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Educational Background

- Ph.D. in Physics, University of Kentucky, 2018–2021
- M.Sc. in Physics, University of Kentucky, 2016–2018
- M.Sc. in Particle Physics, Sabzevar University, Iran, 2010–2012
- B.Sc. in Physics, University of Kashan, Iran, 2004–2008

Professional Appointments

- Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Kentucky, 2025–Present
- Research Faculty, Virginia Tech, 2022–2025
- Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Kentucky, 2021–2022

Refereed Publications

- [1] E. Dalla Bontà et al. “Estimating masses of supermassive black holes in active galactic nuclei from the H α emission line”. In: 696, A48 (Apr. 2025), A48. DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/202452746. arXiv: 2410.21387 [astro-ph.GA].
- [2] M. Dehghanian, N. Arav, M. Sharma, D. Byun, and G. Walker. “Determining the absolute chemical abundance of nitrogen and sulfur in the quasar outflow of 3C298”. In: 693, A153 (Jan. 2025), A153. DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/202452115. arXiv: 2411.14231 [astro-ph.GA].
- [3] M. Dehghanian et al. “An energetic absorption outflow in QSO J1402+2330: Analysis of DESI observations”. In: 695, A4 (Mar. 2025), A4. DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/202453384. arXiv: 2501.18034 [astro-ph.GA].
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- [5] Maryam Dehghanian et al. “Quasar absorption outflows on galactic scales: Insights from DESI”. In: *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2505.21630 (May 2025), arXiv:2505.21630. arXiv: 2505.21630 [astro-ph.GA].
- [6] E. R. Partington et al. *VizieR Online Data Catalog: AGN STORM 2. III. A NICER view of Mrk 817 (Partington+, 2023)*. Mar. 2025.
- [7] Mayank Sharma et al. “Physical characterization of the FeLoBAL outflow in SDSS J0932+0840: Analysis of VLT/UVES observations”. In: 693, A254 (Jan. 2025), A254. DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/202452735. arXiv: 2412.06929 [astro-ph.GA].
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- [9] Mayank Sharma et al. “The distance of quasar outflows from the central source: The first consistent values from emission and absorption determinations.” In: *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 245. American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts. Jan. 2025, 106.01, p. 106.01.
- [10] Gwen Walker, Nahum Arav, Doyee Byun, Mayank Sharma, and Maryam Dehghanian. “Lowest Distance from the Central Source in an FeLoBAL Outflow: VLT/UVES Observations of Quasar SDSS J2107-0620”. In: *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts*. Vol. 245. American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts. Jan. 2025, 106.08, p. 106.08.
- [11] Nahum Arav et al. *Measuring major contributors to AGN feedback: Quasar outflows in the HST/UV archive*: HST Proposal. Cycle 32, ID. #17864. Sept. 2024.
- [12] Nahum Arav et al. *The largest BAL acceleration: testing disk wind models*. HST Proposal. Cycle 32, ID. #17816. July 2024.
- [13] Doyee Byun, Nahum Arav, Maryam Dehghanian, Gwen Walker, and Gerard A. Kriss. “BAL outflow in quasar B0254-3327B: analysis and comparison with other extreme UV outflows”. In: 529.4 (Apr. 2024), pp. 3550–3562. DOI: 10.1093/mnras/stae555. arXiv: 2310.03588 [astro-ph.GA].
- [14] Doyee Byun, Nahum Arav, Mayank Sharma, Maryam Dehghanian, and Gwen Walker. “Extreme FeLoBAL outflow in the VLT/UVES spectrum of quasar SDSS J1321–0041”. In: 684, A158 (Apr. 2024), A158. DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/202348215. arXiv: 2310.06216 [astro-ph.GA].
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- [23] Edward M. Cackett et al. “AGN STORM 2. IV. Swift X-Ray and Ultraviolet/Optical Monitoring of Mrk 817”. In: 958.2, 195 (Dec. 2023), p. 195. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/acfdac. arXiv: 2306.17663 [astro-ph.HE].
- [24] Y. Homayouni et al. “AGN STORM 2. II. Ultraviolet Observations of Mrk 817 with the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph on the Hubble Space Telescope”. In: 948.2, 85 (May 2023), p. 85. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/acc45a. arXiv: 2302.11587 [astro-ph.GA].
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- [26] Ethan R. Partington et al. “AGN STORM 2. III. A NICER View of the Variable X-Ray Obscuer in Mrk 817”. In: 947.1, 2 (Apr. 2023), p. 2. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/acbf44. arXiv: 2302.12896 [astro-ph.HE].
- [27] Gerard A. Kriss et al. *Monitoring the Evolving Winds in the Active Galaxy Mrk 817*. HST Proposal. Cycle 30, ID. #17105. June 2022.
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- [37] P. A. M. van Hoof et al. “Current and future development of the photoionization code Cloudy”. In: *Contributions of the Astronomical Observatory Skalnate Pleso 50.1* (Jan. 2020), pp. 32–43. DOI: 10.31577/caosp.2020.50.1.32. arXiv: 2002.05821 [astro-ph.SR].
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Conference Papers and Awarded Proposals

