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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Supermassive black holes • black hole–host galaxy correlations • black hole/galaxy formation & evolution • dynamical modeling of galaxies • nuclear gas disk kinematics • dust attenuation • galaxies (quiescent, relic, massive) • sub-mm/radio astronomy • optical & infrared integral field spectroscopy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Astronomy Advisor: Dr. Jonelle Walsh, Texas A&M University	August 2022
M.S., Astronomy Advisor: Dr. Kim-Vy Tran, Texas A&M University	May 2019
B.S., Physics, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> Advisors: Dr. Michael Kesden & Dr. Lindsay King, The University of Texas at Dallas	May 2016

POSITIONS HELD

Guarini Dean's Postdoctoral Fellow in Physics and Astronomy Department of Physics and Astronomy, Dartmouth College	2023 – present
Postdoctoral Research Associate Department of Physics & Astronomy, Texas A&M University	2022 – 2023

OBSERVATION AND DATA REDUCTION EXPERIENCE

Survey data from the Southern African Large Telescope SALT/RSS longslit	2023 – 2024
Observations at McDonald Observatory GCMS/VIRUS-P, 2.7m telescope (8 nights) VIRUS-W, 2.7m telescope (6 nights)	Apr 2018, Jan 2020, Feb 2023
Observations at Keck Observatory MOSFIRE, Keck I (2 nights) Keck Cosmic Web Imager, Keck II (1 night) OSIRIS, Keck I (4 half nights)	Mar 2019, Oct 2022, Dec 2022, Oct 2023
ALMA data reduction workshop National Radio Astronomy Observatory, Charlottesville, VA	13 – 15 Mar 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer, three lectures ASTR 2: Exploring the Universe Department of Physics and Astronomy, Dartmouth College	Summer 2023, Fall 2023
Teaching Assistant — Instructor of Record Astronomy 102: Observational Astronomy Department of Physics & Astronomy, Texas A&M University	Summer 2017 – Spring 2018
Teaching Assistant Astronomy 101: Basic Astronomy Department of Physics & Astronomy, Texas A&M University	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017, Fall 2018
Private Tutor General Chemistry College Station, Texas	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Weather & Climate Department of Physics, The University of Texas at Dallas	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Peer-led Team Learning Super Leader PLTL Leader and Coordinator, General Chemistry I & II Student Success Center, The University of Texas at Dallas	Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Peer-led Team Learning Leader PLTL Leader, General Chemistry I & II Student Success Center, The University of Texas at Dallas	Fall 2013 – Spring 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Summary (2024-02-21): [ADS search](#) • 13 refereed • 4 lead author • 135 citations • *h*-index: 8

- Lead Author**
- *Gas-dynamical Mass Measurements of the Supermassive Black Holes in the Early-Type Galaxies NGC 4786 and NGC 5193 from ALMA and HST Observations*
K. M. Kabasares & **J. H. Cohn**,* A. J. Barth, and 10 additional authors
Accepted for publication in ApJ (2024)
*Kabasares & Cohn are co-lead authors on this project
 - *ALMA Gas-dynamical Mass Measurement of the Supermassive Black Hole in the Red Nugget Relic Galaxy PGC 11179*
J. H. Cohn, M. Curliss, J. L. Walsh, and 10 additional authors
The Astrophysical Journal (2023), 958, 186
 - *An ALMA Gas-dynamical Mass Measurement of the Supermassive Black Hole in the Local Compact Galaxy UGC 2698*
J. H. Cohn, J. L. Walsh, B. D. Boizelle, and 9 additional authors
The Astrophysical Journal (2021), 919, 77
 - *ZFOURGE: Extreme 5007 Å emission may be a common early-lifetime phase for star-forming galaxies at $z > 2.5$*
J. H. Cohn, J. Leja, K.-v. H. Tran, and 12 additional authors
The Astrophysical Journal (2018), 869, 141

