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I am a **leader in scientific computing** with over 15 years of experience and have developed deep expertise in scientific software and computing infrastructure. At heart, I am a particle physicist and have both conducted and enabled groundbreaking scientific discoveries in High Energy Physics (HEP). My goal is to continuously expand my horizons and apply my expertise to support an increasing number of scientific disciplines through software and computing.

High Energy Physics (HEP) relies on vast computing resources to analyze simulations and data collected by detectors. I have extensive experience in planning, developing, and operating distributed computing infrastructures that provide access to hundreds of thousands of computing cores and hundreds of petabytes of disk and tape storage. I am deeply familiar with scientific grid sites, academic and commercial cloud platforms, and the largest supercomputers in the U.S. I am also an expert in object-oriented software development, statistical data analysis methods, Monte Carlo simulation techniques, and a variety of optimization and machine learning methods. I am a member of the CMS collaboration, which operates one of the four detectors at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at [CERN](#) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Since August 2024, I have been serving as the Deputy Associate Lab Director (interim) for the Computational Science and AI Directorate (CSAID) at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (FNAL). I oversee strategic and tactical initiatives that support Fermilab's scientific program through software and computing solutions. Since November 2024, I have also held the roles of Acting Deputy Division Director for the Scientific Computing Systems and Services Division and Department Head for the Facility Evolution Department. I created the Computing Resources Evolution STRategy (CREST) process, which outlines a ten-year strategy for evolving Fermilab's computing resources to meet the current and future needs of experiments such as DUNE and HL-LHC.

From March 2019 to December 2024, I served as the U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Program Manager, overseeing the U.S. CMS Tier-1 and Tier-2 facilities, as well as software maintenance and development efforts for core software, computing infrastructure, and analysis systems. This operations program is jointly funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Energy (DOE). In this role, I worked closely with DOE, NSF, universities, and national laboratories to enable the analysis of LHC particle collisions in the U.S. for the CMS collaboration, and to prepare for the next phase of data-taking at the High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC), scheduled to begin in 2030. To guide R&D planning for HL-LHC, I co-authored a [strategic plan outlining four grand challenges](#).

I am an active participant in the global community effort to prepare software and computing infrastructure for the HL-LHC, which will demand significantly greater resources than the current LHC. I co-authored the [overview white paper for the community](#) and served as co-editor of the topical white paper on the [future of data analysis in High Energy Physics](#). In recognition of my expertise, I was invited in 2020 to co-lead the [Computational Frontier](#) of the [Particle Physics Snowmass 2021 process](#), a community-driven planning initiative to define the future vision for particle physics in the U.S. and internationally.

I am a frequent speaker at international conferences and workshops, and I serve on the editorial boards of the journal [Computing and Software for Big Science](#) and the [European Physical Journal \(EPJ C\)](#).

My original motivation was conducting **cutting-edge research** in the search for New Physics beyond the Standard Model, as well as precision measurements within the Standard Model. I have many years of experience analyzing high-energy collisions at various particle colliders using a wide range of techniques. I have [published numerous papers in leading journals](#). The CMS collaboration is a global effort with over [3,000 physicists from more than](#)

[50 countries, including over 1,000 students](#). In my work at the LHC, I have led searches for evidence of physics beyond the Standard Model using top quarks and contributed to searches for Supersymmetry and Dark Matter. One of my most notable publications is the [Observation of the Higgs Boson in 2012](#), where my contributions in scientific computing played a significant role.

1 Managerial Experience

Over more than 15 years in scientific computing, I have gained extensive managerial experience across large organizational structures, including line management at CSAID, international collaborations such as CMS, and major U.S. operations programs.

Since August 2024, I have served as the Deputy Associate Lab Director (interim) for CSAID at Fermilab. In addition, since November 2024, I have held the roles of Acting Deputy Division Director for the Scientific Computing Systems and Services Division and Department Head for the Facility Evolution Department.

From March 2019 to December 2024, I was appointed U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Program Manager. This program, jointly funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Energy (DOE), provides the software and computing infrastructure that enables U.S. CMS researchers to maintain leadership in CMS physics. Under my leadership, the program's annual budget grew from 15M U.S. Dollars in 2019 to nearly 20M U.S. Dollars in 2024, supporting more than 60 FTEs, including scientists, technical staff, and computing hardware across Fermilab and seven U.S. university sites.

I am actively engaged in recruiting and sustaining a vibrant, high-performing workforce. I support this goal by building career pipelines through internship programs and by mentoring junior technical staff, early-career scientists, and postdoctoral researchers.

1.1 Assignments: Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory - Computational Science and AI Directorate (CSAID)

08/2024 - present	Deputy Associate Lab Director for CSAID (interim)
11/2024 - present	Acting Deputy Division Director SCSS
11/2024 - present	Facility Evolution Department Head
09/2022 - 07/2024	Department Head for Computing Resource Evolution Strategy Department
09/2022 - 07/2024	CMS Software & Computing Coordinator in the Scientific Computing Division
10/2019 - 08/2022	Associate Head of the Scientific Computing Division for CMS
10/2016 - 09/2019	Deputy Head of the Scientific Services Quadrant
10/2014 - 09/2016	Assistant Head of the Scientific Computing Division for Science Operations and Workflows
10/2014 - 12/2014	Interim Department Head of the Scientific Data Processing (SDP) Department of the Scientific Services Quadrant
10/2013 - 09/2014	Deputy Department Head of the Scientific Data Processing (SDP) Department of the Scientific Services Quadrant
09/2012 - 09/2014	CMS Operations Group Leader in the Scientific Data Processing (SDP) Department of the Scientific Services Quadrant

1.2 Assignments: U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Program

03/2019 - 12/2024	U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Program manager
10/2016 - 02/2019	U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Deputy Program manager
10/2016 - 02/2019	L2 manager for Software and Support in the U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Program Execution Team

03/2014 – 09/2016	L2 manager for Operations in the Software and Computing Operations Program Execution Team
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1.3 Assignments: CMS Collaboration - Offline & Computing Coordination Area

09/2015 – 09/2019	CMS Offline & Computing Project Focus Area Lead for Infrastructure and Resources
10/2014 – 08/2015	Member of the CMS Offline & Computing Project Management Board
01/2012 – 09/2014	CMS Offline & Computing Project Computing Operations L2 Manager
07/2009 – 12/2011	CMS Offline & Computing Project Data Operations L2 Manager
01/2007 – 07/2009	CMS Offline & Computing Project Release Validation Manager

1.4 Computational Science and AI Directorate (CSAID)

Since August 2024, I have served as the interim Deputy Associate Lab Director for the Computational Science and AI Directorate (CSAID) at Fermilab. I lead strategic and tactical initiatives to support Fermilab's scientific program with software and computing solutions. Since November 2024, I have also held the roles of Acting Deputy Division Director for the Scientific Computing Systems and Services Division and Department Head for the Facility Evolution Department. This department is responsible for maintaining and advancing the Computing Resources Evolution Strategy (CREST) process, which outlines a ten-year strategy for the evolution of Fermilab's computing infrastructure based on current and future experiment needs, particularly those of DUNE and HL-LHC.

From September 2022 to July 2024, during the formation of [CSAID](#) from the former Scientific Computing Division, I served as the CMS Software & Computing Coordinator within the Directorate, based on my role as U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Program Manager. I acted as the primary contact for all CMS software and computing efforts in the Division and contributed to budget planning, personnel management, and major strategic decisions. Concurrently, I led the Computing Resource Evolution Strategy Department, developing a comprehensive strategy for evolving Fermilab's computing to meet current and anticipated experiment requirements.

From October 2019 to August 2022, I served in a similar role under the title Associate Head of the Scientific Computing Division for CMS.

Between October 2016 and September 2019, I was Deputy Head of the Scientific Services Quadrant, the computing infrastructure arm of the Scientific Computing Division. In this role, I oversaw development of infrastructure software components for data and workload management across Fermilab's scientific program—including neutrino, muon, and astro-particle experiments as well as CMS.

