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SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS

Exoplanet characterization and formation, applications of statistical modeling and machine learning

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz

Ph.D. in Astronomy and Astrophysics

2019 - Expected 2024

Advisor: Professor Natalie Batalha

Stanford University

Master of Science in Applied and Engineering Physics

2018 - 2019

Bachelor of Science in Physics

2014 - 2018

Minor in Mathematics

Advisors: Professor Bruce Macintosh, Dr. Ian Czekala

Thesis: *Inferring the Veiling Spectrum of the Pre-Main Sequence Star LkCa 15 with Gaussian Processes*

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Prioritizing TESS Targets for Atmospheric Characterization

2019 - present

A prioritization scheme to systematically search for the TESS targets that are best-suited for atmospheric follow-up with *JWST*.

The TESS-Keck Survey

2019 - present

Observing and analysis support for the TESS-Keck Survey, a multi-institution collaboration with the goal of measuring the orbits and masses of 100 TESS planets with Keck-HIRES.

Unveiling the Spectra of Young Stars with Gaussian Processes

2017 - 2019

Using Gaussian processes to model time-series spectroscopic observations of a young star, LkCa 15, we disentangle the stellar atmosphere from the spectrum of accretion, revealing time-variable, line-specific emission related to the infalling material.

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2019 - present

LSST Corporation Data Science Fellowship

2019 - present

Regents' Fellowship, University of California, Santa Cruz

Fall 2019, Winter 2020

Conference Travel Grant, Stanford University

2017

Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship, IBM

2014 - 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student

Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of California, Santa Cruz

2019 - present

Research Assistant

Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology, Stanford University

2017 - 2019

Research and Development Intern

Pathfinder Systems, Inc., Denver, CO

Summer 2016

PUBLICATIONS ([NASA ADS SEARCH RESULTS](#))

First-author publications

1. **Murphy, J. M. A. et al.** “Another super-dense sub-Neptune in K2-182 b and refined mass measurements for K2-199 b and c.” In revision, March 2021.

Many-author publications

8. Dai, F. et al. **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “TKS X: Confirmation of TOI-1444b and a Comparative Analysis of the Ultra-short-period Planets with Hot Neptunes.” [Submitted, May 2021](#).
7. Lubin, J. et al. **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “TESS-Keck Survey IX: Masses of Three Sub-Neptunes Orbiting HD 191939 and the Discovery of a Warm Jovian Plus a Distant Sub-Stellar Companion.” In revision, May 2021.
6. Rubenzahl, R. et al. **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “The TESS-Keck Survey IV: A Retrograde, Polar Orbit for the Ultra-Low-Density, Hot Super-Neptune WASP-107b.” [The Astronomical Journal](#), 161, 119, 2021.
5. Weiss, L. et al. **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “The TESS-Keck Survey II: An Ultra-Short Period Rocky Planet and its Siblings Transiting the Galactic Thick-Disk Star TOI-561.” [The Astronomical Journal](#), 161, 56, 2021.
4. Kosiarek, M. et al. **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “Physical Parameters of the Multi-Planet Systems HD 106315 and GJ 9827.” [The Astronomical Journal](#), 161, 47, 2021.
3. Dai, F. et al., **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “The TESS-Keck Survey. III. A Stellar Obliquity Measurement of TOI-1726 c.” [The Astronomical Journal](#), 160, 4, 2020.
2. Cloutier, R. et al. **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “TOI-1235 b: A Keystone Super-Earth for Testing Radius Valley Emergence Models around Early M Dwarfs.” [The Astronomical Journal](#), 160, 1, 2020.
1. Dalba, P. et al. **including Murphy, J. M. A.** “The TESS-Keck Survey. I. A Warm Sub-Saturn-mass Planet and a Caution about Stray Light in TESS Cameras.” [The Astronomical Journal](#), 159, 5, 2020.

ADVISING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Students advised

Ms. Bronwen Hardee, UCSC undergraduate June 2020 - January 2021
Constructing a high-fidelity exoplanet mass and radius catalog.

Volunteer Instructor

Introduction to Astronomy Research Summer 2020, 2021
GitHub repositories: [2020](#), [2021](#)

Teaching Assistant

Astronomy 119: <i>Introduction to Scientific Computing</i> , UCSC	Spring 2020
Physics 43: <i>Electricity and Magnetism</i> , Stanford University	Spring 2019
Physics 41: <i>Mechanics</i> , Stanford University	Winter 2019
Physics 41A: <i>Mechanics</i> , Stanford University	Winter 2018

Course Instructor

Physics 91SI: *Practical Computing for Scientists*, Stanford University Spring 2017

OBSERVING EXPERIENCE

10-meter Keck I telescope (HIRES) - 30 half nights January 2020 - present

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Talks

3. *Sub-Neptune Diversity in the Exoplanet Mass-Radius Diagram: The masses of three K2 sub-Neptunes and preliminary analysis of atmospheric targets from the TESS-Keck Survey*, UCSC FLASH Seminar, 2021 May 21.
2. *The TESS-Keck Survey: Building a Statistical Sample of Sub-Neptunes Primed for Atmospheric Characterization*, TESS Science Team Meeting #25, 2021 March 25.
1. *The TESS-Keck Survey: Building a Statistical Sample of Sub-Neptunes Primed for Atmospheric Characterization*, Bay Area Exoplanet Meeting #36, 2021 March 5.

Posters

2. *Inferring the spectrum of accretion onto LkCa 15 with Gaussian Processes*, [AAS Meeting 233](#), poster 360.19, 2019.
1. *Disentangling spectra of young stars*, [AAS Meeting 233](#), poster 339.08, 2018.

OUTREACH

Invited Public Talks

2. *Exoplanets: Detecting and Characterizing Worlds Beyond the Solar System*, Morristown High School (NJ) STEM Academy Meeting, 2021 April 7.
1. *Piecing Together the Universe with Generative Models*, Astronomy on Tap - Santa Cruz, 2020 March 5.