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• Prof. Jelle S. Kaastra (Leiden Observatory) – kaastra@strw.leidenuniv.nl

• Dr. Norbert Werner (MTA-Eötvös University Lendület) – wernernorbi@gmail.com

• Dr. Jelle de Plaa (SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research) – j.de.plaa@sron.nl

Born: June 27, 1989 – Brussels, Belgium

Nationalities: Belgian, French

Current position

ESA Research Fellow, ESTEC (Mentor: Dr. Matteo Guainazzi)

(Noordwijk, The Netherlands)

Past positions

2017-2019 Postdoctoral Researcher, MTA-Eötvös University (Mentor: Dr. Norbert Werner)

(Budapest, Hungary)

2017-2017 Postdoctoral Researcher, Leiden University (Mentor: Prof. Jelle S. Kaastra)

(Leiden, The Netherlands)

Skills

Areas of specialization

X-ray spectroscopy – Clusters/groups of galaxies – Intracluster medium – Chemical enrichment – XMM-Newton

Computing skills

Expert SPEX - XMM-Newton SAS

Good UNIX console – BASH – Fortran 90 – Python – matplotlib – IATFX – XSPEC – HEAsoft

-SAO ds9 - CIAO

 $Intermed. \quad Linux-Mac\ OS-Windows-Inkscape-GIMP-C$

Basic HTML - C++

LANGUAGES

Fluent French - English

Intermed. Dutch

Education

2013-2017 PhD in High-energy Astrophysics, Leiden University/SRON

(Leiden/Utrecht, The Netherlands)

2010-2012 MSc in Space Sciences, University of Liège

(Liège, Belgium) – Magna Cum Laude

2007-2010 BSc in Physics, Université Libre de Bruxelles

(Brussels, Belgium) – Cum Laude

2001-2007 HIGH SCHOOL in Latin-Mathematics, Lycée Émile Jacquain

(Brussels, Belgium) – Cum Laude

Grants & Awards

2019 XMM-Newton observation - "Searching for X-ray non-thermal emission in an extraor-

dinarily radio-bright galaxy group": PI, 210 ks ($\sim\!58~\mathrm{h})$

71th Netherlands Astronomy Conference - Poster Prize: Laureate

2006 Orthograph Championship (French): Laureate

Conferences, Colloquia & Workshops

INVITED TALKS

Dec. 2020 "Chemical enrichment in galaxy clusters", Extragalactic universe with HE and VHE sources, online

June 2019 "Chemical abundances in the hot atmospheres of galaxy clusters, groups, and elliptical galaxies", Astrophysics of Hot Plasmas in Extended X-ray Sources, ESAC, Madrid (Spain)

March 2018 "Spatial distribution of metals in the intracluster medium", SnowCluster 2018: The Physics of Galaxy Clusters, Snowbird, Utah (USA)

Nov. 2017 "Elemental abundances and chemical enrichment in the intracluster medium", Clusters of Galaxies: Physics and Cosmology – International Space Science Institute (Workshop), Bern (Switzerland)

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

- Oct. 2020 "Metals (and dust) in the hot gas phase: From massive clusters down to massive galaxies", The Rise of Metals and Dust through Cosmic Times, online
- July 2019 "Chemical abundances and enrichment in the intracluster medium", Tracing Cosmic Evolution with Clusters of Galaxies, Sexten (Italy)
- March 2019 "Chemical enrichment of the atmospheric gas in clusters, groups, and massive galaxies",

 Physics of the Intra-Cluster Medium: Theory and Computation, Budapest (Hungary)
- June 2017 "Radial distribution of metals in the hot intra-cluster medium as observed by XMM-Newton", The X-ray Universe 2017, Rome (Italy)
- April 2017 "Radial metal abundance profiles in the intra-cluster medium of cool-core clusters, groups, and ellipticals", *Physics of the Intra-Cluster Medium*, Beijing (China)
- May 2016 "CHEERS! The origin of heavy elements in galaxy clusters", SRON Science Days, Dalfsen (The Netherlands)
- July 2015 "The CHEERS project", The Metal Enrichment of Diffuse Gas in the Universe, Sexten (Italy)
- May 2015 "CHEERS: Chemical enrichment in the hot gas of galaxy clusters seen through XMM-Newton EPIC", Spectroscopy of Cosmic Plasma in the Era of ASTRO-H, Tokyo (Japan)
- June 2014 "An XMM-Newton view of Abell 4059", The X-ray Universe 2014, Dublin (Ireland)