From September 2014 to September 2016, I served as Assistant Division Head for Science Operations and Workflows within the Scientific Computing Division. I was responsible for delivering scientific computing services to all Fermilab experiments, including High Energy Physics experiments (e.g., CMS), neutrino physics (e.g., NOvA, MINERvA), intensity frontier (e.g., Mu2e, Muon g–2), and astro-particle physics (e.g., DES). As a senior management team member, I contributed to strategic planning to evolve infrastructure and operational practices. Notably, I developed a new storage strategy that streamlined operation and access to more than 30 PB of disk space dedicated to all Fermilab experiments except CMS. I was also responsible for maintaining the laboratory's computing strategy as part of the broader Laboratory Strategy Effort and regularly reported to Fermilab leadership.

1.5 U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program Manager

From March 2019 to December 2024, I served as the U.S. CMS Software and Computing Operations Program Manager. The mission of this program is to provide software and computing infrastructure that enables U.S. CMS researchers to maintain leadership in physics within CMS, and to supply computing resources to the [Worldwide](#)

[LHC Computing Grid \(WLCG\)](#) as the U.S. contribution to CMS computing. The program is jointly funded by the [U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#) and the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#).

Under my leadership, the program’s annual budget increased from 15M U.S. Dollars in 2019 to nearly 20M U.S. Dollars in 2024. I led a team of over 60 FTEs, scientists and technical staff, from 20 U.S. institutions and national laboratories. I was directly involved in hiring at Fermilab and indirectly through university principal investigators for staffing new initiatives and succession planning. I provided technical direction and oversaw the funding and operations of the U.S. CMS regional facility at Fermilab and seven university facilities (Caltech, University of Florida, MIT, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Purdue University, UC San Diego, and University of Wisconsin–Madison).

The program supports personnel responsible for site administration, software and infrastructure maintenance, and strategic R&D projects. These include the CMS software framework (CMSSW), workflow management, distributed alignment and calibration access software, and contributions to community projects such as [ROOT](#) and [Rucio](#).

In 2019, I began integrating formal project management into the program, introducing a regularly updated risk assessment process modeled after Fermilab’s operational risk registry. This enabled timely and accurate communication with program management and funding agencies via reports, meeting calls, biannual in-person meetings, and biennial external reviews.

1.6 CMS Offline & Computing Coordination Area

From 2015 to 2019, the CMS collaboration appointed me Focus Area Lead for Services and Infrastructure within the CMS Software and Computing project. I coordinated global efforts on submission infrastructure, explored innovative use of commercial clouds and supercomputers, and managed the development of core infrastructure services such as data and workflow management systems.

In 2009, I was appointed Lead of the CMS Data Operations Project, a role that leveraged my expertise in physics analysis and computing. I was responsible for the timely delivery of all data and Monte Carlo samples used in CMS analyses—a critical factor in the experiment’s success.

In 2012, CMS expanded my responsibilities by appointing me Lead of the CMS Computing Operations Project. This role included oversight of more than 70 computing centers worldwide and all central computing services for CMS. I led over 60 scientists and engineers, ensuring readiness of computing facilities, monitoring central workflows and analysis, and managing global data transfers.

Following the 2012 discovery of the Higgs boson, the CMS collaboration awarded me the CMS Young Researcher Prize in recognition of my significant contributions to the discovery through computing. This prize is awarded annually to ten members of the collaboration.

1.7 Workplace Culture

My approach to building and sustaining high-performing teams of professionals and scientists centers on cultivating a respectful, inclusive, and transparent workplace culture, underpinned by clear guidance and expectation management. In large organizations, structured goal-setting and performance review processes are essential for fostering motivation and alignment.

I am deeply committed to mentoring the next generation of professionals and scientists. Recognizing that recruitment starts well before the formal hiring process, I established the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program Internship Program during the early LHC years. This initiative invited junior physicists and computing engineers to spend 1–2 years at Fermilab, contributing directly to CMS’s global computing infrastructure. Many alumni of the program have continued their careers in academia and industry, including hires I made at Fermilab and other institutions, and have gone on to work at the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, Google, or pursued graduate studies at institutions such as Caltech, ETH Zurich, and the University of Cambridge.

