

USCMS PURSUE program (Program for Undergraduate Research SUMmer Experience)



Tribute to dear Meenakshi

on behalf of all Organizers, Funders, Mentors, Facilitators,
Speakers, and Supporters of USCMS PURSUE

See also USCMS PURSUE Snowmass paper -
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.10109>



Goals and Overview

- Annual program, first edition in 2022
- Reflects USCMS commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Maps to the USCMS DEI Action Plan “Identity formation and community engagement”.
- Offers undergraduate students an opportunity to perform a project under the mentorship of scientists working at the frontier of Physics.
- Students learn and use computational tools and data-science methods to know more about fundamental particles and their interactions by analyzing data obtained from the CMS
- Our aim is to strengthen our research by building an inclusive and diverse community with a wide range of perspectives
- In addition, the research internships will possibly help and encourage the students to persist in a STEM major through college and train them in skills needed for a future career in the STEM workforce.
- This is recruitment to our PhD programs



Composition of Program

- **10 weeks (June - Aug)**
 - First edition in 2022 - virtual
 - This summer (2023) - in person
- **In 2022**
 - 16 students, predominantly from no HEP MSI, 3 from non MSI/R1
 - 9 females, including 2 white, 2 Asians
 - All 7 male students are minority
- **Over 100 applications received in 2022 (this year ~160 applicants)**
 - Interest / need is very high
 - Extensive rubrics to select students
- **Students have minimal background in physics (let alone particle physics)**
- **Deliverables**
 - posters/ presentations
- **LPC helped in critical stuff like getting accounts, letting students use the LPC Tier-3 analysts facility. Some DRs- led the projects**



Program Structure

U.S. CMS PURSUE (Program for Undergraduate Research SUMmer Experience)				
Preparation	Announcement/Call for the School Application Period: January 31, 2022- February 28, 2022 Program Dates: Between June 6 – August 22, 2022 Acceptance Dates: March 31, 2022			
	Internal Preparation (Projects assignments, mentor selection, schedule, speakers)			
	Computer accounts setup/on-boarding			
Internship	3-weeks	Hands-on Software and Computing Skills	Lectures (2 per week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physics concepts ○ Detector techniques 	Networking & Professional Development meetings (1 per week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet USCMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Students ■ Scientists ■ Professors ■ Engineers/Techs ○ Job skills ○ Resume writing ○ DEI topics
	7-weeks	Physics Analysis Projects		



Website

Website: <https://sites.google.com/upr.edu/uscms-pursue/home?authuser=0>

This site is under development. Please report any wrong/outdated information.

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U.S. CMS PURSUE

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Program for Undergraduate Research SUMMER Experience

Who are we?

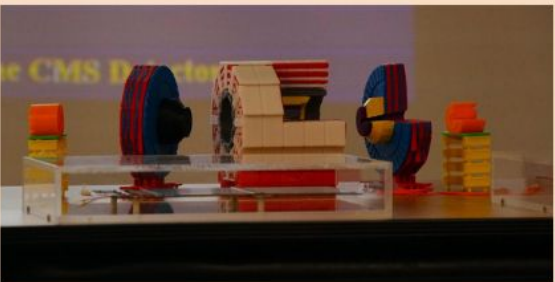
The **US CMS Summer Undergraduate Research Internship Program** seeks to address the under-representation of women and minoritized students in STEM fields, in particular Physics. It is a 10-week paid internship program, which offers female and minority undergraduate students an opportunity to perform a project under the mentorship of scientists working at the frontier of Physics at one of the 50+ institutions in the United States.

The internship program is open to students pursuing physics, engineering, computer science, math, chemistry, or related majors. We aim to strengthen our research by increasing diversity.

This immersive research internship opportunity will cover areas in instrumentation, technology, and computing projects. Students will use computational tools and data-science methods to learn about fundamental particles and their interactions, by analyzing data obtained from the [CMS experiment](#) at the [Large Hadron Collider](#) (LHC) located at [CERN](#), Switzerland. The pool of mentors are physicists from U.S. institutes affiliated with the CMS experiment at the LHC and at the rank of university faculty, scientists from national labs, postdoctoral fellows, and advanced graduate students.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and National Science Foundation funds awarded to the U.S. CMS Operations at Fermilab and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and additionally the IRIS-HEP program.

Questions about the U.S. CMS internship program can be directed to Prof. Sudhir Malik sudhir.malik@upr.edu, chair of the U.S. CMS Collaboration Board.



CODE OF CONDUCT

We adhere to both the [USCMS Code of Conduct](#) and the [Fermilab Access and Codes of Conduct](#).




USCMS - PURSUE Day 1 (2022)


Zoom Screenshot 6 June 2022


Recording...


Nathan Tercero




David Velasco










Patrick Gartung











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Sneha Vireshwar Dixit

Kayla Harmon

Ana Maria de Sousa...




Kevin Black



Andrew Fonseca

Francisco Laris Gonz...

