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Employment

California Institute of Technology	2022–
<i>Sherman Fairchild Postdoctoral Scholar</i>	
Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics	2021–2022
University of California, Santa Barbara	
<i>Postdoctoral Scholar</i>	

Education

Princeton University	2016–2021
<i>Ph.D. in Physics</i>	
Thesis: The Binary Black Holes of LIGO and Virgo	
Advisor: Prof. Matias Zaldarriaga	
Universidad de Buenos Aires	2011–2016
<i>Licenciatura in Physics</i>	
Thesis: Average Activities in Populations of Excitable Phase Oscillators	
Advisor: Prof. Gabriel B. Mindlin	

Fellowships

Burke Fellowship, California Institute of Technology	2022–2025
President's Fellowship, Princeton University	2016–2017
Dean's Grant Research Allowance, Princeton University	2016
CONICET Doctoral Fellowship	2016

Teaching

Assistant in instruction	2017–2021
Princeton University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physics for Future Leaders ○ Advanced Electromagnetism ○ Introduction to General Relativity ○ Advanced Physics ○ Introduction to the Quantum Theory ○ General Physics ○ Biophysics 	
Teaching assistant	2015–2016
Universidad de Buenos Aires	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fluid Dynamics ○ Wave Mechanics ○ Physics for Biologists 	

Publications

Lead author

- [1] **Javier Roulet**, Jonathan Mushkin, Digvijay Wadekar, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. “Fast marginalization algorithm for optimizing gravitational wave detection, parameter estimation, and sky localization”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 110 (4 Aug. 2024), p. 044010. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.110.044010](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.110.044010) .
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- [8] **Javier Roulet** and Gabriel B. Mindlin. “A diagrammatic representation of phase portraits and bifurcation diagrams of two-dimensional dynamical systems”. In: *International Journal of Bifurcation and Chaos* 27.13 (Dec. 2017), p. 1730045. ISSN: 1793-6551. DOI: [10.1142/s0218127417300452](https://doi.org/10.1142/s0218127417300452) .
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- [10] Aaron D. Johnson, **Javier Roulet**, Katerina Chatziioannou, Michele Vallisneri, Chris G. Trejo, and Kyle A. Gersbach. “From the LISA global fit to a catalog of Galactic binaries”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* (June 2025). DOI: [10.1103/95c5-sb1c](https://doi.org/10.1103/95c5-sb1c) .
- [11] Ajit Kumar Mehta, Seth Olsen, Digvijay Wadekar, **Javier Roulet**, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Jonathan Mushkin, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. “New binary black hole mergers in the LIGO-Virgo O3b data”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 111 (2 Jan. 2025), p. 024049. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.111.024049](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.111.024049) .

- [12] Digvijay Wadekar, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Ajit Kumar Mehta, **Javier Roulet**, Seth Olsen, Jonathan Mushkin, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. “New approach to template banks of gravitational waves with higher harmonics: Reducing matched-filtering cost by over an order of magnitude”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 110 (8 Oct. 2024), p. 084035. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.110.084035](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.110.084035) .
- [13] Horng Sheng Chia, Thomas D. P. Edwards, Digvijay Wadekar, Aaron Zimmerman, Seth Olsen, **Javier Roulet**, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. “In pursuit of Love numbers: First templated search for compact objects with large tidal deformabilities in the LIGO-Virgo data”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 110 (6 Sept. 2024), p. 063007. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.110.063007](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.110.063007) .
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- [15] Hang Yu, **Javier Roulet**, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. “Accurate and efficient waveform model for precessing binary black holes”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 108 (6 Sept. 2023), p. 064059. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.108.064059](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.108.064059) .
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- [17] Horng Sheng Chia, Seth Olsen, **Javier Roulet**, Liang Dai, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. “Signs of higher multipoles and orbital precession in GW151226”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 106 (2 July 2022), p. 024009. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.106.024009](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.106.024009) .
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Preprints

