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Curriculum Vitae

I, Koen Mathijs Bastiaans, was born on 7 April 1990 in Leiden, and always kept a strong connection to my city of birth. After graduating from the Stedelijk Gymnasium in Leiden in 2008 with double study profiles (Science & Health and Science & Technology), I started my studies in Business Administration at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. Soon after, I realized how much I truly enjoy the challenges and beauty of the natural sciences and therefore decided to enroll for the Physics program at Leiden University in 2009. Early 2013 I obtained my BSc degree in Physics after having worked under the supervision of Prof. S.J. van der Molen on a project where we studied the conduction properties of spin-transition molecules in a gold nanoparticle network. I continued my studies in Physics at Leiden University following the MSc 'Experimental Physics'-track, where I worked on two thesis projects. One under the supervision of Prof. T.H. Oosterkamp studying the low temperature dissipation of superconductors and one with Dr. M.P. Allan working on a Spin Hall effect-based STM tip. I obtained my MSc degree in Physics in 2015 and decided, driven by the passion I found for experimental physics, to continue to pursue a PhD in Physics under the supervision of Dr. M.P. Allan, working on novel experimental probes to investigate the mysteries of strongly correlated quantum materials.

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