

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Expertise:

Computational physics, condensed matter physics, quantum many-body physics and strongly correlated systems, tensor networks, quantum phase transitions, conformal field theory, quantum magnetism, chiral melting, constrained systems (non-abelian anyons, quantum dimers and quantum loops, supersymmetric models), low-dimensional quantum systems, Rydberg atoms, topological phases, systems with multi-component Hilbert space, comb tensor networks

### Education:

- 04/13 – 04/17    Docteur ès sciences, Institute of Physics, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne,  
Supervisor: prof. Frédéric Mila  
Thesis Title: ***Dimerization and exotic criticality in spin-S chains***  
*Private defense: 21/02/2017; Public defense: 23/03/2017*  
**Distinction** from Doctoral School of Physics, EPFL
- 08/11 – 02/13    Master in Physics, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne,  
Supervisor: prof. Frédéric Mila  
Thesis Title: ***Topological phase transitions in spin ladders***
- 09/07 – 07/11    BSc in Applied Physics with First Class Honors, V.N.Karazin Kharkiv National  
University, Department of Theoretical Nuclear Physics  
Supervisor: Sergey I. Shevchenko; Thesis Title: Description of the *electrons-holes*  
*superfluidity in terms of the order parameter*
- 09/00 – 06/07    High School Certificate with First Class Honors

### Employment:

- 01/21-now    **Assistant professor**, Kavli Institute of Nanoscience, Faculty of Applied Sciences,  
Delft University of Technology, Netherlands

- 01/19-12/20    **Postdoc** in the group of **prof. P. Corboz** at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. The work has been supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (grant number P400P2\_183847) and by prof. Corboz's funds.
- 05/17-12/18    **Postdoc** in the group of **prof. S.R. White** at the University of California, Irvine, USA. The work has been supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (grant number P2ELP2\_172271) and by prof. White's funds.
- 04/13 – 04/17    **Doctoral assistant** at the Chair of condensed matter theory, Institute of Physics, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Supervisor: prof. Frédéric Mila

### **Selected Awards:**

- 11/21            **Minerva prize** by Dutch Physics Council and Netherlands' Physical Society (<https://dutchphysicscouncil.nl/613-4>)
- 01/20            Delft Technology Fellowship (Tenure-track appointment + start-up funds)
- 12/17            **Distinction from the Doctoral School of Physics**, EPFL for the thesis *Dimerization and exotic criticality in spin-S chains*
- 10/11 – 02/13    **Excellence scholarship** provided by École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
- 09/07 – 06/11    Government scholarships for university students with outstanding results
- 09/06 – 08/08    **2xPresident of Ukraine Scholarships**
- 09/03 – 06/11    Several diploma including 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes in Olympiads in Physics; 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Ukrainian Competition of Research projects

- 01/23-now        **Visiting professor**, Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France

### **Grants (personal):**

- 08/22    1M CPU hours by SURFSARA national supercomputing cluster Snellius (EINF 3879);
- 02/22    100k CPU hours by SURFSARA national supercomputing cluster Lisa (EINF 2722);
- 02/21    500k CPU hours by SURFSARA national supercomputing cluster Cartesius (EINF 1137)
- 02/21    100k CPU hours by SURFSARA national supercomputing cluster Lisa (EINF 1137)

02/19-09/20 **PostdocMobility** by the Swiss National Science Foundation, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Project title: Further development of infinite Projected Entangled Pair States (iPEPS): network of clusters and hard constraints

04/17-09/18 **EarlyPostdocMobility** by the Swiss National Science Foundation, University of California, Irvine, USA. Project title: Efficient Density Matrix Renormalization Group (DMRG) algorithm for two-dimensional systems and its applications.

