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PROFILE SUMMARY

Astrophysicist with a proven track record in building custom pipelines, handling multi-terabyte imaging datasets, and extracting faint astrophysical signals from complex, noisy, multi-wavelength data. Experienced in systematic modelling, design trade-offs, and adapting analysis tools to evolving scientific goals and technical constraints. Skilled in working across disciplines and cultures through collaborative research in international and interdisciplinary consortia. Eager to contribute to space exploration missions, such as EnVision, by bridging scientific objectives with spacecraft and instrument limitations in a mission-driven environment.

REFERENCES

- **Dr. Angus H. Wright:** GCCL Fellow / awright@astro.rub.de / Astronomiches Institut, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Universitätsstr. 150, 44780 Bochum, NRW, Germany / +49 176 879 354 16
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ACADEMIC WEBSITES

- **Personal Website:** https://eraygencc.github.io
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SCIENTIFIC AND OPERATIONAL FOCUS AREAS

- Data reduction, photometric and morphologic analysis of near-IR imaging data.
- Development and optimisation of custom pipelines to manage instrumental systematics to maximise scientific return, including the design and assessment of trade-offs between resolution, coverage, and signal quality.
- Statistical signal extraction from complex, noisy, multi-wavelength data, particularly in large-scale surveys and operationally constrained environments.
- Application of Bayesian inference and cross-correlation techniques for weak signal enhancement and structural analysis.
- Simulation-based modelling of systematics to support mission planning and data validation strategies.
- Design of automated, scalable data workflows supporting reproducibility and efficiency in science operations.
- Ongoing interest in developing of ad-hoc and responsive methods to enhance subsurface feature detection, e.g. through cross-correlation and stacking of multi-pass radargrams.

EDUCATION

Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany

PhD, Astrophysics (October 2022- present)

- Thesis Title: Exploring Dust Transport in Dark Matter Halos of Galaxies with Weak-lensing surveys
- Supervisors:
  Dr. Angus H. Wright
  Prof. Hendrik Hildebrandt
  Prof. Dominik J. Bomans
- Area of Study: Observational Cosmology, Circumgalactic Dust Extinction

Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany

MSc, Astrophysics (Honours, Graduated September 2022)

- Thesis Title: Quantifying the Effects of Blended Galaxies on Cosmic Shear
- Supervisor: Prof. Peter Schneider
- Supervisor: Prof. Hendrik Hildebrandt
- Area of Study: Cosmology, Weak-lensing

Universität Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany

BSc, Physics (Graduated August 2020)

- Thesis Title: Near-infrared Data Reduction and Analysis of Radio Galaxy Hosts at Different Redshifts
- Supervisors:
  Prof. Jochen Heidt
  Prof. Andreas Koch-Hansen
- Area of Study: Near-infrared Data Reduction, Radio galaxies

Work Experience

German Centre for Cosmological Lensing, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany

I developed a custom pipeline to extract the weak circumgalactic dust extinction signal from noisy, multi-wavelength survey data. This involved validation of the pipeline using simulations, modelling of systematics, and instrumental limitations. As the main challenge was to assess the trade-offs, such as measurement precision and accuracy, to maximise the scientific return. This project strengthened my ability to design, test, and implement end-to-end data analysis workflows tailored to maximise scientific output from complex, noise-dominated observations.

Argelander-Institut für Astronomie, Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany
Investigated an observational detection bias in large imaging surveys, developing a probabilistic model for ground- and space-based imaging surveys of galaxies. Integrated this model into cosmology analyses by assigning detection-based weights to galaxies. The project sharpened my ability to model systematics, and optimise data processing strategies under realistic observational and instrumental constraints.

Argelander-Institut für Astronomie, Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany
During a three-month internship, I investigated the impact of magnification on galaxy–galaxy lensing signals by comparing theoretical predictions with simulation outputs. This project expanded my programming experience through hands-on work with C++ and strengthened my understanding of lensing systematics and data interpretation.

