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Research interests

High-energy astrophysics: accretion (accretion disks); compact objects (neutron stars, black holes)

Nuclear physics: equation of state of cold ultra-dense matter

General relativity: ray tracing

Statistics: Bayesian inference; Monte Carlo methods

Employment

2018 –2019 | **Nordita Fellow**, Nordita, Stockholm, Sweden.

Education

2014–2017 | **Ph.D. in Astrophysics (with honours)**, University of Turku, Finland.
Supervisor: Prof. Juri Poutanen, Director of Tuorla Observatory.
Title: X-ray bursts as a tool to constrain the equation of state of the ultra-dense matter inside neutron stars

2012–2013 | **M.Sc. in Astronomy**, University of Oulu, Finland.

2008–2012 | **B.Sc. in Physics**, University of Oulu, Finland.

Awards & Recognitions

2018 | Turku Finnish University Society Prize for best doctoral dissertation

2018 | Väisälä Prize 2018: Prize for outstanding thesis in Astronomy

2018 | PCS Best Doctoral Thesis of 2017 Prize

2016 | Nordita Visiting Ph.D. Fellow

Presentations & Talks (selected)

2018 | **Astroplasmas: Particle acceleration and transport**, Rende, Italy.

2018 | **Invited: Time for Accretion**, Sigtuna, Sweden.

2018 | **Astroplasmas seminar**, Princeton, USA.

2018 | **Invited: Fire and Ice: Hot QCD meets cold and dense matter**, Saariselkä, Finland.

2017 | **Invited: Holographic dense QCD and neutron stars**, ENS, Paris, France.

2016 | **Invited: From quarks to gravitational waves**, CERN.

2016 | **Invited: JINA-CEE Symposium: Neutron Stars in the Multi-Messenger Era**, Ohio, USA.

In total 7 invited, 19 contributed.

Professional Societies and Services

2018– | IAU Junior member

2016– | eXTP Dense Matter science working group

2015– | ESA XIPE satellite Science Team (SWG2.2 Accreting Millisecond Pulsars)

2013– | Member of JuliaLang organization (Open source community for Julia programming language)

2012– | Member of Finnish Astronomical Society

In addition, referee for Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society and Astronomy & Astrophysics since 2016.

Public outreach

My research has been presented in various local (Finnish) media: [tiedetuubi.fi](#) (30.11.2016), [Turun Sanomat](#) (10.11.2017), [Turkulainen](#) (10.11.2017), [Tähdet & Avaruus](#) (25.11.2017), [Aamuset](#) (8.12.2017), [Tekniikka & Talous](#) (8.12.2017), [Verkkouutiset](#) (8.12.2017); And in international media: [Cosmos](#) 27.11.2017.

Publications — Joonas Nättilä

15 refereed publications, 227 citations; h-index 7, g-index 15, i10-index 7 ([ADS](#)).

