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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA, USA

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B.S., Chemical Engineering, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, USA

May 2018

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Minors: Mathematics and International & Cross-Cultural Perspectives

EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant, UMass Amherst, Amherst, MA, USA

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STEM Educator, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, USA

September 2017–May 2017

Tutor, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, USA

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Teaching Assistant, Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY, USA

Spring 2016–2017, Fall 2017

Global Manufacturing Tech. Intern, SI Group, Schenectady, NY, USA May-August 2017

RESEARCH Interests General relativity (GR), gravitation, and astrophysical phenomena which can elucidate gravity. One major theme is pushing numerical and analytical gravitational-wave (GW) predictions to the precision frontier in advance of next-generation observatories. A second major theme is using GWs to test GR against beyond-GR models, in both theory-independent and theory-dependent models. This involves numerical relativity and renormalization methods applied to specific effective field models for beyond-GR theories.

Honors and Awards **PPG Fellowship,** PPG Industries, Inc.

2024

Teaching Assistant Award, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Fall 2022

Clarkson Scholarship, Clarkson University

Fall 2014-Spring 2018

Dean's List, Clarkson University

Fall 2014-Fall 2017

Teaching	Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst				
EXPERIENCE	CHEM-ENG 401, Senior laboratory	Falls 2022–2023			
	CHEM-ENG 338, Separation processes	Spring 2022			
	CHEM-ENG 446, Process control	Fall 2021			
	Tutor, Clarkson University				
	STAT 383, Probability and statistics	Spring 2018			
	CH 370, Transfer process fundamentals	Fall 2017			
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		Springs 2016–2017			
	ES 100, Intro to engineering use of computers	Springs 2010–2017			
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES,	LISA Consortium, Full member	2020–Present			
	UMiss LISA Group leader	2020-Present			
Outreach, and Service	Order of the Engineer, member 2018–Present Omega Chi Epsilon, member 2016–Present				
	Delta Chapter President	2017 – 2018			
	American Institute of Chemical Engineers, member	2014–Present			
	Simulating Extreme Spacetimes with SpEC and SpECTRE, ICERN Week-long international workshop, ~85 participants	August 2024			
	New frontiers in strong gravity, Benasque, Spain Two week international conference, ~70 participants	July 2024			
	Nonlinear Aspects of General Relativity, Princeton PCTS Four day workshop, ~100 participants	October 2023			
	Numerical Relativity Community Summer School, ICERM Week-long international summer school, 150 participants	August 2022			
	New frontiers in strong gravity, Benasque, Spain Two week international conference, 100 participants	July 2022			
	Numerical Relativity beyond General Relativity, Benasque, Spain Week-long international workshop, 59 participants	June 2018			
	$34^{\rm th}$ Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech Two day conference, ~ 125 participants	March 2018			
	Unifying Tests of General Relativity, Caltech Three day workshop, 52 participants	July 2016			
	Seminar organizer				
	TAPIR seminar, Caltech	Fall 2015–Spring 2018			
	General Relativity Informal Tea-Time Series (GRITTS), MIT	Fall 2011–Spring 2012			
	MKI Journal Club, MIT	Fall 2007–Spring 2010			
	Conference session chair; Judge for best student speaker award				
	April APS meeting, NY, NY	April 2022			
	Midwest relativity meeting, Grand Rapids, MI	October 2019			

	April APS meeting, Columbus, OH	April 2018
	4 th Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), Caltech	March 2018
	3 rd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), UCSB	March 2017
•	April" APS meeting, Washington D.C.	January 2017
	2 nd Pacific Coast Gravity Meeting (PCGM), CSU Fullerton	April 2016
erton No	Theoretical Astrophysics in Southern California (TASC), CSU Fullerton	November 2015

Journal referee

American Journal of Physics, Classical and Quantum Gravity, Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics, Journal of Open Source Software, General Relativity and Gravitation, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, Physics Letters B, Physical Review D, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review X, Reviews of Modern Physics, The Astrophysical Journal Letters, The Physics Teacher

