

CURRICULUM VITAE – JORRYT MATTHEE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Galaxy formation in the early Universe – Cosmic reionization – Properties of the inter-stellar medium and stellar populations – Escape of ionizing radiation – Galaxy scaling relations – Galaxy-halo connection – Star formation histories – Chemical evolution.

RESEARCH IMPACT

· Pioneering observations of galaxies in the early Universe

I have contributed to the discovery and confirmation of rare bright galaxies at the end-stages of cosmic reionisation and lead follow-up campaigns to unveil their resolved structures and demonstrate that these reside in large early ionised bubbles. I developed and implemented new methods to identify the sources of reionization and am in a key position to test these with upcoming facilities.

· A new way to understand galaxy evolution

I developed new ways to analyse the multi-dimensional and temporal correlation structures of simulated galaxies. I revealed intimate connections between the assembly of dark matter halos, the formation of galaxies, the chemical abundances of gas and stars, and how these correlation structures impact well-known scaling relations.

· Publication and Talk record

I have co-authored **69 peer-reviewed publications** in scientific journals, of which I published **17 as first author** and **9 as second author**. Two second author papers are first-authored by students primary supervised by me. These articles have acquired **> 2700 citations**, of which **> 880 on first author papers**. *h*-index: 31. I have given **> 30** invited seminars and colloquia and **> 50** contributed talks at international workshops and conferences.

CAREER & EDUCATION

Assistant Professor, the Institute of Science and Technology Austria *September 2023 -*
Leader of a research group in the astrophysics of galaxies

Zwicky Prize Fellow, ETH Zürich *October 2018 - September 2023*
Independent postdoctoral researcher

PhD in Astronomy, Leiden University *September 2018*
Thesis: “Identifying the origins of galaxy formation”
Promotors: prof. H. Röttgering, prof. J. Schaye, Supervisor: dr. D. Sobral (Lancaster)

Master of Science (MSc) in Astronomy, Leiden University *September 2014*
De Sitter Cosmology specialisation *Cum Laude*. GPA 4.0/4.0.
Thesis: “The origin of scatter in galaxy scaling relations”
Supervisor: Prof. J. Schaye, dr. R. Crain

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Liberal Arts & Sciences, Utrecht University *September 2012*
Major Physics & Astronomy *Cum Laude*, GPA 4.0/4.0
Honours minor ‘Descartes College’ on Philosophy of Science
Thesis: “Multiple stellar generations in globular clusters”
Supervisor: dr. Soren Larsen

HONORS

- MERAC Prize for best PhD Thesis in Observational Astrophysics, 2020
- IAU PhD Prize, Division J Galaxies and cosmology, International Astronomical Union, 2018
- C.J. Kok Jury Award, Best PhD thesis, Science Faculty, Leiden University, 2018
- Zwicky Prize Fellowship, ETH Zurich, 2018 -
- Huygens PhD fellowship, Leiden University, 2014-2018
- Master of Science Cum Laude, Leiden University, 2014
- Bachelor of Science Cum Laude, Utrecht University, 2012

SERVICES

- Referee for MNRAS, ApJ, Nature, Nature Astronomy, A&A.
- 10.4m Gran Telescopio Canarias time allocation reviewer.
- Organiser PhD talks in 2016 and Galaxy Journal Club in 2017-2018, both at Leiden Observatory.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Supervisor **MSc thesis** research projects:

- Andrea Gebek, ETH Zurich, 2020 (now a PhD student at University of Ghent with M. Baes).
- Sergio Santos, University of Lisbon (co-supervisor), 2016 (continued to PhD at Lancaster University with D. Sobral).

Supervisor **undergraduate** research projects:

- Artem Basyrov, Yuzheng Kang, Andrea Gebek, Cheryl Lüssi, Christopher Golling at ETH Zurich, 2019-2022.
- Bayu Wilson, summer student at Leiden Observatory, 2017.

TEACHING

- **Substitute lecturer** ‘Astrophysics I’ at ETH Zurich, 2020-2022.
- **Substitute lecturer and teaching assistant** ‘Evolution of the Universe’ at ETH Zurich, 2019.
- **Teaching assistant** BSc course ‘Life in the Universe’ at ETH Zurich, 2019 and 2020.
- **Teaching assistant** for 2nd year BSc course ‘Stars’ at Leiden University in the years 2014-2017.

