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Asteroseismology ★ Stellar Astrophysics ★ Data Science ★ Artificial Intelligence

## Education

- 2018      **Ph.D.** Computer Science / Astrophysics  
• Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, Germany  
• Department of Astronomy, Yale University, USA  
• Institute of Computer Science, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2014      **M.Sc.** Computer Science, minor: Bioinformatics  
School of Informatics & Computing, Indiana University, USA  
Graduate Fellow of the National Physical Science Consortium
- 2012      **B.Sc.** Applied Mathematics, concentration: Scientific Computing  
**B.Sc.** Computer Science, concentration: Artificial Intelligence  
State University of New York at Oswego, USA  
*GPA: 3.81/4.0, summa cum laude*  
*Rank #1 overall in Department of Computer Science*

## Postdoctoral Positions

- 2021 – present    *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  
Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, Garching, Germany
- 2018 – 2021      *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  
Stellar Astrophysics Centre, Aarhus University, Denmark

## Research Positions

- 2019 – 2020      *Visiting Fellow*  
School of Physics, UNSW Sydney, Australia
- 2016 – 2017      *Visiting Assistant in Research*  
Department of Astronomy, Yale University, USA
- 2015 – 2018      *Research Assistant / Doktorand*  
Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research, Germany
- 2013 – 2015      *Research Assistant & Associate Instructor*  
School of Informatics and Computing, Indiana University, USA
- 2013 – 2014      *Guest Researcher*  
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), USA
- 2013              *Research Student*  
National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan

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| 2012 | <i>Research Fellow</i><br>NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, USA                    |
| 2011 | <i>IRES/NSF Research Student</i><br>Federal University of Alagoas, Brazil        |
| 2010 | <i>IRES/NSF Research Student</i><br>Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil |

## Teaching

### Supervision of student research

#### Doctoral students

|                                       |                |  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| *thesis supervisor                    | 2021 – present | *Lynn Buchele (co-supervising Ph.D. with Saskia Hekker)                |
| <sup>P</sup> project supervisor       | 2022 – present | <sup>P</sup> Teresa Braun (Ph.D. student, Max Planck for Astrophysics) |
|                                       | 2022 – present | <sup>P</sup> Mami Deka (Ph.D. student), 1 paper                        |
| student-led,<br>peer-reviewed         | 2021 – present | <sup>P</sup> Arthur Le Saux (via Kavli Summer Program)                 |
| journal publications<br>are indicated | 2021 – present | <sup>P</sup> Mark Winther (Ph.D. student, Aarhus University)           |
|                                       | 2020 – present | <sup>P</sup> Tanner Wilson (via TESS Ninja Hackathon)                  |
|                                       | 2022           | <sup>P</sup> Pavan Vynatheya (Ph.D. student), 1 paper                  |
|                                       | 2020 – 2021    | <sup>P</sup> Susmita Das (graduated, now: postdoc), 1 paper            |
|                                       | 2018 – 2022    | <sup>P</sup> Felix Ahlborn (graduated, now: Postdoc, HITS), 2 papers   |
|                                       | 2018 – 2019    | <sup>P</sup> Marc Hon (graduated, now: Hubble Fellow), 1 paper         |
| Master students                       | 2017 – 2018    | *Felix Ahlborn (co-supervised with Saskia Hekker)                      |
|                                       | 2021 – 2022    | <sup>P</sup> Marcelo Aron Keniger (graduated, now: Ph.D. Student)      |
|                                       | 2020 – 2021    | <sup>P</sup> Janne Mønster (graduated)                                 |
| Bachelor students                     | 2021 – present | <sup>P</sup> Selim Kalici (supervised 2-month internship at MPA)       |
|                                       | 2021 – present | <sup>P</sup> Hugh Randall (supervised 2-month internship at MPA)       |
|                                       | 2021 – present | <sup>P</sup> Michele Manno (supervised 2-month internship at MPA)      |
|                                       | 2020 – 2021    | <sup>P</sup> Marcelo Aron Keniger (graduated, now: Ph.D. student)      |
|                                       | 2021 – 2022    | *Silke Dainese (graduated, now: Master student)                        |
|                                       | 2016           | <sup>P</sup> Kenny Roffo (co-supervised 2-month internship at MPS)     |
| High school                           | 2017 – 2020    | <sup>P</sup> Alejandra Perea Rojas (graduated, now: student, Harvard)  |

