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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to you as colleague to encourage you to join the American Physical Society (APS) and its Topical Group in Gravitation (TGG). Membership in the APS brings a number of benefits, but the TGG serves the special needs of the relativity and gravitation community through a variety of ways:

- The Annual Meeting of the TGG (at the April APS meeting) has become a major focus for sharing new research results for the gravity community.
- The TGG keeps the gravity community informed about important developments through its semiannual newsletter *Matters of Gravity*.
- The TGG supports students in gravity through travel grants to its Annual Meeting and through awards for the best presentation by a student at four annual regional gravity meetings.
- The TGG recognizes achievement and service for its members by recommending members to become Fellows in the APS.
- The TGG sponsors the Einstein Prize, awarded biennially for outstanding achievement in theory, experiment or observation in gravitational physics.

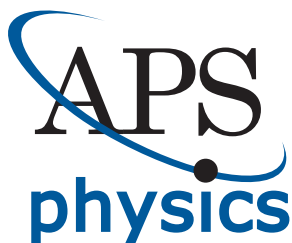
Your membership in the TGG increases our ability to serve the community in these ways. You can learn more about the TGG at <http://www.apsgavity.org/index.html>.

The cost to join the TGG if you are already an APS member is only \$7 per year. If you are not an APS member, I would like to ask you to consider the benefits of APS membership (briefly summarized on the back of this letter). The APS offers attractive membership rates for new Ph.D.s, and for new student members it offers a free one-year trial membership, which can include membership in the TGG.

I know that many of you are already members of the APS and the TGG, and I thank you for your support. I hope you will use this flyer to bring the benefits and opportunities of APS membership to the attention of your students and colleagues.

Sincerely,

Stan Whitcomb, vice Chair
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American Physical Society



Benefits of APS Membership (<http://www.aps.org/membership/>)

Stay Current

- Receive *Physics Today* and *APS News*, and attend APS Meetings at reduced member rates.

Help Create a Stronger Physics Community

- Add your voice to those of 45,000 colleagues to advocate for funding for research and science education.
- Members and the community benefit from APS education and outreach programs.
- APS informs the public about physics, and provides scientific expertise on issues such as energy and the environment.

Take Advantage of Networking Opportunities

- Through APS Meetings, the APS Directory, and APS units such as the TGG.

Receive Professional Development and Recognition

- Attend and present papers at APS Meetings, get access to career information at meetings, on the APS career website, and through *APS News*.

Get Discounted Rates on Professional Journals and Books

- Reduced rates on publications from APS and AIP, and online access to APS journals.

Membership Dues for 2007

Regular Member/Fellow \$112

Junior Member¹: \$56

Student Member²: \$28

Each Division/Topical Group: \$7

¹ **Junior Membership:** This category is designed to help physicists in the period immediately following receipt of their final degree or the termination of their full-time student status. A Junior member applicant must have received his/her final degree in the previous 12 months. A Junior member may remain in this category for a maximum of three years.

² **Free One-Year Trial Membership for Students:** For undergraduate and graduate students in the United States, Canada, or Mexico, APS offers a free year to introduce you to the American and international community of physics. To qualify, you must be enrolled as a full-time student in the United States, Canada or Mexico and be a first time applicant to The American Physical Society. After the one free year, you may retain membership at a special low rate and continue to receive all the student privileges while you are a student.