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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

PhD candidate, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences

Focus: Nonlinear Dynamics in Geosciences

Advisors: Glenn R. Flierl & J. Taylor Perron

2016-(January 2022, expected)

Current GPA: 4.9/5

École Normale Supérieure (ENS) rue d'Ulm, Paris, France

Masters ENS-ICFP in Macroscopic Physics and Complexity

Advisor: Alexandros Alexakis

2015-2016

mention *Très Bien*

The University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Science in Physics (Option: Honors Physics)

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Option: Honors Mathematics)

Dean's Scholars Honors Program

Graduation Distinction: Dean's Honored Graduate (Top 1%) and Highest Honors (Top 4%)

2010-2015

GPA: 3.9628/4

PUBLICATIONS

Benavides, S. J., Burns, K. J., Gallet, B., Cho, J. Y-K. & Flierl, G. R., "Inverse cascade suppression and shear layer formation in MHD turbulence subject to a strong background magnetic field and misaligned global rotation," (*In Preparation*).

Benavides, S. J., Deal, E., Rushlow, M., Venditti, J. G., Zhang, Q., Kamrin, K., & Perron, J. T., "The impact of intermittency on bed load sediment transport," (*Submitted*). <https://doi.org/10.31223/X5PW3Q>

Alexakis, A., Pétrélis, F., **Benavides, S. J.**, & Seshasayanan, K., "Symmetry breaking in a turbulent environment," *Phys. Rev. Fluids* **6**, 024605 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevFluids.6.024605>

Benavides, S. J., & Flierl, G. R., "Two-dimensional partially ionized magnetohydrodynamic turbulence," *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*. Volume 900, A28, (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2020.500>

Benavides, S. J., & Alexakis, A., "Critical transitions in thin layer turbulence," *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, Volume 822, pg. 364-385 (2017). <https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2017.293>

Mentioned in feature article: Ecke, R. E. "From 2D to 3D in Fluid Turbulence: Unexpected Critical Transitions." *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, Volume 828, pg. 1-4 (2017).

<https://doi.org/10.1017/jfm.2017.507>

Seshasayanan, K., **Benavides, S. J.**, & Alexakis, A., "On the edge of an inverse cascade," *Phys. Rev. E*. Volume 90, 051003(R) (2014). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.90.051003>

SCIENTIFIC EXPERIENCE

**Participant in summer school at the Center for Computational Astrophysics
The Flatiron Institute (Simons Foundation), New York, New York**
Theme: “Multiscale Modeling of Astrophysical and Space Plasmas” **Summer 2019**

Participant and speaker at workshop of Les Houches School of Physics, France
Theme: “New Challenges in Turbulence Research V” **April 2019**

**Guest Student at Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Summer School
WHOI, Woods Hole, Massachusetts**
Theme: Atmosphere, Ocean, and Climate Fluid Dynamics **Summer 2014**

HONORS AND AWARDS

Future Investigators in NASA Earth
and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) fellowship (\$45,000) **2020-2021**

MIT
Jule Charney Prize (\$12,000) **2016-2019**

Robert R Shrock Graduate Fellowship (\$78,350) **2016**

ENS
ENS-ICFP Scholarship (\$10,000) **2015-2016**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
12.810: “Dynamics of the Atmosphere” (Graduate) **Spring 2021**

Mentor for MIT’s Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program
Directly mentoring two undergraduates on original research projects **Summer 2020**

Teaching Assistant at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
12.820: “Turbulence in the Atmosphere and Ocean” (Graduate Course) **Spring 2020**

Teaching Assistant at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
12.800: “Fluid Dynamics of the Atmosphere and Ocean” (Graduate) **Fall 2019**
Overall rating in subject evaluation: 6.7/7.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin
P S 303: “Introductory Physical Science I: Mechanics and Heat.” **Fall 2013**

SERVICES AND OUTREACH

**Member of Graduate Student Advisory Committee (GSAG)
to the faculty search committee** **Spring 2020**

Member of the Diversity Council (EAPS, MIT)
Department-wide committee, including faculty and staff **Fall 2019 – Present**

Creator and runner of Student Seminar (EAPS, MIT)

Department wide, weekly seminar for students

Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Seminars given:

How can we study extreme events efficiently?

Fall 2020

Epidemic processes in complex networks

Spring 2020

Atmospheric Predictability

Fall 2019

Knots and their surprising connections to fluids and turbulence

Spring 2019

Collective and critical phenomena in living systems

Fall 2018

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Programming: Python, Fortran, git. Languages: Spanish (fluent), French (fluent, but limited), Russian (limited)