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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

2021 – Researcher, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI), 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 ERC Starting Grant 2025 (€1.500.000), European Research Council
- 2025 NWO Vidi Grant (€850.000), Dutch Research Council NWO
- 2025 NWO ENW M-1 Grant (€416.594 $\approx$ \$482.979), Dutch Research Council NWO
- 2025 Visiting Scholar and long-term participant, Semester program on “Complexity and Linear Algebra”, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, UC Berkeley, Fall 2025
<https://simons.berkeley.edu/programs/complexity-linear-algebra>
- 2024 NWO EINF Grant for Computing Time on the National Computer Facilities, Dutch Research Council NWO (EINF-8278)
- 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 (EINF-4415)
- 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
18. 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, doi:10.1112/jlms.12963

6.3. Refereed conference proceedings

The full version of items 20, 21, 22 and 23 appeared in a journal.

19. 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
20. 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
21. 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
22. 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
23. 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
24. 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
eccc:2021/035, doi:10.1109/FOCS52979.2021.00079
25. 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
26. 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

27. 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
28. M. Christandl, K. Hoeberechts, H. Nieuwboer, P. Vrana and J. Zuiddam, *Asymptotic tensor rank is characterized by polynomials*, 57th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), 2025
arxiv:2411.15789
29. M. van den Berg, M. Christandl, V. Lysikov, H. Nieuwboer, M. Walter and J. Zuiddam, *Computing moment polytopes of tensors with applications in algebraic complexity and quantum information*, 57th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), 2025

6.4. Manuscripts in submission to a scientific journal

30. M. Christandl, F. Le Gall, V. Lysikov and J. Zuiddam, *Barriers for rectangular matrix multiplication*, Computational complexity
arxiv:2003.03019
31. 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>
32. M. Christandl, O. Fawzi, H. Ta and J. Zuiddam, *Symmetric Subrank of Tensors and Applications*, Forum of Mathematics, Sigma
arxiv:2104.01130
33. J. Briët, M. Christandl, I. Leigh, A. Shpilka and J. Zuiddam, *Discreteness of asymptotic tensor ranks*, Discrete Analysis
arxiv:2306.01718
34. F. Gesmundo and J. Zuiddam, *The next gap in the subrank of 3-tensors*, Linear Algebra and its Applications
arxiv:2307.06115
35. D. de Boer, P. Buys and J. Zuiddam, *The asymptotic spectrum distance, graph limits, and the Shannon capacity*
arxiv:2404.16763

6.5. Manuscripts

36. M. van den Berg, M. Christandl, V. Lysikov, H. Nieuwboer, M. Walter and J. Zuiddam, *Explicit non-free tensors*
arxiv:2503.22650
37. M. van den Berg, M. Christandl, V. Lysikov, H. Nieuwboer, M. Walter and J. Zuiddam, *The moment polytope of matrix multiplication is not maximal*
arxiv:2503.22633

7. Scientific conferences organized

- Nov 2022 Thematic program “Symmetries: Algebras and Physics”, Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Montréal, Canada. Co-organizer. November–December, 2022
<https://www.crmath.ca/en/>
- Apr 2025 8th Workshop on Algebraic Complexity Theory (WACT), Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany. Co-organizer. April, 2025
<http://qi.rub.de/wact>

8. Scientific talks

8.1. Talks in refereed conferences

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

- Jun 2024 Oberwolfach, Complexity Theory workshop
Organizers: Irit Dinur, Salil Vadhan, Peter Bürgisser
Talk: Asymptotic spectrum distance, graph limits, and the Shannon capacity

- May 2024 SIAM Conference on Applied Linear Algebra (LA24), Sorbonne Université, Paris, France
Talk: Discreteness of Asymptotic Tensor Ranks
- 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
- 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 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

- 2025 – 2029 Koen Hoeberechts, University of Amsterdam, PhD student.
- 2024 – 2028 Anna Luchnikov, University of Amsterdam, PhD student.
- 2024 – 2028 Annika Holtrup, University of Amsterdam, PhD student.
- 2024 Koen Hoeberechts, University of Amsterdam, MSc Thesis.
- 2024 Midas Kiebert, University of Amsterdam, co-advised with John van de Wetering, BSc Thesis.
- 2023 – 2027 Maxim van den Berg, University of Amsterdam, PhD student, co-advised 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.
- 2018 Pjotr Buys, University of Amsterdam, co-advised with Guus Regts, MSc Thesis.
- 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

Nominated for lecturer of the year, Korteweg-de Vries Institute for Mathematics, University of Amsterdam, 2022 and 2024.

11. Refereeing

11.1. Academic funding agencies

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

11.2. Scientific journals

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

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 General Mathematics Colloquium, Korteweg-de Vries Institute for Mathematics, 2021–

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

Hiring committee member, tenure track assistant professor position, University of Amsterdam, 2023

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

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

Doctorate committee member, Yanlin Chen, University of Amsterdam, 2024

Doctorate committee member, Dmitri Grinko, University of Amsterdam, 2025

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