Sergei Gleyzer





Charis Kleio Koraka


Jingyu Luo


Participants (32)


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 Sudhir Malik (Host, me)


 PG Patrick Gartung (Co-host, Guest)


 KB Ken Bloom (Guest)


 Agni Bethani


 Aliyah Montgomery (Guest)


 A Amani Midgette (Guest)


 AM Ana Maria de Sousa Slivar (Guest)


 AF Andrew Fonseca (Guest)


 Ben Tovar (he/they) (Guest)


 CK Charis Kleio Koraka


 Chris Palmer (he/him) (Guest)

 DV David Velasco (Guest)

 Doug Berry (Guest)

 FL Francisco Laris Gonzalez Mo... (Guest)

 GS Gabriel Soto (Guest)

 Guillermo Antonio Fidalgo Rodriguez

Invite

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More



Incredible learning: Modules/Projects

- Hands-on Software skills in HEP, ~3 weeks
 - Unix, Git, Python, ROOT, Machine Learning, C++
- Research projects ~ 7 weeks
 - *EMTF (EndCap Muon Track Finder) BDT Training for Run-3*
 - *Building a GUI in Python for MaPSA testing*
 - *A New NANO AOD Era For 2015 CMS Open Data*
 - *Predicting Job Queue Time Using Machine Learning*
 - *Introducing GPUs For Electron And Photon Reconstruction*
 - *Searching For The Double Higgs Production*
 - *Software That Helps CMS Move Forward*
 - *Performance of Gas Electron Multiplier (GEM) Detector*
 - *Measuring The Efficiency Of A Higgs Decay To Tau Tau*
 - *Performance Benchmarks For Analysis Grand Challenge*
 - *Searching For The Extreme Events In Multilepton Data From the LHC*
 - *Comparison of Profiling Results for Run 3 and High Pileup LHC Simulation and Reconstruction*
 - *Setting Limits On The Toponium Cross Section*
 - *Dimensionality Reduction for Supersymmetry Dataset*
 - *Performance of reconstruction and identification of τ leptons decaying to hadrons and $\nu\tau$ in pp (proton-proton) collision*
 - *Identifying b-quarks in the CMS detector*
- **26 talks** on several topics **by USCMS experts**
- **Posters and presentations** on research projects **by interns**



Poster example - Sneha Dixit



SNEHA VIRESHWAR DIXIT

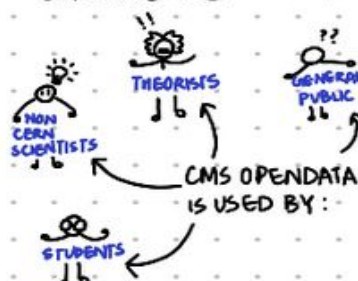
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MENTORS - NICK SMITH, OKSANA SHADURA

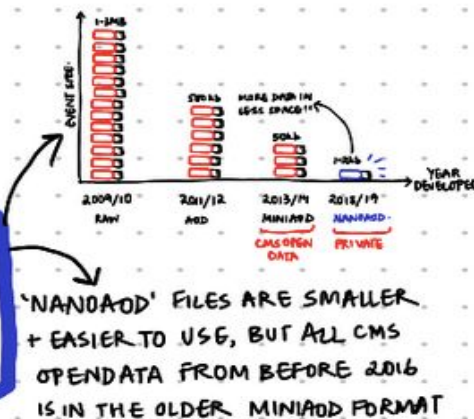
A NEW ERA FOR 2015 CMS OPEN DATA



CMS OPENDATA = PRIMARY
DATA + SIMULATIONS RELEASED
PUBLICLY BY THE CMS
EXPERIMENT @ CERN, GENEVA



SCIENTISTS NEED CMS OPEN DATA THAT IS FAST AND EASY TO USE,
BUT DATA FROM BEFORE 2016 IS IN A SLOWER DATATYPE



WORKFLOW



MODIFYING THE CONFIG
FILE + CREATING A NEW
2015 NANOADD 'ERA' LETS
US CONVERT 2015
MINIADD TO NANOADD

CONVERTING 2015
MINIADD TO
NANOADD

SO, WE WROTE CODE TO CONVERT IT TO
A FASTER DATATYPE

CUSTOMISES CONFIG
FILE FOR DIFFERENT
SCENARIOS

WHY DO WE
USE ERA'S?

USED TO MODIFY
SETTINGS W/
SIMPLIFIED SYNTAX
CHANGES HOW
CONFIG FILES RUNS

```
era1.modify(module, setting=blah)  
era2.modify(module, setting=blah)
```

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era1.modify(module, setting=blah)  
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INPUT
FILES USED

