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Curriculum vitae

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## 1. Contact details

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## 2. Research interests

Computational complexity theory, algebraic complexity theory, tensors, matrix multiplication algorithms, quantum information theory, entanglement, communication complexity, discrete mathematics and graph theory, Shannon capacity of graphs, representation theory, algebraic geometry, semi-algebraic geometry, combinatorial optimization

## 3. Education

2018 PhD, Mathematics and Computer Science, *cum laude*, University of Amsterdam

2014 MSc Mathematics, *cum laude*, University of Amsterdam

2012 BSc Mathematics, *cum laude*, University of Amsterdam

BSc Computer Science, *cum laude*, University of Amsterdam

## 4. Professional appointment

2021 – Assistant Professor, Korteweg–de Vries Institute for Mathematics, University of Amsterdam

2020 – 2021 Simons Junior Fellow, Courant Institute, New York University, NY, hosted by Oded Regev

2018 – 2020 Postdoctoral member, School of Mathematics, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, hosted by Avi Wigderson

2014 – 2018 PhD student, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam, supervised by Harry Buhrman.

## 5. Grants and Fellowships

- 2025 Long-term visitor, Semester program on “Complexity and Linear Algebra”, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, UC Berkeley, Fall 2025. Organizers: Peter Bürgisser, Nikhil Srivastava, Olga Holtz, Daniel Kressner, JM Landsberg and Oded Schwartz,  
<https://simons.berkeley.edu/programs/complexity-linear-algebra>
- 2023 NWO ENW M-1 Grant (€333.737  $\approx$  \$363.174), Dutch Research Council NWO
- 2022 NWO EINF Grant for Computing Time on the National Computer Facilities, Dutch Research Council NWO
- 2022 CRM–Simons Professorship at the Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Simons Foundation, November 2022
- 2021 NWO Veni Grant (€280.000  $\approx$  \$314.000), Dutch Research Council NWO
- 2020 Simons Junior Fellowship (\$409.179), Simons Society of Fellows, Simons Foundation, NYC

## 6. Scientific publication

### 6.1. PhD thesis

*Algebraic complexity, asymptotic spectra and entanglement polytopes*,  
University of Amsterdam, October 2018

Advisors: Harry Buhrman and Matthias Christandl

<https://hdl.handle.net/11245.1/9a8030e9-f708-4c95-9d50-f2a5919e75ed>

### 6.2. Scientific journals

1. J. Zuiddam, *A note on the gap between rank and border rank*, Linear Algebra and its Applications, 2017  
arxiv:1504.05597, doi:10.1016/j.laa.2017.03.015
2. J. Briët and J. Zuiddam, *On the orthogonal rank of Cayley graphs and impossibility of quantum round elimination*, Quantum Information and Computation, 2017  
arxiv:1608.06113, <http://www.rintonpress.com/xxqic17/qic-17-12/0106-0116.pdf>
3. H. Buhrman, M. Christandl, C. Perry and J. Zuiddam, *Clean quantum and classical communication protocols*, Physical Review Letters, 2016  
arxiv:1605.07948, doi:10.1103/PhysRevLett.117.230503
4. M. Christandl, A.K. Jensen and J. Zuiddam, *Tensor rank is not multiplicative under the tensor product*, Linear Algebra and its Applications, 2018  
arxiv:1705.09379, doi:10.1016/j.laa.2017.12.020
5. M. Christandl and J. Zuiddam, *Tensor surgery and tensor rank*, Computational complexity, 2018  
arxiv:1606.04085, doi:10.1007/s00037-018-0164-8

