

Philipp Gadow

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment and education

- 2020+ **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Deutsches Elektronensynchrotron DESY*, Hamburg, Germany
- 2016–2020 **PhD Physics**, *Max-Planck-Institut für Physik*, Munich, Germany
Advisor: PD Dr. Oliver Kortner
Thesis: Search for Dark Matter Produced in Association with Hadronically Decaying Bosons at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS Detector at the LHC
- 2013–2016 **M.Sc. Particle Physics**, *Technical University of Munich*, Munich, Germany
Thesis: Development of a Concept for the Muon Trigger of the ATLAS Detector at the HL-LHC
- Winter 2013 **Erasmus SMS**, *University of Edinburgh*, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
- 2010–2013 **B.Sc. Physics**, *Technical University of Munich*, Munich, Germany
Thesis: dE/dx studies with pion and electron tracks of the ALICE GEM IROC prototype

Leadership

- 2021+ **Flavour tagging algorithms sub-group convener**, *ATLAS experiment*
Co-coordination (2 conveners) of a group consisting of 40 physicists working on machine learning algorithms for the identification of heavy-flavour jets at the ATLAS experiment.
- 2021+ **Analysis contact**, *ATLAS experiment*
Co-coordination (2 contacts) of the heavy resonances search in four-top-quark final states.

Research experience

Searches for heavy particles

- 2020+ **Search for heavy resonances in four-top-quark final states**
Explicit resonance search in challenging four-top-quark final state.
I co-lead the analysis team, maintained the analysis software and produced the inputs for the statistical analysis. Further, I contributed to fitting studies and simulated the signal process.

Searches for dark matter

- 2018–2021 **Dark matter search with dark Higgs bosons decaying to vector boson pairs**
The first exploration of the signature with missing transverse momentum and resonantly produced vector boson pair, using a novel track-assisted-reclustering jet algorithm.
I was the central analyser, responsible for all essential parts of this new analysis, involving signal process simulation, analysis strategy design, analysis software, distributed computing, and statistical analysis.

2017–2021 **Dark matter searches with Higgs bosons decaying to b -quarks**

Unprecedented sensitivity to Higgs bosons with large recoil by using jets built from inner detector tracks with a variable radius. The results provide highly competitive constraints on dark matter models with extended Higgs sector.

I was a central analyser in the search using the partial Run-2 data collected during 2015–2017 and contributed to the full Run-2 search. In the former, I was responsible for the analysis software, producing the fit inputs, the statistical analysis, the commissioning of a new object-based missing transverse momentum significance, and the multijet background estimate. In the latter, I contributed to maintaining the derivation datasets and the optimisation of the object-based missing transverse momentum significance-based selection requirements.

2016–2018 **Dark matter search with hadronically decaying vector bosons**

Reconstruction of hadronic vector boson decays using jet substructure and jet flavour tagging information. Relevant signature for simplified dark matter models, models with extended Higgs sector and searches for invisible Higgs boson decays.

I was a central analyser (of 2), responsible for the analysis software, distributed computing, and statistical analysis. I developed and evaluated a method for estimating the multijet background. Further, I was a liaison for incorporating the results for a summary publication, their reinterpretation in terms of a model with an extended Higgs sector and contributed to their use in a combination of searches for invisible Higgs boson decays.

ATLAS combined performance

2021+ **Flavour tagging algorithms**

Jet flavour tagging underpins a large part of the ATLAS physics programme. Machine learning techniques are used for inferring the jet flavour.

I contribute to the development of the next generation of recommended flavour tagging algorithms for Run-3 ATLAS physics analysis.

Reinterpretation and reproducible research

2019+ **ATLAS RECAST reinterpretation framework**

Preservation and automated reinterpretation of searches drastically increase their relevance to a broader class of theoretical models. All recently published ATLAS searches are required to provide a RECAST reinterpretation framework implementation.

I coordinated the reinterpretation of a dark matter search with Higgs bosons decaying to b -quarks in terms of a dark Higgs model with the RECAST framework and co-edited the first dedicated public note on RECAST. Further, I am interested in improving the limit setting in searches by exploiting active learning algorithms based on RECAST.

