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EDUCATION

University of Manchester

September 2020 - February 2025

PhD High Energy Physics

Manchester, UK

- Thesis: *Novel Boosted $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ Reconstruction Techniques for TeV-Scale Graviton Search in $HH \rightarrow b\bar{b}\tau_{\mu}\tau_{\text{had}}$ Channel with the ATLAS Detector*

University of Manchester

September 2018 - June 2020

Master of Physics

Manchester, UK

- First Class Honours
- Ranked 30th out of 150 students in the final year.

Shandong University

September 2015 - June 2018

BSc Physics

Jinan, CN

- Overall GPA: 83.3

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Oxford

April 2025 - April 2028

Postdoctoral Research Associate

Oxford, UK

- Three-year post with a prospective start date in April 2025.
- Supervised by Prof. Chris Hays.

Qube Research and Technology

August 2022 - February 2023

Intern Quantitative Researcher

London, UK

- Main contributor to the 10-Q and 10-K financial reports similarity analysis using NLP techniques.
- Conducted a similar project on sentiment analysis of Japanese financial reports.
- Designed and developed novel algorithms to identify abnormal data in the financial time-series.
- Developed and validated a price correction model for corporate events for equities.
- Collaborated with a team to develop and optimise database infrastructure for real-time financial market data, enhancing data retrieval and storage efficiency.
- Hold return offer for a full-time position.

University of Manchester

September 2020 - September 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Manchester, UK

- Demonstrator in the C++ / Python laboratories for year-2 and year-3 undergraduate physics students.
- Demonstrator in the year-3 particle physics laboratory for undergraduate students.
- Prepared a set of interactive electromagnetic field and radiation animations for the year-3 electrodynamics course. Used in the lectures and made available offline to the students to use and modify.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

ATLAS experiment, CERN

April 2025 - September 2028

ATLAS Software Development Grant

Geneva, CH

- Six-month project to develop and enhance the ATLAS offline software.
- Merge custom inference implementations from various groups into a unified version.
- Integrate new machine learning inferencing technology.

University of Manchester

PhD Project

September 2020 - September 2024

Manchester, UK

- Supervised by Prof. Terry Wyatt FRS.
- Proposed, developed, implemented, and tested improved methods to identify the highly boosted pair production of the τ leptons in the lep-had channels — the electron-removal τ_{had} and the muon-removal τ_{had} reconstruction applied in Athena.
- Algorithms went through strict scrutiny, now running in Tier-0 ATLAS data processing system. These methods have been adopted by the ATLAS collaboration as the recommended taggers for boosted $\tau_{\text{lep}}\tau_{\text{had}}$ identification.
- The muon-removal τ_{had} technique has been benchmarked with data, achieving a three- to five-fold improvement in the signal efficiency and signal-to-background ratio. Paper accepted by EPJC.
- Single-handedly performing a search for resonant production of Higgs boson pairs in the highly boosted $bb\tau\tau$ channel.
- Member of the Run 2+3 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow \mu\mu\tau\mu\tau_{\text{had}}$ analysis, which uses the muon-removal τ_{had} reconstruction as a key ingredient.
- Three papers are scheduled to be published for the benefit of the ATLAS collaboration, in which I will be the primary author.
- Presented the TauCP group summary talk at the ATLAS 30th birthday week, 2022, Lisbon.
- Expert reviewer for the ATLAS Run 2 $H \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\tau$ analysis.

ATLAS experiment, CERN

Developer and Maintainer

April 2022 - August 2022

Geneva, CH

- Long-term-attached PhD student.
- Developer and reviewer for Athena, the ATLAS offline software.
- Senior shifter in the ATLAS software merge requests review team.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gasala, Remote Village

Volunteer Primary School Teacher

June 2016 - September 2017

Sichuan, CN

- Led a team of volunteers.
- Organised math and science lessons for school-age children.

Shandong University

Associate Lead of Student Union

September 2015 - June 2017

Jinan, CN

- Organised voluntary activities for the university.
- Led a team of student representatives.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Programming

Proficient in programming with C/C++ and Python

Data related

Machine learning, big data analysis, statistical analysis

Teamwork

Strong communication skills in highly collaborative environments

Languages

Chinese (Native), English (Professional)

Interests

Graphic design, accelerated / distributed computing