

Curriculum Vitæ - Vinicius Moris Placco

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Employment / Appointments

2015– Research Assistant Professor
Department of Physics
University of Notre Dame

2018– Faculty Fellow
Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies
University of Notre Dame

2014–2015 Science Fellow
Gemini Observatory – Northern Operations Center
Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy

2013–2014 Postdoctoral Fellow
National Optical Astronomy Observatory
Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy

2010–2013 Postdoctoral Fellow
Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas
Universidade de São Paulo

Education

2007–2010 Doctorate degree in Astronomy
[Search for very metal-poor stars based on carbon over-abundance](#)
Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas
Universidade de São Paulo

2005–2007 Master's degree in Astronomy
[Abundance patterns among very metal-poor stars in the Galaxy: a statistical approach](#)
Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas
Universidade de São Paulo

2001–2005 Bachelor's degree in Physics (concentration: Astronomy)
Instituto de Física
Universidade de São Paulo

Awards

2011 *Featured Astronomy thesis of the year 2010*
Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas
Universidade de São Paulo

2005 *Best Astronomy undergraduate project*
Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas
Universidade de São Paulo

Research Experience

Funding

Current

- 2018–2020 Hubble Space Telescope (Co-PI)
The Unexplored Domains of the s-Process
Space Telescope Science Institute (USD 119,104)
- 2019–2021 Hubble Space Telescope (Co-PI)
HD 222925: A unique opportunity to study the full range of nuclei produced by a single r-process event
Space Telescope Science Institute (USD 60,732)
- 2020–2022 Hubble Space Telescope (Co-I)
Testing r-process nucleosynthesis models with two r-process enhanced stars
Space Telescope Science Institute (Budget: TBD)

Pending

- 2019–2022 Research Experiences for Undergraduates at University of Notre Dame (Senior Personnel)
REU Site: Data Intensive Scientific Computing
National Science Foundation (USD 387,002)

Past

- 2018 Liu Institute for Asia & Asian Studies (PI)
Stellar Archaeology as a Time Machine to the First Stars
University of Notre Dame (USD 600 - Travel support for conference)
- 2018 Liu Institute for Asia & Asian Studies (PI)
TDLI Workshop on The Exploding Universe
University of Notre Dame (USD 2,600 - Travel support for conference)
- 2015–2017 Hubble Space Telescope (Co-I)
The First Detections of Phosphorus, Sulphur, and Zinc in a Bona-Fide Second-Generation Star
Space Telescope Science Institute (USD 85,293)
- 2016–2017 Faculty Research Support Program Initiation Grant (PI)
Identification of CEMP Stars from S-PLUS Photometry using Artificial Neural Networks
University of Notre Dame (USD 10,000)
- 2013–2014 FAPESP (State of São Paulo Research Foundation) – Postdoctorate
(re)discovery and analysis of metal-poor stars in the Milky Way
National Optical Astronomy Observatory (USD 71,400)
- 2010–2013 FAPESP (State of São Paulo Research Foundation) – Postdoctorate
The Milky Way Halo revisited
Universidade de São Paulo (USD 85,500)

Fellowships

- 2007–2010 Doctorate – FAPESP (07/04356-3) – Universidade de São Paulo
Search for very metal-poor stars based on carbon over-abundance
- 2005–2007 Master's – FAPESP (05/01023-8) – Universidade de São Paulo
Abundance patterns among very metal-poor stars in the Galaxy: a statistical approach
- 2004–2005 Undergraduate research project – CNPq/PIBIC – Universidade de São Paulo
Descoberta e Análise de Objetos com Linhas em Emissão no Survey HK
- 2002–2004 Undergraduate research project – FAPESP (02/04704-8) – Universidade de São Paulo
Construção de câmara de alvo gasoso para produção de feixes radioativos

Visiting Faculty/Postdoc/Graduate Student

- 2018 Universidade de São Paulo
Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas
Funding: USP/FAPESP/JINA-CEE
- 2018 Chungnam National University
Department of Astronomy & Space Science
Funding: CNU
- 2014 University of Notre Dame
Department of Physics
Funding: Gemini Observatory and JINA (Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics)
- 2014/2012 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research
Funding: Gemini Observatory, FAPESP (The State of São Paulo Research Foundation – Brazil)
- 2013/2012 National Optical Astronomy Observatory
Kitt Peak National Observatory
Funding: FAPESP (Brazil)
- 2013 New Mexico State University
Department of Astronomy
Funding: FAPESP (Brazil)
- 2010/2008 Universität Heidelberg
Zentrum für Astronomie
Funding: Universität Heidelberg (Germany), FAPESP, PROEX (Brazil)
- 2010/2009 Michigan State University
2007 Physics and Astronomy Department
Funding: JINA (USA), FAPESP, PROEX (Brazil)

Observatory Operations

Instrument/User Support

- 2014–2015 Gemini-North: Operations
 - Support Scientist for Phase II programs
 - Backup support for instrument teams
 - Interface between observatory and visitors (staff, scientists, and others)
 - Interactions with astronomers, engineers, IT personnel, and facilities staff
 - Community support (help-desk and troubleshooting)
 - Weekly operations meetings
 - Queue observer
 - Data reductions

- 2014–2015 Gemini-North: GMOS Instrument Team
 - Instrument performance monitoring pipeline
 - [Throughput characterization](#)
 - Commissioning of AO capabilities
 - Data quality assessment
 - Commissioning of Hamamatsu CCD at GMOS-S

- 2014–2015 Gemini-North: GRACES Instrument Team
 - Commissioning of the instrument
 - Developed early data-reduction pipeline
 - Developed exposure time calculator ([GRACES ITC v0.1 Beta](#))

- 2008–2012 SOAR Telescope remote observing room – University of São Paulo
 - Responsible for operations and maintenance
 - User support and troubleshooting
 - Help with daytime calibrations / night observations

Observing Experience

- 2008–present SOAR Telescope: 40+ nights – remote observations
- 2011–present ESO/NTT Telescope: 12 nights in visitor mode
 - 2013–2018 KPNO/Mayall Telescope: 20+ nights in visitor/remote mode
 - 2014–2015 Gemini North Telescope: 12 nights in queue mode - observer
 - 2013 McDonald 2.1m Telescope: 4 nights in visitor mode

Service

- 2019–present Member of the J-PAS Survey Data Validation group
- 2018–present Member of the J-PAS Survey Science Committee ([Javalambre Physics of the Accelerating Universe Survey](#))
- 2018–present Member of the NOAO Time Allocation Committee - [Galactic Panel 2](#)
- 2018–present Co-coordinator of the Resolved Stellar Population Science Working Group of the J-PAS Survey
- 2017–present Member of the S-PLUS Advisory Committee ([Southern Photometric Local Universe Survey](#))
- 2017–present Co-coordinator of the Stellar Parameters Value-Added Catalog Group of the J-PLUS Survey
- 2017–present US representative for the [Gemini Observatory Users Committee](#)
- 2017–2018 Member of the Gemini OCS Upgrades Working Group

Academic Experience

Teaching

Lead Instructor (LI) / Co-Instructor (CI) / Guest Lecturer (GL)

Undergraduate level

- 2019 (LI) Physics A - Mechanics Laboratory (FA19-PHYS-11411)
University of Notre Dame
- 2019 (LI) [Descriptive Astronomy](#) (SU19-PHYS-10140)
Course Instructor Feedback: 5.0/5.0 - [link to full report](#)
University of Notre Dame
- 2018 (GL) Descriptive Astronomy (FA18-PHYS-10140)
University of Notre Dame
- 2017 (CI) Descriptive Astronomy (FA17-PHYS-10140)
University of Notre Dame
- 2017 (LI) General Physics B - E & M Laboratory (SP17-PHYS-11422)
Course Instructor Feedback: 4.8/5.0 - [link to full report](#)
University of Notre Dame
- 2016 (GL) Descriptive Astronomy (FA16-PHYS-10140)
University of Notre Dame
- 2015 (GL) Modern Observational Techniques (FA15-PHYS-30481)
University of Notre Dame
- 2012/2011 (LI) Sky and Stars: An introduction
Universidade Virtual do Estado de São Paulo
- 2012/2011 (LI) Galaxies: An introduction
Universidade Virtual do Estado de São Paulo

Graduate level

- 2017 (CI) Astrophysics: Stars (SP17-PHYS-80202)
University of Notre Dame
- 2016 (CI) Large-Scale Astronomical Surveys (SP16-PHYS-70210)
University of Notre Dame
- 2015 (GL) Astrophysics: Stars (SP15-PHYS-80202)
University of Notre Dame
- 2012 (GL) Observational Astronomy
Universidade de São Paulo

Teaching Assistant - Universidade de São Paulo

- 2009/2008 Introduction to Astronomy
- 2009/2007 Fundamental Astronomy

Student/Postdoc supervision

Postdoctoral level

2019–present Hélio Dotto Perottoni ([Universidade de São Paulo](#))

Graduate Level (co-advisor) - University of Notre Dame

2019–present Carlos Andrés Galarza Arevalo ([Observatório Nacional - Brazil](#))

2019–present Joseph Zepeda

2019–present Derek Shank

2015–present Devin Whitten

2015–present Kaitlin Rasmussen

2015–present Sarah Dietz

2015–present Dmitrii Gudín

2015–present Erika Holmbeck

2015–2017 Geoffrey Lentner

2010–2016 Rafael Santucci (M.Sc. and Ph.D. - Universidade de São Paulo)

Undergraduate Level (advisor) - University of Notre Dame

2018–present Guilherme Limberg (Universidade de São Paulo)

2019 Winter Allen (Arkansas Tech University - REU)

2019 Yihao Zhou (Shanghai Jiao Tong University - REU)

2016–2018 Erik Peterson

2016–2018 David Kalamarides

2015–2018 Spencer Clark (Glynn Family Honors Program) - [Senior Thesis](#)