- The largest BAL acceleration: testing disk wind models, Arav, Nahum; Byun, Doyee; Dehghanian, Maryam and others, 2024
- Probing the Most Energetic Quasar Outflows using NIFS: PI: Dehghanian, M, 2023
- Monitoring the Evolving Winds in the Active Galaxy Mrk 817, Kriss, G.A., et al., 2022
- Mapping Gas Flows in AGNs by Reverberation, Peterson, B. M., et al., 2020
- HST insights into AGN feedback: Dehghanian, M. et al., 2020
- Multiple AAS presentations including poster and oral contributions

Talks

- Invited talk: AtomDB WorkshopCenter for Astrophysics— Harvard & Smithsonian, Aug 2025
- KAAS, Brea, KY, March 2025
- Invited Talk: University of Michigan, Dec 2024
- Cloudy Workshop, Japan, Aug 2024
- KAAS, Shawnee State University, OH, March 2024

- Invited Talk: Catholic University of America - Washington, DC, Dec 2023
- Invited talk: Department of Astronomy, Tsinghua University, China, Dec 2022
- Invited talk: Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of North Georgia, Oct 2022
- Invited talk: Dean's Development Council Meeting, The University of Kentucky, Dec 2021
- Award-winning talk: Postdoc Research & Career Symposium, University of Kentucky, Oct 2021
- Invited talk: University of Durham, United Kingdom, Sep 2021
- Invited talk: Los Alamos National Lab, New Mexico, July 2021
- Kentucky American Astronomical Society (KAAS), April 2021
- Invited talk: The Kentucky Academy of Science's Bench Talk Live series, March 2021
- Kentucky American Astronomical Society (KAAS), University of Louisville, March 2020
- American Astronomical Society (AAS), Honolulu, HI, Jan 2020
- Astrophysical Seminar, The University of Kentucky, Sep 2019
- Invited talk: STORM annual meeting, Space Telescope Science Institute, July 2019
- Invited talk: Astrophysical Seminar, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, April 2019
- Kentucky American Astronomical Society (KAAS), Morehead State University, April 2019
- Invited talk: Astrophysical Seminar, The University of Kentucky, Jan 2019
- STORM annual meeting, Georgia State University, August 2017

Workshops

- Workshops on Accessibility in STEM, NSF, 2023
- Cloudy Workshop, University of Kentucky, 2023
- Leadership and Management in Action Program, UK, 2021
- Grant Writing Workshop, UK, 2021

- Chandra/CIAO Workshop, 2020
- Astrostatistics Summer School, Penn State, 2019
- AGN Spectral Analysis Bootcamp, 2018
- Python for Astrophysics Workshop, 2017

Professional Memberships

- Kentucky Area Astronomical Society, Education Officer, 2021–present
- American Astronomical Society, Junior Member, 2018–present
- American Physical Society, Junior Member, 2017–present

Teaching Certificates and Courses

- Seminar on Teaching Physics, UK, 2016
- Seminar on Teaching Physics Laboratories, UK, 2017
- Teacher Training Course (TTC), Iranmehr Institute, 2015
- Montessori Methods, Malaysia, 2014

Skills

Cloudy developer, HTML5/CSS, R scripting, Mathematica, Statistical analysis, CIAO, Python, IDL

Volunteer Work and outreach

- Mentoring REU students, 2025, Uky
- Cloudy Workshop, 2025, KY, USA
- Cloudy workshop organizer, 2024, JAXA, Japan
- KAAS Organizer, 2022,KY, USA
- Reviewer for MNRAS, ApJ and A&A
- AAS237 Chambliss Poster Judge, 2021
- Graduate Student Council Co-founder, UKy

- Cloudy workshop organizer, 2019, KY, USA

Webinars and Seminars

- Practicing Inclusive Pedagogy, UK, 2021
- Inclusion Plan Best Practices Workshop

Awards and Honors

- First Award, Postdoc Research Career Symposium, UKy, 2021
- Keith B. MacAdam Graduate Excellence Fellowship, 2019
- Max Steckler Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 2017

Research Interests

AGN structure and evolution, Disk winds, Quasar outflows, Photoionization modeling, Reverberation mapping, Atomic physics, Supermassive black holes, Quantitative spectroscopy, Galaxy clusters, AGN feedback, Changing-look events, Warm absorbers