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### Education

**FEB 2015 - APRIL 2019**  
**(EXPECTED)**

Ph.D., Physics  
University of Zurich, Switzerland / CMS experiment, CERN  
Supervised by Prof. Dr. Ben Kilminster  
Thesis committee: Prof. Dr. Jesse Thaler, Dr. Andreas Hinzmann,  
Prof. Dr. Florencia Canelli, Prof. Dr. Ben Kilminster  
Tentative title: "Searching for diboson resonances in the all-hadronic final  
state and a Lorentz invariance based deep neural network for  
W boson tagging"

**FEB 2013 - OCT 2014**

M.S., Physics  
University of Zurich / Classes at ETH Zurich  
Supervised by Prof. Dr. Ben Kilminster  
"A dedicated boosted Higgs boson tagging algorithm at CMS"

**SEP 2010 - DEC 2012**

B.S., Physics  
University of Bergen / 1 semester exchange ETH Zurich  
Supervised by Prof. Dr. Per Osland  
"Unstable Dark Matter in the Milky Way"

## Research experience

### ANALYSIS

Main author and analyst of the first 13 TeV search for diboson resonances in the all-hadronic final state. High-profile analysis due to excess observed in 8 TeV data. Amongst first 13 TeV analyses published and set the most stringent limits to date for vector boson final states.

*2.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 2015 data, published in 10.1007/JHEP03(2017)162*

Main author and analyst of first CMS analysis using PUPPI+softdrop groomer, now default for W-tagging. Groomer has better resilience against pile-up and is infrared safe compared to previous algorithm

*13 fb<sup>-1</sup> of early 2016 data, published in CMS-PAS-B2G-16-021*

*37 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 2016 data, published in 10.1103/PhysRevD.97.072006*

Development of novel multi-dimensional fit method for diboson searches in the all-hadronic final state (July 2017 - present).

*80 fb<sup>-1</sup> of 2016+2017 data, in pre-approval stage.*

### ALGORITHMS

Worked on a dedicated boosted Higgs tagging algorithm, currently implemented in the CMS software, focusing on tagger p<sub>T</sub>/η de-correlation and performance against various backgrounds

*July 2014 - July 2015, published in CMS-PAS-BTV-15-002*

Commissioned novel PUPPI+softdrop W-tagging algorithm and developed dedicated jet mass corrections currently recommended by the Jet and MET physics object group. Co-author of summary on jet algorithms performance in 13 TeV data. Improved method for calculating data/MC scalefactors for W-tagging, reducing systematics and improving limits of diboson resonance search by up to 40%

*Jan-Nov 2016, published in CMS-DP-2016-039, CMS-PAS-JME-16-003*

Working with deep neural network for W-tagging taking advantage of two custom layers that do light jet clustering and calculates distances in Minkowski space

*Nov 2017 - present, work in progress*

### HARDWARE

Calibration of the CMS pixel detector charge response after exposure to radiation. Implemented method to handle radiation effects affecting charge-injection (VCAL) system previously not accounted for during calibration. Responsible for 2018 gain calibrations

*Jan 2018 - present*

## Talks and posters

**CONFERENCES** "Highlights on searches for new physics with vector bosons and Higgs bosons in boosted topologies", BOOST 2018, July 2018, Paris, France

"W/H tagging at CMS", BOOST 2017, July 2017, Buffalo, USA

"Search for heavy resonances in the W/Z-tagged dijet mass spectrum at CMS", Zurich PhD seminar 2015, Aug 2015, PSI, Switzerland

**SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS** "A search for all-hadronic  $X \rightarrow VV$  with a multi-dimensional fit", B2G Spring Workshop, May 2018, Hamburg (invited)

"Lorentz Invariance Based DNN for W-tagging", Joint CMS/LHCb seminar, May 2018, Zurich (invited)

"Search for heavy resonances in the W/Z/H-tagged dijet mass spectrum", B2G Event, May 2016, LPC Fermilab (invited)

"Search for heavy resonances in the W/Z-tagged dijet mass spectrum", EXOTICA Workshop, Nov 15, Venice