2016–2017 John Roach

2016–2017 Cristobal Gonzales

2016–2017 Michael Kurkowski

2017 Jazmine Jefferson (University of Kansas - REU)

2017 Derek Shank (Ohio Wesleyan University - DISC/REU) - [video report](#)

2017 Diego Fernandez (University of Oregon - REU)

2016 Travis Hodges (Austin Peay State University - DISC/REU)

2016 Miguel Correa (San Diego State University - REU)

2015 Siyu He (Xi'an Jiaotong University - REU)

2012–2014 William Alves (Universidade de São Paulo)

2008–2010 Rafael Santucci (Universidade de São Paulo)

Committee Service - University of Norte Dame

2019–present Undergraduate Research, Department of Physics

2016–2018 Graduate Recruitment, Department of Physics

2015–2018 Preliminary Exam Committee, Department of Physics

2015–2018 University Committee on Research & Sponsored Programs, Notre Dame Research

Thesis Defense Committee

2019 [Heitor Ernandes](#) (Ph.D. - committee chair)

Universidade de São Paulo

2019 [Henrique Reggiani](#) (Ph.D.)

Universidade de São Paulo

2016 [Rafael Miloni Santucci](#) (Ph.D.)

Universidade de São Paulo

2016 [Camilo Francisco Javier Muñoz Peña](#) (M.Sc.)

Universidade de São Paulo

Other relevant information

Professional Affiliations / Service

Member of the American Astronomical Society
Member of the Brazilian Astronomical Society
Member of the Brazilian Physical Society
Member of the JINA Center for the Evolution of the Elements

Referee for the Astrophysical Journal
Referee for the Astronomical Journal
Referee for the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society

Computing skills

Linux/Unix/MACOSX operating systems
Advanced Shell Scripting (Linux/Unix/MACOSX)
L^AT_EX, Gnuplot, OpenOffice, MS Office. Co-author of the L^AT_EXtemplate [IAGTESE](#)
IRAF/Pyraf/Gemini packages, focused on spectroscopy
User-level Python (iPython/Jupyter) / R-project / SQL (PostgreSQL/pgAdmin3)

* **Invited / Contributed talks****2019**

- * National Optical Astronomy Observatory
Stellar Archaeology: Understanding the Chemical Evolution of the Universe through Color Maps of the Night Sky
- * Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics – Physics of Atomic Nuclei High School Program
The Age and Chemical Evolution of the Universe from two stars in the Milky Way
- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas – 17th J-PAS Collaboration Meeting
Identification of Low-Metallicity Stars from Narrow-Band Photometry
- * San Francisco State University – Physics & Astronomy Colloquium
Stellar Archaeology: Origin of the Chemical Elements in the Universe through a 59-Color Map of the Sky

2018

- * Kavli IPMU at The University of Tokyo – *Stellar Archaeology as a Time Machine to the First Stars*
The Mass Distribution of the First Stars revealed by Abundance Pattern Matching of Ultra Metal-Poor Stars
- Kavli IPMU at The University of Tokyo – *Introduction to Stellar Archaeology*
Radioactive Stellar Ages
- * Texas A&M University Commerce – Physics & Astronomy Colloquium
Stellar Archaeology: Understanding the Origin of the Chemical Elements through a 59-Color Map of the Night Sky
- * Chungnam National University – Department of Astronomy & Space Science Seminar
The Origin of the Chemical Elements in the Universe revealed by a 12-Color Map of the Night Sky
- * Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute Colloquium
Constraints on Near-Field Cosmology through Abundance Pattern Matching of Ultra Metal-Poor Stars
- * Universidade de São Paulo – Astronomy Colloquium
The Southern Photometric Local Universe Survey (S-PLUS): An Overview
- Universidade de São Paulo – S-PLUS Meeting
Short update on S-PLUS SHORTS
- University of Notre Dame – Astronomy 1-minute talks (23 presenters)
Organizer
- * University of Notre Dame – *Our Universe Revealed*
A day in the life of an Astronomer
- Kavli Institute for Cosmological Physics – *Near-Field Cosmology with the Dark Energy Survey*
The Age Structure of the Milky Way Halo revealed by DES
- * Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics – Physics of Atomic Nuclei High School Program
Can we talk about the Age and Chemical Evolution of the Universe by looking at only two stars?
- Centro de Estudios de Física del Cosmos de Aragón – J-PLUS 2nd Virtual Meeting
J-PLUS Stellar Parameter Value Added Catalog
- * Shanghai Jiao Tong University – Tsung-Dao Lee Institute Workshop on The Exploding Universe
Probing the mass distribution of the first stars through abundance pattern matching of ultra metal-poor stars
- * JINA-CEE Frontiers in Nuclear Astrophysics – Main Conference
Observational constraints on the origin of the elements: from First stars to Neutron-Star mergers
- * Manhattan College – Physics Department
Understanding the Origin of the Elements in the Universe through a 12-Color Map of the Night Sky
- * JINA-CEE Frontiers in Nuclear Astrophysics – Junior Workshop
Speaking Skills

- * Centro de Estudios de Física del Cosmos de Aragón – [16th J-PAS Collaboration Meeting - Pathfinder science Constraints on First-Star Nucleosynthesis from J-PAS Photometry of Low-Metallicity Stars](#)
Universidade de São Paulo – S-PLUS Collaboration Meeting (online)
[Updates on S-PLUS Short Survey\(s\)](#)

