Valeria D'Amante

Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. Student in Experimental Particle Physics

Nov 2020 - now

Università di Siena

Enrolled with a 3 years grant from University of Siena.

Thesis advisor: Prof. Maria Agnese Ciocci

Master's Degree in Physics

Nov 2016 - Feb 2020

Università degli studi di Napoli "Federico II" Curriculum: Subnuclear and Astroparticle Physics

Final mark: 110/110 cum Laude

Thesis title: "Measurements of the CKM matrix elements in single top events at CMS with machine learning

techniques" [1]

Thesis advisor: Dott. Alberto Orso Maria Iorio

The master courses cover the topics of Particle Physics, Theoretical High Energy Physics, and Particle

Detectors. For master course information and grades, see the Diploma Supplement [2].

Bachelor's Degree in Physics

Sept 2012 - Nov 2016

Università degli studi di Napoli "Federico II"

Final mark: 107/110

Thesis title: "Study of direct detection of Dark Matter with a bi-phasic Argon TPC."

Thesis advisor: Prof. Giuliana Fiorillo, Dott. Biagio Rossi

The bachelor degree course includes courses of Mathematical analysis, Classical Physics, Quantum Mechanics,

Matter Physics, Nuclear, Particle Physics and hands-on Laboratories during all the years.

High School Diploma at Liceo Classico

Sept 2007 - Jul 2012

"Istituto Pontano" High School, Naples, Italy

final mark: 90/100

FIELD OF INTEREST

Neutrino physics

One of the most interesting field in physics, in my opinion, is the neutrino oscillation phenomenon: it's one of the very few Beyond Standard Model (BSM) process that currently can be actually measured. Moreover the very weakly interactions of neutrinos make their detection very challenging, pushing the detector and electronics technology to search for advanced detection methods.

Higgs physics at colliders

Higgs physics at colliders is essential for a better understanding of the mechanism behind mass generation, probing the Electroweak Symmetry Breaking, to test the limits of the Standard Model, searching for deviations or anomalies that may indicate the presence of new physics, and gaining insights into the early universe

Machine Learning algorithms application in High Energy Physics (HEP)

Machine Learning allows to perform efficient data analysis, identifying patterns crucial for discovering new particles and understanding fundamental interactions, to perform optimal distinction of signals from background noise, improving particle identification and event classification accuracy, essential for detecting rare events and unveiling new physics phenomena. Moreover, it accelerates computationally intensive simulations, providing faster alternatives that maintain accuracy.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research assignee

Feb 2024 - now

Università di Pisa

I won a scholarship in order to continue my research activities for the completion of the Ph.D.

CERN Doctoral Student

Feb 2022 - Feb 2023

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

I won a grant by issued by Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN) in collaboration with CERN through which I spent one year at CERN as a doctoral student. During this year I continued my doctoral research work, with the benefit of being physically at CERN and having the opportunity to be able to participate in data taking as a shifter/expert on call, and to become an official CERN guide as well as to participate in scientific events and conferences at CERN.

Member of the CMS research team

Feb 2021 - now

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

The CMS Experiment is a general-purpose detector at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). It is one of the largest international scientific collaborations in history, involving 5000 particle physicists, engineers, technicians, students and support staff from 200 institutes in 50 countries.

Ph.D. Student Nov 2020 – now

Università di Siena, INFN Sezione di Pisa, CERN

The topic of my Ph.D. thesis is the search for a resonance (X) decaying into a Higgs bosons pair (HH) where one of the Higgs boson decays in a tau pair and the other in a pair of b quarks ($HH \to b\bar{b}\tau\bar{\tau}$), The analysis is performed with data collected by the CMS Experiment during the Run 2 (2016-2018) LHC data taking, at a center-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV. More details can be found in the "Research activity" section. During my Ph.D. activity I am associated to the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN) Sezione di Pisa and to the CERN of Geneva.

Fermilab Summer Student

Jul 2018 - Sept 2018

SBND Experiment, Fermilab, Batavia (IL)

I was selected for the DOE and INFN funded "Summer Student Exchange program", and I spent two months at the Fermi Nation Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia (Illinois, USA) working for the SBND collaboration under the supervision of Prof. Ornella Palamara on the expected neutrino event rate at the SBND detector

for its full exposure time. More details can be found in the "Research activity" section. This work has been evaluated as an exam which has been passed with 30/30 cum laude [3].