More recently, I have collaborated with my teams to provide mentorship and project opportunities for students in the [U.S. CMS Summer Undergraduate Research Internship Program \(PURSUE\)](#), helping to develop the future workforce for scientific software and computing.

2 Leadership Experience

Leveraging my extensive expertise in scientific software and computing infrastructure, I contribute to global community efforts to shape the future of software and computing for science, with a particular focus on the High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC). My leadership centers on providing the strategic vision needed to enable ground-breaking scientific discoveries.

For HL-LHC, I co-authored a strategic plan for the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program ([arXiv:2312.00772](#)) that outlines four grand challenges that must be addressed:

1. Modernizing Physics Software and Improving Algorithms
2. Building Infrastructure for Exabyte-Scale Datasets
3. Transforming the Scientific Data Analysis Process
4. Transitioning from R&D to Operations

To implement this plan, I established a [Research Initiative](#) within the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program. This initiative provides partial funding for postdoctoral researchers to explore novel and forward-looking solutions to these four grand challenges. The strategic plan also builds on prior contributions to broader community planning exercises, such as the [Roadmap for HEP Software and Computing R&D for the 2020s](#).

In 2024, I was appointed co-lead of the CMS Collaboration Board Sub-Group for Offline & Computing for HL-LHC. I proposed the creation of this sub-group to introduce structured coordination and effort planning within the Offline & Computing area—an innovation for CMS, where such formal coordination had previously only existed in detector projects through institutional boards.

At Fermilab, I created the Computing Resources Evolution STRategy (CREST) process, which defines a ten-year strategic plan for evolving the lab’s computing resources. This plan considers both current experimental needs and anticipated demands from DUNE and HL-LHC.

As part of the Department of Energy’s [Center for Computational Excellence \(HEP-CCE\)](#), I co-authored a proposal in 2020 to lead four sub-projects addressing key challenges in adapting HEP computing for heterogeneous architectures:

1. **Parallel Portability Solutions (PPS):** Develop algorithms that can be written once and compiled for CPUs and accelerators alike.
2. **Fine-Grained I/O and Storage (IOS):** Optimize data structures and access patterns for large shared storage systems on HPC platforms.
3. **Event Generators (EG):** Adapt HEP theory code for efficient execution on HPC systems.
4. **Complex Workflows (CW):** Enable orchestration of multi-step workflows across heterogeneous hardware.

I was appointed technical lead of the PPS sub-project, which has since completed its funding cycle.

I am nationally and internationally recognized for my leadership. I was selected to co-lead the [Computational Frontier](#) for the [Snowmass 2021 process](#), the U.S. particle physics community planning exercise. I also serve on the editorial boards of the journal “[Computing and Software for Big Science](#)” and the [European Physical Journal \(EPJ C\)](#).

2.1 High-Luminosity LHC

Starting in 2029, the HL-LHC will generate many times the data volume of current LHC runs. Additionally, the collisions and corresponding simulations will be significantly more complex. I have played an integral role in the community planning process, with my contributions documented in, for example, the [Roadmap for HEP](#)

[Software and Computing R&D for the 2020s](#). I also co-edited the [HEP Software Foundation Community White Paper Working Group on Data Analysis and Interpretation](#). In recognition of my expertise, I was asked in 2020 to co-lead the [Computational Frontier](#) of the [Snowmass 2021 process](#). Due to a one-year delay in Snowmass, I resigned in 2022 to focus on higher-priority commitments, overseeing the process until a successor was appointed.

In 2023, the CMS collaboration initiated the creation of a Conceptual Design Report (CDR) for Offline & Computing, documenting the current state of HL-LHC software and computing preparations. Scheduled for publication by the end of 2025, I was invited to co-lead the computing model chapter, the core of the CDR, which includes resource needs projections and guidance on processes and workflows governing HL-LHC software and computing. The capacity planning and computing model will integrate traditional and emerging computing infrastructures into a seamless, globally integrated system.