Co-Author

- [Black Hole Mass Measurements of Early-Type Galaxies NGC 1380 and NGC 6861 Through ALMA and HST Observations and Gas-Dynamical Modeling](#)
K.M. Kabasares, A.J. Barth, D.A. Buote, and 6 additional authors (including **J. H. Cohn**)
The Astrophysical Journal (2022), 934, 162
- [Gas inflows in the polar ring of NGC 4111: the birth of an AGN](#)
G. R. H. Roier, T. Storchi-Bergmann, R. M. McDermid, and 14 additional authors (including **J. H. Cohn**)
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society (2022), 512, 2556
- [Black Hole Mass Measurements of Radio Galaxies NGC 315 and NGC 4261 Using ALMA CO Observations](#)
B. D. Boizelle, J. L. Walsh, A. J. Barth, and 6 additional authors (including **J. H. Cohn**)
The Astrophysical Journal (2021), 908, 19
- [MOSEL: Strong \[OIII\] 5007 Å Emitting Galaxies at \(\$3 < z < 4\$ \) from the ZFOURGE Survey](#)
K-v H. Tran, B. Forrest, L.Y. Alcorn, and 13 additional authors (including **J. H. Cohn**)
The Astrophysical Journal (2020), 898, 45
- [A giant galaxy in the young Universe with a massive ring](#)
T. Yuan, A. Elagali, I Labbé, and 12 additional authors (including **J. H. Cohn**)
Nature Astronomy (2020), 4, 957
- [MOSEL Survey: Tracking the Growth of Massive Galaxies at \$2 < z < 4\$ Using Kinematics and the IllustrisTNG Simulation](#)
A. Gupta, K-v. H. Tran, **J. H. Cohn**, and 13 additional authors
The Astrophysical Journal (2020), 893, 23
- [A Tale of Two Clusters: An Analysis of Gas-phase Metallicity and Nebular Gas Conditions in Proto-cluster Galaxies at \$z \sim 2\$](#)
L. Y. Alcorn, A. Gupta, K-V. H. Tran, and 12 additional authors (including **J. H. Cohn**)
The Astrophysical Journal (2019), 883, 153
- [ZFOURGE: Using Composite Spectral Energy Distributions to Characterize Galaxy Populations at \$1 < z < 4\$](#)
B. Forrest, K-v.H. Tran, A. Broussard, **J. H. Cohn**, and 11 additional authors
The Astrophysical Journal (2018), 863, 131
- [Detecting binarity of GW150914-like lenses in gravitational microlensing events](#)
D.H. Eilbott, A.H. Riley, **J.H. Cohn**, M.H. Kesden, L.J. King
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society Letters (2017), 467 (1)

AWARDED TELESCOPE TIME

Southern African Large Telescope/RSS longslit, PI <i>SALT Massive Galaxy Survey</i>	28 hours, Nov 2023 – Apr 2024
NASA Keck observatory/OSIRIS, co-Investigator <i>Advancing Supermassive Black Hole Measurements with OSIRIS and ALMA</i>	7 nights; 2022B, 2023B, 2024A
McDonald Observatory/Mitchell Spectrograph, co-Investigator <i>Stellar and Gaseous Content of the Most Massive Elliptical Galaxies</i>	4 nights, April 2018

FUNDING, HONORS, & AWARDS

Guarini Dean's Postdoctoral Fellowship in Physics & Astronomy Provost's Fellowship Program , Dartmouth College	2023 – 2025
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College of Science Diversity Committee, Small Grants Program PI, grant to support Gateway to Graduate School , Texas A&M University	(\$2000) Spring 2022
Climate & Diversity Committee, Department of Physics & Astronomy PI, grant to support Gateway to Graduate School , Texas A&M University	(\$1800) Spring 2022
Mitchell Institute Education & Public Outreach Co-I, grant to support Astronomy on Tap, Bryan/College Station	(\$600) Fall 2019, (\$1,200) Fall 2020
Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Travel Award Texas A&M University	(\$800) Fall 2019
Undergraduate Research Award The University of Texas at Dallas	(\$500) 2014 – 2015
STEM Columbia Crew Memorial Scholarship Texas Space Grant Consortium	(\$1500) 2014 – 2015
Dean's List The University of Texas at Dallas	Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2014
Academic Excellence Scholarship, Honors The University of Texas at Dallas	(~\$30,000/year) 2012 – 2016

