

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Academic positions

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**Depuis 02/2016** Junior researcher (CNRS)

Working at the Laboratoire de Mathématiques d'Orsay (Université Paris-Saclay, Orsay)

**08/2015–01/2016** Post-doctorate (University of Utah)

Mentor : Mladen Bestvina

**09/2012–07/2015** PhD studies (Université de Rennes 1)

Advisor : Vincent Guirardel (Professor)

Thesis : *Random walks in Out( $F_N$ ) and subgroups of automorphisms of free products*, defended on Dec. 9th, 2014.

**09/2012–08/2013** Student at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris

Master internship at Cornell University, advisor : Karen Vogtmann.

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## Awards and grants

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### 1. Awards

**2020** Kamil Duszenko award (international award in geometric group theory)

**2018** Cours Peccot (Collège de France)

### 2. Grants

- PI of an ERC Starting Grant since 2022 : “Artin groups, mapping class groups and  $\text{Out}(F_N)$  : from geometry to operator algebras via measure equivalence” (Artin-Out-ME-OA)
- Member in three projects funded by the French National Research Agency (ANR) :
  1. Since 2022 : “Groups acting on Fractals” (PI : François Dahmani)
  2. Spring 2022 : PI of the ANR Tremplin “Artin groups, mapping class groups and  $\text{Out}(F_N)$  : from geometry to operator algebras via measure equivalence”

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3. From 2016 to 2022 : “Dynamics of Automorphisms of Groups : Growth, Entropy, Random Walks” (PI : Rémi Coulon)
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## Publications and preprints

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32. C. Horbez and J. Huang. Integrable measure equivalence rigidity of right-angled Artin groups via quasi-isometry. *arXiv* :2309.12147, 2023.
31. D. Gaboriau, Y. Guerch, and C. Horbez. On the homology growth and the  $\ell^2$ -Betti numbers of  $\text{Out}(W_n)$ . *arXiv* :2209.02760, 2022.
30. C. Horbez and J. Huang. Measure equivalence rigidity among the Higman groups. *arXiv* :2206.00884, 2022.
29. S. Hensel and C. Horbez. Measure equivalence rigidity of the handlebody groups. *arXiv* :2111.10064, 2021.
28. C. Horbez, J. Huang, and A. Ioana. Orbit equivalence rigidity of irreducible actions of right-angled Artin groups. **Compos. Math.**, 159(4) :860–887, 2023.
27. V. Guirardel and C. Horbez. Measure equivalence rigidity of  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . *arXiv* :2103.03696, 2021.
26. C. Horbez and J. Huang. Measure equivalence classification of transvection-free right-angled Artin groups. **J. Éc. polytech. Math.**, 9 :1021–1067, 2022.
25. C. Horbez, J. Huang, and J. Lécureux. Proper proximality in non-positive curvature. **Amer J. Math.**, 145(5) :1327–1364, 2023.
24. V. Guirardel, C. Horbez, and J. Lécureux. Cocycle superrigidity from higher rank lattices to  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . **J. Mod. Dyn.**, 18 :291–344, 2022.
23. C. Horbez et Y. Qing and K. Rafi. Big mapping class groups with hyperbolic actions : classification and applications. **J. Inst. Math. Jussieu**, 21(6) :2173–2204, 2022.
22. C. Horbez and J. Huang. Boundary amenability and measure equivalence rigidity among two-dimensional Artin groups of hyperbolic type. *arXiv* :2004.09325, 2020.
21. A. Genevois and C. Horbez. Acylindrical hyperbolicity of automorphism groups of infinitely ended groups. **J. Topol.**, 14(3) :963–991, 2021.
20. S. Hensel, C. Horbez, and R.D. Wade. Rigidity of the Torelli subgroup in  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . *arXiv* :1910.10189, 2019.
19. C. Horbez and R.D. Wade. Commensurations of subgroups of  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . **Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.**, 373(4) :2699–2742, 2020.
18. V. Guirardel and C. Horbez. Boundaries of relative factor graphs and subgroup classification for automorphisms of free products. **Geom. Topol.**, 26(1) :71–126, 2022.
17. V. Guirardel and C. Horbez. Algebraic laminations for free products and arational trees. **Algebr. Geom. Topol.**, 19(5) :2283–2400, 2019.
16. M. Bestvina, V. Guirardel, and C. Horbez. Boundary amenability of  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . **Ann. Sci. Éc. Norm. Supér. (4)**, 55(5) :1379–1431, 2022.
15. M. Bestvina, C. Horbez, and R.D. Wade. On the topological dimension of the Gromov boundaries of some hyperbolic  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ -graphs. **Pacific J. Math.**, 308(1) :1–40, 2020.