2017

- Universidade de São Paulo – S-PLUS Collaboration Meeting (online)
[Updates on S-PLUS Short Survey\(s\)](#)
- * Michiana Astronomical Society – [MAS monthly meeting speaker](#)
[A Tale of Two Stars: Revealing the Age and Chemical Evolution of the Universe](#)
- University of Notre Dame – Astro-Skills Lunch
[The do's and don'ts when plotting data](#)
- Red de Infraestructuras de Astronomía – [Early Data Release and Scientific Exploitation of the J-PLUS Survey Identification of \(Bright\) Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor Stars with J-PLUS Photometry](#)
- GMT Community Science Meeting – Chemical Evolution of the Universe
[A Monte Carlo approach to find the Progenitors of Ultra Metal-Poor Stars](#) (Rapid Poster Talk)
- University of Notre Dame – [The Great American Eclipse at Notre Dame](#)
Co-organizer / Astronomy faculty representative – 3,500 attendees
- * University of Notre Dame – Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program
[A needle in a haystack: What one star can tell us about the age and chemical evolution of the entire Universe](#)
- Centro de Estudios de Física del Cosmos de Aragón – J-PLUS 1st Virtual Meeting
[Identifying \(Carbon-Enhanced\) Metal-Poor Stars from J-PLUS Photometry](#)
- * Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics – [Physics of Atomic Nuclei High School Program](#)
[Stellar Archaeology: The Age and Chemistry of the Universe revealed by old Stars](#)
- * Universidade de São Paulo – [Astrophysics Colloquium](#)
[Searching for the Origin of the Elements Using a 12-Color Map of the Night Sky](#)

2016

- * University of Notre Dame – [Astrophysics Seminar](#)
[A Monte Carlo approach to find the Progenitors of Ultra Metal-Poor Stars](#)
- * University of Notre Dame – [Department of Physics Colloquium](#)
[Searching for the Origin of the Elements Using a 12-Color Map of the Night Sky](#)
- University of Notre Dame – Astronomy 1-minute talks (19 presenters)
Organizer
- Universidade de São Paulo – X-PLUS Collaboration Meeting
[Identifying Bright Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor Stars from S-PLUS Photometry](#)
- * University of Notre Dame – Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program
[Near-Field Cosmology with Metal-Poor Stars](#)
- * University of Notre Dame – [Our Universe Revealed](#)
[A day in the life of an Astronomer](#)
- University of Notre Dame – [Our Universe Revealed](#)
[Our eyes in the skies: How telescopes help us place ourselves in the Universe](#)
- 227th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society
[Identifying Bright Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor Stars in the RAVE Catalog](#)

2015

University of Notre Dame – [Our Universe Revealed](#)

The stuff we are made of: how do we determine the chemical elements in stars and the Universe?

University of Notre Dame – Astronomy 1-minute talks (15 presenters)

Organizer

- * Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics / University of Notre Dame – High School On Air Talk
Stellar Archaeology: The Age and Chemistry of the Universe revealed by old Stars – YouTube video
- * Michigan State University – JINA-CEE Nuclear Astrophysics Lunch Research Discussions
Observing the First Stars through the Atmospheres of Ultra Metal-Poor Stars
- Universidade de São Paulo – X-PLUS Collaboration Meeting
Identifying Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor Stars from S-PLUS Photometry
- University of Notre Dame – Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program
Galactic Archaeology: The Chemical Evolution and Age of the Universe revealed by old Stars

2014

- * University of Notre Dame – Astronomy Seminar
Exploring the history of the Galactic halo with Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor stars
- * Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Kavli Institute
Exploring the history of the Galactic halo with Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor stars

2013

National Optical Astronomy Observatory

(Carbon Enhanced) metal-poor stars and the chemical evolution of the Universe

- * Gemini Observatory – Northern Operations Center
Metal-poor stars as tracers of the chemical evolution of the Galaxy

2012

- * Universidade Cruzeiro do Sul - Astronomy Colloquium
Search for Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor stars in the Halo(es) of the Galaxy
- * Universidade de São Paulo - Astronomy Colloquium
Spectroscopy from $R=300$ to 30000: metal-poor stars and Galactic chemical evolution
- * Universidade de São Paulo - Invitation to Physics: undergraduate weekly seminar
Galactic Archaeology: chemical evolution of the Universe revealed by metal-poor stars
- Universidade de São Paulo - Astronomy at noon: undergraduate weekly seminar
Census of the Milky Way

2011

Universidade de São Paulo - Chemical Evolution Group Seminar
Rediscovering the Dual Halo of the Milky Way via Hierarchical Clustering

Universidade de São Paulo - Astronomy at noon: undergraduate weekly seminar
Stellar Archaeology

Universidade de São Paulo - Astronomy Colloquium

Making good use of bad weather: finding extremely metal-poor stars in the clouds

- * ESO Headquarters - Santiago - Astronomy Colloquium
Searches for Metal-Poor Stars from the Hamburg/ESO Survey using the CH G-band