2015 MINIADD FILE
(DRELL-YAN SIMULATION)

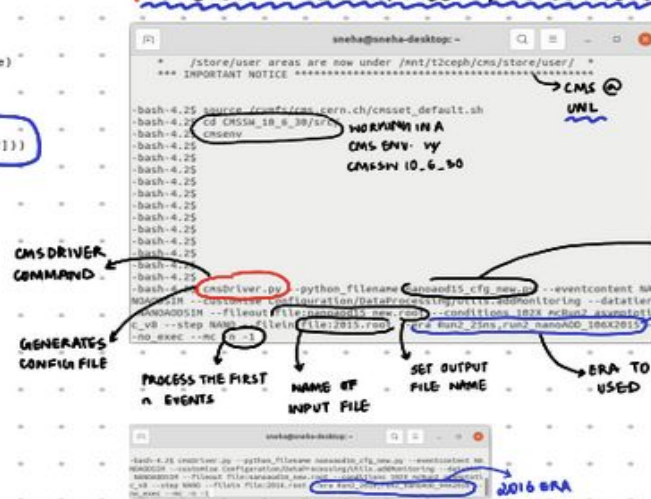
2016 MINIADD FILE
(DRELL-YAN SIMULATION)

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RunFall15MiniAODv2/  
DYJetsToLL_M-50_TuneCUETP8M1_13TeV-madgraphMLM-pythia8/  
MINIAODSIM/PUPISet001019v1_TK_mCRand2_asymptotic_v12_ext1v1/  
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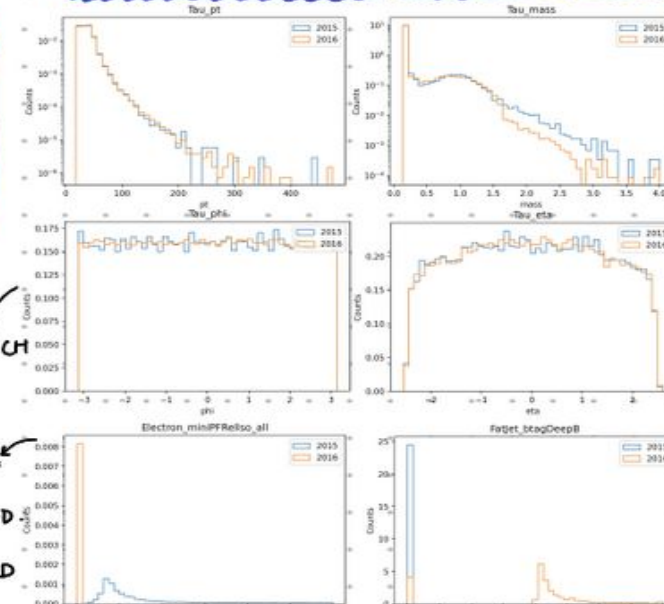
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MINIAODSIM/PUPISet001019v1_TK_mCRand2_asymptotic_v12_ext1v1/  
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AIM - CREATE 2015 ERA WITHOUT AFFECTING 2016 ERA
+ COMPARE OUTPUT FILES TO ENSURE 2015 ERA
GENERATES PROPER OUTPUT

GENERATING CONFIG FILE W/ CMSDRIVER



PLOTS COMPARING 2015, 2016 NANOADD FILES



PLOTS LOOK
SIMILAR, WHICH
IS GOOD

MADE W/
COFFEE CASA

THESE 2 ARE UNEXPECTED
VARIABLES HAVE
CLUSTERED AROUND
DEFAULT VALUES

NEED TO CONSULT
OBJECT EXPERTS
FOR FURTHER
PROGRESS

MIGHT RELEASE
CONFIG FILES AS IS

<https://github.com/cms-sw/cmssw/pull/39040>

PULL REQUEST
ON CMSSW 10-6-X



2022 Mentors, Facilitators, Speakers, Supporters

Lothar and Ken - unwavering support and helping launch the program USCMS Operations funds
Tulika, Sudhir, Meenakshi - overall organizers
Guillermo Fidalgo - assisting the students and organizers everyday ,taking care of many daily details
Marco Mambelli, Bruno Coimbra, Guillermo Fidalgo, Julie Hogan, Charis Koraka for leading the computing trainings and professional development workshops
Bo Jayatilaka, Kevin Black and Marguerite Tonjes for LPC support, setting up computing accounts and environment
Don Lincoln for appearing as a featured “graduation” speaker

Mentors and facilitators	Darin Acosta, Douglas Berry, Agni Bethani, Bruno Coimbra, Pieter Everaerts, Patrick Gartung, Sergei Gleyzer, Ulrich Heintz, Andy Jung, Charis Koraka, Carl Lundstedt, Jingyu Luo, Marco Mambelli, Scarlet Nordberg, Isabel Ojalvo, Christopher Palmer, John Rotter, Oksana Shadura, Benjamin Tovar, Fengwangdong Zhang
Guest speakers and poster reviewers	Todd Adams, Agni Bethani, Kevin Black, Johan Bonilla, Javier Duarte, Susan Dittmer, Jay Dittmann, Georgios Krintiras, Amit Lath, Daniel Li, Devin Mahon, Guenakh Mitselmakher, Abdollah Mohammadi, Alexx Perloff, Joseph Reichert, Indara Suarez, Farrah Simpson, Jieun Yoo



