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Current position

January 2020 – Present — *PhD candidate*, University of Cincinnati

Advisor: Jure Zupan, PhD

Education

2014 – 2019 — Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Physics, The Ohio State University

Minors in Earth Science (Geophysics) and Philosophy

Mentor: Stuart Raby, PhD

Areas of Specialization and Interest

High Energy Physics — Phenomenology

Model building, computational physics (machine learning, optimal transport), hadronization, rare lepton decays, effective field theory, proton decay, hierarchy problem, gauge/gravity duality, cosmology

Publications/Preprints

1. July 2025 – Benoit Assi, Christian Bierlich, Phil Ilten, **Tony Menzo**, Stephen Mrenna, Manuel Szewc, Michael Wilkinson, Ahmed Youssef, Jure Zupan, “Posthoc reweighting of hadron production in the Lund string model” Submitted to SciPost Physics. [[arXiv:2505.00142](https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.00142)]
2. March 2025 — Innes Bigaran, Patrick Fox, Yann Gouttenoire, Roni Harnik, Gordan Krnjaic, **Tony Menzo**, Jure Zupan, “Direct detection of ultralight dark matter via charged lepton flavor violation” Submitted to PRL. [[arXiv:2503.07722](https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.07722)]
3. March 2025 — Benoit Assi, Christian Bierlich, Phil Ilten, **Tony Menzo**, Stephen Mrenna, Manuel Szewc, Michael Wilkinson, Ahmed Youssef, Jure Zupan, “Characterizing the hadronization of parton showers using the HOMER method” Submitted to SciPost Physics. [[arXiv:2503.05667](https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.05667)]
4. February 2025 — Chaja Baruch, Patrick Fitzpatrick, **Tony Menzo**, Yotam Soreq, Sokratis Trifinopoulos, Jure Zupan, “Searching for exotic scalars at fusion reactors” To be published in JHEP. [[arXiv:2502.12314](https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.12314)]
5. November 2024 — Nick Heller, Phil Ilten, **Tony Menzo**, Stephen Mrenna, Benjamin Nachman, Andrzej Siodmok, Manuel Szewc, Ahmed Youssef, “Rejection Sampling with Autodifferentiation – Case study: Fitting a Hadronization model” Submitted to Physical Review D. [[arXiv:2411.02194](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.02194)]
6. September 2024 — Christian Bierlich, Phil Ilten, **Tony Menzo**, Stephen Mrenna, Manuel Szewc, Michael Wilkinson, Ahmed Youssef, Jure Zupan, “Describing Hadronization via Histories and Observables for Monte Carlo Event Reweighting.” Submitted to SciPost Physics. [[arXiv:2410.06342](https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.06342)]
7. July 2024 — Patrick J. Fox, Matheus Hostert, **Tony Menzo**, Maxim Pospelov, Jure Zupan, “Muon-induced baryon number violation.” Phys.Rev.D 110 (2024) 7, 075015. [[arXiv:2407.03450](https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.03450)]
8. June 2024 — Wick Haxton, Kenneth McElvain, **Tony Menzo**, Evan Rule, Jure Zupan, “Effective theory tower for $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion.” JHEP 11 (2024) 076. [[arXiv:2406.13818](https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.13818)]
9. November 2023 — Christian Bierlich, Phil Ilten, **Tony Menzo**, Stephen Mrenna, Manuel Szewc, Michael Wilkinson, Ahmed Youssef, Jure Zupan, “Towards a data-driven model of hadronization using normalizing flows.” SciPost Physics 17.2 (2024): 045. [[arXiv:2311.09296](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.09296)]
10. August 2023 — Christian Bierlich, Phil Ilten, **Tony Menzo**, Stephen Mrenna, Manuel Szewc, Michael Wilkinson, Ahmed Youssef, Jure Zupan, “Reweighting Monte Carlo Predictions and Automated Fragmentation Variations in Pythia 8.” SciPost Physics 16.5 (2024): 134. [[arXiv:2308.13459](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.13459)]

