

## Philip S. Cowperthwaite

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CITIZENSHIP	USA	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Electromagnetic counterparts to gravitational wave events. Contamination in optical transient surveys. Optical survey design and optimization.	
EDUCATION	<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, Massachusetts USA  M.A., Astronomy, Spring 2015  Ph.D., Astronomy, Expected Spring 2018  <b>The University of Maryland at College Park</b> , College Park, Maryland USA  B.S., Summa Cum Laude, Astronomy with High Honors, Spring 2013  B.S., Summa Cum Laude, Physics, Spring 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minor in Mathematics</li></ul>	
AWARDS	<b>Harvard University</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merit Fellowship 2017–2018</li><li>• John Parker Bequest Grant 2017–2018</li><li>• John P. and Carol J. Merrill Graduate Fellow, 2014–15</li></ul> <b>National Science Foundation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013–18 (Funded: 2013–2016)</li><li>• Research Experience for Undergraduates Summer Fellowship, 2012</li></ul> <b>University of Maryland, College Park</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• University Medal Finalist, 2013</li><li>• J.R. Dorfman Prize for Outstanding Undergraduate Research, 2013</li></ul> <b>Center for Research and Exploration in Space Science and Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer Research Fellowship, 2011</li></ul> <b>The State of Maryland</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Howard P. Rawlings Grant, 2010–2012</li><li>• Maryland Delegates Grant, 2010–12</li></ul>	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>ComSciCon – Local Organizing Committee 2017</b> <b>Astrophysical Journal Letters – Referee</b> <b>American Physical Society – Member</b> <b>American Astronomical Society – Junior Member</b>	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>NSF Graduate Research Fellow</b> , Harvard University  <i>Optical Follow-Up of Gravitational Wave Events</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advisor: Prof. Edo Berger</li></ul>	<b>Fall 2013 to Present</b>

	<p><b>REU Summer Research Internship</b>, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory</p> <p><i>Infrared Spectroscopy of Blazars</i> <b>Summer 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisors: Drs. Howard A. Smith and Raffaele D’Abrusco</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b>, The University of Maryland, College Park</p> <p><i>Numerical Simulations of Accretion Flows</i> <b>Fall 2012 to Summer 2013</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisor: Prof. Christopher S. Reynolds</li> <li>• Senior Thesis, Awarded High Honors</li> </ul> <p><i>X-Ray Spectroscopy of Active Galactic Nuclei</i> <b>Fall 2010 to Spring 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisor: Prof. Christopher S. Reynolds</li> <li>• Joint Space Science Institute Undergraduate Research Scholar</li> </ul> <p><i>Visualizations of Black Hole Accretion Flows</i> <b>Spring 2010 to Fall 2010</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisor: Prof. Christopher S. Reynolds</li> </ul>
	<p><b>CRESST Summer Research Internship</b>, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center</p> <p><i>Visualizations of Merging Black Hole Binaries</i> <b>Summer 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisors: Drs. John Baker and Bruno Giacomazzo</li> </ul>
MENTORING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Harvard University</b>, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA</p> <p><i>Research Advisor for Undergraduates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mahlet Shiferaw – Galaxy Catalogs for GW/EM Follow-Up – Summer 2017</li> <li>• Samuel Liu – Data Science Techniques for Light Curve Analysis – Summer 2016</li> </ul>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Harvard University</b>, Cambridge, Massachusetts USA</p> <p><i>Graduate Teaching Fellow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Astronomy 16 – Stellar and Planetary Astronomy – Spring 2016</li> <li>• Astronomy 200 – Radiative Processes – Spring 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Teaching Excellence – Bok Center for Teaching</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>University of Maryland College Park</b>, College Park, Maryland USA</p> <p><i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Astronomy 100 – Introduction to Astronomy – Fall 2011 to Spring 2013</li> <li>• Astronomy 120 – Introductory Astrophysics – Fall 2012 (Grader)</li> </ul>
OBSERVATIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Blanco Telescope, Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory, Chile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DECam – DES-GW LIGO Follow-up 2017B Semester – 20 hours</li> <li>• DECam – DES-GW LIGO Follow-up 2017A Semester – 25 hours</li> <li>• DECam – DES-GW LIGO Follow-up 2016B Semester – 50 hours</li> <li>• DECam – DES-GW LIGO Follow-up 2015B Semester – 30 hours</li> </ul> <p><b>Magellan Telescope, Las Campanas Observatory, Chile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clay 6.5m – LDSS3-C – 3 nights</li> <li>• Baade 6.5m – IMACS – 8 nights</li> </ul> <p><b>MMT, Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory, USA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BlueChannel – 3 nights</li> </ul>

TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p>Programming: Python, R, C/C++, Perl, Mathematica, MATLAB, Git</p> <p>Science Applications: SAO DS9, HEASoft, <i>Spitzer</i> SMART software, IDL Astrolib Tools, VISIT, Gnuplot, IRAF</p>
PUBLISHED WORKS	<p>As of November 9, 2017 I am an author on 29 refereed publications (7 as first author), my <i>h</i>-index is 16 and my refereed publications have 577 citations. First author papers are shown here. A full publication list is available below.</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., Berger, E., Villar, V. A., &amp; et al., “The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/VIRGO GW170817. II. UV, Optical, and Near-IR Light Curves and Comparison to Kilonova Models” 2017, ApJL, 848, L17</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., Berger, E., Rest, A., &amp; et al., “The LIGO “Dry-Run”: An Empirical Study of Contamination in Wide-Field Optical Follow-Up of Gravitational Wave Events” 2017, ApJ, <i>Submitted</i></p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., Berger, E., Soares-Santos, M., &amp; et al., “A DECam Search for an Optical Counterpart to the LIGO Gravitational-wave Event GW151226” 2016, ApJL, 826, L29</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., &amp; Berger, E., “A Comprehensive Study of Detectability and Contamination in Deep Rapid Optical Searches for Gravitational Wave Counterparts” 2015, ApJ, 814, 25</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., &amp; Reynolds, C. S. “Nonlinear Dynamics of Accretion Disks with Stochastic Viscosity,” 2014, ApJ, 791, 126</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S., Massaro, F., D’Abrusco, R., &amp; et al., “Identification of New Blazar Candidates With Multifrequency Archival Observations,” 2013, AJ, 146, 110</p> <p>Cowperthwaite, P. S. &amp; Reynolds, C. S., “The Central Engine Structure of 3C120: Evidence for a Retrograde Black Hole or a Refilling Accretion Disk,” 2012, ApJ, 752, L21</p>
CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS	<p>As of November 9, 2017 I have given 18 presentations of which 15 have been talks and 3 have been posters.</p>
REFERENCES	<p><b>Prof. Edo Berger</b> (e-mail: eberger@cfa.harvard.edu; phone: +617-495-7914)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor, Astronomy, Harvard University</li> </ul> <p><b>Prof. Brian Metzger</b> (e-mail: bdm2129@columbia.edu; phone: +212-854-9702)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Columbia University</li> </ul> <p><b>Prof. Daniel E. Holz</b> (e-mail: dholz@uchicago.edu; phone: +773-834-3306)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Professor, KICP, The University of Chicago</li> </ul> <p><b>Prof. Daniel Eisenstein</b> (e-mail: deisenstein@cfa.harvard.edu; phone: +617-495-7530)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor, Astronomy, Harvard University</li> </ul>

