Roland Haas

Curriculum vitae

Personal information

Name Roland Haas

Date of birth May 29th 1980

Place of Herbolzheim

birth

Nationality German, permanent resident of Canada

Experience

07/2016- senior research programmer, NCSA, Urbana, Advisors: Gabrielle Allen,

current Greg Bauer.

Numerical Relativity

09/2014- Junior scientist / Postdoc, Albert Einstein Institute, Potsdam, Advisor:

07/2016 Alessandra Buonanno.

Numerical Relativity

09/2011 - Postdoctoral research fellow, Caltech, Pasadena, Advisor: Christian Ott.

08/2014 Numerical Relativity

08/2008- Postdoctoral research fellow, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Advisor: Pablo Laguna.

09/2011 Numerical astrophysics

PhD thesis

title Self-force on point particles in orbit around a Schwarzschild black hole

supervisors Eric Poisson, University of Guelph, Canada

Master thesis

title Mass loss of a scalar charge in cosmological spacetimes

supervisors Eric Poisson, University of Guelph, Canada

Languages

German native speaker

English fluent

French basic

Computer skills

Programming Fortran (77 and 90), C, C++, m68k assembly language, Perl, python, Tcl, awk,

Languages shell-scripting, basic html, basic PHP, basic Javascript, LATEX

Parallel code MPI, OpenMP, basic CUDA

frameworks

Application Cactus computational toolkit, SpEC, PETSc

frameworks

Version git, subversion, mercurial, darcs, cvs

control

Scientific numpy, h5py, matplotlib, gnuplot, VisIt, Paraview, doxygen

software

Operating Linux (Debian, Ubuntu, RedHat), macOS, Windows (mostly XP, 95), AmigaOS

systems

Infrastructure Deployment and maintenance of apache-based group website, MediaWiki, centralized git and subversion repositories including customized web interface for user and repository management using Submin, setup of mailing lists using mailman and exim, user account management. Kubernetes, Docker and Jupyter-Hub to run the Einstein Toolkit Tutorial server. Docker containers in HPC environments using Shifter.

Awards

2010–2012 NSERC postdoctoral Fellowship (USD 80,000)

2006–2008 NSERC postgraduate scholarship (CAD 41,000)

2005 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (CAD 15,000)

2005 Governor General's Academic Medal Awarded by the Governor General to the student graduating with the highest average from a university program

Memberships

2016-current Association for Computing Machinery

2014-current German Physical Society

2008-current American Physical Society

Services

2008–current Maintainer of the Einstein Toolkit, a collaborative NSF funded effort by LSU,

NCSA, RIT, Georgia Tech, and Caltech to provide robust simulation codes for numerical relativity and numerical astrophysics with 256 registered users at 176

different groups.

07/2017 Lead organizer of the EinsteinToolkit workshop at the NCSA / UIUC meeting

in Urbana-Champaign

2012–2014 Organizer of the relativity section of the weekly TAPIR seminars.

- 07/2013 Organizer of the Einstein Toolkit Summer Workshop at Caltech, where all maintainer met to discuss future directions of the project.
- 2011 co-organizer of the EinsteinToolkit workshop at the APS meeting in Atlanta 2007–current Referee for PRD, PRL, and CQG.
 - 04/2009 Session chair Numerical Simulations of Black holes and Neutron Stars, April APS meeting, Washington DC.

Lectures

- Tutorial session on using the Einstein Toolkit at the Einstein Toolkit workshop at RIT, 2019.
- Tutorial session on using adaptive mesh refinement at the EU Einstein Toolkit workshop in Lisbon, Portugal, 2018.
- Tutorial session on writing an analysis module at the Spring Einstein Toolkit workshop attached to the April APS meeting in Atlanta, 2012.
- Tutorial session and introduction to the Einstein Toolkit at the Summer Einstein Toolkit workshop at the Caltech Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics School 2013.

