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Résumé

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EDUCATION

2016 (Expected) **Doctor of Philosophy** in Physics

University of Wisconsin, Madison WI, USA

Thesis: Search and discovery 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 20 papers & notes, author on 250+ ATLAS publications
- lacktriangle Statistical expert, created new Monte Carlo method to reduce CPU usage by 1000 imes
- 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 with massive datasets using machine learning techniques
- Wrote and coordinated successful 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 MySQL
- 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++ with ROOT and Geant4 libraries
- \blacksquare Constructed μ particle modules, worked in machine shop, tested electronics

SKILLS

Scientific Physics, Statistics, Simulation, Numerical Methods, Data Structures, High Throughput

Computing, Databases, Machine Learning, Public Presentation

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

■ US voter outreach & registration at CERN 2016

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**, Department of Physics, University of Wisconsin 2013, 2014 **Lightning Round Winner**, US LHC User's Association Annual Meeting