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## Publications

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29. VA Villar, J Guillochon, E Berger, BD Metzger, **PS Cowperthwaite**, M Nicholl, KD Alexander, PK Blanchard, R Chornock, T Eftekhari, W- Fong, R Margutti, PKG Williams. “*The Complete Ultraviolet, Optical, and Near-Infrared Light Curves of the Kilonova Associated with the Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817: Homogenized Data Set, Analytic Models, and Physical Implications.*” 2017, [arxiv:1710.11576](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.11576) [2].
28. C Guidorzi, R Margutti, D Brout, D Scolnic, W Fong, KD Alexander, **PS Cowperthwaite**, J Annis, E Berger, PK Blanchard, R Chornock, DL Coppejans, T Eftekhari, JA Frieman, D Huterer, M Nicholl, M Soares-Santos, G Terreran, VA Villar, PKG Williams. “*Improved constraints on  $H_0$  from a combined analysis of gravitational-wave and electromagnetic emission from GW170817.*” 2017, [arxiv:1710.06426](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.06426) [1].
27. D Scolnic, R Kessler, D Brout, **PS Cowperthwaite**, M Soares-Santos, J Annis, K Herner, H-Y Chen, M Sako, Z Doctor, RE Butler, A Palmese, HT Diehl, J Frieman, DE Holz, E Berger, R Chornock, VA Villar, M Nicholl, R Biswas, R Hounsell, RJ Foley, J Metzger, A Rest, J García-Bellido, A Möller, P Nugent, TMC Abbott, FB Abdalla, S Allam, K Bechtol, A Benoit-Lévy, E Bertin, D Brooks, E Buckley-Geer, A Carnero Rosell, M Carrasco Kind, J Carretero, FJ Castander, CE Cunha, CB D’Andrea, LN da Costa, C Davis, P Doel, A Drlica-Wagner, TF Eifler, B Flaugher, P Fosalba, E Gaztanaga, DW Gerdes, D Gruen, RA Gruendl, J Gschwend, G Gutierrez, WG Hartley, K Honscheid, DJ James, MWG Johnson, MD Johnson, E Krause, K Kuehn, S Kuhlmann, O Lahav, TS Li, M Lima, MAG Maia, M March, JL Marshall, F Menanteau, R Miquel, E Neilsen, AA Plazas, E Sanchez, V Scarpine, M Schubnell, I Sevilla-Noarbe, M Smith, RC Smith, F Sobreira, E Suchyta, MEC Swanson, G Tarle, RC Thomas, DL Tucker, AR Walker, DES Collaboration. “*How Many Kilonovae Can Be Found in Past, Present, and Future Survey Datasets?.*” 2017, [arxiv:1710.05845](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.05845) [1].
26. BP Abbott, R Abbott, TD Abbott, F Acernese, K Ackley, C Adams, T Adams, P Addesso, RX Adhikari, VB Adya, **al.** “*A gravitational-wave standard siren measurement of the Hubble constant.*” 2017, [nat 551 85-88](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.00857) [10].
25. M Soares-Santos, DE Holz, J Annis, R Chornock, K Herner, E Berger, D Brout, H Chen, R Kessler, M Sako, S Allam, DL Tucker, RE Butler, A Palmese, Z Doctor, HT Diehl, J Frieman, B Yanny, H Lin, D Scolnic, **P Cowperthwaite**, E Neilsen, J Marriner, N Kuropatkin, WG Hartley, F Paz-Chinchón, KD Alexander, E Balbinot, P Blanchard, DA Brown, JL Carlin, C Conselice, ER Cook, A Drlica-Wagner, MR Drout, F Durret, T Eftekhari, B Farr, DA Finley, RJ Foley, W Fong, CL Fryer, J García-Bellido, MSS Gill, RA Gruendl, C Hanna, D Kasen, TS Li, PAA Lopes, ACC Lourenço, R Margutti, JL Marshall, T Matheson, GE Medina, BD Metzger, RR Muñoz, J Muir, M Nicholl, E Quataert, A Rest, M Sauseda, DJ Schlegel, LF Secco, F Sobreira, A Stebbins, VA Villar, AR Walker, W Wester, PKG Williams, A Zenteno, Y Zhang, TMC Abbott, FB Abdalla, M Banerji, K Bechtol, A Benoit-Lévy, E Bertin, D Brooks, E Buckley-Geer, DL Burke, A Carnero Rosell, M Carrasco Kind, J Carretero, FJ Castander, M Crocce, CE Cunha, CB D’Andrea, LN da Costa, C Davis, S Desai, JP Dietrich, P Doel, TF Eifler, E Fernandez, B Flaugher, P Fosalba, E Gaztanaga, DW Gerdes, T Giannantonio, DA Goldstein, D Gruen, J Gschwend, G Gutierrez, K Honscheid, B Jain, DJ James, T Jeltema, MWG Johnson, MD Johnson, S Kent, E Krause, R Kron, K Kuehn, S Kuhlmann, O Lahav, M Lima, MAG Maia, M March, RG McMahon, F Menanteau, R Miquel, JJ Mohr, RC Nichol, B Nord, RLC Ogando, D Petravick, AA Plazas, AK Romer, A Roodman, ES Rykoff, E Sanchez, V Scarpine, M Schubnell, I Sevilla-Noarbe, M Smith, RC Smith, E Suchyta, MEC Swanson, G Tarle, D Thomas, RC Thomas, MA Troxel, V Vikram, RH Wechsler, J Weller. “*The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary*

*Neutron Star Merger LIGO/Virgo GW170817. I. Dark Energy Camera Discovery of the Optical Counterpart.*” 2017, [arxiv:1710.05459](#).

