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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Detector R&D focusing on data acquisition as well as overall detector architectures for silicon pixel detectors and diamond detectors.
- Design and conceptualisation of software infrastructure for readout-systems.
- Experimental particle physics focusing on long-lived particles, Standard Model electroweak physics and Super Symmetric models with more than eleven years of experience in data analysis.

WORK EXPERIENCE

EPFL	Postdoctoral Researcher	Switzerland	As of 04.2025
LHCb Experiment	User at LHCb Collaboration	Switzerland	As of 04.2025
CERN	Fellow	Switzerland	2022 - 2025
ATLAS Experiment	User at ATLAS Collaboration	Switzerland	2011 - 2025
University Of Oregon	Postdoctoral Researcher	USA	2019 - 2022
University Of Michigan	Grad. Student Research Ass.	USA	2014 - 2019
DESY	Summer Student	Germany	2012
Toshiba Medical Systems	Internship	Turkey	2011
TUBITAK Space Tech. Res. Inst.	Internship	Turkey	2011

EDUCATION

University Of Michigan	Ph.D. Physics	USA	2014 - 2019
Bogazici University	M.S. Physics	Turkey	2012 - 2014
Sabanci University	B.S. Electronics Eng. and Physics Minor	Turkey	2008 - 2012
University of Surrey	Erasmus	UK	2011 - 2012

APPOINTED POSITIONS AND ROLES

ATLAS Slow Moving Particles Ed. Board Member	2024 - 2025
CERN Staff Assoc. Turkish Ambassador	2024 - 2025
ATLAS SUSY dE/dx Analysis Contact	2023 - 2025
ATLAS ITk FELIX Liaison	2023 - 2025
ATLAS SUSY Derivation Contact	2021 - 2024
ATLAS WZ + Heavy Flavor Ed. Board Member	2021 - 2023
Manager of the Turkish Forum at CERN	2015 - 2019

SKILLS

TECHNICAL	Data Analysis, Leadership, Soldering, Basic CAD Design, PCB Design
COMP. LANGUAGES	Bash, C, C++, HTML, Latex, PHP, Prolog, Python, R, Root, SageMath, SQL, VHDL
PROGRAMS	Emacs, Keras, MadGraph, MS Office, OpenScad, Pythia8, TMVA, Xilinx ISE
	Design Suite, KiCad, Altium
SPOKEN LANGUAGES	Turkish (Native), English(C2), French(A2-B1), German(A1)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May 2022 - March 2025

BCM' luminosity detector's TDAQ design

Supervisor: Carlos Solans Sanchez

I have played an integral role in conceptualizing and engineering the readout structure for the BCM' detector. BCM' is a luminosity detector that will be situated inside the ITk (ATLAS Inner Tracker). The detector is composed of a small team of three institutes, hence I have taken on various active roles:

- · Responsible for TDAQ architecture design
- Contributed to the design of the readout PCB's and the mechanical design
- Designed the software, firmware and hardware of the readout system from scratch
- Became and expert in fiber optical readout and FELIX systems.
- · Contributed to the readout of diamond detectors and communication of readout FE's

ITk pixel DAQ software development and testing.

Supervisor: Carlos Solans Sanchez Past Supervisor: Laura Jeanty

Since June 2019, I have been working hands-on with the ITk pixel readout prototype, contributing to the development of the DAQ software for the ITk pixel detector, and testing the existing DAQ hardware.

- One of the few FELIX readout system expert of ITk
- Working on building the demonstrator in SR1
- Providing support to other scientific labs on ITk readout
- Actively building the system to be integrated with ATLAS TDAQ system.
- Debugging the firmware and providing feedback to the FELIX team
- Providing detailed documentation

JANUARY 2020 - FEBRUARY 2025

Search for long lived particles with large ionization energy loss Analysis Contact (April 2022 – February 2025)

This project is an analysis of the data collected by ATLAS detector to identify long-lived particles. We are using mass reconstruction through the ionization energy method to identify the long-lived particles that do not leave large energy deposits inside the ATLAS calorimeters. My active roles in this project were:

- Coordinated the team (30+ people) conducting the analysis
- · Optimised dedicated signal regions
- Handled majority of the systematic uncertainties
- Introduced new derivation formats
- Generated new triggers
- · Contributed to the limit setting

JANUARY 2020 - MARCH 2025

Isolated high momentum track-based trigger for ATLAS

Supervisor: Laura Jeanty

In this project we have developed a new ATLAS trigger (HLT). This trigger aims to identify such events only using the tracks reconstructed inside the inner detector, which are isolated and have high momentum. This trigger is currently active in ATLAS.

