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Experience

1 December 2023 - Present	Postdoctoral research associate	Durham University
1 September 2019 - 30 November 2023	PhD candidate	Leiden Observatory

Education

PhD Astronomy	<i>University of Leiden</i>
LEIDEN, THE NETHERLANDS	2019 - 2023
• Thesis title: Tuning in to the Feedback Bassline	
• PhD award date: 22 November 2023	
MSc Astronomy (cum laude)	<i>University of Groningen</i>
GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS	2017 - 2019
• Major: Theoretical and Observational Astronomy	
• Major: Data Science	
BSc Astronomy	<i>University of Groningen</i>
GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS	2014 - 2017
• Major: Theoretical Astronomy	

Research

First-author refereed publications

PAPERS IN PREPARATION NOT LISTED

- **R. Timmerman**, R. J. van Weeren, A. Botteon, H. J. A. Röttgering, L. K. Morabito, F. Sweijen, "The first high-redshift cavity power measurements of cool-core galaxy clusters with the International LOFAR Telescope", [2024, A&A, 687, A31](#)
- **R. Timmerman**, R. J. van Weeren, A. Botteon, H. J. A. Röttgering, B. R. McNamara, F. Sweijen, L. Bîrzan, L. K. Morabito, "Measuring cavity powers of active galactic nuclei in clusters using a hybrid X-ray-radio method", [2022, A&A, 668, A65](#)
- **R. Timmerman**, R. J. van Weeren, J. R. Callingham, W. D. Cotton, R. Perley, L. K. Morabito, N. A. B. Gizani, A. H. Bridle, C. P. O'Dea, S. A. Baum, G. R. Tremblay, P. Kharb, N. E. Kassim, H. J. A. Röttgering, A. Botteon, F. Sweijen, C. Tasse, M. Brüggen, J. Moldon, T. Shimwell, G. Brunetti, "Origin of the ring structures in Hercules A", [2022, A&A, 658, A5](#)
- **R. Timmerman**, R. J. van Weeren, M. McDonald, A. Ignesti, B. R. McNamara, J. Hlavacek-Larrondo, H. J. A. Röttgering, "Very Large Array observations of the mini-halo and AGN feedback in the Phoenix cluster", [2021, A&A, 646, A38](#)

Co-authored refereed publications

PAPERS IN PREPARATION NOT LISTED

- E. Ceccotti, A. R. Offringa, L. V. E. Koopmans, **R. Timmerman** et al., "A novel radio imaging method for physical spectral index modelling", [2023, MNRAS, 525, 3, 3946](#)
- C. J. Riseley, N. Biava, A. Bonafede, ..., **R. Timmerman** et al., "A 'MeerKAT-meets-LOFAR' study of Abell 1413: a moderately disturbed non-cool-core cluster hosting a \sim 500 kpc 'mini'-halo", [2023, MNRAS, 524, 4, 6052](#)
- C. M. Cordin, **R. Timmerman**, G. K. Miley et al., "VLBI imaging of high-redshift galaxies and protoclusters at low radio frequencies with the International LOFAR Telescope", [2023, A&A, 676, A29](#)
- J. R. Callingham, T. W. Shimwell, H. K. Vedantham, ..., **R. Timmerman** et al., "V-LoTSS: The circularly polarised LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey", [2023, A&A, 670, A124](#)
- T. W. Shimwell, M. J. Hardcastle, C. Tasse, ..., **R. Timmerman** et al., "The LOFAR Two-metre Sky Survey – V. Second data release", [2022, A&A, 659, A1](#)
- I. D. Roberts, R. J. van Weeren, **R. Timmerman** et al., "LoTSS Jellyfish Galaxies III. The first identification of jellyfish galaxies in the Perseus cluster", [2022, A&A, 658, A44](#)
- C. J. Riseley, K. Rajpurohit, F. Loi, A. Botteon, **R. Timmerman** et al., "A MeerKAT-meets-LOFAR Study of MS 1455.0+2232: A 590 kiloparsec 'Mini'-Halo in a Sloshing Cool-Core Cluster", [2022, MNRAS, 512, 3, 4210](#)

Colloquia & seminars

SPEAKER

- 2024 **University of Nottingham** Centre for Astronomy and Particle Theory
- 2023 **Durham University** Ogden Centre for Extragalactic Astronomy
- 2023 **University of Manchester** Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics

Nottingham, UK

Durham, UK

Manchester, UK

Invited talks

SPEAKER

- 2024 **LOFAR Family Meeting**
- 2024 **McNamara@65**
- 2024 **URSI Atlantic Radio Science Conference**
- 2024 **SPARCS XII**
- 2023 **Bologna VLBI: Life begins at 40!**

Leiden, The Netherlands

Waterloo, Canada

Gran Canaria, Spain

Bologna, Italy

Bologna, Italy

Contributed talks

SPEAKER

- 2024 **Galaxy Clusters & Radio Relics II**
- 2024 **AGN Across Continents**
- 2024 **URSI Atlantic Radio Science Conference**
- 2024 **URSI UK Symposium**
- 2023 **LOFAR Family Meeting**
- 2023 **Nederlandse Astronomen Conferentie**
- 2022 **SPARCS XI**
- 2022 **LOFAR ECR Event**
- 2022 **NOVA NW1 Meeting**
- 2022 **IAU General Assembly XXXI**
- 2021 **Annual Meeting of the European Astronomical Society**
- 2020 **Annual Meeting of the European Astronomical Society**