14. V. Guirardel and C. Horbez. Morphisms from higher rank lattices to  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . Appendix to the article *Hyperbolic rigidity of higher rank lattices*, by Thomas Haettel. **Ann. Sci. Éc. Norm. Supér.** (4), 53(2) :439–468, 2020.
13. M. Bestvina and C. Horbez. A compactification of outer space which is an absolute retract. **Ann. Inst. Fourier (Grenoble)**, 69(6) :2395–2437, 2019.
12. C. Horbez Central limit theorems for mapping class groups and  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . **Geom. Topol.**, 22(1) :105–156, 2018.
11. F. Dahmani and C. Horbez Spectral theorems for random walks on mapping class groups and  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . **Int. Math. Res. Not. IMRN**, 9 :1693–2744, 2018.
10. C. Horbez. The Tits alternative for the automorphism group of a free product. *arXiv* :1408.0546, 2014.
9. C. Horbez. Hyperbolic graphs for free products, and the Gromov boundary of the graph of cyclic splittings. **J. Topol.**, 9(2) :401–450, 2016.
8. C. Horbez. The boundary of the outer space of a free product. **Israel J. Math.**, 1 :179–234, 2017.
7. C. Horbez. The horoboundary of outer space, and growth under random automorphisms. **Ann. Sci. Éc. Norm. Supér.** (4), 49(5) :1075–1123, 2016.
6. C. Horbez et R.D. Wade. Automorphisms of graphs of cyclic splittings of free groups. **Geom. Dedicata**, 178 :171–187, 2015.
5. C. Horbez. The Poisson boundary of  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . **Duke Math. J.**, 165(2) :341–369, 2016.
4. C. Horbez. Spectral rigidity for primitive elements of  $F_N$ . **J. Group Theory**, 19(1) :55–123, 2016.
3. C. Horbez. A short proof of Handel and Mosher’s alternative for subgroups of  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ . **Groups Geom. Dyn.**, 10(2) :709–721, 2016.
2. A. Hilion et C. Horbez. The hyperbolicity of the sphere complex via surgery paths. **J. Reine Angew. Math.**, 730 :135–161, 2017.
1. C. Horbez. Sphere paths in outer space. **Algebr. Geom. Topol.**, 12(4) :2493–2517, 2012.

## Talks

### 1. Mini-courses.

- 05/23** Nahsholim (Israel), Big mapping class groups (with K. Mann), *1,2,3 : Curves, Surfaces and 3-Manifolds*.
- 02/23** Bengaluru (India), Measure equivalence, negative curvature, rigidity  
*Probabilistic Methods in Group Theory*
- 12/22** Columbus (USA), Introduction to  $\text{Out}(F_N)$
- 10/14** Carcassonne, Géométrie asymptotique de  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ , *Rencontre finale de l’ANR LAM*
- 11/12** Barcelona (Spain), Hyperbolité du complexe des sphères, *Automorphisms of free groups. Cool-down workshop*.

