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Education

1964-68

B. S. physics, honors,

California Institute of Technology

1968-75

Ph. D. physics, University of California, Berkeley,

1977

1976, Thesis advisors, Eugene Commins/Jerry Nelson

1997

Course in solid state physics, U. California, Berkeley,

2006

Audited ME-562 (graduate mechanics) UNM

Topics in Modeling (Queue Theory) Simon Fraser U, BC, Canada

Positions

1988.35 - present

Staff, LANL (C-3, CIC-19,3, CCS-3)

1980.75 - 1988.35

" " "(NIS-2)

1976.83-80.75

Physicist P4, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory

1975.92-76.83

Visiting Professor at the Asiago Astrophysical

Observatory of the University of Padua, Italy

Rapid time variability in astronomical sources

pulsars: binary, X-ray, radio/optical ms, noisars,
Galactic center,

Image reconstruction techniques

Computational techniques

American Astronomical Society

Professional Societies

Experience with systems

Experience with computers

FORTRAN Experience

Windows, LINUX, UNICOS, CTSS, LTSS, NOS

QSC, FLASH, Lambda cluster, Theta cluster, PC's

since 1962, many large programs, FORTRAN77, FORTRAN90

Large (out of core) Fourier transform

with 2 levels of memory (Cray-1, XMP, YMP, CDC 6400 6600
with 3 levels of memory (7600)

Large (in core) Fourier transform (Cray M98)

CAL (lots), C, knowledge of C++

Spanish, Italian, some French

Other Languages

Other Experience

Multi-dimensional FFT's, Image processing/deconvolution

Lots of data handling

Interfacing Statistical Crack Mechanics to PRONTO & DYNA3D –
a finite element Lagrangian solid materials code

vectorized

wrote own graphics package, contour plotter

Interfaced to CA-DISSPLA

Interfaced to cgs & fonts

Graphics Experience

Future Development

Parallel Fourier/Fresnel search for drifting signals

Fast, parallel search for trains of harmonics.

FFT GUI?? On site full analysis platform? (Pending Keck time, etc.)

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Scientific Acomplishments

- First mass and spin sense measurements of a neutron star
- First inclination-independent measurement of an unresolved binary system ($P \sim 2500$ s – 4U1626-67) outside of the solar system
- and second spin sense measurement of a neutron star
- Discovery of a 50 ms young optical pulsar in the LMC (0540-69)
- SPARTAN-1 imaging analysis of Galactic Center
- Simultaneous co-discovery of rapid QPO in the Galactic Bulge X-ray sources (in this case, Sco X-1)
- Discovery of the first pulsar (3 ms) in a globular cluster (1821-24)
- Discovery of the first pulsar in a globular cluster with a negative pdot " a 2.14 ms optical psr in SN1987A which precesses and slows via GR "
- the fastest young pulsar (62 Hz) in any supernova remnant (N157B)
- First accurate glitch prediction for any pulsar (PSR J0537-6910)
- First (decent) argument against SN Ia Cosmology and Dark Energy
- 2005-06 RAGE code test support & diagnostics
- 2005-07 CMPC for CCS-3
- 2004-05 W88 Certification Team
- 1998-07 ADC for CCS-3
- 1993-98 Large Data Sets Specialist
- 1993-94 Housecalls Program
- 1992-04 Modeling Support for AGEX Surety/HEVR Programs
- 1990-97 Coach/advisor for NM Technet Supercomputing Challenge
- 1988-99 FFT algorithm specialist, C-3, CIC-3
- 1988-97 Observational astronomer C-3
- 1984-88 Imaging specialist for SPARTAN 1
- 1982-88 Support astronomer, SPARTAN-1, URA, SSO-2
- 1980-88 Observational astronomer SSO-2

Selected Publications*

- J. Middleditch, 2007 “The SN 1987A Link to Gamma-Ray Bursts” *preprint (astro-ph/0705.3846)*, to be published in the Proceedings of “SN 1987A: 20 Years After, Supernovae and Gamma-Ray Bursters, Aspen, CO, Feb. 19-23, 2007
- J. Middleditch, 2006 “Predicting the Starquakes in PSR J0537-6910” *The Astrophysical Journal*, 652,1531-1546
- J. Middleditch, 2004 “A White Dwarf Merger Paradigm for Supernovae and Gamma-Ray Bursts”, *The Astrophysical Journal (Letters)*, **601**, L167-171
- J. Middleditch, J. Kristian, W. Kunkel *et al.*, 2000 “Rapid Photometry of Supernova 1987A: A 2.14 ms Pulsar?”, *New Astronomy*, **5**, 243-283
- A. G. Lyne, A. Brinklow, J. Middleditch, D. C. Backer, & T. R. Clifton, 1987 “The discovery of a millisecond pulsar in the globular cluster M28”, *Nature*, **313**, 659-661.
- J. Middleditch & C. R. Pennypacker, 1985 “Optical pulsations in the large Magellanic Cloud Remnant 0540-69.3”, *Nature*, **313**, 659-661.
- J. Middleditch, K. O. Mason, J. E. Nelson, 1981 “4U 1626-67 - A prograde spinning X-ray pulsar in a 2500 s binary system”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, **244**, 1001-1021.
- J. Middleditch, & J. Nelson, 1976 “Studies of optical pulsations from HZ Her/Her X-1: a determination of the mass of the neutron star”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, **208**, 567-586.

* Authored about 100 papers on astrophysical problems, with an emphasis on the application of computers to the solution of these problems, but later on the validity of the science.