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## Education

- **University of California, Santa Barbara** Santa Barbara, CA, USA  
*Ph.D. in Physics with Astrophysics Emphasis*  
July 2019 – Sept. 2021  
– [Dissertation](#): Mapping Core-Collapse and Superluminous Supernova Observables to Their Progenitors
- **University of California, Santa Barbara** Santa Barbara, CA, USA  
*M.A. in Physics with Astrophysics Emphasis*  
Sept. 2016 – July 2019
- **University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa** Honolulu, HI, USA  
*B.S. in Physics, Minor in Astrophysics*  
Aug. 2014 – May 2016
- **De Anza College** Cupertino, CA, USA  
*Major in Physics and Engineering*  
Sept. 2012 – June 2014

## Research

- **Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian** Cambridge, MA, USA  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*  
Oct. 2021 – Present  
– Advisor: Prof. Edo Berger; Topic: Superluminous Supernovae and Kilonovae with MMT and Magellan
- **Las Cumbres Observatory** Goleta, CA, USA  
*Graduate Student Researcher*  
Jan. 2017 – Sept. 2021  
– Advisor: Prof. D. Andrew Howell; Topic: Core-Collapse and Superluminous Supernovae with Las Cumbres Observatory
- **Institute for Astronomy – University of Hawai‘i** Honolulu, HI, USA  
*Undergraduate Researcher*  
Jan. 2016 – May. 2016  
– Advisor: Prof. John Tonry; Topic: Unbiased Wide Range Survey for RR Lyraes with ATLAS
- **University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa** Honolulu, HI, USA  
*Undergraduate Researcher*  
Jan. 2015 – Aug. 2015  
– Advisor: Prof. John Lindner and Prof. John Learned; Topic: Nonlinear Dynamics of Variable Stars with Kepler  
– Advisor: Prof. Sven Vahsen; Topic: Novel Algorithm for High-Resolution Neutron Tomography

## Observing

**Magellan Telescopes:** Imaging and Spectroscopy with the Inamori-Magellan Areal Camera & Spectrograph (IMACS) and the Low Dispersion Survey Spectrograph (LDSS-3)

**MMT Observatory:** Imaging and Spectroscopy with the Blue Channel Reticon Spectrograph and Binospec

**Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory:** Imaging with KeplerCam

**Las Cumbres Observatory:** Imaging with SBIG, Sinistro, Spectral and Spectroscopy with FLOYDS

**Gemini Observatory:** Spectroscopy with the Gemini Multi-Object Spectrographs (GMOS)

**Neil Gehrels *Swift* Observatory:** Imaging with the Ultraviolet/Optical Telescope and Imaging and Spectroscopy with the X-Ray Telescope

***Hubble Space Telescope*:** Imaging with the Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3) and the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS)

**Lick Observatory:** Imaging with the Nickel Direct Imaging Camera and Spectroscopy with the Kast Double Spectrograph and Hamilton Echelle Spectrograph

**W. M. Keck Observatory:** Spectroscopy with the Low Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (LRIS)

**Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System:** Imaging with the Pathfinder

**University of Hawai‘i 2.2m Telescope:** Imaging with the Orthogonal Parallel Transfer Imaging Camera

## Teaching

- **University of California, Santa Barbara**  
*Teaching Assistant*  
– ASTRO 1. Basic Astronomy  
– ASTRO 2. History of the Universe  
– PHYS 1. Basic Physics  
– PHYS 3L. Basic Physics Laboratory  
– PHYS 132. Stellar Structure and Evolution  
– PHYS 133. Galaxies and Cosmology  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Sept. 2016 – June 2018
- **University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa**  
*Math and Science Tutor*  
Honolulu, HI  
Jan. 2015 – May 2016
- **De Anza College**  
*Math and Science Tutor*  
Cupertino, CA  
Sept. 2013 – June 2014

## Outreach

- **Japan-US Science Forum**  
*Coordinate member of an interdisciplinary meeting to solve worldwide problems*  
Boston, MA, USA  
Oct. 2021 – Present
- **Astronomy on Tap Santa Barbara**  
*Coordinate member of free, public astronomy-related presentations in a bar*  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Jan. 2018 – Sept. 2021

