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Summary

My main lines of research as an astrophysicist are protoplanetary disk studies and the process of planet formation. Some of my latest papers include observability of planet formation in the gas kinematics, protoplanetary disk observations with ALMA, 3D hydrodynamic simulations of planet-disk interactions, and study of the accretion phenomena in protostars. I lead the Disks Around TTauri stars with ALMA (DARTTS-A) project as well as several ALMA rank-A programs.

I authored the children's book *Cazadores de eclipses*, a novel aimed at sharing the essentials of scientific exploration and discovery (mainly through astronomy) and promote women in science (there are five thousand copies distributed in public schools). I lead projects on embodied learning applied to astrophysical phenomena, the art-science interplay and general outreach and education. I have 12 years of research experience, 7 years of teaching and mentoring, and 6 years of experience in art-science inbetweenness.

Employment

Astrophysics Professor at Universidad de Santiago de Chile.

Research experience and funding

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Millennium Nucleus on Protoplanetary Disks PostdocMAD, U. ChileMain line of research: Protoplanetary disks research with ALMA2011–2014

Postdoctoral fellow (STFC PDRA)

Main line of research: accretion disks around black holes with jets (microquasars)

2009–2011

Education

| Doctor of Philosophy, PhD | University of Oxford |
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| Inflow and outflow in stellar mass black holes. Supervisor: Prof. K. M. Blundell | 2006–2009 |
| Licenciatura en Ciencias mención Astronomía, BSc | Universidad de Chile |

2002-2005

Publications (WoS/ISI indexing, peer-reviewed)

Graduated with distinction equivalent to a First-class honour (1st).

37 publications in peer-reviewed international journals with 1180 citations, 18 of which as either 1st, 2nd or 3rd author with 760 citations (as of Feb. 2019). *h*-index: 19.

See list of publications at the end or click on: Classic NASA ADS or Smithsonian/NASA ADS

Synergetic projects on art, education, outreach and science

- o Director of Concierto Cielos project on convergence between music and astronomy. www.conciertocielos.cl.
- Director of Recreo Espacial an embodied learning project for education and motivation into science through experiential activities related to astrophysical concepts (2016–2019). recreo.das.uchile.cl.
- Author of the children's astronomy novel *Bitácora Planetaria: Cazadores de Eclipses*, 2016, LOM Ediciones, funded via Milenio PME. 2nd edition. About 5.000 copies distributed at schools and general public so far.

AATS 2014: Director of the Art, Astronomy, Technology and Society iniciative. In which I produced:

- Art+Astronomy Day at Contemporary Arts Museum (MAC, Santiago) for artists, educators and the public.
- Art+Astronomy Incubator initiative. Coordination of 4 projects led by pairs of artists and astronomers.

Immersive installation AATS 2013 "El Origen del Sistema Solar": Scientist in residency at National Contemporary Arts museum (lead by artist Olaf Peña).

Grants

Science grants and awards.....

2019: FONDECYT Regular grant (as PI). Four years. \sim 270k USD.

2018: ESO-Chile comité mixto grant for funding astrophysics professorship at USACH. Two years. ~90k USD.

2017: FONDECYT Regular grant (as co-investigator).

2015: FONDEQUIP grant (100k USD) for GPU Cluster for hydro 3D simulations (PI-ed along with S. Casassus).

2014: FONDECYT Postdoctoral fellowship (120k USD).

2008: St John's college Oxford Special Grant for research excellence.

2006: PPARC (STFC) PhD Studentship – Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC UK). I was awarded the only such studentship available for South American students.

2005: Outstanding Undergraduate Student at Universidad de Chile (top 10% students of Physics and Math).

Art grants and residencies.....

2018: Fondo de la Música (Fondos de Cultura, Chile) to make a record of the charango concerto based on the fundamental laws of astronomy (composer A. Yermakova in collaboration with S. Perez). 15k USD.

2018: Djerassi Artist Residency for the Scientific Delirium Madness art+science program, to explore and expand how the creativity of scientists and artists are connected. San Francisco, CA, USA. June 2018.

2016-2017: Research grant on embodied learning applied to astronomy (20k USD) via Iniciativa Milenio (PME MAD program, along with S. Casassus, A. Yermakova).

2015: Grant to create, illustrate, publish and distribute a children's book about astronomy to encourage Women in Science (20k USD) via Iniciativa Milenio (PME MAD program).

2014: Outreach grant to fund art+astronomy initiatives "AATS 2014" (20k USD), along with S. Casassus, via Iniciativa Milenio (PME MAD program).

Review panel invitations and other services

- ALMA Science Assessor (2017-2019), Category 4 Circumstellar disks, exoplanets and the solar system.
- Science Assessor and evaluator for graduate travel scholarships/funding at U. de Chile.
- o Science Assessor and evaluator for XXI Concurso de Proyectos Explora, Conicyt.
- Referee on major astronomy journals ApJ, ApJ Letters, A&A and MNRAS.

Experience as supervisor and teacher

U. de Chile (2016-2018): Co-supervision of MSc students Marcelo Barraza (gas+dust hydro) and Felipe Alarcón (hydro+observations of vortices).

