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EDUCATION

2022—2026 PhD, University College, London School of Geometry and Number Theory

Joint PhD programme between Imperial, King's, and University Colleges, London.

Supervisors: Vladimir Dokchitser (primary), David Burns (secondary).

2018—2022 BA; MMath, Churchill College, University of Cambridge

Part III Essay: "Deforming Galois Representations" | Advisor: Jack Thorne

Publications

EVIDENCE FOR AND AGAINST ZAUNER'S MUB CONJECTURE IN \mathbb{C}^6 with Gary McConnell and Afaq Tahir Quantum Inf. Comput. 21 (2021): 721-736.

doi.org/10.26421/QIC21.9-10-1

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Current | Motivic Pieces of Curves

We study factorisations of the L-function associated to a curve with automorphisms; these factorisations correspond to decompositions of the underlying motive with respect to the action of the relevant automorphism groups. We make well-known conjectures on special values of L-functions explicit in this case, and hope to better understand the L-function of the original curve and its quotients through this lens.

2021 & 2022 | Stark units over real quadratic fields

Summer research with Gary McConnell (ICL). We investigate links between explicit class field theory for real quadratic fields and so-called 'SIC-POVM's arising from quantum information theory.

Talks

Sept. 2023 Motivic Pieces of Curves

Y-RANT V, University of Cambridge.

Organisation

2023—2024 | Co-organiser, London Junior Number Theory Seminar

Organising weekly talks aimed at PhD students in number theory.

2022—2023 | Chair, LSGNT Student-Staff Liaison Committee

Organising and chairing meetings with senior members of staff at the LSGNT; representing the views of the student body.