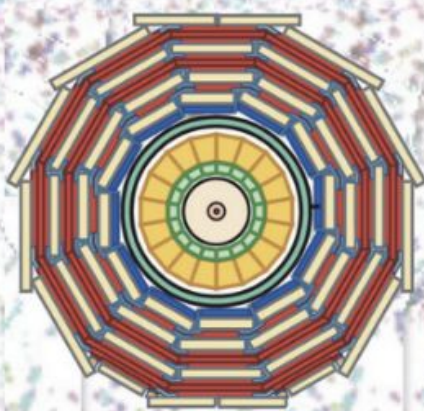
Internship Certificate

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION U.S.CMS PURSUE Internship

June 4 to August 22, 2022

Student Name

Title of Project



Organizing Committee

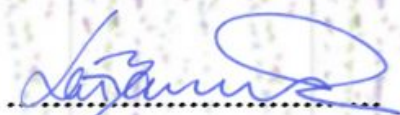
Dr. Lothar Bauerdick
(Fermilab)

Prof. Kenneth Bloom
(University of
Nebraska)

Prof. Tulika Bose
(University of
Wisconsin-Madison)

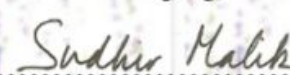
Prof. Sudhir Malik
(Univ. of Puerto-
Rico, Mayaguez)

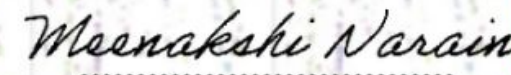
Prof. Meenakshi Narain
(Brown University)







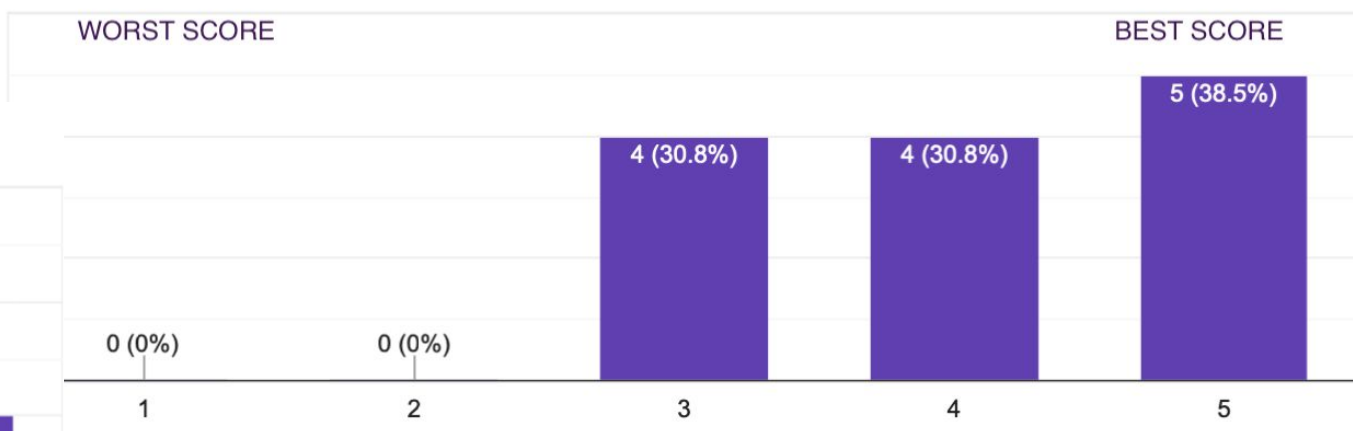
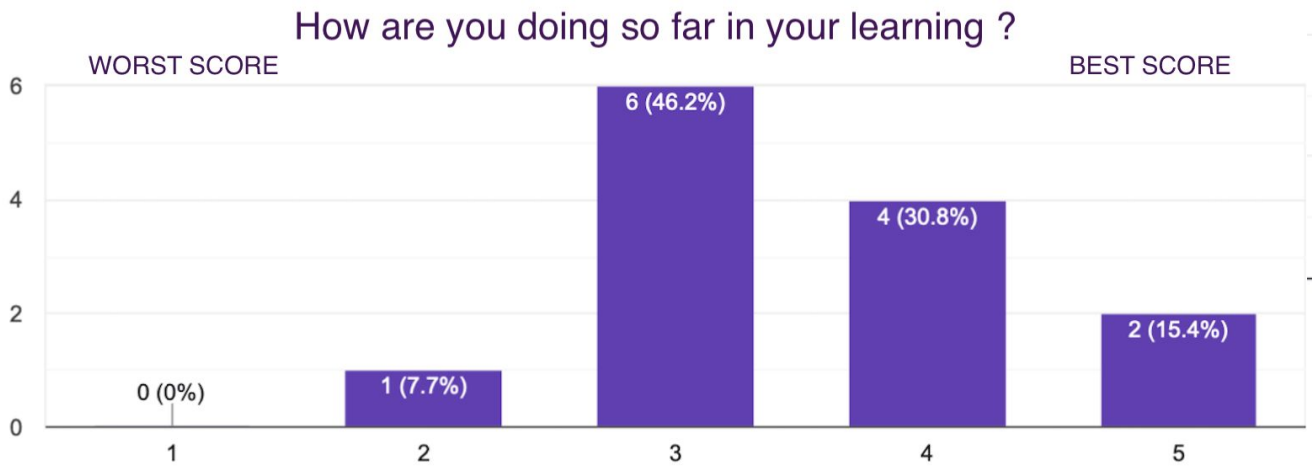




