







Science and Technology Facilities Council

Training programme

David Hutchcroft

Why train students?

- The PhD training programme is designed to give the students
 - Subject specific training
 - General training in data intensive science
 - Preparation for working in teams, writing reports and networking skills

This is to make the graduates have the best opportunities

• STFC wants to show that the fundamental science it funds has wider societal benefits





Main topics of training

- Focused research skills and techniques
 - Cutting edge R&D projects
- Broader scientific experience
 - Placements, workshops and Schools
- Research project management, communication and presentation skills
 - A complementary skills School in the first year
 - Outreach activities
- Understanding of the benefits of an inclusive environment
 - integrating Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in all aspects of the CDT



- Interpersonal skills, accepting responsibility, working in teams, networking
 - Project work, a student-organized charity event, and involvement in events
- Awareness of private sector constraints and Intellectual Property rights
 - Industrial mentors and secondments, the Business Development Manager (BDM) based in UoL Physics
- Career management, CV writing, interview techniques, proposal preparation and entrepreneurship



Inclusivity and Diversity

Athena Swan

- All PhD activities should be available to all
 - Every schedules activity will be recorded for students unable to attend in person or at the delivered time
- The staff at both universities are signed up for the national HE and Institute of Physics charters on inclusion and diversity
 - <u>https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/equality-charters/athena-swan-charter</u>
 - <u>https://www.iop.org/about/IOP-diversity-inclusion/project-juno</u>
- This is an ongoing process and we applied to get recognition of our improved status in both earlier this year
- All of our PhD students will be trained in and held to the same high standards around EDI

IOP Institute of Physics Juno Practitioner



Subject specific training

• The students need to be good researchers by the end of their PhDs





Condensed matter



Accelerator Science



Astrophysics









Particle Physics



Nuclear Science



Theoretical Physics

Student specific training

- There is always subject specific knowledge and only the experts in the field can deliver that
- They will be integrated with the training of the other PhD students in their fields
 - Trips to international laboratories
 - National and international summer schools
 - Delivering conference talks on their results
- This is training we deliver to all PhD students, not just on CDT members



Using Masters courses in Computer Science

- Both UoL and LJMU have suitable courses to which are apposite: from:
 - Data Science and Artificial Intelligence MSc
 - <u>https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-taught/taught/data-science-and-artificial-intelligence-msc/overview/</u>

- MSc Data Science
 - <u>https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduates/data-science-msc</u>
- Modules from these courses will be the main taught components for the students







All cohort training

Compulsory 90 credits

U

Data Science

Learn about current challenges and opportunities in Data Intensive Science and expand research skills in key areas. Connect with other students and staff through Forum

Big Data Computing

Science and Technology Facilities Court

Develop skills in computing techniques for high performance analysis of large data sets and understanding of how to translate analysis problem to best exploit such techniques

C++ programming, MC techniques and group project

Hands-on C++ programming and MC training, single project undertaken by entire cohort

Data Mining

Develop a critical awareness of current problems and research issues in Data Mining and the ability to address Data Mining research issues in an

► original manner

Transferable skills training

Students will be joined by others from the faculties and receive training in project management, scientific writing, presentation skills and IPR with Fistral.

Individual data skills project

Individual project addressing a data intensive science challenge set by supervisors.

Semester

Project specific training

Project-specific choice of one 15-credit module				Data-science choice of one 15-credit module				
Particle Physics				Multi-core Programming				
Nuclear Physics				Applied Algorithmics				
Accelerator Science				Theoretical Physics				
Astrophysics								
Theoretical Physics				+ other Computer Science MSc and Physics MPhys				
Computer Science				modules				
		- uu			A P	00		
	·\$\$.				· *	68		

The PhD thesis topics will determine which of the courses is most useful for each student



Data science schools

- Intensive week long schools on specific topics are a cornerstone of PhD training with almost all of the students in a national cohort together, typically attending two over a PhD
 - In 2020 LIV.DAT put on the STFC Data Intensive Science School, 12-16 October 2020, online only due to the pandemic

https://indico.ph.liv.ac.uk/event/103/overview

• Now used as the basis for a MOOC (massively open online course) https://liverpool.instructure.com/courses/44542

As part of the commitment to providing training to all potential data scientists



LIV.DAT summer school timetable 2020

Monday	HEP NN training	ScikitKeras		Introduction to ML			
wonday	Posters						
Tuocday	Big Data Python ecosystem for HEP	Demystifying "Big Data"		Preparation of large datasets for machine learning			
Tuesday	Posters						
	Public talk on Health data science						
	Git Demystified		Virtual ur	Virtual universes vs. the real thing			
Wednesday	Live astronomy with the Liverpool telescope						
	Big data case studies						
	Project management						
Thursday	International collaboration						
	Industry careers workshop						
	Online Escape Room						
	Kaggle competition: www.kaggle.com/competitions/lhcb-jet-data-separation						
Friday	Talk by previous student on their experience						
	Prize giving & Close						



LIV.INNOS events

The full programme of events will evolve over the seven years of the initially CDT funding

- Seminars
 - Speakers from industry, research and computing: drawn from around the world
 - <u>LIV.DAT Virtual Seminar Series Spring 2022</u> [indico.ph.liv.ac.uk/event/589/]
- LIV.INNO student seminars
 - 2nd and 3rd year students will present their work to the cohort, staff and interested undergraduate students





Recent & upcoming LIV.DAT seminars

The Crystal Isometry Principle

 Dr Vitaliy Kurlin Reader in the Computer Science Department and Materials Innovation Factory, University of Liverpool

How computers have changed science and predictions on how that will continue

 Dr Joanna Leng Senior Research Software Engineer, University of Leeds

Physics-informed neural networks for solving Gray-Scott systems

 Prof Salvatore Cuomo Associate Professor of Numerical Analysis, University of Naples Federico II Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 14:00 BST https://indico.ph.liv.ac.uk/event/589/page/27-physics-informed-neural-networks-for-solvinggray-scott-systems



2 day charity hackaton each year

- Inspired by a student-led initiative started during lockdown
- Using the charity's own data
- Students will be involved from the start with
 - organization of the event

毲

Technology Facilities Cou

UVERPOOL

- selection of charity partners
- advance preparation of the data
- Gives experience in dealing with real-world noisy and incomplete data, privacy issues, and client relations
- Under the STFC DataAid programme:
 - https://data-intensive-cdt.ac.uk/?page_id=607



Contributions from partners all activities

- We are looking for speakers and workshops from our partners
- For all of the previously discussed activities we would welcome events lead by you
 - Seminars
 - Workshops
 - MOOC classes
 - DataAid suggestions and support
 - Symposiums on public engagement
- Nvidia have already committed to giving a workshop and we welcome other contributions



Thank you for listening

Questions?