Colloquia & Seminars

- Jan. 2020 "From supernovae to galaxies (and beyond): What metals in hot galactic and cluster atmospheres tell us", *Kavli IPMU Colloquium*, Tokyo (Japan)
- Jan. 2020 "From supernovae to galaxies (and beyond): What metals in hot galactic and cluster atmospheres tell us", *Hiroshima University Seminar*, Hiroshima (Japan)
- Jan. 2019 "Elemental abundances and chemical enrichment in the hot intracluster medium", MPE seminar, Garching (Germany)
- Dec. 2018 "Metals in galaxy clusters and groups, and giant elliptical galaxies hot atmospheres: Recent improvements and current challenges of X-ray observations", *CfA lunch talk*, Cambridge (USA)
- May 2018 "Elemental abundances and chemical enrichment in the hot intracluster medium", *Hiroshima University Seminar*, Hiroshima (Japan)
- May 2018 "Understanding the chemical enrichment pattern in the hot haloes of massive ellipticals, groups, and clusters of galaxies", *Kavli IPMU Colloquium*, Tokyo (Japan)
- March 2018 "From supernovae to galaxy clusters: Chemical enrichment in the hot intracluster medium", Lowell Observatory Colloquium, Flagstaff, Arizona (USA)
- Feb. 2018 "Elemental abundances and chemical enrichment in the intracluster medium", IRAP Seminar, Toulouse (France)
- April 2017 "From supernovae to galaxy clusters: Observing the chemical enrichment in the intracluster medium", *PhD Colloquium*, Leiden (The Netherlands)
- Jan. 2017 "From supernovae to galaxy clusters: Chemical enrichment of the intra-cluster medium seen by XMM-Newton", Ortvay Colloquium, Budapest (Hungary)
- Dec. 2013 "Probing chemical abundances in Abell 4059 using XMM-Newton", Argelander Institut für Astronomie Seminar, Bonn (Germany)

Posters

Sept. 2019

- "Metals in the intracluster medium", X-ray astronomy 2019: Current Challenges and New Frontiers in the Next Decade, Bologna (Italy)
- Sept. 2018 "Abundance measurements in the intracluster medium: Consequences of spectral code improvements", Exploring the Hot and Energetic Universe: The second scientific conference dedicated to the Athena X-ray observatory, Palermo (Italy)
- Sept. 2017 "Radial distribution of metals in the intra-cluster medium", The power of X-ray spectroscopy, Warsaw (Poland)
- Dec. 2016 "Radial metal abundance profiles in the hot intra-group and intra-cluster medium",

 The Physics of Groups and Galaxy Properties therein, Paris (France)
- May 2016 "Chemical enrichment in the hot intra-cluster medium seen with XMM-Newton/EPIC", XMM-Newton: The next decade, ESAC, Madrid (Spain)
- May 2016 "The origin of heavy elements in galaxy clusters", 71th Netherlands Astronomy Conference, Nunspeet (The Netherlands)
- May 2015 "An XMM-Newton study of temperatures and abundances in Abell 4059", 70th Netherlands Astronomy Conference, Nunspect (The Netherlands)
- Sept. 2013 "Chemical enrichment in clusters of galaxies from the XMM/Suzaku to the ASTRO-H era", 4th ASTRO-H summer school, Shuzenji (Japan)

Teaching & Outreach

- Supervising BSc student (Tora Arnesen): LEAPS summer programme, ESTEC
- 2020 Co-supervising BSc student (Iga Kaczmarek): ESA internship, ESTEC
- "Astronomy on Tap Budapest" (co-organiser), wide audience
- High energy astrophysics (guest lecturer), MSc level, Eötvös University
- 2018-2019 Co-supervising BSc student (Anna Görgei): BSc thesis, Eötvös University
- 2017-2018 Co-supervising BSc student (Ádám Boldog): BSc thesis, Eötvös University
- Sum. 2015 Co-supervising BSc student (Sinancan Kara): BSc thesis, SRON/Bogazici University
- 2014-2015 High energy astrophysics (Teaching assistant), MSc level, Leiden Observatory
- 2011-2013 Private student tutoring (Mathematics; physics), high school level, Brussels
- 2007-now Astronomy camp (teaching & animating, high school level), "Jeunesse et Science ASBL", Modave (Belgium)

OUTREACH TALKS

- Aug. 2020 "Black holes" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- Dec. 2019 "Space telescopes" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- July 2019 "Clusters of galaxies... and the surprises of their spectacular hot atmospheres", Astronomy on Tap Budapest, Budapest (Hungary)
- April 2019 "The dark side of matter", Astronomy on Tap Budapest, Budapest (Hungary)
- Dec. 2018 "Pluto (and the borders of the Solar System)" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- Dec. 2017 "Stellar nucleosynthesis" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- Jan. 2017 "A journey to the stars" (in French), Heydeken rest home, Brussels (Belgium)
- April 2016 "Clusters of galaxies" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- Aug. 2014 "Clusters of galaxies" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- April 2013 "Massive stars" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- Aug. 2012 "The Sun across time" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- Aug. 2011 "Dark matter" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)
- Aug. 2010 "Death of stars" (in French), Jeunesse et Science, Modave (Belgium)

Service to the department

2020-now	Member of the ESTEC SAC (Staff Association Committee), ESTEC
2020-now	Member/coordinator of the YPAG (Young Professional Advsory Group), ESTEC
2020-now	Co-organiser of weekly "breakfast seminars", ESTEC
2019	Webmaster of the Lendület Hot Universe Research Group website, Budapest
March 2019	LOC member of the "Physics of the Intra-Cluster Medium: Theory and Computation"
	conference, Budapest
2014-2017	Chair/organiser of regular "Galaxy clusters meetings", Leiden Observatory
2014-2015	Organizer of the colloquium dinner events, SRON
2014-2017	Member of the "Social committee", Leiden Observatory
2013-2014	Online update of arXiv preprints, Leiden Observatory website

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