

# Curriculum Vitæ: Nils Carqueville

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2020– University of Vienna, Department of Physics  
2014–2019 University of Vienna, Department of Mathematics  
2013–2014 Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, Stony Brook  
2012 Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics, Bonn  
2009–2012 LMU München & Excellence Cluster Universe  
2006–2009 PhD in mathematical physics, King’s College London  
2000–2006 studies of physics and philosophy at University of Bonn

## Publications:

- [36] *Topological defects*, with M. Del Zotto and I. Runkel, [arXiv:2311.02449 \[math-ph\]](#)
- [35] *Orbifolds of topological quantum field theories*,  
[Encyclopedia of Mathematical Physics 2nd edition](#), [arXiv:2307.16674 \[math-ph\]](#)
- [34] *Orbifold completion of 3-categories*, with L. Müller, [arXiv:2307.06485 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [33] *Truncated affine Rozansky–Witten models as extended defect TQFTs*,  
with I. Brunner, Pantelis Fragkos, and D. Roggenkamp, [arXiv:2307.06284 \[math-ph\]](#)
- [32] *Invariants of  $r$ -spin TQFTs and non-semisimplicity*, with E. Meir and L. Szegedy,  
[arXiv:2306.08608 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [31] *Looking for structure in the cobordism conjecture*, with D. Andriot and  
N. Cribiori, [SciPost Phys.](#) **13**, 071 (2022), [arXiv:2204.00021 \[hep-th\]](#)
- [30] *Truncated affine Rozansky–Witten models as extended TQFTs*, with I. Brunner and  
D. Roggenkamp, [Comm. Math. Phys.](#) (2023), [arXiv:2201.03284 \[math-ph\]](#)
- [29] *Reshetikhin–Turaev TQFTs close under generalised orbifolds*, with V. Mulevičius,  
I. Runkel, G. Schaumann, and D. Scherl, [arXiv:2109.04754 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [28] *Fully extended  $r$ -spin TQFTs*, with L. Szegedy,  
[Quantum Topology](#) **14**:3 (2023), 467–532, [arXiv:2107.02046 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [27] *Orbifold graph TQFTs*, with V. Mulevičius, I. Runkel, G. Schaumann, and  
D. Scherl, [arXiv:2101.02482 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [26] *Extending Landau–Ginzburg models to the point*, with F. Montiel Montoya,  
[Comm. Math. Phys.](#) **339**:3 (2020), 955–977, [arXiv:1809.10965 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [25] *Orbifolds of Reshetikhin–Turaev TQFTs*, with I. Runkel and G. Schaumann,  
[TAC](#) **35** (2020), 513–561, [arXiv:1809.01483 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [24] *Line and surface defects in Reshetikhin–Turaev TQFT*, with I. Runkel and G. Schau-  
mann, [Quantum Topology](#) **10**:3 (2019), 399–439, [arXiv:1710.10214 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [23] *Orbifolds of  $n$ -dimensional defect TQFTs*, with I. Runkel and G. Schaumann,  
[Geometry & Topology](#) **23** (2019), 781–864, [arXiv:1705.06085 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [22] *Introductory lectures on topological quantum field theory*, with I. Runkel,  
[Banach Center Publications](#) **114** (2018), 9–47, [arXiv:1705.05734 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [21] *Lecture notes on 2-dimensional defect TQFT*,  
[Banach Center Publications](#) **114** (2018), 49–84, [arXiv:1607.05747 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [20] *3-dimensional defect TQFTs and their tricategories*, with C. Meusburger and  
G. Schaumann, [Adv. Math.](#) **364** (2020), 107024, [arXiv:1603.01171 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [19] *Calabi–Yau completions and orbifold equivalence*, with A. Quintero Vélez,  
[arXiv:1509.00880 \[math.RT\]](#)
- [18] *Discrete torsion defects*, with I. Brunner and D. Plencner,  
[Comm. Math. Phys.](#) **337** (2015), 429–453, [arXiv:1404.7497 \[hep-th\]](#)
- [17] *Orbifold equivalent potentials*, with A. Ros Camacho and I. Runkel,  
[J. of Pure and Applied Algebra](#) **220** (2016), 759–781, [arXiv:1311.3354 \[math.QA\]](#)
- [16] *A quick guide to defect orbifolds*, with I. Brunner and D. Plencner,  
[Proc. of Symp. in Pure Math.](#) **88** (2014), 231–241, [arXiv:1310.0062 \[hep-th\]](#)
- [15] *Orbifolds and topological defects*, with I. Brunner and D. Plencner,  
[Comm. Math. Phys.](#) **332** (2014), 669–712, [arXiv:1307.3141 \[hep-th\]](#)

