

EXTENDED CURRICULUM VITAE

Professor Douglas G. Currie

EDUCATION

Bach. of Engineering Physics,	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY,	1958
Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics,	University of Rochester, Rochester, NY,	1962
NSF PreDoctoral Scholar,	University of Rochester, Rochester, NY,	1959-1964
NSF Post Doctoral Scholar,	Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	1964-1965
NSF Post Doctoral Scholar,	University of Maryland, College Park, MD	1965-1966



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1999-present: Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland, College Park
1999-present: Senior Research Scientist, University of Maryland, College Park
2002-2003: Senior Scientist, University of California at San Diego, San Diego, CA
1999-2001: Senior Scientist, European Southern Observatory, Garching, Germany
1974-1999: Professor of Physics, University of Maryland, College Park
1968-1974: Associate Professor of Physics, University of Maryland, College Park
1964-1968: Assistant Professor of Physics, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
1963-1964: NSF Post-Doctoral Fellow, Physics Department University of Maryland College Park
1962-1963: NSF Post-Doctoral Fellow, Physics Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
1957-1958: Instructor, Engineering Physics Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

NASA Team Recognition for Lunar Laser Ranging Programs
NASA Team Award for Wide Field/Planetary Camera for the Hubble Space Telescope

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Astronomical Society
American Geophysical Union
Society of Photographic Instrumentation Engineering (SPIE)
International Astronomical Union

RESEARCH

During his graduate studies, Professor Currie formulated and proved the “No-Interaction Theorem”¹, a study of the role of classical particle interactions in a relativistic framework. He further developed the extension of this Hamiltonian approach into his “Canonoid Transformations”⁷. These topics are the subject of current ongoing investigations within the international professional community. At the Bell laboratories, addressed the nature of laser radiation⁴⁰. At the University of Maryland, College Park he was a key participant in developing the Apollo Retroreflectors^{2,3,4,5,8} and developed and operated the initial Lunar Laser Ranging Station at McDonald Observatory⁶. Concerning unique new instrumentation in astrometry, he developed “Amplitude Interferometry”^{10,11} a technique to obtain resolution at the diffraction limit on large astronomical telescopes, primarily at the 200” at Mount Palomar and 100” at Mt. Wilson. This technique provided resolution to determine the diameter on a variety of stars at many wavelengths^{10,13}. He also developed the “Two Color Refractometer”¹² which analyzed unresolved binary stars and then provided the basis for a space navigation system that operated at the meter level. He developed CCD systems to determine Astrometric Position for surveying ICBM locations to a significantly higher accuracy than the existing state-of-the-art. As a member of the team of Astronomers and Astrophysicists that proposed, built and operated the Wide Field/Planetary Camera^{12,13,15,19,23,24,25}, he participated in the development of the main camera of the Hubble Space Telescope and analyzed the resultant observations. Professor Currie accepted a position at the European Southern Observatory (ESO) to develop software to process the Adaptive Optics data obtained on the 3.6 meter telescope at La Silla, Chile and the Very Large Telescope (VLT) at Paranal, Chile^{18,19}. The development of this software continued during his tenure as a visiting scientist at the University of California, San Diego. He was a principle in the development of navigation concepts for DARPA’s F6 program³⁵. For the past eleven years, he has been directing the development of the Next Generation Retroreflectors for Lunar Laser Ranging (a.k.a. The Lunar Laser Ranging Retroreflector for the 21st Century – LLRRA-21)^{27,30}. This program has addressed the design and simulation of the thermal behavior³², of the role of dust³¹ and of the limiting effect of the earth’s atmosphere^{33,36} and advanced deployment technologies²⁹. This has included the development of a state of the art facility for thermal/vacuum testing of retroreflector payloads at the

INFN-LNF²⁸ in Frascati, Italy. The LLRRA-21s are to be carried to the moon by Moon Express, a commercial space-faring corporation³⁷. Recently the University of Maryland, with INFN-LNF, signed an agreement with Moon Express to deploy four NGRs on the lunar surface, starting in early 2017^{38,37}. He has also worked with a program of ionospheric sounding to provide forecasts of earthquakes³⁴.

During his extended scientific career, he also consulted for a variety of government and commercial entities. This work included several projects related to remote sensing and intelligence aspects with the USG, quick blood analysis, bromate detection in bread, developing systems to land aircraft in dense fog^{15,16}.

SELECTED RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

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