

# Kyle Godbey

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## Education

- 2015–2020 **PhD in Physics**, *Vanderbilt University*, Nashville, TN  
2015–2017 **MA in Physics**, *Vanderbilt University*, Nashville, TN  
2011–2015 **BA in Physics, Minor in Computer Science**, *Berea College*, Berea, KY, Cum Laude

## Positions Held

- 2023–Current **Research Assistant Professor**, *Facility for Rare Isotope Beams*  
2021–2023 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *Facility for Rare Isotope Beams*  
2020–2021 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *Texas A&M*  
2017–2020 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Vanderbilt University*  
May 2018, **Visiting Researcher**, *Australian National University*  
March 2019,  
Feb. 2020  
2015–2017 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *Vanderbilt University*  
Fall 2014 **Visiting Researcher**, *Frankfurt Institute for Advanced Studies*  
Summer 2014 **Student Researcher**, *GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research*

## Grants & Computational Awards

- Pending **BAND-X: A Cyberinfrastructure Framework for Experimental Design in Nuclear Physics**, *\$5,000,000*  
Lead PI of multidisciplinary team to develop a sustained cyberinfrastructure for experimental design
- Funded **Prediction of nuclear decay rates for astrophysics**, *\$79,465*  
PI on LLNL award to perform large scale simulations of nuclear decay rates for use in astrophysics.
- Funded **STREAMLINE 2: Machine Learning for Nuclear Many-Body Systems**, *\$1,386,000*  
Co-PI on DOE proposal in applications of machine learning to nuclear physics.
- Funded **Bayesian Framework for Mining of Evaluated Nuclear Mass Data**, *\$559,680*  
Co-PI on DOE project to provide quantified evaluations and extrapolations of nuclear masses.
- Funded **Microscopic description of the fission process**, *\$900,000*  
Co-PI on NNSA SSAA program proposal to study microscopic descriptions of fission.
- Funded **STREAMLINE Collaboration: Machine Learning for Nuclear Many-Body Systems**, *\$532,000*  
Senior Personnel on DOE proposal in applications of machine learning to nuclear physics.
- 2025 FY **The impact of the symmetry energy on heavy-ion reactions leading to superheavy elements**, *6,000,000 CPU Hours*  
PI on NSF ACCESS award to study EOS impacts on transfer dynamics.

- 2025 FY **Large-scale calculation of beta-delayed neutron emission probabilities and implications for r-process nucleosynthesis, 5,000,000 CPU Hours**  
Co-PI on NSF ACCESS award to study impact of microscopic beta decay rates on astrophysical evolution
- 2024 FY **The Bayesian Mass Explorer Science Gateway, 200,000 SUs**  
PI on NSF ACCESS award for cloud-enabled science gateway.
- 2024 FY **PAIRS - Pairing dynAmics In nucleaR colliSions, 957,672 GPU Hours**  
Co-PI on LUMI supercomputing time allocation through the Polish PLGrid consortium.
- 2023 FY **Nuclear Dynamics and Machine Learning, 22,000 GPU Hours**  
PI on NSF ACCESS award for ML-accelerated nuclear dynamics studies.
- 2020-2021 FY **Texas A&M High Performance Research Computing Research Grant, 2,000,000 SUs**  
Service unit research grant to study systematic uncertainties in low-energy nuclear fusion reactions.

## Invited Talks/Seminars

- Summary **Colloquia: 3, Seminars: 10, Panels: 2, Invited Talks: 24**  
2023-Current  
Detailed List Please visit <https://github.com/kylegodbey/CV/blob/main/CV/presentations.md>

## (Co)Organized Workshops, Summer Programs, Symposia, etc.

- 2025 **APS DNP Workshop on Machine Learning Applications in Nuclear Physics**  
2025 **APS DNP Minisymposium on Data-driven Discoveries in Nuclear Physics**  
2025 **APS Combined March-April Meeting Minisymposium on density functional theory in condensed matter and nuclear physics**  
2024 **APS DNP Invited Session on Inclusivity**  
2024 **FRIB-TA Topical Program on the Path to Superheavies, FRIB**  
2023 **APS-JPS DNP Workshop on Time-Dependent Approaches in Nuclear Physics, Hawaii**  
2023 **FRIB-TA Summer School on Practical Uncertainty Quantification and Emulation, FRIB**

## Workshops/Hackathons/Summer Schools

- 2022 **Quantum Computing and Nuclear Few- and Many-Body Problems FRIB-Theory Alliance Summer School, Michigan State University**  
2021,2022 **QHack Quantum Machine Learning Hackathon, Online**  
2020 **IBM Quantum Challenge, Online**  
2020 **1<sup>st</sup> Lindau Sciathon, Online**  
2019 **69<sup>th</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, Lindau, Germany**  
2019 **Machine Learning Applied to Nuclear Physics FRIB-Theory Alliance Summer School, Michigan State University**  
2018 **Frontiers in Nuclear and Hadronic Physics Nuclear Reactions, Galileo Galilei Institute**  
2016 **Density Functional Theory TALENT School, University of York**  
2014 **GSI Summer Student Program, GSI**

