

# Mika Göös

Curriculum Vitae, 2018

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## 1. Employment and Education

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**Institute for Advanced Study** 2018 – Present  
*Member, School of Mathematics*

**Harvard University** 2016 – 2018  
*Michael O. Rabin Postdoctoral Fellowship*

**Simons Institute, Berkeley** Spring 2017  
*Simons–Berkeley Research Fellowship, Pseudorandomness program*

**University of Toronto** 2012 – 2016  
*PhD studies in Theoretical Computer Science*  
– Supervisor: Prof. Toniann Pitassi  
– PhD thesis: [Communication Lower Bounds via Query Complexity](#)  
– Co-recipient of [EATCS Distinguished Dissertation Award 2017](#)

**University of Helsinki** 2011 – 2012  
*PhD studies in Theoretical Computer Science*  
– Supervisor: Ass.-Prof. Jukka Suomela  
– Transferred over to University of Toronto

**University of Oxford** 2010 – 2011  
*MSc in Mathematics and the Foundations of Computer Science (with distinction)*  
– Supervisors: Prof. Michael J. Collins & Prof. Oliver Riordan  
– MSc thesis: [Expansion in Soluble Groups](#)

**Aalto University** 2007 – 2010  
*BSc in Computer Science with minor in Mathematics (with distinction)*  
– Supervisor: Prof. Pekka Orponen  
– BSc thesis: [Creative Sets and Myhill’s Isomorphism Theorem](#)

## 2. Visiting Positions

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**IBM Research Almaden** Summer 2015  
*Research intern in Theoretical Computer Science*  
– Mentor: T.S. Jayram

**Microsoft Research Silicon Valley** Summer 2014  
*Research intern in Theoretical Computer Science*  
– Mentor: Raghu Meka

### 3. Scholarships

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- **Simons Award** for Graduate Students in Theoretical CS 2015
- **Alfred B. Lehman** Graduate Scholarship in CS 2013

### 4. Selected Talks

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- Princeton University, Theory Lunch September 21, 2018  
*Title:* Adventures in Monotone Complexity and TFNP
- Simons Institute, Workshop on Boolean Devices September 11, 2018  
*Title:* Monotone Circuit Lower Bounds from Resolution  
*Link:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eClgsBTil8>
- Simons Institute, Workshop on Extended Formulations November 8, 2017  
*Title:* Independent Set Polytopes: Query vs. Communication Perspective  
*Link:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3XQd59Kaq8>
- FOCS'17, Workshop on Hardness Escalation October 14, 2017  
*Title:* Monotone Circuit Lower Bounds from Resolution
- BIRS, Communication Complexity and Applications II March 21, 2017  
*Title:* Query-to-Communication Lifting  
*Link:* <http://videos.birs.ca/2017/17w5147/201703210904-Goos.mp4>
- BIRS, Computational Complexity September 6, 2016  
*Title:* Extension Complexity of Independent Set Polytopes  
*Link:* <http://videos.birs.ca/2016/16w5044/201609061314-Goos.mp4>
- National University of Singapore, IMS Workshop January 19, 2016  
*Title:* Extended Formulations and Circuit Complexity
- MIT, Theory of Computation Colloquium October 6, 2015  
*Title:* Communication Complexity vs. Partition Numbers
- TCS+ Online Seminar September 30, 2015  
*Title:* Communication Complexity vs. Partition Numbers  
*Link:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_UUh62NKBU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_UUh62NKBU)
- IAS, Theoretical Computer Science/Discrete Mathematics February 23, 2015  
*Title:* Lower Bounds for Clique vs. Independent Set  
*Link:* <https://video.ias.edu/csdm/2015/0223-MikaGoos>
- China Theory Week, Beijing, China September 9, 2014  
*Title:* Open Problems in Communication Complexity

