

# Charlotte Brass

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## EDUCATION

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- Oct 2020 - Present      **University of Cambridge, England**  
*Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Medical Engineering*  
Thesis: Biomechanics of Traumatic Brain Injury  
Supervisors: Prof. Michael Sutcliffe, Dr. Virginia Newcombe, Dr. Angelos Kolias
- Sept 2015 - Jul 2020      **Cardiff University, Wales**  
*Master of Engineering (MEng) in Mechanical Engineering with Year in Industry*  
Graduated with First Class Honours, average grade of 82% or 4.0 GPA equiv.  
Industrial placement: Williams Racing (Formula 1)

## ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

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- Oct 2020 - Present      **University of Cambridge**      **Cambridge, England**  
*PhD in Biomechanics of Traumatic Brain Injury*  
Examining time-based evolution of severe traumatic brain injury post surgical intervention through finite element analysis and novel application of computer imaging techniques.
- Developed multi-language medical imaging analysis workflow (Bash, Python) to extract decompressive craniectomy (DC) brain expansion contours and relate to mathematical model of expansion shape.
    - Completed as part of a collaboration I established with Ellen Kuhl (Stanford University) and Alain Goriely (University of Oxford).
  - Created comparative finite element models of decompressive neurosurgery techniques to identify optimal surgical approaches and improve patient outcome in varying clinical scenarios.
- Jun 2019 - Sep 2019      **Diamond Light Source**      **Oxford, England**  
*Mechanical Design Engineer*
- Optimized the cryogenic sample preparation of micro-protein crystals
  - Evaluated risk to samples during each stage of the preparation process by developing rapid understanding of biological process needs
  - Provided recommendations to improve efficiency and quality of the preparation procedure, summarised in a comprehensive report.

Aug 2017 - Aug 2018

## Williams Racing (Formula 1)

Oxford, England

### Junior Design Engineer

- Operated specialized ATLAS data analysis software to quantify hydraulic pump performance metrics across various operational parameters
- Designed hardware components (radiator ducts, electronic packaging, fuel cell manufacture) in NX CAD software using systematic engineering principles (DFM, GD&T)
- Maintained records of service documentation for safety-critical parts to ensure traceability, accountability and regulatory compliance

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Skill	Experience	Technologies & Tools
Programming & Software Development	6+ Years	Python • Bash • Git • $\LaTeX$
Data Processing & Analysis	4 Years	NumPy • Pandas • SciPy • Matplotlib
Medical Image Processing	4 Years	FSL • Mimics • 3-Matic • MeshLab
Finite Element Analysis (FEA)	4 Years	ABAQUS
Computer Aided Design (CAD)	6 Years	NX • Creo • SolidWorks
Engineering Standards	6 Years	DFM • GD&T • PLM

## BEYOND TECH

### Positions of Responsibility

Jun 2024 - Present	Women and Marginalised Genders Representative
May-Jun '22, '23, '24	Undergraduate Supervisor and Discussion Forum Chair
Feb-May 2021	Outreach for Local Underprivileged Schools

### Sports

Jul 2024 - Apr 2024	Fatcake Cycling Club: Member and Peninsula Chapter ride leader
Sep 2021 - Jun 2023	Pembroke College Boat Club Ladies 1 <sup>st</sup> VIII
Sep 2019 - Sep 2021	Competition road cyclist with Will Houghton Racing Team
Sep 2015 - Present	University Triathlon: Cardiff, Cambridge and Stanford

**Music:** Piano Grade 8 • Flute Grade 8 • Aural & singing

**Other:** Travel • Writing • Cooking • Personal static website and blog at [www.charlottebrass.org](http://www.charlottebrass.org)

## REFERENCES

Michael Sutcliffe, [mpfs1@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mpfs1@cam.ac.uk)

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