

Working with Dr. Maria G. Dainotti in the largest optical catalog ever assembled of GRBs with measured distances has been an absolute pleasure.

Coming into an ongoing project is always somewhat of a challenge, especially for someone whose observational background is quite shallow as mine. Thankfully, Dr. Dainotti has facilitated my integration with the massive international team of students, Masters, PhDs, and Professors with incredible ease, by allowing ample interaction with the rest of the team and its key members, scheduling personal meetings at the preferred times for each student, and coordinating group meetings between the members of the team, regardless of how inconvenient it would be at her own timezone.

By understanding the difficulties I would face tackling a different subject to my specialization, she has given me ample patience and been willing to answer any and every question, no matter how small. As a result I come off this project with a much higher understanding of the skills required to thrive in the field of observational astrophysics, the theoretical aspects of color evolution, and of the immense work done by my colleagues in doing projects such as these catalogs.

It goes without saying that cultivating such a large web of connections with international collaborators with such diverse backgrounds is also an incredible boon!

Best regards to all,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Augusto Caligula do E. S. Pedreira', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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