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Postdoc Colloquia Day, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH 19 Apr 2024
Talk: *Dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*
- Friday Lunch Astronomy Talk, Durham University, Durham, UK 22 Mar 2024
Talk: *Dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*
- Tea Talk, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 12 Feb 2024
Talk: *Dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*
- Yale Galaxy Lunch Talk, Yale University, New Haven, CT 24 Jan 2024
Talk: *Dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*
- [Accretion History of AGN III: AHA Workshop](#), Miami, FL 14 – 16 Dec 2023
Talk: *ALMA gas-dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*. Discussion leader: *Dual AGN and mergers*
- 241st Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Seattle, WA 11 Jan 2023
Dissertation talk: *ALMA Gas-dynamical Mass Measurements of the Supermassive Black Holes in Local Compact Galaxies*
- Physics Colloquium, The University of Texas at Dallas 19 Oct 2022
Talk: *Dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in local relic galaxies*
- [UC Berkeley Astronomy Lunch Talk](#), Berkeley, CA 13 Oct 2022
Talk: *ALMA gas-dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*
- [NOIRLab Friday Scientific \(After\) Lunch Talks](#), Tucson, AZ 9 Sep 2022
Talk: *ALMA gas-dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*
- [8th Annual GMT Community Science Meeting: Black Holes at All Scales](#), Sedona, AZ 31 Aug – 2 Sep 2022
Talk: *ALMA gas-dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies*

- Texas A&M Astronomy Symposium, College Station, TX
Talk: *Molecular gas-dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in local compact galaxies* 18 Aug 2022
Talk: *Gas-dynamical mass measurement of Supermassive Black Holes in local compact galaxies* 27 Aug 2021
Talk: *Gas-dynamical mass measurement of the Supermassive Black Hole in UGC 2698* 17 Aug 2020
Talk: *Estimating the masses of supermassive black holes in compact elliptical galaxies* 23 Aug 2019
Talk: *Extreme emission may be a common early-lifetime phase for star-forming galaxies at $z > 2.5$* 24 Aug 2018
Talk: *Properties of Extreme Emission Line Galaxies in ZFOURGE from Prospector- α* 25 Aug 2017
Talk: *Detectability of GW150914-like events by gravitational microlensing* 26 Aug 2016
- Joint Nuclear and Astrophysics Seminar, Texas A&M University (Virtual)
Talk: *ALMA gas-dynamical mass measurements of supermassive black holes in red nugget relic galaxies* 30 Sep 2022
Talk: *Gas-dynamical mass measurement of the Supermassive Black Hole in UGC 2698 with ALMA* 21 May 2021
- 237th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society (Virtual) 14 Jan 2021
Talk: *Gas-dynamical mass measurement of the Supermassive Black Hole in UGC 2698 with ALMA*
- [Supermassive Black Holes 2020](#) (Virtual, Universidad de Concepción, Chile) 7 – 11 Dec 2020
Talk: *Gas-dynamical mass measurement of the SMBH in UGC 2698 with ALMA*
- IAU Symposium 359: Galaxy Evolution and Feedback Across Different Environments (GALFEED), Bento Gonçalves, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil 2 – 6 Mar 2020
Poster and flash talk: *Gas-dynamical mass of the supermassive black hole in UGC 2698*
- Frank N. Bash Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
Poster and flash talk: *Gas-dynamical mass of the supermassive black hole in UGC 2698* 21 – 23 Oct 2019
Poster and flash talk: *Star Formation Histories of Extreme Emission Line Galaxies at $z \sim 3.5$ in the ZFOURGE Survey* 23 – 25 Oct 2017
- [Understanding emission-line galaxies for the next generation of cosmological surveys](#), Centro de Estudios de Física del Cosmos de Aragón, Teruel, Spain 5 Sept 2018
Talk: *ZFOURGE: Extreme 5007 Å emission may be a common early-lifetime phase for star-forming galaxies at $z > 2.5$*
- 231st Meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Washington, DC 9 Jan 2018
Talk: *Star Formation Histories of Extreme Emission Line Galaxies at $z \sim 3.5$ in the ZFOURGE Survey*
- [Plumbing Star Formation Rates in the Age of JWST](#), College Station, TX 1 Nov 2017
Talk: *Star Formation Histories of Extreme Emission Line Galaxies at $z \sim 3.5$ in the ZFOURGE Survey*
- Fall 2017 Joint Meeting of the Texas Section of the APS, Richardson, TX 20 Oct 2017
Talk: *Star Formation Histories of Extreme Emission Line Galaxies at $z \sim 3.5$ in the ZFOURGE Survey*
- 2016 ZFOURGE Team meeting, Magnolia, TX 24-28 Oct 2016
Talk: *Extreme emission-line galaxy properties*
- Fall 2015 Joint Meeting of the Texas Section of the APS, Waco, TX 30 Oct 2015
Talk: *Gravitational microlensing by binary black holes*
- The University of Texas at Dallas Undergraduate Research Poster Competition 7 Apr 2015
Poster: *Gravitational microlensing by binary black holes*