### University Courses Taught

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|-------------|---|
| 2018 – 2021 | Assistant, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Aarhus University<br>E20 — <i>Advanced Stellar Structure and Evolution</i><br>F19 — <i>Advanced Projects in Stellar Evolution</i> |
| 2017        | Assistant, Department of Astronomy, Yale University<br>ASTR 550 — <i>Stellar Astrophysics</i>   |
| 2016        | Assistant, Institut für Astrophysik, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen<br>M.Phys.552 — <i>Numerical Experiments in Stellar Physics</i>   |
| 2012        | Associate Instructor, School of Informatics and Computing, Indiana University<br>CSCI-C211/A591 — <i>Introduction to Computer Science</i>   |
| 2010        | Seminar Leader, Honors Program, SUNY Oswego<br>HON 150 — <i>Introduction to Honors</i>  |

### Other Teaching Activities

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| 2022 | Organizer & Lecturer, MESA Summer School, UC Santa Barbara |
| 2022 | Invited tutorial, MESA & GYRE, TASC6/KASC13                |
| 2022 | Invited instructor, MESA@ESO workshop                      |
| 2022 | Research advisor, MPA internship (3 students)              |
| 2021 | Research advisor, Kavli summer astrophysics program        |
| 2016 | Research advisor, MPS internship                           |

### Presentations

#### Invited Talks

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| 2022 | TASC6/KASC13 – TESS/Kepler Asteroseismic Science Consortium<br><i>KU Leuven, Belgium</i>                           |
| 2019 | TASC5/KASC12 – TESS/Kepler Asteroseismic Science Consortium<br><i>MIT, USA</i>                                     |
| 2019 | Dynamics of the Sun & Stars: Honoring the Life & Work of Michael Thompson<br><i>High Altitude Observatory, USA</i> |

#### Invited Seminars

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| 2022 | Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic       |
| 2021 | KU Leuven, Belgium                                      |
| 2021 | University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada        |
| 2020 | Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia                 |
| 2020 | Monash University, Melbourne, Australia                 |
| 2019 | University of Sydney, Australia                         |
| 2018 | Stellar Astrophysics Centre, Aarhus University, Denmark |
| 2017 | University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA                    |
| 2013 | Kyoto University, Japan                                 |

#### Contributed Talks

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| 2022 | European Astronomical Society, Valencia, Spain                            |
| 2022 | Fundamental stellar parameters from asteroseismology, Aarhus, Denmark     |
| 2019 | Stars in Melbourne, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia               |
| 2019 | Annual Danish Astronomy Meeting (ADAM) 2019, Nyborg, Denmark              |
| 2018 | TESS Asteroseismic Science Consortium 4, Aarhus University, Denmark       |
| 2017 | ERES-III: Emerging Researchers in Exoplanet Science, Yale University, USA |
| 2015 | RR Lyrae 2015, Visegrád, Hungary  |
| 2015 | American Astronomical Society, Washington, USA                            |

## Workshops (\*Invited talk)

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| 2021 | *PLATO WP122 Liege Workshop #4   |
| 2021 | *MPA–Potsdam Workshop on Hot Subdwarfs, Garching, Germany              |
| 2020 | TESS Ninja 3, University of Sydney, Australia                          |
| 2019 | 8th Aarhus Red Giants Workshop, Astronomical Observatory of Catania    |
| 2017 | 7th Aarhus Red Giants Workshop, MPI for Astrophysics                   |
| 2016 | *6th Aarhus Red Giants Workshop, MPI for Solar System Research         |
| 2015 | *Indo-US Science Workshop on Variable Stars, Delhi University, India   |
| 2014 | *Indo-US Science Workshop on Variable Stars, St. Thomas College, India |

## Awards & Funding

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| 2023 | Flanders Research Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship (KU Leuven, deferred) |
| 2021 | Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellowship              |
| 2018 | NVIDIA GPU Grant   |
| 2018 | Stellar Astrophysics Centre Postdoctoral Fellowship                        |
| 2012 | National Physical Science Consortium Graduate Fellowship                   |
| 2012 | SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence                             |
| 2012 | Oebele Van Dyk Outstanding Computer Science Senior Award                   |
| 2008 | SUNY Oswego Presidential Scholarship                                       |

