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Curriculum Vitae

I was born in the idyllic Dutch town of Sneek on September 8th, 1995, where I would later attend the Gymnasium of the RSG Magister Alvinus high school. At age thirteen, I faced the difficult decision of choosing my future career path. Switching at the very last moment from an academic track focused on economics and ancient Greek to mathematics and physics – it was said this would “leave more options open” – I graduated from the RSG in 2012. Once more without a clear vision on what to do next, I decided to follow a long-time friend in pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in astronomy at the University of Leiden.

It was at Leiden that my passion for the Cosmos – which had certainly already been instilled in me from a young age, yet lay temporarily dormant – took full form. I was introduced to radio astronomy during my Bachelor’s research when, together with fellow student Louis Cheung, I worked on *Atacama Large Millimeter Array* observations of the protoplanetary disk HL Tau in a project led by Dr. Michiel Hogerheijde and Dr. Mason Carney. Subsequently, I obtained my BSc *cum laude* in 2015.

Continuing onward with a Master’s in Astronomy at Leiden University, thereby opting for the cosmology specialization, I first studied the (apparent lack of) X-ray pulsations in accreting millisecond pulsars under the supervision of Dr. Alessandro Patruno. My master’s thesis then finally exposed me to the fascinating field of galaxy evolution, leading me to find and study high-redshift galaxies with extremely strong emission lines under the supervision of Dr. Rychard Bouwens. I obtained my MSc from Leiden University *summa cum laude* in 2017.

In the same year, I enrolled in the PhD programme at Leiden University, pursuing a study of the faint radio sky under the supervision of Dr. Jacqueline Hodge. Having come full circle, back to radio astronomy albeit now armed with valuable experience at other wavelengths, I was fortunate to present my thesis work at various conferences, and work within several different collaborations. In 2019, this led to a four month visit to the University of Durham, England, where I studied the combined infrared and radio properties of dusty star-forming galaxies under the supervision of Prof.

Ian Smail and Prof. Mark Swinbank, culminating in Chapter 3 of this thesis. Starting November 2021, I will move to the University of Hiroshima, Japan, where I will pursue a postdoc with Dr. Hanae Inami, studying some of the very same galaxies I investigated during my MSc, now from a radio perspective.

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