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Curriculum Vitæ

I was born in the midst of winter in Teresópolis (Brazil) to join my brother Gabriel in completing the world of our parents, Marcia & Hercules. 17 years later, after finishing high school (ensino médio) at Colégio Salesiano Santa Rosa, I started the B.Sc. in Physics at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). Alongside the classes, I soon started my Astrophysics career with an undergraduate research project at the National Observatory (ON), also in Rio de Janeiro. Working under the supervision of Dr. Ramiro de la Reza, I studied the metallicity of post-T Tauri stars in young associations, a project that was motivated by the high metallicity of planet-host stars.

After graduating from UFRJ, I moved to Baltimore (USA). There I was a research assistant at the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) for 1.5 years. At JHU I worked with Dr. Luciana Bianchi on the stellar population of the Large Magellanic Cloud with data from the outstanding Hubble Space Telescope (HST). Living in Baltimore was one of the greatest experiences of my life! There I became a grown-up. Following Baltimore, I moved to Leiden, where I completed my M.Sc. in Astrophysics in record time! For my Master project, I worked under the direct supervision of Dr. Bruno Merín characterizing the newly discovered young stellar population of the Serpens Molecular Cloud. During this time I had the opportunity to collect data at the William Herschel Telescope and the Telescopio Nazionale Galileo, both in La Palma (Spain).

I obtained my Master degree in February 2007 and was ready to start as a Ph.D. student. As such, I moved to Pasadena (USA), where I attended the California Institute for Technology (Caltech) for my entire first year. Combined with visits in the following years, I stayed in Pasadena almost as long as I did in Leiden during the 4 years of the program (complemented by many work trips and conferences abroad). In Leiden I was a teaching assistant to the ‘Data Mining’ course by Dr. Jarle Brinchmann, and the ‘Star Formation and Origin of Solar Systems’ course by Prof. Ewine van Dishoeck. I also had the amazing opportunity of supervising the research projects of two master students: Annelies Mortier and Margriet van der Laan.

During these 4 years I was fortunate to visit the Very Large Telescope (VLT, in Chile) twice and made several work visits to many great astronomy institutes spread across Europe: the Max-Planck Institut für Extraterrestrische Physik (MPE, in Germany), the European Space Research and Technology Center (ESTEC, in the Netherlands), the European Southern Observatory (ESO, in Germany), the Max-Planck Institut für Astronomie (MPIA, in Germany), the European Space Astron-

omy Center (ESAC, in Spain) and the Laboratoire d'Astrophysique de Grenoble (in France). A great part of this thesis is based on observations with the superb *Spitzer Space Telescope*. Although (unfortunately) one cannot visit this telescope to collect data, the incredible amount of IRS spectra I have reduced and analyzed during my thesis, in addition to hundreds of optical spectra, has transformed me into an avid spectroscopist. The results of these projects are presented in this thesis, most of which have also appeared as separate publications in *The Astrophysical Journal* and *Astronomy & Astrophysics*.

I have presented the results achieved during these 4 years at several international conferences and schools: Gainesville, Baltimore, Pasadena and New York (USA), Leiden (the Netherlands), El Escorial (Spain), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), and Garching (Germany). Furthermore, noting that a greater interaction between specialists in stars, in protoplanetary disks, and in exo-planets was lacking, I worked to establish an environment where this interaction could be furnished. This became the 2009 EARA workshop at the Lorentz Center in Leiden, entitled "From Disks to Planets: Learning from Starlight", that I co-organized.

You could say I'm a lucky girl, huh? This upcoming fall I will continue my research in astrophysics as the Harlan J. Smith Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin (USA).

Publications

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Eu sou mesmo assim
Vou ser sempre assim”*

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