Agency work

Reviewer for NSF, NASA

Outreach

Oxford Science Café Lecture: "The truth about black holes"	April 2019
Guest on the Starts With a Bang podcast Episode 42: Black holes and gravitation	March 25, 2019
Invited speaker for Latin American Webinar on Physics Webinar 75: "Testing Einstein with numerical relativity"	March 13, 2019
Caltech astronomy public lecture series speaker Lecture: "The truth about black holes"	March 2018
Astronomy on Tap public lecture series speaker and volunteer Close to a monthly basis	2016-2018
Caltech astronomy public lecture series panelist and emcee Approximately every three months	2016-2018
Invited guest lecture on black holes and gravitational waves Science of Space and Time, Hampshire College	November 2017
Invited video Q&A session, public high school physics class The Nova Project school, Seattle	June 2017
Guest on The Titanium Physicists Podcast	
Episode 80: Picturing the Bach Hole	August 21, 2019
Episode 64: The edges of Einstein	April 25, 2016
Episode 62: Black Bells	February 1, 2016
Quora Q&A Session on gravitational waves and first detection $83.9k+$ views, $20.8k+$ followers	February 17, 2016
Invited guest host, public screening of $COSMOS$ with Q&A, Science Cabaret/Cornell	March/June 2014
Invited public talk at <i>Frontiers of Cornell Astronomy</i> , Cornell Friends of Astronomy	November 2013
Invited video chat, <i>Topics in Physics</i> course, Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth	July 2013

Computer Skills

Expert in Mathematica. Proficient in C/C++, Python, Bash, Javascript. Experience in Java, Haskell. Proficient at *nix and HPC. Markup languages: LATEX, HTML, CSS, Markdown.

Software—Most contributions can be found at https://github.com/duetosymmetry. Member of the Simulating eXtreme Spacetimes (SXS) collaboration, contributor to the Spectral Einstein Code (SpEC). Member of the Black Hole Perturbation Toolkit. Author of qnm python package (https://github.com/duetosymmetry/qnm). Core collaborator on XACT (http://xact.es) abstract tensor calculus package for MATHEMATICA. Coauthor of XTERIOR package for exterior differential geometry under XACT. Co-maintainer of community contributions at http://contrib.xact.es. Developed arXiv-keys browser extension/add-on for Chrome/Firefox. Author of orcidlink and coauthor of gridpapers packages for IATEX.

PUBLICATION SUMMARY

h-index —As of 2024-06-03: 61 (according to Google Scholar), or 53 (according to INSPIRE). Both include collaboration papers.

Top five cited —Excluding LIGO/Virgo collaboration papers.

- 1. Berti, E., (5 authors), **Stein, L. C.**, (46 more authors) (2015) Testing General Relativity with Present and Future Astrophysical Observations, Class. Quantum Grav. **32** 243001 [arXiv:1501.07274].
- 2. Barack, L., et al. (2019) Black holes, gravitational waves and fundamental physics: a roadmap, Class. Quantum Grav. **36** 143001 [arXiv:1806.05195].
- 3. Boyle, M., et al. (**LCS** is corresponding author) (2019) The SXS Collaboration catalog of binary black hole simulations, Class. Quantum Grav. 36 195006 [arXiv:1904.04831].
- 4. Varma, V, et al. (2019) Surrogate models for precessing binary black hole simulations with unequal masses, Phys. Rev. Research 1, 033015 [arXiv:1905.09300].
- Yunes, N., Stein, L. C. (2011), Nonspinning black holes in alternative theories of gravity, Phys. Rev. D 83 104002 [arXiv:1101.2921].

SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS

- 62. Magaña Zertuche, L., **Stein, L. C.**, et al., (2024) High-Precision Ringdown Surrogate Model for Non-Precessing Binary Black Holes, [arXiv:2408.05300].
- 61. Mitman, K., Boyle, M., **Stein, L. C.**, et al., (2024) A Review of Gravitational Memory and BMS Frame Fixing in Numerical Relativity, [arXiv:2405.08868].
- 60. Zhu, H., (9 authors), **Stein, L. C.**, (2024) Imprints of Changing Mass and Spin on Black Hole Ringdown, [arXiv:2404.12424].
- 59. Sun, D., Boyle, M., Mitman, K., Scheel, M. A., **Stein, L. C.**, Teukolsky, S. A., Varma, V., (2024) Optimizing post-Newtonian parameters and fixing the BMS frame for numerical-relativity waveform hybridizations, [arXiv:2403.10278].

COLLABORATION PUBLICATIONS

From 2008–2012, I was coauthor on 34 referred LIGO and/or LIGO/Virgo collaboration publications. I only list short author-list publications below.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 58. Stein, L. C., (2024) Can a radiation gauge be horizon-locking?, Class. Quantum Grav. 41 157001 [arXiv:2404.10113].
- 57. Samanta, R., Tanay, S., **Stein, L. C.**, (2023) Closed-form solutions of spinning, eccentric binary black holes at 1.5 post-Newtonian order, Phys. Rev. D **108**, 124039 [arXiv:2210.01605].
- Bronicki, D., Cárdenas-Avendaño, A., Stein, L. C., (2023) Tidally-induced nonlinear resonances in EMRIs with an analogue model, Class. Quantum Grav. 40 215015 [arXiv:2203.08841].
- 55. Yoo, J., et al., (2023) Numerical relativity surrogate model with memory effects and post-Newtonian hybridization, Phys. Rev. D 108, 064027 [arXiv:2306.03148].

- 54. Ma, S., Varma, V., **Stein, L. C.**, et al. (2023) Numerical simulations of black hole–neutron star mergers in scalar-tensor gravity, Phys. Rev. D **107**, 124051 [arXiv:2304.11836].
- 53. Tanay, S., **Stein, L. C.**, Cho, G., (2023) Action-angle variables of a binary black-hole with arbitrary eccentricity, spins, and masses at 1.5 post-Newtonian order, Phys. Rev. D **107**, 103040 [arXiv:2110.15351].
- 52. Grant, A. M., Saffer, A., **Stein, L. C.**, Tahura, A., (2023) Gravitational-wave energy and other fluxes in ghost-free bigravity, Phys. Rev. D **107**, 044041 [arXiv:2208.02123].
- 51. Mitman, K., Lagos, M., Stein, L. C., et al. (2023) Nonlinearities in black hole ringdowns, Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 081402 [arXiv:2208.07380]. Steinter Suggestion, Featured in Physics.
- Clark, W. A., Gomes, M. W., Rodriguez-Gonzalez, A., Stein, L. C., Strogatz, S. H., (2023) Surprises in a classic boundary-layer problem, SIAM Review 2023 65:1, 291-315 [arXiv:2107.11624].
- 49. Mitman, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Boyle, M., et al. (2022) Fixing the BMS Frame of Numerical Relativity Waveforms with BMS Charges, Phys. Rev. D **106**, 084029 [arXiv:2208.04356].
- 48. Okounkova, M, Farr, W. M., Isi, M., **Stein, L. C.**, (2022) Constraining gravitational wave amplitude birefringence and Chern-Simons gravity with GWTC-2, Phys. Rev. D **106**, 044067 [arXiv:2101.11153].
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- 46. Gálvez Ghersi, J. T., **Stein, L. C.**, (2021) Numerical renormalization group-based approach to secular perturbation theory, Phys. Rev. E **104**, 034219 [arXiv:2106.08410].
- 45. Mitman, K., Khera, N., Iozzo, D. A. B., Stein, L. C., et al., (2021) Fixing the BMS frame of numerical relativity waveforms, Phys. Rev. D 104, 024051 [arXiv:2105.02300].
- 44. Iozzo, D. A. B., Khera, N., **Stein, L. C.**, et al., (2021) Comparing Remnant Properties from Horizon Data and Asymptotic Data in Numerical Relativity, Phys. Rev. D **103**, 124029 [arXiv:2104.07052].
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- 42. Tanay, S., **Stein, L. C.**, Gálvez Ghersi, J. T., (2020) Integrability of eccentric, spinning black hole binaries up to second post-Newtonian order, Phys. Rev. D **103**, 064066 [arXiv:2012.06586].
- 41. Gálvez Ghersi, J. T., **Stein, L. C.**, (2020) A fixed point for black hole distributions, Class. Quantum Grav. **38** 045012 [arXiv:2007.11578].
- Okounkova, M., Stein, L. C., Moxon, J., Scheel, M. A., Teukolsky, S. A., (2020) Numerical relativity simulation of GW150914 beyond general relativity, Phys. Rev. D 101, 104016 [arXiv:1911.02588].
- Stein, L. C., Warburton, N., (2020) Location of the last stable orbit in Kerr spacetime, Phys. Rev. D 101, 064007 [arXiv:1912.07609].
- 38. Okounkova, M., Stein, L. C., Scheel, M. A., Teukolsky, S. A., (2019) Numerical binary black hole collisions in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity, Phys. Rev. D 100, 104026 [arXiv:1906.08789].
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- 36. Stein, L. C., (2019) qnm: A Python package for calculating Kerr quasinormal modes, separation constants, and spherical-spheroidal mixing coefficients, J. Open Source Softw., 4(42), 1683 [arXiv:1908.10377].
- 35. Boyle, M., et al. (**LCS** is corresponding author) (2019) The SXS Collaboration catalog of binary black hole simulations, Class. Quantum Grav. 36 195006 [arXiv:1904.04831].

