

# EVAN KLOSE FRIIS

Rue des Peupliers 12  
1205 Genève  
Switzerland  
[friis@physics.ucdavis.edu](mailto:friis@physics.ucdavis.edu)  
+1 (530) 207-0353

## EDUCATION

<i>Ph.D. Experimental High Energy Physics</i>	<i>June 2011 Est.</i> University of California, Davis Thesis: "Search for Higgs bosons decaying to $\tau$ leptons at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV" Member of the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) collaboration at CERN (2005–Present). Advisor: Professor John Conway
<i>B.S. Physics</i>	<i>June 2005</i> University of California, San Diego Research experience: Designed control system for non-neutral positron plasma trap.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Higgs physics</i>	<i>2009–Present</i> Higgs Group, CMS Performed analysis searching for Minimal Super Symmetric Model (MSSM) Higgs bosons in the $H \rightarrow \tau\tau \rightarrow \mu + \tau_{\text{hadrons}}$ channel. Set new exclusion limits on the MSSM with $36 \text{ pb}^{-1}$ of 2010 CMS data. Authored the "Secondary Vertex Fit," a novel algorithm for reconstructing the invisible energy in $\tau$ lepton events that dramatically improves kinematic resolution and event acceptance. The Secondary Vertex Fit method improves the MSSM $\tan\beta$ exclusion limit by 20%, giving CMS the world's best limit on the MSSM.
<i><math>\tau</math> physics</i>	<i>2009–Present</i> Electroweak Tau Group, CMS Measured $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ cross section using the 2010 CMS data set. Developed methods and software for data-driven estimation of backgrounds from hadronic jet mis-tags in $\tau$ lepton analyses.
<i><math>\tau</math> identification</i>	<i>2006–Present</i> Tau Physics Object Group, CMS Developed the "Tau Neural Classifier" tau identification algorithm, which has a jet mis-tag rate that is a factor of five lower than the previous algorithm used in CMS. Measured the hadronic jet mis-tag rate from first 7 TeV CMS datasets. Currently serve as the coordinator of the offline tau software and liaison to CMS reconstruction software group.
<i>Beamspot</i>	<i>2010–Present</i> Luminous Region Monitoring, CMS Developed and supported tools to measure and monitor the luminous collision region at the CMS experiment.
<i>Pixel Detector</i>	<i>2007–2008</i> Pixel Detector Calibrations, CMS Designed and developed software to measure the gain, noise, and thresholds of the sixty million channels of the CMS silicon pixel detector. Developed data formats and tools to store calibration results in the CMS conditions database.

	2003-2005	Scripps Institute of Oceanography
<i>Machine shop</i>	Provided shop support to oceanographic experiments.	
	Summer 2004	Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
<i>Tritium group</i>	Developed test stand to simulate the high-frequency pulsed pressure conditions found in electron-beam pumped excimer lasers.	

#### LEADERSHIP

2009-2011	CMS Tau Offline Software Coordinator
-----------	--------------------------------------

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

<i>Spring 2010</i>	Finalist, UC Davis Big Bang! Business Plan Competition
<i>Spring 2009</i>	Visiting Scholar, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy
2005, 2009	UC Davis Block Grant Recipient
2006-2007, 2009	UC Davis GAANN Fellow

#### TEACHING

<i>January 2010</i>	Workshop Facilitator, EJTERM 2010, Fermilab
<i>Five quarters</i>	UC Davis Physics 116 Electronics Lab Assistant - assisted in developing new curriculum using modern microcontrollers.
<i>Three quarters</i>	UC Davis General Physics (7/9)

#### INVITED TALKS

<i>April 2011</i>	"Search for Neutral MSSM Higgs Bosons Decaying to Taus", LPC Physics Forum, Fermilab, Illinois
<i>April 2011</i>	"Tau Reconstruction at CMS", Tau Portal HEFTI Workshop, Davis, California
<i>September 2010</i>	"Tau Reconstruction and Identification in CMS", 11th International Workshop on Tau Lepton Physics, Manchester, United Kingdom
<i>May 2010</i>	"Tau ID Object Performance", US CMS Collaboration Meeting, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

#### PUBLICATIONS

See attached list.