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INFORMATION

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RESEARCH  
INTERESTS

Astrophysical aspects of relativistic gravity (general relativity and modifications thereof). Black-hole and stellar perturbation theory. Strong-field tests of gravity, and gravitational waveform modeling. Neutron star astrophysics and equation of state.

EMPLOYMENT

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL, USA

Department of Physics  
November 2024

- Position: Tenure-track Assistant Professor

**Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics (Albert Einstein Institute)**, Potsdam, Germany

Department of Astrophysical and Cosmological Relativity  
November 2020 – November 2024

- Position: Junior (2020 – 2023), then Senior (2023 – 2024) Scientist / Leibniz fellow
- Supervisor: [Alessandra Buonanno](#)

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL, USA

Department of Physics  
August 2019 – October 2020

- Position: Post-doctoral researcher
- Supervisor: [Nicolás Yunes](#)

**Montana State University**, Bozeman, MT, USA

Department of Physics  
August 2017 – August 2019

- Position: Post-doctoral researcher
- Supervisor: [Nicolás Yunes](#)

EDUCATION

**University Mississippi**, Oxford, MS, USA

PhD., Department of Physics and Astronomy, May 2017

- Title: *Compact objects in relativistic theories of gravity*
- Supervisor: [Emanuele Berti](#)

**Federal University of Pará, Belém, PA, Brazil**

M.Sc., [Graduate Program in Physics](#), February 2011

- Title: *Dynamical Casimir effect in 1+1 dimensions*
- Supervisors: [Danilo T. Alves](#) and [Carlos Farina](#)

B.Sc., [Department of Physics](#), December 2008

- Title: *Exact solution for the energy density inside a non-stationary cavity with an arbitrary initial field state and applications*
- Supervisor: [Danilo T. Alves](#)

AWARDS, HONORS & [1] *The 2017 GWIC-Braccini Thesis Prize*, Gravitational Wave International Committee (2019).  
SCHOLARSHIPS

[2] *Dissertation Fellowship* – Spring 2017, University of Mississippi (2016).

[3] *Graduate Achievement Award*, University of Mississippi (2016).

[4] *Elected member of the Sigma Pi Sigma*, the Physics Honor Society (2016).

[5] *The Blue Apple Award* [For best student talk at the [8th Gulf Coast Gravity Meeting](#), University of Florida], [American Physical Society Topical Group in Gravitation](#) (2015).

[6] Summer Research Assistantship, Graduate School, University of Mississippi (2015).

[7] University of Mississippi, Department of Physics and Astronomy, *Zdravko Stipcevic Honors Fellowship* (2012 – 2015).

[8] National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) Scholarship, (2009 – 2011).

[9] Foundation for Research Support of the State of Pará (FAPESPA) Scholarship, (2008 – 2009).

[10] National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) Scholarship, (2006 – 2008).

RESEARCH GRANTS [1] Fund from the [Gravity Theory Trust](#), to organize the workshop “EFTs, Gravity, and Fluid Dynamics: Progress, Challenges, and Emerging Opportunities” between December 16th to 18th, 2024. Total value of \$15,000 USD.

[2] Fund from the [Gravity Theory Trust](#), to organize the workshop “Connecting the dots: Toward inspiral-merger-ringdown gravitational waveforms beyond general relativity” between June 14th to 16th, 2023. Total value of \$15,000 USD.

[3] co-PI of the *2021 Illinois Blue Waters allocation* project entitled “*Strong field tests of gravity: numerical relativity in quadratic gravity*”. Total of 689,000 node-hours (with an estimated value of \$427,387 USD). (January 2021 to December 2021).

[4] *NAOJ Visiting Joint Research* travel grant, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (September 21, 2018 to October, 21 2018).

SCIENTIFIC  
COLLABORATIONS

- Member of the [LIGO Scientific Collaboration](#) from 09/2022 to 12/2024.

I contribute to the AEI LSC group’s work in tests of general relativity with gravitational-wave observations, in particular with the “pSEOB” pipeline.

- Member of the [Einstein Telescope Observation Science Board](#) since 07/2022.

I contribute to the ET OBS Division 8 – Waveforms. I was the coordinator of the section “Waveforms in alternative theories of gravity” for the Einstein Telescope’s Blue Book, that covers the observatory’s science case.

As of October 2025, I have a total of 50 published *short-author* research papers, 2 review articles, 3 papers in conference proceedings, 2 two book chapters, 3 manuscripts currently under review, and 1 large collaboration Blue Book. This includes 6 papers in the *Physical Review Letters*, 1 in *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, and 1 invited article for the *Reviews of Modern Physics*. My work has gathered a total of 5,622 citations, and I have a *h-index* of 32 according to the INSPIRE database. For the most up-to-date publication record see my profile in INSPIRE [<https://inspirehep.net/authors/1064872>].

- [1] D. T. Alves, E. R. Granhen, H. O. Silva, and M. G. Lima, *Quantum radiation force on the moving mirror of a cavity, with Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions for a vacuum, finite temperature, and a coherent state*, *Phys. Rev. D* **81** 025016 (2010).
- [2] D. T. Alves, E. R. Granhen, H. O. Silva, and M. G. Lima, *Exact behavior of the energy density inside an one-dimensional oscillating cavity with a thermal state*, *Phys. Lett. A* **374** 3899-3907 (2010) [[arXiv:1002.2238](#)].
- [3] H. O. Silva and C. Farina, *Simple model for the dynamical Casimir effect for a static mirror with time-dependent properties*, *Phys. Rev. D* **84** 045003 (2011) [[arXiv:1102.2238](#)].
- [4] A. L. C. Rego, H. O. Silva, D. T. Alves, and C. Farina, *New signatures of the dynamical Casimir effect in a superconducting circuit*, *Phys. Rev. D* **90** 025003 (2014) [[arXiv:1405.3720](#)].
- [5] H. O. Silva, H. Sotani, E. Berti, and M. Horbatsch, *Torsional oscillations of neutron stars in scalar-tensor theory of gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **90** 124044 (2014) [[arXiv:1410.2511](#)].
- [6] H. O. Silva, C. F. B. Macedo, E. Berti, and L. C. B. Crispino, *Slowly rotating anisotropic neutron stars in general relativity and scalar-tensor theory*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **32** 145008 (2015) [[arXiv:1411.6286](#)], (Chosen as **IOPSELECT**)
- [7] K. Glampedakis, G. Pappas, H. O. Silva, and E. Berti, *Post-Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff formalism for relativistic stars*, *Phys. Rev. D* **92** 024056 (2015) [[arXiv:1504.02455](#)].
- [8] M. Horbatsch, H. O. Silva, D. Gerosa, P. Pani, E. Berti, L. Gualtieri, and U. Sperhake, *Tensor-multi-scalar theories: relativistic stars and 3+1 decomposition*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **32** 204001 (2015) [[arXiv:1505.07462](#)], (Chosen as **IOPSELECT**)
- [9] A. Maselli, H. O. Silva, M. Minamitsuji, and E. Berti, *Slowly rotating black hole solutions in Horndeski gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **92** 104049 (2015) [[arXiv:1508.03044](#)].
- [10] H. O. Silva, H. Sotani, and E. Berti, *Low-mass neutron stars: universal relations, the nuclear symmetry energy and gravitational radiation*, *MNRAS* **459** 4378 (2016) [[arXiv:1601.03407](#)].
- [11] A. Maselli, H. O. Silva, M. Minamitsuji, and E. Berti, *Neutron stars in Horndeski gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **93** 124056 (2016) [[arXiv:1603.04876](#)].
- [12] M. Minamitsuji and H. O. Silva, *Relativistic stars in scalar-tensor theories with disformal coupling*, *Phys. Rev. D* **93** 124041 (2016) [[arXiv:1604.07742](#)].
- [13] K. Glampedakis, G. Pappas, H. O. Silva, and E. Berti, *Astrophysical application of the Post-Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff formalism*, *Phys. Rev. D* **94** 044030 (2016) [[arXiv:1606.05106](#)] (Featured as **EDITORS'S SUGGESTION**).
- [14] K. Glampedakis, G. Pappas, H. O. Silva, and E. Berti, *Post-Kerr black hole spectroscopy*, *Phys. Rev. D* **96** 064054 (2017) [[arXiv:1706.07658](#)].
- [15] H. O. Silva and N. Yunes, *I-Love-Q to the extreme*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **35** 015005 (2017) [[arXiv:1710.00919](#)].
- [16] J. Alsing, H. O. Silva, and E. Berti, *Evidence for a maximum mass cut-off in the neutron star mass distribution and constraints on the equation of state*, *MNRAS* **478** 1377 (2018) [[arXiv:1709.07889](#)].

- [17] H. O. Silva, J. Sakstein, L. Gualtieri, T. P. Sotiriou, and E. Berti, *Spontaneous scalarization of black holes and compact stars from a Gauss-Bonnet coupling*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **120** 131104 (2018) [arXiv:1711.02080]
- [18] H. O. Silva and N. Yunes, *Neutron star pulse profiles in scalar-tensor theories of gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **99** 044034 (2019) [arXiv:1808.04391]
- [19] H. O. Silva, C. F. B. Macedo, T. P. Sotiriou, L. Gualtieri, J. Sakstein, and E. Berti, *Stability of scalarized black hole solutions in scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **99** 064011 (2019) [arXiv:1812.05590]
- [20] C. F. B. Macedo, J. Sakstein, E. Berti, L. Gualtieri, H. O. Silva, and T. P. Sotiriou, *Self-interactions and Spontaneous Black Hole Scalarization*, *Phys. Rev. D* **99**, 104041 (2019) [arXiv:1903.06784]
- [21] H. O. Silva and N. Yunes, *Neutron star x-ray burst oscillations as extreme gravity probes*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **36**, 17LT01 (2019) [arXiv:1902.10269]
- [22] H. Sotani, H. O. Silva, and G. Pappas, *Finite size effects on the light curves of slowly-rotating neutron stars*, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 043006 (2019) [arXiv:1905.07668]
- [23] A. Saffer, H. O. Silva, and N. Yunes, *The exterior spacetime of relativistic stars in scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 044030 (2019) [arXiv:1903.07779]
- [24] K. Glampedakis and H. O. Silva, *Eikonal quasinormal modes of black holes beyond general relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 044040 (2019) [arXiv:1906.05455]
- [25] H. O. Silva and N. Yunes, *More than the sum of its parts: combining parameterized tests of extreme gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 084034 (2019) [arXiv:1906.00485]
- [26] R. Nair, S. Perkins, H. O. Silva, and N. Yunes, *Fundamental physics implications on higher-curvature theories from the binary black hole signals in the LIGO-Virgo Catalog GWTC-1*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **123**, 191101 (2019), *ibid.* **124**, 169904(E) (2020) [arXiv:1905.00870]
- [27] H. O. Silva and M. Minamitsuji, *Cosmological attractors to general relativity and spontaneous scalarization with disformal coupling*, *Phys. Rev. D* **100**, 104012 (2019) [arXiv:1909.11756]
- [28] H. O. Silva and K. Glampedakis, *Eikonal quasinormal modes of black holes beyond general relativity II: generalized scalar-tensor perturbations*, *Phys. Rev. D* **101**, 044051 (2020) [arXiv:1912.09286]
- [29] C. A. R. Herdeiro, E. Radu, H. O. Silva, T. P. Sotiriou, and N. Yunes, *Spin-induced scalarized black holes*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **126**, 011103 (2021) [arXiv:2009.03904]
- [30] H. O. Silva, G. Pappas, N. Yunes, and K. Yagi, *The surface of rapidly-rotating neutron stars: implications to neutron star parameter estimation*, *Phys. Rev. D* **103**, 063038 (2021) [arXiv:2008.05565]
- [31] A. Miguel Holgado, H. O. Silva, P. M. Ricker, and N. Yunes, *The role of strong gravity and the nuclear equation of state on neutron-star common-envelope accretion*, *Astrophys. J. Lett.* **901**, L22 (2021) [arXiv:2101.08267]
- [32] H. O. Silva, A. Miguel Holgado, A. Cárdenas-Avendaño, and N. Yunes, *Astrophysical and theoretical physics implications from multimessenger neutron star observations*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **126**, 181101 (2021) [arXiv:2004.01253] (Featured as **EDITORS'S SUGGESTION** and on **Physics.**)
- [33] Y. Xie, J. Zhang, H. O. Silva, C. de Rham, H. Witek, and N. Yunes, *A square peg in a circular hole: choosing the right ansatz for isolated black holes in generic gravitational theories*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **126**, 241104 (2021) [arXiv:2103.03925]
- [34] H. O. Silva, H. Witek, M. Elley, and N. Yunes, *Dynamical descalarization in binary black hole mergers*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **127**, 031101 (2021) [arXiv:2012.10436]