### **Collective grants and networks:**

10/22-now        “Materials for the quantum age”, a consortium of 43 PIs and 34 PhD and postdocs, supported by Dutch research council (NWO), <https://qumat.org/people/>

02/22-01/24 International Quantum Tensor Networks, funded by EPSRC, GBP ~300k. I am one of the 12 Project partners together with M.-C.Banuls, B.Bauer, S.Choi, M.Foss-Feig, C.Kollath, F.Pollmann, A.C.Potter, M.Stoudenmire, N.Schuch, F.Verstraete, G.Vidal; network organizers: A.Daley, A.Green, B.Lovett, D.Jaksch and Z.Papic (<https://iqtn.phys.strath.ac.uk/>)

01/2021-now Member of the **European Tensor Network** ([quantumtensor.pks.mpg.de](https://quantumtensor.pks.mpg.de))

2013-2017 Member of MaNEP network and Swiss National Science Foundation

## **Publications:**

23. **Natalia Chepiga**,  
*From Kosterlitz-Thouless to Pokrovsky-Talapov transitions in spinless fermions and spin chains with next-nearest-neighbor interactions;*  
**Phys. Rev. Research** 4, 043225 (2022)
22. Ivo A. Maceira, **Natalia Chepiga**, Frédéric Mila,  
*Conformal and chiral phase transitions in Rydberg chains;*  
**Phys. Rev. Research** 4, 043102 (2022)
21. **Natalia Chepiga**,  
*Critical properties of quantum three- and four-state Potts models with boundaries polarized along the transverse field*  
SciPost Phys. Core 5, 031 (2022)
20. **Natalia Chepiga**, Ian Affleck, Frédéric Mila,  
*From  $SU(2)_5$  to  $SU(2)_3$  Wess-Zumino-Witten transitions in a frustrated spin-5/2 chain*  
Phys. Rev. B **105**, 174402 (2022); **Editors' Suggestion**
19. **Natalia Chepiga**, Jiří Minář, Kareljan Schoutens,  
*Supersymmetry and multicriticality in a ladder of constrained fermions*  
SciPost Phys. **11**, 059 (2021)
18. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*Lifshitz point at commensurate melting of 1D Rydberg atoms*  
**Phys. Rev. Research**, **3**, 023049 (2021)
17. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*Kibble-Zurek exponent and chiral transition of the period-4 phase of Rydberg chains*  
**Nature Communications**, **12**, 414 (2021)
16. Mario Motta, Claudio Genovese, Fengjie Ma, Zhi-Hao Cui, Randy Sawaya, Garnet Kin-Lic Chan, **Natalia Chepiga**, Phillip Helms, Carlos Jimenez-Hoyos, Andrew J. Millis, Ushnish Ray, Enrico Ronca, Hao Shi, Sandro Sorella, Edwin M. Stoudenmire, Steven R. White, Shiwei Zhang (Simons collaboration on the many-electron problem)  
*Ground-state properties of the Hydrogen chain: insulator-to-metal transition, dimerization, and*

*magnetic phases*

**Phys. Rev. X** **10**, 031058 (2020)

15. **Natalia Chepiga**, Steven R. White,  
*Critical properties of a comb lattice*  
SciPost Phys. **9**, 013 (2020)
14. **Natalia Chepiga**, Ian Affleck, and Frédéric Mila,  
*Floating, critical, and dimerized phases in a frustrated spin-3/2 chain*  
Phys. Rev. B **101**, 174407 (2020)
13. Laurens Vanderstraeten, Elisabeth Wybo, **Natalia Chepiga**, Frank Verstraete, and Frédéric Mila,  
*Spinon confinement and deconfinement in a spin-1 chain*  
Phys. Rev. B **101**, 115138 (2020);
12. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*Dimerization and effective decoupling in two spin-1 generalizations of the spin-1/2 Majumdar-Ghosh chain*  
Phys. Rev. B **100**, 104426 (2019);
11. **Natalia Chepiga** and Steven R. White,  
*Comb tensor networks*  
Phys. Rev. B **99**, 235426 (2019)
10. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*DMRG investigation of constrained models: from quantum dimer and quantum loop ladders to hard-boson and Fibonacci anyon chains*  
SciPost Phys. **6**, 033 (2019);
9. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*Floating phase versus chiral transition in a 1D hard-boson model*  
**Phys. Rev. Lett.** **122**, 017205 (2019)
8. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*Rigorous decoupling between edge states in frustrated spin chains and ladders*  
Phys. Rev. B **97**, 174434 (2018)
7. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*Exact zero modes in frustrated Haldane chain*  
Phys. Rev. B **96**, 060409 (2017), **Rapid Communication**
6. **Natalia Chepiga** and Frédéric Mila,  
*Excitation spectrum and Density Matrix Renormalization Group iterations*  
Phys. Rev. B **96**, 054425 (2017)
5. L.Wang, **N.Chepiga**, D.-K.Ki, L.Li, F.Li, W.Zhu, Y.Kato, O.S.Ovchinnikova, F.Mila, I.Martin, D.Mandrus, A.F.Morpurgo,