## Professional Activities

### Associations

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|--------|---|
| 2020 – | Developer, MESA Stellar Evolution Code          |
| 2019 – | Junior Member, International Astronomical Union |

### Observing Time

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| 2018 | $\delta$ Eridani – the first SONG-TESS simultaneous target (PI.)<br>Instrument: <b>SONG telescope</b> (50 nights)                  |
| 2018 | Simultaneous observations of oscillations in Procyon with SONG<br>and TESS (co-I)<br>Instrument: <b>SONG telescope</b> (30 nights) |

### Refereeing

*The Astrophysical Journal Letters*  
*The Astronomical Journal*  
*Astronomy & Astrophysics*  
*Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*  
*Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences*

## Scientific Organizing

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| 2022        | Organizer and Lecturer, MESA Summer School 2022, UC Santa Barbara  |
| 2022        | Scientific Organizer, European Astronomical Society 2022 Special Session<br><i>"Stellar characterization, large data sets, and Machine Learning"</i> |
| 2022        | Organizer and Leader, MPA Hackathon, MPI for Astrophysics  |
| 2022 –      | Organizer, Seminar on Stellar Astrophysics (SESTAS), MPI for Astrophysics  |
| 2019 – 2021 | Organizer, Stellar Astrophysics Centre Seminar, Aarhus University  |
| 2015 – 2018 | Organizer, SAGE Seminar Series, Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research   |

## Languages

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| Human    | English (native)<br>German (B2)<br>Spanish (A2)<br>Portuguese (A2)   |
| Computer | <b>Expert:</b> Python, R, Bash, LaTeX, CLISP, Scheme, Java, MATLAB<br><b>Proficient:</b> C, Javascript, HTML, CSS, Perl, SQL, FORTRAN 77/95/08<br><b>Familiar:</b> ActionScript, Assembly, BASIC, C++, Haskell, Mathematica, ML, PHP, Prolog, Ruby, VB |

## Publications – Earl Patrick Bellinger

Number of publications = 49 || first author = 19 || citations = 595 || h-index = 16

Google scholar profile: [https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Woj\\_Tu4AAAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Woj_Tu4AAAAAJ)

<sup>1</sup> denotes most important publications

### Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

(total = 31, first author = 10, single author = 2, student-led = 6)

1. **Bellinger, E. P.** & Christensen-Dalsgaard, J. (2022). Towards solar measurements of nuclear reaction rates. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*.
2. <sup>1</sup>**Bellinger, E. P.**, Basu, S., Hekker, S., Christensen-Dalsgaard, J., Ball, W. (2021). Asteroseismic Inference of the Central Structure in a Subgiant Star. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 915 (2).
3. <sup>1</sup>**Bellinger, E. P.** (2020). A seismic scaling relation for stellar age II. The red giant branch. *MNRAS Letters*, 492 (1).
4. <sup>1</sup>**Bellinger, E. P.**, Kanbur, S. M., Bhardwaj, A., Marconi, M. (2020). When a Period Is Not a Full Stop: Light Curve Structure Reveals Fundamental Parameters of Cepheid and RR Lyrae Stars. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 491 (4).
5. <sup>1</sup>**Bellinger, E. P.** & Christensen-Dalsgaard, J. (2019). Asteroseismic constraints on the cosmic-time variation of the gravitational constant from an ancient main-sequence star. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 887 (1).
6. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Basu, S., Hekker, S., Christensen-Dalsgaard, J. (2019). Testing stellar evolution with asteroseismic inversions of a main sequence star harboring a small convective core. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 885 (2), 143.
7. **Bellinger, E. P.** (2019). A seismic scaling relation for stellar age. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 486 (4).
8. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Hekker, S., Angelou, G. C., Stokholm, A., Basu, S. (2019). Stellar ages, masses and radii from asteroseismic modeling are robust to systematic errors in spectroscopy. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 622, A130.
9. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Basu, S., Hekker, S., Ball, W. (2017). Model-independent Measurement of Internal Stellar Structure in 16 Cygni A and B. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 851 (2), 80.
10. <sup>1</sup>**Bellinger, E. P.**, Angelou, G. C., Hekker, S., Basu, S., Ball, W., Guggenberger, E. (2016). Fundamental Parameters of Main-Sequence Stars in an Instant with Machine Learning. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 830 (1), 20.