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- [36] A. Bryant, H. O. Silva, K. Yagi, and K. Glampedakis, *Eikonal quasinormal modes of black holes beyond general relativity III: scalar Gauss-Bonnet gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **104**, 044051 (2021) [arXiv:2106.09657]
- [37] H. O. Silva, A. Coates, F. M. Ramazanoğlu, and T. P. Sotiriou, *Ghost of vector fields in compact stars*, *Phys. Rev. D* **105**, 024046 (2022) [arXiv:2110.04594]
- [38] P. Wagle, N. Yunes, and H. O. Silva, *Quasinormal modes of slowly-rotating black holes in dynamical Chern-Simons gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **105**, 124003 (2022) [arXiv:2103.09913]
- [39] F.-L. Julié, H. O. Silva, E. Berti, and N. Yunes, *Black hole sensitivities in Einstein-scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **105**, 124031 (2022) [arXiv:2202.01329]
- [40] M. Elley, H. O. Silva, H. Witek, and N. Yunes, *Spin-induced dynamical scalarization, de-scalarization and stealthness in scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity during black hole coalescence*, *Phys. Rev. D* **106**, 044018 (2022) [arXiv:2205.06240]
- [41] H. O. Silva, A. Ghosh, and A. Buonanno, *Black-hole ringdown as a probe of higher-curvature gravity theories*, *Phys. Rev. D* **107**, 044030 (2023) [arXiv:2205.05132]
- [42] E. Maggio, H. O. Silva, A. Buonanno, and A. Ghosh, *Tests of general relativity in the nonlinear regime: a parametrized plunge-merger-ringdown gravitational waveform model*, *Phys. Rev. D* **108**, 024043 (2023) [arXiv:2212.09655]
- [43] M. K. Mandal, P. Mastrolia, H. O. Silva, R. Patil, and J. Steinhoff, *Gravitoelectric dynamical tides at second post-Newtonian order*, *J. High Energ. Phys.* **2023**, 67 (2023) [arXiv:2304.02030]
- [44] H. O. Silva, G. Tambalo, K. Glampedakis, and K. Yagi, *Gravitational radiation from a particle plunging into a Schwarzschild black hole: frequency-domain and semirelativistic analyses*, *Phys. Rev. D* **109**, 024036 (2024) [arXiv:2308.14823]
- [45] M. K. Mandal, P. Mastrolia, H. O. Silva, R. Patil, and J. Steinhoff, *Renormalizing Love: tidal effects at the third post-Newtonian order*, *J. High Energ. Phys.* **2024**, 188 (2024) [arXiv:2308.01865]
- [46] H. O. Silva, G. Tambalo, K. Glampedakis, K. Yagi, and J. Steinhoff, *Quasinormal modes and their excitation beyond general relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **110**, 024042 (2024) [arXiv:2404.11110]
- [47] H. O. Silva, J.-W. Kim, and M. V. S. Saketh, *Kerr-Newman quasinormal modes and Seiberg-Witten theory*, *Phys. Rev. D* **111**, 104021 (2025) [arXiv:2502.17488]
- [48] A. Eichhorn, Pedro G. S. Fernandes, A. Held, and H. O. Silva, *Breaking black-hole uniqueness at supermassive scales*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **42**, 105006 (2025) [arXiv:2312.11430]
- [49] L. Pompili, E. Maggio, H. O. Silva, and A. Buonanno, *A parametrized spin-precessing inspiral-merger-ringdown waveform model for tests of general relativity*, *Phys. Rev. D* **111**, 124040 (2025) [arXiv:2504.10130]
- [50] J. Streibert, H. O. Silva, and M. Zumalacárregui, *Eikonal gravitational-wave lensing in Einstein-aether theory*, *Phys. Rev. D* **112**, 024073 (2025) [arXiv:2404.07782]
- [51] Y. Gao, H.-J. Kuan, C.-J. Xia, H. O. Silva, and M. Shibata, *Nonradial oscillations of stratified neutron stars with solid crusts: Mode characterization and tidal resonances in coalescing binaries*, *Phys. Rev. D* **112**, 123006 (2025) [arXiv:2509.00257] (Featured as **EDITORS'S SUGGESTION**).