*Controlling the topological sectors of magnetic solitons in exfoliated  $\text{Cr}_{1/3}\text{NbS}_2$  crystals*  
**Phys. Rev. Lett.** **118**, 257203 (2017), Editor's Suggestion

4. **Natalia Chepiga**, Ian Affleck, and Frédéric Mila,  
*Spontaneous dimerization, critical lines, and short-range correlations in a frustrated spin-1 chain*  
Phys. Rev. B **94**, 205112 (2016)
3. **Natalia Chepiga**, Ian Affleck, and Frédéric Mila,  
*Comment on "Frustration and Multicriticality in the Antiferromagnetic Spin-1 Chain"*  
Phys. Rev. B **94**, 136401 (2016)
2. **Natalia Chepiga**, Ian Affleck, and Frédéric Mila,  
*Dimerization transitions in spin-1 chains*  
Phys. Rev. B **93**, 241108 (2016), **Rapid Communication**
1. **Natalia Chepiga**, Frédéric Michaud, and Frédéric Mila,  
*Berry phase investigation of spin-S ladders*  
Phys. Rev. B **88**, 184418 (2013)

#### **Pre-prints:**

2. **Natalia Chepiga**, Nicolas. Laflorencie, *Topological and quantum critical properties of the interacting Majorana chain*; arXiv:2211.15598 (2022)
1. **Natalia Chepiga**, Frédéric Mila, *Eight-vertex criticality in the interactive Kitaev chain*; arXiv:2206.11754 (2022)

#### **Invited conference talks (12+3):**

- 08/23 (upcoming) NG SCES 2023, Lido di Fermo, Italy
- 07/23 (upcoming) JSF Workshop on the fermion sign problem, Peyresq, France
- 05/23 (upcoming) DRSTP condensed matter theory school, Callantsoog, The Netherlands
- 11/22 Entanglement Scaling and Criticality with Tensor Networks, Lausanne, Switzerland, *Critical properties of an interacting Majorana chain. The power of Friedel oscillations*
- 10/22 Symmetry and Duality in Quantum Many-Body Systems, Ghent, Belgium, *Dual boundary conditions in minimal models*
- 09/22 Computational aspects of Tensor Networks, Vienna, Austria, *Eight vertex criticality in interacting Kitaev chains*
- 01/22 Physics@Veldhoven, *Lifshitz point or Why the transition becomes chiral?*
- 10/21 CECAM flagship workshop: Computational materials discovery of unconventional magnets, Lausanne, Switzerland, *Floating phases in quantum spin chains*
- 02/21 Entanglement in Strongly Correlated Systems, Benasque, Spain, *Supersymmetric point in a ladder of constrained fermions*
- 12/20 European Tensor Network online series, *Chiral transitions in chains of Rydberg atoms*
- 11/19 Delta-ITP triangle meetings: Quantum and Topological Matter, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, *Comb tensor networks*

