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Education

PhD in Physics

University of California, Berkeley

Designated Emphasis in Computational and Data Science and Engineering

Thesis Advisor: Ben Nachman

Berkeley, CA

Aug. 2021 - Present

MPhil in Physics

University of Cambridge

Thesis: Investigating non-standard sources of parity violation at the LHC

Thesis Advisor: Christopher Lester

Cambridge, UK

Oct. 2020 - Sep. 2021

MASt in Physics

University of Cambridge

Thesis: Search for new physics in $B_{(s)}^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ decays

Thesis Advisor: Valerie Gibson

Cambridge, UK

Oct. 2019 - Jun. 2020

B.S. in Physics

MIT

Thesis: Analyzing CMS Open Collider Data through Topic Modeling

Thesis Advisor: Jesse Thaler

Cambridge, MA

Aug. 2015 - Jun. 2019

Publications and Preprints

- [11] **Radha Mastandrea**, Benjamin Nachman, and Tilman Plehn. *Constraining the Higgs Potential with Neural Simulation-based Inference for Di-Higgs Production*. 2024. arXiv: [2405.15847 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.15847). URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.15847>
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- [6] **Radha Mastandrea** and Benjamin Nachman. “Efficiently Moving Instead of Reweighting Collider Events with Machine Learning”. In: *36th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems: Workshop on Machine Learning and the Physical Sciences*. Dec. 2022. arXiv: [2212.06155 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.06155)
- [5] Gregor Kasieczka, **Radha Mastandrea**, Vinicius Mikuni, Benjamin Nachman, Mariel Pettee, and David Shih.

- “Anomaly detection under coordinate transformations”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 107.1 (2023), p. 015009. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.107.015009](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.107.015009). arXiv: [2209.06225](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.06225) [hep-ph]
- [4] Barry M. Dillon, **Radha Mastandrea**, and Benjamin Nachman. “Self-supervised anomaly detection for new physics”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 106.5 (2022), p. 056005. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.106.056005](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.106.056005). arXiv: [2205.10380](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.10380) [hep-ph]
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- [1] Patrick T. Komiske, **Radha Mastandrea**, Eric M. Metodiev, Preksha Naik, and Jesse Thaler. “Exploring the Space of Jets with CMS Open Data”. In: *Phys. Rev. D* 101.3 (2020), p. 034009. DOI: [10.1103/PhysRevD.101.034009](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.101.034009). arXiv: [1908.08542](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.08542) [hep-ph]

Conference Talks

Constraining the Higgs Potential Shape with Machine Learning

DPF-PHENO, *University of Pittsburgh*

May 2024

A Survey of Machine Learning Methods for Anomaly Detection

Workshop on Machine Learning and High-Energy Physics, *Campus Akademie, Vienna*

Dec. 2023

The Interplay of Machine Learning–based Resonant Anomaly Detection Methods

Hammers & Nails, *Ascona, Switzerland*

Oct. 2023

ML4Jets, *DESY*

Nov. 2023

FETA: Flow-Enhanced Transportation for Anomaly Detection

APS April Meeting, *New York*

Apr. 2023

HEPSim2Real: Creating background templates with normalizing flows

ML4Jets, *Rutgers University*

Nov. 2022

Using symmetries to build better latent spaces for dijet representation learning

APS April Meeting, *New York*

Apr. 2022

Exploring the Parity of the Quark-Sector SME with Madgraph

Fourth Summer School on the Lorentz- and CPT-violating Standard-Model Extension, *ICUSS*

May 2021

Analyzing CMS Open Collider Data through Topic Modeling

BOOST Physics Workshop, *MIT*

Jul. 2019

Jet Analysis with the CMS Open Data

Greater Boston Undergraduate Research Conference, *MIT*

Nov 2019

Testing Parameterized Theories of General Relativity using Gravitational Waves

APS New England Section Meeting, *URI*

Dec. 2017

Seminars

The Interplay of Machine Learning-based Anomaly Detection Methods

IAIFI Journal Club

April 2024

RWTH HEP-ML Club

January 2024

SLAC AI Seminar

December 2023

FETA: Flow-Enhanced Transportation for Anomaly Detection

Fermilab AI Meetings

July 2023

University College London HEP Seminars

December 2022

Imperial College London HEP Seminars

December 2022

UC Berkeley 4D Seminars

October 2022

Honors and Awards

Apr. 2024	Berkeley Grad Slam Semi-Finalist
Aug. 2023 - May 2025	Templeton TEX Fellowship
Apr. 2023	Citadel PhD Summit Attendee
Mar. 2023	APS GDS Impact Award
Mar. 2022 - Mar. 2023	APS DSECOP Fellow
Sep. 2021 - Aug. 2024	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Oct. 2019 - Jul. 2021	Marshall Scholarship
Jun. 2019	Joel Matthew Orloff Award for Outstanding Service
Jun. 2019	Phi Beta Kappa
Jun. 2019	Sigma Pi Sigma
Oct. 2019	FUTURE of Physics @ Caltech participant
May. 2018 - Sep. 2018	Heising-Simons @ MIT Physics Research Fellow

Summer Schools

Jun. 2024	TASI, <i>UC Boulder</i>
Aug. 2023	SLAC Summer Institute, <i>SLAC</i>
Jul. 2023	CMS Open Data Workshop, <i>Fermilab</i>

Technical Skills

Programming Python, C++, Mathematica, Matlab

HEP Softwares ROOT, MadGraph, Pythia, Delphes