#### REVIEW PAPERS

- [52] E. Berti, (47 authors), H. O. Silva, (5 authors), *Testing general relativity with present and future astrophysical observations*, *Class. Quantum Grav.* **32** 243001 (2015) [arXiv:1501.07274].
- [53] D. D. Doneva, F. M. Ramazanoğlu, H. O. Silva, T. P. Sotiriou, and S. S. Yazadjiev, *Spontaneous scalarization*, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **96**, 015004 (2024) [arXiv:2211.01766]

PUBLICATIONS ACCEPTED OR IN REVIEW	<p>[54] E. Berti, (59 authors), H. O. Silva, and (8 authors), <i>Black hole spectroscopy: from theory to experiment</i> [<a href="#">arXiv:2505.23895</a>]</p> <p>[55] S. Saha and H. O. Silva, <i>Quasinormal modes of Kerr-Newman black holes: revisiting the Dudley-Finley approximation</i> [<a href="#">arXiv:2510.05354</a>]</p>
PUBLICATIONS IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS	<p>[56] D. T. Alves, E. R. Granhen, M. G. Lima, H. O. Silva and A. R. L. Rego, <i>Time evolution of the energy density inside a one-dimensional non-static cavity with a vacuum, thermal and a coherent state</i>, <i>J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.</i> <b>161</b> 012032 (2009) [<a href="#">arXiv:0903.1305</a>] (Contribution to the proceedings of the 60 years of the Casimir effect conference).</p> <p>[57] C. Farina, H. O. Silva, A. L. C. Rego and D. T. Alves, <i>Time-dependent Robin boundary conditions in the dynamical Casimir effect</i>, <i>Int. J. Mod. Phys. Conf. Ser.</i> <b>14</b> 306 (2012) [<a href="#">arXiv:1201.3846</a>] (Contribution to the proceedings of the 10th Quantum Field Theory Under the Influence of External Conditions conference).</p> <p>[58] H. O. Silva, A. Maselli, M. Minamitsuji and E. Berti, <i>Compact objects in Horndeski gravity</i>, <i>Int. J. Mod. Phys. D</i> <b>25</b> 1641006 (2016) [<a href="#">arXiv:1602.05997</a>] (Contribution to the proceedings of the 3rd Amazonian Symposium on Physics and 5th NRHEP Network Meeting).</p>
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OTHERS	<p>[1] A. Abac, (269 authors), H. O. Silva, (214 authors), <i>The Science of the Einstein Telescope</i>, [<a href="#">arXiv:2503.12263</a>]</p>
CODE CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>[1] H. Witek et al., <i>Canuda: a public numerical relativity library to probe fundamental physics</i>, <a href="#">10.5281/zenodo.5520862</a></p> <p>I have contributed to the canuda_edgb_dec thorn used for numerical relativity simulations beyond general relativity with the Einstein Toolkit.</p>
MEDIA & PRESS	<p>Some of my work has been featured in media and press:</p> <p>[1] Elke Müller, “Exploring gravitational waveforms beyond general relativity” Story on the “Connecting the dots” workshop, June 8, 2023.</p> <p>[2] Keith Cooper, “General relativity passes crucial neutron-star test” Story on the paper <a href="#">[32]</a>, May 12, 2021.</p> <p>[3] Monisha Ravisetti, “General relativity passes yet another test, this time facing off with neutron stars” Story in The Academic Times on the paper <a href="#">[32]</a>, May 6, 2021.</p> <p>[4] Eric Simon, episode 1173 of the podcast “Ça Se Passe Là-Haut”, “La Relativité Générale testée en champ fort grâce à la relation I-Love-Q des étoiles à neutrons” Story on the paper <a href="#">[32]</a>, May 4, 2021.</p> <p>[5] Jessica Raley, “ICASU researchers test general relativity using NICER and LIGO/Virgo data” Story on the paper <a href="#">[32]</a>, May 3, 2021.</p>



- [6] Daniela Doneva, “[Compiling Messages from Neutron Stars](#)”  
Story on American Physical Society’s *Physics* magazine on the paper [32], May 3, 2021.
- [7] Remya Nair, “[Testing Einstein when gravity waves](#)”  
Story on the paper [26], July 2, 2020.
- [8] Edwin B. Smith, “[Physics Alumnus Wins International Award for Gravitational Wave Thesis](#)”  
Story on the 2017 GWIC-Braccini Thesis Award, June 25, 2019.
- [9] Claire Fullerton, “[Gravity and scalar fields: live long and prosper?](#)”  
Invited contribution to *CQG+* based on publication [8], October 14, 2015.
- [10] Rafael Rocha, “[Pesquisa em Física ganha destaque em revista internacional](#)”  
Interview for the Federal University of Pará website on publication [6], September, 2015.
- [11] Claire Fullerton, “[Spontaneous scalarization: dead or alive?](#)”  
Invited contribution to *CQG+* based on publication [6], September 23, 2015.