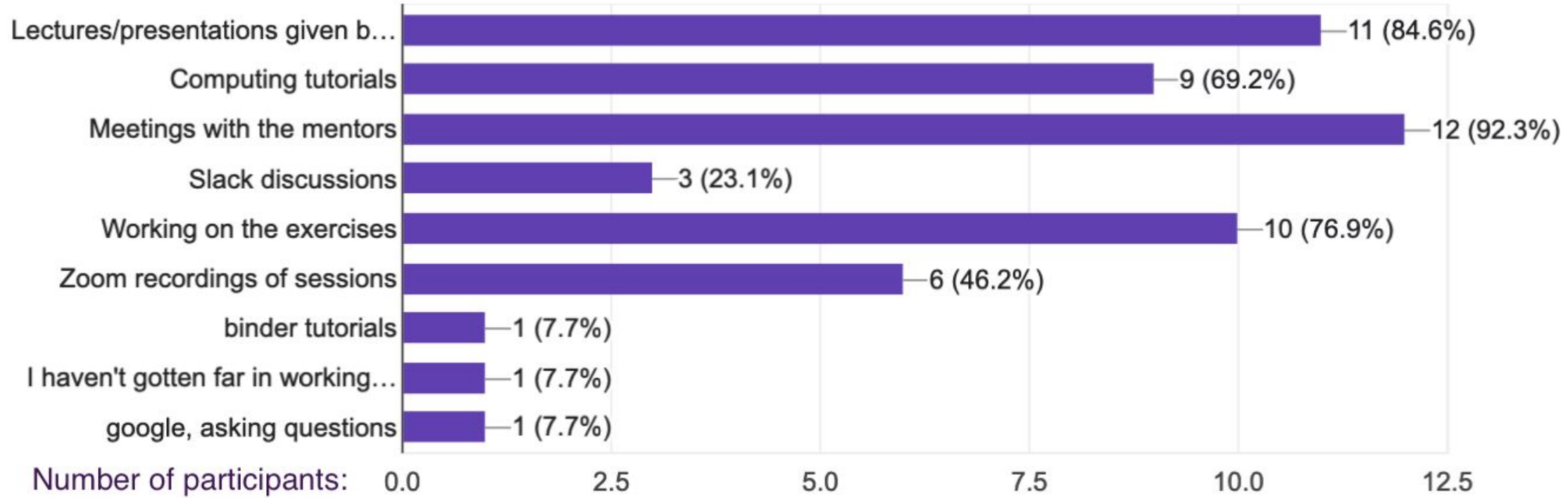


Midterm Program Evaluation

How are your discussion sessions/meetings with your mentor going ?



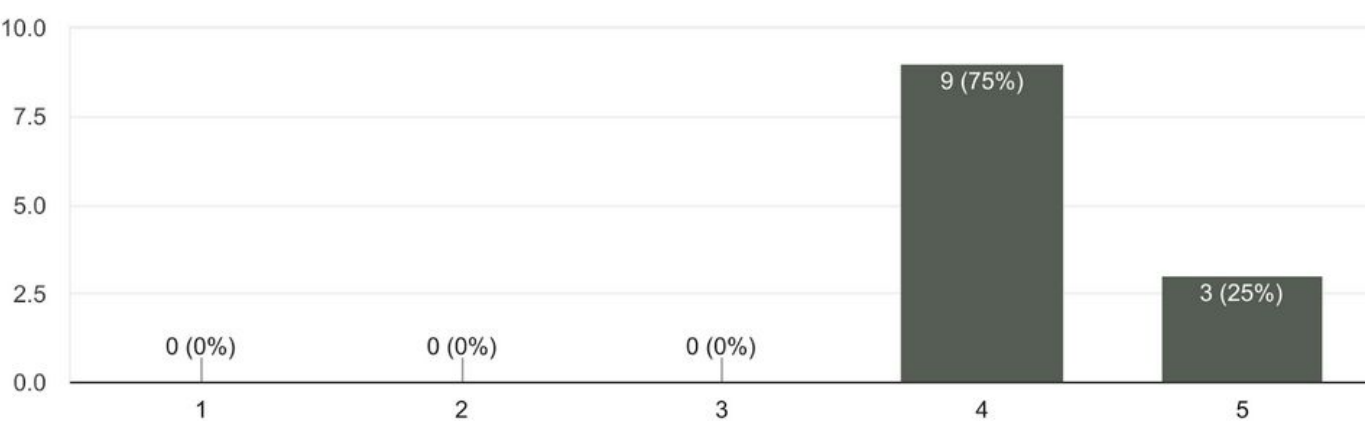
Which resources have you found most useful so far? (You can choose multiple.)



