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## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012- **Performance Analyst at Caterham F1** Vehicle Dynamic and Aerodynamic analysis of car performance. Heavy emphasis on coding new, reusable tools in MATLAB and Python with web-based interfaces
- 2009-2011 **Group Leader for Full Blue Racing** (Cambridge University Formula Student team): designed the intake for the 2010 and 2011 cars, assisted with chassis design, coordinated large portions of the construction, acted as sponsor liason and designed the team's website ([www.fullblueracing.co.uk](http://www.fullblueracing.co.uk))
- 2004-2005 **E.J. Holyoake Commercial Body Builder**, Shrewsbury: restoring classic vehicles and repairing commercial and industrial vehicles
- 2000 **Computer technician** at Regency Computers, Shrewsbury: Saturday job building and fixing computers

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## EDUCATION

- 2007-2011 **Ph.D. in Granular Dynamics**, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics & Trinity College, University of Cambridge
- 2006-2007 **Masters Degree in Mathematics**, Trinity College, UoC
- 2005-2007 **Certificate and Diploma in Modern Greek** (Degree Level), Trinity College, UoC
- 2003-2006 **First Class B.A. (Hons) in Mathematics** Trinity College, UoC
- June 2003 **Sixth Term Examination Papers 2 and 3** (Grade S - outstanding)
- 2001-2003 **6 A levels and 1 AS level** all grade A
- 1996-2001 **14 GCSEs**, 11 A\* including English and German

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## MAJOR AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2007-2010 **Research council (NERC) studentship** for duration of Ph.D. to cover university fees, lab costs, field work, conference costs and £13,000 maintenance grant per year. Extra 6 months awarded for promising research
- 2006,2007 **Language Bursary** worth £1600 p.a. to study Modern Greek in Greece
- 2006 **Trinity College Senior Scholarship** For first class degree
- June 2006 **Heilbronn Prize** for outstanding final year result
- 2004 **Trinity College Junior Scholarship** For first class degree in first year

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## RESEARCH RECORD

- 2007-2011 **Ph.D.:** *"Rapid Granular Flows in an Inclined Chute"*  
Investigating accelerating chute flows; conducted experiments collecting data with bespoke software (C, MATLAB); filtered, processed and analysed data, and compared with solutions produced from a custom non-linear PDE solver
- 2011-2012 **First-authored paper** with title "High-speed granular flows" in the Journal of Fluid Mechanics (Journal of Fluid Mechanics)
- March 2009 **Conducted 3-week fieldwork** at Swiss Avalanche Institute studying snow avalanches
- 2008,2009 **Presented work at leading international conference** in field (Gordon Granular Conference, Maine, US)
- 2007-2009 **Gave several presentations** in Cambridge in various talk series

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## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

2012-	<b>Performance Analysis</b> Technical / Implementation lead of a small group of analysts developing reusable tools with innovative user interfaces. Mathworks liaison providing basic training to other employees
2012-	<b>Staff Coffee</b> Implemented company wide site to order coffee centrally for a discount. Managed deliveries etc.
2012	<b>Property Development</b> sole project manager and instigator of a small residential development project on a brown field site
2011	<b>Mathematicians' Coffee</b> raised money, organised academic book collection and encouraged attendance to promote communication within the department
2009-2010	<b>Organised a series of weekly talks</b> for the G.K. Batchelor fluids lab, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge

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## TEACHING & COMMUNICATION

2007-2011	<b>Supervisor in Mathematics:</b> taught small groups of Cambridge undergraduate students; more than 170 hours of teaching of several degree level courses, ranging from introductory first year subjects to advanced final year topics
2007-2011	<b>Coursework Demonstrator</b> programme: assisted Cambridge Mathematics undergraduate students with programming in Matlab and C
2008	<b>Mentored inner city Sixth Form Students</b> during Cambridge Summer School programme
2005	<b>Teaching assistant</b> for GCSE Resit Class at Hills' Road Sixth Form College

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## COMPUTING

<b>Matlab + MEX (C Extensions)</b>	Expert; data processing, calibration routines and non-linear PDE solver (finite volume and spectral)
<b>HTML, CSS, PHP, Javascript (Client and server side)</b>	Proficient
<b>C / C++ (Linux and Windows frameworks)</b>	Proficient; data acquisition and time critical Matlab routines
<b>Mathematical .NET</b>	Intermediate; implementations of mathematical algorithms for use in other components
<b>Python</b>	Proficient
<b>Office Suite &amp; VBA</b>	Proficient
<b>BASH</b>	Proficient
<b>L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</b>	Proficient
<b>Solidworks CAD</b>	Proficient; air intake design for Formula Student
<b>Digiflow (experiment analysis)</b>	Proficient; Particle Image Velocimetry routines and data acquisition
<b>Operating systems</b>	Excellent knowledge of using and administrating Linux systems (Gentoo and Ubuntu) and Windows; also proficient with OSX and cursory knowledge of XCode

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## OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

<b>Languages</b>	Greek (degree level), German (intermediate), French (intermediate)
<b>Driving</b>	Full clean driving licence
<b>Sport</b>	Running, cycling, skiing, darts and watching Formula 1, learning to sail, go-karting, kit car track days
<b>Music</b>	Playing the piano, guitar and French horn
<b>Other</b>	Restoring bikes and cars, barbeque construction, home brewing