CONFERENCE,  
INVITED TALKS AND  
COLLOQUIUM  
PRESENTATIONS

- [1] *The ringing of a different bell: quasinormal modes and their excitation beyond general relativity*, [invited](#) seminar at The Leonard E. Parker Center for Gravitation, Cosmology & Astrophysics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, USA. (10/10/2025).
- [2] *Strong-field experimental relativity*, [invited](#) lecture in the International Max Planck Research School on Gravitational-Wave Astronomy Lecture Week, Wanzleben, Germany. (16/09/2024).
- [3] *Quasinormal modes and their excitation beyond general relativity*, [invited](#) talk in the workshop “New Frontiers in Strong Gravity”, Benasque, Spain. (12/07/2024).
- [4] *Quasinormal modes and their excitation beyond general relativity*, [invited](#) virtual talk in the Gravitational Physics Seminar, organized by the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar and the Indian Association of the Cultivation of Science. (03/06/2024).
- [5] *Quasinormal modes and their excitation beyond general relativity*, [invited](#) talk in the Department of Computational Relativistic Astrophysics, Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, Potsdam, Germany (28/05/2024).
- [6] *Testing general relativity with binary black holes*, [invited](#) talk in the Department of Quantum Gravity and Unified Theories, Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics, Potsdam, Germany (04/04/2024).
- [7] *Black hole perturbations and phase-amplitude methods*, [invited](#) talk in the Universitat de les Illes Balears, Palma, Spain. (18/12/2023).
- [8] *Testing strong-field gravity with multimessenger observations of neutron stars*, [invited](#) talk in the conference “Gravity Shape Pisa: New Frontiers in Gravity Phenomenology”, Pisa, Italy (26/10/2023).
- [9] *Black hole scalarization*, [invited](#) talk at the I GraviTas Workshop on Strong Tests, Salinópolis, Brazil (29/08/2023).
- [10] *Black hole scalarization*, [invited](#) talk at the 41st Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas Physics Conference and Annual Meeting, Del Carmo, Siargao Island, Surigao Del Norte, Philippines (19/07/2023).
- [11] *Black hole scalarization: lessons from numerical relativity*, [invited](#) talk at European Einstein Toolkit Meeting, University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal (22/06/2023).
- [12] *Testing general relativity in the nonlinear regime with black-hole binaries*, seminar at the Astrophysics, Gravitation, and Cosmology Seminar, University of Illinois, Urbana, USA (30/11/2022).
- [13] *Testing general relativity in the nonlinear regime with black-hole binaries*, [invited](#) seminar at the Princeton Gravity Initiative, Princeton University, Princeton, USA, (14/11/2022).
- [14] *Testing general relativity in the nonlinear regime with black-hole binaries*, [invited](#) seminar at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Ciudad de México, México, (27/10/2022).

- [15] *Testing general relativity in the merger-ringdown phase of binary black hole coalescences*, [invited](#) talk at the workshop “[Fundamental aspects of gravity](#)”, Imperial College London, United Kingdom, (11/08/2022).
- [16] *Binary black hole coalescence in scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity*, talk at the workshop “[Frontiers in Numerical Relativity](#)”, Friedrich-Schiller Universität Jena, Germany, (29/07/2022).
- [17] *Binary black hole coalescence in scalar-Gauss-Bonnet gravity*, [invited](#) talk at International Centre for Theoretical Physics Asia-Pacific, China (02/06/2022).
- [18] *Probing strong-field gravity with multimessenger neutron star observations*, [invited](#) talk at Le Laboratoire Univers et Théories (LUTH), l’Observatoire de Paris and Université Paris Cité, France (07/04/2022).
- [19] *Probing gravitational parity violation with compact binaries*, at the “DPG-Frühjahrstagung”, (21/03/2022).
- [20] *Tests of general relativity with isolated neutron stars*, [invited](#) talk for the online workshop “[Recent progress on gravity tests](#)”, (16/02/2022).
- [21] *Multi-messenger tests of strong-field gravity with neutron stars*, [invited](#) seminar at Universiteit Utrecht in Utrecht, Netherlands, (21/10/2021).
- [22] *Black hole dynamics in compact binaries beyond-general relativity*, [invited](#) seminar at Universität Tübingen in Tübingen, Germany, (30/06/2021).
- [23] *Black hole (de)scalarization in compact binaries*, [invited](#) seminar at Universidade de Aveiro in Aveiro, Portugal, (09/06/2021).
- [24] *Escalarização espontânea de buracos negros*, [invited](#) seminar at [GravBR](#) webinar, (27/05/2021).
- [25] *Spontaneous black hole scalarization*, [invited](#) at Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, in Waterloo, Canada (11/02/2020).
- [26] *Exploring the strong-field regime of gravity with neutron stars*, [invited](#) webinar for the Latin American Webinars on Physics (09/12/2020).
- [27] *Spontaneous black hole scalarization*, [invited](#) at Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics, Kyoto University, in Kyoto, Japan (03/12/2020).
- [28] *Probing fundamental physics with neutron stars*, [invited](#) at the Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon, Portugal (26/11/2020).
- [29] *Neutron stars: equation of state and gravitational theory*, [invited](#) at the Nuclear Physics Journal Club, USA (2020).
- [30] *Neutron stars as laboratories for fundamental physics*, [invited](#) departmental colloquium at *Kent State University* in Ohio, USA (2020).
- [31] *Scalar fields and compact objects* Astrophysics, Gravitation and Cosmology Seminar at *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, in Illinois, USA (2019).
- [32] *Probing extreme gravity with x-ray burst oscillations* at the *GR22/Amaldi13 Conference* in Valencia, Spain (2019).
- [33] *Spontaneous black hole scalarization* at the *GR22/Amaldi13 Conference* in Valencia, Spain (2019).
- [34] *Parametrized tests of gravity: from stellar structure to gravitational waves* at the *GR22/Amaldi13 Conference* in Valencia, Spain (2019).
- [35] *Probing extreme gravity with NICER*, [invited](#) talk at the *APS April Meeting 2019* in Denver, USA (2019).