WORK EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE COMPACT MUON SOLENOID (CMS) EXPERIMENT

Technical Shifter during 2023 data taking

April 2023 - June 2023

CMS Experiment at CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

The primary role of the Central-Technical Detector Control System (DCS) shifter is to ensure CMS is prepared for physics data-taking by monitoring the Central DCS, overseeing services, and coordinating with subdetector shifters and experts. Responsibilities include monitoring subdetector statuses, alarm and service screens (rack, cooling, DSS), managing the LHC-CMS handshake, Access Control, and CMS elevator, performing safety tours, and recording updates in the DCS log. The shifter begins each shift by reviewing prior reports, checks the detector status, completes required checklists, and takes action in response to issues, either directly or by contacting experts.

Tau Trigger Convener

Sept 2022 - Feb 2024

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

I was in charge the CMS tau trigger group, a subgroup within the TauPOG and Trigger Studies Group (TSG), selected for this role due to my expertise with the CMS trigger system, especially in tau triggers. My main responsibilities included coordinating developments of tau-related HLT triggers, managing efficiency and scale factor measurements, and delivering results promptly during Run 3. I contributed to the software development, represent TauPOG in TSG meetings, and report about group progress. Additionally, I presented tau trigger results at key meetings, validate tau@HLT for new CMSSW releases, chair weekly group meetings, and oversee preparations for HL-LHC and CMS Phase 2.

Tau Trigger Software Validator

June 2023 - February 2024

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

I have been responsible of the Data Quality Monitoring (DQM) for the tau trigger group. The tau trigger DQM aims to study and monitortrigger efficiencies for all trigger paths involving taus. My principal duty was to check that for different CMS-Software CMSSW releases there are no huge differences in such efficiencies or, if any difference is spotted, understand the reason of such differences and eventually communicate the issue. For every new CMSSW release and DQM validation, a report about the trigger performances must be delivered.

HLT Expert on call

June 2022 - Oct 2022

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

The CMS High-Level Trigger (HLT) Detector-On-Call (DOC) expert is crucial for ensuring high-quality data collection during CMS operations. The HLT DOC collaborates with Run Coordination and subsystem experts to quickly address issues and optimize data-taking. Responsibilities include 24/7 availability for trigger-related emergencies, operating the HLT system, deploying and testing physics HLT menus from the STORM and FOG groups, preparing HLT and L1Trigger prescales, and monitoring HLT rates, data flow, and the DAQ system. The DOC also certifies data quality and reports regularly in CMS operations and coordination meetings.

Offline Shifter Tracker

Jul 2021

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

I was part of the CMS research team responsible for offline certification of data collected by the tracking system, assessing the performance of tracker sub-detectors (strips and pixels) based on initial real-time (online) checks. Offline certification provides prompt feedback on detector behavior and ensures data quality for subsequent physics analyses within CMS. I conducted this remote shift from INFN Pisa during the Calibration Run at Zero Tesla (CRUZET) with cosmic rays in July, gaining significant experience and

knowledge of the CMS tracker through this role and related Data Quality Monitoring activities.

CMS Phase-2 Tracker Software Validator

Dec 2020 - Dec 2022

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

I have been a member of the Tracker Software Validation group in Pisa, where we focus on Data Quality Monitoring (DQM) and enhancing the CMS Phase-2 Tracker simulation software. My role involves monitoring key metrics of both the Inner and Outer Tracker across new CMSSW releases to detect any deviations or instabilities in detector performance. For each new CMSSW version, our group evaluates and reports on the quality of the Tracker simulation, ensuring accuracy and consistency with previous simulations.

Member of the $HH \to b \bar{b} \tau \bar{\tau}$ research group

Nov 2020 - now

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

Since the beginning of my Ph.D., I have been part of the CMS $HH\to b\bar b\tau\bar \tau$ research group, focused on Higgs pair production (HH) searches through resonant mechanisms. The analysis considers X resonances of either spin 0 or spin 2, with masses ranging from 250 GeV to 3 TeV. The final state under investigation involves one Higgs boson decaying into two b quarks and the other into two τ leptons $(HH\to b\bar b\tau\bar \tau)$. This search uses proton-proton collision data at a center-of-mass energy of $\sqrt s=13\,\text{TeV}$ collected at CMS, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of $137.1\,\text{fb}^{-1}$. This work builds on a previous search for non-resonant HH production via gluon-gluon fusion (GGF) and vector boson fusion (VBF), where I contributed by studying systematic uncertainties and performing limit extraction. After nearly a year of CMS review, the results are now public and are part of the combined HH results published by CMS in *Nature*, marking the 10th anniversary of the Higgs boson discovery. A more detailed description of the analysis is available in this paper of which I am co-author, [4].

