

Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born January 25, 1977, New York, NY, USA
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EDUCATION

B.S. Applied Physics, Columbia University 1999
M.A. Physics, UC Santa Barbara 2002
PhD Physics, UC Santa Barbara 2004
Adviser: Omer Blaes

POSITIONS HELD

Hubble and Lyman Spitzer Jr. Fellow, Dept. of Astrophysical Sciences, Princeton University, Sept. 2004 - Aug. 2008
Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2008-present)

RESEARCH AREAS

High energy astrophysics, extra-solar planets, galaxy formation, magnetohydrodynamics and astrophysical turbulence, accretion, black holes, supernovae, gamma-ray bursts, galaxy formation, astronomy with small telescopes.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee, *The Astrophysical Journal*, *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, *Physics of Plasmas*

REFEREED AND SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS

- “Thermal Tides in Fluid Planets” P. Arras & A. Socrates 2009, ApJ submitted
- “Relativistic Accretion Mediated by Turbulent Comptonization ” A. Socrates 2009, ApJ submitted, arXiv:0812.3915
- “Thermal Tides in Hot Jupiters” Phil Arras & Aristotle Socrates 2009, ApJ submitted, arXiv:0901.0735
- “The Eddington Limit in Cosmic Rays: An Explanation for the Relative Lack of Radio Loud Quasars ” L. Sironi & A. Socrates 2009, ApJ accepted, arXiv:0902.1181
- “Coronal Activity of the ASAS Eclipsing Binaries” Szczygiel, D., Socrates, A., Paczynski, B., & Pojmanski, G. 2009, AcA, 58, 405
- “Brilliant Pebbles: A Method of Detection of Very Large Dust Grains” A. Socrates & B.T. Draine 2009, ApJL 702, L77
- “The Eddington Limit in Cosmic Rays: An Explanation for the Observed Faintness of Starbursting Galaxies ” Aristotle Socrates, Shane W. Davis, & Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz 2008, ApJ, 697, 202
- “The Coulomb Bubble Instability: Over-stable Magnetosonic Motion Driven by the An-isotropic Diffusion of Energy” Aristotle Socrates, I. Parrish, J. Stone 2008, ApJ, 675, 357
- “Ultraluminous X-ray Sources Powered by Radiatively Efficient Two-Phase Super-Eddington Accretion onto Stellar Mass Black Holes” Aristotle Socrates & Shane W. Davis 2006, ApJ, 651, 1049
- “Supernovae and Gamma-Ray Bursts Powered by Hot Neutrino-Cooled Coronae ” E. Ramirez-Ruiz and A. Socrates 2005, ApJ submitted, astro-ph/0504257
- “The Neutrino Bubble Instability: A Mechanism for Generating Pulsar Kicks” A.Socrates, O. Blaes, A. Hungerford, & C. Fryer, 2005, ApJ, 632, 531
- “Non-Linear Evolution of the Photon Bubble Instability in Accretion Disks” N. Turner, O. Blaes, A. Socrates, M. Begelman, & S. Davis, 2005, ApJ, 624, 267
- “Turbulent Comptonization in Black Hole Accretion Disks,” A.Socrates, S.W. Davis, & O. Blaes, 2004, ApJ, 601, 405
- “Local Radiative Hydrodynamic and Magnetohydrodynamic Instabilities in Optically Thick Media,” O. Blaes & A. Socrates, 2003, ApJ, 596, 509
- “The Kozai Mechanism and the Evolution of Binary Supermassive Black Holes,” O. Blaes, M.H. Lee, & A. Socrates, 2002, ApJ, 578, 775B
- “Local Dynamical Instabilities in Magnetized, Radiation Pressure-supported Accretion Disks,” O. Blaes & A. Socrates, 2001, ApJ, 553, 987B

WORK IN PREPARATION

“Thermal Forcing of Rotating Fluid Planets” P. Arras & A. Socrates, 2009

“Relativistic Accretion as a Fermi Engine ” A. Socrates 2009

“Comets, Kuiper Belts and Dust in Planetary Nebula and Polluted White Dwarfs” A. Socrates, R. Reyes and B.T. Draine