- [36] *The shape of rotating neutron stars and systematic errors in pulse profile observations parameter estimation* at the APS April Meeting 2019 in Denver, USA (2019).
- [37] *Scalar fields and strong-field gravity*, [invited](#) talk at the Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris, France (2019).
- [38] *Scalar fields and strong-field gravity*, talk at RelAstro at Montana State University, USA (2018).
- [39] *Scalar fields and strong-field gravity: spontaneous scalarization of compact objects*, [invited](#) talk at the Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics, University of Chicago, USA (2019).
- [40] *Illuminating the strong-field regime of gravity*, talk at RelAstro at Montana State University, USA (2018).
- [41] *Illuminating the strong-field regime of gravity*, [invited](#) talk at the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, Japan (2018).
- [42] *A física extrema das estrelas de nêutrons*, [invited](#) talk at Universidade Federal do Pará, Brazil (2018).
- [43] *Estrelas de nêutrons: laboratórios celestes para física fundamental*, [invited](#) talk at Universidade Federal do Pará, Brazil (2018).
- [44] *I-Love-Q to the extreme*, talk at RelAstro at Montana State University, USA (2018).
- [45] *Neutron star masses: from astro to fundamental physics*, talk at RelAstro at Montana State University, USA (2017).
- [46] *Probing the strong-field regime of gravity with neutrons stars*, [invited](#) talk at Montana State University, USA (2017).
- [47] *Applications of the post-Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff formalism*, at the APS April Meeting 2017 in Washington DC, USA (2017).
- [48] *Relativistic stars in scalar-tensor theories with disformal coupling*, at the APS April Meeting 2017 in Washington DC, USA (2017).
- [49] *Confronting scalar-tensor theories of gravity against binary-pulsar observations*, at the II Physics Graduate Student Research Symposium in Oxford, USA (2016).
- [50] *Neutron stars in scalar-tensor theories of gravity*, [invited](#) talk at Universidade de Lisboa in Lisbon, Portugal (2016).
- [51] *Neutron stars in scalar-tensor theories of gravity*, [invited](#) talk at Universidade de Aveiro in Aveiro, Portugal (2016).
- [52] *Neutron stars in scalar-tensor theories of gravity*, [invited](#) talk at Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon, Portugal (2016).
- [53] *Low-mass neutron stars: universal relations, the nuclear symmetry energy and gravitational radiation* at the APS April Meeting, in Salt Lake City, USA (2016).
- [54] *Neutron stars as strong gravity probes*, [invited](#) talk at Mississippi State University's Journal Club in Starkville, USA (2015).
- [55] *Slowly rotating black hole solutions in Horndeski gravity*, at the III Amazonian Symposium on Physics and V NRHEP Network Meeting in Belém, Brazil (2015).
- [56] *Testing general relativity with neutron stars: a new parametrized formalism*, at the UM Research Day in Oxford, USA (2015).
- [57] *No-hair theorems in Horndeski gravity*, at the Physics Graduate Student Research Symposium in Oxford, USA (2015).

- [58] *A post-TOV formalism for relativistic stars*, at the *IV NRHEP Network Meeting* in Rome, Italy (2015).
- [59] *Tests of strong gravity with neutron star*, at the *(Non-)universal properties of neutron stars* in Bremen, Germany (2015).
- [60] *A post-TOV formalism for relativistic stars*, at the *8th Gulf Coast Gravity Meeting* in Gainesville, USA (2015).
- [61] *Dynamical Casimir effect without moving mirrors*, at the *V Week of the Federal University of Pará Graduate Program in Physics* in Belém, Brazil (2010).
- [62] *Zeta Functions and the Casimir effect*, at the *IV Week of the Federal University of Pará Graduate Program in Physics* in Belém, Brazil (2009).
- [63] *Schwinger's method for calculating non-relativistic propagators in quantum mechanics*, at the *Journal Club* in Belém, Brazil (2009).
- [64] *Quantum vacuum effects*, at the *Physics Freshman Week of Federal University of Pará* in Belém, Brazil (2008).
- [65] *Quantum field theory in spaces with boundaries with emphasis on the dynamical Casimir effect*, at the *XIV Seminar of Undergraduate Research of Federal University of Pará* in Belém, Brazil (2008).
- [66] *Quantum field theory in spaces of boundaries*, at the *XVIII Seminar of Undergraduate Research of Federal University of Pará* in Belém, Brazil (2007).
- [67] *Quantum field theory in the presence of boundaries*, at the *XVII Seminar of Undergraduate Research of Federal University of Pará* in Belém, Brazil (2006).

#### CONFERENCE POSTERS

- [1] K. Glampedakis, G. Pappas, H. O. Silva and E. Berti, *A post-TOV formalism for relativistic stars*, at the *Compact Objects as Astrophysical and Gravitational Probes* in Leiden, Netherlands (2015).
- [2] H. O. Silva, H. Sotani, E. Berti and M. Horbatsch, *Torsional oscillations of neutron stars in scalar-tensor theory*, at the *GR@99* in Bad Honnef, Germany (2014).
- [3] A. L. C. Rego, C. Farina, H. O. Silva and D. T. Alves, *Dynamical Casimir effect with time dependent Robin boundary conditions in 3+1 dimensions*, at the *Physics Meeting* in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil (2010).
- [4] J. S. S. Júnior and H. O. Silva, *Casimir effect with soft boundary conditions at finite temperature*, at the *II Amazonian School on Quantum Theory and Applications* in Belém, Brazil (2010).
- [5] J. S. S. Júnior and H. O. Silva, *Mass and temperature corrections to the Casimir effect*, at the *XXVII Meeting of Physicists from North and Northeast* in Belém, Brazil (2009).
- [6] D. T. Alves, E. R. Granhen, H. O. Silva and M. G. Lima, *Quantum radiation force on the mirrors of a non-static cavity, with Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions for a vacuum, finite Temperature and coherent state*, at the *Workshop on Quantum Nonstationary Systems* in Brasília, Brazil (2009).
- [7] J. S. S. Júnior, H. O. Silva and D. T. Alves, *Casimir effect and lattice regularization*, at the *V Undergraduate Research Journey of the Program of Tutorial Education of Pará* in Belém, Brazil (2009).
- [8] H. O. Silva, C. F. B. Macedo and L. C. B. Crispino, *Solution of the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation for a particle in an infinite potential well in a discrete spacetime*, at the *V Undergraduate Research Journey of the Program of Tutorial Education of Pará* in Belém, Brazil (2009).