- [25] Tousif Islam, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Ajit Kumar Mehta, Isha Anantpurkar, Digvijay Wadekar, **Javier Roulet**, Jonathan Mushkin, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. *Data-driven extraction, phenomenology and modeling of eccentric harmonics in binary black hole merger waveforms*. 2025. arXiv: [2504.12469](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.12469) [gr-qc] .
- [26] Tousif Islam, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Ajit Kumar Mehta, Isha Anantpurkar, Digvijay Wadekar, **Javier Roulet**, Jonathan Mushkin, Barak Zackay, and Matias Zaldarriaga. *gwharmone: first data-driven surrogate for eccentric harmonics in binary black hole merger waveforms*. 2025. arXiv: [2504.12420](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.12420) [astro-ph.HE] .
- [27] Ajit Kumar Mehta, Digvijay Wadekar, **Javier Roulet**, Isha Anantpurkar, Tejaswi Venumadhav, Jonathan Mushkin, Barak Zackay, Matias Zaldarriaga, and Tousif Islam. *Significant increase in sensitive volume of a gravitational wave search upon including higher harmonics*. 2025. arXiv: [2501.17939](https://arxiv.org/abs/2501.17939) [gr-qc] .
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Presentations

Invited

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| ◦ Lunch talk, AstroAI, Center for Astrophysics Harvard & Smithsonian | 2025 |
| ◦ Panel, Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop 2022 | 2022 |
| ◦ Seminar, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics | 2022 |
| ◦ Seminar, International Center for Theoretical Sciences
Tata Institute of Fundamental Research | 2022 |
| ◦ Seminar, Department of Applied Math and Theoretical Physics
University of Cambridge | 2022 |
| ◦ Seminar, LIGO seminar, California Institute of Technology | 2022 |
| ◦ Talk, Astrophysics Coffee, Weizmann Institute of Science | 2020 |

- Talk, Brown Bag Lunch, MIT Kavli Institute 2020
- Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert Einstein Institute) 2020
- Talk, High Energy Physics Journal Club, Princeton University 2020
- Seminar, Institut de Ciències del Cosmos, Universitat de Barcelona 2019

Contributed

- Poster, Scientific Machine Learning for Gravitational Wave Astronomy, ICERM topical workshop, Brown University 2025
- Talk, American Physical Society Global Physics Summit 2025 2025
- Talk, Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop 2024 2024
- Talk, American Physical Society April Meeting 2024 2024
- Talk, XVII Latin American Regional IAU Meeting 2023
- Talk, ARC Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery (OzGrav), Swinburne University of Technology 2022
- Talk, American Physical Society April Meeting 2022 2022
- Local's Friday blackboard talk, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics 2021
- Talk, Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop 2021 2021
- Poster, Workshop III: Source Inference and Parameter Estimation in Gravitational Wave Astronomy, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, University of California, Los Angeles 2021
- Talk, American Physical Society April Meeting 2021 2021
- Institute for Advanced Study / Princeton University Bahcall Lunch 2021
- Talk, American Physical Society April Meeting 2020 2020
- Talk, 22nd International Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation – 13th Edoardo Amaldi Conference on Gravitational Waves 2019
- Talk, Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop 2018 2018

Mentoring

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- Isha Anantpurkar (graduate) 2024–
 - Charles Gibson (undergraduate) 2024–
 - Tousif Islam (graduate) 2021–2022
 - Cuishan Liu (undergraduate) 2021–2022

Outreach

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- Talk at *Noche de las estrellas*, Norton Science and Language Academy 2024
 - Volunteer at *Exploring Caltech*, California Institute of Technology 2024
 - Talk at *Astronomy Festival*, Great Basin National Park 2024
 - Talks and volunteering at total solar eclipse viewing and star party, Piedras Negras, Mexico 2024
 - Volunteer at annular solar eclipse viewing and star party, Bryce Canyon National Park, UT 2023

- Talk at *Astronomy on Tap*, Grand Canyon National Park 2023
- Panelist at *Stargazing in Spanish*, California Institute of Technology 2023
- Volunteer at *International Astronomy Day* 2023
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History; Astronomical Unit
- Poster at *Princeton Research Day*, Princeton University 2017

Software

cogwheel: A code for parameter estimation of gravitational wave sources implementing several original methods for efficiency.

Academic service

Organizer 2023

Giambiagi Winter School on Cosmology [🔗](#)

International Center for Theoretical Physics; Universidad de Buenos Aires

Referee

- Astronomy & Astrophysics
- Astrophysical Journal
- Astrophysical Journal Letters
- Chaos, Solitons and Fractals
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
- Physical Review D
- Physical Review X

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