- [14] *A toolkit for defect computations in Landau-Ginzburg models*, with D. Murfet, *Proc. of Symp. in Pure Math.* **90** (2015), arXiv:1303.1389 [hep-th]
- [13] *Orbifold completion of defect bicategories*, with I. Runkel, *Quantum Topology* **7:2** (2016), 203–279, arXiv:1210.6363 [math.QA]
- [12] *Adjunctions and defects in Landau-Ginzburg models*, with D. Murfet, *Adv. Math.* **289** (2016), 480–566, arXiv:1208.1481 [math.AG]
- [11] *Algorithmic deformation of matrix factorisations*, with L. Dowdy and A. Recknagel, *JHEP* **04** (2012) 014, arXiv:1112.3352 [hep-th]
- [10] *An invitation to algebraic topological string theory*, with M. M. Kay, *Proc. of Symp. in Pure Math.* **85** (2012), 323–332, arXiv:1111.1749 [hep-th]
- [9] *Computing Khovanov-Rozansky homology and defect fusion*, with D. Murfet, *Algebraic & Geometric Topology* **14** (2014), 489–537, arXiv:1108.1081 [math.QA]
- [8] *Bulk deformations of open topological string theory*, with M. M. Kay, *Comm. Math. Phys.* **315** (2012), 739–769, arXiv:1104.5438 [hep-th]
- [7] *Rigidity and defect actions in Landau-Ginzburg models*, with I. Runkel, *Comm. Math. Phys.* **310** (2012), 135–179, arXiv:1006.5609 [hep-th]
- [6] *Remarks on quiver gauge theories from open topological string theory*, with A. Quintero Vélez, *JHEP* **03** (2010) 129, arXiv:0912.4699 [hep-th]
- [5] *On the monoidal structure of matrix bi-factorisations*, with I. Runkel, *J. Phys. A: Math. Theor.* **43** (2010) 275401, arXiv:0909.4381 [math-ph]
- [4] *Matrix factorisations and open topological string theory*, *JHEP* **07** (2009) 005, arXiv:0904.0862 [hep-th]
- [3] *Triangle-generation in topological D-brane categories*, *JHEP* **04** (2008) 031, arXiv:0802.1624 [hep-th]
- [2] *Towards logarithmic mode algebras*, *Czech. J. Phys.* **56:10** (2006), 1105–1110
- [1] *Nonmeromorphic operator product expansion and  $C_2$ -cofiniteness for a family of  $\mathcal{W}$ -algebras*, with M. Flohr, *J. Phys. A: Math. Gen.* **39** (2006), 951–966, arXiv:math-ph/0508015

### Fellowships and grants:

- 2024–2028 [FWF stand-alone grant](#) (one 4-year postdoc and one 3-year PhD position)
- 2020–2025 [Heisenberg Fellowship](#)
- 2016 Peters-Beer grant (for one postdoc position)
- 2015 [FWF stand-alone grant](#) (for one postdoc and two PhD positions)
- 2012 3-months fellowship at Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics, Bonn
- 2011 SFB Fellowship (Collaborative Research Center SFB 676, Hamburg)
- 2010 Kähler Research Fellowship (University of Hamburg)

### Workshops co-organised:

- 07/2024 München–Wien–Würzburg Workshop on Functorial Field Theories, TU München (with G. Schaumann and C. Scheimbauer)
- 06/2022 Erlangen–Wien–Würzburg Workshop on Functorial Field Theories, Würzburg (with C. Meusburger and G. Schaumann)
- 01/2019 *Categorification in quantum topology and beyond*, ESI, Wien (with A. Mellit and P. Wedrich)
- 08/2016 *Topological quantum computation*, Styria
- 12/2015 *Advanced school on Topological Quantum Field Theory*, Warszawa (with P. Sułkowski and R. Suszek)
- 10/2015 *Higher TQFT and categorical quantum mechanics*, ESI, Wien (with D. Murfet and I. Runkel)
- 11/2012 *Algebra, geometry and physics of BPS states*, Hausdorff Center Bonn (with S. Meinhardt and J. Stoppa)