\* denotes the paper was led by a student

11. \*Ahlborn, F., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Hekker, S., Basu, S., Mokrytska, D (2022). Improved asteroseismic inversions for red-giant surface rotation rates. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*.
12. \*Deka, Kanbur, Deb, Das, Kurbah, **Bellinger**, Bhardwaj (2022). Period-Colour and Amplitude-Colour relations for OGLE  $\delta$  Scuti stars in the Galactic Bulge and LMC. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*.
13. \*Vynatheya, P., Hamers, A. S., Mardling, R. A., **Bellinger, E. P.** (2022). Algebraic and machine learning approach to hierarchical triple-star stability. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*.
14. Jermyn, Bauer, Schwab, Farmer, Ball, **Bellinger**, et al. (2022). Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics (MESA): Time-Dependent Convection, Energy Conservation, Automatic Differentiation, and Infrastructure. *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*, accepted.
15. Caplan, M. E., Freeman, I. F., Horowitz, C. J., Cumming, A., **Bellinger, E. P.** (2021). Cooling Delays from Iron Sedimentation and Iron Inner Cores in White Dwarfs. *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*, 919 (1).
16. Grunblatt, S. et al. including **Bellinger, E. P.** (2021). Age-Dating Red Giant Stars Associated with Galactic Disk and Halo Substructures. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 916 (2).
17. Plachy, E. et al. including **Bellinger, E. P.** (2021). TESS observations of Cepheid stars: first light results. *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series*, 253 (1).
18. \*Hon, M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Hekker, S., Stello, D., Kuszlewicz, J. S. (2020). Asteroseismic Ages of Subgiant Stars with Deep Learning, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 499 (2).
19. \*Ahlborn, F., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Hekker, S., Basu, S., Angelou, G. C. (2020). On the asteroseismic sensitivity to internal rotation along the red-giant branch. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 639, A98.
20. Angelou, G. C., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Hekker, S., Mints, A., Elsworth, Y., Basu, S., Weiss, A. (2020). Convective boundary mixing in low- and intermediate-mass stars I. Core properties from pressure-mode asteroseismology. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 493 (4).
21. Angelou, G. C., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Hekker, S., Basu, S. (2017). On the Statistical Properties of the Lower Main Sequence. *The Astrophysical Journal*, 839 (2), 116.
22. Glover, M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Radivojac, P., Clemmer, D. (2015). Penultimate Proline in Neuropeptides. *Analytical Chemistry*, 87 (16), 8466–8472.

23. \*Das, S., Kanbur, S. M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Bhardwaj, A., Singh, H. P., Meerdink, B., Proietti, N., Chalmers, A., Jordan, R. (2020). The stellar photosphere-hydrogen ionization front interaction in Classical Pulsators: a theoretical explanation for observed period-colour relations. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 493 (1).
24. Bo Nielsen, M. et al. including **Bellinger, E. P.** (2020). TESS asteroseismology of the known planet host star  $\lambda^2$  Fornacis, *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 641, A25.
25. Christensen-Dalsgaard, J. et al. including **Bellinger, E. P.** (2020). The Aarhus Red Giants Challenge II: Stellar oscillations in the red giant branch phase. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 635, A165.
26. Silva Aguirre, V. et al. including **Bellinger, E. P.** (2020). The Aarhus Red Giants Challenge I: Stellar structures in the red giant branch phase. *Astronomy & Astrophysics*, 635, A164.
27. Tang, Y., Basu, S., Davies, G. R., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Gai, Ning (2018). Asteroseismology of KIC 8263801: Is it a member of NGC 6866 and a red clump star? *The Astrophysical Journal*, 866 (1), 59.
28. Guggenberger, E., Hekker, S., Basu, S., Angelou, G. C., **Bellinger, E. P.** (2017). Mitigating the mass dependence in the  $\Delta\nu$  scaling relation of red-giant stars. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 470 (2).
29. Guggenberger, E., Hekker, S., Basu, S., **Bellinger, E. P.** (2016). Significantly improving stellar mass and radius estimates: A new reference function for the  $\Delta\nu$  scaling relation. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 461 (2).
30. Ji, C., Li, Y. F., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Li, S., Arnold, R. J., Radivojac, P., Tang, H. (2015). A maximum-likelihood approach to absolute protein quantification in mass spectrometry. In refereed proceedings of *the 6th ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology and Health Informatics* (pp. 296-305).
31. Ngeow, C. C., Kanbur, S. M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Marconi, M., Musella, I., Cignoni, M., & Lin, Y. H. (2012). Period-luminosity relations for Cepheid variables: from mid-infrared to multi-phase. *Astrophysics & Space Science*, 341(1), 105-113.