### 2. Talks given at international conferences.

- 06/23** Orsay, *Groups and operator algebras.* (Integrable measure equivalence rigidity of right-angled Artin groups via quasi-isometry.)
- 05/23** CIRM, Luminy, *Théorie mesurée des groupes, processus stochastiques sur les groupes et combinatoire Borélienne.* (Integrable measure equivalence rigidity of right-angled Artin groups via quasi-isometry.)
- 03/23** Toronto, Fields Institute, *Workshop on Borel and Measurable Combinatorics in Algebra and Dynamics.* (Measure equivalence rigidity among the Higman groups.)
- 10/22** Madrid, *Groups in Madrid.* (A strong Tits alternative for  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ .)
- 02/22** Oberwolfach, *Geometric structures in group theory.* (Measure equivalence rigidity of  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ .)
- 10/21** Paris, *Topics in von Neumann Algebras and Geometric Group Theory* (en ligne). (Right-angled Artin groups, orbit equivalence, and von Neumann algebras.)
- 06/21** Paris, *Rencontre ANR Algèbres d'Opérateurs et Dynamique des Groupes.* (Rigidité de  $\text{Out}(F_N)$  en équivalence mesurée.)
- 10/20** Luminy, CIRM, *Measured and geometric group theory, rigidity, operator algebras.* (Right-angled Artin groups and measure equivalence.)
- 06/20** Oberwolfach, *Geometric structures in group theory.* (Boundary amenability and measure equivalence rigidity among 2-dimensional Artin groups of hyperbolic type.)
- 09/19** Bielefeld, *Outer space in Bielefeld.* (Rigidity of the Torelli subgroup in  $\text{Out}(F_N)$ .)
- 06/19** Luminy, CIRM, *Aspects of Non-Positive and Negative Curvature in Group Theory*
- 05/19** Banach Center, Warsaw, *Non-positive curvature*
- 08/18** Midway (Utah, US), *Summer 2018 Wasatch Topology Conference*
- 07/18** Warwick, *Graphs, surfaces, and cube complexes*
- 04/18** Warwick, *Geometry of outer spaces and outer automorphism groups*
- 02/18** Luminy, CIRM, *Geometry of Groups and 3-Manifolds*
- 09/17** Regensburg, *Non-Positively Curved Groups and Spaces*
- 09/17** Ventotene, *Moduli spaces*
- 06/17** Oberwolfach, *Geometric structures in group theory*
- 01/17** Cambridge, Newton Institute, *Non-positive curvature in action*
- 10/16** Berkeley, MSRI, *Geometry of mapping class groups and  $\text{Out}(F_n)$*
- 08/16** Berkeley, MSRI, *Geometric Group Theory, Introductory Workshop*
- 02/16** Karlsruhe, *Young Geometric Group Theory V*
- 04/15** Park City (Utah), *Summer 2015 Wasatch Topology Conference*
- 07/15** Luminy, CIRM, *Impacts of geometric group theory*
- 06/15** Dubrovnik, *Geometric Topology, Geometric Group Theory and Dynamical Systems*
- 06/15** Notre Dame, *International Conference on Boundaries and Ergodic Geometry*
- 05/15** Austin, *Workshop on Mapping Class Groups and  $\text{Out}(F_n)$*
- 06/14** Rennes, *Geometric, dynamical and combinatorial aspects of infinite groups*
- 07/13** Marseille, *The geometry of outer space : investigated through its analogy with Teichmüller space*
- 06/13** Oberwolfach, *Geometric structures in group theory*

## 2. Seminar talks

- 2023** Orsay, Avignon, Münster
- 2022** Genève, Séminaire virtuel francophone de Groupes et Géométrie (en ligne), Université Paris-Cité, Villetaneuse, San Diego, Ohio State University (Columbus – mini-cours)
- 2021** Geometric Group Theory in East Asia Seminar (en ligne), UCLA (en ligne), Warwick (en ligne), ENS Lyon
- 2020** ENS Lyon (en ligne), Université de Paris (deux fois, en ligne), Group Actions Seminar (en ligne)
- 2019** Munich, Nantes, Rennes, Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City, Ohio State University, Toronto
- 2018** Bordeaux, Avignon, Mexico, Kingston, Toronto, Buffalo, McGill University (Montréal)
- 2017** IHES, Lyon, Toronto, Ecole Polytechnique
- 2015** Orsay, Paris VI, Marseille, Vienne, Berlin, Montréal, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), Nantes, Toulouse, Lille, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City, Vancouver, Yale University (New Haven), Rice University (Houston)
- 2014** Rennes, Orsay, Caen, Strasbourg, Genève, Grenoble
- 2013** Marseille, Münster, Rennes
- 2012** Marseille, Bonn
- 2011** Cornell University (Ithaca)

