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## Education

- **University of Edinburgh** Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
*Postdoctoral Researcher* *since Oct 2024*
  - Postdoctoral Researcher in Theoretical Particle Physics at the Higgs Centre for Theoretical Physics
- **VU Amsterdam** Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*PhD candidate* *Oct 2020 - Sep 2024*
  - PhD candidate in Theoretical Particle Physics at VU Amsterdam and Nikhef  
Advisors: Juan Rojo, Wouter Verkerke
- **Utrecht University** Utrecht, The Netherlands  
*M.Sc. Theoretical Physics* *Sep 2018 - Jul 2020*
  - Thesis on ‘Matching between EFT and UV Complete Models’ at Nikhef  
Graded 8.5/10.0
- **Utrecht University** Utrecht, The Netherlands  
*B.Sc. Physics & Astronomy* *Sep 2015 - Jun 2018*
  - Graduated cum laude, GPA 4.0/4.0 (Dutch grading system: 8.75/10.0)
  - Thesis on ‘Renormalization Group Connected to Neural Networks’ at the Institute of Theoretical Physics (Utrecht)
  - Participated in the Honours Programme (Descartes College)
- **University of Edinburgh** Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
*Exchange programme* *Sep 2017 - Dec 2017*
  - Obtained an average grade of 80 %, 1st Class Honours

## Publications

- **J. ter Hoeve**, *Fingerprinting New Physics with Effective Field Theories*, PhD thesis, [[arXiv:2501.08818](#)].
- E. Celada, T. Giani, **J. ter Hoeve**, L. Mantani, J. Rojo, A. N. Rossia, M. O. A. Thomas, and E. Vryonidou, *Mapping the SMEFT at high-energy colliders: from LEP and the (HL-)LHC to the FCC-ee*, *JHEP* **09** (2024) 091, [[arXiv:2404.12809](#)].
- **J. ter Hoeve**, G. Magni, J. Rojo, A. N. Rossia, and E. Vryonidou, *The automation of SMEFT-assisted constraints on UV-complete models*, *JHEP* **01** (2024) 179, [[arXiv:2309.04523](#)].
- R. Gomez Ambrosio, **J. ter Hoeve**, M. Madigan, J. Rojo, and V. Sanz, *Unbinned multivariate observables for global SMEFT analyses from machine learning*, *JHEP* **03** (2023) 033, [[arXiv:2211.02058](#)].

- **J. ter Hoeve**, E. Laenen, C. Marinissen, L. Vernazza, and G. Wang, *Region analysis of QED massive fermion form factor*, *JHEP* **02** (2024) 024, [[arXiv:2311.16215](#)].
- H. La, A. Brokkelkamp, S. van der Lippe, **J. ter Hoeve**, J. Rojo, and S. Conesa-Boj, *Edge-induced excitations in Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> from spatially-resolved electron energy-gain spectroscopy*, *Ultramicroscopy* **254** (2023) 113841, [[arXiv:2305.03752](#)].
- A. Brokkelkamp, **J. ter Hoeve**, I. Postmes, S. E. van Heijst, L. Maduro, A. V. Davydov, S. Krylyuk, J. Rojo, and S. Conesa-Boj, *Spatially Resolved Band Gap and Dielectric Function in Two-Dimensional Materials from Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy*, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **126** (2022), no. 7 1255–1262, [[arXiv:2202.12572](#)].