## Awards and Honors

- **Top 10 space stories of 2021**  
*Astronomy Magazine*  
Waukesha, WI  
Year 2021
- **10 Best Research Stories of 2021**  
*University of California | Office of the President*  
Oakland, CA  
Year 2021
- **Academic Year Fellowship**  
*Department of Physics – University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Santa Barbara, CA  
Academic Year 2016-17
- **The College of Natural Sciences Achievement Scholarship**  
*Department of Physics & Astronomy – University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*  
Honolulu, HI  
Spring 2015 & Spring 2016
- **International Undergraduate Student Scholarship**  
*International Student Services – University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*  
Honolulu, HI  
Academic Years 2014-15 & 2015-16
- **Phi Beta Kappa**  
*Alpha of Hawai‘i Chapter – University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*  
Honolulu, HI  
Spring 2016–Present
- **Golden Key**  
*International Honour Society – University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*  
Honolulu, HI  
Fall 2015–Present
- **Phi Theta Kappa**  
*Alpha Sigma Alpha Chapter – De Anza College*  
Cupertino, CA  
Spring 2013–Present

## Software

- **lcogtgemini**  
*Reduces spectra from the Gemini Observatory GMOS*  
[github.com/cmccully/lcogtgemini](https://github.com/cmccully/lcogtgemini)
- **snhst**  
*Measures photometry on images from the Hubble Space Telescope*  
[github.com/cmccully/snhst](https://github.com/cmccully/snhst)
- **lcogtsnpipe**  
*Measures photometry on images from the Las Cumbres Observatory*  
[github.com/LCOGT/lcogtsnpipe](https://github.com/LCOGT/lcogtsnpipe)
- **floyds\_pipeline**  
*Reduces spectra from the Las Cumbres Observatory FLOYDS spectrographs*  
[github.com/LCOGT/floyds\\_pipeline](https://github.com/LCOGT/floyds_pipeline)

## Presentations

### Invited Talks

7. **Stella Nova 2021** Hiroshima, Hiroshima, Japan (virtual)  
Talk: “GSP Observations of Electron-Capture Supernova 2018zd” Nov. 2021
6. **Caltech/IPAC Lunch Seminar** Pasadena, CA, USA (virtual)  
Talk: “Progenitor Mass Spectrum of Core-Collapse Supernovae” Jan. 2021
5. **NAOJ Science Colloquium** Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan (virtual)  
Talk: “Progenitor Mass Spectrum of Core-Collapse Supernovae” Jan. 2021
4. **ASIAA Colloquium** Taipei, Taiwan, ROC  
Talk: “Recent Advancements in Core-collapse Supernova Observation” Jan. 2020
3. **Kavili IPMU APEC Seminar** Kashiwa, Chiba, Japan  
Talk: “Recent Advancements in Core-collapse Supernova Observation” Nov. 2019
2. **Time-domain astronomy workshop 2019** Sendai, Miyagai, Japan  
Talk: “Hydrogen-rich Supernova Observation and Modeling” Oct. 2019
1. **Kyoto University Astronomy Seminar** Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan  
Talk: “Recent Advancements in Core-collapse Supernova Observation” Oct. 2019

#### Contributed Talks

6. **AAS 240 Summer Meeting** Pasadena, CA, USA  
Talk: “The electron-capture origin of supernova 2018zd” June 2022
5. **ASJ 2022 Spring Annual Meeting** Hiroshima, Hiroshima, Japan (virtual)  
Talk: “A Possible Ia-CSM Origin of Superlinear Supernovae” Mar. 2022
4. **Online-Meetings on Evolved Stars and Systems 2.0** Virtual  
Talk: “The Electron-Capture Supernova 2018zd” Dec. 2021
3. **ASJ 2021 Autumn Annual Meeting** Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan (virtual)  
Talk: “The Electron-Capture Supernova 2018zd” Sept. 2021
2. **Stellar deaths and their diversity** Mitaka, Tokyo, Japan  
Talk: “Type II Short-plateau Supernovae” Jan. 2019
1. **Chaos Among the Stars?** Honolulu, HI, USA  
Talk: “Extracting Fractal Dimensions from Uneven Time Series” Aug. 2015

## Publications

#### Lead Author

3. **Hiramatsu, D.**, Moriya, T. J., Howell, D. A., Arcavi, I., Burke, J. et al., “Superlinear Type II Superluminous Supernovae 2017fck and 2019cmv: A Possible Origin from Interacting Type Ia Supernovae,” in prep.
2. **Hiramatsu, D.**, Howell, D. A., Moriya, T. J., Goldberg, J. A., Hosseinzadeh, G. et al., 2021, “Luminous Type II Short-Plateau Supernovae 2006Y, 2006ai, and 2016egz: A Transitional Class from Stripped Massive Red Supergiants,” [ApJ](#), **913**, 55
1. **Hiramatsu, D.**, Howell, D. A., Van Dyk, S. D., Goldberg, J. A., Maeda, K. et al., 2021, “The electron-capture origin of supernova 2018zd,” [Nature Astronomy](#), **5**, 903