#### VISITS

Long (more than a week) scientific visits:

- [1] **National Astronomical Observatory of Japan** September – October 2018  
 Visited the Division of Theoretical Astronomy of the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan and collaborated with Hajime Sotani. Visit resulted in the publication [22].  
 Host: Hajime Sotani.
- [2] **Universidade Federal do Pará** June 2018  
 Visited the Departamento de Física and the Faculdade de Ciências of the Universidade Federal do Pará, Belém and Salinópolis campuses.  
 Hosts: Luis C. B. Crispino and Caio F. B. Macedo
- [3] **University of Nottingham** May – July 2017  
 Visited the University of Nottingham and collaborated with Prof. Thomas P. Sotiriou. Collaboration resulted in the publication [17].  
 Host: Thomas P. Sotiriou.
- [4] **Instituto Superior Técnico** April – July 2016  
 Visited the Gravitation at Técnico (GRIT) group, led by Prof. Vitor Cardoso. Collaboration resulted in the publications [12] and [13].  
 Host: Vitor Cardoso.
- [5] **Instituto Superior Técnico** May – July 2015  
 Visited the Gravitation at Técnico (GRIT) group, led by Prof. Vitor Cardoso. Collaboration resulted in the publication [9].  
 Host: Vitor Cardoso.
- [6] **Federal University of Rio de Janeiro** January – July 2010  
 I was an exchange student visiting the Physics Institute. I attended a graduate level special topics course on quantum vacuum effects. Collaboration with the group of Prof. Carlos Farina resulted in the publication [3].  
 Host: Carlos Farina.

## MENTORING

### Current:

- [1] **Sagnik Saha**  
 Graduate student in physics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA.  
 Period: 2024–ongoing.
- [2] **Patrizio Di Lorenzo**  
 Graduate student in physics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA.  
 Period: 2025–ongoing.
- [3] **Spyros Thomopoulos**  
 Graduate student in physics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA.  
 Period: 2025–ongoing.
- [4] **Yi Zhang**  
 Graduate student in physics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA.  
 Period: 2025–ongoing.

### Previous:

- [5] **Reagan Cox**  
 Undergraduate student in physics, Montana State University, USA.  
 Project: *Neutron stars in massive scalar-tensor gravity*.  
 Primary advisor: Nicolás Yunes.  
 Period: 2017–2019.
- [6] **Tanísia de Fátima de Moraes Cardoso**  
 Undergraduate student in physics, Federal University of Pará, Brazil.  
 Project: *Path integrals in quantum mechanics*.

Primary advisor: Silvana Perez.  
Period: 2009–2010.

[7] **Jocivaldo Siqueira da Silva Júnior**

Undergraduate student in physics, Federal University of Pará, Brazil.

Project: *Casimir Effect: static and dynamical*.

Primary advisor: Danilo T. Alves.

Period: 2009–2011.

[8] **Monique Valério Silva**

High-school student, Federal University of Pará, Brazil

Project: *Studies on mechanics in high-school with the aid of computational techniques*.

Primary advisor: Luis Carlos Bassalo Crispino.

Period: 2009.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL, USA

- (Fall 2025) PHYS 325: Classical Mechanics I.
- (Spring 2025) PHYS 516: General Relativity II.

**Albert Einstein Institute**, Potsdam, Germany

- In 2022 and 2024, I was an invited lecturer for Prof. Alessandra Buonanno’s course “Gravitational Waves” in the International Max Planck Research School on Gravitational-Wave Astronomy. I lectured on black-hole perturbation theory and quasinormal modes. (Total of 3 hours.) The audience consisted of graduate students at the AEI, Humboldt University, and the University of Maryland – College Park. The course material is available on my website at [hosilva.web.illinois.edu/edu](https://hosilva.web.illinois.edu/edu).

Instructor: [Alessandra Buonanno](#)

December 2022 and December 2024

**University of Mississippi**, Oxford, MS, USA

*Grader*

August – December 2015

- Graded assignments for graduate level course in general relativity (PHYS 729).
- Main instructor: [Luca Bombelli](#).

*Grader*

August – December 2015

- Graded assignments for introductory astronomy class (ASTR 103).
- Main instructor: James Hill.

*Teaching Assistant*

August 2012 – July 2014

- PHYS 221 and 222: Laboratory Physics for Science and Engineering.
  - Undergraduate course in introductory laboratory physics for science and engineering majors.
  - I worked as a teaching assistant of two sections ( $\sim 50$  students) per semester during this period. I was responsible for engaging the student in the laboratory activities and grading their assignments (weekly experiment reports and tests). I also served as a tutor (2 hrs/week) helping undergraduate students with their classwork.
  - Laboratory Physicist: [Thomas Jamerson](#).

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Referee**

I have served as a referee for the following funding agency: Swiss National Science Foundation.

I have also served as a referee for the following scientific journals [where ( $n$ ) indicates the number of refereed manuscripts]:

• <i>Physical Review D</i> .....	(16),
• <i>International Journal of Modern Physics D</i> .....	(3),
• <i>General Relativity and Gravitation</i> .....	(4),
• <i>Classical and Quantum Gravity</i> .....	(3),
• <i>The Astrophysical Journal</i> .....	(3),
• <i>Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society</i> .....	(2),
• <i>Physical Review Letters</i> .....	(2),
• <i>Universe</i> .....	(2),
• <i>Journal of High Energy Physics</i> .....	(2),
• <i>Journal of Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics</i> .....	(2),
• <i>Acta Polytechnica</i> .....	(1),
• <i>European Journal of Physics C</i> .....	(1),
• <i>International Journal of Modern Physics E</i> .....	(1),
• <i>Modern Physics Letters A</i> .....	(1),
• <i>Physics of the Dark Universe</i> .....	(1),
• <i>Physical Review E</i> .....	(1),
• <i>Physics</i> .....	(1),
• <i>Particles</i> .....	(1),

### Judging committees

I participated in the following undergraduate thesis defense:

[1] Tanísia de Fátima de Moraes Cardoso,	2010
Undergraduate student in Physics, Federal University of Pará,	
Title: <i>Path integrals in quantum mechanics</i> .	

### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Center for Advanced Studies of the Universe since September 2024.
- Co-organizer of the Astrophysical and Cosmological Relativity Department’s weekly seminar between 08/2021 and 08/2023.
- Co-organizer of the “Tests of General Relativity” meetings at the Albert Einstein Institute between 03/2021 and 09/2022.

### MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

I am a member of the following organizations:

- [American Physical Society](#).
- [Sociedade Brasileira de Física](#).
- [União dos Físicos dos Países de Língua Portuguesa](#).

### OUTREACH AND SERVICE

**arXiv.BR** 2014 - 2024

- I maintained and ran the X (formerly Twitter) account [arxiv\\_br](#). The account shared papers by Brazilian scientists (and foreigners at Brazilian institutions) which have been posted to the arXiv the gr-qc, astro-ph and hep-th sections. I also posted threads on the history of science in Brazil and the latest events in the field of gravitational physics in Portuguese. The account regularly interacted with the accounts of major Brazilian institutions such as the [Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas](#) and the [Academia Brasileira de Ciências](#).

### Federal University of Pará

2009 – 2011

#### Student representative

- During the academic years of 2009–2010 and 2010–2011, I was one of the two student representatives at the graduate program in physics at the Federal University of Pará. My role was to act as an active voice representing the students and participating in decisions concerning the graduate program.

### 2015 MS Region VII Science Fair

March 2015

- Judge of the science fair projects in the “Lower Fair” session.

[University of Mississippi](#),  
Physics Graduate Student Association (PGSA)

April 2015 – January 2016



- I am a founding member of the PGSA at University of Mississippi. PGSA's goal is to stimulate the interaction among the physics student, through events and social activities. During the period from April 2015 to January 2016 I served as vice-president.

## ORGANIZATION

### **10th Physics and Astrophysics at the eXtreme workshop and the 3rd Cosmic Explorer Symposium,**

June/July 2025

- Key co-organizer of this four-day workshop June 30 to July 3, 2025. The Cosmic Explorer Symposium brought together the community to discuss important aspects of the design and operations of the Cosmic Explorer gravitational-wave observatories, covering both observational and instrument science. The PAX-X workshop explored how the ongoing and upcoming observations of gravitational and electromagnetic waves can help us understand physics at the extreme — strong gravitational fields, dark matter, nuclear physics, cosmology, and multimessenger astrophysics. The meeting had 87 registered participants.

### **EFTs, Gravity, and Fluid Dynamics:**

### **Progress, Challenges, and Emerging Opportunities Workshop,**

December 2024

- Co-organized with Patrick Draper, Jorge Noronha, and Helvi Witek. This three-day workshop gathered experts on effective field theory, gravity, and fluid dynamics to discuss and explore synergies at the intersection of these three subjects.

### **Connecting the dots: Toward inspiral-merger-ringdown gravitational waveforms beyond general relativity,**

June 2023

- Co-organized with Félix-Louis Julié, Elisa Maggio, Laura Sberna and Sebastian Völkel. This three-day workshop gathered experts on various aspects of gravitational-waveform modeling to discuss the status and challenges in developing inspiral-merger-ringdown waveforms in extensions to general relativity.

### **1st School of the Graduate Program in Physics of the Federal University of Pará,**

January 2011

- Co-organized with Profs. Petrus A. A. Júnior, Danilo T. Alves and Luís C. B. Crispino. This week-long school offered mini-courses, at the advanced undergraduate level, on Electromagnetism, Statistical Mechanics and Quantum Mechanics (and seminars on research topics by the faculty of Federal University of Pará) for university level students in the Belém area, attracting participants from four universities.

### **Physics Graduate Student Research Symposium,**

September 2015

- Co-organized with other PGSA members. The event consisted of an afternoon with short communications by the student body of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, at University of Mississippi.

### **1st Annual UM-MSU Joint Physics Research Symposium,**

February 2016

- Co-organized with other PGSA members. The symposium consisted of a day with short communications (and poster presentations) by undergraduate and graduate students from the Departments of Physics and Astronomy from both University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Computer programming and others:

- Python, C++, Gnuplot, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML, and CSS.

Mathematical software:

- Mathematica and Maple.

Operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows, Mac OSX and Linux.

## LANGUAGES

Portuguese (Native) and English (Fluent).

MORE  
INFORMATION

More information can be found in my website  
<https://hosilva.web.illinois.edu>.