Peer-reviewed scientific articles

- [15] J. J. M. in't Zand, E. Bozzo, J. Qu, X.-D. Li, L. Amati, Y. Chen, I. Donnarumma, V. Doroshenko, S. A. Drake, and et al. (incl. **J. Nättilä**). Observatory science with eXTP. *Science China Physics, Mechanics, and Astronomy*, 62:29506, February 2019.
- [14] Z. Li, V. F. Suleimanov, J. Poutanen, T. Salmi, M. Falanga, **J. Nättilä**, and R. Xu. Evidence for the Photoionization Absorption Edge in a Photospheric Radius Expansion X-Ray Burst from GRS 1747–312 in Terzan 6. *ApJ*, 866:53, October 2018, [[arXiv:1809.00098](#)].
- [13] T. Salmi, **J. Nättilä**, and J. Poutanen. Bayesian parameter constraints for neutron star masses and radii using X-ray timing observations of accretion-powered millisecond pulsars. *A&A*, *in press*, May 2018, [[arXiv:1805.01149](#)].
- [12] P. Pihajoki, M. Mannerkoski, **J. Nättilä**, and P. H. Johansson. General purpose ray-tracing and polarized radiative transfer in General Relativity. *ApJ*, 863:8, August 2018, [[arXiv:1804.04670](#)].
- [11] **J. Nättilä** and P. Pihajoki. Radiation from rapidly rotating oblate neutron stars. *A&A*, 615:A50, July 2018, [[arXiv:1709.07292](#)].
- [10] **J. Nättilä**, M. C. Miller, A. W. Steiner, J. J. E. Kajava, V. F. Suleimanov, and J. Poutanen. Neutron star mass and radius measurements from atmospheric model fits to X-ray burst cooling tail spectra. *A&A*, 608:A31, December 2017, [[arXiv:1709.09120](#)].
- [9] V. F. Suleimanov, J. J. E. Kajava, S. V. Molkov, **J. Nättilä**, A. A. Lutovinov, K. Werner, and J. Poutanen. Basic parameters of the helium-accreting X-ray bursting neutron star in 4U 1820-30. *MNRAS*, 472:3905–3913, December 2017, [[arXiv:1708.09168](#)].
- [8] J. J. E. Kajava, K. I. I. Koljonen, **J. Nättilä**, V. Suleimanov, and J. Poutanen. Variable spreading layer in 4U 1608-52 during thermonuclear X-ray bursts in the soft state. *MNRAS*, 472:78–89, November 2017, [[arXiv:1707.09479](#)].
- [7] J. Kuuttila, J. J. E. Kajava, **J. Nättilä**, S. E. Motta, C. Sánchez-Fernández, E. Kuulkers, A. Cumming, and J. Poutanen. Flux decay during thermonuclear X-ray bursts analysed with the dynamic power-law index method. *A&A*, 604:A77, August 2017, [[arXiv:1705.05653](#)].
- [6] V. F. Suleimanov, J. Poutanen, **J. Nättilä**, J. J. E. Kajava, M. G. Revnivtsev, and K. Werner. The direct cooling tail method for X-ray burst analysis to constrain neutron star masses and radii. *MNRAS*, 466:906–913, April 2017, [[arXiv:1611.09885](#)].
- [5] J. J. E. Kajava, **J. Nättilä**, J. Poutanen, A. Cumming, V. Suleimanov, and E. Kuulkers. Detection of burning ashes from thermonuclear X-ray bursts. *MNRAS*, 464:L6–L10, January 2017, [[arXiv:1608.06801](#)].
- [4] **J. Nättilä**, A. W. Steiner, J. J. E. Kajava, V. F. Suleimanov, and J. Poutanen. Equation of state constraints for the cold dense matter inside neutron stars using the cooling tail method. *A&A*, 591:A25, June 2016, [[arXiv:1509.06561](#)].
- [3] **J. Nättilä**, V. F. Suleimanov, J. J. E. Kajava, and J. Poutanen. Models of neutron star atmospheres enriched with nuclear burning ashes. *A&A*, 581:A83, September 2015, [[arXiv:1507.01525](#)].
- [2] J. J. E. Kajava, **J. Nättilä**, O.-M. Latvala, M. Pursiainen, J. Poutanen, V. F. Suleimanov, M. G. Revnivtsev, E. Kuulkers, and D. K. Galloway. The influence of accretion geometry on the spectral evolution during thermonuclear (type I) X-ray bursts. *MNRAS*, 445:4218–4234, December 2014, [[arXiv:1406.0322](#)].
- [1] J. Poutanen, **J. Nättilä**, J. J. E. Kajava, O.-M. Latvala, D. K. Galloway, E. Kuulkers, and V. F. Suleimanov. The effect of accretion on the measurement of neutron star mass and radius in the low-mass X-ray binary 4U 1608-52. *MNRAS*, 442:3777–3790, August 2014, [[arXiv:1405.2663](#)].

Proceedings

- [1] P. Soffitta, R. Bellazzini, E. Bozzo, V. Burwitz, A. Castro-Tirado, E. Costa, T. Courvoisier, H. Feng, S. Gburek, R. Goosmann, and et al. (incl. **J. Nättilä**) XIPE: the x-ray imaging polarimetry explorer. In *Space Telescopes and Instrumentation 2016: Ultraviolet to Gamma Ray*, volume 9905 of *Proc. SPIE*, page 990515, July 2016.

Theses

- [3] **J. Nättilä**. X-ray bursts as a tool to constrain the equation of state of the ultra-dense matter inside neutron stars. PhD thesis, University of Turku, Finland, 2017. ISBN:978-951-29-7057-5.
- [2] **J. Nättilä**. Mass and radius constraints for neutron stars using the cooling tail method. Master’s thesis, University of Oulu, Finland, 2013. oulu-201312041966.
- [1] **J. Nättilä**. Spectral analysis of X-ray bursts from neutron stars: IGR J1747–2721 (*Neutronitähtien röntgenpurkaukset ja niiden spektrianalyysi: IGR J1747–2721*). Bachelor’s thesis, University of Oulu, Finland, 2012.

Open source software

- [6] **PlasmaBox**, Modern C++14/PYTHON3 toolbox for kinetic plasma simulations. <https://github.com/natj/plasmabox>
- [5] **CORGI**, C++14 grid infrastructure for massively parallel multi-physics simulations. <https://github.com/natj/corgi>
- [4] **mpi4cpp**, User-friendly C++14 MPI headers with template metaprogramming. <https://github.com/natj/mpi4cpp>
- [3] **Bender, ray tracing code**, General relativistic ray tracing code for computing radiation from rapidly rotating oblate neutron stars in JULIA/PYTHON3. <https://github.com/natj/bender>
- [2] **Hydro, modular 2D hydrodynamical code** with unsplitted HLLC Rieman solver, second order Runge-Kutta time-stepping, and linear piecewise reconstruction written in pure JULIA. <https://github.com/natj/hydro>
- [1] **CellularAutomata.jl**, JULIA library for 1/2D elementary and totalistic Cellular automata modeling. <https://github.com/natj/CellularAutomata.jl>

+ Smaller libraries and software available at <https://github.com/natj>.