6. K. Bringmann, C. Ikenmeyer and J. Zuiddam, *On algebraic branching programs of small width*, Journal of the ACM, 2018  
arxiv:1702.05328, doi:10.1145/3209663
7. M. Christandl, P. Vrana and J. Zuiddam, *Asymptotic tensor rank of graph tensors: beyond matrix multiplication*, Computational complexity, 2018  
arxiv:1609.07476, doi:10.1145/3209663
8. M. Bläser, M. Christandl and J. Zuiddam, *The border support rank of two-by-two matrix multiplication is seven*, Chicago Journal of Theoretical Computer Science, 2018  
arxiv:1705.09652, doi:10.4086/cjtcs.2018.005
9. J. Zuiddam, *The asymptotic spectrum of graphs and the Shannon capacity*, Combinatorica, 2019  
arxiv:1807.00169, doi:10.1007/s00493-019-3992-5
10. S. Arunachalam, P. Vrana and J. Zuiddam, *The asymptotic induced matching number of hypergraphs: balanced binary strings*, Electronic Journal of Combinatorics, 2020  
arxiv:1905.03148, doi:10.37236/9019
11. M. Christandl, P. Vrana and J. Zuiddam, *Barriers for fast matrix multiplication from irreversibility*, Theory of Computing, 2020  
arxiv:1812.06952
12. Y. Li and J. Zuiddam, *Quantum asymptotic spectra of graphs and non-commutative graphs, and quantum Shannon capacities*, IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 2021  
arxiv:1810.00744, doi:10.1109/TIT.2020.3032686
13. M. Christandl, F. Gesmundo, M. Michałek, J. Zuiddam, *Border rank non-additivity for higher order tensors*, SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications, 2021  
arxiv:2007.05458, doi.org/10.1137/20M1357366
14. M. Christandl, P. Vrana and J. Zuiddam, *Universal points in the asymptotic spectrum of tensors*, Journal of the American Mathematical Society, 2023  
arxiv:1709.07851, doi:10.1090/jams/996
15. S. Kopparty, G. Moshkovitz and J. Zuiddam, *Geometric rank of tensors and subrank of matrix multiplication*, Discrete Analysis, 2023  
arxiv:2002.09472, <https://discreteanalysisjournal.com/article/73322-geometric-rank-of-tensors-and-subrank-of-matrix-multiplication>
16. M. Christandl, V. Lysikov and J. Zuiddam, *Weighted slice rank and a minimax correspondence to Strassen's spectra*, Journal de Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées, 2023  
arxiv:2012.14412, doi:10.1016/j.matpur.2023.02.006
17. M. Christandl, F. Gesmundo and J. Zuiddam, *A gap in the subrank of tensors*, SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry, 2023  
arxiv:2212.01668, doi:10.1137/22M1543276

### 6.3. Refereed conference proceedings

The full version of items 19, 20, 21 and 22 appeared in a journal.

18. H. Buhrman, M. Christandl and J. Zuiddam, *Nondeterministic quantum communication complexity: the cyclic equality game and iterated matrix multiplication*, Proceedings of Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science Conference (ITCS), 2017  
arxiv:1603.03757, doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.ITCS.2017.24
19. K. Bringmann, C. Ikenmeyer and J. Zuiddam, *On algebraic branching programs of small width*, Proceedings of Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), 2017  
doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2017.20
20. M. Christandl, P. Vrana and J. Zuiddam, *Universal points in the asymptotic spectrum of tensors*, Proceedings of the 50th Annual ACM SIGACT Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), 2018  
arxiv:1709.07851, doi:10.1145/3188745.3188766  
Invited to submit a full version of the paper to the journal Theory of Computing
21. M. Christandl, P. Vrana and J. Zuiddam, *Barriers for fast matrix multiplication from irreversibility*, Proceedings of Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), 2019  
arxiv:1812.06952, doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2019.26  
Invited to submit a full version of the paper to the journal Theory of Computing
22. S. Kopparty, G. Moshkovitz and J. Zuiddam, *Geometric rank of tensors and subrank of matrix multiplication*. Proceedings of Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), 2020  
arxiv:2002.09472, doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2020.35
23. R. Robere and J. Zuiddam, *Amortized Circuit Complexity, Formal Complexity Measures, and Catalytic Algorithms*, Proceedings of 62nd Annual IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS), 2021  
ecc:2021/035, doi:10.1109/FOCS52979.2021.00079
24. M. Christandl, O. Fawzi, H. Ta and J. Zuiddam, *Larger Corner-Free Sets from Combinatorial Degenerations*, Proceedings of Innovations in theoretical computer science (ITCS), 2022  
arxiv:2111.08262
25. H. Derksen, V. Makam and J. Zuiddam, *Subrank and Optimal Reduction of Scalar Multiplications to Generic Tensors*, Proceedings of Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), 2022  
arxiv:2205.15168, doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2022.9
26. J. Briët, M. Christandl, I. Leigh, A. Shpilka and J. Zuiddam, *Discreteness of asymptotic tensor ranks*, Proceedings of Innovations in theoretical computer science (ITCS), 2024  
arxiv:2306.01718