## Awards

- 2023 **FRIB Achievement Award for Early Career Researchers, FRIB**  
Citation can be found [here](#).
- 2023 **Postdoctoral Excellence in Research Award, Michigan State University**  
Awarded yearly for "outstanding achievements and commitment to research, as recognized by peers and community"
- 2021-2022 **Cloud Computing Fellow, MSU Institute for Cyber-Enabled Research**  
Fellowship program exploring cloud computing technologies for research applications. [More info here](#).
- 2018 **Most Outstanding Student Publication Award, Vanderbilt University**  
Awarded yearly to "recognize the most outstanding student publication for a paper published during the previous calendar year"
- 2017 **A.V. Ramayya Award, Vanderbilt University**  
Awarded yearly to "the most outstanding physics or astronomy graduate student Teaching Assistant"
- 2016 **Robert T. Lagemann Award, Vanderbilt University**  
Awarded yearly to an "entering or first-year graduate student for exceptional promise in physics"
- 2014 **Global Education Opportunity (GEO) Scholarship, Berea College**
- 2013 **Physics Presentation Award, Kentucky Academy of Sciences**

## Software Projects

- ASCSN **Project Lead, Advanced Scientific Computing and Statistics Network**, Co-founded the ASCSN forum and organization
- PyNEB **Project Lead, Python-based Nudged Elastic Band Package**, Flexible Python package for determining minimum energy and least action pathways in collective potential energy surfaces
- BMEX **Project Lead, Bayesian Mass Explorer Web App**, Online tool to explore nuclear model predictions and uncertainties of masses and related quantities. Additional functionality includes various emulators for masses, potential energy surfaces, and full solutions.
- HFBFFT **Project Lead, Hartree-Fock-Bogoliubov Fast Fourier Transform Solver**, Next-generation 3D coordinate space HFB solver for atomic nuclei.
- VU-TDHF3D **Project Lead, Time-dependent Hartree-Fock software**, 3D coordinate space HF solver for atomic nuclei and their real-time dynamics.
- Sky3D **Project Contributor, Time-dependent Hartree-Fock software**, 3D coordinate space HF solver for atomic nuclei and their real-time dynamics. Open-source fork of VU-TDHF3D.
- LISE-SLDA **Project Contributor, Time-dependent Superfluid DFT Software**, 3D coordinate space DFT solver with pairing correlations.
- BAND Framework **Project Contributor, Collection of software for the Bayesian Analysis of Nuclear Dynamics collaboration**, Contributor to the emulation and calibration machinery of the framework.

## Computer skills

- Programming Languages Fortran, Python, C, C++, CUDA
- Paradigms High performance computing, Machine learning, Cloud Computing

System MSU HPCC; TAMU HPRC - Terra, Ada; Australian NCI - Raijin, Gadi; OLCF - Summit;  
Experience OLCF - Frontier; ALCF - Polaris; AMD Private Cluster

## Society memberships

American Physical Society

The Internet Society

## Journal Articles

- [1] J. Dobaczewski, A. Gade, K. Godbey, R. V. F. Janssens, and W. Nazarewicz, "Extraction of ground-state nuclear deformations from ultrarelativistic heavy-ion collisions: nuclear structure physics context", *Phys. Rev. Res.* **7**, 043159 (2025).
- [2] K. Godbey, M. Albertsson, J. M. Gates, K. Hagel, J. Lubian, A. Makowski, P. McGlynn, G. Potel, J. L. Pore, J. R. Borges, et al., "Paths to superheavy nuclei", *Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics*, 10.1088/1361-6471/ae198f (2025).
- [3] F. Bonaiti, C. Balos, K. Godbey, G. Hagen, T. Papenbrock, and C. S. Woodward, "Computing nuclear response functions with time-dependent coupled-cluster theory", *Phys. Rev. C*, – (2025).
- [4] L. Jin, A. Ravlić, P. Giuliani, K. Godbey, and W. Nazarewicz, "Surrogate models for linear response", *Phys. Rev. Res.*, – (2025).
- [5] I. Bakurov, P. Giuliani, K. Godbey, N. Haut, W. Banzhaf, and W. Nazarewicz, "Genetic programming for the nuclear many-body problem: a guide", *J. Phys. G Nucl. Part. Phys.* **52**, 102001 (2025).
- [6] C. L. Armstrong, P. Giuliani, K. Godbey, R. Somasundaram, and I. Tews, "Emulators for scarce and noisy data: application to auxiliary-field diffusion monte carlo for neutron matter", *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **135**, 142501 (2025).
- [7] T. Dumont, A. Bonhomme, A. Griffiths, A. Choplin, M. A. Aloy, G. Meynet, K. Godbey, C. Simenel, G. Scamps, F. Castillo, A. Cosoli-Ortega, and S. Courtin, "The advanced evolution of massive stars: i. new reaction rates for carbon and oxygen nuclear reactions", *Astronomy & Astrophysics* **702**, A86 (2025).
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- [10] C. Simenel, A. Umar, K. Godbey, and P. McGlynn, "Shell effects in quasi-fission for calcium induced reactions forming thorium isotopes", *Physics Letters B* **871**, 139955 (2025).
- [11] H. Desilets, R. Kumar, R. deSouza, S. Hudan, C. Ciampi, A. Chbihi, K. Brown, K. Godbey, B. Pinheiro, E. Cardozo, and J. Lubian, "Impact of pairing and neutron-excess on suppression of the above-barrier fusion cross-section in  $^{190}\text{O} + ^{12}\text{C}$ ", *Physics Letters B* **868**, 139643 (2025).
- [12] R. Y. Cheng, K. Godbey, Y. B. Niu, W. B. He, and S. M. Wang, "Reduced-basis method for few-body bound-state emulation", *Phys. Rev. C* **111**, 064315 (2025).
- [13] R. Somasundaram, C. L. Armstrong, P. Giuliani, K. Godbey, S. Gandolfi, and I. Tews, "Emulators for scarce and noisy data: application to auxiliary field diffusion monte carlo for the deuteron", *Physics Letters B* **866**, 139558 (2025).

