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## Education & Employment

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- 2016–pres. Postdoctoral researcher at the Institut de Physique Théorique, CEA-Saclay, France.  
Funded by a scholarship for research in Math & Physics of the Labex Mathématiques Hadamard.
- 2012–2016 Postdoctoral researcher and later Assistant Professor at the Theoretical Particle Physics and Cosmology group of the Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2008–2012 PhD student at the Institute for Theoretical Physics, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.  
Thesis: *Non-perturbative quantum gravity: a conformal perspective* (Advisor: Prof. R. Loll.)
- 2005–2007 Master's degree in Theoretical Physics (cum laude), Utrecht University.
- 2002–2005 Bachelor's degree in Physics and Astronomy (cum laude), Utrecht University.
- 2002–2005 Bachelor's degree in Mathematics (cum laude), Utrecht University.

## Research interests

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My research centers around aspects of random geometry in physics and mathematics. Topics include: models of quantum gravity in two, three, and four space-time dimensions; causal dynamical triangulations and Monte Carlo simulations; general relativity; Liouville gravity and conformal field theory; combinatorics and probability of random planar maps; random walks and stochastic processes; statistical physics on the lattice.

## Publications and preprints

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- Coauthors: Jan Ambjørn, Jerome Barkley, Jean Bertoin, Nicolas Curien, Igor Kortchemski, Tim Koslowski, Renate Loll, Yuri Makeenko, Cyril Marzouk, Yoshiyuki Watabiki.
- 2017 T. Budd, N. Curien and C. Marzouk, *Infinite random planar maps related to Cauchy processes*, preprint, [arXiv:1704.05297](https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.05297).
- 2016 J. Bertoin, T. Budd, N. Curien and I. Kortchemski, *Martingales in self-similar growth-fragmentations and their connections with random planar maps*, preprint, [arXiv:1605.00581](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.00581).
- 2016 J. Ambjørn, T. Budd and Y. Makeenko, *Generalized multicritical one-matrix models*, *Nucl. Phys. B* 913 357–380, [arXiv:1602.01328](https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.01328).
- 2016 T. Budd and N. Curien, *Geometry of infinite planar maps with high degrees*, *Electron. J. Probab.* 22, no. 35, [arXiv:1602.01328](https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.01328).
- 2015 T. Budd, *The peeling process of infinite Boltzmann planar maps*, *Elec. J. Combin.* 23(1) #P1.28, [arXiv:1506.01590](https://arxiv.org/abs/1506.01590).
- 2014 J. Ambjørn and T. Budd, *Multi-point functions of weighted cubic maps*, *Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré D* 3 1–44, [arXiv:1408.3040](https://arxiv.org/abs/1408.3040).
- 2014 J. Ambjørn, T. Budd and Y. Watabiki, *Scale-dependent Hausdorff dimensions in 2d gravity*, *Phys. Lett. B* 736 339–343, [arXiv:1406.6251](https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.6251).
- 2014 J. Ambjørn and T. Budd, *Geodesic distances in quantum Liouville gravity*, *Nucl. Phys. B* 889 676–691, [arXiv:1405.3424](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.3424).
- 2013 J. Ambjørn and T. Budd, *Two-dimensional Quantum Geometry*, *Acta Physica Polonica B* 44 2537, [arXiv:1310.8552](https://arxiv.org/abs/1310.8552).
- 2013 T. Budd and R. Loll, *Exploring Torus Universes in Causal Dynamical Triangulations*, *Phys. Rev. D* 88 024015, [arXiv:1305.4702](https://arxiv.org/abs/1305.4702).
- 2013 J. Ambjørn and T. Budd, *The toroidal Hausdorff dimension of 2d Euclidean quantum gravity*, *Phys. Lett. B* 724 328–332, [arXiv:1305.3674](https://arxiv.org/abs/1305.3674).

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- 2013 J. Ambjørn and T. Budd, *Trees and spatial topology change in CDT*, *J. Phys. A: Math. Theor.* **46** 315201, [arXiv:1302.1763](#).
- 2012 J. Ambjørn and T. Budd, *Semi-classical dynamical triangulations*, *Phys. Lett. B* **718** 200-204, [arXiv:1209.6031](#).
- 2011 T. Budd, *The effective kinetic term in CDT*, *J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.* **360** 012038, [arXiv:1110.5158](#).
- 2011 J. Ambjørn, J. Barkley, and T. Budd, *Roaming moduli space using dynamical triangulations*, *Nucl. Phys. B*, [arXiv:1110.4649](#).
- 2011 J. Ambjørn, J. Barkley, T. Budd, and R. Loll, *Baby Universes Revisited*, *Phys. Lett. B* **706** 86-89, [arXiv:1110.3998](#).
- 2011 T. Budd and T. Koslowski, *Shape Dynamics in 2+1 Dimensions*, *Gen. Rel. Grav.* **44** 1615-1636, [arXiv:1107.1287](#).
- 2009 T. Budd and R. Loll, *In search of fundamental discreteness in (2+1)-dimensional quantum gravity*, *Class. Quant. Grav.* **26** 185011, [arXiv:0906.3547](#).

