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Curriculum Vitae

I was born on the Swedish summer day of the 25th of July 1979 in Stockholm. Nineteen years later I graduated from Sjödalsgymnasiet, finishing the science program. After my studies at the gymnasium, I worked for 7 months at an asphalt and stone laboratory. During the evenings, I took an introductory course in astronomy at Stockholm University. This course started my interest in astronomy since my professor Gösta Gahm so enthusiastically shared his knowledge. However, at this time my mind was set to become a doctor in medicine. The only obstacle to do this was that I needed to upgrade my grades, since you have to have absolute top grades in all topics before can get admitted to any program in medicine in Sweden. While studying to improve my grades, I decided to take chemistry courses for one year at Stockholm University since it would be useful knowledge to have as a doctor. After a year of chemistry studies, I decided to continue with studies in physiotherapy since it would provide a job similar to a doctor but it would be easier to get accepted to. The next 6 months, I studied physiotherapy at the Karolinska Institute. While doing so, I read about a summer science school at Karolinska Institute for medicine students. I applied to this school, and I got accepted, even though I was not a student in medicine, since my chemistry studies compensated for this. For 10 weeks I worked on a pilot project doing research studying the sensitivity of insulin producing cells to a specific toxin. The project turned out very well so it resulted in a larger research project which I was offered to continue working on. I declined, since I now knew that I really wanted to go for science, but instead within astronomy, since I already fell in love with it 2 years earlier. It just took me some time to accept it and give up my original dream to study medicine. A few weeks later I started the physics program at Stockholm university and I felt directly that my choice was right. However life wanted something differently so I had to interrupt my studies after one month for family reasons and wait another year to start things over again. So that year, I worked as a kindergarten teacher instead. I started my studies again one year later and got my Masters degree in astronomy 2007 at Stockholm university.

I was very active in both the social and political student association life during my studies. My larger responsibilities were to be working as the vice president for the social student association for physics students and to be president of the

political student association for the natural sciences faculty. As their president, I was in charge of managing people within the organisation and its sub-organisations plus being the main driver of many projects or causes to maintain or improve the quality of student life and education for around 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students. I was in addition working extra as a teaching assistant for an introductory course in Astronomy. During my studies, I took part in one graduate and two master science schools in Finland, Denmark and France, within the topics of astrobiology and particle physics. I also got a scholarship to take part in a workshop, about ALMA, in Denmark. During this workshop I met graduate students from Ewine van Dishoeck's research group, which made me curious about doing a PhD with her as a supervisor. Just a few months later, still early in my diploma thesis work, a PhD position opened up in her group and I applied and got offered the position. Suddenly I was faced with the choice to leave my country for 4 years. It was not an easy decision since I had not really seriously thought about leaving my country or even my home city, but I took it, which I am very grateful for today.

I started my PhD in the spring of 2007 with Ewine van Dishoeck as my supervisor. Besides Leiden, during the next few years, I worked and lived about 5 months at Caltech in Pasadena (U.S.A.) and 8 months at the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics in Garching (Germany). A big dream came true when I went for a work visit to NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Washington (U.S.A.). I have given talks at NASA GSFC (U.S.A.), ESTEC (Netherlands), at Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá (Colombia) and at a conference in Glasgow (Scotland). I have presented posters at conferences in Vienna (Austria), Paris (France), Pasadena (U.S.A.), Toledo (Spain) and Gothenburg (Sweden), I attended two graduate science schools, one in Rome (Italy) and one in Tällberg (Sweden). I have always loved to teach, so I was very happy to be a teaching assistant for three different courses; *The interstellar medium*, the bachelor thesis course in astronomy and *Detection of light*. As a fun side step to my work I was part of an art installation here in Leiden, relating childrens' thoughts about space travel to the scientists' views. During my stay in Garching I also helped out to arrange an exhibition in astronomy at the Deutsches museum in Munich.

My goal during these years has more and more developed into working towards a position where I can combine all my interests in science, management and lobbying politics both within academia and in the space industry. I therefore decided to apply for a position as a contractor at SRON with the consultancy firm Science and Technology as my employer, which offers me many opportunities in the directions I want to develop. I started this job in August, 2012, and I am so far very pleased with my new work and really looking forward to all the new challenges it offers me.

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