SEPTEMBER 2014 - JUNE 2019

Search for triboson $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}W^{\mp}$ production at 8 and 13 TeV

8 TeV: Published in EPJC as the cover in March 2017 / Adviser: Junjie Zhu 13 TeV: PhD Thesis at University of Michigan and published in Phys. Let. B

Quartic gauge boson interactions are a fundamental piece of SM that needs further investigations. In this project, we analyzed the ATLAS data-set and we found the first evidence of the tri-boson WWW production. This analysis covers both fully leptonic ($WWW \to \ell\nu\ell\nu\ell\nu$) and semi-leptonic channels ($WWW \to \ell\nu\ell\nu jj$), and I was involved in the semi-leptonic channel where we are searching for two same-sign leptons coming from two same-sign W's and two jets.

- Found the first evidence of WWW production
- Worked on it as my Ph.D. thesis
- ullet Was the main analyser in the WWW channel at 13 TeV and built the analysis from scratch including analysis framework
 - Provided major contributions to the 8 TeV analysis
 - Main decision maker of the analysis strategy for 13 TeV version
 - The ATLAS briefing of the analysis can be found here

SEPTEMBER 2015 - FEBRUARY 2018

Search for WW/WZ resonance production in the $\ell\nu qq$ final state

Published in JHEP March 2018 / Adviser: Junjie Zhu

WW/WZ resonance production provides us with an excellent tool to test beyond the SM physics, and we were able to set upper limits on *Heavy Vector Triplet*, *RS Graviton*, and *Narrow Width Higgs* models. I worked in the W/Z decay channels for this analysis for the 36.1 fb⁻¹ version of this analysis. My main contributions were:

• Contributed to the decay channel where W/Z decays into a large radius jet

- Maintained, ran, and improved the data analysis framework for multiple analysis groups (CxAOD-Framework)
 - Designed some of the systematic uncertainties
 - · Left the analysis group to focus on my thesis

JUNE 2015 - MAY 2019

Design and maintenance of the New Small Wheel's electronics database

ATLAS qualification task / Adviser: Junjie Zhu / In collaboration with: Kim Heidegger

At the newly designed New Small Wheel (NSW) of the ATLAS detector, new electronics needed to be tested and tracked. For this reason, we designed a variety of databases, software, and webpage solutions. Until May 2019, I maintained the database and handed it over to another PhD student when I finished my PhD.

SEPTEMBER 2011 - SEPTEMBER 2014

Heavy Quarks that Decays via the H,Z channel in 8 TeV ATLAS Data Masters Thesis at Bogazici University / Advisers: Erkcan Ozcan, Gokhan Unel

For my master's thesis, I conducted a search on E6 Iso-Singlet quarks proposed by Feza Gursey using the $ZH \to lljj + 2jets$ decay channel where we set 95% confidence limits for the productions of the Iso-singlet quarks in 8 TeV ATLAS data.

- This was my first large project at the ATLAS collaboration and my master thesis
- I designed the whole analysis from scratch

PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Phys. Let. B 798 (2019) 134913

Deep Blue 2027.42/151603

Ph.D. Thesis

MAY, 2019

Paper	
FEB. 2025	Limits on long-lived chargino production using large specific ionisation and low- β in $140~{\rm fb}^{-1}$ of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV using the ATLAS experiment $arXiv:2502.06694$
Paper	
Apr. 2025	Measuring the ATLAS ITk Pixel Detector Material via Multiple Scattering of Positrons at the CERN PS Eur. Phys. J. C 85, 381 (2025)
D. I. M. A.	
Pub. Note MAY. 2024	Limits on long-lived chargino production using large specific ionisation and low- β in $140~{\rm fb}^{-1}$ of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV using the ATLAS experiment ATL-PHYS-PUB-2024-009
Paper	
JAN. 2024	Performance of the ATLAS Trigger System in 2022 JINST 19 P06029
Proceeding	
Mar. 2023	Development of the BCM' System for Beam Abort and Luminosity Monitoring at the HL-LHC Pixel2022 (2023) 040
Conference Note	
Aug. 2023	Search for massive, long-lived charged particles with large specific ionisation and low- β in $140~{\rm fb^{-1}}$ of pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=$ 13 TeV using the ATLAS experiment $ATLAS$ - $CONF$ - 2023 - 044
Paper	
June. 2023	Search for heavy, long-lived, charged particles with large ionisation energy loss in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s}=$ 13 TeV using the ATLAS experiment and the full Run 2 dataset JHEP $06~(2023)~158$
Paper	
Nov. 2019	Evidence for the production of three massive vector bosons with the ATLAS detector.