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Physics 1 Tutor for Engineering Students

March – June 2024

I worked as a tutor for classical mechanics (known as Physics 1 course) exercises for Engineering students, guiding problem-solving sessions and supporting students' understanding of fundamental physics concepts throughout the semester.

Private lessons for middle, high school and university students

2012 - now

Topics: Physics, Math and Calculus, Programming, Chemistry.

Volunteering Activity

2011

Liceo Classico "Istituto Pontano", Naples, Italy.

After-school activity for disadvantaged children.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Double Higgs production

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

The production of Higgs boson pairs (both resonant and non-resonant) is crucial for probing various Beyond Standard Model (BSM) theories and provides access to the Higgs self-coupling in the Standard Model (SM). Although current CMS data lacks the statistics needed to measure this process directly in the SM context due to its low cross-section, it still allows upper limits to be set. As more data is collected in future LHC runs, a measurement will become feasible. In BSM scenarios, Higgs pair production may result from the decay of a heavy resonance or exhibit different kinematics and cross-sections than SM predictions, with certain parameter values making detection possible even with current statistics. I am currently focused on searching for resonant Higgs pair production in the $b\bar{b}\tau\bar{\tau}$ final state, where one Higgs decays to τ -leptons and the other to b-quarks, one of the most sensitive channels. This analysis uses two independent frameworks: one developed primarily by teams from the University of Milano Bicocca, Hamburg

University, and LLR, and another framework that I am building from scratch for independent cross-checks. My framework incorporates advanced CMS tools such as the NanoAOD data format, ROOT RDataFrames, and the Luigi Analysis Workflow (LAW), which is an extension of the open-source pipeline tool from Spotify, optimized for high-energy physics analyses. Additionally, I contributed to the non-resonant HH analysis through systematic error studies and limit extraction.

Study of Machine Learning techniques for au_h identification and reconstruction

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

I am contributing into the common CMS effort of improving the identification and reconstruction of the semi-leptonic decaying taus (the so-called "hadronic tau", indicated as τ_h) from the very first levels of the CMS offline trigger. I worked on the development of a Machine Learning (ML) algorithm, aiming to replace the cut-based initial selection at the CMS High Level Trigger (HLT) for hadronically decaying taus. The algorithm, named L2TauNNTag, showed better performances in terms of efficiency and purity with respect to the cut-based one and therefore it was integrated in all the trigger paths involving hadronic taus. Such triggers are applied to select events during the ongoing the Run 3 data taking.

Model independent measurement of the top-related CKM matrix elements

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

TMy master's thesis focused on a direct, model-independent measurement of the CKM matrix elements related to the top quark. Affiliated with INFN Naples and CERN, I conducted this analysis using proton-proton collision data from CMS Run 2, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of $36\,\mathrm{fb^{-1}}$ at $\sqrt{s}=13\,\mathrm{TeV}$. By selecting events from single top quark production in the t-channel, we aimed to determine the $|V_{tq}|$ elements (for q=d,s,b flavors). My contributions included optimizing top quark selection and enhancing signal extraction, both through machine learning (ML) techniques. I developed an ML-based top tagger to improve top quark identification across production modes, comparing Deep Neural Network (DNN) and Boosted Decision Tree (BDT) models; the BDT performed best for efficiency and background rejection. I also applied ML to signal extraction, training a BDT to distinguish t-channel events from backgrounds. This BDT output was then used to estimate $|V_{tb}|$ and set an upper limit on $|V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2$.

Neutrino-argon interactions studies

SBND Experiment, Fermilab, Batavia (IL)

I worked for the SBND collaboration under the supervision of Prof. Ornella Palamara on the expected neutrino event rate at the SBND detector for its full exposure time. I focused on a specific final state topology in order to study the nuclear effects in neutrino-argon interactions. At the end of the work a final report has been written [5].

Sensitivity studies for the DarkSide-20k experiment

Darkside-20K experiment, LNGS, L'Aquila

During my bachelor thesis work, in association with INFN Sezione di Napoli, I studied the interaction of a WIMP particle with different target materials (liquid argon and xenon) and its response in Darkside-20k, Darkside-50 and Xenon-1T detectors. I evaluated the sensitivity in a dark matter direct detection of the above-mentioned experiments in the case of null result, under zero background hypothesis, producing an exclusion plot.

