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Research Interests

Observational astrophysics, with a particular focus on transient astronomy including tidal disruption events, active galactic nucleus flares, active galactic nucleus variability, and transient host galaxies.

Education

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa – 2019-present

M.S. in Astronomy – Fall 2021

Ph.D. in Astronomy (expected Spring 2025)

Advisor: Prof. Benjamin J. Shappee

University of Maryland – 2015-2019

B.S. in Physics with High Honors – May 2019

B.S. in Astronomy with High Honors – May 2019

Honors Thesis: *Ionization Mechanisms in Quasar Outflows*, Advisor: Prof. Sylvain Veilleux

Honors and Awards

UH Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship Student Award for Excellence in Research – May 2023

Columbia Communications ARCS Award in Astronomy – May 2022

Friends of the IfA Best 699-2 Award – Spring 2021

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention – March 2021

Friends of the IfA Best 699-1 Award – Fall 2020

High Honors in Physics – Spring 2019

High Honors in Astronomy – Spring 2019

Honors College Research Grant – Fall 2018

University Honors Citation – November 2017

Professional Activities

Referee, The Astrophysical Journal – 2021 - present

Member, American Astronomical Society – 2019 - present

Co-Advising Experience

Vera Berger (UH REU); *UV Stellar Flares with GALEX* – May 2022 - present

Helena Treiber (UH REU); *AGNs in TESS* – March 2021 - present

Michael Bolish (UH REU); *ASAS-SN AGN Variability* – May 2022 - July 2022

Jesse Zeldes (UH REU); *ASAS-SN M-dwarfs in K2 and TESS* – June 2020 - Sept. 2021

Publications

Summary: 25 total submitted/refereed publications, 9 first author, 16 with significant contribution. ~350 total citations (~140 first author), with an h-index of 10.

1. **Hinkle, J. T.**, Tucker, M. A., Shappee, B. J., et al. 2023, “SCAT uncovers ATLAS’s first tidal disruption event ATLAS18mlw: a faint and fast TDE in a quiescent Balmer strong Galaxy”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 519, 2035
2. **Hinkle, J. T.** 2022, “Mid-Infrared Echoes of Ambiguous Nuclear Transients Reveal High Dust Covering Fractions: Evidence for Dusty Tori”, *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2210.15681
3. **Hinkle, J. T.**, Kochanek, C. S., Shappee, B. J., et al. 2022, “TESS Shines Light on the Origin of the Ambiguous Nuclear Transient ASASSN-18el”, *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2206.04071
4. **Hinkle, J. T.**, Holoien, T. W.-S., Shappee, B. J., et al. “The Curious Case of ASASSN-20hx: A Slowly Evolving, UV- and X-Ray-Luminous, Ambiguous Nuclear Transient”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 930, 12
5. **Hinkle, J. T.**, & Mushotzky, R. 2021, “Fundamental X-ray corona parameters of Swift/BAT AGN”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 506, 4960
6. **Hinkle, J. T.**, Holoien, T. W.-S., Shappee, B. J., & Auchettl, K. 2021, “A Swift Fix for Nuclear Outbursts”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 910, 83
7. **Hinkle, J. T.**, Holoien, T. W.-S., Auchettl, K., et al. 2021, “Discovery and follow-up of ASASSN-19dj: an X-ray and UV luminous TDE in an extreme post-starburst galaxy”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 500, 1673
8. **Hinkle, J. T.**, Holoien, T. W.-S., Shappee, B. J., Auchettl, K., Kochanek, C. S., Stanek, K. Z., Payne, A. V., & Thompson, T. A. 2020, “Examining a Peak-luminosity/Decline-rate Relationship for Tidal Disruption Events”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 894, L10
9. **Hinkle, J. T.**, Veilleux, S., & Rupke, D. S. N. 2019, “Ionization Mechanisms in Quasar Outflows”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 881, 31
10. de Jaeger, T., Shappee, B. J., Kochanek, C. S., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2023, “Optical/ γ -ray blazar flare correlations: understanding the high-energy emission process using ASAS-SN and Fermi light curves”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 519, 6349
11. Tucker, M. A., Shappee, B. J., Huber, M. E., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2022, “The Spectroscopic Classification of Astronomical Transients (SCAT) Survey: Overview, Pipeline Description, Initial Results, and Future Plans”, *Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific*, 134, 124502
12. Neustadt, J. M. M., **Hinkle, J. T.**, Kochanek, C. S., et al. 2022, “Once is an Instance, Twice is a Hobby: Multiple Optical and Near-Infrared Changing-Look Events in NGC 5273”, *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2211.03801
13. Jayasinghe, T., Thompson, T. A., Kochanek, C. S., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2022, “The ‘Giraffe’: discovery of a stripped red giant in an interacting binary with an $2 M_{\odot}$ lower giant”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 516, 5945
14. Liu, M. C., Magnier, E. A., Zhang, Z., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2022, “On the Unusual Variability of 2MASS J06195260-2903592: A Long-lived Disk around a Young Ultracool Dwarf”, *The Astronomical Journal*, 164, 165
15. Treiber, H. P., **Hinkle, J. T.**, Fausnaugh, M. M., et al. 2022, “Revealing AGNs Through TESS Variability”, *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2209.15019
16. Holoien, T. W.-S., Berger, V. L., **Hinkle, J. T.**, et al. 2022, “Examining the Properties of Low-Luminosity Hosts of Type Ia Supernovae from ASAS-SN”, *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2207.07657