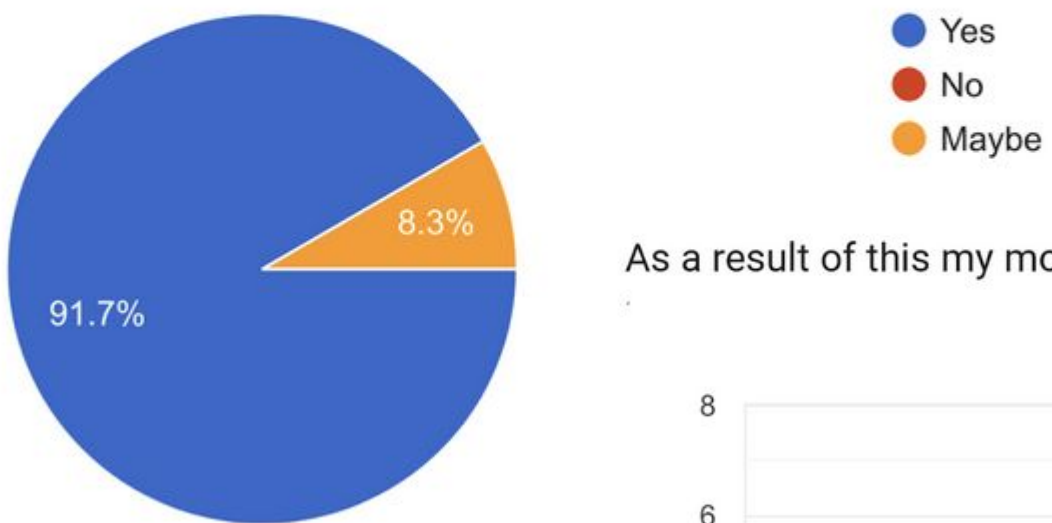


End of Program Evaluation

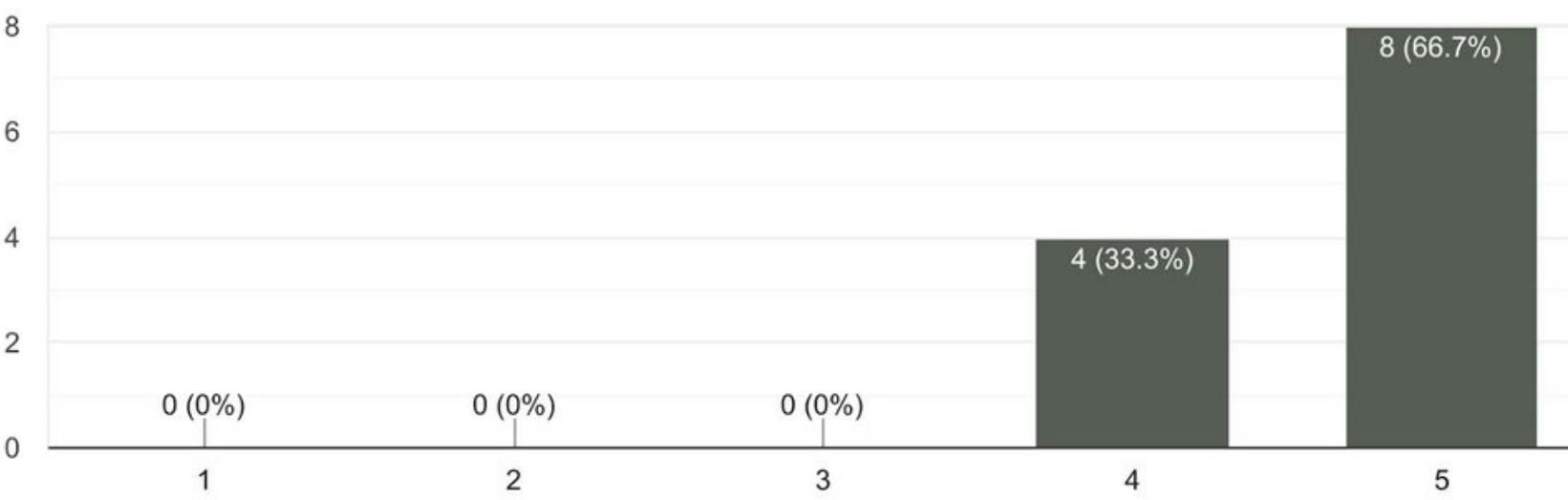
How would you rate your overall learning during the program?



Do you think this program has enhanced your skills towards a STEM job?



