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Curriculum Vitæ

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Major Research Interests

Experimental high-energy physics: Higgs boson properties, BSM Higgs boson searches, searches for new physics in tau lepton final states (graviton, SUSY, Z' , third-generation leptoquarks), tau lepton physics, identification of hadronically-decaying taus, top quark properties, silicon detectors.

Education

- 2004 **Ph.D., Physics**, *University of Illinois*, Urbana-Champaign, USA.
Thesis: "Measurement of W Boson Polarization in Top Quark Decay" [CDF Experiment]
Advisors: Steven M. Errede, Tony M. Liss
- 2000 **M.S., Physics**, *University of Illinois*, Urbana-Champaign, USA.
- 1998 **B.S., Physics**, *University of Illinois*, Urbana-Champaign, USA.

Academic Appointments

- 2015–present **Senior Lecturer**, *University of Sheffield*, Sheffield, UK.
- 2010–2016 **Visiting Lecturer (3+3 years)**, *University of Oxford*, Oxford, UK.
- 2010–2014 **Senior Lecturer (tenured)**, *University of the Witwatersrand*, South Africa.
- 2008–2009 **Assistant Scientist**, *University of Wisconsin*, Madison, USA.
- 2005–2008 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *University of Wisconsin*, Madison, USA.

Honors and Awards

- 2017 **Departmental Teaching Award**, *University of Sheffield*.
Awarded "for sustained excellence in teaching"
- 2012, 2011 **Visiting Scholar**, *Merton College, University of Oxford*, Oxford, UK.
Appointed during the Trinity term of both years
- 2011 **President's Award**, *National Research Foundation of South Africa*.
The NRF's most prestigious accolade for researchers 35 years of age or younger; NRF P-Rating
- 2011 **Elsevier Young Scientist Award**.
- 2010 **Friedel Sellschop Award**, *University of the Witwatersrand*.
The university's premier award given annually to "truly exceptional young researchers"
- 2004 **Giulio Ascoli Award**, *University of Illinois*.
Awarded "for demonstrating excellence and originality in the study of high-energy physics"
- 1998–1999 **Outstanding Teacher Award**, *University of Illinois*.
Awarded during each of three consecutive semesters
- 1994 **Inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta**, *National Honor Society*.

Leadership and Service

- 2017–present **Particle Physics Users Advisory Committee (PPUAC), Member.**
- 2016–present **IoP HEPP Group Committee, Secretary.**
- 2015–present **ATLAS ITk Institute Board, representative for the Univ. of Sheffield.**
- 2015–present **ATLAS SCT Institute Board, representative for the Univ. of Sheffield.**
- 2015–present **Run-II Run Manager, Part of Run Coordination team overseeing ATLAS data-taking.**
- 2015–present **Examinations Officer, Univ. of Sheffield.**
- 2015–present **Post-graduate Admissions Committee, Univ. of Sheffield.**
- 2015–present **Leader of the Sheffield ATLAS Upgrade ITk Strips module construction effort.**
- 2015 **Run-II Shift Leader, Regularly served as the ATLAS Shift Leader for data-taking.**
- 2015 **IoP HEPP Group Committee, Ordinary Member.**
- 2014 **National Contact Physicist, South Africa ATLAS.**
- 2014 **Head of South Africa ATLAS.**
- 2013 **Co-Editor, Publication on Higgs boson production and couplings with ATLAS.**
- 2012 **Co-Editor, Conference note on ATLAS SM Higgs $\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ searches in 2012 data.**
- 2012 **Co-Editor, Publication on ATLAS MSSM neutral Higgs searches in 2011 data.**
- 2012–2016 **Convener, MSSM Higgs Subgroup of the LHC Higgs Cross Section Working Group.**
- 2011–2012 **Convener, ATLAS Higgs $\rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ Working Group.**
- 2011–2014 **ATLAS Speakers Committee, elected member.**
- 2011–2014 **ATLAS SCT Institute Board, representative for the South African cluster.**
- 2011 **Co-Editor, First publication on ATLAS SM Higgs searches in collision data.**
- 2011–2013 **Run-I Shift Leader, Regularly served as the ATLAS Shift Leader for data-taking.**
- 2010–2011 **Co-Editor, Conference notes on ATLAS $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau^\pm\nu$ searches in collision data.**
- 2010–2014 **Team Leader (and founder), Univ. of the Witwatersrand group working on ATLAS.**
- 2009–2011 **ATLAS Tau Performance Group Grid Disk Space Manager.**
- 2009 **ATLAS Higgs Cross Section Task Force, appointed member.**
- 2007–2009 **ATLAS SCT Institute Board, representative for Univ. of Wisconsin.**
- 2005–2009 **Leader of the ATLAS SCT ROD DSP Code Development.**