#### Major Contribution

8. Jacobson-Galán, W. V., Margutti, R., Kilpatrick, C. D., **Hiramatsu, D.**, Perets, H. et al., 2020, “SN 2019ehk: A Double-peaked Ca-rich Transient with Luminous X-Ray Emission and Shock-ionized Spectral Features,” [ApJ](#), **898**, 166
7. Pellegrino, C., Howell, D. A., Sarbadhicary, S. K., Burke, J., **Hiramatsu, D.**, et al., 2020, “Constraining the Source of the High-velocity Ejecta in Type Ia SN 2019ein,” [ApJ](#), **897**, 159
6. French, K. D., Arcavi, I., Zabludoff, A. I., Stone, N., **Hiramatsu, D.**, et al. 2020, “The Structure of Tidal Disruption Event Host Galaxies on Scales of Tens to Thousands of Parsecs,” [ApJ](#), **891**, 93
5. Gangopadhyay, A., Misra, K., **Hiramatsu, D.**, Wang, S., Hosseinzadeh, G. et al. 2020, “Flash ionization signatures in the type Ibn supernova SN 2019uo,” [ApJ](#), **889**, 170

4. Anderson, J. P., Pessi, P. J., Dessart, L., Insera, C., **Hiramatsu, D.**, et al., 2018, “A nearby super-luminous supernova with a long pre-maximum & ‘plateau’ and strong C II features,” [A&A, 620, 67](#)
3. Sand, D. J., Graham, M. L., Botyánszki, J., **Hiramatsu, D.**, McCully, C., et al., 2018, “Nebular Spectroscopy of the ‘Blue Bump’ Type Ia Supernova 2017cbv,” [ApJ, 863, 24](#)
2. Graham, M. L., Kumar, S., Hosseinzadeh, G., **Hiramatsu, D.**, Arcavi, I., et al., 2017, “Nebular-Phase Spectra of Nearby Type Ia Supernovae,” [MNRAS, 472, 3437](#)
1. McCully, C., **Hiramatsu, D.**, Howell, D. A., Hosseinzadeh, G., Arcavi, I., et al. 2017, “The rapid reddening and featureless optical spectra of the optical counterpart of GW170817, AT 2017gfo, during the first four days,” [ApJL, 848, L32](#)

## Collaboration

53. Gangopadhyay, A. et al., 2022, “Evolution of A Peculiar Type Ibn Supernova SN 2019wep,” [ApJ, accepted, arXiv:2203.15194](#)
52. Fiore, A. et al., 2021, “Close, bright and boxy: the superluminous SN 2018hti,” [MNRAS, accepted, arXiv:2111.07142](#)
51. Tucker, D. et al., 2021, “SOAR/Goodman Spectroscopic Assessment of Candidate Counterparts of the LIGO–Virgo Event GW190814,” [ApJ, accepted, arXiv:2109.13351](#)
50. Graham, M. L. et al., 2022, “Nebular-phase spectra of Type Ia supernovae from the Las Cumbres Observatory Global Supernova Project,” [MNRAS, 511, 3682](#)
49. Irani, I. et al., 2022, “Less than 1% of Core-Collapse Supernovae in the local universe occur in elliptical galaxies,” [ApJ, 927, 10](#)
48. Ni, Y. Q. et al., 2022, “Infant-phase reddening by surface Fe-peak elements in a normal Type Ia Supernova,” [Nature Astronomy, February 2022](#)
47. Pellegrino, C. et al., 2022, “Circumstellar Interaction Powers the Light Curves of Luminous Rapidly Evolving Optical Transients,” [ApJ, 926, 125](#)
46. Kilpatrick, C. D. et al., 2021, “The Gravity Collective: A Search for the Electromagnetic Counterpart to the Neutron Star-Black Hole Merger GW190814,” [ApJ, 923, 258](#)
45. Wang, Q. et al., 2021, “SN 2018agk: A Prototypical Type Ia Supernova with a Smooth Power-law Rise in Kepler (K2),” [ApJ, 923, 167](#)
44. Armstrong, P. et al., 2021, “SN2017jgh - A high-cadence complete shock cooling lightcurve of a SN IIb with the Kepler telescope,” [MNRAS, 507, 3125](#)
43. Sand, D. J. et al., 2021, “Circumstellar Medium Constraints on the Environment of Two Nearby Type Ia Supernovae: SN 2017cbv and SN 2020nlb,” [ApJ, 922, 21](#)
42. Parrag, E. et al., 2021, “SN 2019hcc: a Type II supernova displaying early O II lines,” [MNRAS, 506, 4819](#)
41. Jencson, J. E. et al., 2021, “AT 2019qyl in NGC 300: Internal Collisions in the Early Outflow from a Very Fast Nova in a Symbiotic Binary,” [ApJ, 920, 127](#)
40. Burke, J. et al., 2021, “A Bright Ultraviolet Excess in the Transitional O2es-like Type Ia Supernova 2019yvq,” [ApJ, 919, 142](#)
39. Medler, K. et al., 2021, “SN 2020cpg: an energetic link between type IIb and Ib supernovae,” [MNRAS, 506, 1832](#)
38. Zeng, X. et al., 2021, “SN 2017fgc: A Fast-expanding Type Ia Supernova Exploded in Massive Shell Galaxy NGC 474,” [ApJ, 919, 49](#)
37. Utrobin, V. P. et al., 2021, “Enormous explosion energy of Type IIP SN 2017gmr with bipolar Ni-56 ejecta,” [MNRAS, 505, 116](#)
36. Gutiérrez, C. P. et al., 2021, “The double-peaked type Ic Supernova 2019cad: another SN 2005bf-like object,” [MNRAS, 504, 4907](#)