Upgrade studies

2015–2017 **First-level muon trigger for High-Luminosity-LHC**

Highly selective first-level muon triggers are essential for the ATLAS experiment at the High-Luminosity LHC. Including the precision monitored-drift-tube information substantially increases the trigger selectivity.

I studied a concept for a highly selective muon trigger, which is included in the Technical Design Report for the Phase-II Upgrade of the ATLAS Muon Spectrometer. Further, I studied fast track reconstruction algorithms which can be applied at the trigger-level.

Talks and posters

Invited talks

Feb 2020 **Dark matter searches with the ATLAS detector at the LHC**, *Cavendish Laboratory HEP Seminar*, Cambridge, United Kingdom, seminar talk

International conferences

Jul 2019 **ATLAS Highlights on Dark Matter Searches in Exotic Models**, *XIII International Workshop on Interconnections between Particle Physics and Cosmology*, Cartagena, Columbia, conference talk

Oct 2018 **Search for dark matter produced in association with a Higgs boson decaying to $b\bar{b}$** , *Puzzle of Dark Matter Workshop*, DESY Hamburg, Germany, Young Scientist Forum talk

Jun 2018 **Search for Dark Matter in association with a hadronically decaying Z' vector boson with the ATLAS detector in pp collisions at 13 TeV**, *Sixth Annual Conference on Large Hadron Collider Physics*, Bologna, Italy, poster

Awards

2010-2016 **Full scholarship**

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)
The German Academic Scholarship Foundation is Germany's largest and most prestigious scholarship foundation. Scholarships are awarded to fewer than 0.5% of German students.

2014 **Teaching award**

Goldene Kreide der Physikfachschaft
The "Goldene Kreide" is awarded annually by the student council of the physics department to distinguish outstanding student tutors.

Schools

Jul 2019 **Fifth Machine Learning in High Energy Physics Summer School 2019**, *DESY*, Hamburg, Germany, 10 days

Sep 2017 **49. Herbstschule für Hochenergiephysik 2019**, *University of Siegen*, Maria Laach, Germany, 10 days

Student supervision

Graduate Students

2022+ **Jackson Barr**, DESY / University College London (Physics)
Flavour tagging algorithm development

2021+ **Elisaveta Sitnikova**, DESY / University of Hamburg (Physics)
Search for heavy resonances in four-top-quark final states

2020–2022 **Alicia Wongel**, DESY / University of Hamburg (Physics)
Search for heavy resonances in four-top-quark final states

2020–2022 **Janik von Ahnen**, DESY / University of Hamburg (Physics)
Flavour tagging algorithm development, limits on a dark Higgs model with active learning

Undergraduate Students

- 2021 **John Lawless**, DESY Summer Student
Machine learning techniques for top quark reconstruction in four-top-quark final states

Teaching

- 2021 **SUSY+HDBS+Exotics RECAST Tutorial**, *HEP Software Foundation*, mentor
2020 **Docker training**, *HEP Software Foundation*, mentor
2020 **CI/CD pipelines training**, *HEP Software Foundation*, mentor
2016/17 **Mechanics**, *TU Munich*, tutor
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2012, 2014, 2017 **Electromagnetism and Special Relativity**, *TU Munich*, tutor
2012/13, 2015/16 **Optics**, *TU Munich*, tutor
2011/12, 2012/13 **Linear Algebra**, *TU Munich*, tutor
2011/12, 2012/13 **Maths introductory course for first-year students**, *TU Munich*, tutor

Outreach

ATLAS Masterclass

High school students learn about the fundamentals of particle physics in lectures and engage in hands-on data analysis. I participated in ATLAS masterclasses by preparing and giving lectures and instructing the students in the hands-on session.

Science Slams

Science slams are competitive events in which scientists present their research in a given time frame to a diverse audience in an entertaining way. I participated in over 30 such events with a talk about dark matter searches at the Large Hadron Collider, including the Southern German championship.