Landessternwarte, Universität Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany
I conducted photometric and morphological analysis of near-IR imaging data from the Large Binocular Telescope, focusing on host galaxies of radio galaxies across a broad redshift range (0.2–4.4). This work involved independent data reduction, image processing, and structural modelling using tools, such as IRAF and GALFIT, strengthening my practical experience with observational data and instrumentation limitations. It provided an early foundation in handling complex datasets and extracting robust scientific insights.

Academic Experience

Grants

- SFB1491 Travel Grant for a one month research visit at Boston University and Center for Astrophysics, Harvard& Smithsonian (EUR 4500; 2024)
- SFB1491 Travel Grant for Aspen Dust Conference (EUR 1500; 2024)
- DFG Collaborative Research Centre 1491: "Cosmic Interacting Matters" (PhD researcher, Project F6; 2022-2026)

Teaching Experience

- Physics Laboratory Course for Biology Students (in German), BSc lab course tutor, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, 2024
- Cosmology (in English), MSc lecture tutor, Universität Bonn, Germany, 2021–2022
- Einführung in die extragalaktische Astronomie (in German), BSc lecture tutor, Universität Bonn, Germany, 2021–2022

Outreach & Community Engagement

- Collaborative Research Centre 1491: "Cosmic Interacting Matters", Social media manager, Bochum, Germany (2023–Present)
- Autonomes Schwulenreferat-RUB, LGBTQ+ group at Ruhr-Universität Bochum, member supporting diversity and inclusion events (2023–Present)
- DOPPLERS, nationwide physics competition, co-organiser, Heidelberg, Germany (2019)
- Meet Your Prof, organiser, Heidelberg, Germany (2018-2019)

Technical Skills: Computing

Comprehensive understanding of, and proficiency in, the use of a variety of programming languages; in particular **Python**, and to varying extents: bash, C++, SQL.

Extensive experience with using astronomical software, including but not limited to (alphabetical): GALFIT, GALSIM, IRAF, Source Extractor, and TOPCAT.

Intimate knowledge of Linux, Macintosh, and Microsoft operating systems, and a large variety of cross platform proprietary (Office, IDL) and open source (bash, git, LaTeX, Python) languages and software. Extensive experience in the writing, distribution, and management of astronomical software.

Additional Training

- SFB1491: Subconscious Bias Training, 'Becoming an Active Ally', training in diversity, equity, and inclusion. (June 2025)
- SFB1491: Subconscious Bias Training, 'Recognising the Implicit Bias', training in diversity, equity, and inclusion. (November 2023)
- CMAS 1^* Open Water Scuba Diving Certification. (August 2023)
- IAPS4SPACE Workshop: Intensive physics and space skills programme focused on transferable skills (communication, teamwork, problem solving). Included a team-based simulation analysing the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster from the perspective of different NASA departments. (November 2019)

Presentations

Invited Talks

1. 'Exploring dust transport in the dark matter halos across stellar mass bins with weak-lensing surveys', General Assembly of SFB1491, Dortmund, Germany, February 2025
2. 'Cosmology with large-scale surveys', General Assembly of SFB1491, Bochum, Germany, June 2024
3. 'Exploring dust transport in dark matter halos of galaxies using weak-lensing surveys', Aspen Center for Physics, Aspen, USA, March 2024
4. 'Measurement of circumgalactic dust extinction on KiDS-DR4', General Assembly of SFB1491, Dortmund, Germany, November 2023

Poster Presentation

1. 'Exploring dust transport in the dark matter halos across stellar mass bins with weak-lensing surveys', 11th PhD Colloquium, Bochum, Germany, May 2025
2. 'Measurement of circumgalactic dust extinction on KiDS-DR4', COSMO'24, Kyoto, Japan, October 2024

Awards

Bonn-Cologne Graduate School of Physics and Astronomy

- **Honours Certificate** (September 2022)
  Awarded upon completion of the Master's program with honours distinction, recognizing outstanding academic performance and research achievements.

TUBITAK, Turkey

- **TUBITAK Undergraduate Science Scholarship** (2016)
  Awarded to students ranked among the top 5000 nationwide in the university entrance exam and admitted to a faculty of Natural Sciences, in recognition of academic excellence and potential in science.