35. Pritchard, T. A. et al., 2021, “*The Exotic Type Ic Broad-lined Supernova SN 2018gep: Blurring the Line between Supernovae and Fast Optical Transients*,” [ApJ](#), **915**, 121
34. Cannizzaro, G. et al., 2021, “*Accretion disc cooling and narrow absorption lines in the tidal disruption event AT 2019dsq*,” [MNRAS](#), **504**, 792
33. Baltay, C. et al., 2021, “*Low-redshift Type Ia Supernova from the LSQ/LCO Collaboration*,” [PASP](#), **133**, 4002
32. Fiore, A. et al., 2021, “*SN 2017gci: a nearby Type I Superluminous Supernova with a bumpy tail*,” [MNRAS](#), **502**, 2120
31. Xiang, D. et al., 2021, “*The Peculiar Transient AT2018cow: A Possible Origin of a Type Ibn/II<sub>n</sub> Supernova*,” [ApJ](#), **910**, 42
30. Zeng, X. et al., 2021, “*SN 2017hpa: A Nearby Carbon-rich Type Ia Supernova with a Large Velocity Gradient*,” [ApJ](#), **909**, 176
29. Khetan, N. et al., 2021, “*A new measurement of the Hubble constant using Type Ia supernovae calibrated with surface brightness fluctuations*,” [A&A](#), **647**, 72
28. Malyali, A. et al., 2021, “*AT 2019avd: a novel addition to the diverse population of nuclear transients*,” [A&A](#), **647**, 9
27. Barna, B. et al., 2021, “*SN 2019muj – a well-observed Type Iax supernova that bridges the luminosity gap of the class*,” [MNRAS](#), **501**, 1078
26. Rho, J. et al., 2021, “*Near-infrared and Optical Observations of Type Ic SN 2020oi and Broad-lined Type Ic SN 2020bvc: Carbon Monoxide, Dust, and High-velocity Supernova Ejecta*,” [ApJ](#), **908**, 232
25. Tartaglia, L. et al., 2021, “*The Early Discovery of SN 2017ahn: Signatures of Persistent Interaction in a Fast-declining Type II Supernova*,” [ApJ](#), **907**, 52
24. Dong, Y. et al., 2021, “*Supernova 2018cuf: A Type IIP Supernova with a Slow Fall from Plateau*,” [ApJ](#), **906**, 56
23. Prentice, S. J. et al., 2020, “*SN 2018gix reveals that some SNe Ibn are SNe Iib exploding in dense circumstellar material*,” [MNRAS](#), **499**, 1450
22. Gutiérrez, C. P. et al., 2020, “*SN 2017ivv: two years of evolution of a transitional Type II supernova*,” [MNRAS](#), **499**, 974
21. Nicholl, M. et al., 2020, “*An outflow powers the optical rise of the nearby, fast-evolving tidal disruption event AT2019qiz*,” [MNRAS](#), **499**, 482
20. Short, P. et al., 2020, “*The tidal disruption event AT 2018hyz - I. Double-peaked emission lines and a flat Balmer decrement*,” [MNRAS](#), **498**, 4119
19. Yang, Y. et al., 2020, “*The Young and Nearby Normal Type Ia Supernova 2018gv: UV-Optical Observations and the Earliest Spectropolarimetry*,” [ApJ](#), **902**, 46
18. Gomez, S. et al., 2020, “*The Tidal Disruption Event AT 2018hyz II: Light-curve modelling of a partially disrupted star*,” [MNRAS](#), **497**, 1925
17. Müller-Bravo, T. E. et al., 2020, “*The low-luminosity Type II SN 2016aqf: a well-monitored spectral evolution of the Ni/Fe abundance ration*,” [MNRAS](#), **497**, 361
16. Bostroem, K. A. et al., 2020, “*Discovery and Rapid Follow-up Observations of the Unusual Type II SN 2018ivc in NGC 1068*,” [ApJ](#), **895**, 31
15. Han, X. et al., 2020, “*SN 2017cfd: A Normal Type Ia Supernova Discovered Very Young*,” [ApJ](#), **892**, 142
14. Leloudas, G. et al., 2019, “*The Spectral Evolution of AT 2018dyb and the Presence of Metal Lines in Tidal Disruption Events*,” [ApJ](#), **887**, 218
13. Andrews, J. E. et al., 2019, “*SN 2017gmr: An energetic Type II-P supernova with asymmetries*,” [ApJ](#), **885**, 43

