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Scientific areas

Data analysis and detection of gravitational waves, machine learning, dense matter equation of state, numerical simulations of relativistic compact objects, high-performance computing.

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Languages (CERF scale)

English (C2), German (B2), French (A2)

Bibliometry

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Education

2013	**Habilitation** *"Astrophysical parameters of neutron stars as tests of the dense matter properties"* (25.10.2013)	Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, PAS
2001–2005	**PhD** in physics (astrophysics) *"Neutron stars dynamics and the equation of state of dense matter"*. Supervisor: Paweł Haensel (16.06.2005; with distinction from the NCAC Scientific Council).	Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, PAS
1996–2001	**Master** of Science	Warsaw University, Faculty of Physics

Positions

Current

2018–2019	**Researcher**	AstroParticule et Cosmologie (APC), CNRS, Paris, France
2014–2021	**Associate professor**	Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, PAS, Warsaw, Poland

Previous

2008–2014	**Assistant professor**	Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, PAS, Warsaw, Poland
2007–2008	**Post-doc**	Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, PAS, Warsaw, Poland
2006-2007	**Marie Currie Fellow post-doc**	Observatoire de Paris, LUTH, Paris-Meudon, France

Fellowships and awards

10.10.2016	W. Rubinowicz Science Prize from Polish Physical Society for the discovery of gravitational waves
09.2016	Short Term Scientific Mission, NewCompStar COST action (Wigner Institute, Budapest, Hungary)
04.05.2016	Gruber Cosmology Prize, Gruber Prize foundation, for the discovery of gravitational waves
02.05.2016	Special Breakthrough Prize in fundamental physics for the authors of the first direct detection of gravitational waves
15.03.2016	Nicolaus Copernicus Medal of the Polish Academy of Sciences (for members of the Virgo-POLGRAW team)
09–11.2015	DAAD Research Stay for University Academics and Scientists (Steinbuch Centre for Computing, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany)
04.2008–03.2011	Marie Curie Re-integration Fellowship (NCAC, Warsaw, Poland)
03.2006–08.2007	Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship (LUTH, Paris, France)

Peer review service

AAS & APS journals (ApJ, ApJ, Phys. Rev. D, Phys. Rev. Lett.), MNRAS, A&A, EPJA, General Relativity and Gravitation

Institutional responsibilities

2014–present: Proceedings of the Polish Astronomical Society editor

2009–present: Member of the Scientific Council, NCAC

2008–2012: Institute Journal Club host, NCAC

Invited talks

09.10.2018 Black Hole Initiative seminar, "Collisions of neutron stars with primordial black holes as fast radio bursts engines", Harvard Cambridge, USA

12.06.2018 Workshop "Neutron stars and their environments" (MODE-SNR-PWN), "Equation of state and the tidal deformability from gravitational wave measurements of LIGO and Virgo", Montpelier, France

10.10.2017 ECT* workshop "New perspectives on Neutron Star Interiors","Testing relativity with gravitational waves", Trento, Italy

06.07.2017 Inhomogeneous Cosmologies workshop, "Sage Manifolds: differential geometry with SageMath", Torun, Poland

23.06.2017 "Computational challenges of gravitational-wave searches", GPU Days 2017, The Future of Many-Core Computing in Science, Budapest, Hungary

31.03.2017 "Review on the continous gravitational wave searches", Rencontres de Moriond (Gravitation), La Thuile, Italy

01.12.2016 "The first detections of gravitational waves from binary black holes", DISCRETE 2016 (Special Session of the DISCRETE 2016 Symposium and the Leopold Infeld Colloquium), Warsaw, Poland

08.06.2016 "Pierwsza bezposrednia obserwacja fal grawitacyjnych", General meeting of the Warsaw Scientific Society, Warsaw, Poland

26.11.2015 "POLGRAW all-sky search for almost monochromatic gravitational waves in the Virgo and LIGO data", Polish Society on Relativity, Warsaw, Poland

Leader roles in research grants

2018-2022 Management Committee Member and Work Group Leader in the COST Action "A network for Gravitational Waves, Geophysics and Machine Learning", funding: EU Horizon2020 (`COST Action CA17137`)

2018–2021 PI at NCAC in "Gravitational-wave astronomy: participation of the Polgraw group in Advanced Virgo and Advanced LIGO projects" HARMONIA project, funding: NCN (`2017/26/M/ST9/00978`)

2017–2021 PI in "Transient gravitational waves from neutron stars: models and data analysis" SONATA BIS project, funding: NCN (`2016/22/E/ST9/00037`)

2015–2018 PI at NCAC in "Participation of Poland in the Advanced Virgo project" HARMONIA project, funding: NCN (`2014/14/M/ST9/00707`)

2013–2017 PI at NCAC in "Networking and R&D for Einstein Telescope", funding: NCN/ASPERA Eranet (`2013/01/ASPERA/ST9/00001`)

2013–2014 PI in "Search for gravitational waves from rotating neutron stars using hardware accelerators" OPUS project, funding: NCN (`2012/07/B/ST9/04420`)

10 recent selected publications

"Collisions of Neutron Stars with Primordial Black Holes as Fast Radio Bursts Engines", Abramowicz, M. A., M. Bejger, and M. Wielgus
ApJ *868, 17 (Nov. 2018) p. 17. 2018 (arXiv:* `1704.05931` *(astro-ph.HE))*

"Astronomical Distance Determination in the Space Age. Secondary Distance Indicators", Czerny, B., R. Beaton, M. Bejger, E. Cackett, M. Dall'Ora, R. F. L. Holanda, J. B. Jensen, S. W. Jha, E. Lusso, T. Minezaki, G. Risaliti, M. Salaris, S. Toonen, and Y. Yoshii
Space Sci. Rev. *214, 32 (Feb. 2018) p. 32. 2018 (arXiv:* `1801.00598`)

