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Title: From Galaxies to Galacticos (via GDP)

Abstract:

In the summer of 2011 I decided that I was going to leave astrophysics. However, despite my new-found resolve, I had little idea what my options were, where to turn for advice, or how to apply for jobs outside academia. Over the last ten years, I have discovered -- through my own experience and that of others -- the great many options that are available to people armed with a PhD in physics (or similarly quantitative subject) and a taste for exploring new opportunities. In this talk I'll discuss my experiences as a hedge fund quant, a policy advisor at the heart of the British government, and working in elite professional sport. I'll also discuss some of my thoughts on navigating the job market, applying for jobs and approaching interviews