TALKS AND POSTERS

The 17th International Workshop on Tau Lepton Physics (TAU2023)

04 - 08 Dec 2023

University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Title of the talk: "Searches for New Physics that couple with third generation fermions". [6]

Poster at ESHEP2023: The 2023 European School of High-Energy Physics 6 – 19 Sep 2023 *Grenaa (Denmark)*

Poster title: Search for resonant di-Higgs production in the bbtautau final state at CMS and tau identification at the CMS HLT. [7]

CMS week 19 – 23 Sep 2022

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Tau trigger summary at the Tau POG meeting during the CMS week [8]

HH2022: Higgs Hunting 2022

12 - 14 Sep 2022

IJCLab, Paris (France)

Title of the presentation at the Young Scientist Forum: Search for non-resonant Higgs boson pair production in the final state with two bottom quarks and two tau leptons [9]

Seminar for Phenomenology of Elementary Particle Physics beyond the Standard Model group 13 Jul 2022

Humboldt University / Zoom

Statistical data analysis in experimental particle physics [10]

ICHEP2022: 41st International Conference on High Energy Physics

6 - 13 Jul 2022

Bologna (Italy)

Parallel talk: "Search for resonant and nonresonant di-Higgs boson production at CMS using jet substructure techniques" [11]

AnalisiDati@CMS Italia

09 - 11 Feb 2022

Firenze, Italy

Joint talk with F. Brivio regarding strategy for the HH o b ar b au ar au analysis [12]

CMS week 6 – 10 Dec 2021

CERN/Zoom

Title of the presentation: "New NN-based L2 tau tagging sequence" [13]

Poster at INFIERI International Summer School

22 Aug - 05 Sept 2021

Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM)

Title of poster: "A machine learning algorithm for tau leptons identification at L2 Trigger in the CMS experiment". Of the 37 posters on display, three best were selected by a panel of physicists [14]. My poster was awarded as the third best poster by a jury of 14 physics doctors and professors.

106th National Congress of the Italian Physical Society

14 - 18 Sept 2020

Zoom Only

Title of the talk for the session of Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics: "Measurements of the CKM matrix elements in single top events at CMS with machine learning techniques." [15]

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

ESHEP2023: The 2023 European School of High-Energy Physics

6 - 19 Sep 2023

Grenaa (Denmark)

The ESHEP school is a CERN based summer school with a wide HEP physics program divided in about 33 lectures, each lasting about 90 minutes including time for questions. Together with the lectures, a complementary parallel group discussion sessions most afternoons were carried on. The programme includes a short course on science communications and outreach. In addition, there will be group project work based on an outreach theme. [16]

The certificate of attendance is available in [17].

INFN School of Statistics 2022

15 - 20 May 2022

Paestum, Italy

The INFN School of Statistics offers a comprehensive overview of statistical methods and tools used in particle, astro-particle, and nuclear physics. The lectures are organized into five sections: an introduction to probability theory covering both frequentist and Bayesian approaches; statistical methods, including parameter estimation, maximum likelihood, and chi-squared techniques; methods for defining confidence intervals and upper limits; multivariate techniques such as neural networks and boosted decision trees; and hands-on sessions with software tools for statistical analysis.. [18]

INFIERI hands-on Lab:

Introduction to Semiconductor Detectors for HEP with the EASy

03 Sept 2021

Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM)

During the INFIERI Summer School I attended an hands-on lab: *introduction to Semiconductor Detectors* for High-Energy Physics with the Educational Alibava System EASy. The lab focused on the study of basic principles of silicon strip sensors and the signal they produce when a particle traverses them. At the end of the lab a certificate has been issued [19].

VI edition of the INFIERI Summer School

22 Aug - 05 Sept 2021

Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM)

The INtelligent signal processing for Frontler Research and Industry (INFIERI) is focused on the most advanced technologies in the fields of microelectronics, real-time signal processing, massively parallel computing and on the physics motivations that require confronting these technological challenges for building the needed new instruments. During the school, lectures have been attended, together with a wide variety of hands-on lab works in many cross-disciplinary example applications drawn from the exploration of distant universe, through medical imaging of the human body, to exploration of the elementary particle world and fall backs on the daily-life, and on new energies. [20]

XXIV CMS Data Analysis School

5 - 16 Jan 2021

LHC Physics Center, Fermilab, Batavia (IL)

Hands-on data analysis school, where eighty per cent of school time is devoted to a series of hands-on exercises, first introducing participants to the tools of data analysis and then later devoted to performing detailed physics measurements with real CMS data in a 5-8 day intensive period by focused teams of about 6-8 students with a close to one-to-one ratio between students and experts, also known as facilitators. The conference has been attended online due to COVID-19 emergency [21]. The participation certificate can be found in [22].