**Seminars and lecture series co-organised:**

- 2020–        [Online seminar on theoretical and mathematical physics](#)  
with I. Brunner, H. Jockers, P. Mayr, I. Sachs, and J. Walcher
- 2020–2024 [Online seminar “Higher Structures & Field Theory”](#)  
with C. Meusburger, G. Schaumann, and C. Scheimbauer
- 07/2022    [Lecture series The geometric cobordism hypothesis](#) by Daniel Grady and Dmitri Pavlov (with D. Fiorenza and K. Waldorf)
- 11/2020    [Lecture series Towards a derived Topological Field Theory](#) by Simon Lentner
- 12/2018    [Lecture series Simplicial methods for higher categories: Segal-type models of weak  \$n\$ -categories](#) by Simona Paoli

**Referee for:**

[Advances in Mathematics](#)  
[Communications in Mathematical Physics](#)  
[Journal of High Energy Physics](#)  
[Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra](#)  
[Journal of Physics A: Mathematical and Theoretical](#)  
[SciPost Physics](#)

**Editor for:**

[Banach Centre Publications Lecture Series](#), Polish Academy of Sciences

**Supervision:**

- currently    2 PhD students:
  - Aleksandar Ivanov
  - Tim Lüders
- 2 Master students:
  - Christopher Lieberum
  - Konrad Martinek
- previously  3 PhD projects:
  - [Diagrams for Tricategories](#), Daniel Scherl (2019)
  - [Extended Landau-Ginzburg models](#), Flavio Montiel Montoya (2018)
  - [A generators and relations derivation of Khovanov homology of 2-strand braid links](#), Omid Hurson (co-supervised with Domenico Fiorenza, 2019)
- 6 Master projects:
  - [2-Dimensional Extended TQFTs and the Cobordism Hypothesis](#), Ekin Kaan (2024)
  - [Smooth Functorial Field Theory and the Geometric Cobordism Hypothesis](#), Alexander Zahrer (2023)
  - [Condensation monads in low dimension](#), Moriz Frauenberger (2022)
  - [TQFTs with additional structure \(Alfred Wehrl Award\)](#), Aaron Hofer (2022)
  - [Permutation actions on modular tensor categories](#), Albert Georg Passegger (2018)
  - [Group representations in tricategories](#), Daniel Scherl (2016)
- 5 Bachelor projects
- 2009–2014  co-supervision of 2 PhD, 2 Master and 1 Bachelor projects in Ilka Brunner’s group at LMU Munich

## Teaching:

summer 2024	lecture course <i>Topological quantum field theory</i>
11–12/2023	lecture course <i>TQFTs, state sum models, and string net models</i> , Tübingen
winter 2023/24	course <i>From the science of climate change to the human climate crisis</i> , with Aiko Voigt, Christa Schleper, and Patrick Scherhauser
winter 2023/24	<i>Lab-Course: Theoretical Physics</i> (constraints in symplectic mechanics)
summer 2023	lecture course <i>Topological quantum field theory 2</i>
winter 2022/23	lecture course <i>Topological quantum field theory</i>
summer 2022	seminar <i>3-dimensional functorial field theories</i> (with Lóránt Szegedy)
winter 2021/22	lecture course <i>Topological quantum field theory 3</i>
summer 2021	lecture course <i>Topological quantum field theory 2</i>
winter 2020/21	lecture course <i>Topological quantum field theory</i>
02/2019	lecture course <i>Algebraic and categorical structures in (T)QFT</i> , ESI
winter 2018/19	lecture course <i>Introduction to category theory 1.5</i>
winter 2018/19	tutorial <i>Introduction to category theory 1.5</i>
winter 2018/19	seminar “ <i>Bachelorseminar</i> ”
05–06/2018	lecture course <i>Higher structures in TQFT</i> , SISSA, Italy
summer 2018	lecture course <i>Representations of algebraic structures</i>
summer 2018	seminar <i>Classical physics and symplectic geometry</i>
summer 2018	seminar <i>Rozansky–Witten theory</i>
winter 2017/18	lecture course <i>Linear algebra 3</i>
winter 2017/18	tutorial <i>Linear algebra 3</i>
winter 2017/18	seminar <i>Topological phases of matter and TQFT</i>
winter 2017/18	seminar <i>Higher categories in topology and physics</i>
summer 2017	lecture course <i>Linear algebra 2</i>
summer 2017	tutorial <i>Linear algebra 2</i>
summer 2017	seminar <i>Factorisation algebras and tensor categories</i>
winter 2016/17	lecture course <i>Linear algebra</i>
winter 2016/17	tutorial <i>Linear algebra</i>
winter 2016/17	seminar <i>From classical physics to factorisation algebras</i>
summer 2016	lecture course <i>Topological Quantum Field Theory 2</i>
summer 2016	tutorial <i>Linear algebra 2</i>
winter 2015/16	lecture course <i>Topological Quantum Field Theory</i>
winter 2015/16	seminar <i>Cryptography</i>
winter 2015/16	seminar <i>Higher category theory</i>
winter 2015/16	tutorial <i>Linear algebra</i>
summer 2015	lecture course <i>Introduction to Category Theory</i>
summer 2015	seminar “ <i>Bachelorseminar</i> ”
winter 2014/15	lecture course <i>Introduction to Conformal Field Theory</i>
winter 2014/15	seminar <i>Infinite-dimensional Lie Algebras</i>
summer 2014	lecture course <i>Introduction to Topological Quantum Field Theory</i>
summer 2014	seminar <i>Topological Quantum Field Theory</i>
11/2012	IMPRS lecture course at Max Planck Institute, Golm
04/2012	lecture course at graduate school, University of Hamburg
winter 2009/10	seminar on <i>conformal field theory</i> , physical aspects
summer 2006	seminar on <i>conformal field theory</i> , mathematical aspects
04/2003–04/2009	tutorials for 19 different lecture courses

## Talks at conferences:

09/2023	<a href="#">Algebra, Geometry and Physics</a> , ÖMG Meeting in Graz
08/2023	<a href="#">Categorical aspects of symmetries</a> , Stockholm
08/2023	<a href="#">Higher Structures in Functorial Field Theory</a> , Regensburg



07/2023 [Emergent Geometries from Strings and Quantum Fields](#), GGI Florence  
 07/2023 [Quantum Chern–Simons theory](#), 29th Nordic Congress of Mathematicians (online)  
 03/2023 [Geometric/Topological Quantum Field Theories and Cobordisms 2023](#) (online)  
 10/2022 [Category Theory Octoberfest 2022](#) (online)  
 08/2022 [Higher Structures and Field Theory](#), ESI, Vienna  
 08/2021 [International Congress on Mathematical Physics](#) (online)  
 06/2021 [Categorical braid group actions and categorical representation theory](#) (online)  
 12/2020 [Mathematical Physics Days 2020](#) (online)  
 08/2020 [Higher Structures and Field Theory](#), ESI, Vienna  
 02/2020 [Higher Spin Gauge Theories, TFT and Deformation Quantization](#), Brussels  
 06/2019 [Defects in topological and conformal field theory](#), King’s College London  
 02/2019 [Young Researchers Integrability School and Workshop](#), ESI, Wien  
 07/2018 [Geometry and Strings](#), Ringberg Castle, Tegernsee  
 09/2017 [String Field Theory of Landau-Ginzburg models](#), Pohang (via live video link)  
 07/2017 [Higher Structures](#), Lisboa  
 07/2016 [Classical and quantum symmetries in mathematics and physics](#), Jena  
 05/2016 [Categorification](#), Bonn  
 02/2014 [Modern trends in topological quantum field theory](#), ESI, Wien  
 09/2013 [Matrix Factorizations in Algebra, Geometry, and Physics](#), Oberwolfach  
 06/2013 [String-Math 2013](#), Stony Brook  
 05/2013 [The Geometry of Topological D-Branes, Categories, and Applications](#), Wien  
 03/2013 [Mathematical Sciences Research Institute](#), Berkeley  
 09/2012 [String Theory and Arithmetic Geometry](#), Bristol  
 08/2012 [New Perspectives in Topological Field Theories](#), Hamburg  
 07/2012 [String-Math 2012](#), Bonn  
 06/2011 [String-Math 2011](#), Philadelphia  
 12/2011 [Noncommutative algebraic geometry and D-branes](#), Simons Center  
 05/2011 [Workshop on Matrix Factorizations](#), Bielefeld  
 03/2011 [DFG Darstellungstheorie Schwerpunkttagung](#), Münster  
 06/2010 [Mini workshop on matrix factorisations](#), Hannover  
 06/2010 [D-branes, Effective Actions and Homological Mirror Symmetry](#), Wien  
 12/2009 [Algebraic and Topological Aspects of D-branes](#), Würzburg  
 04/2009 [Integrable models, CFT and related topics](#), Oxford  
 05/2008 [Matrix Factorizations in Physics and Mathematics](#), Banff  
 04/2008 [Integrable models, CFT and related topics](#), Edinburgh  
 06/2006 [Integrable Systems and Quantum Symmetries](#), Praha  
 12/2005 [Foundations and Constructive Aspects of QFT](#), Göttingen