TALKS

Invited seminars, long talks and colloquia:

2015-2018: Hilo (Hawaii, USA), Lisbon (Portugal), Santa Cruz de La Palma (Spain), Riverside (USA), Leiden (NL)

2019: Lancaster (UK), Oslo (Norway)

2020: STScI (Baltimore, USA, remote), Plenary seminar during EAS 2020 (Leiden, remote), UC Santa Barbara workshop (remote), University of Geneva/EPFL Lausanne (remote), Stockholm University (remote)

2021: UC London (remote), ESO (remote), ESO Hypatia Colloquium (remote), Cosmic Dawn Centre Copenhagen (remote), University of Zurich (remote), Kapteyn Institute Groningen (remote), Instituto Astrofisica Canarias (Spain), University of Arizona (remote)

2022: XXXIst General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union (Korea)

Contributed talks at international workshops and conferences:

2015-2018: Sintra (Portugal), Groningen (NL), Paris (France), Crete (Greece), Nunspeet (NL), Heidelberg (Germany), Salt Lake City (USA), Cambridge (UK), Leiden (NL), Liverpool (UK), Strasbourg (France), Crete (Greece)

2019: Leiden (Netherlands), Goslar (Germany), Viana do Castelo (Portugal), Rome (Italy), Braga (Portugal)

2020: Sesto (Italy), Sazerac (virtual), EAS (virtual), STScI (virtual), Toulouse (virtual)

2021: EAS Leiden (remote)

2022: Carnegie / Universidad Diego Portales (remote)

SUMMARY OF AWARDED TELESCOPE TIME

· **Principal Investigator** for **18 hours** on the James Webb Space Telescope using NIRC*am* (2021), **218 hours** on the Very Large Telescope with the X-SHOOTER, MUSE and FLAMES instruments (2017-2022), **15 hours** on ALMA (2017-2019) and **36 nights** on the Isaac Newton Telescope (2016-2018).

· **Co-Investigator** on programs totalling 203 hours on JWST, 293 hours VLT, 106 hours VST, 14 hours ALMA, 38 orbits HST, 7 nights Keck, 10 nights CFHT, 8 hours GTC, 15 nights WHT and 49 nights INT.

Selected PI proposals:

- **26 hours on VLT/MUSE**, ‘Disentangling the role of ISM and IGM on the Ly α Escape fraction from galaxies in JWST QSO fields’, 2022.
- **36 hours on VLT/FLAMES**, ‘Solving the Lyman Continuum escape fraction problem with high-resolution Lyman- α ’, 2022.
- **41.2 hours on VLT/X-SHOOTER**, ‘Charting the luminosity dependence of the escape fraction of ionizing photons using lensed Ly α emitters at $z \sim 3$ ’, 2022.
- **18.3 hours on JWST**, ‘Anatomy of an ionized bubble at $z=6.6$: Which galaxies reionized the Universe?’, 2021.
- **16 hours on VLT/FLAMES**, ‘How does the shape and strength of the Ly α line vary among [OIII] emitters at $z = 3$?’, 2021.
- **6.8 hours on ALMA**, ‘The ISM properties and systemic redshift of a unique double-peaked Ly α emitter in the epoch of re-ionisation’, 2018.
- **72 hours on VLT/X-SHOOTER**, ‘LYRS-z2: A spectroscopic Lyman- α Reference Sample at the peak of cosmic star formation history’, 2018.