"Re-writing Nuclear Physics textbooks:

30 years of radioactive ion beam physics" Summer school

19 - 25 Jul 2015

Università di Pisa

I attended, as a Summer Student, a series lectures which covered topics about standard Nuclear Physics. The participation certificate can be found in [23].

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP ATTENDED

GravityShapePisa (GRASP) 2023

24 - 27 Oct 2022

Pisa, Italy

GravityShapePisa(GraSP) is the 2nd International Conference completely organized by Young Researchers which supports the active participation of Young Researchers. The aim of the conference is to gather theoretical and observational researches from different international groups to discuss new challenges in gravity phenomenology at different curvature scales. The indico page can be found in [24].

CMS Italia National Meeting

18 - 20 Oct 2023

Turin, Italy

Annual meeting of the Italian community of the CMS experiment. The indico page can be found in [25].

Higgs 2022 6 – 11 Nov 2022

Pisa, Italy

The conference focuses on new experimental and theoretical results on the Higgs boson. Latest measurement of the Higgs boson properties and recent theoretical developments in the Higgs boson sector, in the Standard Model and in physics Beyond the Standard Model will be presented and discussed at the Conference. The indico page can be found in [26].

CMS Italia National Meeting

26 - 28 Sept 2022

Florence, Italy

Annual meeting of the Italian community of the CMS experiment. The indico page can be found in [27].

Higgs@CMS Italia workshop

11 - 12 May 2022

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Meeting of the Italian community of the CMS experiment working on Higgs physics. The indico page can be found in [28]

2022 Higgs workshop

28 - 30 March 2022

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

Three-day workshop of the CMS Higgs group. We currently plan the workshop as a hybrid workshop, with in-person attendance at CERN possible. Depending on the CERN covid restrictions, capacity in the conference rooms may be limited, and/or we may have to revert to a fully virtual workshop. [29]

Higgs 2021 18 – 22 Oct 2021

Zoom

Annual conference devoted to new experimental and theoretical results on the Higgs boson.

The conference has been attended online due to the COVID-19 emergency. [30]

CMS Italia National Meeting

11 - 13 Oct 2021

Naples

The participation certificate can be found in [31].

PyHEP 2021 Workshop

05 - 09 July 2021

CERN. Geneva

The PyHEP workshops are a series of workshops initiated and supported by the HEP Software Foundation (HSF) with the aim to provide an environment to discuss and promote the usage of Python in the HEP community at large. Further information is given on the PyHEP Working Group website.

The tutorial has been attended online due to COVID-19 emergency. [32]

The 11th CMS Induction Course

10 - 12 March 2021

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

The CMS Induction Course is envisaged for newcomers and those who have been in CMS for some time -both students and more experienced collaborators. The course has been attended online due to COVID-19 emergency. [33]

CMS Italia National Meeting

13 - 15 Nov 2019

Bar

Annual meeting of the Italian community of the CMS experiment. The participation certificate can be found in [34].

PUBLICATIONS

Co-author of 274 publications

Feb 2021 - now

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

h-index =45. Of those papers, one is single author. Another publication, the proceeding of the Tau2023 conference, is in the review process. Publication list on inspire HEP can be found in [35].

Co-author of paper

CMS Experiment, CERN, Geneva

The paper describes the search for Higgs boson pair production in the bb $\tau\tau$ final state at the with LHC proton-proton collision data collected between 2016 and 2018 at the CMS Experiment, with centre of mass energy of $\sqrt{s}=13\,\text{TeV}$. [4]

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Partecipation at "Bright - Night of Researchers" Pisa

21 Sep 2023

I took actively part in the "Night of Researchers" by attending and setting up stands dedicated to high energy physics. I have participated as a representative of the CMS group of the University of Siena and the INFN of Pisa, creating posters and brochures and preparing and attending the stands in Pisa. [36]

Outreach prize at ESHEP

21 Sep 2023

Grenaa, Denmark

During the ESHEP school [16], the students in each discussion group participated in a collaborative project on an outreach theme, leading up to a presentation by a group representative in a dedicated session at the end of the School. The group I was into was nominated the best in outreach presentation, ideas and scientific communication. The recording of the demonstration can be found in [37]. I took actively part to the outreach project design and implementation.

