# **Brett Tregoning**

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#### **Education**

2016 – · · · ·

Georgia Institute of Technology School of Physics. Ph.D. (expected December 2021), President's Fellow

2012 - 2016

**■** Vanderbilt University

Bachelor of Arts-Physics with Highest Honors

Thesis title: Ps2- in a magnetic field: structure and stability in the M=0 state.

**Bachelor of Arts-Mathematics** 

## **Research Publications**

#### **Publications**

- **Tregoning**, **B.**, Mukherjee, S., Suri, B., Mischaikow, K., Paul, M. R., & Schatz, M. F. (2021). Quantifying plume statistics in spatiotemporally chaotic Rayleigh-Bénard convection using persistent homology (in preparation).
- **Tregoning**, **B.**, & Stewart, S. G. (2014). Predicting navigational error of visual binary stars. *Naval Engineering Journal*, 126.4, 169–172.
  - ♦ https://my.vanderbilt.edu/susanstewart/files/2015/05/Stewart\_DEC2014.pdf

#### **Theses**

Tregoning, B. (2016). Ps2- in a magnetic field: Structure and stability in the m=0 state.

♦ http://hdl.handle.net/1803/7562

## **Conference Proceedings and Talks**

- Schatz, M., **Tregoning**, **B.**, Barnett, J., Yoda, M., & Grigoriev, R. (2019). Experimental Study of Roll-Hydrothermal Wave Coexistence in Convection Driven by Buoyancy and Thermocapillarity, In 72nd Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics (APS DFD 2019), Seattle, Washington, USA. https://meetings.aps.org/Meeting/DFD19/Session/S08.3
- **Tregoning**, **B.**, Mukherjee, S., Levanger, R., Cyranka, J., Mischaikow, K., Paul, M., & Schatz, M. (2019). Characterizing Spatiotemporal Dynamics in Fluid Flows using Persistent Homology, In *Invited Seminar at Los Alamos National Labs*, Los Alamos, New Mexico, USA.
- Tregoning, B., Mukherjee, S., Levanger, R., Xu, M., Cyranka, J., Mischaikow, K., Paul, M., & Schatz, M. (2019). Using Persistent Homology to Compare Chaotic Dynamics Between Experiments on and Simulations of Rayleigh-Bénard Convection, In 72nd Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics (APS DFD 2019), Seattle, Washington, USA.

  https://meetings.aps.org/Meeting/DFD19/Session/G14.4
- Tregoning, B., Levanger, R., Cyranka, J., Mukherjee, S., Paul, M., Mischaikow, K., & Schatz, M. (2018). Using topology to identify large Lyapunov vector magnitude in Rayleigh-Bénard convection, In 71st Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Fluid Dynamics (APS DFD 2018), Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

  6 http://meetings.aps.org/Meeting/DFD18/Session/G33.5

## Research Experience

Schatz Lab, Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Physics, Center for Non-linear Science Advisors: Michael Schatz and Roman Grigoriev, 2016 – · · · ·

- Uses topological data analysis to study spatio-temporally chaotic fluid flows.
- Predicts the evolution of dynamical systems using machine learning.
- Detects exact coherent structures in dynamical systems using persistent homology.

#### Varga Group, Vanderbilt University, Physics Department

Advisor: Kalman Varga, 2015

- Studied quantum few-body problems.
- Calculated stability of positron-electron systems using a variational method.

## **United States Naval Observatory**

Advisor: Susan G. Stewart, 2014

- Studied navigational astronomy.
- Quantified visual navigational error of binary star systems.
- Studied weather effects on sky visibility.

#### Bolotin Group, Vanderbilt University, Physics Department

Advisor: Kirill Bolotin, 2013 – 2014

- Studied experimental condensed matter physics.
- Gained experience exfoliating graphene.
- Gained clean-room training and experience.

## **Employment History**

2016 – · · · ·	Graduate Student Researcher, Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Physics,
	Center for Non-linear Science.
2014 – 2016	Tutor, Vanderbilt Physics Department.

2015 Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant, National Science Foundation International Research Experiences for Students, McGill University.

2014 Summer Undergraduate Research Assistant, United States Naval Observatory.

## Skills

Languages English (fluent), Spanish (comprehension)

Coding Python, MATLAB, Latex, R, C, C++

Scientific Fluid Mechanics, Dynamical Systems, Topological Data Analysis, Machine Learning, Network Science, Data Science, Numerical Methods

Misc. Teaching, tutoring, academic research, academic mentoring

# Leadership Experience

2020 – · · · Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, Georgia Tech School of Physics

2015 – 2016 Music Director, WRVU Vanderbilt College Radio

# **Leadership Experience (continued)**

2014 – 2016 **President,** Vanderbilt Quiz Bowl

2013 – 2015 **Secretary,** Vanderbilt Society of Physics Students

## **Awards and Honors**

2016 President's Fellow, Georgia Institute of Technology.

**Highest Honors,** Vanderbilt University Physics Department.

Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society, Vanderbilt University Physics Department.

## References

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