## Publications in conference proceedings

(total = 14, first author = 6)

32. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Basu, S., Hekker, S. (2020). Inverse analysis of asteroseismic data: a review. *Dynamics of the Sun & Stars*.
33. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Angelou, G. C., Hekker, S., Basu, S., Ball, W., Guggenberger, E. (2017). Fundamental Parameters in an Instant with Machine Learning: Application to Kepler



- LEGACY Targets. *Seismology of the Sun and Distant Stars*, EPJ Web of Conferences, Volume 160, id.05003.
34. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Wysocki, D., Kanbur, S. M. (2015). Measuring amplitudes of harmonics and combination frequencies in variable stars. *Communications from the Konkoly Observatory of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences*, 105.
  35. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Kanbur, S. M., & Ngeow, C.-C. (2012). New insights into the Cepheid PL Relation through the use of multiphase relations. *Proceedings of the 20th Stellar Pulsations Conference*.
  36. **Bellinger, E. P.** (2012). Multiphase Relations of Magellanic Cloud Cepheids. *Proceedings of the 2012 National Conference on Undergraduate Research*.
  37. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Kanbur, S. M., & Ngeow, C.-C. (2011). Multiphase Comparison of Period-Luminosity Relations for Magellanic Cloud Cepheids. *Proceedings of the 9th Pacific Rim Conference on Stellar Astrophysics*, 451, 311.
  38. Kanbur, S. M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Bhardwaj, A., Marconi, M. (2020). Light Curve Structure Reveals Fundamental Parameters of Cepheid and RR Lyrae Stars. *Proceedings of RR Lyrae 2019*.
  39. \*Das, S., Kanbur, S. M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Bhardwaj, A., Singh, H. P. (2020). A study of the stellar photosphere-hydrogen ionisation front interaction in pulsating variables using period-color relations. *ASP Conference Series*, 529.
  40. \*Ahlborn, F., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Hekker, S., Basu, S., Angelou, G. C. (2020). Rotational inversions along the lower part of the red-giant branch. *Stars and their Variability Observed from Space*.
  41. Kanbur, S. M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Bhardwaj, A., Marconi, M. (2020). Light Curve Structure Reveals Fundamental Parameters of Cepheid and RR Lyrae Stars. *RR Lyrae 2019*.
  42. Reyner, S., **Bellinger, E. P.**, & Kanbur, S. M. (2012). The approximation of RR Lyrae and eclipsing binary light curves using cubic polynomials. *Proceedings of the 20th Stellar Pulsations Conference*.
  43. Das, S., Kanbur, S. M., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Bhardwaj, A., Singh, H. P. (2020). A study of the stellar photosphere-hydrogen ionisation front interaction in pulsating variables using period-color relations. *RR Lyrae 2019*.
  44. Bhardwaj, A., Kanbur, S. M., Marconi, M., Das, S., **Bellinger, E. P.**, Singh, H. P., Rejkuba, M., Ngeow, C.-C. (2018). Time-series analyses of Cepheid and RR Lyrae variables in the wide-field variability surveys. *IAUS347: Early Science with ELTs*.
  45. Hekker, S., Elsworth, Y., Basu, S., **Bellinger, E. P.** (2017). Evolutionary states of red-giant stars from grid-based modelling. *Seismology of the Sun and Distant Stars*, EPJ Web of Conferences, Volume 160, id.04006.

## Additional publications

(total = 4, first author = 3)

46. **Bellinger, E. P.** (2019). An idea to an image: the prediction and confirmation of black holes. Invited book review, *Metascience*, 29 (1), Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
47. **Bellinger, E. P.** (2018). Inverse Problems in Asteroseismology. Doctoral thesis, *International Max Planck Research School*.
48. **Bellinger, E. P.**, Conner, D., Mittman, D., Magee, K., & Heventhal, B. (2012). CASSIUS: the Cassini Uplink Scheduler. *Jet Propulsion Laboratory: National Aeronautics and Space Administration*, hdl:2014/43122.
49. The MSE Science Team et al. including **Bellinger, E. P.** (2019). The Detailed Science Case for the Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer.