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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2016 (Expected) **Doctor of Philosophy** in Physics
University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, USA
Thesis: *Searches and Discoveries with the resonant $\gamma\gamma$ final state at ATLAS*
Advised by Prof. Sau Lan Wu
- 2010 **Bachelor of Arts** in Physics, Honors
University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA
Advised by Prof. Edward Blucher

EXPERIENCE

- 2011 - 2016 **Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Physics, University of Wisconsin**
■ Discovered Higgs boson, performed first measurements of mass, couplings, and spin
■ Contributed significantly to 19 papers & notes, author on 250+ ATLAS publications
■ Statistical expert for multiple physics analyses, developed toy Monte Carlo tools
■ Invented algorithm to spatially and temporally match CMOS chip hits at LBNL
■ Developed analysis software with C++, ROOT, & shell scripts for ATLAS collaboration
■ Optimized physics searches in large phase spaces using massive datasets $O(10\text{ TB})$
■ Wrote and coordinated DoE funding reports for Wisconsin ATLAS Group
- 2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Physics, University of Wisconsin**
■ Led discussions and labs on classical mechanics, electrodynamics, thermodynamics
■ Designed supplemental exercises and summary notes that boosted exam performances
- 2010 - 2011 **CERN Technologist, Enrico Fermi Institute, University of Chicago**
■ Electronic calibration expert for the ATLAS Experiment hadronic calorimeter
■ Developed & maintained calibration software package using python and SQL
■ Documented, monitored and reported on detector status to collaboration
- 2009 - 2010 **Undergraduate Research Assistant, Enrico Fermi Institute, University of Chicago**
■ Developed particle detector simulation in C++, ROOT, and Geant4
■ Constructed μ particle modules, worked in machine shop, tested electronics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Search for resonances in diphoton events at $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{ TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, arXiv:1606.03833 [hep-ex].

Search for Higgs boson pair production in the $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ final state using pp collision data at $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{ TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, ATLAS-CONF-2016-004, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2138949>.

Search for new phenomena in events with missing transverse momentum and a Higgs boson decaying to two photons in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13\text{ TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, ATLAS-CONF-2016-011.

Performance of Silicon Pixel Detectors at Small Track Incidence Angles for the ATLAS Inner Tracker Upgrade, ATLAS Collaboration, ATL-INDET-PROC-2015-011, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2065104>.

Search for non-pointing and delayed photons in the diphoton and missing transverse momentum final state in 8 TeV pp collisions at the LHC using the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D90, 112005 (2014), arXiv:1409.5542 [hep-ex].

Evidence for the spin-0 nature of the Higgs boson using ATLAS data, ATLAS Collaboration, Phys. Lett. B726 (2013) 120, arXiv:1307.1432 [hep-ex].

Measurement of Higgs boson production in the diphoton decay channel in pp collisions at center-of-mass energies of 7 and 8 TeV with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D90, 112015 (2014), arXiv:1408.7084 [hep-ex].

Observation of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson with the ATLAS detector at the LHC, ATLAS Collaboration, Phys. Lett. B716 (2012) 1-29, arXiv:1207.7214 [hep-ex].

Significant contributions to 19 papers & notes since 2011, author on 250+ ATLAS publications since 2013.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

August 2016	Search for the production of the Higgs boson in association with invisible particles in the ATLAS detector (Poster) <i>38th International Conference on High Energy Physics</i> , Chicago, USA
July 2016	Search for a high mass diphoton resonance using the ATLAS detector (Invited talk) <i>22nd International Symposium on Particles, Strings and Cosmology</i> , ICISE, Vietnam
November 2014	Search for non-pointing and delayed photons in the diphoton and missing transverse momentum final state in 8 TeV pp collisions (Talk) <i>2014 US LHC User's Association Annual Meeting</i> , Argonne National Laboratory, USA
April 2014	Higgs to diphoton workshop perspective (Invited talk) <i>ATLAS Higgs Workshop</i> , Rome, Italy
December 2013	Individual and combined measurements of the spin and parity properties of the Higgs boson using the ATLAS detector (Invited talk) <i>High Energy Physics in the LHC Era</i> , Valparaíso, Chile
November 2013	Spin determination of a narrow resonance near 125 GeV with the two-photon decay channel at ATLAS (Invited talk) <i>2013 US LHC User's Association Annual Meeting</i> , Madison, USA
August 2013	Spin measurement of the Higgs-like resonance observed in the two photon decay channel in ATLAS (Talk) <i>2013 APS Division of Particles and Fields Meeting</i> , SCIPP, Santa Cruz, USA
November 2012	$h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ vector boson fusion (Invited talk) <i>US ATLAS Diboson Jamboree</i> , Brookhaven National Laboratory, USA

SKILLS

Scientific	Physics, Statistics, Monte Carlo Simulation, Numerical Methods, Data Structures, High Throughput Computing, Collaborative Research, Public Presentation, Machine Learning
Programming	C++, Python, Java, \LaTeX , Unix/Linux shell scripting, ROOT, Matlab, SQL, TensorFlow
Languages	English (native), French (basic oral and written communication)

VOLUNTEERING & OUTREACH



■ Newtonian physics demonstration for Chicago Public Library	2016
■ US voter outreach & registration at CERN	2016
■ Discussed research & funding with U.S. lawmakers in Washington D.C.	2014, 2015
■ Created GIF visualizations of Higgs boson discovery data	2013
■ Visited classrooms at the Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences	2012

AWARDS

2015	Teaching Assistant Rookie of the Year , <i>Department of Physics, University of Wisconsin</i>
2013, 2014	Lightning Round Winner , <i>US LHC User's Association Annual Meeting</i>

REFERENCES

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