Kyle C. Nelli

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Education

- **California Institute of Technology (Caltech), CA** August 2020 - Present
  Doctorate of Philosophy: *Physics*
- **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL** August 2016 - May 2020
  Bachelor of Science: *Engineering Physics, Highest Honors*
  Bachelor of Science: *Astronomy, Summa Cum Laude and with High Distinction*

Experience

- **Teukolsky Group, Caltech** November 2020 - Present
  Graduate Research Assistant
  - Member of Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes (SXS) collaboration (150+ people, 8+ institutions).
  - Updated and significantly reduced complexity of control loops in MPI-based Spectral Einstein Code (SpEC).

  Lead SpECTRE Developer/Engineer (500k+ lines of C++ 20)
  - Open-source software designed to run highly accurate simulations of binary black hole mergers and general relativistic magneto-hydro dynamics on HPC and exascale machines.
  - Utilized task-based (asynchonous) parallelism to achieve **3x speedup** when solving partial differential equations on exascale computing resources.
  - **Visualized ∼1TB** of output from simulations using Paraview and its Python scripting framework.
  - Implemented detailed memory diagnostics. **Reduced memory usage by 5x** and found three bugs.
  - Designed and oversaw five student projects. Mentored undergraduate, masters, and other doctoral students.
- **Shapiro Group, University of Illinois Department of Physics, REU** May 2018 - July 2020
  Undergraduate Researcher
  - Created visualizations of numerical simulations of black hole and compact star mergers.
  - Wrote novel code in Python and C++ (27k+ lines) to automate visualization using VisIt software and Blue Waters supercomputer.
- **Dr. Christopher Powell, Argonne National Laboratory Internship** May 2017–July 2017
  Undergraduate Researcher
  - Utilized Advanced Photon Source (X-rays) to record fuel injector spray patterns.
  - Generated novel Python scripts to analyze experimental data for start of injection time; implemented visualizations with Blender software.

Skills Summary

- **Languages**: C/C++11-20, Python, Bash, Perl, Mathematica
- **Software**: SpECTRE, VSCode, LaTeX, GNUPlot, VisIt, Paraview, Blender
- **Tools**: GIT/GitHub, Docker/DockerHub, Make, CMake, LLVM, GCC, GDB, HPCToolkit, SLURM
- **Parallelism**: Charm++, MPI, OpenMP
- **Platforms**: Linux (Ubuntu, Mint, CentOS, RedHat), Windows, MacOS
- **Clusters**: Wheeler (Caltech), Caltech HPC (Caltech), Frontera (TACC), Anvil (ACCESS, formerly XSEDE), Expanse (ACCESS), Bridges2 (ACCESS), Pleiades (NASA), Ocean (CSUF), Blue Waters (NCSA)

Honors and Awards

- **APS DGRAV Travel Grant**, $300 April 2023
- **ICERM Travel Grant**, $840 August 2022
- **David and Barbara Groce travel fund**, $500 per year 2022-2024
- **Rochus E. Vogt Graduate Fellowship**, $36,500 Fall 2020 - Fall 2021
- **Excellence in Physics Scholarship**, $3,000 Spring 2020
- **Anthony Research Scholarship**, $1,000 Spring 2020
- **Wyatt, Stanley Memorial Award**, $700 Spring 2020
- **University of Illinois Dean's List**, Top 20% in College of Engineering August 2016 - May 2020
- **Illinois Tool Works Scholarship**, $1,500 per academic year August 2016 - May 2020
- **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**, Member 2019
- **A.C. Anderson Undergraduate Research Award** Summer 2018

Presentations

- "Cauchy-Characteristic Matching in SpECTRE", April APS Meeting, April 16 2023, Minneapolis, MN
- "Cauchy-Characteristic Matching in SpECTRE", Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting, April 1 2023, Caltech, CA
- "SpECTRE, Numerical Relativity Community Summer School 2022", Numerical Relativity Community Summer School, Aug. 11 2022, ICERM at Brown University, MA

Publications

[1] Teagan A. Clarke, ..., **Kyle C. Nelli**, et al. "Striking the right tone: towards a self-consistent framework for measuring black hole ringdowns" (Jan. 2024).

[2] Hengrui Zhu, Justin L. Ripley, ..., **Kyle C. Nelli**, et al. "Nonlinear Effects In Black Hole Ringdown From Scattering Experiments I: spin and initial data dependence of quadratic mode coupling" (Jan. 2024).

[3] Hengrui Zhu, ..., **Kyle C. Nelli**, et al. "Black Hole Spectroscopy for Precessing Binary Black Hole Coalescences" (Dec. 2023).

[4] Nils Deppe, ..., **Kyle C. Nelli**, et al. "Simulating magnetized neutron stars with discontinuous Galerkin methods". *Phys. Rev. D* 105.12 (June 2022).

[5] Milton Ruiz, Antonios Tsokaros, Stuart L. Shapiro, **Kyle C. Nelli**, and Sam Qunell. "Magnetic ergostars, jet formation, and gamma-ray bursts: Ergoregions versus horizons". *Phys. Rev. D* 102.10 (Nov. 2020).

[6] Roberto Torelli, ..., **Kyle C. Nelli**, et al. "Evaluation of Shot-to-Shot In-Nozzle Flow Variations in a Heavy-Duty Diesel Injector Using Real Nozzle Geometry" (Apr. 2018).