### 6.4. Manuscripts in submission to a scientific journal

27. M. Christandl, F. Le Gall, V. Lysikov and J. Zuiddam, *Barriers for rectangular matrix multiplication*, Computational complexity  
arxiv:2003.03019

28. H. Derksen, V. Makam and J. Zuiddam, *Subrank and Optimal Reduction of Scalar Multiplications to Generic Tensors*, Journal of the London Mathematical Society  
arxiv:2205.15168
29. A. Wigderson and J. Zuiddam, *Asymptotic spectra: Theory, applications and extensions*, Bulletin of the AMS  
<https://staff.fnwi.uva.nl/j.zuiddam/papers/convexity.pdf>
30. M. Christandl, O. Fawzi, H. Ta and J. Zuiddam, *Symmetric Subrank of Tensors and Applications*, Forum of Mathematics, Sigma  
arxiv:2104.01130
31. J. Briët, M. Christandl, I. Leigh, A. Shpilka and J. Zuiddam, *Discreteness of asymptotic tensor ranks*, Discrete Analysis  
arxiv:2306.01718
32. F. Gesmundo and J. Zuiddam, *The next gap in the subrank of 3-tensors*, Linear Algebra and its Applications  
arxiv:2307.06115

## 6.5. Manuscripts in Preparation

33. D. de Boer, P. Buys and J. Zuiddam, *Shannon capacity, asymptotic spectrum metric and graph limits*

## 7. Scientific conferences organized

November – December 2022. Symmetries: Algebras and Physics – A thematic program in the Summer/Fall 2022, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Montréal, Canada. Co-organizer. <https://www.crmath.ca/en/>

## 8. Scientific talks

### 8.1. Talks in refereed conferences

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| Jan 2024 | Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), 2024<br>Talk: Discreteness of asymptotic tensor ranks  |
| Jan 2024 | Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), 2024<br>Talk: Discreteness of asymptotic tensor ranks  |
| Jul 2022 | Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), Philadelphia, 2022<br>Talk: Subrank and Optimal Reduction of Scalar Multiplications to Generic Tensors                  |
| Feb 2022 | Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS 2021), Denver, 2022<br>Talk: Amortized Circuit Complexity, Formal Complexity Measures, and Catalytic Algorithms |
| Feb 2022 | Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), Berkeley, 2022<br>Talk: Larger Corner-Free Sets from Combinatorial Degenerations                               |

- July 2020 Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), Saarbrücken, 2020  
Talk: Geometric rank of tensors and subrank of matrix multiplication
- July 2019 Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), New Brunswick, 2019  
Talk: Barriers for fast matrix multiplication from irreversibility
- Jun 2018 Symposium on the Theory of Computing (STOC), Los Angeles, 2018  
Talk: Universal points in the asymptotic spectrum of tensors
- Jan 2018 Conference on Quantum Information Processing (QIP), Delft, 2018  
Talk: Universal points in the asymptotic spectrum of tensors
- July 2017 Computational complexity conference (CCC), Riga, 2017  
Talk: On algebraic branching programs of small width
- Jan 2017 Innovations in theoretical computer science (ITCS), Berkeley, 2017  
Talk: Nondeterministic quantum communication complexity

