investigating the properties of the molecular gas in early-type galaxies (using millimetre-wave single-dish telescopes and interferometers), under the supervision of Dr Martin Bureau at the University of Oxford.

Looking back, my three-year PhD went quickly, in a flurry of observing runs (at the IRAM 30-metre single-dish telescope and the CARMA interferometer), proposals, paper writing and talks. I spent four months visiting UC Berkeley to work with the CARMA group there, and also some time learning modelling techniques with the group in Nagoya, Japan.

Soon it was time to apply for postdocs, and as a European astronomer who was excited about ALMA, ESO seemed an obvious place to apply. Luckily I was selected, and started my Fellowship here in Garching in October 2011. I am really enjoying my time here so far. Munich is a fun city, with so much to see and do, and the scientific life at ESO is vibrant and fulfilling. As I write this I am sat in Chile, at the ALMA Operations Support Facility, waiting to begin my night as an Astronomer on Duty — an opportunity I couldn't have got at many other places in the world!

It's unfortunately already time to start looking for my next job. I don't know where I will end up, but my hope is to continue my astronomical career building further on the lessons and experiences gained during the wonderful time I have spent here as an ESO Fellow.

Announcement of the ESO Workshop

3D2014 - Gas and Stars in Galaxies: A Multi-wavelength 3D Perspective

10-14 March 2013, ESO Headquarters, Garching, Germany



This workshop follows from the first ESO meeting on extragalactic 3D multiwavelength astronomy held in 2008 and aims to bring together the optical/nearinfrared, millimetre and radio extragalactic communities. The kinematics, mass assembly and evolution of galaxies has been explored in large samples in the optical and near-infrared by the SAURON/ ATLAS3D and CALIFA surveys of nearby galaxies and the SINS and MASSIV surveys at z ~ 1-2. The second generation VLT instruments KMOS and MUSE are taking up science operations in 2013/14 and ALMA is conducting Cycle 1 observations and preparing for new observing modes. The timing is perfect to evaluate the scientific progress made since 2008 and topics to be addressed are centred on both gas and stars in and around galaxies at all stages of their evolution.

Targeted workshop themes include: dynamics of nearby galaxies, starbursts and interacting galaxies, supermassive black holes and active galactic nuclei, gas accretion and outflows, high redshift galaxies, cosmology and deep fields. In addition, tools to visualise and analyse multi-wavelength datacubes will be discussed. The format will include invited reviews, contributed talks and discussions, with short talk slots for younger researchers to present their work. Additionally three parallel user workshops for KMOS. MUSE and ALMA will be offered to raise awareness of ESO 3D instrumentation and introduce observation preparation, data reduction and analysis of different types of 3D observations.

The deadline for registration is: 1 December 2013.

Details are available at: http://www.eso.org/sci/meetings/2014/ 3D2014.html or by email to: gal3d2014@eso.org