24. **PS Cowperthwaite**, E Berger, A Rest, R Chornock, DM Scolnic, PKG Williams, W Fong, MR Drout, RJ Foley, R Margutti, R Lunnan, BD Metzger, E Quataert. “*An Empirical Study of Contamination in Deep, Rapid, and Wide-Field Optical Follow-Up of Gravitational Wave Events.*” 2017, [arxiv:1710.02144](#).
23. W Fong, E Berger, PK Blanchard, R Margutti, **PS Cowperthwaite**, R Chornock, KD Alexander, BD Metzger, VA Villar, M Nicholl, T Eftekhari, PKG Williams, J Annis, D Brout, DA Brown, H-Y Chen, Z Doctor, HT Diehl, DE Holz, A Rest, M Sako, M Soares-Santos. “*The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/Virgo GW170817. VIII. A Comparison to Cosmological Short-duration Gamma-Ray Bursts.*” 2017, [ApJL 848 L23](#) [7].
22. PK Blanchard, E Berger, W Fong, M Nicholl, J Leja, C Conroy, KD Alexander, R Margutti, PKG Williams, Z Doctor, R Chornock, VA Villar, **PS Cowperthwaite**, J Annis, D Brout, DA Brown, H-Y Chen, T Eftekhari, JA Frieman, DE Holz, BD Metzger, A Rest, M Sako, M Soares-Santos. “*The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/Virgo GW170817. VII. Properties of the Host Galaxy and Constraints on the Merger Timescale.*” 2017, [ApJL 848 L22](#) [8].
21. KD Alexander, E Berger, W Fong, PKG Williams, C Guidorzi, R Margutti, BD Metzger, J Annis, PK Blanchard, D Brout, DA Brown, H-Y Chen, R Chornock, **PS Cowperthwaite**, M Drout, T Eftekhari, J Frieman, DE Holz, M Nicholl, A Rest, M Sako, M Soares-Santos, VA Villar. “*The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/Virgo GW170817. VI. Radio Constraints on a Relativistic Jet and Predictions for Late-time Emission from the Kilonova Ejecta.*” 2017, [ApJL 848 L21](#) [17].
20. R Margutti, E Berger, W Fong, C Guidorzi, KD Alexander, BD Metzger, PK Blanchard, **PS Cowperthwaite**, R Chornock, T Eftekhari, M Nicholl, VA Villar, PKG Williams, J Annis, DA Brown, H Chen, Z Doctor, JA Frieman, DE Holz, M Sako, M Soares-Santos. “*The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/Virgo GW170817. V. Rising X-Ray Emission from an Off-axis Jet.*” 2017, [ApJL 848 L20](#) [14].
19. R Chornock, E Berger, D Kasen, **PS Cowperthwaite**, M Nicholl, VA Villar, KD Alexander, PK Blanchard, T Eftekhari, W Fong, R Margutti, PKG Williams, J Annis, D Brout, DA Brown, H-Y Chen, MR Drout, B Farr, RJ Foley, JA Frieman, CL Fryer, K Herner, DE Holz, R Kessler, T Matheson, BD Metzger, E Quataert, A Rest, M Sako, DM Scolnic, N Smith, M Soares-Santos. “*The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/Virgo GW170817. IV. Detection of Near-infrared Signatures of r-process Nucleosynthesis with Gemini-South.*” 2017, [ApJL 848 L19](#) [14].
18. M Nicholl, E Berger, D Kasen, BD Metzger, J Elias, C Briceño, KD Alexander, PK Blanchard, R Chornock, **PS Cowperthwaite**, T Eftekhari, W Fong, R Margutti, VA Villar, PKG Williams, W Brown, J Annis, A Bahramian, D Brout, DA Brown, H-Y Chen, JC Clemens, E Dennihy, B Dunlap, DE Holz, E Marchesini, F Massaro, N Moskowicz, I Pelisoli, A Rest, F Ricci, M Sako, M Soares-Santos, J Strader. “*The Electromagnetic Counterpart of the Binary Neutron Star Merger LIGO/Virgo GW170817. III. Optical and UV Spectra of a Blue Kilonova from Fast Polar Ejecta.*” 2017, [ApJL 848 L18](#) [16].
17. **PS Cowperthwaite**, E Berger, VA Villar, BD Metzger, M Nicholl, R Chornock, PK Blanchard, W Fong, R Margutti, M Soares-Santos, KD Alexander, S Allam, J Annis, D Brout, DA Brown, RE Butler, H-Y Chen, HT Diehl, Z Doctor, MR Drout, T Eftekhari, B Farr, DA Finley, RJ Foley, JA Frieman, CL Fryer, J García-Bellido, MSS Gill, J Guillochon, K Herner, DE Holz, D Kasen, R Kessler, J Marriner, T Matheson, JEH Neilsen, E Quataert, A Palmese, A Rest, M Sako, DM Scolnic, N Smith, DL Tucker, PKG Williams, E Balbinot, JL Carlin, ER Cook, F Durret, TS Li, PAA Lopes, ACC Lourenço, JL Marshall, GE Medina, J Muir, RR Muñoz, M Sauseda, DJ Schlegel, LF Secco, AK Vivas, W Wester, A Zenteno, Y Zhang, TMC Abbott, M Banerji, K Bechtol, A Benoit-Lévy, E Bertin, E Buckley-Geer, DL Burke, D Capozzi, A Carnero Rosell, M Carrasco Kind, FJ Castander, M Crocce, CE Cunha, CB D’Andrea, LN da Costa, C Davis, DL DePoy, S Desai, JP Dietrich, A Drlica-Wagner, TF Eifler, AE Evrard, E Fernandez, B Flaugher, P Fosalba,