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- 31. Isi, M., Stein, L. C. (2018) Measuring stochastic gravitational-wave energy beyond general relativity, Phys. Rev. D 98, 104025 [arXiv:1807.02123].
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- 29. Gerosa, D., Hébert, F., **Stein, L. C.** (2018) Black-hole kicks from numerical-relativity surrogate models, Phys. Rev. D **97**, 104049 [arXiv:1802.04276].
- Chen, B., Stein, L. C. (2018) Deformation of extremal black holes from stringy interactions, Phys. Rev. D 97, 084012 [arXiv:1802.02159].
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- 18. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Pappas, G., Yunes, N., Apostolatos, T. (2014) Why I-Love-Q: Explaining why universality emerges in compact objects, Phys. Rev. D **90** 063010 [arXiv:1406.7587].
- 17. **Stein, L. C.** (2014) Rapidly rotating black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity: Decoupling limit solutions and breakdown, Phys. Rev. D **90** 044061 [arXiv:1407.2350].
- Stein, L. C., Yagi, K., Yunes, N. (2014) Three-Hair Newtonian Relations for Rotating Stars, ApJ 788 15 [arXiv:1312.4532].
- 15. **Stein, L. C.**, Yagi, K. (2014) Parameterizing and constraining scalar corrections to general relativity, Phys. Rev. D **89** 044026 [arXiv:1310.6743].

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- 13. Yagi, K., **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N., Tanaka, T. (2012), Post-Newtonian, Quasi-Circular Binary Inspirals in Quadratic Modified Gravity, Phys. Rev. D **85** 064022 [arXiv:1110.5950].
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- 11. Yunes, N., **Stein, L. C.** (2011), Nonspinning black holes in alternative theories of gravity, Phys. Rev. D **83** 104002 [arXiv:1101.2921].
- 10. **Stein, L. C.**, Yunes, N. (2011), Effective gravitational wave stress-energy tensor in alternative theories of gravity, Phys. Rev. D **83** 064038 [arXiv:1012.3144].
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- 8. Sutton, P., Jones, G., Chatterji, S., Kalmus, P., Leonor, I., Poprocki, S., Rollins, J., Searle, A., Stein, L., Tinto, M., Was, M. (2010), X-Pipeline: an analysis package for autonomous gravitational-wave burst searches, New J. Phys. 12 053034 [arXiv:0908.3665].
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- 5. **Stein, L. C.** (2014), Note on Legendre decomposition of the Pontryagin density in Kerr, [arXiv:1407.0744].
- 4. **Stein, L. C.** (2012), *Probes of Strong-field Gravity*, Ph.D. thesis at Massachusetts Institute of Technology [hdl:1721.1/77256].
- 3. Betancourt, M., Stein, L. C. (2011) The Geometry of Hamiltonian Monte Carlo, [arXiv:1112.4118].
- 2. Stein, L. C. (2009), Binary Inspiral Gravitational Waves from a Post-Newtonian Expansion, Contribution to the Wolfram Demonstrations Project, http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/BinaryInspiralGravitationalWavesFromAPostNewtonianExpansion/
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