Grants

- 2015–2019 **Sheffield Particle Physics Consolidated Grant, STFC, United Kingdom.**
- 2015–2017 **Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers, NRF, South Africa.**
- 2014 **Univ. of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, Faculty Research Committee Grant.**
- 2014 **Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee Grant.**
- 2013 **Knowledge Interchange and Collaboration, NRF, South Africa.**
- 2012–2014 **Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers, NRF, South Africa.**
- 2012 **Oppenheimer Fund, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.**
- 2011–2016 **National Research Foundation Grant associated with the President's Award.**
- 2011–2013 **University Research Council Grant associated with the Friedel Sellschop Award.**

- 2011–2012 **Grant associated with the Elsevier Young Scientist Award.**
- 2010–2016 **Principal Investigator for the South Africa - CERN Wits ATLAS DST Grant.**
- 2010–2012 **The Royal Society (UK) International Joint Project (with Oxford).**
- 2010–2011 **Oppenheimer Fund, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.**
- 2010 **Univ. of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, Faculty Research Committee Grant.**
- 2010 **South Africa / JINR (Dubna, Russia) Research Cooperation Programme.**
- 2010–2012 **University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, Start-up Funding.**

Selected Publications

A complete list of over 675 peer-reviewed publications is available upon request.

10. M. Aaboud *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Search for Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model Higgs bosons H/A and for a Z' boson in the $\tau\tau$ final state produced in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV with the ATLAS Detector", *Eur. Phys. J.* **C76**, 11 (2016).
9. G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Search for a CP-odd Higgs boson decaying to Zh in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the ATLAS detector," *Phys. Lett. B* **744**, 163-183 (2015).
8. G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Evidence for the Higgs-boson Yukawa coupling to tau leptons with the ATLAS detector," *JHEP* **04**, 117 (2015).
7. G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Search for neutral Higgs bosons of the minimal supersymmetric standard model in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV with the ATLAS detector," *JHEP* **11**, 056 (2014).
6. G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Measurements of Higgs boson production and couplings in di-boson final states with the ATLAS detector at the LHC," *Phys. Lett. B* **726**, 88-119 (2013).
5. G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in the H to $\tau^+\tau^-$ decay mode in $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV pp collisions with ATLAS," *JHEP* **09**, 070 (2012).
4. G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Observation of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson with the ATLAS detector at the LHC," *Phys. Lett. B* **716**, 1-29 (2012).
3. G. Aad *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "Combined search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV with the ATLAS detector," *Phys. Rev. D* **86**, 032003 (2012).
2. A. Abdesselam *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], "The data acquisition and calibration system for the ATLAS Semiconductor Tracker," *J. Instrum.* **3**, P01003 (2008).
1. A. Abulencia *et al.* [CDF Collaboration], "Measurement of the helicity of W bosons in top-quark decays," *Phys. Rev. D* **73**, 111103 (2006).

