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EDUCATION

PhD in Precision Medicine | University of Edinburgh Sep 2018 - 2023 (expected)

- I use information theory to construct hypergraphs of genetic interactions that reveal complex cell identities.
- Developed a novel and complex bioinformatics pipeline to analyse > 100k genome-wide transcriptomes on an HPC cluster.
- The pipeline (in closed beta as of Dec. 2022) has users from various subfields of biology.
- Funded through the Precision Medicine programme & jointly supervised by Chris Ponting and Ava Khamseh at the Institute of Genetics and Cancer, and Luigi Del Debbio at the Higgs Centre for Theoretical Physics.

MSc Theoretical Physics | University of Amsterdam Sep 2015 - July 2018

- Thesis: *E8 symmetry structures in the Ising model* (supervised by Bernard Nienhuis)
- Visited the **Niels Bohr Institute** in Copenhagen from Feb to Aug 2016.

BSc Physics and Astronomy | University of Amsterdam Sep 2012 - July 2015

- Thesis: *Chaos and Dimensionality in Wormspace* (supervised by Greg Stephens)
- Graduated with Honours/Cum Laude, and a Minor in Computational Science.

Propedeuse in Art and Technology | HKU university of the Arts Sep 2011 - July 2012

WORK EXPERIENCE

Protocol Fellow | Ethereum Foundation Nov 2022 - Present

- Working with the Robust Incentives group and the Institute for Categorical Cybernetics (CyberCat).
- I model flows of information and resources in complex systems using category theory.

Information Officer | SciPost Oct 2017 - July 2018

- Expanded the editorial board, profiling and contacting potential new editors.

Technology Scholar | ASML Sep 2015 - Sep 2017

- Selected as one of 25 graduates nationwide for a two-year professional development programme, focused on leadership in technology.

Member of the Junior Editorial Board | SPUI25 Feb 2017 - July 2017

- Co-organised and presented monthly academic & cultural events for a broad audience.

Distillation Engineer | Mediamatic Sep 2016 - Feb 2017

- Designed, built, and demonstrated a bespoke vacuum still for artistic and olfactory research.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND TALKS

(A full list is available at <https://abeljansma.nl/publications/>)

Articles

- Higher-order in-and-outeractions reveal synergy and logical dependence beyond Shannon-information - A. Jansma 2022 (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.04440>)

Talks & Poster presentations

- Cybergenetic networks in the mouse brain: higher-order gene regulation and Boolean logic - IGC Biomedical Genomics meeting, Dec 2021 (talk).
- Genetic Interactions and Information Lattices - Mathematical Quantum Physics group, University of Innsbruck, Juli 2021 (talk).
- Model-free estimation of higher-order interactions - CSHL Biology of Genomes conference, May 2021 (poster).
- Complex Gene Regulation: Higher-order interactions in single-cell expression data - European Mathematical Genetics Meeting, April 2021 (long talk).
- Complex gene regulation: higher-order interactions in single-cell expression data - CSHL Network Biology conference, March 2021 (poster).
- A maximally noncommittal physicist looks at genetic interactions - IGC Biomedical Genomics meeting, May 2020 (talk).

VOLUNTEERING

Co-host | Computational Biology Journal Club

Feb 2019 - March 2020

- Hosted at the MRC Institute of Genetics and Cancer

Beekeeper | Anna's Tuin en Ruigte

Oct 2017 - July 2018

- Beekeeper at a public permaculture garden.

Reader | VoorleesExpress

Nov 2016 - Nov 2017

- I read books to children whose parents were not able to.

Committee member | BetaBreak

Dec 2014 - Jan 2016

- Moderated and organised public debates on the role of science and technology in society at Amsterdam Science Park.

SKILLS

Languages

Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (fluent)

Programming

Python, R, Nextflow, bash, Git, Mathematica, Processing (p5), Arduino

Visual

L^AT_EX, SwiftUI, Photoshop, Grasshopper (Rhino)