In February 2024, the CMS Collaboration Board appointed me co-lead of the Sub-Group for Offline & Computing for HL-LHC. This sub-group is a CMS first, providing a dedicated forum to discuss and coordinate effort needs within the Offline & Computing Coordination area. Unlike detector projects, which have a projectized structure with defined institute contributions for construction and operations, Offline & Computing lacks such a structure apart from hardware contributions through WLCG. This sub-group introduces structured coordination and planning into CMS Offline & Computing efforts.

To guide HL-LHC R&D, I co-authored a strategic plan for the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program outlining four grand challenges:

- Modernizing Physics Software and Improving Algorithms
- Building Infrastructure for Exabyte-Scale Datasets
- Transforming the Scientific Data Analysis Process
- Transitioning from R&D to Operations

This plan is updated annually by the operations program management team and documented in the proceedings of CHEP 2023 ([arXiv:2312.00772](#)).

Under my leadership, the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations program established a [Research Initiative](#) to partially fund postdoctoral researchers exploring innovative solutions to the four grand challenges. This initiative has been highly successful in engaging new collaboration members and broadening the scope of potential HL-LHC R&D solutions.

2.2 Fermilab's Computing Resources Evolution Strategy (CREST)

In March 2023, I created Fermilab's Computing Resources Evolution Strategy (CREST) process. Its goal is to document a strategic plan for the evolution of Fermilab's computing resources that addresses current experiment requirements and anticipates the future needs of DUNE and HL-LHC. CREST enables staff in the Scientific Computing Systems and Services Division (SCSS) within CSAID to collaboratively develop and own a ten-year computing resource strategy. I lead the development of the first version of this plan, which underwent broad discussion within Fermilab's scientific community and is intended to be updated annually to reflect changes in scientific priorities and the technological landscape.

2.3 DOE Center for Computational Excellence

In January 2020, the DOE [Center for Computational Excellence \(HEP-CCE\)](#) was funded as a three-year project to enable HEP experiments such as ATLAS, CMS, DUNE, LSST, and DESI to efficiently utilize HPC facilities at leadership-class centers including Argonne, Oak Ridge, and NERSC at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. I co-authored the proposal, which includes four sub-projects aimed at:

1. Investigating Parallel Portability Solutions (PPS) for developing algorithmic code once and compiling transparently across CPU and accelerator architectures;
2. Fine-Grained I/O and Storage (IOS) optimization of data structures on disk and in memory, enhancing access on large shared HPC storage systems;

3. Event Generators (EG) to optimize HEP theory code for HPC execution;
4. Complex Workflows (CW) to orchestrate workflows spanning heterogeneous hardware platforms.

I served as technical lead of the PPS sub-project and point of contact for CMS. Alongside my postdoctoral researcher Martin Kwok and staff from DOE labs including BNL, LBNL, and Fermilab, I contributed to investigate [portability solutions for HEP software](#), enabling CMS to make informed decisions on portability approaches for LHC Run-3.

2.4 National and International Recognition

I am nationally and internationally recognized for my leadership in software and computing through membership in various journal editorial boards, conference committees, and mentoring programs:

- In 2025, I joined the editorial board of the [European Physics Journal \(EPJ\) C](#) published by Springer.
- In 2020, I was asked to co-chair the [Computational Frontier](#) in the [Snowmass 2021 process](#). Because the Snowmass process was delayed by a year, I needed to resign in 2022 due to other high priority commitments. I oversaw the process till a successor was appointed.
- In 2018, I was asked to be Co-Editor of the [American Physics Society \(APS\) Division of Particles and Fields \(DPF\)](#) white paper as input to the [European Particle Physics Strategy Update 2018 – 2020](#), responsible for the computing section.
- In 2018, I was asked to organize the Computing & Machine Learning parallel session at [The CPAD Instrumentation Frontier Workshop 2018](#) “New Technologies for Discovery IV”.
- In 2017, I was asked to join the editorial board of the journal for “[Computing and Software for Big Science](#)” published by Springer. My editorial board membership ended 31. December 2025.
- Activities in public outreach:
 - Regular participation in Fermilab’s [Ask-A-Scientist](#) program as lecturer and answering questions of the general public.
 - Tour guide for Fermilab’s [Saturday Morning Physics](#) program, especially of the computing facilities.
 - Regular question-and-answer sessions for high school classes visiting Fermilab.
- Active in mentorship programs
 - Since January 2020, I am mentoring a postdoc in the Fermilab Neutrino Division in the context of the inter-divisional mentoring program of Fermilab.
 - Since April 2022, I am mentoring a postdoc from UCSD in the context of the U.S. CMS collaboration mentoring program. The postdoc has been appointed a faculty position at UFL in 2023 and I continue to mentor them.
 - Since April 2024, I am mentoring a postdoc from Ohio State University in the context of the U.S. CMS collaboration mentoring program. The postdoc is transitioning to industry and I am advising them on opportunities and application strategies.

and I am serving or served on the following committees:

- 02/2024 - Present: CMS Collaboration Board Sub-Committee for Offline & Computing for HL-LHC
- 02/2023 - 01/2024: Co-lead of Software & Computing group in U.S. FCC coordination team
- 01/2020 - 01/2022: Co-chair of the [Computational Frontier](#) of the [Particle Physics Snowmass 2021 process](#)
- 10/2019 - 01/2022: Fermilab’s [Wilson Fellowship](#) hiring committee
- 03/2019 - ONGOING: [Open science Grid Council](#)
- 03/2019 - ONGOING: [WLCG Collaboration Board](#)
- 03/2019 - 12/2024: [WLCG Overview Board](#)
- 03/2019 - 12/2024: [WLCG Management Board](#)
- 02/2019 - 12/2023: [IRIS-HEP Steering Board](#)
- 10/2018 - 09/2020: Fermilab’s [Users Executive Committee](#)
- 10/2015 - 09/2016: Fermilab’s Scientific Advisory Council

3 Technical Experience

I possess deep expertise in planning, developing, maintaining, and operating distributed computing infrastructures that provide access to several hundred thousand computing cores and hundreds of petabytes of disk storage. I am proficient in efficiently storing and retrieving data from permanent tape storage. I am intimately familiar with both High-Throughput Computing (HTC) and High-Performance Computing (HPC), including scientific grid sites, academic and commercial clouds, as well as the largest supercomputers at HPC centers in the U.S. and worldwide. This infrastructure supports scientific software composed of millions of lines of C++ and Python code, essential for extracting physics results. I am an expert in object-oriented software development, statistical data analysis methods, Monte Carlo simulation techniques, and various optimization and machine learning approaches.

The technical components of my work are tightly linked to scientific research, enabling the analysis of particle physics detector data and simulations as the foundation for producing physics results. My active engagement in High Energy Physics (HEP) research allows me to guide the scientific community in leveraging the latest computing innovations, effectively bridging the domains of science and scientific computing.

My current R&D projects include:

- Revolutionizing wide-area network utilization by managing data transfers through dynamic Software-Defined Networking (SDN) channels within the DOE ASCR's [ESnet SENSE/Rucio](#) project.
- Characterizing and distinguishing traffic flow types at site borders using AI-based packet header analysis in collaboration with ESnet AI researchers.
- Enabling CMS to harness the latest GPU-based DOE leadership-class supercomputers.
- Transforming the end-user analysis paradigm by integrating industry-standard Python analysis ecosystems and adopting columnar analysis techniques.

3.1 Managed Networks

Distributed data-intensive computing depends on high-speed wide-area network connectivity to move data efficiently for processing workflows or end-user analysis. I actively invest in networking R&D, participating in the [DOE ASCR ESnet requirements review](#) and leading efforts with my team on key networking topics. Of particular interest are dynamically managed network paths. The ESnet [SENSE/Rucio](#) project focuses on enabling the data management system [Rucio](#) to dynamically create network paths between storage endpoints, thereby guaranteeing quality of service, improving predictability, and reducing contention in organized data flows.

3.2 AI-Based Flow Characterization

In collaboration with ESnet researchers, I am working to characterize network flows at site borders by analyzing packet headers. We employ advanced AI techniques to distinguish between streaming, file transfers, and other flow types. This capability will enable deployment of managed network paths via SENSE without requiring instrumentation at the application layer.

