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Pappalardo Fellow at MIT studying the dynamics of compact objects in star clusters. Research interests include computational astrophysics, black hole formation, dynamics, and gravitational-wave astronomy. Strongly interested in the applications of astrophysics to STEM education and outreach.

Education

Academic Qualifications.....

Northwestern University <i>Evanston, IL</i> Thesis – Modeling Dense Star Clusters and Their Implications for Advanced LIGO Advisor – Frederic Rasio	Ph.D. Physics 2016
Reed College <i>Portland, OR</i> Thesis – Accretion Disk Geodesics in Extreme Kerr Geometries Advisor – Joel Franklin	B.A. Physics 2010

Honors and Awards.....

○ MIT Pappalardo Fellowship	2016–Present
○ NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2011–2016
○ NSF GK12 Fellowship	2013–2014
○ Illinois Space Grant Consortium Fellowship	2010–2011, 2015–2016
○ NSF STEM Scholar	2008–2010

First Author Papers (with links)

Post-Newtonian Dynamics in Dense Star Clusters: Highly-Eccentric, Highly-Spinning, and Repeated Binary Black Hole Mergers <i>C. L. Rodriguez, S. Chatterjee, F. Rasio, F. Rasio</i> ; Phys. Rev. Lett, 120 , 151101 - Articles in <i>Boston Globe</i> , <i>MIT News</i> (Links),	PRL 2018
Illuminating Black Hole Binary Formation Channels with Spins in Advanced LIGO <i>C. L. Rodriguez, M. Zevin, C. Pankow, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio</i> ; ApJL, 832 , L2	ApJL 2016
Dynamical Formation of the GW150914 Binary Black Hole <i>C. L. Rodriguez, C.-J. Haster, S. Chatterjee, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio</i> ; ApJL, 824 , L8 - Articles in <i>New Scientist</i> , <i>Sky News</i> (Links), - Synopsis in <i>Astrobites</i> (Link)	ApJL 2016
Binary Black Hole Mergers from Globular Clusters: Masses, Merger Rates, and the Impact of Stellar Evolution <i>C. L. Rodriguez, S. Chatterjee, F. Rasio</i> ; Phys. Rev. D, 93 , 084029	PRD 2016
Million-Body Star Cluster Simulations: Comparisons between Monte Carlo and Direct N-body <i>C. L. Rodriguez, M. Morscher, L. Wang, S. Chatterjee, F. Rasio, R. Spurzem</i> ; MNRAS 463 , 2109	MNRAS 2016

Binary Black Hole Mergers from Globular Clusters: Implications for Advanced LIGO PRL
2015
C. L. Rodriguez, M. Morscher, B. Pattabiraman, S. Chatterjee, C.J. Haster, and F. Rasio; Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 051101
- Synopsis by APS in *Physics* (Link)
- Synopsis in popular science blog *IFLS* (Link)

Basic Parameter Estimation of Binary Neutron Star Systems by the Advanced LIGO/Virgo Network ApJ
2014
C. L. Rodriguez, B. Farr, V. Raymond, W. Farr, T. Littenberg, D. Fazi, V. Kalogera; ApJ, **785**, 2, 119

Inadequacies of the Fisher Information Matrix in gravitational-wave parameter estimation PRD
2013
C. L. Rodriguez, B. Farr, W. Farr, I. Mandel; Phys. Rev. D, **88**, 8, 084013

Verifying the no-hair property of massive compact objects with intermediate-mass-ratio inspirals in advanced gravitational-wave detectors PRD
2012
C. L. Rodriguez, I. Mandel, J. Gair; Phys. Rev. D, **85**, 6, 062002
- Synopsis in *Astrobites* (Link)

Contributing Author (with links)

Precessional Dynamics of Black Hole Triples: Binary Mergers with near-zero Effective Spin 2017
F. Antonini, C. L. Rodriguez, C. Petrovich, C. Fischer; PRL, (Submitted)

Accreting Black Hole Binaries in Globular Clusters ApJ
2017
K. Kremer, S. Chatterjee, C. L. Rodriguez, F. Rasio; ApJ, (accepted)