Invited talks

- "Gravitational and electromagnetic signatures from the tidal disruption of stars", Caltech, Pasadena. CaJAGWR Seminars.
- "Three-Dimensional General-Relativistic Hydrodynamic Simulations of Binary Neutron Star Coalescence and Stellar Collapse with Multipatch Grids", UIUC, Urbana-Champaign. Theoretical Astrophysics and General Relativity Seminar.
- "Community astrophysics science with the Einstein Toolkit", Urbana-Champaign. Theoretical Astrophysics and General Relativity Seminar.

Grants

- Principal investigator of NSF XRAC grant TG-PHY160053 "Convergence of Numerical Relativity and Deep Learning for Gravitational Wave Astrophysics"
- Co-principal investigator of NSF XRAC grant TG-PHY100033 "Simulations of Relativistic Astrophysical Systems"
- Co-principal investigator of NERSC project m152 "Central Engine Models for Core-Collapse Supernovae and Long Gamma-Ray Bursts"

Students mentored

- Jeffrey Kaplan. Graduate Student. Project: binary neutron star inspirals with SpEC.
- Jonas Lippuner. Graduate Student. Project: binary neutron star inspirals with SpEC.
- Sherwood Richers. Graduate Student. Project: Neutrino Transport in Supernova Simulations.
- Shawn Rosofksy. Graduate Student. Project: binary neutron star inspirals with Cactus.

- Hannah Klion Summer. Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) student in 2012. Project: Gravitational Waves from Rapidly Rotating Core-Collapse Supernovae.
- Cheol Woo (Peter) Park. Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) student in 2012. Project: black hole perturbation theory and white dwarf disruption by an intermediate mass black hole.
- Cutter Coryell. Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) student in 2013. Project: Testing Fully Dynamical Adaptive Mesh Refinement in the Einstein Toolkit.
- Dhara Mehta. Undergraduate researcher (SPIN) in 2017. Project: Automatically prune and archive simulation results produced by the Einstein Toolkit.
- Wei Ren. Undergraduate researcher in 2017. Project: Extrapolating gravitational waves produced by the Einstein Toolkit to Scri+.
- Daniel Johnson. Undergraduate researcher in 2017. Python Open-source Waveform ExtractoR: An open source, python package to monitor and postprocess numerical relativity simulations.
- Nikita Jain. Undergraduate researcher (SPIN) in 2017. Project: A GPU accelerated BSSN using GAMER.
- Pablo Brubeck. Undergraduate research fellow in 2017. Project: Producing initial data for Cactus using LORENE.
- Sibo Wang. Undergraduate researcher (SPIN) in 2017. Project: Using the Adams-Bashforth timestepper in Cactus.
- Vedant Puri. Undergraduate researcher (SPIN) in 2017. Testing Scheduled Jacobi Relaxation methods for use in the Einstein Toolkit.
- Debopam Sanyal. Undergraduate researcher (SPIN) in 2018. Comparing methods to extrapolate gravitational waves to Scri+
- Nicolas White. Undergraduate researcher (INCLUSION) in 2018. Incorporating the ENIGMA gravitational wave model into LALsuite.
- Sarah Habib. Undergraduate researcher (INCLUDION) in 2018, 2019. Gauge invariant measurement of eccentricity in gravitational waves, implementing a method to reduce eccentricity in simulations using the Einstein Toolkit.
- Zeran Zhu. Undergraduate researcher (SPIN) in 2018. Generic output routines for the Einstein Toolkit.
- Bing-Jyun (Johnny) Tsao. Undergraduate researcher (SPIN) in 2019. Solving the Poisson equation on irregular domains.
- Brockton Brendal. Undergraduate researcher in 2019. Implementing methods to extrapolate gravitational waves to Scri+ in the NCSA POWER code.
- Bridgette Davey. Undergraduate researcher (INCLUSION) in 2019. Processing numerical relativity simulation results for use by LIGO.
- Joseph Adamo. Undergraduate researcher in 2019. Incorporating the ENIGMA gravitational wave model into LALsuite.
- Keiwen Zhang. Undergraduate researcher in 2019. Improving the quality of gravitational waves produced using the Einstein Toolkit.

 Yufeng Luo. Undergraduate researcher in 2019. DataVault an opens storage infrastructure for results obtained using the Einstein Toolkit.