## Seminars and talks at international conferences

- *Single particle extensions at FCC-ee*, 8th FCC Physics Workshop, Jan 2025, ([slides](#))
- *Mapping the SMEFT at future colliders, towards the ESPPU*, Seminar at IPPP, Durham University, Dec 2024
- *Mapping the SMEFT at High-Energy Colliders: from LEP and the (HL-)LHC to the FCC-ee*, ICHEP, Prague, Jul 2024, ([slides](#))
- *Update on global SMEFT fits*, invited talk at Standard Model at the LHC, Rome, May 2024, ([slides](#))
- *Global SMEFT fits from (HL)-LHC to future colliders*, Seminar Radboud University, Nijmegen, March 2024
- *Likelihood-free inference for global SMEFT fits*, invited talk at the 1<sup>st</sup> COMETA General Meeting, Izmir, Feb 2024, ([slides](#))
- *Machine Learning opportunities for EFT analyses*, invited talk at the LHC EFT Working Group, CERN (online), Oct 2023, ([slides](#)), ([recording](#))
- *Likelihood learning theory in practice*, invited talk at the LHC Precision Program, Benasque (Spain), Oct 2023, ([slides](#))
- *Interpreting HEP data in SMEFiT*, invited talk at the Reinterpretation Forum, Durham, Aug 2023, ([slides](#))
- *Statistically optimal observables for global SMEFT fits*, HEFT, Manchester, Jun 2023, ([slides](#))
- *Unbinned multivariate observables for global SMEFT analyses from machine learning*, invited talk at CERN, Geneva, Dec 2022, ([slides](#))
- *Towards an optimal global SMEFT fit with machine learning*, Machine Learning at GGI, Florence, Sep 2022, ([slides](#))
- *Unbinned measurements in global SMEFT fits from machine learning*, Learning to Discover, Paris-Saclay, May 2022, ([slides](#))
- *Charting Electron Energy Loss Spectra with Machine Learning*, NWO Physics 2021, Jan 2022
- *Optimally sensitive observables for global EFT fits*, Dutch Physics Society (NNV) annual meeting, Nov 2021, ([slides](#))

- *Optimally sensitive observables for global EFT fits*, Higgs 2021, Stony Brook University (online), Oct 2021, ([slides](#))

## Software packages

- ML4EFT, likelihood-free inference tool based on deep-learning for particle physics data  
[lhcfitter.github.io/ML4EFT](https://github.com/lhcfitter/ml4eft) (open source)
- EELSFinder, an Electron-Energy Loss Spectra analyser  
[lhcfitter.github.io/EELSfinder](https://github.com/lhcfitter/eelsfinder) (open source)
- SMEFT, a standard model effective field theory fitter  
[lhcfitter.github.io/smeft\\_release](https://github.com/lhcfitter/smeft) (open source)

## Activities

- **NNV subatomic physics council member**  
*National Physics Society* *Jun 2022 - Sep 2024*
- **Chairman DRSTP PhD council**  
*Dutch Research School for Theoretical Physics* *Dec 2020 - Sep 2024*  
– Organise scientific meetings and social/outreach events for theoretical physics PhD students in The Netherlands
- **PhysTev Les Houches workshop** Les Houches, France  
*International workshop aiming to push the frontier of particle physics* *June 2023*
- **CERN Masterclass** Nikhef  
*Particle Physics outreach to high school students* *March 2022*
- **Invited guest lecture** TU Delft  
*Topic: Electron Energy Loss Fitter with Machine Learning* *May 2021*
- **Advanced VBS Training School** Milan  
*Topics: polarised vector boson scattering and effective field theories* *Aug 29-Sep 03, 2021*
- **DESY Summer School in Gauge and String Theory** Hamburg  
*Topics: scattering amplitudes and loop level technologies* *Jul 22-26, 2019*
- **Summer School Programming** Amsterdam  
*Developed the game Hex in C++* *Summer 2015*

## Teaching and supervisory experience

- **Master thesis supervision** joint UvA/VU  
*P. Herbschleb, MSc Theoretical Physics, optimal observables in SMEFT* *Sep 22- Jun 23*
- **Bachelor thesis supervision** joint UvA/VU  
*W. Gauthier (2023), J. Bakker and D. Pelan (2021), BSc Physics & Astronomy*
- **Teaching Assistant** joint UvA/VU  
*Courses:* *since Sep 2020*
  - Effective Field Theories (2023)
  - Quantum Mechanics II (2021, 2022)

- **Teaching Assistant**

- *Courses:*

- Black Holes (2019, 2020)
- Fluid Dynamics (2018, 2020)
- Data Analysis (2016, 2017)

Utrecht University  
*Nov 2016 - Jun 2020*

## Computer and natural languages

- Python, PyTorch, C++, Java, Mathematica, Fortran, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML and CSS
- Dutch (Native), English (Full professional proficiency)