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## Research Interests

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**Galaxy Evolution** - Stellar populations, Interstellar medium and link to galactic properties, galaxy structure and kinematics; **Active Galactic Nuclei** - Demographics, accretion, relation to host galaxy and environment

## Education and Academic Experience

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**Postdoctoral Researcher:** University of Heidelberg, DE. Supervisor: Dr. D. Wylezalek. 11/2020-present

**PhD in Astrophysics:** University of Bath, UK. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. S. Wuyts. 11/2016-10/2020  
*Thesis:* "Weighing star-forming galaxies, component by component"

**Bachelor & Master in Physics:** ETH Zürich, CH. Supervisors: Dr. B. Trakhtenbrot, 2010-2016  
Prof. Dr. K. Schawinski, Dr. M. Elvis. *MSc Thesis:* "Where are the supermassive black holes hiding?: Broad line (non-)detection of ultramassive, slowly spinning black holes"

## First-author Publications

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- Bertemes C., Wylezalek D., et al., in prep.  
*JWST ERS Program Q3D: A  $z = 2.94$  quasar in an ultramassive host harbours a low/medium/high-mass BH according to 4 different lines*
- Bertemes C., Wuyts S., in prep.  
*Scatter in the star-forming Main Sequence: The link to long-term star formation histories in SDSS-IV MaNGA galaxies*
- Bertemes C., Wylezalek D., Albán M., Aravena M., Baker W.M., Cazzoli S., Ciccone C., Martín S., Schimek A., Wagg J., Wang W., 2023, MNRAS, 518, 5500  
*MASCOT: molecular gas depletion times and metallicity gradients - evidence for feedback in quenching active galaxies*
- Bertemes C., Wuyts S., Lutz D., Förster Schreiber N.M., Genzel R., Minchin R.F., Mundell C.G., Rosario D., Saintonge A., Tacconi L., 2018, MNRAS, 478, 1442  
*Cross-calibration of CO- vs dust-based gas masses and assessment of the dynamical mass budget in Herschel-SDSS Stripe82 galaxies*
- Bertemes C., Trakhtenbrot B., Schawinski K., Done C., Elvis M., 2016, MNRAS, 463, 4041  
*Testing the completeness of the SDSS colour selection for ultramassive, slowly spinning black holes*

## Observing proposals

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- **NOEMA** (NOthern Extended Millimeter Array) at Institut de radioastronomie millimétrique: 2023  
"Weak outflows in quenching AGN - How does the molecular gas respond?", **PI, 30 hours**
- **James Webb Space Telescope:** "Deep grism spectroscopy of the complex environment around 2023  
an extremely red quasar within an ultramassive host at  $z=3$ ", **PI, 6 hours**
- **Arecibo Observatory:** "The interplay between H<sub>2</sub>, HI, dust and metals: calibrating a recipe to 2017  
study the environmental impact on gas properties of galaxies", Co-I (PI: Dr. S. Wuyts), **24 hours**

## Talks and Workshops (Past 3 years):

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### Invited talks & workshops:

- "Galaxy transformation across space and time", Canberra, Australia 09/2023
- "James Webb Space Telescope Community Session" at the European Astronomical Society's annual meeting, Krakow, Poland 07/2023

- IPARCOS astro seminar, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (online), Madrid 02/2023
- “Cosmic Dawn with the JWST – Cycle 1 lessons and plans for Cycle 2”, Ringberg, Germany 10/2022
- “JWebbinar 14 - Q3D: Fitting Spectra and Data Cubes of Galaxies and Quasars”, Online tutorial in collaboration with Space Telescope Science Institute 04/2022

### Conferences & seminars:

- “Winds throughout the Universe”, Joint Space-Science Institute workshop, Annapolis, US 10/2023
- Sessions “Early assembly of galaxies with JWST spatially resolved spectroscopy and photometry” & “Reconstructing the Assembly History of Galaxies”, Meeting of the European Astronomical Society, Krakow, Poland 07/2023
- “What drives the growth of black holes: a decade of reflection”, Reykjavik, Iceland 09/2022
- Meeting of the European Astronomical Society (EAS), Valencia, Spain 06/2022
- UK talk tour - ICG Portsmouth, University of Bath, Cardiff University, University of Southampton, University College London, KICC Cambridge 06/2022
- “Large-volume spectroscopic analyses of AGN and star-forming galaxies in the era of JWST”, STScI Baltimore (online), US 03/2022
- “Young Astronomers on Galactic Nuclei (YAGN)”, Copenhagen (online), Denmark 09/2021
- National Astronomy Meeting (NAM), Bath (online), UK 07/2021

### Grants

- Travel support by the Australian National University for invited talk (1000 AUD) 09/2023
- Student grants: UBath Alumni Fund Travel Bursary (£250), ESA travel support by conference organisers (200€), RAS grant (£240), Santander Postgraduate Mobility Award (£950) 2017-2018

### Teaching and mentoring

- Student (co)-supervision: Simon Flesch (BSc, HeidelbergU, 2022), Wenjun Chang (Summer project, USTC, 2019), Emily Hunt & Morris Stranger (MSc, UBath, 2019) 2019-2022
- Teaching assistant, UBath (Intro to Astrophysics, Waves/Oscillations/Optics, Python Labs) 2017-2018
- Peer mentor under the UBath's scheme for 1st year students 10/2017-2019

### Community Service (Selected)

- Developer of the public q3dfit python package for deconvolution and spectral analysis 01/2019-now
- Referee for *The Astrophysical Journal*, *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* 01/2019-now
- Outreach: Workshop on black holes at Girls' Day Germany (2021-now), Science experiments at WOMAD festival (2019), Science activities on light in UK primary schools (2016-2018) 2016-now
- Organiser of the “Cake in the Lounge” meetings at ARI Heidelberg 2021-now

### Skills

- Languages: Luxembourgish (native), French (proficient), English (proficient), German (proficient)
- Programming: Python,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , bash, SQL, HTML, C++ (intermediate). Software: q3dfit, GILDAS-CLASS, Prospector, BAGPIPES, CLOUDY
- Technical experience: Bayesian statistics with MCMC, Spectral analysis (UV, optical, infrared, radio), Open-MPI parallel processing, sbatch & SLURM queued HPC computing, Collaborative coding via GitHub, Remote observing with Arizona Radio Observatory, Data reduction of single-dish CO spectra

## References

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Available upon request