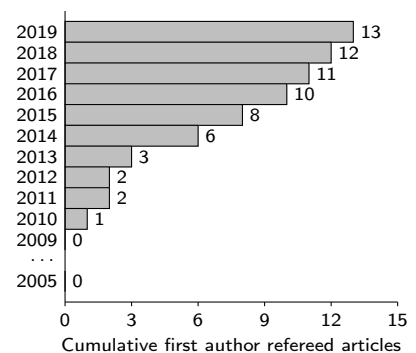
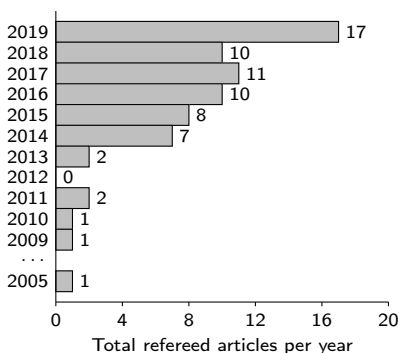
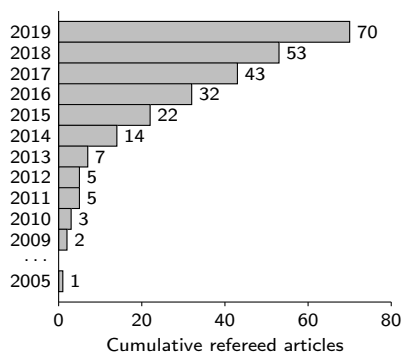
Quantitative Indicators / Online Resources

- ADS: **2648 citations** / **h-index = 24** / **i10-index = 48** (September 20, 2019 - [ADS link](#))
- Google Scholar: **2435 citations** / **h-index = 23** / **i10-index = 37** (September 20, 2019 - [Google Scholar link](#))
- ADS Publication List (complete - [ADS link](#)) / (refereed only - [ADS link](#))
- ResearcherID profile - [ResearcherID](#) / LinkedIn profile - [LinkedIn](#)

Publication list

Refereed articles

Total: 70 publications (13 first author, 8 second author, 10 third author)



70. Andrade-Santos, F., van Weeren, R. J., Di Gennaro, G., Wittman, D., Ryu, D., Lal, D. V., **Placco, V. M.**, Fogarty, K., Jee, M. J., Stroe, A., Sobral, D., Forman, W. R., Jones, C., Kraft, R. P., Murray, S. S., Brüggén, M., Kang, H., Santucci, R. M., Golovich, N., Dawson, W. A.
Chandra Observations of the Spectacular A3411–12 Merger Event
2019, The Astrophysical Journal, submitted
69. Yoon, J., Whitten, D. D., Beers, T. C., Lee, Y. S., **Placco, V. M.**
Identification of a Group III CEMP-no Star in the Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxy Canes Venatici I
2019, The Astrophysical Journal, submitted
68. Fernández-Trincado, J. G., Beers, T. C., **Placco, V. M.**, Martell, S., Moreno, E., Tang, B., Alves-Brito, A., Villanova, S., Ortigoza-Urdaneta, M., Minniti, D., Pérez-Villegas, A., Reylé, C. Robin, A. C.
The discovery of anomalously high levels of [Si/Fe] among metal-poor giants in the bulge, disk, and halo of the Milky Way
2019, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, submitted
67. Fernández-Trincado, J. G., Mennickent, R., Cabezas, M., Zamora, O., Martell, S., Beers, T. C., **Placco, V. M.**, Nataf, D., Mészáros, S., Minniti, D., Schleicher, D. R., Tang, B., Pérez-Villegas, A., Robin, A. C., Reylé, C.
Discovery of a Nitrogen-Enhanced Metal-Poor binary system: Possible evidence for pollution from an extinct massive AGB Star
2019, Astronomy & Astrophysics, submitted
66. López-Sanjuan, C., Varela, J., Cristóbal-Hornillos, D., Vázquez Ramió, H., Carrasco, J. M., Tremblay, P. -E., Whitten, D., **Placco, V. M.**, Marín-Franch, A., Cenarro, A. J., Ederoclite, A., Alfaro, E., Coelho, P. R., Jiménez-Esteban, F. M., Jiménez-Teja, Y., Maíz Apellániz, J., Sobral, D., Vílchez, J. M., Alcaniz, J., Angulo, R. E., Dupke, R. A., Hernández-Monteagudo, C., Mendes de Oliveira, C. L., Moles, M., Sodr e, L., Jr.
J-PLUS: Photometric Calibration of Large Area Multi-Filter Surveys with Stellar and White Dwarf loci
2019, Astronomy & Astrophysics, submitted