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13. M Nicholl, E Berger, R Margutti, R Chornock, PK Blanchard, A Jerkstrand, SJ Smartt, I Arcavi, P Challis, KC Chambers, T-W Chen, **PS Cowperthwaite**, A Gal-Yam, G Hosseinzadeh, DA Howell, C Inserra, E Kankare, EA Magnier, K Maguire, PA Mazzali, C McCully, D Milisavljevic, KW Smith, S Taubenberger, S Valenti, RJ Wainscoat, O Yaron, DR Young. “*Superluminous Supernova SN 2015bn in the Nebular Phase: Evidence for the Engine-powered Explosion of a Stripped Massive Star.*” 2016, [ApJL 828 L18](#) [19].
12. **PS Cowperthwaite**, E Berger, M Soares-Santos, J Annis, D Brout, DA Brown, E Buckley-Geer, SB Cenko, HY Chen, R Chornock, HT Diehl, Z Doctor, A Drlica-Wagner, MR Drout, B Farr, DA Finley, RJ Foley, W Fong, DB Fox, J Frieman, J Garcia-Bellido, MSS Gill, RA Gruendl, K Herner, DE Holz, D Kasen, R Kessler, H Lin, R Margutti, J Marriner, T Matheson, BD Metzger, JEH Neilsen, E Quataert, A Rest, M Sako, D Scolnic, N Smith, F Sobreira, GM Strampelli, VA Villar, AR Walker, W Wester, PKG Williams, B Yanny, TMC Abbott, FB Abdalla, S Allam, R Armstrong, K Bechtol, A Benoit-Lévy, E Bertin, D Brooks, DL Burke, A Carnero Rosell, M Carrasco Kind, J Carretero, FJ Castander, CE Cunha, CB D’Andrea, LN da Costa, S Desai, JP Dietrich, AE Evrard, A Fausti Neto, P Fosalba, DW Gerdes, T Giannantonio, DA



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- 2017 Oct *Lunch Talk, Carnegie Observatories, Pasadena, CA*  
Deep and Rapid Optical Follow-Up of GW Triggers with DECAM
- 2017 Oct *Astrophysics Seminar, Fermilab, Batavia, IL*  
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- 2017 Sep *CTC Theory Lunch, UMD, College Park, MD*  
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- 2016 Nov *Time-Domain Astronomy Workshop, Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA*  
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- 2016 Jun *GWPAW Workshop 2016, Cape Code, MA*  
DECAM Searches for Optical Counterparts to Gravitational Wave Events
- 2016 Apr *APS April Meeting 2016, Salt Lake City, UT*  
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- 2015 Jun *GWPAW Workshop 2015, Osaka, Japan*  
A Comprehensive Study of Detectability and Contamination in Deep Rapid Optical Searches for Gravitational Wave Counterparts
- 2012 Aug *Summer REU Colloquium Series, Harvard-Smithsonian CfA, Cambridge, MA*  
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- 2015 Jun *GWPAW Workshop 2015, Osaka, Japan*  
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- 2013 Jan *221st AAS Meeting, Long Beach, CA*  
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