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Education

- **University of California, Irvine** **Irvine, CA**
Ph.D in Physics, *Expected Graduation: November 2022*
 - **Iowa State University** **Ames, IA**
B.S in Physics *Awarded 2017*
- Programming Languages:** Python • C • Matlab • Fortran • Java
Familiar with: Linux Systems • Git
Natural Languages: English (fluent) • Polish (fluent)
Related Coursework: Two graduate courses in Machine Learning
Honors: Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop Travel Grant 2019 • Gene Ruby Scholarship - May 2015, 2016 • Dean's List - 2014, 2016

Software Experience

- **University of California, Irvine - Graduate Student Researcher** **Irvine, CA**
Astrophysics Theory *November 2020 - Present*
Develop and analyze cosmological, hydrodynamical simulations for Dark Matter studies.
 - Implemented new physics modules in an existing hydrodynamical physics code in C, including a velocity-dependent Self Interacting Dark Matter Model (SIDM) and evolving baryon gravitational potential;
 - Wrote a Python script for the analysis of hydrodynamical simulation output: evolving density and velocity profiles.
- ***Shields Center for Exoplanet Climate and Interdisciplinary Education*** **Irvine, CA**
August 2018 - November 2020
Extrasolar planet climate studies using a hierarchy of numerical models of varying complexity.
 - Explored the effects of orbital dynamics on the habitability of Extrasolar planets by implementing a parallelized 1-Dimensional Energy Balance Model in Matlab for large parameter space scans on supercomputers. Results show that a significant habitable zone is present even at high orbital eccentricities.
 - Wrote a fortran script for creating climatic initial conditions for synchronously rotating planets of desired spatial resolution for the GCM.

Communication Skills

- **Talks and Poster Presentations**
 - Habitability and Water Loss Limits on Eccentric Planets Orbiting Main-Sequence Stars, ExSoCal 2020 and American Astronomical Society/Division for Planetary Sciences Meeting October 2020 (**Talks**)
 - Temporal Habitability and Water Loss Limits on Eccentric Planets, Exoclimates V, August 2019 and Sagan Exoplanet Summer Workshop, July 2019. (**Posters**)
 - Eccentricity Thresholds for Planetary Deglaciation at Varying Obliquity, KITP Conference: "Planet-Star Connections in the Era of TESS and Gaia", May 2019 and American Astronomical Society, AAS Meeting 233, id.247.24, January 2019 (**Posters**)
- **Other**
 - 5 years of experience teaching undergraduate Physics courses, 2 years of mentoring experience of graduate and undergraduate group members.

Publications

- The Eccentric Habitable Zone: Habitability and Water Loss Limits on Eccentric Planets [link](#)
- Red-dwarf Habitability Recipe, August Publications issue of Sky and Telescope, Vol. 138, Issue 2, pg. 34-40. [link](#)
- Global Energy Budgets for Terrestrial Extrasolar Planets [link](#)
- Imaging the Localized Plasmon Resonance Modes in Graphene Nanoribbons [link](#)