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BIO

Enthusiastic and hard working **software developer**, **data scientist** and **Ph.D. researcher** in theoretical particle physics with well-honed **academic**, **technical**, **professional** and **interpersonal skills** including a proven ability to **communicate** complex scientific concepts to **diverse audiences**.

SKILLS

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Experienced:

C/C++ • Python • CI/CD • Git • Linux/Unix • Bash/Shell • \LaTeX • Data Science • Software Development • High Performance Computing • Statistical Analysis • Primary and Secondary Databases • Data Visualisation • Docker & Containerisation • Multithreading / Multiprocessing

Familiar:

Machine Learning • HTML • CSS
JavaScript • Fortran • SQL • XML

PROFESSIONAL & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Science Communication • Confident Presentation • Management • Leadership • Strong Work Ethic • Time Management • Teamwork • Problem Solving

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Arabic (fluent)
French (highly proficient)

AWARDS

ST. CUTHBERT'S SOC., DURHAM UNIVERSITY

- New Student of the Year (2015).
- Randal Michie Prize (2016).
- Principal's Award for Outstanding Contribution to College Life (2019).

INTERESTS

- Research
- Science Outreach
- Machine Learning and Data Science
- Computational Physics and Biology
- Climate Science
- Informatics and Bioinformatics

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PH.D. CANDIDATE IN THEORETICAL PARTICLE PHYSICS

IPPP, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Oct 2019 - Present

Examination results: 99.5%

- **Developing software** implementation of a merging procedure for high energy (with **HEJ**) and soft-collinear resummation (with **Pythia**).
- Using **C++** to develop applications for use on **high performance computing** systems following a **test-based** approach.
- Working in the **Linux/Unix** environment and with **version control** systems in **GitLab** with **continuous integration** to streamline the development process.
- Using **Python** to interpret **data structures** in predictions made with High Energy Physics (HEP) software and perform **statistical analyses** of the results.
- Displayed strong **management** and **organisational** skills in **organising conferences** and in **teaching** undergraduate students in **physics** courses and teaching postgraduate students in **data science** and **high performance computing** courses.

M.SCI NATURAL SCIENCES IN MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Oct 2015 - July 2019

Classification: First Class Honours

Thesis: *Jet Multiplicity Measurements at the LHC*

- Integrated Masters degree in mathematics and physics, specialised into **theoretical** and **computational particle physics**.
- Topics include: **Numerical Analysis**, Probability and **Statistics**, Partial Differential Equations, **Analysis in Many Variables**, Complex Analysis, **Quantum Computing** and Optics, Quantum Field Theory, Condensed Matter Theory.

SUMMER RESEARCH STUDENT

IPPP, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Jul 2018 - Aug 2018

- **Awarded** one month studentship at the IPPP, Durham producing predictions for Higgs boson production at the LHC with the **Sherpa Monte Carlo** event generator.
- Produced sophisticated tools in **Python** to **pre-process** the data as **images**.
- Produced simple **machine learning** analysis in **Python** (w/ **sklearn**) to classify the production mechanisms of the Higgs with promising results.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

PROFILING APPLICATIONS IN C/C++ AND PYTHON

OCT 2022 | IPPP COMPUTING SEMINAR SERIES, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

[Presentation Material Available](#)

ALL-ORDER MERGING OF HIGH ENERGY AND SOFT-COLLINEAR RESUMMATION

AUG 2022 | ISMD 2022, PITLOCHRY, SCOTLAND

[Presentation Material Available](#)

PYTHON PROJECTS AND UNIT TESTING

FEB 2022 | IPPP COMPUTING SEMINAR SERIES, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

[Presentation Material Available](#)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

HIGH ENERGY RESUMMED PREDICTIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A HIGGS BOSON WITH AT LEAST ONE JET

SUBMITTED OCT 2022 • JOURNAL OF HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS • PREPRINT: [ARXIV:2210.10671](#)

HEJ+PYTHIA: ALL-ORDER MERGING OF HIGH ENERGY AND SOFT-COLLINEAR RESUMMATION

EXPECTED EARLY 2023

EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORTING EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT OF YTF22 CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

IPPP, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Sept 2022 - Jan 2023

- Led the **organisation** of a **hybrid conference** of **~80 in-person** attendees and **~40 online** for early career researchers from around the UK.
- Displayed strong **organisational** and **management** skills in **directing a committee** of 10 for the months before and after the conference.
- Secured **funding** amounting to over 5,000 from several sponsors including the Institute of Physics and other **academic** and **corporate institutions**.
- Ensured smooth running of the conference by **managing the available time** to overcome **logistical** hurdles well in advance of the conference and oversaw the **publicising** of the event to other institutions.
- Gathered experience producing **risk assessments** and taking **health and safety** precautions for large events.
- Conference **website available** on: [Indico](#)

ORGANISER OF IPPP COMPUTING SEMINAR SERIES

IPPP, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Jan 2022 - Present

- **Co-organised** internal speakers for the IPPP computing club seminar series on interesting topics related to and outside the scope of research at the IPPP to an audience of **postgraduate students**, **postdoctoral researchers** and **senior academics**.
- Gained **logistical** experience in hosting regular events in the work environment (e.g. room booking, **risk assessments**, **timetabling** and liaising with speakers).
- Presented (see [Presentations](#)) several topics including **unit testing**, **profiling**, **debugging** during this seminar series to *diverse* audiences.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Oct 2018 - Present

- Employed part time by Dept. of Mathematical Sciences (2018-2019) and Dept. of Physics (2019-present) as a **homework/examination marker** and **postgraduate teaching assistant** in: Complex Analysis (2018-19), Relativistic Electrodynamics (2019-22), Quantum Theory (2019-23), Classical Mechanics (2019-23).
- Marking role involves producing **constructive feedback** for students on their scripts and **liaising** with the lecturers to outline where students struggled such that the teaching can reflect this.
- Teaching assistant role involves preparing for workshop style lessons, demonstrating the material during the workshops (twice weekly, each with ~ 40 students) and **interacting constructively** with students to ensure their comprehension.
- **2022**: Taught **postgraduate students** in practical demonstration sessions on **data science** techniques and **high performance computing** including OpenMP and MPI.

COURSES, WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

- EMBL-EBI Introductory Bioinformatics (Aug 2022)
- Introduction to Profiling with the Intel toolchain (Jul 2022)
- STFC Summer School on Data Intensive Science (Sept 2021)
- British Universities Summer School for Theoretical and Experimental Particle Physics (BUSSTEPP) (Jan 2021)
- DCAD - Effective Remote Working (May 2020)
- Introduction to Postgraduate Teaching and Demonstration (Oct 2019)

OUTREACH AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR

MEMBER OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

IPPP, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Oct 2021 - Present

- Organised, led and participated in in-depth discussions related to **equity**, **diversity** and **inclusion** (EDI) in our department.
- Examined and interpreted **data** relevant to EDI initiatives in department and have transmitted these to other departments.
- Co-drafted an inclusive **code of conduct** to be used in future conferences in the research group.

MEMBER OF OUTREACH COMMITTEE

IPPP, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

Oct 2019 - Present

- Produced and held **demonstrations** on science to schools and the **general public** at such events as *Celebrate Science* and *Pint of Science*.
- Responsible for producing and maintaining **technical apparatus** used in demonstrations including a Galton board and a model dark matter detector, instructions for use hosted on my IPPP [website](#).
- Founder of cloud chamber project: we produce a sophisticated simulation of a cloud chamber for use in outreach demonstrations at schools (written in **C++** and **WASM** with code hosted on [GitLab](#)).

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST