The Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation (CCRG) is a Research Center of the College of Science [1] and a Research Center of Excellence [2] at Rochester Institute of Technology [3]. The CCRG is dedicated to research at the frontiers of numerical relativity and relativistic astrophysics, gravitational-wave physics, its connection to experiments and observations, and high-performance computation and scientific visualization.

Our mission is to advance discovery and knowledge of some of the most violent and energetic astrophysical phenomena in the universe, such as the merger of black holes, neutron stars, supernova explosions, supermassive black holes and their accretion disks, and rapidly spinning and/or accreting neutron stars, that are the sources of powerful gravitational waves, gamma ray bursts, and highly relativistic jets.

The CCRG includes faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and students across several colleges, schools and departments at RIT, as well as affiliate researchers, external collaborators, and visiting scientists. The CCRG operates the state-of-the-art laboratories in high-performance computation and visualization, and manages several externally funded projects and collaborations. CCRG is supported by a combination of sponsored research awards [4] (96%), which support a variety of research programs, and internal F&A return funds [5] (4%) from OVPR [6].

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