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A History of Queer Contributions to Physics

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The contributions of LGBTQIA+ people to the scientific endeavour have been minimised and historically erased. This problem is especially acute in physics where discrimination and poor representation have contributed to a lack of LGBTQIA+ people in the field. In this work, we analyse the historic contributions of LGBTQIA+ people to physics research and education, using a sexually discursive and performative gender framework. This framework highlights the importance of contextual factors when assessing historical gender and sexuality allowing for a nuanced assessment of these identities. These contributions highlight the historical and ongoing importance of LGBTQIA+ scientists to physics research and education.

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