65. Molino, A., Costa-Duarte, M. V., Sampedro, L., Herpich, F. R., Sodr , L., Jr., Mendes de Oliveira, C., Schoenell, W., Barbosa, C. E., Queiroz, C., Lima, E. V. R., Azanha, L., Mu oz-Elgueta, N., Ribeiro, T., Kanaan, A., Hernandez-Jimenez, J. A., Cortesi, A., Akras, S., Lopes de Oliveira, R., Torres-Flores, S., Lima-Dias, C., Nilo Castellon, J. L., Damke, G., Alvarez-Candal, A., Jim nez-Teja, Y., Coelho, P., Pereira, E., Montero-Dorta, A. D., Ben tez, N., Gonalves, T. S., Santana-Silva, L., Werner, S. V., Almeida, L. A., Lopes, P. A. A., Chies-Santos, A. L., Telles, E., de Souza, T. C. R., Gonalves, D. R., de Souza, R. S., Makler, M., **Placco, V. M.**, Nakazono, L. M. I., Saito, R. K., Overzier, R. A., Abramo, L. R.
Assessing the photometric redshift precision of the S-PLUS survey: the Stripe-82 as a test-case
2019, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, submitted
64. Whitten, D. D., Beers, T. C., **Placco, V. M.**, Santucci, R. M., Denisenkov, P., Tissera, P. B., Mej as, A., Hernitschek, N., Carollo, D.
Constraints on the Galactic Inner Halo Assembly History from the Age Gradient of Blue Horizontal-Branch Stars
2019, The Astrophysical Journal, in press
63. Mendes de Oliveira, C., Ribeiro, T., Schoenell, W., Kanaan, A., Overzier, R., Molino, A., Sampedro, L., Coelho, P., Barbosa, C., Cortesi, A., Costa-Duarte, M. V., Herpich, F. R., Hernandez-Jimenez, J., **Placco, V. M.**, et al.
The Southern Photometric Local Universe Survey (S-PLUS): improved SEDs, morphologies and redshifts with 12 optical filters
2019, Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society, vol. 489, 241 ([ADS link](#) | [download pdf](#))
62. Mardini, M. K., **Placco, V. M.**, Taani, A., Li, H., Zhao, G.
Metal-Poor Stars Observed with the Automated Planet Finder Telescope. II. Chemodynamical Analysis of Six Low-Metallicity Stars in the Halo System of the Milky Way
2019, The Astrophysical Journal, vol. 882, 27 ([ADS link](#) | [download pdf](#))
61. Ezzeddine, R., Frebel, A., Roederer, I. U., Tominaga, N., Tumlinson, J., Ishigaki, M., Nomoto, K., **Placco, V. M.**, Aoki, W.
Evidence for an Aspherical Population III Supernova Explosion Inferred from the Hyper Metal-Poor Star HE 1327–2326
2019, The Astrophysical Journal, vol. 876, 97 ([ADS link](#) | [download pdf](#))
60. Mardini, M. K., Li, H., **Placco, V. M.**, Alexeeva, S., Carollo, D., Taani, A., Ablimit, I., Wang, L., Zhao, G.
Metal-Poor Stars Observed with the Automated Planet Finder Telescope. I. Discovery of Five Carbon-Enhanced Metal-Poor Stars from LAMOST
2019, The Astrophysical Journal, vol. 875, 89 ([ADS link](#) | [download pdf](#))
59. Sakari, C. M., Roederer, I. U., **Placco, V. M.**, Beers, T. C., Ezzeddine, R., Frebel, A., Hansen, T. T., Sneden, C., Cowan, J. J., Wallerstein, G., Farrell, E. M., Venn, K. A., Matijevi, G., Wyse, R., Bland-Hawthorn, J., Chiappini, C., Freeman, K. C., Gibson, B. K., Grebel, E. K., Helmi, A., Kordopatis, G., Kunder, A., Navarro, J. Reid, W., Seabroke, G., Steinmetz, M., Watson, F.
The R-Process Alliance: Discovery of a Low- α , r-process-enhanced Metal-poor Star in the Galactic Halo
2019, The Astrophysical Journal, vol. 874, 148 ([ADS link](#) | [download pdf](#))
58. Hansen, C. J., Hansen, T. T., Koch, A., Beers, T. C., Nordstr m, B., **Placco, V. M.**, Andersen, J.
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Telescope time allocations