- [14] B. A. Brown, A. Gade, S. R. Stroberg, J. E. Escher, K. Fossez, P. Giuliani, C. R. Hoffman, W. Nazarewicz, C.-Y. Seng, A. Sorensen, N. Vassh, D. Bazin, K. W. Brown, M. A. Caprio, H. Crawford, P. Danielewicz, C. Drischler, R. F. Garcia Ruiz, K. Godbey, R. Grzywacz, L. Hlophe, J. W. Holt, H. Iwasaki, D. Lee, S. M. Lenzi, S. Liddick, R. Lubna, A. O. Macchiavelli, G. Martínez-Pinedo, A. McCoy, A. Mercenne, K. Minamisono, B. Monteagudo, P. Navratil, R. Ringle, G. H. Sargsyan, H. Schatz, M.-C. Spieker, A. Volya, R. G. T. Zegers, V. Zelevinsky, and X. Zhang, "Motivations for early high-profile frib experiments", *Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics* **52**, 050501 (2025).
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- [17] K. Godbey, C. Ross, and A. S. Umar, "Isospin composition of fission barriers", *Phys. Rev. C* **110**, L041601 (2024).
- [18] L. Li, L. Guo, K. Godbey, and A. S. Umar, "Impact of tensor forces on quasifission product yield distributions", *Phys. Rev. C* **110**, 064607 (2024).
- [19] P. Giuliani, K. Godbey, V. Kejzlar, and W. Nazarewicz, "Model orthogonalization and Bayesian forecast mixing via principal component analysis", *Phys. Rev. Res.* **6**, 033266 (2024).
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- [22] L. Buskirk, K. Godbey, W. Nazarewicz, and W. Satuła, "Nucleonic shells and nuclear masses", *Phys. Rev. C* **109**, 044311 (2024).
- [23] D. Lay, E. Flynn, S. Agbemava, K. Godbey, W. Nazarewicz, S. A. Giuliani, and J. Sadhukhan, "Multimodal fission from self-consistent calculations", *Phys. Rev. C* **109**, 044306 (2024).
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- [27] K. Godbey, A. S. Umar, and C. Simenel, "Theoretical uncertainty quantification for heavy-ion fusion (Editors' Suggestion)", *Phys. Rev. C* **106**, L051602 (2022).
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- [43] K. Godbey, A. S. Umar, and C. Simenel, "Dependence of fusion on isospin dynamics", Phys. Rev. C **95**, 011601 (Rapid Communication) (2017).
- [44] V. Tarasov, K. Gridnev, S. Schramm, V. Kuprikov, D. Gridnev, D. Tarasov, K. Godbey, X. Viñas, and W. Greiner, "Light exotic nuclei with extreme neutron excess and  $2 \leq Z \leq 8$ ", International Journal of Modern Physics E **24**, 1550057 (2015).

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## Submitted Articles

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- [2] S. Lalit, P.-G. Reinhard, K. Godbey, and W. Nazarewicz, *Finite-range pairing in nuclear density functional theory*, 2025.
- [3] C. M. Ireland, G. Bollen, S. E. Campbell, X. Chen, H. Erington, N. D. Gamage, K. Godbey, A. M. Houff, C. Izzo, B. Knight, S. Lalit, E. Leistenschneider, E. M. Lykiardopoulou, F. M. Maier, W. Nazarewicz, R. Orford, W. S. Porter, C. Quick, A. Ravlic, M. Redshaw, P.-G. Reinhard, R. Ringle, S. Schwarz, C. S. Sumithrachchi, A. A. Valverde, and A. C. C. Villari, *The mass of  $^{101}\text{sn}$  and bayesian extrapolations to the proton drip line*, 2025.

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## Books

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## Conference Proceedings

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- [3] A. S. Umar, C. Simenel, S. Ayik, and K. Godbey, "Equilibration dynamics in nuclear reactions", in 4th International Conference on Nuclear Structure and Dynamics (NSD2019) Venice, Italy, May 13-17, 2019, Vol. 223 (2019), p. 01066.
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