## 3. Colloquia

- 10/18** Queen's University (Kingston, Canada)
- 10/15** University of Oklahoma

## 4. Visiting positions for participation in thematic programmes

- 04/22–07/22** Institut Henri Poincaré, Paris : Participation (as an organizer) to the trimester *Groups acting on fractals, hyperbolicity and self-similarity*
- 08/18–12/18** Fields Institute, Toronto : Participation to the semester *Teichmüller Theory and its Connections to Geometry, Topology and Dynamics*
- 08/16–12/16** Mathematical Sciences Research Institute (MSRI), Berkeley : Participation to the semester *Geometric Group Theory*

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## **Responsibilities**

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## 1. Organization of scientific events

- 07/24** Organizer of a workshop on Orbit equivalence in Besse (with Matthieu Joseph, François Le Maître and Romain Tessera)
- 03/24** Organizer of the conference “Rigidity in group theory : geometric and ergodic aspects” in Orsay (in the context of the ANR GoFR project)
- 04/22–07/22** Organization, with François Dahmani, Anna Erschler and Dani Wise, of a trimester at the Institut Henri Poincaré : “Groups acting on fractals, Hyperbolicity and Self-similarity”. Member of the organization committee of two conferences during the trimester :
- Introductory school at the CIRM, Luminy (with François Dahmani, Tullia Dymarz and Peter Haïssinsky)
  - Conference “Mapping class groups and  $\text{Out}(F_n)$ ” (with Hyungryul Baik, Mladen Bestvina, Kasra Rafi and Karen Vogtmann).
- 05/18** Organization (with Rémi Coulon and Arnaud Hilion) of a conference “Right-angled Artin groups and their automorphisms” in Orsay (as part of the ANR DAGGER project).

## 2. Seminars organized

- Since 2023** Organizer, with Matthieu Joseph, of the seminar *Groups and actions* (Orsay).
- 2021–2023** Organizer, with Cyril Houdayer, of the seminar *Groups and operator algebras* (Orsay).
- 2019** Organizer, with Anne Vaugon, of a working seminar *Geometric group theory, symplectic geometry and contact geometry* (Orsay).
- 2017–2020** Organizer, with Daniel Monclair, Damien Thomine and Anne Vaugon, of the team seminar *Geometry, Topology and Dynamics* (Orsay).

## 3. Thesis committee

- 07/22** Oussama Bensaid, *On coarse embeddings among groups and metric spaces* (Université Paris-Cité, advisor : Romain Tessera).

## 4. Committees

- 2020** Member of a selection committee for a Maître de Conférences position, Dijon.
- Since 2019** Member of the CCUPS (Orsay), consultative committee for questions related to careers in the department.
- 2018–2023** Member of the selection committee for the Hadamard Post-Doc Fellowships (Université Paris-Saclay).

## 5. Referee for many journals, reviewer for *MathSciNet*.

## Advising experience

## 1. PhD student

**2019–2022** Co-advisor, with Frédéric Paulin, of Yassine Guerch's thesis, entitled “Geometry, dynamics and rigidity of automorphism groups of free products”. Yassine Guerch is now a post-doc at ENS Lyon.

## 2. Post-docs

**09/2023**– Post-doc mentor for Amandine Escalier (on my ERC project Artin-Out-ME-OA).

**10/2022**– Post-doc mentor for Matthieu Joseph (Hadamard post-doc).

## 3. Master theses and pre-doctoral advising

**Spring 2024** Mentor of the master thesis of Alexandra Gurieva.

**Fall 2023** Mentor of a pre-doctoral fellowship of Antoine Derimay (ENS Lyon).

**Spring 2020** Mentor of a pre-doctoral fellowship of Corentin Le Bars (ENS Lyon).

**Spring 2019** Mentor of the master thesis of Yassine Guerch.

**Spring 2018** Mentor of the master thesis of Chloé Papin.

**Spring 2017** Mentor of the Erasmus master project of Robin Sroka.

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## Teaching experience

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**2018—2019** Master course *Introduction to geometric group theory* (20h).

**2017** Co-organizer, with Élise Goujard, of a lecture group for master students (topic : surface groups and mapping class groups)

**2012–2014** Exercise sessions at Université de Rennes 1 (linear algebra, low-dimensional geometry, analysis for students in biology).