Evidence for the WWW production in pp collisions with the ATLAS detector.

Paper

March 2018 Search for WW/WZ resonance production in $\ell\nu qq$ final states in pp collisions at 13

TeV with the ATLAS detector

JHEP03 (2018) 042

Paper

MARCH 2017 Search for triboson $W^{\pm}W^{\pm}W^{\mp}$ production at 8 TeV with the ATLAS detector.

Eur. Phys. J. C (2017) 77: 141 Cover of EPJC March 2017 issue.

Conference Note

<code>July 2017</code> Search for WW/WZ resonance production in $\ell
u qq$ final states at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with the

ATLAS detector

ATLAS-CONF-2017-051

Conference Note

Aug. 2016 Search for WW/WZ resonance production in $\ell\nu qq$ final states at $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with the

ATLAS detector at LHC ATLAS-CONF-2016-062

Master Thesis

 $J_{\text{ULY }}2014$ Search for E6 iso-singlet quarks in atlas, through the HjZj decay channel

YOK Tez No: 387400

CONFERENCES AND IMPORTANT TALKS

OCTOBER 2024 dE/dX and disappearing tracks: Learnings from Run-2 and ideas for Run-3

ATLAS Exotics Workshop 2024, Bologna

JUNE 2024 Recent results on LLPs in ATLAS

LHCP 2024, Boston

SEPTEMBER 2023 RPVLL Critical Review

ATLAS SUSY Workshop 2023, Oslo

May 2023 ITk Common Electronics

ATLAS Upgrade Week Plenary, CERN

SEPT 2022 dE/dx Searches for LLPs

Collider Cross Talks, CERN

 $_{
m JULY~2022}$ The new ATLAS triggers for LLPs that leave unconventional signatures in the track-

ing detectors

Poster @ ICHEP 2022, Bologna

MAY 2022 Interview with the Nature Magazine

Nature Article

MARCH 2022 Search for new charged long-lived particles using the ATLAS detector

La Thuile 2022, La Thuile

January 2020 Precision measurements of electroweak theory

Epiphany 2020, Krakow

August 2017 Measurements of vector boson fusion with the ATLAS detector

QCD@LHC 2017, Debrecen

MAY 2016 The search for tri-boson WWW production

APS April Meeting 2016, Salt Lake City

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Modern Physics	Lab Assistant	University of Michigan	2014 - 2015
Introduction to Modern Physics	Teaching Asistant	Bogazici University	2013
Introduction to Computing	Teaching Asistant	Sabanci University	2012
Introduction to Electronics	Teaching Asistant	Sabanci University	2011 - 2012

I have mentored three Ph.D., one Master, and three summer students

Under my supervision one of my Masters students received the ITk Masters thesis award.

SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

Exotics Workshop 2024 Altium Designer Essentials Training		OCTOBER 2024 MARCH 2024
SUSY Workshop 2023		SEP 2023
The thirteenth LLP Community workshop	LLP13	June 2023
ITk DAQ Workshop		May 2019
AVA School on Low Energy Anti-Matter Physics		June 2018
European High Energy School of Physics 2016	ESHEP 2016	JULY 2016
Multi-Boson Interactions Workshop 2015	MBI 2015	SEPTEMBER 2015
Multi-Boson Interactions Workshop 2014	MBI 2014	OCTOBER 2014
Third Inter. School on Trigger and Data Acquisition 2012	ISOTDAQ 2012	February 2012
School Of Comp. App. in Accelerator and Part. Phys. 2012	HPFBU 2012	February 2012