12. Galbany, L. et al., 2019, “*Evidence for a Chandrasekhar-mass explosion in the Ca-strong 1991bg-like type Ia supernova 2016hmk*,” [A&A](#), **630**, 76
11. Trakhtenbrot, B. et al., 2019, “*1ES 1927+654: an AGN Caught Changing Look on a Timescale of Months*,” [ApJ](#), **883**, 94
10. Pastorello, A. et al., 2019, “*A luminous stellar outburst during a long-lasting eruptive phase first, and then SN IIn 2018cnf*,” [A&A](#), **628**, 93
9. Brown, P. J., et al., 2019, “*Red and Reddened: Ultraviolet through Near-Infrared Observations of Type Ia Supernova 2017erp*,” [ApJ](#), **877**, 152
8. Sand, D. J., et al., 2019, “*Nebular H $\alpha$  Limits for Fast Declining SNe Ia*,” [ApJL](#), **877**, 4
7. Szalai, T., et al., 2019, “*The Type II-P Supernova 2017eaw: From Explosion to the Nebular Phase*,” [ApJ](#), **876**, 19
6. Hosseinzadeh, G., et al., 2019, “*Type Ibn Supernovae May not all Come from Massive Stars*,” [ApJL](#), **871**, 9
5. Dimitriadis, G., et al., 2019, “*K2 Observations of SN 2018oh Reveal a Two-component Rising Light Curve for a Type Ia Supernova*,” [ApJ](#), **870**, 1
4. Li, W., et al., 2019, “*Photometric and Spectroscopic Properties of Type Ia Supernova 2018oh with Early Excess Emission from the Kepler 2 Observations*,” [ApJ](#), **870**, 12
3. Taddia, F., et al., 2019, “*Analysis of broad-lined Type Ic supernovae from the (intermediate) Palomar Transient Factory*,” [A&A](#), **621**, 71
2. Sollerman, J., et al., 2019, “*Late-time observations of the extraordinary Type II supernova iPTF14hls*,” [A&A](#), **621**, 30
1. LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration et al., 2017, “*Multi-Messenger Observations of a Binary Neutron Star Merger*,” [ApJL](#), **848**, 12

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5. Valerin, G. et al., 2022, “*Low luminosity Type II supernovae - IV. SN 2020cxd and SN 2021aai, at the edges of the sub-luminous supernovae class*,” [MNRAS](#), submitted, [arXiv:2203.03988](#)
4. Wevers, T. et al., 2022, “*An elliptical accretion disk following the tidal disruption event AT 2020zso*,” [A&A](#), submitted, [arXiv:2202.08268](#)
3. Medler, K. et al., 2022, “*SN 2020acat: A purr-fect example of a fast rising Type IIb Supernova*,” [MNRAS](#), submitted, [arXiv:2201.06991](#)
2. Brennan, S. J. et al., 2021, “*An impostor among us II: Progenitor, environment, and modelling of AT 2016jbu*,” [MNRAS](#), submitted, [arXiv:2102.09576](#)
1. Brennan, S. J. et al., 2021, “*An impostor among us I: Photometric and spectroscopic evolution of AT 2016jbu*,” [MNRAS](#), submitted, [arXiv:2102.09572](#)

## Astronomical Circulars

[245](#) transient classifications and circulars ([89](#) as lead author).