3.3 Enabling HPC Utilization

U.S. High Performance Computing centers, especially DOE leadership-class facilities at Argonne, Oak Ridge, and NERSC, offer exceptional computational capabilities that open new frontiers in scientific research. These centers are optimized for computationally intensive workflows, prioritizing performance per watt. Many sites now use GPUs to maximize performance while minimizing power consumption. For High Energy Physics (HEP), transitioning experimental software and infrastructure to leverage GPUs is a pivotal challenge, arguably as significant as the historic shift from Fortran to object-oriented C++. I consider this transition essential for future scientific success.

I actively contribute to both software and infrastructure efforts supporting this transition. The HEP-CCE project, which I conceptualized, advances portability libraries enabling developers to write algorithms once and compile or execute them seamlessly across diverse CPU and GPU architectures, thereby reducing software development

overhead. Under my guidance, the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program supports R&D on GPU-based tracking software and, through its R&D initiative, on many additional algorithms undergoing GPU adaptation. Through the [Fermilab HEPCloud project](#), I am facilitating access to numerous HPC centers for CMS and the Fermilab community, contingent on allocation approvals by respective experiments. Combined with appropriate software, this approach aims to enable seamless future integration.

3.4 End-User Analysis

Another focus of my research in computing infrastructure is exploring whether High Energy Physics analysis can be conducted more efficiently using tools developed and widely adopted in industry. Rather than relying exclusively on the [ROOT](#) toolkit, which was developed entirely within the HEP community, I am investigating industry-standard platforms like [Apache Spark](#) and similar technologies. To this end, I initiated a collaborative research group including scientists from Fermilab, CERN, and the universities of Princeton, Padova, and Vanderbilt. The [CMS Big Data Project](#) worked closely with industry partners, most recently concluding a project with [Intel](#) in January 2019 under the auspices of [CERN openlab](#). To enable this collaboration, Fermilab joined CERN openlab, and I coordinated the DOE approval process with support from the Fermilab Office of Partnership and Technology Transfer and Legal Office.

I also managed a Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) project to develop innovative Big Data delivery technology for array-based analysis code: the [Striped Data Server for Scalable Parallel Data Analysis](#). Completed successfully in January 2019, this project produced a working prototype. These efforts have inspired numerous researchers and software experts, spawning projects such as the columnar data tools user front-end [COFFEA](#) and analysis support funded through [IRIS-HEP](#).

These developments culminate in the creation of the analysis facility concept, built around the Python-based analysis ecosystem and graph scheduling tools like [Dask](#). The analysis facility concept is now central to the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program's strategy for the HL-LHC.

I am not alone in advancing these technologies, especially junior scientists are drawn to them, as they provide transferable skills valuable both in academia and industry.

4 Research Experience

I am a particle physicist at heart, originally motivated by conducting **leading-edge research** into New Physics Beyond the Standard Model, as well as precision measurements within the Standard Model.

I have many years of experience analyzing high-energy collisions from various particle colliders using a wide range of techniques. I have [published numerous papers in leading journals](#) and am currently a member of the [CMS collaboration](#) operating one of the four detectors at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at [CERN](#) in Geneva, Switzerland. The CMS collaboration is a global endeavor, comprising more than [3000 physicists from over 50 countries, including over 1000 students](#).

In my past LHC research, I have led searches for evidence of physics beyond the Standard Model using top quarks and contributed to investigations of Supersymmetry and Dark Matter. Among my most notable publications is the [Observation of the Higgs Boson in 2012](#), where my work in scientific computing played a significant role.