## Teaching

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- 2017 Mini-course on *Peeling of random planar maps*, 4.5 hours, Mini-school on Random Maps and the Gaussian Free Field, May 15-19, Lyon, France.
- 2017 Master course on *Analytic combinatorics and applications*, 4 ECTS, Feb. 2 - Mar. 30, Département de Mathématiques d'Orsay, Université de Paris-Sud, France.
- 2013 Bachelor thesis student: Andreas Søgaard (co-supervised), Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen.
- 2005–2011 Teaching assistant for several Master's courses at Utrecht University, including *Topics in theoretical physics* (Group Theory), *Introduction to black holes*, *General relativity*, *Classical and quantum integrable systems*. I also assisted several Bachelor's calculus courses and training sessions for the National Physics Olympiad.

## Recent invited conference talks (full list and slides available at [www.nbi.dk/~budd/](http://www.nbi.dk/~budd/))

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- 2017 *Escaping universality in two-dimensional quantum gravity*, at Quantum Gravity in Paris, Mar. 21, IHP, Paris.
- 2017 *Winding of walks on the square lattice*, at Journées de combinatoire de Bordeaux, Jan. 25, LaBRI, Bordeaux.
- 2017 *On a connection between planar map combinatorics and lattice walks*, at Workshop on Large Random Structures in Two Dimensions, Jan. 17, IHP, Paris.
- 2016 *Geometry of random planar maps with high degrees*, at Random Trees and Maps: Probabilistic and Combinatorial Aspects, Jun. 7, CIRM, Marseille.
- 2015 *The peeling process on random planar maps with loops*, at Séminaire Philippe Flajolet, Dec. 3, IHP, Paris.
- 2015 *Peeling of infinite Boltzmann planar maps*, at 20th Itzykson conference, Jun. 12, IPhT, Saclay, France.
- 2015 *Scaling constants and the lazy peeling of infinite Boltzmann planar maps*, at Random Planar Structures and Statistical Mechanics, Cambridge, Apr. 20, INI, Cambridge, UK.
- 2014 *First-passage percolation on random planar maps*, at Probability on Trees and Planar Graphs, Sept. 15, Banff International Research Station, Banff, Canada.

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- 2014 *Fractal dimensions of 2d quantum gravity*, at Approaches to Quantum Gravity, Meeting of GDR, Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand.
- 2013 *From planar maps to spatial topology change in 2d gravity*, at Journées Cartes, Jun. 20, l'Institut de Physique Théorique, CEA Saclay, France.
- 2013 *Generalized CDT as a scaling limit of planar maps*, at Quantum gravity in Paris, Mar. 20, Orsay, France.
- 2012 *CDT and Trees*, at CDT and Friends conference, Dec. 14, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

### Other professional experience

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- 2012–pres. Referee for journals including: Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré B, Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré D, Comb.Probab. Comp., Gen. Rel. Grav., J. Stat. Mech., J. Comb. Theor. A.
- 2016 Organizer of the journal club seminar at the High Energy Theory group at the Niels Bohr Institute.
- 2013–2016 Webmaster for the High Energy Theory group at the Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen.
- 2009–2012 Organizer of the PhD lunch seminar (*Planet*) at the Institute for Theoretical Physics, Utrecht.
- 2006 Chair of the organizing committee of the Dutch national physics competition *PION*.
- 2005–2007 Webmaster for the Freudenthal institute for mathematics and science education, Utrecht.

### Undergraduate achievements

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- 2006 Second place at the Dutch mathematics competition *LIMO* for teams of university students.
- 2004, 2005 Two first places at the Dutch physics competition *PION* for teams of university students.
- 2003 *Fysica encouragement award* for first-year study results in physics.
- 2002 Bronze medal at the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Physics Olympiad, Indonesia.

### Skills

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- Languages Dutch: native, English: fluent, Danish, French: intermediate.
- Computing Experience with Monte Carlo simulations, numerical linear algebra and various other computing techniques. Programming languages: C++, python, Java, JavaScript, PHP. Relevant software experience: Mathematica, Matlab, LaTeX, git.