Tutor at Masterclass CMS Pisa 2023

21 March 2023

Pisa

The "International Masterclass" in elementary particle physics, organized by IPPOG and coordinated by the European Physical Society, will return in 2023 with an in-person format. Locally organized by INFN Pisa and the University of Pisa's Physics Department, the event aims to introduce high school students to particle physics. This year, approximately 10,000 students from 37 countries will participate across 160 universities and research centers, each hosting a day of lectures, exercises, and data analysis using real experimental data. As a tutor, I assisted students with the exercises and led the discussion of their results. [38]

Cern official guide May 2022 – now

Pisa

I attended trainings to become a CERN official guide and I am now one of the gudies that can bring visitors to the following visit points: SyncroCyclothron (building 300 at CERN Meyrin's site), Low Energy Ion Ring (LEIR), Antimatter Decelerator (AD) facility, Cern Control Centre (CCC), Data Centre Visitor Point (DCVP), Atlas Visitor Point (AVP). I attended the trainings also for LHCb surface visitor point and the CMS cavern, but still need to finish some mandatory trainings needed to enter the CMS Underground Area.

Partecipation at "Bright - Night of Researchers"

24 Sep 2021

Pisa

I took actively part in the "Night of Researchers" by attending and setting up stands dedicated to high energy physics. I have participated as a representative of the CMS group of the University of Siena and the INFN of Pisa, creating posters and brochures and preparing and attending the stands in Pisa.

"Tetravalente_ " Instagram account

June, 2020 - June 2023

Social media outreach

I shared an Instagram account with three high school friends of mine with outreach purposes, focused on Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Medicine, Psychology and Marketing. We aimed to cover a wide variety of topics, according to our research fields, in order to exploit social network for didactic purposes. With this project we found a way to communicate the passion we deliver in our research fields through one of the most popular social networks [39].

Science outreach activities organized by PONYS.

2016 - 2019

Member of PONYS organization

The Physics and Optics Naples Young Students (PONYS) is a no-profit cultural association, composed by bachelor and master students, PhDs and Post-Docs of the Physics Department of Università degli studi di Napoli "Federico II", Naples, Italy. I took actively part in many public events aimed at promoting the cultural relevance of physics, inside and outside the academia.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming C/C++, Python, shell (bash, zsh, csh), MatLab Languages

ROOT, LATEX, Matlab, LabView, Microsoft Office package Software

Scientific Soft-

CMS experiment framework, CMSSW ware

Microsoft Windows OS, Linux/Unix, Mac OSX Operative

Systems

I have an advanced knowledge of the C++ and Python programming languages, a basic knowledge of MatLab one.

For my phs, master and bachelor theses work I largely used the ROOT framework to analyze data. In particular, during my master thesis the Keras and XGBoost libraries in order to build machine learning algorithms.

During the first year of Ph.D. I developed a Convolutional Neural Network for L2 tau identification exploiting the TensorFlow and Keras libraries.

LANGUAGE SKILLS¹

Italian	native speaker			
English	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing
	C1	C1	B2	B2
Spanish	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing
	A1	A2	A1	A1

In June 2018 I obtained the First Cambridge English certificate. [40]

PERSONAL SKILLS

Work: Proactive, organized, analytic, adaptable to different working environments and conditions, good team spirit, remarkable leading ability. I have a strong passion for physics and this reflects in the eager to understand problems and find solutions in conventional and unconventional ways. Good critical spirit.

Writing: Good writing skills.

Communication: Good communication and interaction skills.

Out of Work: My main interests are: science outreach, in particular I am fascinated by the application of science in all-day life. I love dogs and I would like to become a volunteer for a kennel. In particular I am very fascinated by dog breeding history. I like beer tasting, and exploring new beer types. I took part to some beers "remote tasting" organized by a brewery in Pisa. I appreciate trekking activities, in my free time I like to go on outings. I love to travel and explore new places and cultures. During last years I developed a strong passion for indoor and outdoor climbing.

¹Grades in tables are self-certified.

I, the undersigned, Valeria D'Amante, declare that all the information provided in this list is accurate.

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