Invited Talks, Conference and Workshop Presentations

46. "Design of the new ATLAS Inner Tracker for the High Luminosity LHC era," **19th International Workshop on Radiation Imaging Detectors (iWoRiD-2017)**, Plenary Talk, Krakow, Poland, July 2017.
45. "Searching for additional Higgs bosons with the ATLAS Experiment at the CERN Large Hadron Collider," HEP Seminar, **Center for High Energy Physics, Peking University**, Beijing, China, November 2016.
44. "Search for a High-mass Neutral Higgs Boson in Fermion Final States with the ATLAS Detector," **International Conference on High-Energy Physics (ICHEP-2016)**, Parallel Talk, Chicago, Illinois, USA, August 2016.
43. "ATLAS SUSY Higgs Searches (H , A , H^\pm)," **BSM Higgs Workshop at the LPC**, Invited Plenary Talk, Fermilab, Illinois, USA, November 2014.
42. "Evidence for Higgs Boson Decays to Tau Lepton Pairs from the ATLAS Experiment at the CERN Large Hadron Collider," Departmental Colloquium, **Northern Illinois University**, Illinois, USA, January 2014.
41. "Search for the Standard Model Higgs Boson in H to $\tau\tau$ decays at the LHC," **Higgs Days at Santander 2013**, Invited Plenary Talk, Instituto de Fisica de Cantabria, Santander, Spain, September 2013.
40. "ATLAS Searches for Higgs Bosons beyond the Standard Model," **International Symposium on Higgs Physics**, Invited Plenary Talk, Institute of High Energy Physics, Beijing, China, August 2013.
39. "Search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in H to $\tau\tau$ decays with the ATLAS detector," HEP Seminar, **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**, Illinois, USA, November 2012.
38. "Higgs to $\tau\tau$ searches in ATLAS," **Chicago 2012 Workshop on LHC Physics**, Invited Plenary Talk, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA, November 2012.
37. "ATLAS Searches for Higgs Bosons beyond the Standard Model," **Conference on the Origin of Mass (Mass-2012)**, Invited Plenary Talk, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2012.
36. "ATLAS Searches for Higgs Bosons beyond the Standard Model," **19th Particles and Nuclei International Conference (PANIC-2011)**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, July 2011.
35. "Recent Results from the ATLAS Experiment in Searches with Tau Lepton Final States," HEP Seminar, **University of Oxford**, Oxford, United Kingdom, May 2011.
34. "Recent Results from the ATLAS Experiment in Searches with Tau Lepton Final States," HEP Seminar, **University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK, May 2011.
33. "Light $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu$ Plans for the Summer Conferences," **ATLAS Higgs Workshop, JINR Dubna, Russia**, May 2011.
32. "MSSM $h/A/H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Analysis Status and Plans," **US ATLAS Higgs Workshop, Brookhaven National Lab, Brookhaven, USA**, May 2011.
31. "Recent Results from the ATLAS Experiment in Searches with Tau Lepton Final States," HEP Seminar, **Rutherford Appleton Laboratory**, Didcot, United Kingdom, April 2011.

30. *"Recent Results from the ATLAS Experiment,"* Departmental Colloquium, **University of Cape Town**, Cape Town, South Africa, April 2011.
29. *"Recent Results from the ATLAS Experiment,"* Departmental Colloquium, **University of the Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2011.
28. *"The ATLAS Experiment and the Quest for Physics Beyond the Standard Model,"* HEP Seminar, **Tata Institute of Fundamental Research**, Mumbai, India, November 2010.
27. *"The ATLAS Experiment and the Quest for Physics Beyond the Standard Model,"* HEP Seminar, **University of Delhi**, Delhi, India, November 2010.
26. *"Tau Performance Group Disk Space Status, Plans and Ideas,"* **ATLAS Tau Workshop, Freiburg, Germany**, October 2010.
25. *"High Energy Physics Projects in South Africa,"* invited plenary talk at the **Symposium in High Energy Physics for the Mediterranean and Africa (CFMA-2010)**, Paris, France, May 2010.
24. *"Hadronic Tau Identification in the ATLAS Experiment,"* **ATLAS Higgs Workshop, JINR Dubna, Russia**, May 2010.
23. *"The Search for the Higgs Boson,"* Departmental Colloquium, **University of the Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg, South Africa, September 2009.
22. *"The Search for the Higgs Boson,"* Departmental Colloquium, **University of Cape Town**, Cape Town, South Africa, August 2009.
21. *"Identifying Taus and b-jets in Year One,"* invited plenary talk at the **ATLAS Physics Workshop of the Americas, New York University**, New York, USA, August 2009.
20. *"Discovery Potential for MSSM Higgs Bosons with the ATLAS experiment at the LHC,"* **2009 Meeting of the Division of Particles and Fields of the American Physical Society (DPF-2009)**, Detroit, USA, July 2009.
19. *"Tau Identification Systematics Using Minimum-bias Events, and Overlay Status,"* **ATLAS Tau Workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark**, April 2009.
18. *"ATLAS Inner Detector Commissioning and Performance,"* **ATLAS Tau Workshop, Copenhagen, Denmark**, April 2009.
17. *"Searching for New Physics in High-pT Di-tau Final States with the ATLAS Experiment at the LHC,"* HEP Seminar, **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, USA, December 2008.
16. *"Searching for New Physics in High-pT Di-tau Final States with the ATLAS Experiment at the LHC,"* HEP Seminar, **Weizmann Institute of Science**, Rehovot, Israel, November 2008.
15. *"Searching for New Physics in High-pT Di-tau Final States with the ATLAS Experiment at the LHC,"* HEP Seminar, **Technion—Israel Institute of Technology**, Haifa, Israel, November 2008.
14. *"The Search for the Higgs Boson,"* HEP Seminar, **University of Stockholm**, Stockholm, Sweden, September 2008.
13. *"Data-driven Methods for the Estimation of $t\bar{t}$ Backgrounds to Charged Higgs Searches,"* **Prospects for Charged Higgs Discovery at Colliders (Charged-2008)**, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2008.