U. de Chile (2016-2017): Supervisor of undergraduate research projects: M. Araya (hydrodynamics of multiple planets), A. Dumas (radiation hydrodynamics) and M. Briceño (FU Ori ALMA observations).

U. de Chile (2015-2016): Supervisor of undergraduate research projects: C. Flores, M. Barraza and F. Alarcón.

U. of Oxford (2007-2010): Lecturer Stellar Evolution and Cosmology (Astro B3, 3rd year Physics undergrads).

2002–2006 at U. de Chile: Teaching assistant for Electromagnetism and Statistical Physics.

Recent telescope time allocated as PI (2014–2019)

ALMA Cycle 6 rank A: (long baselines) Follow up observation on circumplanetary disk discovery, 16h

VLT/SPHERE DDT P101: SAM observations of a candidate protoplanet, 5h

ALMA Cycle 5 rank A: (long baselines) Survey of TTauri disks (DARTTS-A). 10h

SPHERE/VLT P101: Solar asteroid belt analogue. 0.5n

ALMA Cycle 4 rank A: (long baselines) CPD detection. 11h

ALMA Cycle 4 rank A: (long baselines) Kinematics of FU Ori. 3h

ALMA Cycle 4 rank B: Protolunar disks II. 3h

VLA A-config 2017: V883 Ori's snowline. 6h

SPHERE/VLT P98 and P99: Interacting protoplanetary disks Survey II. 0.9n

SPHERE/VLT P97: Interacting protoplanetary disks Survey I. 0.3n

ALMA Cycle 3 rank B: Protolunar disks. 3h

ALMA Cycle 2 rank B: Planet formation at a critical age. 5h

NACO/VLT P96: Circumstellar environ of ZCMa in high contrast polarimetry. 4h

NACO/VLT P96: Ionised nebula around black hole SS433. 2h in service + 4h visitor AGPM

MagAO/Baade 2014: Twin disks SR24, diffraction-limited imaging in Z' and K band. 2h

Invited colloquia (recent)

| Department of Physics, U. de Santiago, Chile. | Jan 2019 |
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| o Department of Astronomy, U. de Chile. | Dec 2018 |
| Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge, UK. | Oct 2018 |
| Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhaguen, Denmark. | Oct 2018 |

Conferences and workshops (selected)

- Aspen Center for Physics, "Unveiling the Physics of Protoplanet Formation: Connecting Theory to Observations." July 2018
- Circumplanetary Disks and Satellite Formation (CPDSF), Nagoya, Japan. March 26-30, 2018
 Contributed talk: "Circumplanetary Disk Detection via ALMA gas kinematics"
- ESO Planet Formation 2016, ESO, Santiago.
 Contributed talk: "Protoplanet detection and mass estimates via ALMA kinematics"
- Disc Dynamics & Planets 2015, Larnaka, Cyprus.
 Contributed talk: "Circumplanetary disc signposts in gas kinematics"
- Transition Disks and Planet Formation 2015, Lorentz Workshop, Leiden, Netherlands.
 Contributed talk: "Observability of circumplanetary discs via ALMA gas kinematics"

- Protoplanetary disks and the planets they form 2014, MAD workshop, Calan, Chile
 Chair and coordinator for the "Modelling and Observability of Planet Formation" session
- Herbig Ae/Be stars: the missing link in star formation 2014, ESO Santiago, Chile Talk: "HD142527 transition disk"
- Characterising planetary systems across the HR diagram 2014, Cambridge, UK
 Transformational Science with ALMA 2013: From Dust to Rocks to Planets, Hawaii, USA
 Poster: "HD142527's gap depth"
- ALMA Early Science conference 2012, Puerto Varas, Chile
 Talk: "ALMA Cycle 0 observations of gas in HD142527's gap"

Tools and technical expertise

Numerical Simulations: 3D/2D hydrodynamic simulations (fargo, fargo2d-adsg, fargo3d, gadget-2).

Radiative Transfer: Continuum and line emission calculations with RADMC3D. Listed as developer in RADMC3D website. Also have experience with MCFOST and LIME.

Image synthesis: NRAO CASA, GPU-UVMEM.

Programming languages: Python (astropy, numpy, scipy), Perl (PDL), C, CUDA GPU, OpenGL, Fortran.

Recent outreach activity

- Odessa House of Scientists, Astronomy society, Odessa, Ukraine. Oct 2018.
- o Keynote speaker at "Simposio de Arte y Astronomía", UDP, Santiago, Chile. Mar 2018
- o Workshop talk on art and astronomy at UNESCO's "Learning through Art" week. Coyhaique, Chile. 2016
- >50 outreach talks at schools since 2013, in Chile (50), UK (4), India (2), Ukraine (1) and South Africa (1).
- Invited to 7 radio shows at four major radio stations and four appearances on national TV (including S02E10 Hijos de las Estrellas, Metropolibros).
- o Invited to several "Diálogos en movimiento" by Ministry of Cultures at schools in Chile.

Other highlights

- o Observing experience on VLT/SPHERE, ALMA, Gemini North and South, 6m Magellan, VLA, SAAO 2m
- Advanced English and Native Spanish.

Reference letters / People who are familiar with my work

Prof. Katherine M. Blundell

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Publications list (WoS/ISI, peer-reviewed)

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