**INFORMAL SEMINARS** "PUPPI+softdrop for W-tagging", LPC chat, Oct 2016, Fermilab

"Grooming optimisation", LPC chat, Aug 2015, Fermilab

**POSTERS** "LoLa: Lorentz Invariance Based DNN for heavy-resonance tagging", UZH Open Day, Nov 2017, Zurich, <https://www.physik.uzh.ch/en/news/news/Open-Day17> Poster 5, Awarded "Best Poster"

"Search for heavy resonances in the W/Z-tagged dijet mass spectrum at CMS", ESHEP2015, Sep 2015, Bulgaria

## Organized events

**WORKSHOPS & COURSES** "How to do ultrafast Deep Neural Network inference on FPGAs", main organizer, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/FPGA4HEP>, Feb 2019

"Machine Learning for High Energy Physics - a mini course", main organizer, <https://indico.cern.ch/e/ML4HEP>, Feb 2019

## Selected publications

### MAIN AUTHOR

"Search for massive resonances decaying into WW, WZ, ZZ, qW, and qZ with dijet final states at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV" (35.9 fb<sup>-1</sup>), Physical Review D, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.97.072006>

"Search for massive resonances decaying into WW, WZ or ZZ bosons in proton-proton collisions at  $\sqrt{s}=13$  TeV" (2.6 fb<sup>-1</sup>), Journal of High Energy Physics, DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP03\(2017\)162](https://doi.org/10.1007/JHEP03(2017)162)

"Jet algorithms performance in 13 TeV data", CMS Physics Analysis Summary, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2256875>

"W-tagging performance in 13 TeV", CMS Detector Performance Note, CMS-DP-2016-039, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2202970>

### DIRECT CONTRIBUTOR

"Identification of double-b quark jets in boosted event topologies", CMS Physics Analysis Summary, <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2195743>

"Search for low-mass resonances decaying to boosted jets", Physical Review Letters, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.119.111802>

### THESES

"Searching for diboson resonances in the all-hadronic final state and a Lorentz invariance based deep neural network for W-tagging", Ph.D. Thesis, April 2019 (expected)

"A dedicated boosted Higgs boson tagging algorithm at CMS", M.S. Thesis, Oct 2014, [https://thaarres.web.cern.ch/thaarres/MasterThesis\\_TAArrestad.pdf](https://thaarres.web.cern.ch/thaarres/MasterThesis_TAArrestad.pdf)

### POPULAR ARTICLES

"Vis oss fysikkens skjønnhet", article in Norway's second largest newspaper Bergens Tidene, Oct 2011, <https://www.bt.no/btmeninger/kronikk/i/G0rnq/Vis-oss-fysikkens-skjonnhet>

## Mentoring

- MAIN SUPERVISOR** "Deep Neural Network to Identify High-Energy B Hadrons via their Hit Multiplicity Increase through Pixel Detection Layers", Bachelor Thesis, M. Sommerhalder, Feb-Aug 2018, UZH
- "A Deep Neural Network capable of discriminating between jets coming from the decay of longitudinally and transversely polarized W or Z bosons with a large Lorentz boost", CERN Summer Student, July 2018, Jan De Boer, Copenhagen University

## Teaching experience

- Physics Lab for bachelor students, teacher, Feb-Dec 2015
- Physics I for bachelor students, teaching assistant, Jan-Dec 2016
- Physics II for chemists, classroom assistant, Feb 2017 - current

## Skills

- COMPUTING** Python, C++, Bash, Keras, TensorFlow, Theano, TMVA, ROOT, CMSSW. Familiarity with Pandas, scikit-learn, NumPy, SciPy, SQLite, Cython
- LANGUAGES** Norwegian (fluent), English (fluent), German (fluent)

## Schools

- "Machine Learning for High Energy Physics" (Aug 2018, Oxford)
- "Scientific Programming in Python" (June 2016, Zurich)
- "CERN School of High Energy Physics" (Sep 2015, Bulgaria)
- "Scientific Writing" (May 2015, Zurich)
- "CMS Data Analysis School" (Jan 2013, CERN)