

# Eric W. Koch

## Curriculum Vitæ

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### Education

- 2016-expected July 2020 *University of Alberta*  
PhD. (Physics)  
Thesis: “The Molecular and Atomic Interstellar Medium in the Local Group”  
Adviser: Prof. Erik Rosolowsky
- 2014-2016 *University of Alberta*  
MSc. (Physics)  
Thesis: “The Atomic Interstellar Medium in M33”  
Adviser: Prof. Erik Rosolowsky
- 2010-2014 *University of British Columbia*  
Hon. BSc. (Physics)

### Employment

- 2014–present *University of Alberta*  
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant
- 2013-2014 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Undergraduate Research Assistant with Prof. Jason Loeppky
- 2012 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Undergraduate Work-Study Program with Prof. Erik Rosolowsky
- 2011-2014 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

### Awards

- 2020 *University of Alberta*  
Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship
- 2019 *University of Alberta*  
Andrew Stewart Memorial Graduate Prize
- 2019 *University of Alberta/The Ohio State University*  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements with Prof. Adam Leroy
- 2018 *University of Alberta*  
Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship - Doctorate
- 2017-2019 *University of Alberta*  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctorate
- 2016 *University of Alberta*  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Postgraduate Scholarship - Doctorate
- 2015 *University of Alberta*  
Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship - Masters
- 2010-2014 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Deputy Vice Chancellor Scholarship
- 2014 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Distinguished Graduate Award - Physics, Math, Statistics & Computer Science
- 2014 *University of Alberta*  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters

- 2013 *University of Alberta*  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Undergraduate Summer Research Award with Prof. Craig Heinke
- 2013 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Top Oral Presenter - UBC-O Undergraduate Research Conference
- 2013 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Upper Year Physics Award
- 2012 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Undergraduate Summer Research Award with Prof. Erik Rosolowsky
- 2010 *University of British Columbia, Okanagan*  
President's Entrance Scholarship

## External Funding

- 2019 **co-I - Link CASA to the astropy ecosystem**  
ALMA Development Studies - Cycle 7  
**\$199,905 USD**

## Professional Talks

- 2020 July *Michigan State University, USA*  
"Unravelling Atomic ISM Physics Across the Local Group"
- 2019 September *So-Star, Paris, France*  
"HI & CO kinematics on molecular cloud scales in the Local Group"
- 2019 April *Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, USA*  
"Connecting atomic and molecular ISM kinematics on cloud scales in M33"
- 2019 April *Green Bank Telescope, Green Bank, USA*  
"Connecting atomic and molecular ISM kinematics on cloud scales in M33"
- 2019 March *NRAO, Charlottesville, USA*  
"Connecting atomic and molecular ISM kinematics on cloud scales in M33"
- 2019 March *University of Texas, Austin, USA*  
"Connecting atomic and molecular ISM kinematics on cloud scales in M33"
- 2019 January *Big Apple Magnetic Fields Workshop, New York, USA*  
"Turbustat: Python-based turbulence statistics"
- 2018 August *CHANG-ES Team Meeting, Calgary, Canada*  
"De-obfuscating HI & CO Comparisons in M33"
- 2018 July *PHAT/M33 Team Meeting, Ringberg, Germany*  
"Atomic Gas in M31 and M33"
- 2018 May *Olympian Symposium, Paralia Katerini, Greece*  
"Spatially-Varying Turbulent Properties in M33"
- 2017 June *Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCA) Meeting, Edmonton, Canada*  
"Linking the Atomic and Molecular ISM in M33"
- 2016 August *Lorentz Centre - Apples to Apples Workshop*  
"Identifying Tools for Comparing Simulations and Observations of Star-forming Regions"
- 2016 February *Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics*  
"Comparing Simulations and Observations of Star Formation using Experimental Design"

## Poster Presentations

- 2019 June *Linking the Milky Way and Nearby Galaxies, Helsinki, Finland*  
"Connecting atomic and molecular ISM kinematics on cloud scales in M33"
- 2013 June *Canadian Astronomical Society Conference (Vancouver, Canada)*  
"Converging Flows in Star-Forming Regions"

