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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 • Documentation (sphinx, doxygen)

Familiar:
Machine Learning • HTML • CSS JavaScript • Fortran • SQL • XML • Wolfram Mathematica

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).
- Ranald 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 (thesis submitted: 31/05/2023)
Qualifying examination results: 99.5%

- **Developing software** implementation of a merging procedure for **Monte Carlo** simulations of particle collisions at the LHC.
- 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`, using **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.
- **Awarded** one month studentship at the IPPP, Durham (Jul 2018 - Aug 2018) producing predictions for Higgs boson production at the LHC with **Monte Carlo** event generators.
  - Produced sophisticated tools in **Python** to **pre-process** the data as **images**.
  - Produced simple unsupervised **machine learning** analysis in **Python** (w/ `sklearn`) to classify the production mechanisms of the Higgs.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

PROFILING APPLICATIONS IN C/C++ AND PYTHON

Oct 2022 | IPPP Computing Seminar Series, Durham University
Presentation Material Available Online

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

Aug 2022 | ISMD 2022, Pitlochry, Scotland
Presentation Material Available Online

PYTHON PROJECTS AND UNIT TESTING

Feb 2022 | IPPP Computing Seminar Series, Durham University
Presentation Material Available Online

DEBUGGING C++ WITH GDB

Nov 2021 | IPPP Computing Seminar Series, Durham University
Presentation Material Available Online

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

HEJ 2.2: W BOSON PAIRS AND HIGGS BOSON PLUS JET PRODUCTION AT HIGH ENERGIES

Submitted Mar 2023 • SciPost Physics Codebases• Preprint: arXiv:2303.15778

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

Submitted Oct 2022 • Journal of High Energy Physics • DOI: 10.1007/JHEP03(2023)001

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** and ∼**40 online** attendees 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 GBP 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.
- Co-developed conference **website**, which is hosted by 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 selected presentations above) several topics including **unit testing**, **profiling**, **debugging** during this seminar series to audiences with **diverse** backgrounds.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Durham University
Oct 2018 - Present

- Employed part time by Dept. of Mathematical Sciences (2018-2019) and Dept. of Physics (2019-2023) 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 CONFERENCES

- Courses: **Archer2** courses on **High Performance Computing** including **parallel performance** analysis with **Scalasca** (Aug 2023)
- Conference: **Parton Showers and Resummation** (Jun 2023)
- Conference: **International Sympososium on Multiparticle Dynamics (ISMD) 2022** (Jul 2022)
- Course: **Introduction to Profiling with the Intel toolchain** (Jun 2022)
- Workshop: **15th Monte Carlo Net Summer School and Kraków School of Theoretical Physics** (May 2022)
- Course: **STFC Summer School on Data Intensive Science** (Sept 2021)

OUTREACH AND EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

NUFFIELD RESEARCH PLACEMENT SUPERVISOR

IPPP, Durham University
Jul 2023 - Aug 2023

- **Principal author** and **supervisor** for two summer research placement students at IPPP, Durham.
- Produced **Jupyter** notebook project on exploring **statistics** in the context of **theoretical predictions** and **experimental data** in particle physics - hosted online at: https://hitham2496.gitlab.io/he-pheno-nuffield/.
- Project is due to be used for further outreach initiatives based at Durham University.

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 — including reforms for the graduate researcher selection process.
- Co-drafted an inclusive **code of conduct** to be used in future conferences in the research group.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST