María V. García-Alvarado

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EDUCATION

Universidad de los Andes

B.S in Physics

Bogotá, Colombia Jan 2018–Dec 2022 (Expected)

Universidad de los Andes

B.S in Systems and Computing Engineering

Bogotá, Colombia Jan 2019–Jun 2023 (Expected)

Universidad de los Andes

Minor in Astronomy

Bogotá, Colombia Jan 2020–Dec 2022 (Expected)

PROYECTS

Study of the properties of molecular cloud filaments in MHD simulations Gothenburg, Sweden Chalmers Astrophysics & Space Science Summer (CASSUM)

Jun 2021 –May 2022

- Advisors: Jonathan Tan, PhD. Chia-Jung Hsu, MsC.
- Filaments are theorized to have a width of 0.1pc. To confirm this, we carry out a deep study of the filaments formed from cloud collisions. We study the dependence of the filament width with the environment magnetic field, the resolution of the simulation and the position of the filament in the cloud. Virial analysis of the filaments and measurement of the magnetic field orientation relative to the filament were also performed.

Structural analysis of massive protoclusters formed from cloud collisions

Virtual

Chalmers Astrophysics & Space Science Summer (CASSUM)

Jun 2021 –May 2022

- Advisors: Jonathan Tan, PhD. Chia-Jung Hsu, MsC.
- A study of the structure of evolving massive protoclusters using properties of graphs to determine properties of the parent molecular cloud. Applied dendrogram to identify protostellar cores at different stages of evolution and compute its Minimum Spanning Tree. We computed quantities such as the mass segregation of the cluster and analyzed the spatial distribution of the cores.

Analyzing spectra from DESI using UMAP

Bogotá, Colombia

Universidad de los Andes

2021

- Advisor: Jaime E. Forero-Romero, PhD
- Finding anomalous spectra coming from DESI to detect failures on the instrument (physical defects in some CCDs), using Umap. Umap is a dimension reduction technique that has shown to be effective in classifying multidimensional objects into groups. Spectra coming from a CCD with failures are grouped differently.

The cosmic web through the lens of graph entropy

Bogotá, Colombia

Universidad de los Andes

2018 - 2020

- Advisor: Jaime E. Forero-Romero, PhD
- An analysis of the cosmic web using properties of graphs. Applied the beta-skeleton graph on simulated dark matter halos and measured its graph entropy. We found the correlation between the entropy and quantities such as the cosmological parameters.

PUBLICATIONS

- M. V. García-Alvarado, X.-D. Li, and J. E. Forero-Romero, "The cosmic web through the lens of graph entropy", Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society: Letters, vol. 498, no. 1, pp. L145–L149, Aug. 2020, issn: 1745-3925. DOI: 10.1093/mnrasl/slaa145. NASA/ADS: 10.1093/mnrasl/slaa145.
- M. V. García-Alvarado and Jonathan Tan and Chia-Jung Hsu, "Structural analysis of massive protoclusters", in prep.

Conferences

Talks

• AAS 241st meeting at Seattle, Washington	2023 (to be held)
Cores and filaments in MHD simulations of massive protoclusters	
• Origins Workshop (Videoconference) at Salt Lake City, Utah	2022
Structural analysis of massive protoclusters	
• Astronomy Seminar at Universidad de los Andes	2021
Structural analysis of massive protoclusters	
• Astronomy Seminar (Videoconference) at Universidad de los Andes	2020
Finding QSO pairs	
• Cosmology in Colombia at Bogotá, Colombia	2020
The cosmic web through the lens of graph entropy	
• Latin American IAU Meeting at Antofagasta, Chile	2019
Beta-Skeleton for the analysis of the Large Scale Structure of the universe	
• Congreso Colombiano de Astronomía at Medellin, Colombia	2019
Constraining cosmological parameters with the beta-skeleton of the cosmic web	
• Cosmology in Colombia at Bogotá, Colombia	2019
Constraining cosmological parameters with the beta-skeleton of the cosmic web	

Posters

•	From Stars to Galaxies II at Gothenburg, Sweden	2022
	Structural analysis of massive protoclusters formed from cloud collisions	
•	ICTP-SAIFR Latin American Workshop on Observational Cosmoloy at São Paulo, Brazil	2020
	The cosmic web through the lens of graph entropy	

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• FAMOUS grant for AAS 239 Will be used for AAS 241 2021 - 2022

SCHOOLS

•	Escape Summer School at European Science Cluster of Astronomy & Particle Physics ESFRI Research Infrastructures	2021
•	Mexican Astrocosmostatistics School at University of Guanajuato, Mexico	2021
•	Astronomy Twinning Program at Leiden Observatory and University of Antioquia	2020
•	Summer School on Galaxies and Cosmology at Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia	2020

TEACHING

Grader at Universidad de los Andes
Quantum Mechanics I
Grader at Universidad de los Andes
Physics I and Physics II
Tutor at Universidad de los Andes
Physics I and Physics II
Aug 2021 – Dec 2021
Physics I and Physics II
Aug 2021 – Dec 2021
Physics I and Physics II
Aug 2019 – Dec 2020
Python programming

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, Java, C/C++, TypeScript, Javascript
- Languages:

Spanish: $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$ (Native) English: $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$ (C1) French: $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$

- Astronomy Software: IRAF, CASA
- Other skills: Git, LaTeX, Bash, SQL, HTML, CSS

Observing Experience

• Support Observer at DESI for 3 nights 2021

MENTORSHIP

- PENTA by She Speaks Science

 Mentorship program supported by the University of Cambridge and the IAU. This program aims to create a community of empowered women by giving advice and supporting each other.
- COMPAS at Universidad de los Andes

 Mentored students at their first semester.