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Education

B.S.: Electrical Engineering, Clemson University, 1980
Graduated with Honors

M.S.: Electrical Engineering, Ohio State University, 1981
Advisor: John D. Kraus

Thesis: "Upgrading the Ohio State Radio Observatory"

Ph.D.: Astronomy, University of Arizona, 1988

Advisor: Charles J. Lada

Thesis: "Observational Studies of Star Forming Regions"

Experience

- Professor of Astronomy and Optical Sciences, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of Arizona, 2003-
- Associate Professor of Astronomy, Optical Sciences, and Electrical Engineering, University of Arizona, 2002-2003
- Associate Professor of Astronomy & Optical Sciences, University of Arizona, 2000-2002
- Associate Professor, Steward Observatory, University of Arizona, 1997-2000
- Assistant Professor, Steward Observatory, University of Arizona, 1991-1997
- Millikan Research Fellow in Physics, Caltech, 1988-1991
- Graduate Research Assistant, Steward Observatory, 1983-1991
- Research and Development Engineer, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 1983
- Electrical Engineer, TRW Aerospace Division, 1981-1983

Publications

5- Recent Closely Related Publications

Bussmann, R. S., Wong, T. W., Hedden, A., Kulesa, C., and Walker, C. K., 2007, *A CO (J=3-2) Outflow Survey of the Elias 29 Region*, *Ap.J.*, 657, Issue 1, pp. L33-L36.

Hedden, A. S., Walker, C. K., Groppi, C. E., and Butner, H. A., 2006, *Star Formation in the Northern Cloud Complex of NGC 2264*, *Ap.J.*, **645**, p.345.

Kulesa, C., Hungerford, a., Walker, C., Zhang, X., and Lane, A., 2005, *Large-Scale CO and [CI] Emission in the Rho Ophiuchi Molecular Cloud*, *Ap. J.*, **625**, 194.

Stark, A., Martin, C., Walsh, W., Xiao, K., Lane, A., and Walker, C., 2004, "Gas Density, Stability, and Starbursts near the Inner Lindblad Resonance of the Milky Way", *Ap.J.*, **614**, Issue 1, pp. L41-L44.

Martin, C., Walsh, W., Xiao, K., Lane, A., and Stark, A., 2004, *The AST/RO Survey of the Galactic Center Region. I. The Inner 3 Degrees*, *Ap.J.S.*, **150**, 239.

5- Additional Publications

Narayanan, D., Kulesa, C., Boss, A., and Walker, C. K., 2006, *Molecular Line Emission from Gravitationally Unstable Protoplanetary Disks*, *Ap.J.*, **647**, Issue 2, pp. 1426-1436

Narayanan, D., Cox, T., Robertson, B., Dave, R., Di Matteo, T., Hernquist, L., Hopkins, P., Kulesa, C., and Walker, C. K., 2006, *Molecular Outflows in Galaxy Merger Simulations with Embedded Active Galactic Nuclei*, *Ap.J.*, **642**, Issue 2, pp. L107-L110.

Groppi, C., Kulesa, C., Walker, C., and Martin, C., 2004, *Millimeter and Submillimeter Survey of the R Coronae Australis Region*, *Ap. J.*, **612**, 946.

Narayanan, G., Moriarty-Schieven, G., Walker, C.K., and Butner, H.M. 2002, *Detection of Infall Signatures Towards SMM4*, *Ap.J.*, **565**, 319.

Melia, F., Bromley, B., Liu, S., and Walker, C.K. 2001, *Measuring the Black Hole Spin in Sag A**, *Ap. J. Letters*, **554**, 37.

Synergistic Activities

- 1) Prof. Walker's lab led efforts to construct the world's first 810 and 345 GHz heterodyne array receivers and helped develop one of the first 1.5 THz HEB receiver systems for radio astronomy.
- 2) Instruments developed by Prof. Walker's team have served as primary facility instruments at the Heinrich Hertz Telescope and the AST/RO telescope at the South Pole for over a decade.
- 3) Funded by the NSF, Prof. Walker has led the effort to design and build the world's largest (64 pixels) submillimeter-wave heterodyne array receiver (SuperCam).
- 4) He is PI of the NASA funded long duration balloon project "The Stratospheric THz Observatory (STO)".
- 5) Prof. Walker has served as dissertation director for nine Ph.D. students (7-Astronomy and 2-Optical Sciences).

Recent Collaborators (48 Months)

Pietro Bernasconi (JHAPL), Christopher Groppi (ASU), Karl Jacobs (U. Cologne), Craig Kulesa (UofA), Arthur Lichtenberger (UVa), Carey Lisse (JHAPL), David Neufeld (JHU), Gordon Stacey (Cornell), Paul Goldsmith (JPL), William Langer (JPL), David Hollenbach (SETI Institute), John Kawamura (JPL), Christopher Martin (Oberlin College), Antony Stark (SAO), Jeffrey Stern (JPL), Juergen Stutzki (U. Cologne), Sander Weinreb (CIT/JPL), Mark Wolfire (U. Maryland), Harold Yorke (JPL), Eric Young (USRA).

M.S.E.E. Graduate Advisor: John D. Kraus, OSU

Ph.D. Advisor: Charles J. Lada, SAO

Postdoctoral Advisor (Millikan Fellowship in Physics): Thomas G. Phillips, CIT

Ph.D. Advisees: Grace Wolf (Hansen Planetarium), Jason Glenn (UC Boulder), Gopal Narayanan (U. Mass), Craig Kulesa (UofA), Christian d'Aubigny (Teravision Inc.), Christopher Groppi (UofA), Desika Narayanan (CfA), Abigail Hedden (SAO), Dathon Golish (Teravision Inc.)