## Observing Experience

- Three VLA projects as PI (180 hours awarded; 16B-236, 16B-242, 17B-162); one as co-I (24 hours awarded; 19B-037)
- One ALMA project as PI (8 hours awarded; 2019.1.01039.S); two as co-I (22 hours awarded; 2017.1.00901.S, 2019.1.01182.S)
- One GBT project as PI (41 hours awarded; 19B-221)
- One NOEMA project as co-I (16 hours awarded; W15BR)

## Professional Service and Training

2018-Present	Referee for Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
2017-2019	Seminar and journal club organizer for UAlberta Astronomy Group
2017-2018	Student Member of Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCA)
2017	U. Alberta Graduate Teaching and Learning Level 1 Certificate – 14 hrs. of workshops
2017	U. Alberta representative on the Canadian Astronomical Society Graduate Student Committee
2013-2014	UBC-Okanagan Physics representative on Quantitative Sciences Course Union Council

## Research Advising

I have acted as a research advisor for three undergraduate students at the University of Alberta, supervised by Prof. Erik Rosolowsky.

Summer 2018	<i>Interpreting filaments in three dimensions</i> Dewanshu Haswani MITACS Internship
Fall 2018	<i>Spiral Arm Propagation in M33 and its Implications on Molecular Cloud Formation</i> Steffen Senchyna Physics 499 Honours Research Project
Fall 2018	<i>ISM Properties near Supernova Remnants in M33</i> Weizhuo Zhang Physics 499 Honours Research Project

## Software

I actively develop several python software packages for astronomical analyses. Below is a selection of my primary projects, and a full list is available on my github profile ([github.com/e-koch](https://github.com/e-koch)).

- TurbuStat (<https://turbustat.readthedocs.io>): A common implementation of many observational turbulence statistics. (Koch et al. 2019).
- FilFinder (<https://fil-finder.readthedocs.io>): Morphological-based filament detection algorithm (Koch & Rosolowsky 2015).
- spectral-cube (<https://spectral-cube.readthedocs.io>): A library for operations on radio spectral-line data cubes, including handling for massive data (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.2573901).

## Outreach

2019 October	<i>Edmonton, Canada</i> “Judge for NASA/CSA Space Apps Challenge”
2019 May	<i>Pint of Science, Edmonton, Canada</i> “Frigid Fuel for Star Formation”
2018 December	<i>Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (Edmonton Centre)</i> “Unravelling Star Formation”
2018 May	<i>Northern Alberta Radio Club (Edmonton)</i> “Viewing the Sky with Radio Interferometry”
2017 February	<i>University of Alberta Observatory Public Observing Night</i> “Blowing Bubbles in a Galaxy”
2016–2019	<i>University of Alberta Observatory</i> “Public Observing & School Tours”

## Publications

I have authored 13 refereed publications (7 as first author) and my publications have 167 citations. I currently have two papers under review.