Constraining Models of Binary Black Hole Formation with Gravitational-Wave Observations ApJ
2017
M. Zevin, C. Pankow, C. L. Rodriguez, L. Sampson, E. Chase, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio; ApJ, **846**, 82Z

Dynamical Formation of Low-mass Merging Black Hole Binaries like GW151226 ApJL
2017
S. Chatterjee, C. L. Rodriguez, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio; ApJL, **836**, L26

Binary Black Holes in Dense Star Clusters: Exploring the Theoretical Uncertainties ApJ
2017
S. Chatterjee, C. L. Rodriguez, F. Rasio; ApJ, **834**, 1, 68

Distinguishing Between Formation Channels for Binary Black Holes with LISA ApJL
2016
K. Breivik, C. L. Rodriguez, S. Larson, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio; ApJL, **830**, L18

Black Hole Mergers and Blue Stragglers from Hierarchical Triples Formed in Globular Clusters ApJ
2016
F. Antonini, S. Chatterjee, C. L. Rodriguez, M. Morscher, B. Pattabiraman, V. Kalogera, F. Rasio; ApJ, **816**, 2, 65

The Dynamical Evolution of Stellar Black Holes in Globular Clusters ApJ
2015
M. Morscher, B. Pattabiraman, C. L. Rodriguez, F. Rasio, S. Umbreit; ApJ, **800**, 1, 21

Parameter estimation for compact binaries with ground-based gravitational-wave observations using the LALInference software library PRD
2015
J. Veitch, V. Raymond, B. Farr, W. Farr, P. Graff, S. Vitale, B. Aylott, K. Blackburn, N. Christensen, M. Coughlin, W. Del Pozzo, F. Feroz, J. Gair, C.J. Haster, V. Kalogera, T. Littenberg, I. Mandel, R. O'Shaughnessy, M. Pitkin, C. L. Rodriguez, C. Röver, T. Sidery, R. Smith, M. Van Der Sluys, A. Vecchio, W. Vousden, L. Wade; Phys. Rev. D, **91**, 4, 042003

- Comparison of Gravitational Wave Detector Network Sky Localization Approximations** PRD
2014
K. Grover, S. Fairhurst, B. Farr, I. Mandel, C. L. Rodriguez, T. Sidery, A. Vecchio; Phys. Rev. D, **89**, 4, 042004
- Estimating parameters of coalescing compact binaries with proposed advanced detector networks** PRD
2012
J. Veitch, I. Mandel, B. Aylott, B. Farr, V. Raymond, C. L. Rodriguez, M. van der Sluys, V. Kalogera, A. Vecchio; Phys. Rev. D **85**, 104045
- Mock data challenge for the Einstein Gravitational-Wave Telescope** PRD
2012
T. Regimbau, T. Dent, W. Del Pozzo, S. Giampanis, T.G.F. Li, C. Robinson, C. Van Den Broeck, D. Meacher, C. L. Rodriguez, B.S. Sathyaprakash, K. Wójcik; Phys. Rev. D **86**, 122001
- Lateral alignment of InGaAs quantum dots as function of spacer thickness** APL
2009
Z. Wang, C. L. Rodriguez, S. Seydmohamadi, Y. I. Mazur, G. Salamo; Appl. Phys. Lett. **94**, 083107
- Controlling fluorescence intermittency of a single colloidal CdSe/ZnS quantum dot in a half cavity** PRB
2008
Y. Zhang, V. Komarala, C. L. Rodriguez, M. Xiao; Phys. Rev. B **78**, 241301(R)

Collaboration Papers

Coauthor on 23 Collaboration Papers as a Member of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration

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2011-2015

- Characterization of the LIGO detectors during their sixth science run
- Searching for stochastic gravitational waves using data from the two colocated LIGO Hanford detectors
- Constraints on Cosmic Strings from the LIGO-Virgo Gravitational-Wave Detectors
- Application of a Hough search for continuous gravitational waves on data from the fifth LIGO science run
- Gravitational Waves from Known Pulsars: Results from the Initial Detector Era
- First Searches for Optical Counterparts to Gravitational-wave Candidate Events
- Search for long-lived gravitational-wave transients coincident with long gamma-ray bursts
- Directed search for continuous gravitational waves from the Galactic center
- Parameter estimation for compact binary coalescence signals with the first generation gravitational-wave detector network
- A first search for coincident gravitational waves and high energy neutrinos using LIGO, Virgo and ANTARES data from 2007
- Einstein@Home all-sky search for periodic gravitational waves in LIGO S5 data
- Search for gravitational waves from binary black hole inspiral, merger, and ringdown in LIGO-Virgo data from 2009-2010
- Swift Follow-up Observations of Candidate Gravitational-wave Transient Events
- Search for Gravitational Waves Associated with Gamma-Ray Bursts during LIGO Science Run 6 and Virgo Science Runs 2 and 3
- The characterization of Virgo data and its impact on gravitational-wave searches
- All-sky search for gravitational-wave bursts in the second joint LIGO-Virgo run
- Upper limits on a stochastic gravitational-wave background using LIGO and Virgo interferometers at 600-1000 Hz
- Search for gravitational waves from intermediate mass binary black holes
- First low-latency LIGO+Virgo search for binary inspirals and their electromagnetic counterparts
- Search for gravitational waves from low mass compact binary coalescence in LIGO's sixth science run and Virgo's science runs 2 and 3
- Implementation and testing of the first prompt search for gravitational wave transients with electromagnetic counterparts
- All-sky search for periodic gravitational waves in the full S5 LIGO data
- A gravitational wave observatory operating beyond the quantum shot-noise limit

Invited Talks/Seminars

CfA Galaxy and Cosmology Seminar <i>Creating a new generation of (highly spinning and very massive) binary black hole mergers</i> Cambridge, MA	Seminar 2018
CalTech Astronomy Colloquium <i>Forging binary black holes in dense star clusters</i> Pasadena, CA	Colloquium 2018
Harvard Particle Theory Seminar <i>Physics and Astrophysics with Gravitational-Wave Astronomy</i> Cambridge, MA	Seminar 2018
Columbia Astrophysics Colloquium <i>Dense Star Clusters as Binary Black Hole Factories</i> New York, NY	Colloquium 2017
ITC Lunch Seminar <i>Identifying Binary Black Holes formed in Dense Stellar Environments</i> Cambridge, MA (Link)	Seminar 2017
Strong Gravity and Binary Dynamics with Gravitational Wave Observations <i>Binary Black Holes from Dense Star Clusters</i> Oxford, MS	Workshop 2017
UCSC Flash Seminar <i>Binary Black Holes from Dense Star Clusters</i> Santa Cruz, CA	Seminar 2017
April APS Meeting <i>Binary Black Holes from Dense Star Clusters</i> Washington, DC	Invited Talk 2017
JSI Fall Workshop: Astrophysics in the Era of Grav. Wave Observations <i>Binary Black Holes from Dense Star Clusters</i> Annapolis, MD	Invited Talk 2016
KITP Rapid Response Workshop <i>Dense Star Clusters as Binary Black Hole Factories</i> Santa Barbara, CA	Invited Talk 2016
Compton Lecture Series <i>Dense Star Clusters as Binary Black Hole Factories</i> Chicago, IL (Link)	Guest Seminar 2016
Stellar N-body Conference <i>Monte Carlo Methods: Recent Results and Future Work</i> Sexten, Italy	Invited Talk 2014
Center for Relativistic Astrophysics, Georgia Tech <i>Verifying the No-Hair Property of Massive Compact Objects in Advanced LIGO</i> Atlanta, GA	Seminar 2011