11. June 2023 — Matheus Hostert, **Tony Menzo**, Maxim Pospelov, Jure Zupan, “New physics in multi-electron muon decays.” *Journal of High Energy Physics* 2023.10 (2023): 1-22. [[arXiv:2306.15631](#)]
12. January 2023 — Adam Davis, **Tony Menzo**, Ahmed Youssef, Jure Zupan, “The earth mover’s distance as a measure of CP violation.” *Journal of High Energy Physics* 2023.6 (2023): 1-42. [[arXiv:2301.13211](#)]
13. April 2022 — Reuven Balkin, Eric Madge, **Tony Menzo**, Gilad Perez, Yotam Soreq, Jure Zupan, “On the implications of positive W mass shift.” *Journal of High Energy Physics* 2022.2204.05992 (2022): 1-19. [[arXiv:2204.05992](#)]
14. March 2022 — Phil Ilten, **Tony Menzo**, Ahmed Youssef, Jure Zupan, “Modeling hadronization using machine learning”. *SciPost Physics*, 14(3), 027 (2023). [[arXiv:2203.04983](#)]

In preparation:

- “A flavorful and dark cascade for low-scale leptogenesis”

Awards

- October 2024 – August 2025 — URA Visiting Scholar’s Program awardee, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, “*Time-dependent signals at the intensity frontier*” (1 month)
- April 2024 – July 2024 — URA Visiting Scholar’s Program awardee, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, “*Exploring exotic signatures at Mu2e*” (3 months)
- October 2023 – April 2024 — DOE SCGSR fellowship recipient, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, “*Connecting small and large scales at muon-to-electron conversion experiments*” (6 months)
- January 2023 — University of Cincinnati Physics poster competition, 1st place
- April – August 2022 — Technion - Israel Institute of Technology visiting research student: Sandwich Scholarship (3 months)

Presentations

- June 2025 — FPCP, Cincinnati University, Cincinnati, OH
- May 2025 — Pythia week, Lund University, Lund, Sweden
- May 2025 — LULBI, Weizmann Institute, Rehovot, Israel
- April 2025 — PIKIMO, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- November 2024 — UMD EPT Seminar, University of Maryland, Annapolis, MD
- November 2024 — Rutgers NHETC Seminar, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ
- November 2024 — Cornell LEPP Theory Seminar, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- October 2024 — SLAC Theory Seminar, SLAC, Menlo Park, CA
- October 2024 — UCSD Particle Theory Seminar, UC San Diego, San Diego, CA
- October 2024 — UCSB HEP-HEX Seminar, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
- September 2024 — NuFact 2024, Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, IL
- May 2024 — Phenomenology 2024, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- February 2024 — Berkeley 4D Seminar, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- October 2023 — ATLAS Theory Lunch Seminar, LBNL, Berkeley, CA
- September 2023 — IAIFI Journal Club, MIT, Boston, MA
- May 2023 — Phenomenology 2023, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- April 2023 — PIKIMO conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- March 2023 — DIS2023 workshop, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
- November 2022 — QCD@LHC workshop, Paris-Saclay University, Orsay, France

November 2022 — PIKIMO conference, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

October 2022 — AI4EIC Workshop, online

July 2022 — Rethinking beyond the Standard Model summer school, Institute for Scientific Studies, Cargese, Corsica

May 2022 — Technion HEP Journal Club, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

Workshops/Schools

November 2023 — Theory Meets Experiments: The high intensity frontier of particle physics, Galileo Galilei Institute, Florence, Italy

March 2023 — DIS2023 workshop, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

June 2023 — Holography@25, ICTP, Sao Paulo, Brazil

July 2022 — Rethinking beyond the Standard Model Summer school, Institute for Scientific Studies, Cargese, Corsica

November 2022 — QCD@LHC, Paris-Saclay University, Orsay, France

October 2021 — School on Superstring Theory and Related Topics (online)

August 2021 — Les Houches 2021: Dark Matter (online)

June 2021 — Pre-strings: Preparatory School for Strings 2021 (online)

June 2021 — ICTP Summer School on Particle Physics (online)

January 2021 — GGI Lectures on Fundamental Interactions (online)