## 8.2. Invited talks

- Feb 2024 IPAM Workshop: Tensor Networks (TNK2024), UCLA, Los Angeles, USA  
Talk: Discreteness of Asymptotic Tensor Ranks
- Mar 2023 University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
Talk: Subrank of tensors
- Mar 2023 Workshop on Algebraic Complexity Theory (WACT), University of Warwick, UK  
Talk: Subrank of tensors
- Feb 2023 Tel Aviv University, Israel  
Talk: The subrank of a random tensor
- Sep 2022 Kickoff workshop, Simons Semester on Algebraic Geometry with Applications to Tensors and Secants, Warsaw University, Poland  
Talk: The subrank of random tensors
- Aug 2022 Workshop Semidefinite & Polynomial Optimization, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam  
Talk: Shannon capacity via Real Algebraic Geometry and Strassen's Positivstellensatz
- Apr 2022 Abel Prize Laureates Lectures, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam  
[https://youtu.be/px6gNU4S\\_NI?si=Eqzny3a1VB\\_acqVG](https://youtu.be/px6gNU4S_NI?si=Eqzny3a1VB_acqVG)
- Mar 2022 Workshop on Random Tensors, Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques (CIRM), Luminy, Marseille, France
- Nov 2021 Oberwolfach, Complexity Theory workshop  
Talk: Asymptotic spectra: Theory, applications and extensions
- Sep 2021 Applied Algebra Seminar, UW Madison  
Talk: Geometric rank of tensors and applications
- May 2021 Workshop on Efficient Tensor Representations for Learning and Computational Complexity, Institute for Pure & Applied Mathematics, UCLA  
Talk: Subrank, slice rank and partition rank

- May 2021 Spring 2021 Virtual Meeting of the AMS Western Section  
Talk: Subrank, slice rank and partition rank
- Mar 2021 Computer science and discrete math seminar, Institute for Advanced Study  
Talk: Amortized Circuit Complexity, Formal Complexity Measures, and Catalytic Algorithms
- Jan 2021 UCSD Theory seminar  
Talk: Tensor tools for problems in Combinatorics and Complexity
- Dec 2020 2020 Junior Theorists Workshop, Northwestern University, Chicago  
Talk: Tensor Tools for Problems in Combinatorics and Complexity
- Oct 2020 Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, From Euclidean to Geodesic Convex Optimization online reading group, Amsterdam  
Talk: Extremal Combinatorics, Tensor scaling, Moment Polytopes
- Aug 2020 Mathematics Department, Texas A&M University  
Talk: Combinatorics, Tensors and Geometry
- Jun 2020 Chennai Mathematical Institute, seminar on Recent Connections to GCT and Progress in GCT  
Talk: Geometric Rank of Tensors
- May 2020 Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica, Amsterdam  
Talk: Geometric Rank of Tensors
- Jan 2020 Department of Mathematics, University of Copenhagen  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of tensors and barriers for fast matrix multiplication
- Oct 2019 Rutgers/DIMACS Theory of Computing Seminar  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of tensors and barriers for fast matrix multiplication
- Oct 2019 Simons Collaboration on Algorithms & Geometry, New York City  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of tensors and barriers for fast matrix multiplication
- May 2019 NYU Theoretical computer science seminar  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of graphs: duality for Shannon capacity
- May 2019 Lorentz center Leiden, Mathematics of quantum information theory workshop  
Talk: Asymptotic spectra
- April 2019 Rutgers discrete mathematics seminar  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of graphs: duality for Shannon capacity
- March 2019 Princeton discrete mathematics seminar  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of graphs: duality for Shannon capacity
- Nov 2018 Oberwolfach, Complexity Theory workshop, special session on matrix multiplication  
Talk: Asymptotic spectra
- Jul 2018 Facets of complexity, Technische Universität Berlin  
Talk: Asymptotic spectra of tensors and graphs: matrix multiplication exponent and Shannon capacity

- Apr 2018 Dutch Mathematical Congress, Royal Dutch Mathematical Society  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of tensors
- Jan 2017 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Physics Seminar, Stanford University  
Talk: On the tensor rank of graph tensors
- Nov 2016 Department of Mathematics, QMATH conference, University of Copenhagen  
Talk: On the tensor rank of graph tensors
- Oct 2016 Algorithms and complexity seminar, Max-Planck-Institut für Informatik, Saarbrücken  
Talk: On the tensor rank of graph tensors
- Jan 2015 Department of Mathematics, University of Copenhagen  
Talk: Finding large gaps between tensor rank and border rank via algebras