17. Holoien, T. W.-S., Neustadt, J. M. M., Vallety, P. J., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2022, “Investigating the Nature of the Luminous Ambiguous Nuclear Transient ASASSN-17jz”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 933, 196
18. Payne, A. V., Auchettl, K., Shappee, B. J., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2022, “Chandra, HST/STIS, NICER, Swift, and TESS Detail the Flare Evolution of the Repeating Nuclear Transient ASASSN-14ko”, *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2206.11278
19. Payne, A. V., Shappee, B. J., **Hinkle, J. T.**, et al. 2022, “The Rapid X-Ray and UV Evolution of ASASSN-14ko”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 926, 142
20. Tucker, M. A., Shappee, B. J., **Hinkle, J. T.**, et al. 2021, “An AMUSING look at the host of the periodic nuclear transient ASASSN-14ko reveals a second AGN”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 506, 6014
21. Zeldes, J., **Hinkle, J. T.**, Shappee, B. J., et al. 2021, “Flares Big and Small: a K2 and TESS View of ASAS-SN Superflares”, *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:2109.04501
22. Jayasinghe, T., Kochanek, C. S., Strader, J., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2021, “The loudest stellar heartbeat: characterizing the most extreme amplitude heartbeat star system”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 506, 4083
23. Jayasinghe, T., Stanek, K. Z., Thompson, T. A., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2021, “A unicorn in monoceros: the 3 M_{\odot} dark companion to the bright, nearby red giant V723 Mon is a non-interacting, mass-gap black hole candidate”, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 504, 2577
24. Payne, A. V., Shappee, B. J., **Hinkle, J. T.**, et al. 2021, “ASASSN-14ko is a Periodic Nuclear Transient in ESO 253-G003”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 910, 125
25. Holoien, T. W.-S., Auchettl, K., Tucker, M. A., et al. (incl. **Hinkle, J. T.**) 2020, “The Rise and Fall of ASASSN-18pg: Following a TDE from Early to Late Times”, *The Astrophysical Journal*, 898, 161

Presentations

1. Hinkle, J. T., Treiber, H. P., Fausnaugh, M. M., et al., 2022, “Revealing AGNs Through TESS Variability”, Invited Talk at *TESS Science Team Meeting #29*
2. Hinkle, J. T., Holoien, T. W.-S., Shappee, B. J., et al. 2022, “A TESS View of Ambiguous Nuclear Transients”, Contributed Talk at *TESS Science Conference II*
3. Hinkle, J. T., Holoien, T. W.-S., Auchettl K., et al. 2022, “Discovery and Follow-up of the UV Luminous TDE ASASSN-19dj”, Poster at *Tidal Disruptions in Kyoto: Confronting Theory with Observations*
4. Hinkle, J. T., & Mushotzky, R. 2020, “Fundamental X-ray Corona Parameters of Swift/BAT AGN”, Poster at *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts #235*, 235, 304.29
5. Hinkle, J., Veilleux, S., & Rupke, D. 2019, “Ionization Mechanisms in Quasar Outflows”, Poster at *American Astronomical Society Meeting Abstracts #233*, 233, 242.26

Service and Outreach

Graduate Research Oversight Group Representative – Fall 2022-present

Astrobites Hiring Committee Member – Fall 2020-present

HiSTAR (Hawai'i Student/Teacher Astronomy Research) Mentor – Fall 2020-present
Astrobites Author – Spring 2020-Present
Maunakea Scholars Program Mentor – Fall 2019-present
Astrobites Undergraduate Co-Chair – Fall 2020-Spring 2022
Astrobites Editorial Committee Member – Fall 2020-Fall 2021
Astrobites Education Committee Member – Fall 2020-Fall 2021
Graduate Admissions Representative – Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Graduate Colloquium Representative – Fall 2019-Fall 2020
AAS Astronomy Ambassadors Program – January 2020
Volunteer at Institute for Astronomy Booth at AAS conference – January 2020
ASTR110L/110 Teaching Assistant – Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
Mobile Planetarium Show at Mānoa Japanese Language School – December 2019
Research Talk to High School Students at Punahou School – November 2019
Volunteer at Institute for Astronomy Booth at SACNAS conference – November 2019
Honolulu Children and Youth Day – October 2019
ASTR100 Teaching Assistant – Fall 2018
University Honors Peer Mentor – Fall 2018
ASTR 288I: Panel of Undergraduates Doing Research – March 12, 2018