As a result of this my motivation to continue on a future STEM career is





Student testimonials

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rafaelortiziii_cern-fermilab-cms-activity-6967543513278287872-IRpF?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop



Rafael Ortiz III • 2nd

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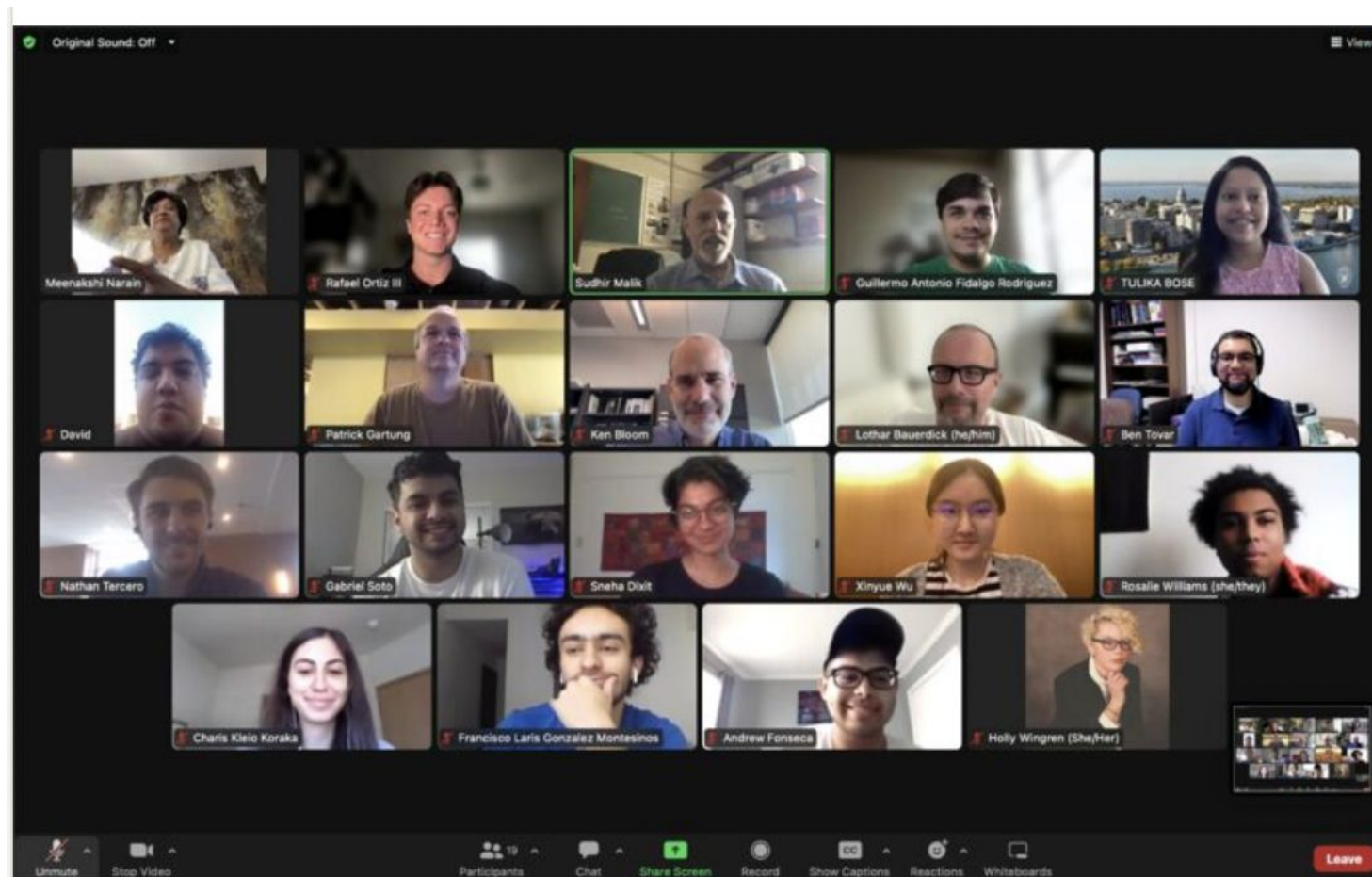
Today marks the final day of my US CMS PURSUE Internship with **Fermilab** and **CERN**. This 10-week internship has allowed me to develop as a leader, a physicist, and a student.

I spent the summer working under the mentorship of **Marco Mambelli** as we set out to create software that would extend Distributed Tracing to GlideinWMS (a Workload Management Software). GlideinWMS helps scientists at the frontier of particle physics research run their simulations and analyses at places like Fermilab, DUNE, and CERN. Every day, I was tasked with learning and implementing Distributed Tracing so that we could work towards a prototype by the end of internship. I immersed myself in the many spheres of computer science and learned the powerful skills of Python, Linux, and Git along the way. I was given the opportunity to not only write my own code that now exists within GlideinWMS, but to also collaborate with the GlideinWMS and HEPcloud team at Fermilab on a weekly basis.

This internship will forever be a milestone in my life as it marks so much growth and development. I am now more excited than ever to continue my leadership at **Arizona State University**, my involvement in research, and my progression in the world of Astrophysics.

Thank you to everyone who I worked with and all the help along the way! Special thanks again to **Marco Mambelli**, **Sudhir Malik**, **Meenakshi Narain**, **Guillermo Fidalgo Rodríguez**, and **Tulika Bose** for coordinating such a wonderful experience!