4.1 Education

2001-2005	University of Hamburg , <i>Doctor of Natural Sciences</i> , Hamburg, Germany
Thesis title	<i>Measurement of beauty quark cross sections in photoproduction with the ZEUS experiment at the electron proton collider HERA</i> (thesis)
Advisors	Prof. Dr. Robert Klanner, Dr. Achim Geiser

1996 - 2001	University of Hamburg , <i>Diploma in Physics</i> , Hamburg, Germany
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Thesis title *Development of the trigger algorithm for the MONOLITH experiment* ([thesis](#))
 Advisors Prof. Dr. Robert Klanner, Dr. Achim Geiser

4.2 Research Positions

09/2019 - Present	Senior Scientist	Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab)
09/2014 - 08/2019	Scientist	Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab)
06/2009 – 08/2014	Application Physicist I	Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab)
06/2005 – 05/2009	Research Associate	Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab)
09/2001 – 02/2005	Doctoral Candidate	Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron (DESY)

4.3 Supervision

03/2011-02/2016	Jacob Linacre - Fermilab Postdoc in CMS - Searches for SM and BSM physics with top quarks - 01/2014-12/2015: CMS Physics top quark properties subgroup convener - 03/2011-12/2013: CMS Tier-1 production and processing L3 manager now Staff at RAL in the UK
06/2015-06/2021	Matteo Cremonesi - Fermilab Postdoc in CMS - Dark matter searches - 09/2015-09/2019: CMS L3 manager for processing and production - 12/2016-01/2019: Co-lead of CERN openlab/Intel Big Data project - 01/2019-present: Co-lead of Coffea project using python industry tools for CMS analysis now Faculty at Carnegie Mellon University
10/2018-04/2024	Nick Smith - Fermilab Postdoc in CMS - Higgs precision measurements in b-quark and other final states - 03/2019-12/2019: CMS L3 manager for data management - 01/2020-01/2022: CMS L2 manager for Computing Operations - 09/2021-09/2023: CMS Higgs Combination Sub-Group coordinator - 01/2022-01/2023: U.S. CMS Storage R&D project: Ceph Now staff at Fermilab
11/2020-09/2023	Martin Kwok - Fermilab Postdoc in CMS - HEP-CCE Portable Parallelization Strategies Now staff at U Nebraska-Lincoln.

4.4 CMS collaboration: 2005 – Present

I joined the CMS collaboration at the LHC in 2005, focusing my research on searching for New Physics Beyond the Standard Model of Particle Physics, as well as performing precision Standard Model measurements.

I was a founding member of an analysis group composed of researchers from Fermilab, UC San Diego, and UC Santa Barbara, concentrating on final states involving leptons. This approach proved successful: following early publications such as a measurement of the [top quark cross section](#), the group shifted its focus toward new physics and beyond Standard Model processes. We led the WW to dilepton analysis in the [CMS Higgs discovery paper](#) and conducted searches for Supersymmetry (SUSY) in same-sign and opposite-sign dilepton channels, as well as single lepton channels. The group continues its efforts in SUSY searches in lepton final states and Standard Model measurements.

I have supervised several Fermilab postdoctoral researchers in pursuit of these research goals:

- Together with Jacob Linacre, I focused on exploiting the dilepton signature to search for the [pair production of a heavy top-like quark \(\$t'\$ \)](#). We continued investigating top quark properties through angular distributions in the dilepton final state. Notably, we were the first to measure the top pair charge asymmetry at the LHC using the dilepton final state to further explore deviations previously observed at the Tevatron. Our work includes LHC Run 1 publications on top pair spin correlations and top quark polarization for the [7 TeV](#) and [8 TeV](#) datasets, as well as top pair charge asymmetry measurements for the [7 TeV](#) and [8 TeV](#) datasets.
- From 2015 to 2021, I supervised Fermilab Postdoc Matteo Cremonesi, who established a new dark matter analysis effort at the Fermilab LHC Physics Center (LPC). This work involved searching for dark matter particles in various channels. The first publication presented the [search for dark matter in events with energetic, hadronically decaying top quarks and missing transverse momentum](#) using the 13 TeV 2016 dataset from LHC Run 2. The second focused on the [search for dark matter produced in association with a Higgs boson decaying to a pair of bottom quarks](#) in the same dataset. Subsequently, the group expanded to other mono-object channels at the LPC.
- From 2018 to 2024, I supervised Fermilab Postdoc Nick Smith, who joined the LPC's Higgs physics efforts. He contributed to the analysis of Higgs decay channels into two bottom quarks and two charm quarks and is currently focusing on effective field theory (EFT)-based analyses.

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