Cambridge, United States

Durham, United Kingdom

Gran Canaria, Spain

Teddington, United Kingdom

Olsztyn, Poland

Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

Hammanskraal, South Africa

Leiden, The Netherlands

Groningen, The Netherlands

Busan, South Korea

Online

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Telescope time granted

As PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- **LOFAR**, DDT, "LOFAR long-baseline observations of Taurus A", Allocated 8 hours
- **LOFAR**, Commissioning, "Detecting fringes between LOFAR and the uGMRT", Allocated 2 hours
- **LOFAR**, Cycle 16, "Expanding the limits: high-redshift LOFAR study of AGN feedback in galaxy clusters", Allocated 33 hours
- **LOFAR**, Cycle 15, "Entering uncharted territory: high-redshift LOFAR study of AGN feedback in galaxy clusters", Allocated 16 hours
- **LOFAR**, Cycle 14, "The first high resolution LOFAR study of AGN feedback in galaxy clusters", Allocated 92 hours

Telescope time granted

As CO INVESTIGATOR

- **WEAVE**, Cycle 2024B, "WEAVE LIFU observations of Brightest Cluster Galaxies", Allocated 28 hours
- **VLA**, Cycle 24B, "High-resolution JVLA imaging of the longest black hole jets known", Allocated 24 hours
- **LOFAR**, Commissioning, "LOFAR long-baselines observations of Cas A", Allocated 8 hours
- **LOFAR**, Cycle 20, "Studying a high-redshift radio relic at arcsecond resolutions with the international LOFAR telescope", Allocated 8 hours
- **LOFAR**, Cycle 20, "Deep ILT observations of Coma A (3C277.3)", Allocated 30 hours
- **LOFAR**, DDT, "LOFAR monitoring of supernova 2023ixf in M101", Allocated 35 hours
- **uGMRT**, Cycle 44, "Verifying a 6.2 Mpc-long quasar outflow at half the Universe's age", Allocated 15 hours

Computing resources granted

As PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- **SURF**, "Sub-arcsecond imaging with LOFAR", Allocated 910,000 core hours

Review service

OBSERVATORIES

- **Murchison Widefield Array** Time Allocation Committee, cycles 2024A-2025B
- **e-MERLIN** external referee, cycle 18
- **Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope** external referee, cycle 47

Review service

JOURNALS

- **Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society**
- **Astronomy & Astrophysics**
- **Advances in Space Research**

Memberships

Large societies

- International Astronomical Union, Full Member

Collaborations

- LOFAR Surveys Collaboration
Cluster Science Working Group & Long Baseline Working Group
- Square Kilometer Array Observatory
VLBI Working Group
- Habitable Worlds Observatory
AGN Working Group

Press & Outreach

Contributions in media

- 2023 **Zenit** Article dedicated to the results from Timmerman et al. (2024)
2022 **NOVA** Article presents results from Timmerman et al. (2022b)
2022 **BBC News** Article includes results from Timmerman et al. (2022a)
2021 **Zenit** Article includes results from Timmerman et al. (2022)
2021 **Zenit** Article describes general direction of PhD research

Public outreach

- Public lecture at the Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society
- Gave a lecture at the Pint of Science 2024 festival in Durham
- Guest class for nine-year-old children about the Solar System at primary school "OBS De Voorsprong" in The Hague, 2022
- Co-organizing the public Oort lecture, 2022
- Volunteering at Blaauw Observatory, 2018-2019
- Volunteering at the Dwingeloo Radiotelescope (CAMRAS), 2017-2022

Supervision & Teaching

Supervision

2024	Summer internship - Sravya Kalachareedu	Spectral index measurements of radio galaxies using the LoTSS catalog	Durham University
2023	BSc - Liam de Vos & Tom van Schaik	Searching for carbon radio recombination lines in a distant radio galaxy	University of Leiden
2023	MSc - Rahul Priyadarshan Ravichandran	Investigating angular broadening caused by interstellar scattering of radio waves	University of Leiden
2022	LEAPS summer school - Tombo Rarivoarinoro	Low-frequency investigation into tailed radio galaxies within galaxy clusters	University of Leiden
2022	MSc - Cristina Cordun	Investigating the $\alpha - z$ correlation of high-redshift (proto-)clusters using International LOFAR Telescope observations. The results were published in <i>Astronomy & Astrophysics</i> .	University of Leiden

Teaching

7th LOFAR Data School

ASTRON

INVITED LECTURER

- Week-long postgraduate school for introducing new users to working with LOFAR observations.

Large Scale Structure and Galaxy Formation

University of Leiden

3 Semesters

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- MSc course focused the formation and evolution of large scale structure and galaxies in the universe.

Modern Astronomical Research and Communication

University of Leiden

1 Semester

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- BSc course on soft skills (such as presenting and writing) in academia.

Electrodynamics of Radiation Processes

University of Groningen

1 Semester

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- MSc course focused on topics such as blackbody radiation, synchrotron radiation, bremsstrahlung and Compton scattering.

Programming and Numerical Methods

University of Groningen

1 semester

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- BSc course on the basics of programming in Python, \LaTeX , as well as the basics of using Linux.

References

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