#CERN #Fermilab #CMS #ParticlePhysics #Intern #ASU



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8 comments



Student Testimonial

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/holly-wingren_internship-research-stem-activity-6986783889314779139-xAto?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop



Holly Wingren • 2nd
Undergraduate Researcher
6d • Edited •

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Last night I was able to present my work from the summer on Performative Benchmarks with Dr. **Carl Lundstedt** and the US CMS PURSUE Internship with **Fermilab** and **CERN** at the Illinois GPS (Guidance for Physics Students) poster session! **#internship #research #stem**





Mentor Testimonials

- At an external Venue:
- Oksana's slides during IRIS-HEP retreat

Mentors: Oksana and Nick Smith

Intern: Sneha Dixit

- **US CMS fellow project:** Sneha Dixit (supervised by Nick Smith) enabled NanoAOD generation for 2015 CMS data
 - Will allow us to switch input data from custom ntuples to NanoAODs



Lessons Learnt

- Organize a focus group to understand how to
 - restructure the program.
 - to optimize the design of the syllabus/weekly work
- Ask students about their interest prior to matching with mentors
- Find out about computing skills
- Streamline a few activities across the research activities
- Train the Mentors prior to the program
 - invest of effort needed in the program
 - talk about expected skill levels of participants
 - how to keep in touch with the mentees on the daily basis
 - how to promote networking within the local groups and in USCMS
- More..

Recruitment

- Involve alumni / planned webinars
- Start early this year
- If possible, involve hardware projects
- Help program alumni apply to PhD programs or jobs in STEM
- **This effort is directly coupled with recruitment to our PhD programs**



For 2023 edition

- Strategy was multifold
 - Meenakshi planned the activities listed below to reach a broad and large pool of applicants, and encourage them to apply to our program.
- Contacted department chairs (2000 emails were sent) of to advertise the program at their institutions
- Organized hour long webinars
- Advertise at affinity workshops and conferences including NSBP, NSHP, SACNAS, ERN, and CUWiP.
- One-day virtual visits by the organizing team to selected institutions (could not do)



Poster and Booth at NSBP conference

November 6- 9, 2022, in Charlottesville, Virginia



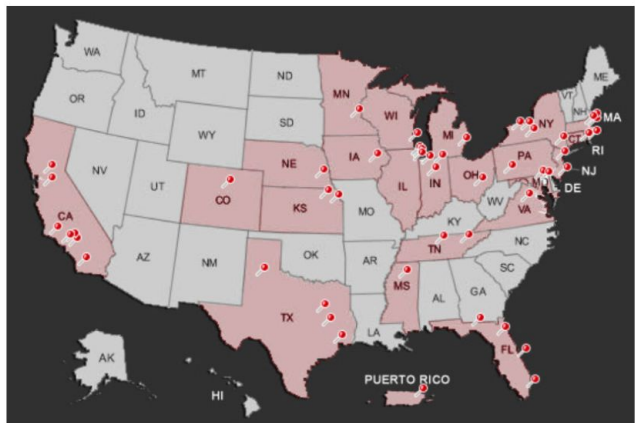
U.S. CMS PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUMMER EXPERIENCE

What will you PURSUE?

Learn how to unravel mysteries of our universe from scientists on CMS experiment that discovered Higgs Boson leading to 2013 Nobel prize in Physics

Opportunity to collaborate and be mentored by physicists from 50+ institutions

Learn how to perform cutting edge physics analysis with state-of-the-art skills in computing, software and instrumentation



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Webinars

30 Nov 2022

Participants (22)

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- Sudhir Malik (Host, me)
- Guillermo Antonio Fidalgo... (Co-host)
- Meenakshi Narain (Guest)
- AA Amina Assefaw (Guest)
- AO Andrea Ola (Guest)
- B Boro (Guest)
- Darin Acosta (Guest)
- ES Earth Sonrod (Guest)
- FD Felipe De Figueiredo (Guest)
- HN Hadiye Nisa Kuvvet (she/her) (Guest)
- HH Harrold, Hattie (Guest)
- Holly Wingren (She/Her) (Guest)
- I-see Warisa Jaidee (Guest)
- JB Jayla Bryant (Guest)

- 30 Nov and 9 Dec 2022
- 50 registrants, lots of emails to us of further queries post that



DOE HEP-RENEW Funding for 3-years

- Applied for DOE HEP-RENEW for this internship
- Had one month to submit proposal before even Snowmass finished
 - Would not be possible without Meenakshi's charismatic push

Tulika Bose - University of Wisconsin- Madison

Sudhir Malik - University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez

Meenakshi Narain - Brown University

Santanu Banerjee - Tougaloo College (a historically black college)

In proposal we called the internship as

“RENEW-HEP: U.S. CMS SPRINT - A Scholar Program for Research Internship”

<https://science.osti.gov/-/media/funding/pdf/Awards-Lists/FY22-HEP-RENEW.pdf>



THANK YOU

THANK YOU Meenakshi for enabling us to do things that seemed impossible and always finding solutions

**and as Sarah said -
No one of us can replace Meenakshi, but maybe if we all work together, we can make her dream a reality**