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

“On the Release of Binding Energy and Accretion Power in Core-Collapse Environments” Socrates, A. & Ramirez-Ruiz, E. 2007, in “Supernova 1987A: 20 Years After: Supernovae and Gamma-Ray Bursters” AIP, New York, eds. S. Immler, K.W. Weiler, and R. McCray (New York: AIP)

“Turbulent Comptonization in Relativistic Accretion Disks ” Socrates, A., Davis, S.W. & Blaes, O. 2006, astro-ph/0609797

“All-Sky Patrols” A. Socrates and B. Paczynski, online talk located at http://online.kitp.ucsb.edu/online/grbtu_c06/socrates

“Photon Bubbles in Young Massive Stars ” Turner, N.J., Yorke, H.W., Socrates, A., & Blaes, O.M. 2004, to appear in the proceedings of “AGN Physics with the SDSS”, eds. G. T. Richards and P. B. Hall (San Francisco: ASP)

“Effects of Fluid Instabilities on Accretion Disk Spectra ” S.W. Davis, O.M. Blaes, N.J. Turner, & A. Socrates 2004, to appear in the proceedings of “AGN Physics with the SDSS”, eds. G. T. Richards and P. B. Hall (San Francisco: ASP)

RECENT TALKS

- ACKS Seminar, Stanford/KIPAC, Palo Alto, CA, October, 2009
- Colloquium, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA, September 2009
- Contributed Talk at “Accretion and Ejection in AGN: A Global View” Como, Italy, June 2009
- TAC Seminar, UC Berkeley, November 2008
- Astronomy Colloquium, UCLA, November 2008
- Astronomy Colloquium, The Ohio State University, 2008
- Informal Seminar, IAS, Princeton, May 2008
- Astronomy Colloquium, Caltech, April 2008

- Invited Talk at “The First Two Billion Years of Galaxy Formation: The Reionization Epoch and Beyond,” February 2008
- Astronomy Seminar, NYU, February 2008
- Astronomy Seminar, MIT, January 2008
- Colloquium, University of Delaware, November 2007
- Theory Seminar, Caltech, June 2007
- Invited talk at “New Trends in Radiation Hydrodynamics,” Stockholm, Sweden, May 2007
- Wunch Seminar, Department of Astrophysical Sciences, Princeton, May 2007
- Contributed Talk at “Supernova 1987A: 20 Years After,” Aspen Center for Physics, February 2007
- Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, January 2007
- Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, November 2006
- Colloquium, Rutgers, Piscataway, NJ, October 2006
- ITC Colloquium, Harvard, Cambridge, MA, June 2006
- TAC Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, CA, May 2006
- Seminar, CITA, Toronto, Canada, May 2006
- Invited Talk at “The Transient Universe,” ITP, Santa Barbara, CA, March 2006
- Colloquium, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, December 2005
- Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, November 2005

REFERENCES

Professor Peter Goldreich, Institute for Advanced Study and Caltech: pmg@ias.edu

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Professor Omer Blaes, University of California, Santa Barbara: blaes@physics.ucsb.edu

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant 9/99-12/02 UCSB

Courses Taught: graduate High Energy Astrophysics, O. Blaes
undergraduate Statistical Mechanics, G. Ahlers
undergraduate General Relativity, O. Blaes
undergraduate Cosmology, R. Geller
Physics for Engineers, J. Ruhl
Introduction to Astronomy, R. Antonucci

Teaching Assistant 9/98-5/99 Columbia University

Courses Taught: Introduction to Physics, J. Conrad

STUDENTS SUPERVISED IN PRINCETON

Z. Bertha (Junior Project), I. Parrish, R. Rheyas, L. Sironi and D. Szczygiel

PUBLIC LECTURES

“Solar Systems Unlike Our Own: Why Are They Interesting ” After Hours Conversations, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 10/09

“Astrophysics of Black Holes” Sponsored by United Astronomy Clubs of New Jersey, Inc. Given at UACNJ Observatory at Jenny Jump State Park 10/06.

“Gravity, Turbulence, and Then Light: The Astrophysics of Black Holes” Sponsored by the Santa Barbara Astronomy Unit. Given at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History 9/02.