- 07/19 Computational Approaches to Quantum Many-body Problems, ISSP, Kashiwa, Japan, *Practical introduction to MPS + Comb tensor networks + DMRG for constrained models (in total: 3 hours of lectures)*
- 03/19 DPG Frühjahrstagung 2019, Regensburg, Germany, *DMRG investigation of constrained models: from quantum dimer and quantum loop ladders to hard-boson and Fibonacci anyon chains*
- 02/19 Constrained Many-body Dynamics, MPI PKS, Dresden, Germany, *DMRG investigation of constrained models: from quantum dimer and quantum loop ladders to hard-boson and Fibonacci anyonQuantum many-body chains*
- 06/18 TOPMAT, Paris-Saclay, France, *DMRG investigation of quantum dimer ladders*

**Invited seminars (16):**

- 11/22 Seminar at **CNRS** LPT Toulouse; host: Nicolas Laflorencie; *When Kosterlitz and Thouless meet Pokrovsky and Talapov*
- 11/22 Seminar at **Nijmegen**, The Netherlands; host: A.Bagrov; *When Kosterlitz and Thouless meet Pokrovsky and Talapov*
- 06/22 Physical Sciences Seminar at **ISTA**, Austria; host: Maksym Serbyn; *Supersymmetry and multicriticality in a ladder of constrained fermions*
- 06/22 **TUWien**, Austria; host: Julian Leonard; *Chiral transitions in chains of Rydberg atoms*
- 12/21 Utrecht Condensed Matter Theory Seminar, Netherlands; *Chiral transitions in chains of Rydberg atoms*
- 10/21 **Brookhaven National Laboratory**, USA, *Probing conformal towers of states with Density Matrix Renormalization Group algorithms*
- 02/21 **Harvard** Condensed Matter Theory Seminar, Harvard, USA; *Chiral transitions in chains of Rydberg atoms*
- 12/20 University of **Amsterdam**, The Netherlands; host: P.R.Corboz, *Constrained tensor networks: a new approach to quantum criticality*
- 02/20 TU Delft, The Netherlands; *Tensor network investigation of constrained models: from quantum dimer and quantum loop ladders to chains of Rydberg bosons*
- 06/19 **University of Nottingham**, UK; host: Juan P. Garrahan, *Constrained DMRG as a byway to investigate critical properties of frustrated magnets*
- 02/19 University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands; host: P.R.Corboz, *Floating phase versus chiral transition in constrained models*
- 10/18 University of California, **Irvine**, USA; host: Steven R.White, *Floating phase versus chiral transition in constrained models: from hard-boson chain to quantum dimer and quantum loop ladders*
- 03/18 HISKP, Universität **Bonn**, Germany; host: Corinna Kollath, *DMRG investigation of quantum dimer ladders*
- 02/18 Max-Planck-Harvard Institute for Quantum Optics, **Garching**, Germany; host: Ignacio Cirac, *Frustrated spin chains: exotic criticality, exact zero modes and quantum dimer model.*
- 11/17 **Perimeter Institute**, Waterloo, Canada; host: Guifre Vidal, *Spontaneous dimerization, critical lines and exact zero modes in frustrated spin-1 chain.*
- 10/17 University of **British Columbia**, host: Ian Affleck, *Exact zero modes in frustrated spin chains*