### 8.3. Departmental talks

- Oct 2021 General Mathematics Colloquium, Korteweg-de Vries Institute for Mathematics, University of Amsterdam  
Talk: Asymptotic spectra and applications
- Sep 2019 Computer science and discrete math seminar, Institute for Advanced Study  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of graphs  
Talk: Asymptotic spectra and applications
- Sep 2018 Computer science and discrete math seminar, Institute for Advanced Study  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of tensors  
Talk: Asymptotic spectra and applications
- June 2018 Algorithms and Complexity group seminar, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica  
Talk: The asymptotic spectrum of tensors

## 9. Student supervision

- 2024 Koen Hoeberechts, University of Amsterdam, MSc Thesis.
- 2024 Midas Kiebert, University of Amsterdam, co-advised with John van de Wetering, BSc Thesis.
- 2024 – Maxim van den Berg, University of Amsterdam, PhD student, coadvised with Michael Walter.
- 2023 Maxim van den Berg, University of Amsterdam, MSc Thesis.
- 2023 Jelle Sipkes, University of Amsterdam, co-advised with Nic Resch, BSc Thesis.
- 2022 Jim Wittebol, University of Amsterdam, MSc Thesis.
- 2022 Emiel Wiedijk, University of Amsterdam, co-advised with Chris Schaffner, BSc Thesis.
- 2017 – 2018 Pjotr Buys, University of Amsterdam, coadvised with Guus Regts, MSc Thesis.



2016 – 2017 Jana Wagemaker, University of Amsterdam, co-advised with Harry Buhrman, BSc Research Project.

## 10. Teaching

*Introduction to information theory*, University of Amsterdam, course coordinator and lecturer, 2024

*Proofs (Verzamelingen en getallen)*, University of Amsterdam, course coordinator and lecturer, 2021, 2022, 2023

*Linear algebra*, Amsterdam University College, University of Amsterdam, lecturer, 2022

*Computational complexity*, University of Amsterdam, teaching assistant and co-lecturer, 2015. <http://complexity.buhrman.nl/2015/index.html>

*Computer algebra and Latex*, University of Amsterdam, teaching assistant and co-lecturer, 2012, 2013, 2014. <http://uva-fnwi.github.io/LaTeX/>

*Algorithms and complexity*, University of Amsterdam, teaching assistant and co-lecturer, 2014

## 11. Refereeing

### 11.1. Academic funding agencies

Israel Science Foundation (ISF), European Research Council (ERC), National Science Centre Poland (NCN).

### 11.2. Scientific journals

Communications in Mathematical Physics, Linear and Multilinear Algebra, Theory of Computing, Discrete Mathematics, SIAM Review (SIREV), Computational Complexity, Journal of the ACM, Algebra & Number Theory, Indagationes Mathematicae, SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry (SIAGA), Quantum, Annales Henri Poincaré

### 11.3. Scientific conferences

Conference on the Theory of Quantum Computation, Communication and Cryptography (TQC), International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP), Quantum Information Processing (QIP), Computational Complexity Conference (CCC), Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS), Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), International Symposium on Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science (MFCS), ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS), Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC)

## 12. Other activities

Member of the committee for the preparation of the government accreditation of the mathematics programmes, University of Amsterdam, 2012–2013

Editorial board member of popular science journal “Amsterdam Science”, University of Amsterdam, 2015

Co-organizer of the General Mathematics Colloquium of the Korteweg-de Vries Institute for Mathematics, 2021–

Advisory committee member, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Montréal, Canada, for the programme Symmetries: Algebras and Physics, 2022

Doctorate committee member, Jeroen Huijben, University of Amsterdam, 2023

Doctorate committee member, Harold Nieuwboer, University of Amsterdam, 2024

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