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Curriculum Vitae

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Citizenship

United States

Research Interests

I am broadly interested in MHD/hydrodynamics, with a focus on astrophysical contexts. My work primarily explores the formation and evolution of molecular clouds and stars, but I am also interested in the dynamics of supernova engines, protoplanetary disks, exoplanetary atmospheres/climates, and astrochemistry.

Appointments

- 2017 – Postdoctoral Research Associate, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- 2011 - 17 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Rochester, Astronomy
- 2010 - 11 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Rochester, Physics
- 2008 - 09 Take Five Scholar, University of Rochester, Physics

Education

- 2017 Ph.D. in Physics & Astronomy, University of Rochester
- 2013 M.A. in Physics, University of Rochester
- 2008 B.S. in Neuroscience, University of Rochester, *cum laude*

Publications

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2017 Haig, C., Heitsch, F., **Fogerty, E.**, “A 2D Parameter Study of the Effects of Shear on Flow-Driven Molecular Cloud Formation”, *submitted*.
- 2017 **Fogerty, E.**, Carroll-Nellenback, J., Frank, A., Heitsch, F., Pon, A. (2017), “Reorienting MHD Colliding Flows: A Shock Physics Mechanism for Generating Filaments Normal to Magnetic Fields”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (MNRAS)*, [470:2938F](#).
- 2016 **Fogerty, E.**, Frank, A., Heitsch, F., Carroll-Nellenback, J., Haig, C., Adams, M. (2016), “Molecular Cloud Formation in High-Shear, Magnetized Colliding Flows”, *MNRAS*, [460:2110](#).
- 2014 **Kaminski, E.**, Frank, A., Carroll, J., Myers, P. (2014), “On the Role of Ambient Environments in the Collapse of Bonnor-Ebert Spheres”, *Astrophysical Journal (ApJ)*, [790:70](#).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2013 **Kaminski, E.**, Frank A., Carroll, J., Myers, P. (2013), “Simulating Bonnor-Ebert Sphere Collapse in Realistic Environments”, Protostars and Planets VI Posters, Poster [#1Bo86](#).

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

- 2016 Tamor Grant, University of Rochester. Grant supported a trip to Australia to work on computational star formation at the Australian National University.
- 2014 Visualization contest 1st place winner for work on molecular cloud formation and evolution. Center for Integrated Research and Computing, Rochester, NY.
- 2010 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship in Physics & Astronomy. Three year fellowship funded by the Department of Education.
- 2010 Frank J. Horton Graduate Research Fellowship. Three year research fellowship funded by the University of Rochester’s Laboratory for Laser Energetics.
- 2009 Take-Five Scholarship, University of Rochester. Scholarship funded a tuition-free year of study at the University in quantum mechanics.

Conference Activity

POSTERS PRESENTED

2016

- “Molecular Cloud Formation and Reorientation in High Shear, Magnetized Colliding Flows”, VIALACTEA 2016: The Milky Way as a Star Formation Engine, Rome, Italy, Sept. 26-30
- 2016 “Molecular Cloud Formation and Reorientation in High Shear, Magnetized Colliding Flows”, Star Formation 2016, University of Exeter, Exeter, England, Aug. 21-26
- 2014 “Colliding Flows with AstroBEAR: The Effects of Shear and Magnetic Fields on the Formation and Evolution of Molecular Clouds”, Filaments 2014, National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Charlottesville, VA, Oct. 10-11
- 2014 “Colliding Flows with AstroBEAR: The Effects of Shear and Magnetic Fields on the Formation and Evolution of Molecular Clouds”, Center for Integrated Research Computing, Rochester, NY, May 16
- 2013 “Simulating Bonnor-Ebert Sphere Collapse in Realistic Environments”, Protostars and Planets VI, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, Heidelberg, Germany, July 15-20

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- 2015 Dynamics of the Interstellar Medium and Star Formation, International Max Planck Research School of Astronomy, Heidelberg, Germany, Sept. 21-25
- 2014 Fire Down Below: The Impact of Feedback on Star and Galaxy Formation, Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics, Santa Barbara, CA, April 14-18
- 2013 Star Formation Jamboree, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada May 6-7

Invited Talks

- 2018 “The Dynamics of Magnetized Clouds and Filaments in Relation to Star Formation,” University College London, January (upcoming)
- 2017 “Cloudy with a Chance of Star Formation”, Department of Physics & Astronomy, University of Nebraska @ Kearney, February 17
- 2017 “From Clouds to Cores: Modeling Star Formation with Astrobear2.0”, Research School of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Australian National University, January 31
- 2015 “Supernova in a Box: Computational Science as a Means to Study the Cosmos”, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, Rochester, Feb. 28
- 2015 “Modeling molecular cloud formation with Astrobear2.0”, Research Computing Symposium, Center for Integrated Research and Computing, Rochester, February 20
- 2014 “Supernova in a Box: Computational Science as a Means to Study the Cosmos”, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, Rochester, Feb. 23

Selected Internal Talks

- 2015 “Molecular Cloud Formation in High Shear, Magnetized Colliding Flows”, University of Rochester, Dec. 9
- 2013 “On the Role of Ambient Environments in the Collapse of Bonnor-Ebert Spheres”, University of Rochester, Dec. 5

Code Contributions to AstroBEAR

Sink Particle Radiative Feedback

The accretion luminosity is computed for each sink particle and injected into a spherical volume surrounding the sink. It then diffuses through the grid via flux-limited diffusion.

