

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Education

*1964-68*

B. S. physics, honors,

California Institute of Technology

*1968-75*

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

1976, Thesis advisors, Eugene Commins/Jerry Nelson

*1977*

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

*1997*

Audited ME-562 (graduate mechanics) UNM

*2006*

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

## Positions

*2011.08 - present*

LANL Affiliate, CCS-3 (UCRS Retiree 2006.42-present)

*1980.75 - 2011.08*

Staff, LANL (NIS-2, C-3, CIC-19,3, CCS-3)

*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

## Research Interests

Rapid time variability in astronomical sources

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

Galactic center, gamma-ray bursts, supernovae

Image reconstruction techniques, deconvolution, MEM

Computational techniques, algorithms

## Professional Societies

American Astronomical Society

## Experience with systems

Windows, LINUX, UNICOS, CTSS, LTSS, NOS

## Experience with computers

QSC, FLASH, Turing, Yellowtail, PCs, MACs

## FORTRAN Experience

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)

## Other Languages

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

Spanish, Italian, some French

## Other Experience

Multi-dimensional FFT's, Image processing/deconvolution

Lots of data handling, pulse-counting electronics

Optical and near-IR observing, frequently under adverse conditions

Interfacing Statistical Crack Mechanics to PRONTO & DYNA3D –

a finite element Lagrangian solid materials code, vectorized

## Graphics Experience

wrote own graphics package, contour plotter

Interfaced to CA-DISSPLA

Interfaced to cgs & fonts

## 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 Accomplishments

First to decode supernova and gamma-ray burst mechanisms  
First (decent) argument against dark matter and dark energy  
First accurate glitch prediction for any pulsar (PSR J0537-6910)  
Discovery of a 2.14 ms optical pulsar in SN 1987A which precesses  
at  $\sim 1,000$  s & slows due to gravitational radiation  
” the fastest young pulsar (62 Hz) in any supernova remnant (N157B)  
” the first pulsar in a globular cluster with a negative  $\dot{p}$   
” the first pulsar (3 ms) in a globular cluster (1821-24)  
Simultaneous co-discovery of rapid QPO in the Galactic Bulge X-ray  
sources (in this case, Sco X-1)  
SPARTAN-1 imaging analysis of Galactic Center  
Discovery of a 50 ms young optical pulsar in the LMC (0540-69)  
First inclination-independent measurement of an unresolved binary  
system ( $P_{Orb} \sim 2500$ s,  $P \sim 7$  s [4U1626-67]) outside of the solar system  
First mass and spin sense measurements of a neutron star

## Activities at LANL

2007-2013 Supraluminal Applications Group  
2010 LIFE-4 Reactor code and PSUADE code migration & use  
2008 Web support of CCS-3 and HPC File Structure Performance  
2005-10 CMPC for CCS-3  
2005-07 RAGE code test support & diagnostics  
2004-05 W88 Certification Team  
1998-12 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, 2012 “Pulsar-Driven Jets in Supernovae, Gamma-Ray Bursts, and the Universe” *Advances in Astronomy*, 27Dec2012, <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/aa/2012/898907> (26 pages)
- J. Singleton, P. Sengupta, J. Middleditch, T. L. Graves, M. R. Perez, H. Ardavan, & A. Ardavan, 2009 “A Maximum-Likelihood Analysis of Observational Data on Fluxes and Distances of Radio Pulsars: Evidence for Violation of the Inverse-Square Law” *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, submitted; arXiv:0912.350, submission lapsed, to be resubmitted with a much stronger case.
- J. Middleditch, 2006 “Predicting the Starquakes in PSR J0537-6910”, *The Astroph. J.*, **652**, 1531-1546
- 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, & N. E. White, 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.