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EDUCATION AND AWARDS

D.Phil (Ph.D) in Particle Physics. University of Oxford, Pembroke College *2013–Present*

- Thesis title: “Phenomenological studies of supersymmetry and searches for the gluino”
- Supervisor: Prof. Alan Barr
- Awarded Pembroke College Collingwood Prize for academic achievement (2016)
- Granted Senior Studentship, awarded to top 2% of students at Pembroke College (2016)
- Runner up for Perkins Prize for the best 1st year Ph.D student in Particle Physics (2014)

M.Phys(Hons) in Physics, 1st class. University of Manchester *2009–2013*

- Thesis title: “Searching for matter-antimatter differences in charm meson decays”
- Supervisor: Prof. Chris Parkes
- Awarded Platt Prize for the best Master’s project and thesis (2013)
- University commendation for finishing in the top 5% of undergraduates (2013)
- Achievement scholarship (awarded annually) for consistent 1st class results (2009-13)

EXPERIENCE

Experimental Particle Physicist

Oct. 2013 – Present

University of Oxford & European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)

Oxford & Geneva

- Lead an international team of 9 Ph.D students & post-docs in searches for new fundamental particles.
- Organised and chaired meetings, coordinated group work, delegated tasks and supervised junior students.
- Performed statistical analysis of data from the Large Hadron Collider (LHC).
- Operated the ATLAS detector during control room shifts (Inner Detector and Run Control).
- Published 3 scientific papers, 1 conference note and 3 conference proceedings to communicate my results to the academic community.
- Presented my work at international conferences in the form of talks and posters.

Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

July–Sept. 2012

Summer student

Oxfordshire, UK

- Analysis of LHC data to search for differences between matter and anti-matter.
- Experimented with machine learning techniques such as Boosted Decision Trees to optimise the sensitivity of an existing search, improving the performance by 17%.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages

C/C++, Python, Bash

Machine Learning

Boosted Decision Trees, Artificial Neural Networks

Operating Systems

Linux/Unix, Windows, Apple OSX

Tools

SVN, Git, Vim, Emacs

Other

LaTeX, Matlab, HTML (beginner), Javascript (beginner)

LEADERSHIP

President of the Middle Common Room

2015–2016

Pembroke College, University of Oxford

- Elected president. Responsible for management and running of the MCR committee, day-to-day operation of the MCR and special events such as a banquet for 150 people.
- Negotiated £3,000 to be given to graduate students to support trips to conferences and schools.
- Established a mentoring scheme for graduates to assist undergraduates, grew to 40 grad-undergrad pairs.
- Member of Pembroke College Governing Body, Finance and Planning Committee, Academic Committee, Operations Committee, and Student Development Committee.

Junior Under Officer

2009–2012

British Army, Manchester and Salford Universities Officer Training Corps

- Taught military skills including teamwork, communication, leadership and time management.
- Lead teams of officer cadets in field training and arduous battle exercises.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

ATLAS Collaboration (**W. J. Fawcett**, lead author) “Search for new phenomena with large jet multiplicities and missing transverse momentum using large-radius jets and flavour-tagging at ATLAS in 13 TeV pp collisions”, (preprint: ATLAS-CONF-2017-033) in preparation.

ATLAS Collaboration (**W. J. Fawcett**, editor) “Search for new phenomena in final states with large jet multiplicities and missing transverse momentum with ATLAS using $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV proton-proton collisions”, Phys. Lett. B. 757 (2016).

Was the first supersymmetry search paper to be published from the LHC with $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV data.

ATLAS Collaboration (**W. J. Fawcett**, editor) “Summary of the ATLAS experiment’s sensitivity to supersymmetry after LHC Run 1 – interpreted in the phenomenological MSSM”, JHEP 10 (2015) 134. *The most comprehensive analysis of Run-1 Supersymmetry searches. Selected by the ATLAS Collaboration as a “Physics highlight”. Selected by Oxford University as a “Physics highlight”. Featured on Résonances blog and in the CERN courier (Nov. 2015). Inspired several spin-off papers.*

CONFERENCE NOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

ATLAS Collaboration (**W. J. Fawcett**, lead author) “Pursuit of new phenomena in final states with high jet multiplicity, high jet masses and missing transverse momentum with ATLAS at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV”, ATLAS-CONF-2016-095.