## Refereed

13. JD Henshaw, JMD Kruijssen, SN Longmore, M Riener, AK Leroy, E Rosolowsky, A Ginsburg, C Battersby, M Chevance, SE Meidt, SCO Glover, A Hughes, J Kainulainen, RS Klessen, E Schinnerer, A Schrubba, H Beuther, F Bigiel, GA Blanc, E Emsellem, T Henning, CN Herrera, **EW Koch**, J Pety, SE Ragan, J Sun. “Ubiquitous velocity fluctuations throughout the molecular interstellar medium.” 2020, [NatAs 136H](#) [4 citations].
12. CO Heinke, MG Ivanov, **EW Koch**, R Andrews, L Chomiuk, HN Cohn, S Crothers, T Boer, N Ivanova, AKH Kong, N Leigh, PM Lugger, L Nelson, CJ Parr, EW Rosolowsky, AJ Ruiter, CL Sarazin, AW Shaw, GR Sivakoff, M Berg. “The X-ray Emissivity of Low-Density Stellar Populations.” 2020, [MNRAS 492 5684](#) [1 citation].
11. **EW Koch**, I Chiang, D Utomo, J Chastenet, AK Leroy, EW Rosolowsky, KM Sandstrom. “Spatial Power Spectra of Dust across the Local Group: No Constraint on Disc Scale Height.” 2020, [MNRAS 492 2663](#).
10. **EW Koch**, EW Rosolowsky, RD Boyden, B Burkhart, A Ginsburg, JL Loeppky, SSR Offner. “TurbuStat: Turbulence Statistics in Python.” 2019, [AJ 158 1](#) [6 citations].
9. **EW Koch**, EW Rosolowsky, A Schrubba, A Leroy, AA Kepley, J Braine, J Dalcanton, MC Johnson. “Relationship between the Line Width of the Atomic and Molecular ISM in M33.” 2019, [MNRAS 485 2324](#) [3 citations].
8. **EW Koch**, EW Rosolowsky, FJ Lockman, AA Kepley, A Leroy, A Schrubba, J Braine, J Dalcanton, MC Johnson, S Stanimirović. “Kinematics of the atomic ISM in M33 on 80 pc scales.” 2018, [MNRAS 479 2505-2533](#) [10 citations].
7. RD Boyden, SSR Offner, **EW Koch**, EW Rosolowsky. “Assessing the Impact of Astrochemistry on Molecular Cloud Turbulence Statistics.” 2018, [ApJ 860 157](#) [5 citations].
6. **EW Koch**, CG Ward, S Offner, J Loeppky, E Rosolowsky. “Identifying Tools for Comparing Simulations of Star Formation.” 2017, [MNRAS 471 1506-1530](#) [14 citations].
5. Y Lin, HB Liu, JE Dale, D Li, G Busquet, ZY Zhang, A Ginsburg, R Galvan-Madrid, A Kovacs, **E Koch**, L Qian, K Wang, S Longmore, HR Chen, D Walker. “Cloud Structure of Three Galactic Infrared Dark Star-forming Regions from Combining Ground- and Space-based Bolometric Observations.” 2017, [ApJ 840 22](#) [19 citations].
4. RD Boyden, **EW Koch**, EW Rosolowsky, SSR Offner. “An Exploration of the Statistical Signatures of Stellar Feedback.” 2016, [ApJ 833 233](#) [11 citations].
3. Y Lin, HB Liu, D Li, Z-Y Zhang, A Ginsburg, JE Pineda, L Qian, R Galván-Madrid, AF McLeod, E Rosolowsky, JE Dale, K Immer, **E Koch**, S Longmore, D Walker, L Testi. “Cloud Structure of Galactic OB Cluster-forming Regions from Combining Ground and Space-based Bolometric Observations.” 2016, [ApJ 828 32](#) [25 citations].
2. **EW Koch**, EW Rosolowsky. “Filament Identification through Mathematical Morphology.” 2015, [MNRAS 452 3435-3450](#) [65 citations].
1. **EW Koch**, A Bahramian, CO Heinke, K Mori, N Rea, N Degenaar, D Haggard, R Wijnands, G Ponti, JM Miller, F Yusef-Zadeh, F Dufour, WD Cotton, FK Baganoff, MT Reynolds. “The 2013 outburst of a transient very faint X-ray binary, 23 arcsec from Sgr A\*.” 2014, [MNRAS 442 372-381](#) [4 citations].

## Submitted

1. N Krieger, AD Bolatto, **EW Koch**, AK Leroy, E Rosolowsky, F Walter, A Weiss, DJ Eden, RC Levy, DS Meier, EAC Mills, T Moore, J Ott, Y Su, S Veilleux. “The turbulent gas structure in the centers of NGC253 and the Milky Way.” 2020, [ApJ submitted](#).

## Non-refereed

2. **E Koch**, E Rosolowsky, AK Leroy. “*Radio-line Broadening from a Spectral Response Function.*” 2018, [RNAAS 2 220](#) [5 citations].
1. **E Koch**, E Rosolowsky, MC Johnson, AA Kepley, A Leroy. “*Detection of an OH 1665 MHz Maser in M33.*” 2018, [RNAAS 2 24](#) [1 citation].