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2. *The world of vAPP: creating dark holes in PSFs all over the world*
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SPHERE upgrade workshop, May 2018, Grenoble, France (oral)
4. *Multiplexed holographic aperture masking with liquid-crystal geometric phase masks*
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5. *First light for the vAPP on SCExAO/CHARIS*
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6. *The world of vAPP: creating dark holes in PSFs all over the world*
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7. *Liquid crystals for high-contrast imaging*
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8. *The vector-Apodizing Phase Plate coronagraph*
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Curriculum Vitae

David Sebastiaan Doelman was born on July 30th, 1993 in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) to Jollette Drogendijk and Gerard Doelman, only a few minutes after his sister (Eline) and brother (Matthijs). Together with his other brothers (Christiaan and Michiel, 1995), he grew up in Haarlem and later Heemstede. He came into contact with natural sciences and space in part through his grandfather, who intrigued him with his large collection of model spacecraft and later the science magazines he would bring. This interest expressed itself at College Hageveld, where he graduated with a specialization in the natural sciences in 2011.

In that same year he started a double Bachelor in Physics and Astronomy at Leiden University. He specifically enjoyed the practica of physics, the topics of astronomy, and observing with the Isaac Newton Telescope at La Palma. His interest in optics was sparked by his Bachelor research project, where he worked on shaping an optical beam profile to create ring-shaped plasma under the supervision of Dirk Bouwmeester and Chris Smiet. He graduated both Bachelor's in 2014.

He continued with a Master in Astronomy specializing in astronomical instrumentation, taking courses both in Leiden and Delft. During the Master's study he first worked on determining dust and gas distributions in two protoplanetary disks to look for radial drift using cycle-0 data of the *Atacama Large Millimeter Array* (ALMA), under supervision of Michiel Hogerheijde. For his second research project he optimized vector-Apodizing Phase Plate (vAPP) coronagraph designs using simulated annealing under supervision of Christoph Keller and Michael Wilby. One design for the *Large Binocular Telescope* (LBT) was selected for fabrication and installed in the LMIRcam instrument. He received his Master's degree *Cum Laude* in 2016.

In September 2016, he started his PhD under supervision of Frans Snik and Christoph Keller, where he developed novel concepts with liquid-crystal technology for diffraction limited optical and infrared high-contrast imaging instruments, to find and characterize extra-solar planets. He designed liquid-crystal optics currently used, or soon implemented, in 8 different instruments at ground-based telescopes. For most of these projects he was heavily involved in manufacturing, installation, the calibration, and on-sky testing. After observations with the vAPP at the LBT, he also led the data reduction efforts and retrieved the first-ever spectra of the HR 8799 planets in the thermal infrared. Finally, he worked on a liquid-crystal wavefront sensor and coronagraph for the next generation space-based high-contrast imaging instruments which soon will be tested at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He presented his work at many workshops and international conferences and during public talks.

He started the next phase as a postdoctoral researcher in the group of Frans Snik to further develop the liquid-crystal technology, focussing on space-based applications in collaboration with SRON.

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