"Estimating the equation of state from measurements of neutron star radii with 5% accuracy", Sieniawska, M., M. Bejger, and B. Haskell
ArXiv e-prints *616, A105 (Aug. 2018) A105. 2018 (arXiv:* `1803.08813` *(astro-ph.HE))*

"Tidal deformability and other global parameters of compact stars with phase transitions", Sieniawska, M., W. Turczanski, M. Bejger, and J. Leszek Zdunik
ArXiv e-prints *(July 2018). 2018 (arXiv:* `1807.11581` *(astro-ph.HE))*

"Accurate Ray-tracing of Realistic Neutron Star Atmospheres for Constraining Their Parameters", Vincent, F. H., M. Bejger, A. Rozanska, O. Straub, T. Paumard, M. Fortin, J. Madej, A. Majczyna, E. Gourgoulhon, P. Haensel, L. Zdunik, and B. Beldycki
ApJ *855, 116 (Mar. 2018) p. 116. 2018 (arXiv:* `1711.02414` *(astro-ph.HE))*

"First Search for Gravitational Waves from Known Pulsars with Advanced LIGO", Abbott, B. P., R. Abbott, T. D. Abbott, M. R. Abernathy, F. Acernese, K. Ackley, C. Adams, T. Adams, P. Addesso, R. X. Adhikari, and et al.
ApJ *839, 12 (Apr. 2017) p. 12. 2017 (arXiv:* `1701.07709` *(astro-ph.HE))*

"All-sky search for periodic gravitational waves in the O1 LIGO data", Abbott, B. P., R. Abbott, T. D. Abbott, F. Acernese, K. Ackley, C. Adams, T. Adams, P. Addesso, R. X. Adhikari, V. B. Adya, and et al.
Phys. Rev. D *96.6, 062002 (Sept. 2017) p. 062002. 2017 (arXiv:* `1707.02667` *(gr-qc))*

"GW170814: A Three-Detector Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Coalescence", Abbott, B. P., R. Abbott, T. D. Abbott, F. Acernese, K. Ackley, C. Adams, T. Adams, P. Addesso, R. X. Adhikari, V. B. Adya, and et al.
Physical Review Letters *119.14, 141101 (Oct. 2017) p. 141101. 2017 (arXiv:* `1709.09660` *(gr-qc))*

"GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral", Abbott, B. P., R. Abbott, T. D. Abbott, F. Acernese, K. Ackley, C. Adams, T. Adams, P. Addesso, R. X. Adhikari, V. B. Adya, and et al.
Physical Review Letters *119.16, 161101 (Oct. 2017) p. 161101. 2017 (arXiv:* `1710.05832` *(gr-qc))*

"Status of the continuous GW searches in the Advanced Detector Era", Bejger, M.
Rencontres de Moriond 2017, Gravitation session *(Oct. 2017). 2017 (arXiv:* `arXiv:1710.06607` *(gr-qc))*

Teaching

8–22.07.2017	4th Cosmology School: Introduction to cosmology lecturer, "Cosmology with Gravitational Waves", Kraków, Poland
17.07.2017	Helmholtz International Summer School "Nuclear theory and astrophysical applications" lecturer, "Gravitational waves from neutron stars in the era of Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo detectors", Dubna, Russia
24–28.10.2016	Fifth GraWIToN School (GW Initial Training Network) lecturer, "Computational aspects of continuous wave data analysis and its optimization", Rome, Italy
Spring 2014	Monographic lecture for graduate students *"Relativistic Astrophysics and Related Computational Methods"* (`https://users.camk.edu.pl/bejger/lectures`)
2010–2016	*Summer@NCAC programme*: supervision of master students on projects related to astrophysics and computational problems (2 each year)
2015–	Supervision of theses: PhD - 2, bachelor - 1

Popularization of science

2011–present	Astronomy editor at the ”Delta” monthly magazine, aimed at the high-school and pre-graduate students interested in mathematics, computer science, physics and astronomy (in Polish: journal author's website `http://www.deltami.edu.pl/delta/autorzy/michal_bejger`)
see also	Scientific outreach site for the list of texts and recordings
2014–present	Polgraw-Virgo Collaboration outreach representative

Organization of scientific meetings

26–28.03.2018	POLNS18, Warsaw, Poland (SOC & LOC, 57 participants)
27–31.03.2017	Annual NewCompStar Conference 2017, Warsaw, Poland (SOC & LOC, 150 participants)
22–23.10.2012	HyperoNS12 workshop, Warsaw, Poland (LOC, 24 participants)
22–25.09.2010	Joint LIGO-Virgo Meeting, Kraków, Poland (LOC, remote participation system manager, 150 participants)
13–15.10.2004	1st Astro-PF Workshop, Warsaw, Poland (LOC, 15 participants)

Collaborations and memberships

2011–present	Member of the Virgo gravitational-wave detector project and the LIGO-Virgo collaboration
2013–2017	Polish Einstein Telescope design & study team
2015–present	International Astronomical Union
2016–present	Polish Astronomical Society

Software projects

PolgrawAllSky	Data-analysis pipeline, implementing the network-of-detectors time-domain $\mathcal{F}$-statistic method search for almost monochromatic gravitational wave signals (`https://github.com/mbejger/polgraw-allsky`)
SageManifolds	Contribution to the free and open source computer algebra system *SageMath* (`http://www.sagemath.org`) with the implementation of the differential geometry and symbolic tensor calculus package *SageManifolds* (`http://sagemanifolds.obspm.fr`)