ATLAS Collaboration (**W. J. Fawcett**, editor) “Constraints on promptly decaying supersymmetric particles with lepton-number- and R-parity-violating interactions using Run-1 ATLAS data” ATLAS-CONF-2015-018

W. J. Fawcett, “*pMSSM studies with ATLAS and CMS*”, PoS (LHCP2016) 146.

Presented on behalf of the ATLAS and CMS collaborations.

W. J. Fawcett, “*Summary of SUSY constraints from ATLAS using the phenomenological MSSM*”, PoS (LP2015) 081.

Presented on behalf of the ATLAS collaboration.

W. J. Fawcett and S. Chen, “*Can LHCb Study Three Body Decays with Neutrals?*”, arXiv:1312.0023.

Presented on behalf of the LHCb collaboration.

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Talk: “pMSSM studies with ATLAS and CMS”, Large Hadron Collider Physics Conference, Lund University, Sweden. *June 2016*.

Talk: “Searching for SUSY”, Joint annual High Energy Particle Physics Conference, University of Sussex, UK. *March 2016*.

Talk & poster: “Searches for strongly produced supersymmetry”, ATLAS UK, University of Sheffield, UK. *January 2016*. Won poster prize.

Poster: “Summary of SUSY constraints from ATLAS using the pMSSM”, International Symposium on Lepton Photon Interactions at High Energies. University of Ljubljana, Slovenia *August 2015*.

Poster: “Impact of ATLAS on the pMSSM”, ATLAS UK, University of Sussex, UK. *January 2015*.

Poster: “The hunt for supersymmetry”, High Energy Physics summer school, University of Warwick, UK. *September 2014*

Poster: “Can LHCb find 3-body decays with neutrals?”, International Workshop on Charm Physics, University of Manchester, UK. *September 2013*.

TEACHING

University of Oxford

- Tutor for third-year undergraduate class on subatomic physics, lead tutorial classes, marked work. *2017*
- Mentor for undergraduate physicist, provided academic support e.g. lab report writing. *2016-17*
- Teaching assistant for 4th year undergraduate particle physics course. *2016*

University of Manchester

- Mentor for a group of undergraduate physicists, lead the group in a small research project. *2010*

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

- 11th Hadron Collider Physics Summer School, Fermilab, Chicago, USA. *2016*
- Terascale statistics School, DESY, Hamburg, Germany. Received specialist training in statistical analysis for particle physics. *2016*
- STFC High Energy Physics Summer School, University of Warwick, UK. *2014*

OTHER POSITIONS

- Particle Physics representative on departmental graduate liaison committee (Oxford) *2015-17*
- Oxford University Student’s Union (OUSU) representative for Particle Physics *2015-17*
- IT officer for Pembroke College MCR, (Oxford) maintained the website *2015*

OUTREACH

- Authored public engagement article “Where has all the antimatter gone?”, published in issue 16 of Bang! science magazine *2014*
- Educated the public about the Higgs boson at the Big Bang fair, Birmingham *2014*
- Mentored A-level students at the particle physics masterclass, University of Oxford *2014*
- Volunteer at the Stargazing Live festival, University of Oxford *2014*

SPORTING

Represented Oxford at the 60th Modern Pentathlon Varsity Match, awarded university colours. *2017*
Throughout my university years I have been a member of several sports teams and societies, including: Swimming, Skydiving, Taekwondo, Fencing, Powerlifting and Modern Pentathlon.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- CMI Level 5 award in management and team leadership
- ILM certificate in team leading (distinction)
- BTEC First diploma in public services (distinction)
- Duke of Edinburgh gold award
- UK driving licence

REFERENCES

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