12. "The Search for the Higgs Boson," HEP Seminar, **Niels Bohr Institute**, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2008.
11. "Modeling τ Backgrounds using Control Samples from Data," **ATLAS Tau Workshop, Dresden, Germany**, May 2008.
10. "The $Z' \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ Analysis," **ATLAS Tau Workshop, Dresden, Germany**, May 2008.
9. "Higgs Searches at the LHC," **The XLIIIth Rencontres de Moriond (Moriond-2008)**, La Thuile, Italy, March 2008.
8. "The Search for the Higgs Boson," HEP Seminar, **Technische Universität Dresden**, Dresden, Germany, November 2007.
7. "Higgs Boson Discovery Potential with the ATLAS Experiment at the LHC," HEP Seminar, **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA**, November 2006.
6. "A Read-Out Driver for Silicon Detectors in ATLAS," **12th Workshop on Electronics for the LHC and Future Experiments (LECC-2006)**, Valencia, Spain, September 2006.
5. "Top Physics Results at CDF," **Lake Louise Winter Institute (LLWI-2005)**, Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada, February 2005.
4. "W Boson Polarization in Top Quark Decay at CDF II," **American Physical Society April Meeting, Denver, USA**, May 2004.
3. "W Boson Polarization in Top Quark Decay at CDF," **American Physical Society April Meeting, Philadelphia, USA**, April 2003.
2. "Measuring W Boson Polarization in Top Quark Decay," HEP Seminar, **Freiburg Universität**, Freiburg, Germany, January 2002.
1. "Calibration Hardware for the Muon Detectors at CDF," **American Physical Society April Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA**, April 2001.

Teaching Experience

2015–present **Classroom Teaching**, *University of Sheffield*, United Kingdom.

Lecturer for first- and second-year physics students (PHY-101, PHY-102, PHY-192 (Nanjing Tech) and PHY-250). Duties performed include: lecturing to students (~ 50 - 150) on a variety of topics from Special Relativity, Magnetism and Quantum Mechanics, writing homework, tutorial and examination problems, grading exams. Also serving as a tutor for ~ 15 second-year physics students (we meet weekly for ~ 1 hour to solve physics problems). Lectured to first-year post-graduate students on Quantum Field Theory.

2010–2014 **Classroom Teaching**, *University of the Witwatersrand*, South Africa.

Lecturer for the calculus-based general physics course for undergraduate engineering students (PHYS-1014 and 1015). Duties performed include: lecturing to large classes (~ 200 students at a time), in-class demonstrations, writing tutorial and examination problems, proctoring and grading exams. Have also served as the Coordinator for PHYS-1015 and the laboratory section of PHYS-1014.

1998–1999 **Classroom Teaching**, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*, United States.

As a graduate student taught numerous tutorials for calculus-based general physics courses to undergraduate students (Physics 111 & 112). Duties performed included: setting-up laboratory experiments, lecturing to and discussing with students about basic physics concepts, demonstrating experiments for students, grading lab-reports and homework assignments, proctoring exams.

Advisees and Postgraduate Supervision

Postdoctoral:

Dr. Per JOHANSSON (Univ. of Sheffield), 2015–present; currently based at CERN full-time and has served as the ATLAS SCT Run Coordinator

Dr. Tulay DONSZELMANN (Univ. of Sheffield; co-advised by Anastopoulos), 2015–present; currently based at CERN full-time and served as ATLAS Prompt Reconstruction Operations Coordinator (PROC)

Dr. German CARRILLO MONTOYA (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), 2012–2014; was convener of the ATLAS BSM Higgs Working Group during this time; took up a CERN Fellowship

Dr. Sahal YACOOB (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), 2010–2012; now a Lecturer at the Univ. of Cape Town, South Africa

Postgraduate:

Assisted in supervising and directing the research of a number of graduate students from various institutions

Theodoros ZORBAS (Univ. of Sheffield), Ph.D. 2019 (expected).

Guillermo HAMITY (Univ. of Sheffield), Ph.D. 2018 (expected).

Warren CARLSON (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), Ph.D. 2018 (expected).

Guillermo HAMITY (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), MSc 2015, now a Ph.D. student at the Univ. of Sheffield.

Kieran BRISTOW (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), MSc 2014, now employed by The Standard Bank of South Africa.