#### Talks at seminars:

07/2024 LMU München  
 06/2024 University of Graz  
 06/2024 [Topological Quantum Field Theory Club](#), Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisbon (online)  
 12/2023 [Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences](#), Leipzig  
 12/2022 [Quantum Topology and Categorification](#), University of Hamburg  
 11/2022 [Geometry & Topology Seminar](#), Vienna  
 06/2022 [University of Hamburg](#) (online)  
 06/2022 [Max Planck Institute for Mathematics](#), Bonn (online)  
 11/2021 [University of Cardiff](#) (online)  
 03/2021 [University of Nottingham](#) (online)  
 03/2021 [Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe](#), Kashiwa (online)  
 06/2020 **Colloquium** at the [Center for Mathematical Physics](#), Hamburg (online)  
 06/2020 [University of Leeds](#) (online)

05/2020 Heidelberg-München-Wien online seminar on mathematical physics  
 02/2020 University of Melbourne (online)  
 03/2019 University of Vienna  
 12/2018 LMU München  
 11/2018 University of Paderborn  
 09/2018 University of Erlangen  
 05/2018 SISSA, Trieste  
 03/2018 University of Edinburgh  
 03/2018 **Colloquium** at University of Leicester  
 11/2017 La Sapienza, Roma  
 10/2017 University of Zürich  
 07/2017 École normale supérieure, Paris  
 07/2017 [Geometry and Physics](#), IFIN-HH, Bucureşti  
 07/2017 University of Erlangen  
 06/2017 Queen Mary, University of London  
 03/2017 University of Lancaster  
 01/2017 Technische Universität Wien  
 12/2016 Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh  
 12/2016 [Institute of Science and Technology Austria](#)  
 10/2016 **Colloquium** at University of Luxembourg  
 10/2016 University of Luxembourg  
 09/2016 LMU München  
 07/2016 Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn  
 06/2016 Hamburg university  
 05/2016 Centre for Quantum Geometry of Moduli Spaces, Aarhus  
 05/2016 **Colloquium** at University of Aarhus  
 02/2016 University of Lancaster  
 02/2016 King's College London  
 08/2015 University of Münster  
 04/2015 [CUNY Representation Theory Seminar](#), New York  
 03/2015 **Colloquium** at University of Vienna  
 01/2015 [Centre for Quantum Geometry of Moduli Spaces](#), Aarhus  
 12/2014 Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn  
 12/2014 **Colloquium** at University of Warszawa  
 12/2014 Seminar at University of Warszawa  
 11/2014 University of Graz  
 03/2014 Technical University of Vienna  
 03/2014 University of Vienna (×2)  
 12/2013 Texas A&M University, College Station  
 11/2013 [McGill University](#), Montreal  
 09/2013 Erwin Schrödinger Institute, Wien  
 07/2013 [IBS Center for Geometry and Physics](#), Pohang  
 07/2013 [Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe](#), Kashiwa  
 06/2013 Bonn university  
 05/2013 Heidelberg university  
 05/2013 Harvard university, Cambridge  
 04/2013 Duke university, Durham  
 03/2013 [Center for Theoretical Physics](#), Berkeley  
 03/2013 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
 12/2012 École normale supérieure, Paris  
 11/2012 Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics, Bonn  
 11/2012 [Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics](#), Golm

06/2012 Queen Mary College London  
05/2012 Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh  
05/2012 University of Erlangen  
04/2012 Hamburg university  
11/2011 UCLA  
11/2011 Caltech, Pasadena  
10/2011 King's College London  
06/2011 Münster university  
06/2011 Seminar at UCLA  
06/2011 **Colloquium** at UCLA  
05/2011 [Berkeley Center for Theoretical Physics](#), UC Berkeley  
03/2011 Nánjīng university  
02/2011 Utrecht university  
11/2010 Hamburg university  
11/2010 Bonn university  
04/2010 **Colloquium** at the [Center for Mathematical Physics](#), Hamburg  
04/2010 [CERN](#), Genève  
03/2010 [King's College London](#)  
03/2010 [Durham university](#)  
02/2010 Augsburg university  
01/2010 [Fields and Strings Seminar](#), München  
04/2009 Bonn university  
02/2009 Utrecht university  
12/2008 [DESY](#), Hamburg  
11/2008 [Arnold Sommerfeld Center](#), München  
09/2008 [Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics](#), Golm  
05/2008 [String theory seminar](#), Bonn  
04/2007 Bonn university  
02/2006 [Max Planck Institute for Mathematics](#), Bonn