Approved observing projects: 125

Total awarded: 5407.76 hours

Principal Investigator

Approved observing projects: 43

Total awarded: 1505.55 hours

43. 2019B - CTIO Blanco - 2019B-0069: 50.0 hours
42. 2019A - Gemini South - GS-2019A-Q-408 (Band 4): 21.0 hours
41. 2019A - Gemini North - GN-2019A-Q-402 (Band 4): 27.0 hours
40. 2018B - Gemini North - GN-2018B-Q-403 (Band 4): 20.0 hours
39. 2018B - Gemini South - GS-2018B-Q-402 (Band 4): 20.0 hours
38. 2018A - Gemini South - GS-2018A-Q-402 (Band 4): 30.0 hours
37. 2017B - Gemini North - GN-2017B-Q-84 (Band 4): 39.0 hours
36. 2017A - Gemini South - GS-2017A-FT-3: 5.5 hours
35. 2017A - KPNO Mayall - 2017A-0295: 7.0 nights
34. 2016B - Gemini North - GN-2016B-Q-85 (Band 4): 50.0 hours
33. 2016B - Gemini South - GS-2016B-Q-86 (Band 4): 50.0 hours
32. 2016A - Gemini South - GS-2016A-Q-107 (Band 4): 50.0 hours
31. 2015B - Gemini North - GN-2015B-Q-100 (Band 4): 30.0 hours
30. 2015B - Gemini South - GS-2015B-Q-104 (Band 4): 50.0 hours
29. 2015B - ESO/NTT - 096.D-0018(A): 5.0 nights
28. 2015A - Gemini North - GN-2015A-Q-401 (Band 4): 30.0 hours
27. 2015A - Gemini South - GS-2015A-Q-205 (Band 4): 50.0 hours
26. 2015A - ESO/NTT - 095.D-0202(A): 4.0 nights
25. 2015A - KPNO Mayall - 2015A-0071: 6.0 nights
24. 2015A - SOAR - 2015A-0071: 5.0 nights
23. 2014B - Gemini South - GS-2014B-Q-85 (Band 4): 30.0 hours
22. 2014B - Gemini North - GN-2014B-Q-102 (Band 4): 30.0 hours
21. 2014A - Gemini South - GS-2014A-Q-92 (Band 4): 33.3 hours
20. 2014A - Gemini North - GN-2014A-Q-101 (Band 3): 16.7 hours
19. 2014A - Gemini North - GN-2014A-Q-105 (Band 4): 33.3 hours
18. 2013B - Gemini South - GS-2013B-Q-89 (Band 4): 25.0 hours
17. 2013B - Gemini North - GN-2013B-Q-105 (Band 4): 25.0 hours
16. 2013B - SOAR - SO2013B-001: 30.0 hours
15. 2013A - SOAR - SO2013A-018: 34.0 hours
14. 2012B - Gemini South - GS-2012B-Q-65 (Band 3): 10.0 hours – queue
13. 2012B - Gemini South - GS-2012B-Q-84 (Band 4): 70.0 hours – queue
12. 2012B - Gemini North - GN-2012B-Q-284 (Band 4): 70.0 hours – queue
11. 2012B - ESO/NTT - 090.D-0275(A): 4 nights – classical

10. 2012B - SOAR - SO2012B-001: 24.0 hours – remote
9. 2012A - Gemini South - GS-2012A-Q-76 (Band 3): 6.0 hours – queue
8. 2012A - ESO/NTT - 089.D-0331(A): 4 nights – classical
7. 2012A - SOAR - SO2012A-003: 24.0 hours – remote
6. 2011B - ESO/NTT - 088.D-0344(A): 4 nights – classical
5. 2011B - SOAR - SO2011B-002: 24.0 hours – remote
4. 2011A - Gemini South - GS-2011A-Q-86 (Band 4): 4.0 hours – queue
3. 2011A - Gemini North - GN-2011A-Q-88 (Band 3): 1.3 hours – queue
2. 2011A - Gemini North - GN-2011A-Q-122 (Band 4): 6.7 hours – queue
1. 2011A - SOAR - SO2011A-010: 17.0 hours – remote

Co-Investigator

Approved observing projects: 82

Total awarded: 3902.21 hours

82. 2018B - SOAR - 2018B-0010: 26 hours
81. 2018A - LCO/Magellan Telescope - Carnegie Time: 2 nights
80. 2018A - LCO/duPont Telescope - Carnegie Time: 18 nights
79. 2018A - Apache Point Observatory - UW08: 5.0 nights
78. 2018A - LCO/Magellan Telescope - Chilean Time: 3 nights
77. 2018A - SOAR - 2018A-0021: 36 hours
76. 2018A - McDonald 2.7m - McD18-1-2.7-3: 7.0 nights
75. 2017B - LCO/Magellan Telescope - Michigan Time: 2.5 nights
74. 2017B - Gemini North - GN-2017B-FT-7: 6.28 hours
73. 2017B - Gemini North - GN-2017B-Q-75 (Band 3): 41.82 hours
72. 2017B - Gemini North - GN-2017B-Q-79 (Band 4): 63.64 hours
71. 2017B - Gemini South - GS-2017B-Q-75 (Band 3): 20.91 hours
70. 2017B - Gemini South - GS-2017B-Q-84 (Band 4): 107.82 hours
69. 2017A - Southern African Large Telescope - 2017-1-MLT-012: 55.6 hours
68. 2017A - Gemini North - GN-2017A-Q-82 (Band 3): 202.0 hours
67. 2017A - Gemini South - GS-2017A-Q-86 (Band 3): 142.5 hours
66. 2017A - ESO/NTT - 099.D-0428: 5.0 nights
65. 2017A - LCO/Magellan Telescope - Carnegie Time: 3 nights
64. 2017A - LCO/duPont Telescope - Carnegie Time: 19 nights
63. 2017A - SOAR - 2017A-0016: 40 hours
62. 2016B - Gemini North - GN-2016B-Q-77 (Band 3): 6.4 hours
61. 2016B - Gemini South - GS-2016B-Q-81 (Band 3): 32.3 hours
60. 2016B - ESO/NTT - 098.D-0434: 4.0 nights
59. 2016B - Hubble Space Telescope - Cycle 24 - HST-GO-14765: 40 orbits
58. 2016B - LCO/duPont Telescope - Carnegie Time: 5 nights
57. 2016A - ESO/NTT - 097.D-0196: 7.0 nights