Selected co-I proposals:

- **114.3 hours on JWST/NIRC*am*** ‘Exploring the End of Cosmic Reionization’ (PI S. Lilly), 2021.
- **23.9 hours on JWST/NIRSpec** ‘Emission line galaxies beyond the limits of the Hubble UDF: Physical conditions in ultra-faint star forming galaxies’ (PI M. Maseda), 2021.
- **41.9 hours on JWST/NIRC*am*** ‘The first blind H-alpha narrow-band survey of star-formation at $z > 6$ ’ (PI P. Best), 2021.
- **24.4 hours on JWST/NIRSpec** ‘Unraveling the knots of gaseous Cosmic Web filaments at $z \sim 3$ through H-alpha emission observations’ (PI S. Cantalupo), 2021.
- **42 hours on ALMA** ‘Unveiling a Massive Node of the Cosmic Web at $z=3$ ’ (PI S. Cantalupo), 2021.
- **100 hours on VLT/MUSE** ‘The MUSE cosmic assembly survey targeting extragalactic legacy fields (MUSCATEL)’ (PI L. Wisotzki), 2019-2021.
- **63 hours on VLT/MUSE** ‘Extended Lyman alpha emission in the neighbourhood of high redshift quasars at $z > 3$ ’ (PI S. Cantalupo/S. Lilly), 2018.
- **44 hours on VLT/HAWK-I** ‘HAWKI into the epoch of re-ionisation: a pilot for the first $z=7.7$ Ly α to unveil early ionisation bubbles and the nature of their luminous hosts’ (PI D. Sobral), 2017.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- Principal Investigator ‘The X-SHOOTER Lyman- α Survey’, including collaborators in the UK, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, The Netherlands, Chile, France and the US.
- Core-Member of JWST/NIRCam Large Program Emission-line galaxies and Intergalactic Gas in the Epoch of Reionization (EIGER, PI: Lilly).
- Core-Member of JWST/NIRCam Medium Program JWST Emission-Line Survey (JELS, PI: Best), that builds upon the HiZELS survey and my work on CALYMHA (Matthee et al. 2016).
- MUSE GTO instrument science team member

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Interview in online outreach video on Bilibili (Chinese, clickable link), 82k views, July 2022.
- Interview in online outreach video on Bilibili (Chinese, clickable link), 17k views, December 2021.
- Interview in online outreach video on YouTube (clickable link), 1.1k views, July 2020.
- Public talk ‘Witnessing the formation of galaxies’, part of a series on ‘Cosmos: Science & Arts’, Museum Boerhaave Leiden (NL), March 2020.
- Public seminar on ‘Where do we come from? An astrophysical perspective’, Windisch (CH), June 2019.
- Public talk on ‘The first stars’, Physics on Tap, ETH Zurich, March 2019.
- Public talk on ‘The first stars’, Astronomy on Tap, Leiden University, July 2018.
- Volunteered on ‘NEMO/Klokhuis vragendag’ organised by Dutch public broadcaster NTR (\sim 500 participants). Answered live questions on astronomy from 6-12 year olds. May 2018.
- Research article on ALMA observations of CR7 featured in ‘NOVA’ - research highlights from the American Astronomical Society. 18 April 2018.

OUTREACH WRITINGS

- Invited publication in ‘News & Views’, ‘Differences in galaxy colours are not just about the mass’, Nature Astronomy 5, pages 984-985 (2021).
- Publication in Dutch amateur astronomy magazine ‘Universum’, target audience 8-18 year old, Spring edition 2018, in Dutch.
- Publication in the Dutch magazine for physicists, ‘Nederlands Tijdschrift voor de Natuurkunde’, June 2017. Printed Dutch version, online Dutch+English version.
- Press release ‘Photons struggle to escape distant galaxies’, January 2017. Covered in national and international astronomy news websites.
- Press release on the CR7 galaxy through ESO, June 2015. World wide coverage in e.g. NY Times, Nature news, Phys.org, National Geographic, BBC sports, and others. Japanese NHK broadcasted a 1hr TV documentary. Story covered in several popular science magazines.

NON-ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Reading (literature, history, popular science, mythology, politics, economics, philosophy); Sports (practicing cycling, speedskating, hiking); Music (playing piano); Writing (fiction).

REFERENCES

- Dr. David Sobral, Reader in Astrophysics, Lancaster University, d.sobral@lancaster.ac.uk
- Prof. Simon Lilly, Professor of Experimental Astrophysics, ETH Zurich, simon.lilly@phys.ethz.ch
- Prof. Joop Schaye, Professor in Galaxy Formation, Universiteit Leiden, schaye@strw.leidenuniv.nl
- Prof. Huub Röttgering, Professor in Cosmology, Universiteit Leiden, rottgering@strw.leidenuniv.nl