MEMBERSHIPS

American Astronomical Society
Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society

SKILLS

Data reduction: Sub-millimeter/radio (ALMA), optical/IR imaging (*HST/WFC3*), integral field spectroscopy (Gemini/NIFS)
Data & modeling: nested sampling (*dynesty*), Markov Chain Monte Carlo (*emcee*), forward modeling, high-performance computer clusters
Techniques: SED-fitting, gas-dynamical modeling, *astrodrizzle*, *GALFIT*
Fluent: python, L^AT_EX, git
Experience with: html, IDL, Bash, R, casa, SQL, iraf, pyraf, SLURM and LSF batch systems, virtual machines

MENTORSHIP

[Intent to Impact, Movement Consulting](#) Fall 2022
Completed academic mentoring course for supporting mentees of marginalized backgrounds

Postdoc-Graduate Student Mentoring Program, Texas A&M University 2022 — 2023
Program coordinator, mentor of 3 graduate students

[Mentoring and Advising Graduates in an Inclusive Community \(MAGIC\)](#) Fall 2019 — 2022
Program founder, coordinator, mentor of 3 graduate students
Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy

[Discover, Explore, and Enjoy Physics and Engineering \(DEEP\)](#) Fall 2017 — Fall 2021
Astronomy Team Mentor
Design, build, and present physics, engineering, and astronomy demonstrations
Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

AAS CSMA Presents: Astronomy's Poverty Problem Fall 2023 — present
Working group for survey design and AAS 243 Special Session planning

Diversity & Equity Committee, Dartmouth College Summer 2023 — present
Department of Physics and Astronomy

GEMS at Dartmouth College Summer 2023 — present
Gender equality group in the Department of Physics and Astronomy

[Gateway to Graduate School](#) at Texas A&M University 12 Nov 2022
Open house for undergraduates from historically-excluded backgrounds in astronomy
Program founder and coordinator

TAMU Astronomy Graduate Student Representative June 2021 — Aug 2022
Attend astronomy faculty meetings and represent graduate student interests
Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy

[Warrior Scholar Project](#), Texas A&M University Summer 2021
STEM Week: Astronomy In the News presenter

TAMU Astronomy Graduate Handbook Creator, head writer Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy	Spring 2021
Texas A&M Astronomy graduate student website Co-creator and head writer of website for prospective and incoming graduates	Spring 2021
Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics at TAMU , College Station, TX Panel moderator, poster session judge, volunteer	17 – 19 Jan 2020
Letters to a Pre-Scientist Scientist pen-pal	Fall 2018 — Spring 2020
Texas A&M Astronomy REU Programming Workshop Workshop introducing REU students to programming and astronomy data Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy	May 2019
Astronomy on Tap BCS , Bryan, TX Chapter co-founder, host, organizer Trivia writer Panel: <i>Answering YOUR Burning Questions</i> Talk: <i>The Past and Future of Space Exploration</i> Talk: Supermassive Black Holes: Galactic Monsters and their Lairs Talk: From Earth to the Stars Talk: <i>Chasing the Event Horizon</i> Talk: <i>Here Be Dragons Aliens: The Unsolved Equation</i>	Apr. 2018 — Jun. 2023 Fall 2020 — Jan. 2021 13 Dec 2018, 11 Sep 2019, 15 Jan 2020, 23 Nov 2022 24 May 2023 23 March 2022 16 Sep. 2020 17 Jul. 2019 11 Oct. 2018
Texas A&M Physics & Engineering Festival Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy	Apr. 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
DEEP Physics Shows Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy	2017 — 2021
Camp For All , Burton, TX Astronomy Outreach	2017
Public Star Parties Texas A&M University, Department of Physics & Astronomy	Spring 2017
Dallas Arboretum, UT Dallas Society of Physics Students Earth Day The Joy of Science	Apr. 2015 Apr. 2014
UT Dallas Society of Physics Students, Secretary & Vice President The University of Texas at Dallas	Fall 2013 — Spring 2016
27th Texas Symposium on Relativistic Astrophysics , The University of Texas at Dallas Public Q&A	Dec. 2013
Alpha Phi Omega Math & Science Camp, The University of Texas at Dallas Astronomy lecturer	Oct. 2013