### Contributed talks (19):

- 07/22 International conference on strongly correlated electron systems (SCES) 2022, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, *From  $SU(2)_5$  to  $SU(2)_3$  Wess-Zumino-Witten transitions in a frustrated spin-5/2 chain*
- 06/22 Highly Frustrated Magnetism (HFM) 2022, Paris, France, *From  $SU(2)_5$  to  $SU(2)_3$  Wess-Zumino-Witten transitions in a frustrated spin-5/2 chain*
- 01/21 Waiting for Highly Frustrated Magnetism 2021, Dresden, Germany, *Floating, critical and dimerized phases in a frustrated spin-3/2 chain*
- 12/20 Exploring quantum many-body physics with ultra-cold atoms and molecules, Bad Honnef, Germany, *Kibble-Zurek exponent and chiral transition of the period-4 phase of Rydberg chains*
- 02/20 Entanglement in Strongly Correlated Systems, Benasque, Spain, *Ashkin-Teller transition of Rydberg atoms with two-site blockade*
- 01/20 Physics@Veldhoven 2020, Veldhoven, The Netherlands, *Simulating constrained models with tensor networks*
- 09/19 Korrelationstage 2019, Dresden, Germany, *Comb tensor networks*
- 10/18 Topological phases in condensed matter and cold atom systems, Cargese, Corsica, France *Constrained DMRG as a byway to investigate critical properties of frustrated magnets*
- 06/18 Trends in quantum magnetism, Bad Honnef, Germany, *DMRG investigation of quantum dimer ladders*
- 02/18 Entanglement in Strongly Correlated Systems, Benasque, Spain, *DMRG investigation of quantum dimer ladders*
- 11/17 Novel Quantum States in Condensed Matter 2017, Kyoto, Japan, *Spontaneous dimerization, critical lines, and exact zero modes in a frustrated spin-1 chain*
- 06/17 Many Electron Collaboration Summer School, Stony Brook, USA, *Excitation spectrum and Density Matrix Renormalization Group iterations*
- 02/17 Entanglement in strongly correlated systems, Benasque, Spain, *Dimerization and exotic criticality in spin-S chains*
- 09/16 Recent Progress in Low-Dimensional Quantum Magnetism, Lausanne, Switzerland, *Critical lines and short-range correlations in a frustrated spin-1 chain*
- 07/16 Swiss Physical Society Meeting, Lugano, Switzerland, *Dimerization transitions in spin-1 chains*
- 07/16 Swiss Workshop on Materials with Novel Electronic Properties 2016, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, *Dimerization transitions in spin-1 chains*
- 05/16 Japan-Swiss Workshop 'Trends in Theory of Correlated Materials', PSI, Villigen, Switzerland, *Dimerization transitions in spin-1 chains*
- 10/14 Japan-Swiss Workshop 'Trends in Theory of Correlated Materials', Tokyo, Japan, *Berry phase investigation of spin-S ladders*
- 07/14 Swiss Physical Society Annual Meeting, Fribourg, Switzerland, *Berry phase investigation of spin-S ladders*

### Poster presentations (8):

- 09/21 Quantum Field Theory at the Boundary, Mainz, Germany, *Boundary critical phenomena in the 4-state Potts model*
- 04/21 Korrelationstage 2021, Dresden, Germany, *Chiral transitions in chains of Rydberg atoms*

- 10/18 Topological phases in condensed matter and cold atom systems, Cargese, Corsica, France, *A comb tensor network*
- 09/17 Korrelationstage 2017, Dresden, Germany, *Dimerization and exotic criticality in spin-S chains*
- 09/16 8th International Conference on Highly Frustrated Magnetism, Taipei, Taiwan, *Dimerization transitions in spin-1 chains*
- 01/15 Theory Winter School on New Trends in Frustrated Magnetism, Tallahassee, Florida, USA, *Frustration and spontaneous dimerization in spin-1 chain*
- 10/13 School on Advanced Algorithms for Correlated Quantum Matter, Würzburg, Germany, *Berry phase investigation of spin-S ladders*
- 07/13 Swiss Workshop on Materials with Novel Electronic Properties, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, *Berry phase investigation of frustrated quantum magnets*

### **Event organization:**

02/2022- Member of the program committee of the inaugural and plenary meetings of International Quantum Tensor Network (<https://iqtn.phys.strath.ac.uk/2022/04/20/hello-world/>)

05/2022-now Delft Many-Body Workshop Series (6 workshops to date, 35+ speakers), the founder and the main organizer; <https://nchepiga.github.io/homepage/workshop>

