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Curriculum Vitae

It was in the afternoon of February 8th 1994 that I was born to Erik van Gelder and Ellen Niggebrugge in the “hofstad” of the Netherlands, The Hague. I am the youngest of three children, with my brother Jeroen and sister Pauline both being four years older (yes, they are twins). Already from a very young age, they would be great examples of what to do and also what things one should not do. It was a great pleasure to grow up in the Vogelwijk of The Hague with many green areas to play around as well as the dunes, beach, and sea very close.

With a dad who had studied experimental physics and a mom who had studied chemistry, it was not unexpected that math and physics were very interesting to me already at a very young age. Numbers were just more interesting to work with than, for example, languages. It was thus also no surprise that on my elementary school, the Nutsschool Laan van Poot, I passed the math classes with little effort but that I hated parsing Dutch sentences.

For my high school I chose the Christelijk gymnasium Sorghvliet, a rather small school at about a 15 minute bike ride. Also at high school, my main interest in the natural sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, math) grew. Since physics was the most interesting course and also the one for which I had the highest grades, I decided to start studying Physics and Astronomy at Utrecht University in 2012.

At Utrecht university, however, the first thing I was told was: “if you are here to study astronomy, that’s bad luck because the > 400 year old astronomy department has been removed from the university due to budget cuts”. Most of my bachelor’s studies were therefore focused on many aspects of physics with only two astronomy courses available in Utrecht. Nevertheless, my interest in astronomy resulted in me doing my Bachelor’s research project at SRON (then still in Utrecht) under supervision of dr. Elisa Costantini and dr. Tom Prokopec. The topic was on X-ray absorption spectroscopy of the hot interstellar medium near the Galactic center. It was during this research project that my interest in astronomy manifested itself and I decided to pursue my master in Astronomy and Astrophysics at the Anton Pannekoek Institute of the University of Amsterdam. Of course, first a 4 month backpack trip through Australia was necessary to explore the world.

The journey of my master started in 2016 with many courses covering topics from black holes and general relativity to stellar structure and evolution. However,

it was the star and planet formation course that attracted me most. I was grateful that I could participate in the La Palma observing project, where we were allowed to take our own observations with the Mercator telescope. For my MSc project, I started with a project under the supervision of prof. dr. Lex Kaper on X-shooter observations of massive young stellar objects in the 30 Doradus region of the Large Magellanic Cloud. I graduated cum laude from the University of Amsterdam in the summer of 2018. Both the observational project and the master project convinced me that I really liked working with observational data and that I wanted to keep doing so in the future. Therefore I decided that I was going to apply for PhD positions in astronomy.

I was fortunate enough to receive an offer for a PhD position from prof. dr. Ewine van Dishoeck from Leiden Observatory. The topic of astrochemistry during star and planet formation caught my eye, as well as the fact that I could start working with the newest data from the newest telescope, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). Unfortunately, the launch of JWST was delayed by more than three years, but that did not mean that no observational data were available. Plenty of data from the Atacama Millimeter/submillimeter Array were taken to pursue my main research topics: complex organic molecules and accretion shocks in young protostellar systems. Finishing this PhD thesis would not have been possible without my daily supervisor across from me in the office, dr. Benoît Tabone. Throughout the four years of my PhD I presented at various conferences, both in person and online, and learned how to setup and do a research project. Toward the end, also the world of outreach has opened itself up to me, with a talk at Astronomy on Tap and many demonstrations with the beautiful 1:10 scale model of JWST.

The next stop in my career will actually not be far away. I will stay at Leiden Observatory for an additional two years as a postdoctoral researcher. Now, I finally get to work with the newest data from the newest telescope as part of the JOYS, JWST Observations of Young protoStars, team.

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