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Curriculum Vitae

I was born in Hilversum, where I grew up and received my secondary education at *Ge-meentelijk Gymnasium*. During the exam year in 2006, I won the National Chemistry Olympiad and received the silver medal at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Gyeongsan, South Korea.

Directly after my secondary education, I enrolled to the BSc program Chemistry at *Utrecht University*. Starting from my second year, I took extra classes in physics, which continued until 2011 when I finished both bachelors cum laude with a thesis on high sensitivity dielectric spectroscopy measurements. After that, I continued in the master programme *Nanomaterials: Chemistry and Physics* at the same university. I spent one year in the *Physics of Devices* group, studying fluctuations in dusty plasmas for the preparation of thin-film solar cells, and six months at Philips Research, where I studied water electrochemistry. In April 2013, I received my MSc diploma cum laude. During these seven years at *Utrecht University*, I spent one year full-time as financial manager of the Dutch Student Orchestra (NSO), and two years part-time as board member of USConcert. From 2011, I founded and co-organised the opera project *Rheingold on the Rhine*, which took place in a converted Rhine barge in July 2013.

In September 2013, I started as a PhD candidate at *Leiden University* under supervision of Dr. Daniela Kraft and Dr. Doris Heinrich. I studied lipid mediated interactions between colloidal particles, the results of which are presented in this thesis. Part of the work has been performed in close collaboration with Afshin Vahid and Dr. Timon Idema at *Delft University of Technology*, and another part with Dr. Stefano Sacanna and Dr. Andrew Hollingsworth at *New York University*.

During my PhD, I (co-)supervised 10 undergraduate students and I was a teaching assistant of the undergraduate courses *Experimental Physics* and *Diffusion*. I attended schools in Han-sur-Lesse (Belgium) and Varenna (Italy), and presented my work at the APS March meeting 2015 (San Antonio, USA), CHAINS 2015 (Veldhoven), the International Soft Matter Conference 2016 (Grenoble, France), Biophysics@Veldhoven 2016, and Physics@Veldhoven 2017.

After my PhD, I aim to use my knowledge of the natural sciences to solve current problems in applied science, in a research position in industry or a governmental institute.

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