### 5. Community Service

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- **Journal reviewing:** Journal of the ACM, Algorithmica, Theory of Computing, Theoretical Computer Science, Distributed Computing, Chicago Journal of Theoretical Computer Science
- **Conference reviewing:** FOCS, STOC, PODC, ICALP, ITCS, DISC, STACS, RANDOM, ISAAC, ESA, SPAA, SWAT, SIROCCO, CSR, ICDCN
- **Other:** Review of DISC 2012 for *SIGACT News*, doi:10.1145/2421119.2421140

## 6. Publications

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- [1] Mika Göös, Pritish Kamath, Robert Robere, and Dmitry Sokolov. Adventures in monotone complexity and TFNP. In *Proceedings of the 10th Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS'19)*, 2019. To appear. URL: <https://eccc.weizmann.ac.il/report/2018/163/>
- [2] Mika Göös and Aviad Rubinfeld. Near-optimal communication lower bounds for approximate Nash equilibria. In *Proceedings of the 59th Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS'18)*, pages 397–403. IEEE, 2018. Invited to [Special Issue](#). [arXiv:1805.06387](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.06387)
- [3] Ankit Garg, Mika Göös, Pritish Kamath, and Dmitry Sokolov. Monotone circuit lower bounds from Resolution. In *Proceedings of the 50th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC'18)*, pages 902–911. ACM, 2018. Invited to Theory of Computing. [doi:10.1145/3188745.3188838](https://doi.org/10.1145/3188745.3188838)
- [4] Yi-Hsiu Chen, Mika Göös, Salil Vadhan, and Jiapeng Zhang. A tight lower bound for entropy flattening. In *Proceedings of the 33rd Conference on Computational Complexity (CCC'18)*, volume 102, pages 23:1–23:28. Schloss Dagstuhl, 2018. [doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2018.23](https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2018.23)
- [5] Mika Göös, Toniann Pitassi, and Thomas Watson. Query-to-communication lifting for BPP. In *Proceedings of the 58th Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS'17)*, pages 132–143. IEEE, 2017. Invited to [Special Issue](#). [doi:10.1109/FOCS.2017.21](https://doi.org/10.1109/FOCS.2017.21)
- [6] Mika Göös, Pritish Kamath, Toniann Pitassi, and Thomas Watson. Query-to-communication lifting for  $P^{NP}$ . In *Proceedings of the 32nd Computational Complexity Conference (CCC'17)*, pages 12:1–12:16. Schloss Dagstuhl, 2017. [doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2017.12](https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2017.12)
- [7] Mika Göös, Rahul Jain, and Thomas Watson. Extension complexity of independent set polytopes. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 47(1):241–269, 2018. Conference version in [\(FOCS'16\)](#). [doi:10.1137/16M109884X](https://doi.org/10.1137/16M109884X)
- [8] Anurag Anshu, Aleksandrs Belovs, Shalev Ben-David, Mika Göös, Rahul Jain, Robin Kothari, Troy Lee, and Miklos Santha. Separations in communication complexity using cheat sheets and information complexity. In *Proceedings of the 57th Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS'16)*, pages 555–564. IEEE, 2016. [doi:10.1109/FOCS.2016.66](https://doi.org/10.1109/FOCS.2016.66)
- [9] Mika Göös and T.S. Jayram. A composition theorem for conical juntas. In *Proceedings of the 31st Conference on Computational Complexity (CCC'16)*, pages 5:1–5:16. Schloss Dagstuhl, 2016. [doi:10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2016.5](https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.CCC.2016.5)
- [10] Mika Göös, Toniann Pitassi, and Thomas Watson. The landscape of communication complexity classes. *Computational Complexity*, 27(2):245–304, 2018. Conference version in [\(ICALP'16\)](#). [doi:10.1007/s00037-018-0166-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00037-018-0166-6)
- [11] Mika Göös, Juho Hirvonen, Reut Levi, Moti Medina, and Jukka Suomela. Non-local probes do not help with many graph problems. In *Proceedings of the 30th Symposium on Distributed Computing (DISC'16)*, pages 201–214. Springer, 2016. [doi:10.1007/978-3-662-53426-7\\_15](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-53426-7_15)
- [12] Mika Göös. Lower bounds for clique vs. independent set. In *Proceedings of the 56th Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS'15)*, pages 1066–1076. IEEE, 2015. [Machtey award](#). [doi:10.1109/FOCS.2015.69](https://doi.org/10.1109/FOCS.2015.69)
- [13] Mika Göös, T.S. Jayram, Toniann Pitassi, and Thomas Watson. Randomized communication vs. partition number. *ACM Transactions on Computation Theory*, 10(1):4:1–4:20, 2018. Conference version in [\(ICALP'17\)](#). [doi:10.1145/3170711](https://doi.org/10.1145/3170711)