Timothy BRISTOW (Univ. of the Witwatersrand) MSc 2013, later completed Ph.D. at the Univ. of Edinburgh.

Zofia CZYCHULA (Niels Bohr Institute, Copenhagen) Ph.D. 2009, “Search for New Physics in Tau-pair Events in ATLAS at the LHC,” took up a postdoc position at Yale University.

Xin CHEN (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison) Ph.D. 2008, “Reconstruction of Missing ET and Search for a SM Higgs Boson via VBF in the $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Decays in ATLAS,” took up a postdoc position at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Alden STRADLING (Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison) Ph.D. 2008, “An Examination of Backgrounds to Early-run Minimum-bias Events in ATLAS at the LHC,” took up a postdoc position at the University of Texas, Arlington.

Technicians:

Sam EDWARDS (Univ. of Sheffield), 2015 - present; wire-bonding technician working in the Sheffield Semiconductor Detector Development Facility; expert on operating our Hesse & Knipps Bondjet BJ820 High Speed Fully Automatic Fine Wire Wedge Bonder; ATLAS Phase-II Upgrade ITk strips module construction.

Undergraduates:

Assisted in directing the research for undergraduate student projects

Peter ENGLAND (Univ. of Sheffield), 2016 Third-year physics student.

William MURFITT (Univ. of Sheffield), 2016 Third-year physics student.

James BAXTER (Univ. of Sheffield), 2016 Third-year physics student.

John CULLY (Univ. of Sheffield), 2016 Third-year physics student.

Johnny CLEARY (Univ. of Sheffield), 2015 Third-year physics student.

James McKEAND (Univ. of Sheffield), 2015 Third-year physics student.

Itumeleng MOLEFI (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), 2013 BSc (Hons) student.

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Shane ROODE (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), 2012 BSc student.

Kieran BRISTOW (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), 2011 BSc (Hons) student.

Tim BRISTOW (Univ. of the Witwatersrand), 2010 BSc (Hons) student.

Conference, Workshop and School Organization

- 2018 **ASP-2018: African School of Physics**, *International Advisory Committee Member*, Windhoek, Namibia, June 24 - July 14, 2018.
- 2017 **Institute of Physics joint APP and HEP Annual Conference**, *Local Organizing Committee Co-Chair*, Univ. of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK, April 10 - 12, 2017.
- 2016 **ATLAS Higgs to $\tau^+\tau^-$ and τ Performance Workshops**, *Local Organizing Committee Chair*, Univ. of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK, October 24 - 28, 2016.
- 2016 **ASP-2016: African School of Physics**, *International Advisory Committee Member*, Kigali, Rwanda, August 1 - 19, 2016.
- 2016 **ATLAS UK Annual Meeting**, *Local Organizing Committee Member*, Univ. of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK, January 6 - 8, 2016.
- 2014 **Kruger-2014: Workshop on Discovery Physics at the LHC**, *Local Organizing Committee Member*, Kruger National Park, South Africa, December 1 - 5, 2014.
- 2014 **Charged-2014: Fifth International Workshop on Prospects for Charged Higgs Discovery at Colliders**, *International Scientific Advisory Committee Member*, Uppsala, Sweden, September 16 - 18, 2014.
- 2014 **ASP-2014: African School of Physics**, *International Advisory Committee Member*, Dakar, Senegal, August 3 - 23, 2014.
- 2012 **Kruger-2012: Workshop on Discovery Physics at the LHC**, *Local Organizing Committee Member*, Kruger National Park, South Africa, December 2 - 8, 2012.
Plenary speakers included: Gian Giudice and Mike Lamont
- 2012 **ASP-2012: African School of Physics**, *International Advisory Committee Member*, Kumasi, Ghana, July 15 - August 4, 2012.

- 2012 **ATLAS Higgs to $\tau^+\tau^-$ and τ Performance Workshops**, *Local Organizing Committee Member*, Univ. of Oxford, Oxford, UK, March 19 - 23, 2012.
- 2010 **Kruger-2010: Workshop on Discovery Physics at the LHC**, *Biennial series founder and Local Organizing Committee Member*, Kruger National Park, South Africa, December 5 - 10, 2010.
Plenary speakers included: Nima Arkani-Hamed, John Ellis, Lyn Evans, Tao Han, Sven Heinemeyer
- 2010 **ASP-2010: African School of Physics**, *Local Organizing Committee Member*, Stellenbosch, South Africa, August 1 - 21, 2010.