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Summary

Scientist with experience in developing and implementing algorithms and pipelines to calibrate, explore, and visualize remote sensing hyperspectral observations, and extensive knowledge and experience in IDL. Developed [titanbrowse](#), an IDL-based database, exploration, visualization and analysis tool for remote-sensing hyperspectral observations of Titan's surface and atmosphere, taken by Cassini's Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer (VIMS). Applied radiative transfer models to VIMS reflected light observations, to derive Titan's methane, haze and cloud distributions. Developed pipeline for radiometric calibration and precise cartography of remote sensing observations. Developed innovative software for data visualization, to make use of more data and increase fidelity.

Key Skills

Data visualization:

- Experience developing innovative solutions for visualization of single and multi-band imaging, static and interactive, focusing on Earth and planetary remote sensing data.

Acquisition, calibration, mining, and analysis of remote sensing and astronomical observations: images, spectra, hyperspectral imaging.

- Experience with planning, acquisition, and calibration of observations from Keck, Hubble Space Telescope and Cassini, including cartography and image registration.
- Mining Virtual Observatory resources and development of algorithms, pipelines and databases to handle large volumes of observations.
- Experience applying radiative transfer models to analyze visible and near infrared remote sensing observations, to measure parameters of Titan's atmosphere and surface.

Programming: IDL

- Expert in IDL. 14 years of daily use to develop software to process, explore, visualize and analyze data. Collaborated in the testing and definition of new language features in IDL 8.0. Reviewed the book [Modern IDL](#) (Michael Galloy, 2011). Have been one of the most frequent writers at the [comp.lang.idl-pwave](#) newsgroup. Development and maintenance of [pp.lib](#), a general-purpose IDL library, and [titanbrowse](#). Developed solutions to deploy IDL software in a variety of scenarios, including interactive GUIs and pipelines running on cloud and cluster environments.

Programming: Other

- Developed projects using Python, Fortran, C, SQL, Java, C++, CUDA, OpenMP, MPI.

Other

- NAIF SPICE, ISIS, Git, Amazon Web Services, w10n, Subversion, SExtractor, IRAF, Linux systems administration. Always interested in and quick to learn new tools to develop better software solutions.

Professional Experience

Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Science Data Visualization Group (398I)	Pasadena
Data Visualization Developer		2016 – current
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Working in the group developing OMINAS, a versatile toolkit to generate visualization products for Cassini and other planetary imaging missions. – Working in the group developing DAISY, a platform for interactive visualization and exploration of webified Level 2 Earth remote sensing data, – Support for creation of new visualizations of AIRS Near-Real-Time data. – Development of an online-accessible version of <code>titanbrowse</code>. 		
Northern Arizona University	Department of Physics and Astronomy	Flagstaff
Postdoctoral researcher		2013 – 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Developed code to generate mosaics of remote-sensing observations, resulting in cartographically-correct representation of the extent of each spatial pixel. – Support analysis of Cassini VIMS observations of Titan's surface and atmosphere, with a combination of PCA and radiative transfer models, to derive surface compositions and atmospheric parameters (PI: Caitlin Griffith, University of Arizona). – Development databases of archived observations of Solar System bodies, to bring the possibilities of the Virtual Observatory into planetary science. – Work on the maintenance and support of the Physics and Astronomy cluster; member of the NAU cluster committee. 		
Universidade de São Paulo	Departamento de Astronomia	São Paulo
Postdoctoral researcher		2008 – 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implemented a new version of <code>titanbrowse</code>, for improved performance and functionality. – Collaborated on the use of <code>titanbrowse</code> to identify, for the first time, lakes on Titan's tropics, by mining Cassini VIMS observations. – Started developing perceptually-uniform colormaps. – Worked on the selection, implementation, and operation of CPU and GPU clusters. 		
University of Arizona	Department of Planetary Sciences	Tucson
Ph.D. research		2003 – 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Created <code>titanbrowse</code>, implemented in IDL. – Created colormaps to visualize remote sensing observations of Titan which would show more structure, with less saturation, and to better show the structure in data over 2 bands. – Analyzed VIMS observations to detect and characterize Titan's clouds and their evolution. – Modified and used radiative transfer codes, implemented in Fortran, to reproduce VIMS spectra and derive Titan's methane and haze distributions. 		
Observatório Nacional		Brazil
Master's research		2002 – 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Applied the model developed on undergraduate research to analyze the rotation of asteroid fragments created in collisions. – Created movies of 3D renderings of the collisions. 		
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro	Dept. de Astronomia	Brazil
Undergraduate research		1998 – 2002

- Developed a model to simulate the dynamics of a rubble-pile asteroid during a collision, implemented in Fortran.

Education

University of Arizona	Tucson
Ph.D. in Planetary Sciences	2003 – 2008
<i>Thesis title: "Study of Titan's methane cycle"</i>	
Observatório Nacional	Brazil
M.Sc. in Astronomy	2002 – 2003
<i>Thesis title: "Study of the angular momentum after the fragmentation of a rubble-pile asteroid"</i>	
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
B.Sc. in Astronomy, <i>Magna cum Lauda</i>	1998 – 2002
<i>Thesis title: "Interacting Ellipsoids: a model for the fragmentation of a rubble-pile asteroid"</i>	

Publications

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