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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

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

## Publications

- [1] E. Dalla Bontà et al. “Estimating masses of supermassive black holes in active galactic nuclei from the H $\alpha$  emission line”. In: 696, A48 (Apr. 2025), A48. DOI: 10.1051/0004-6361/202452746. arXiv: 2410.21387 [astro-ph.GA].
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- [9] Divya Patel, Maryam Dehghanian, and Gary Ferland. “Comparing X-Ray Emission Line Fluxes of NGC 5548 to NGC 1068”. In: *Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society* 9.8, 220 (Aug. 2025), p. 220. DOI: 10.3847/2515-5172/adfc47. arXiv: 2508.13001 [astro-ph.GA].
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- [11] 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].
- [12] Mayank Sharma et al. “The Distance of Quasar Outflows from the Central Source: The First Consistent Values from Emission and Absorption Determinations”. In: 983.1, 31 (Apr. 2025), p. 31. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/adb9e1. arXiv: 2502.18825 [astro-ph.GA].
- [13] 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 #245*. Vol. 245. American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts. Jan. 2025, 106.01, p. 106.01.
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- [30] Ethan R. Partington et al. “AGN STORM 2. III. A NICER View of the Variable X-Ray Obscurer in Mrk 817”. In: 947.1, 2 (Apr. 2023), p. 2. DOI: 10.3847/1538-4357/acbf44. arXiv: 2302.12896 [astro-ph.HE].
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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: Space Telescope Science Institute, Nov 2025
- Invited Talk: Western Kentucky University, Oct 2025
- Invited talk: AtomDB Workshop Center for Astrophysics— Harvard & Smithsonian, Aug 2025
- Cloudy Workshop, Lexington, 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