Cylindrical Self-Gravity Solver

Self-gravity routines solve the cylindrical Poisson equation for the gravitational potential when running simulations in cylindrical geometry.

Bonnor-Ebert Sphere Module

Numerical solution of the Lane-Emden equation allows a ‘Bonnor-Ebert’ sphere to be initialized on the grid and perturbed into collapse.

Polytrope Pressure Profiles

Numerical solution of the generalized Lane-Emden equation allows arbitrary polytropes to be initialized on the grid.

Outflow Feedback

Sink particles inject a collimated jet and wide angle wind into the grid, following Federrath et al. 2014.

Code Optimization

Optimization enhancements include MPI threading, parallelized I/O processing, automatic restarts on supercomputer queuing systems.

AstroBEAR Test Suite

Analytical test of the self-gravity solver (c.f. Kaminski et al. 2014) and various problem modules comprise a standard test suite for AstroBEAR development.

Mentoring Experience

- 2015 Supervised Marissa Adams, a graduate student in physics & astronomy. Ms. Adams is a co-author on a paper that was published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society on molecular cloud formation.
- 2014 Supervised Erini Lambrides, an undergraduate in physics & astronomy. Mentored Ms. Lambrides on algorithm development for AstroBEAR. Ms. Lambrides is now

a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University.

Educational Outreach

GENERAL PUBLIC

- 2015 Speaker at Rochester's chapter of 'Astronomy on Tap', a national outreach program designed for advancing public awareness of astronomy. Talk title: "Bones, Tombs, and Planets: The Mysterious Origins of Prehistoric Astronomy", Boulder Cafe, Rochester, NY, Oct. 16

URBAN YOUTH

- 2016 Delivered a presentation on research opportunities in astrophysics for visiting city high school students, University of Rochester, Nov. 7
- 2016 Discussed current astrophysics research topics with visiting city high school students, University of Rochester, Feb. 28
- 2014 Developed and taught an astrophysics summer camp for Rochester urban youth (K-12) through the Warner School of Education, University of Rochester, June-August
- 2013 Was invited to give the opening address for the Rochester City School District's Science Day, University of Rochester, Oct. 18
- 2013 Was invited to speak to science students on my research and experiences in academia. Talk title: "Supernova in a Box: Computational Science as a Means to Study the Cosmos", Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY, April 20

WOMEN-IN-SCIENCE

- 2016 Organized a round-table discussion and luncheon with visiting seminar speaker, Dr. Alexandra Zidovska, for female physics graduate students, University of Rochester, Oct. 26
- 2016 Wrote a departmental proposal for women-in-science career development. This proposal outlined the workload of a fellow that would build and maintain an active women-in-science program in the department and wider campus community, University of Rochester, Feb. 15
- 2015 Organized and moderated a public forum on science policy with Dr. Gabrielle Tepp. This was an interdepartmental women-in-science career development event, University of Rochester, April 29

Teaching Experience

- 2015 AST 104: The Solar System (lecturer). Spring semester. Classes include: solar structure, Kirchoff's laws of radiation, spectral classification. University of Rochester.
- 2015 PHY 114: Electricity and Magnetism (workshop leader). Spring semester. Guided students in solving physics problem sets during weekly workshops, graded homework and exams, tutored students. University of Rochester.
- 2014 AST 105: Intro to the Milky Way Galaxy (lecturer). Fall semester. Classes include: the history of astronomy, orbital motion, stellar spectra, and gravity. University of Rochester.
- 2014 AST 106: Cosmic Origins of Life (lecturer). Spring semester. Lectures on habitability and sustainability. Moderated student discussion on humanity's role and responsibility in climate change. University of Rochester.
- 2011 PHY 114: Electricity and Magnetism (workshop leader). Spring semester. Guided students in solving physics problem sets during weekly workshops, graded homework and exams, tutored students. Held exam review sessions. University of Rochester.
- 2010 PHY 113: Mechanics (workshop leader). Fall semester. Guided students in solving physics problem sets during weekly workshops, graded homework and exams, tutored students. University of Rochester.

Departmental Service

- 2015 Initiated a weekly 'Astro-ph' coffee meeting for the astrophysics group, and led the group in discussion of new literature during the academic year.
- 2014-present 'VoxCharta' administrator. VoxCharta provides an online listing of new and recent astrophysics journal articles, and fosters communication between researchers across many institutions.
- 2014 Organized bi-weekly seminar lunches for visiting speakers and the astronomy group during the academic year.