulo Research Foundation](#) (FAPESP) Grant No. 2019/12158-4
Project: [Hyperbolic Equations](#)
Advisor: João C. A. Barata 

Academic Service

Conferences Organized

- 2026 (scheduled)  Thermality in Quantum Field Theory in Curved Spacetimes
Main organizer
Supported by the [ICTP South American Institute for Fundamental Research](#)
- 2023  [Golden Wedding of Black Holes and Thermodynamics](#)
Main organizer

Schools Organized




- 2025  [II São Paulo School in Gravitational Physics](#)
Main organizer
Part of [ICTP Physics Without Frontiers](#)
- 2024  [I São Paulo School in Gravitational Physics](#)
Main organizer
- 2018–2021  [Jayme Tiomno School in Theoretical Physics](#)
Founder and organizer of the first three editions

Scientific Societies




- 2025–  [Brazilian Physical Society](#)
- 2024–  [International Society for Quantum Gravity](#)

Teaching Experience






Minicourses and Workshops

- 2025  Introduction to Black Hole Physics
[II São Paulo School in Gravitational Physics](#)
Minicourse for early undergraduate students
- 2024  Infrared Symmetries of General Relativity
[I São Paulo School in Gravitational Physics](#)
Minicourse for advanced undergraduate and early graduate students
- 2023  Quantum Field Theory in Curved Spacetime
[Golden Wedding of Black Holes and Thermodynamics](#)
Minicourse for early graduate students





Teaching Experience (continued)

- 2021  Algebraic Methods of Theoretical Physics
[III Jayme Tiomno School in Theoretical Physics](#)
Minicourse on group theory in physics for first-year undergraduate students
- 2020  An Introduction to \LaTeX
[XV Oceanography Thematic Week](#)
Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo
- 2019  An Introduction to \LaTeX
[I Jayme Tiomno School in Theoretical Physics](#)

Teaching Assistant

- 2025  Topics in Celestial Holography
Institute of Physics, University of São Paulo
Graduate-level course
-  Advanced Topics in General Relativity
Institute of Physics, University of São Paulo
Graduate-level course
- 2024  Electromagnetic Phenomena
Federal University of ABC
Undergraduate-level course covering introductory electrodynamics
- 2021  Classical Mechanics II
Federal University of ABC
Undergraduate-level course covering analytical mechanics
- 2019  Mathematical Physics I
Institute of Physics, University of São Paulo
Undergraduate-level course covering introductory Fourier analysis

Outreach and Miscellanea

- 2025  [International Young Physicists Tournament \(Brazil\)](#)
Juror for the final stage of the 2025 edition of the IYPT Brazil
-  [V ICTP-SAIFR Summer School for Young Physicists](#)
Tutored a course on black hole physics for high school students
- 2023–  [gravitonick](#)
YouTube channel discussing advanced physics topics aimed at undergraduate students
- 2018–  [Physics Stack Exchange](#)
Active contributor to the Physics Stack Exchange Q&A website
Most prolific contributor to the [qft-in-curved-spacetime](#) tag