56. 2016A - Apache Point Observatory - UW07: 2.5 nights
55. 2016A - Gemini North - GN-2016A-Q-17 (Band 1): 9.8 hours
54. 2016A - Gemini North - GN-2016A-Q-75 (Band 3): 79.4 hours
53. 2016A - Gemini South - GS-2016A-Q-76 (Band 3): 74.0 hours
52. 2016A - SOAR - 2016A-0019: 4.0 nights
51. 2015B - Southern African Large Telescope - 2015-2-SCI-056: 117.8 hours
50. 2015B - Hubble Space Telescope - Cycle 23 - HST-GO-14231: 18 orbits
49. 2015B - Gemini North - GN-2015B-Q-86 (Band 3): 26.5 hours
48. 2015B - Gemini South - GS-2015B-Q-71 (Band 3): 42.9 hours
47. 2015B - SOAR - 2015B-0020: 5.0 nights
46. 2015A - ESO/VLT - 095.D-0504(A): 30.0 hours
45. 2015A - Gemini North - GN-2015A-Q-76 (Band 3): 45.8 hours
44. 2015A - Gemini South - GS-2015A-Q-77 (Band 3): 42.8 hours
43. 2015A - Gemini South - GS-2015A-Q-92 (Band 4): 26.0 hours
42. 2014B - ESO/VLT - DDT293.D-5036(A): 2.4 hours
41. 2014B - Gemini South - GS-2014B-Q-67 (Band 3): 55.0 hours
40. 2014B - Gemini North - GN-2014B-Q-85 (Band 3): 55.0 hours
39. 2014B - KPNO Mayall - 2014B-0231: 3.0 nights
38. 2014B - SOAR - 2014B-0231: 3.0 nights
37. 2014A - Gemini South - GS-2014A-Q-88 (Band 3): 66.7 hours
36. 2014A - KPNO Mayall - 2014A-0323: 8.0 nights
35. 2013B - KPNO Mayall - 2013B-0046: 6.5 nights
34. 2013B - Gemini South - GS-2013B-Q-75 (Band 3): 50.0 hours
33. 2013B - Gemini North - GN-2013B-Q-81 (Band 3): 50.0 hours
32. 2013B - SOAR - SO2013B-S102: 17.0 hours (long term)
31. 2013B - ESO/NTT - 092.D-0308(A): 6 nights
30. 2013B - McDonald 2.1m - McD13-3: 5 nights
29. 2013B - LNA/Brazil - 2013B-P012: 6 nights
28. 2013B - NOT (Nordic Optical Telescope) - 48-031: 3.5 nights
27. 2013A - Gemini North - GN-2013A-Q-113 (Band 4): 54.5 hours
26. 2013A - Gemini South - GS-2013A-Q-91 (Band 3): 54.6 hours
25. 2013A - Gemini South - GS-2013A-Q-95 (Band 4): 10.9 hours
24. 2013A - ESO/NTT - 091.D-0292(A): 6 nights
23. 2013A - LNA/Brazil - 2013A-P030: 4 nights
22. 2013A - SOAR - SO2013A-LP2: 17.0 hours (long term)
21. 2013A - NOT (Nordic Optical Telescope) - 47-003: 3.0 nights
20. 2012B - NOT (Nordic Optical Telescope) - 46-011: 2.5 nights
19. 2012B - ESO/VLT (X-Shooter) - 090.D-0321(A): 12 hours
18. 2012B - LCO/Magellan - MAG/12B/9: 2 nights
17. 2012B - AAO/AAT - AAT/12B/032: 6 nights

16. 2012B - SOAR - SO2012B-005: 8.0 hours (long term)
15. 2012A - Gemini South - GS-2012A-Q-81 (Band 4): 74.0 hours
14. 2012A - AAO/AAT - AAT/12A/011: 4 nights
13. 2012A - LCO/Magellan - MAG/12A/7: 2 nights
12. 2012A - SOAR - SO2012A-002: 16.0 hours
11. 2011B - Gemini South - GS-2011B-Q-91 (Band 4): 75.0 hours – queue
10. 2011B - SOAR (SO2011B-008): 24.0 hours
9. 2011A - Gemini South - GS-2011A-Q-85 (Band 3): 63.4 hours – queue
8. 2011A - CFHT - CF2011A-002: 13.9 hours – queue
7. 2010B - CFHT - 10BB05A/10BB99B: 13.9 hours – queue
6. 2010A - Gemini South - GS-2010A-Q-78 (Band 4): 25.0 hours – queue
5. 2009B - SOAR - SO2009B-004: 17.0 hours – remote
4. 2009A - SOAR - SO2009A-0249: 6 nights – remote
3. 2009A - SOAR - SO2009A-014: 32.0 hours – remote
2. 2008A - SOAR - SO2008A-006: 3 nights – remote
1. 2007B - SOAR - SO2007B-006: 3 nights – remote

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