- [14] Mika Göös, Toniann Pitassi, and Thomas Watson. Deterministic communication vs. partition number. In *Proceedings of the 56th Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS'15)*, pages 1077–1088. IEEE, 2015. Invited to **Special Issue**. doi:10.1109/FOCS.2015.70
- [15] Mika Göös, Shachar Lovett, Raghu Meka, Thomas Watson, and David Zuckerman. Rectangles are nonnegative juntas. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 45(5):1835–1869, 2016. Conference version in **(STOC'15)**. doi:10.1137/15M103145X
- [16] Mika Göös, Toniann Pitassi, and Thomas Watson. Zero-information protocols and unambiguity in Arthur–Merlin communication. *Algorithmica*, 76(3):684–719, 2016. Conference version in **(ITCS'15)**. doi:10.1007/s00453-015-0104-9
- [17] Mika Göös and Thomas Watson. Communication complexity of set-disjointness for all probabilities. *Theory of Computing*, 12(9):1–23, 2016. **Special Issue** for **(RANDOM'14)**. doi:10.4086/toc.2016.v012a009
- [18] Mika Göös and Toniann Pitassi. Communication lower bounds via critical block sensitivity. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, pages 1778–1806, 2018. Conference version in **(STOC'14)**. doi:10.1137/16M1082007
- [19] Mika Göös, Juho Hirvonen, and Jukka Suomela. Linear-in- $\Delta$  lower bounds in the LOCAL model. *Distributed Computing*, pages 86–95, 2017. **Special Issue** for **(PODC'14)**. doi:10.1007/s00446-015-0245-8
- [20] Pierre Fraigniaud, Mika Göös, Amos Korman, and Jukka Suomela. What can be decided locally without identifiers? In *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC'13)*, pages 157–165. ACM, 2013. doi:10.1145/2484239.2484264
- [21] Magnus Find, Mika Göös, Matti Järvisalo, Petteri Kaski, Mikko Koivisto, and Janne H. Korhonen. Separating OR, SUM, and XOR circuits. *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*, 82(5):793–801, 2016. doi:10.1016/j.jcss.2016.01.001
- [22] Pierre Fraigniaud, Mika Göös, Amos Korman, Merav Parter, and David Peleg. Randomized distributed decision. *Distributed Computing*, 27(6):419–434, 2014. **Special Issue** for **(DISC'12)**. doi:10.1007/s00446-014-0211-x
- [23] Mika Göös and Jukka Suomela. No sublogarithmic-time approximation scheme for bipartite vertex cover. *Distributed Computing*, 27(6):435–443, 2013. Conference version in **(DISC'12)**. **Best paper award**. doi:10.1007/s00446-013-0194-z
- [24] Mika Göös, Juho Hirvonen, and Jukka Suomela. Lower bounds for local approximation. *Journal of the ACM*, 60(5):175–184, 2014. Conference version in **(PODC'12)**. **Best student paper award**. doi:10.1145/2528405
- [25] Mika Göös and Jukka Suomela. Locally checkable proofs in distributed computing. *Theory of Computing*, 2016. Conference version in **(PODC'11)**. doi:10.4086/toc.2016.v012a019
- [26] Mika Göös, Tuomo Lempiäinen, Eugen Czeizler, and Pekka Orponen. Search methods for tile sets in patterned DNA self-assembly. *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*, 80(1):297–319, 2014. doi:10.1016/j.jcss.2013.08.003