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## SUMMARY

- Data Scientist with a focus on Machine Learning and Computer Vision.
- Statistical modeling expert; was on the core team that discovered the Higgs Boson at CERN.
- Founder of the *NYC Data Breakfast*.
- Creator of *pysparkling* and *Databench*; see [GitHub](https://github.com/svenkreiss): <https://github.com/svenkreiss>.
- Preferred programming environments: Python, C++, TypeScript/ES6/JavaScript, Spark, React
- Languages: English (fluent), German (native), French (basic)
- Grew up in Germany, studied and lived in the UK, Switzerland and the US.

## EXPERIENCE

- Sidewalk Labs, an Alphabet company**, New York April 2016 – present  
*Senior Data Scientist April 2017 – present, Data Scientist April 2016 – April 2017*  
Machine Learning and Computer Vision expert.  
Predictive modeling for the transportation coordination platform Flow.  
Geospatial tools and analyses for Sidewalk's Policy team.
- Wildcard**, New York Sept 2014 – March 2016  
*Lead Data Scientist*  
Developed a machine learning tool for text and media extraction from HTML documents.  
Created a content recommendation engine with Collaborative Filtering on Spark.  
Supervised dataset generation by in-house analysts.
- ElectronX**, Germany July 2007 – Aug 2009  
*Founder*  
Designed circuit boards and manufactured electronic devices.

## EDUCATION

- New York University**, New York Sept 2009 – May 2014  
*Doctor of Philosophy*  
Thesis: Higgs Boson Discovery and First Property Measurements using the ATLAS Detector  
Award: NSF LHC Student Support Award for a one-year-stay at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland
- University of Edinburgh**, UK Sept 2005 – Sept 2009  
*Master of Physics with Honors in Mathematical Physics, Bachelor of Science*  
Thesis: New Physics at the LHC: Distinguishability of Supersymmetry and Little Higgs models

## SOFTWARE

- s2sphere**, Python implementation of the S2 geometry library. April 2016  
Github: <https://github.com/sidewalklabs/s2sphere>
- pysparkling**, a native Python implementation of Spark's RDD interface. May 2015  
Github: <https://github.com/svenkreiss/pysparkling>
- Databench**, an interactive realtime data analysis tool. June 2014  
Github: <https://github.com/svenkreiss/databench>

## CONFERENCES

- Columbia University**, New York City Dec 2017  
Guest lecture in the Master of Data Science program on *Geospatial Data Science*.
- Data for Good Exchange**, New York City Sept 2017  
Program committee member.
- MLconf**, Atlanta Sept 2015  
Conference talk on *Deep ML Architecture at Wildcard*.
- Betaworks Studio and Radius Intelligence**, New York and San Francisco May 2015, March 2016  
Talk on *Data and the Higgs Boson Discovery*.
- University of Cambridge**, UK Jan 2014  
Seminar on *Factorizing Theoretical Uncertainties from LHC Higgs Coupling Measurements*.
- Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI)**, Durham, NC July 2013  
Talk on *Modeling and Statistical Analysis for Higgs Physics at the Large Hadron Collider* at the workshop on *Knowledge Extraction via Comparison of Complex Computational Models to Massive Data Sets*.

CERN, Switzerland	Jan 2013
Talk on the $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$ Likelihood in ATLAS at the workshop on Likelihoods for the LHC Searches.	
LHC Days 2012, Split, Croatia	Oct 2012
Talk on <i>Standard Model Higgs Combination and Properties</i> .	
Computing in High Energy and Nuclear Physics (CHEP), New York, NY	May 2012
Talk on <i>RooStats: Statistical Tools for the LHC</i> .	

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PUBLICATIONS

*As a former member of the ATLAS collaboration, I am a co-author of over 340 published papers which are listed on my author pages on [inspirehep.net](http://inspirehep.net) and [Google Scholar](http://scholar.google.com/). Below is a list of publications where I made a significant contribution to the paper itself.*

- K. Cranmer, S. Kreiss, D. Lopez-Val, T. Plehn, Jan 2014, **Decoupling Theoretical Uncertainties from Measurements of the Higgs Boson**, *Phys Rev D* 91, arXiv:1401.0080 [hep-ph], code on Github at [svenkreiss/decouple](https://github.com/svenkreiss/decouple), supplemental material at <http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.888607>.
- ATLAS Collaboration, Sept 2013, *Likelihoods for the  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ,  $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4l$  and  $H \rightarrow WW^* \rightarrow 4l$  channel in the  $(\mu_{ggF+ttH} * B/B_{SM}, \mu_{VBF+VH} * B/B_{SM})$  plane for a Higgs boson mass  $m_H = 125.5$  GeV*, Datasets on HepData: <https://inspirehep.net/record/1241574/data>.
- ATLAS collaboration, July 2013, *Measurements of Higgs boson production and couplings in diboson final states with the ATLAS detector at the LHC*, **ATLAS writer**, *Phys.Lett. B* 726 (2013) 88-119.
- ATLAS collaboration, July 2013, *Evidence for the spin-0 nature of the Higgs boson using ATLAS data*, *Phys.Lett. B* 726 (2013) 120-144.
- ATLAS collaboration, March 2013, *Combined coupling measurements of the Higgs-like boson with the ATLAS detector using up to  $25 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of proton-proton collision data*, **ATLAS writer**, ATLAS-COM-CONF-2013-035.
- ATLAS collaboration, Dec 2012, *A Particle Consistent with the Higgs Boson Observed with the ATLAS Detector at the Large Hadron Collider*, **Science** Vol. 338, Issue 6114, pp. 1576-1582. I contributed the analysis of signal strength and mass shown in Fig. 12.
- ATLAS collaboration, July 2012, **Observation of a new particle in the search for the Standard Model Higgs boson with the ATLAS detector at the LHC**, **Responsible for Bayesian cross checks**, *Phys.Lett. B* 716 (2012) 1-29.
- ATLAS collaboration, July 2012, *Combined search for the Standard Model Higgs boson in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV with the ATLAS detector*, *Phys.Rev. D* 86 (2012) 032003.
- ATLAS collaboration, Feb 2012, *Combined search for the Standard Model Higgs boson using up to  $4.9 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of pp collision data at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV with the ATLAS detector at the LHC*, *Phys.Lett. B* 710 (2012) 49-66.
- ATLAS collaboration, December 2010, *Measurement of the top quark pair production cross-section with ATLAS in pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 7$  TeV*, *Eur.Phys.J.C* 71:1577 (2011).
- L. Moneta, K. Belasco, K.S. Cranmer, S. Kreiss, A. Lazzaro, et al, Oct 2012, **The RooStats Project**, PoS (ACAT2010) 057.
- B.C. Allanach et al, Jan 2008, *SUSY Les Houches Accord 2*, CPC 180 (2009) 1.