Contributed Talks/Posters

Aspen Center for Physics: Dawning Era of Gravitational-Wave Astrophysics <i>Distinguishing BBH Formation Channels with Eccentricity and Spin</i> Aspen, CO	Talk 2017
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APS Meeting <i>Binary Black Holes from Globular Clusters in the Advanced LIGO Era</i> Salt Lake City, UT	Talk 2016
Midwest Relativity Meeting <i>Binary Black Hole Mergers from Globular Clusters: Implications for Advanced LIGO</i> Evanston, IL	Talk 2015
April APS Meeting <i>Binary Black Holes Produced in Globular Clusters</i> Baltimore, MD	Talk 2015
IAU Meeting <i>Modeling Black Hole Dynamics within Globular Clusters</i> Beijing, China	Talk 2014
AAS Head Meeting <i>Simulating Black Holes in Star Clusters: A Hybrid N-body/Monte Carlo Approach</i> Chicago, IL	Poster 2014
LIGO Scientific Collaboration Meeting <i>Basic Parameter Estimation of Binary Neutron Star Systems</i> Bethesda, MD	Talk 2013
Midwest Relativity Meeting <i>Inadequacies of the Fisher Information Matrix in gravitational-wave parameter estimation</i> Chicago, IL	Talk 2012
Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop <i>Usefulness of the Fisher Matrix in the advanced-detector era</i> Hannover, Germany - 3rd place award for best poster	Poster 2012
Gravitational-Wave Burst Workshop <i>Usefulness of the Fisher Matrix in the Advanced-Detector Era</i> Tobermory, Scotland	Talk 2012
Midwest Relativity Meeting <i>Detecting off-Kerr Perturbations with IMRIs in the Advanced LIGO Era</i> Urbana, IL	Talk 2011
Gravitational-Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop <i>Testing the No-Hair Theorem with IMRIs in Advanced LIGO</i> Milwaukee, WI	Talk 2011

Public Lectures

MIT Independent Activities Period <i>The era of Gravitational-wave Astronomy</i> ; Cambridge, MA	Public Talk 2017
Compton Lecture Series <i>Dense Star Clusters as Binary Black Hole Factories</i> (Link) Chicago, IL	Guest Seminar 2016
TEDxNorthwesternU <i>Listening to Einstein's Final Symphony</i> (Link) Evanston, IL	TEDx Talk 2016
Conversations with an Astronomer Series of Public Lectures at Adler Planetarium Chicago, IL	Lecture Series 2011–2016

Film Submission: Jackson Hole Science Media Festival <i>Black Holes and Globular Clusters</i> (Link)	Short Film 2014
Perseid Meteor Shower Illinois Science Council in coordination with Chicago Parks Department Chicago, IL	Public Talk 2013
Public Lecture at North Central Purdue University <i>Catching Gravitational Waves with LIGO</i> Westville, IN	Public talk 2011

Teaching/Education Activities

General Relativity <i>Guest Lecturer and TA</i> ; Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	Lecture/TA 2015
GK12 Fellowship <i>Reach for the Stars</i> ; Highland Park, IL Co-taught weekly in math department of Highland Park High School Developed mathematics lessons, visualizations, and applets for high-school students (Link)	Teaching 2013–2014
Mentoring Telescope Interns Teaching High School Summer Interns at Adler Planetarium; Chicago, IL	Mentoring 2013
Einstein and the 20th Century <i>Guest Lecturer and TA</i> ; Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	Lecture/TA 2013
Science Club Mentor Weekly after-school science program at Boys and Girls Club; Chicago, IL	Mentoring 2012–2013
Visualization Creation Produced for Adler Planetarium Space Visualization Lab and; Chicago, IL Black Hole Dynamics in Core of Globular Cluster N-Body Simulation (Link) Binary Black Holes Emitting Gravitational Waves (Link)	Visualizations 2011–2016

Student Mentored and Co-Mentored

Caitlin Fischer Spinning Black Hole Triples; MIT Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Primary Mentor	Undergraduate 2017–Present
Michael Zevin Binary-Binary Scatterings in Globular Clusters; KSPI Summer Program Co-mentored	Grad Student 2017
Joshua Fuhrman Merging Binary Black Holes in Open Clusters; Northwestern REU Co-mentored	Undergraduate 2016

Service Work

Peer Reviewer for:	2015–Present
- - Physical Review Letters	
- Physical Review D	
- Astrophysical Journal Letters	
- Astrophysical Journal	
- Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society	

IAP Co-Organizer
MIT Independent Activities Period; Cambridge, MA

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Co-Organizer
Astronomy On Tap – Boston; Cambridge, MA

Organizer
2016-Present