### **Refereeing for journals:**

Nature, Nature Communications, Communications Physics;  
Physical Review Letters, Physical Review Research, Physical Review B;  
SciPost Physics;  
New Journal of Physics

### **Refereeing for funding agencies:**

- Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

### **Member of committees:**

- 01/23 Member of the Minerva prize 2022 committee, The Netherlands
- 06/22 Member of the poster prize committee at Highly Frustrated Magnetism 2022, Paris, France
- 01/20 Member of the poster prize committee at Physics@Veldhoven 2020, Veldhoven, Netherlands
- 01/23 Appointment committee for Delft Technology Fellowship
- 07/21 Appointment committee for a tenure-track position at Kavli Institute of Nanoscience, TUDelft
- 03/21 Member of Schelto Crone's PhD committee at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 11/22 Expert at Luka van der Heiden's defence, TU Delft, Netherlands
- 07/22 Expert at Huang Tianyue's MSc defence, EPFL, Switzerland
- 07/22 Expert at Baptiste Demazure's MSc defence, EPFL, Switzerland
- 07/21 Expert at Bernhard Luescher's MSc defence, EPFL, Switzerland
- 06/21 Member of Isabel Postmes' MSc defense committee at TU Delft, Netherlands



## Teaching & supervision:

02/22 – now	Lecturer in ' <b>Mechanics and Relativity</b> ' at TUDelft
02/22 – now	Lecturer in ' <b>Fairy Tails of Theoretical Physics</b> ' at TUDelft (topics: supersymmetry; frustrated magnetism)
09/14 – 01/17	Teaching Assistant in ' <b>Physique Statistique I</b> ' at EPFL
02/16 – 06/16	Teaching Assistant in ' <b>Mathematical Methods for Physicists</b> ' at EPFL
02/15 – 06/15	Teaching Assistant in ' <b>Physique Statistique II</b> ' at EPFL
09/13 – 12/13	Teaching Assistant in ' <b>Statistiques et probabilités</b> ' at EPFL
11/07 – 06/11	High School Teacher in Advanced Physics and Mathematics at Private Boiko School, Ukraine
08/08 – 08/09	Summer School Teacher for Granted Youth (supported by Kharkov City Council)

## Courses on teaching skills:

04/21	DEVELOP, TU Delft, ~40 hours on the development of own course from scratch
05/21	SUPERVISE, TU Delft, ~40 hours on how to manage the group and supervise students

## Supervision:

- Bowy La Rivière, PhD thesis on numerical investigation of magnetic and non-magnetic quantum phase transitions with constrained tensor networks, TU Delft, Netherlands
- Jose Soto Garcia, PhD thesis on dynamical properties of exotic quantum phase transitions, TU Delft, Netherlands
- Bernhard Luescher internship on critical properties of the chiral Ashkin-Teller model, TU Delft, Netherlands;
- Ivo Maceira's PhD project on chiral transitions in Rydberg atoms, EPFL, Switzerland (co-supervised);
- Randy Sawaya's PhD project on Hubbard model with long-range interactions, University of California Irvine (co-supervised);
- Robin Kaeche's master thesis on critical Ising chains, EPFL (co-supervised);
- Guillaume Meyrat's master project on quantum dimer model, EPFL (co-supervised);
- Samuel Gozel's master thesis on dynamics in spin-3/2 chain, EPFL (co-supervised)

## Outreach and volunteer projects:

Since 2022: The mentor in EPFL's Alumni mentoring program

## Public lectures at the Private Boiko School, Ukraine:

2017, 2020	AskMeAnything sessions
2018	"The night of science"
2016	"The day of science"

08/10	Environmental volunteer program in Vichy, France
07/10	Camp leader in the international volunteer project, Lyubotin, Kharkiv district, Ukraine
08/09	Volunteer in Summer Camp in Spangenberg, Germany
11/07	Team leader in Ukraine-China exchange program in Shitzyatjuan, China

