

# Samuel Edward Hatfield

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## EDUCATION

### DPhil Environmental Research, University of Oxford

2015 - PRESENT

- Advisors: Prof. Tim Palmer and Dr. Peter Düben
- Expected date of completion: October 2019
- Thesis title: *Reduced-precision arithmetic in numerical weather prediction with an emphasis on data assimilation*
- Thesis keywords: Data assimilation, reduced-precision, numerical weather prediction, model error
- Worked in Data Assimilation Research Team, RIKEN Centre for Computational Science, Japan for 2 months (Summer 2017)

### MSci Physics, University of Bristol

2010 - 2014

- First-class honours, average mark 78%
- Final year project advisor: Dr. Simon Hanna
- Final year project title: *Knots in geometrically-confined polymers: nanochannels and other geometries*, mark 82%

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2018: **Choosing the optimal numerical precision for data assimilation in the presence of model error**, [Sam Hatfield](#), Peter Düben, Matthew Chantry, Keiichi Kondo, Takemasa Miyoshi and Tim Palmer, *Journal of Advances in Modeling Earth Systems*, **10**, 2177-2191, doi: 10.1029/2018MS001341
- 2018: **Improving weather forecast skill through reduced precision data assimilation**, [Sam Hatfield](#), Aneesh Subramanian, Peter Düben and Tim Palmer, *Monthly Weather Review*, **146**, 49-62, doi: 10.1175/MWR-D-17-0132.1

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2019: **Accelerating high-resolution weather models with deep-learning hardware**, [Sam Hatfield](#), Matthew Chantry, Peter Düben, Tim Palmer, *Proceedings of the Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing Conference - PASC '19*, 1-11, doi: 10.1145/3324989.3325711

## SELECTED CONFERENCES

- JULY 2019: **The International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics 2019 (oral presentation)**, Valencia, Spain  
*Accelerating data assimilation through reduced precision arithmetic*  
[Sam Hatfield](#), Peter Düben, Tim Palmer
- JUNE 2019: **The Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing Conference 2019 (plenary presentation)**, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Accelerating high-resolution weather models with deep-learning hardware*  
[Sam Hatfield](#), Matthew Chantry, Peter Düben, Tim Palmer,

- JANUARY 2019: **The 7th Annual International Symposium on Data Assimilation (oral and poster presentation)**, Kobe, Japan  
*Single-precision in 4D-Var: The impact of rounding errors on the tangent-linear and adjoint models*  
S. Hatfield, P. Düben, A. McRae, T. Palmer,
- APRIL 2018: **SIAM Uncertainty Quantification (oral presentation)**, Los Angeles, USA  
*Reducing Precision in Ensemble Data Assimilation to Improve Forecast Skill*  
Samuel Hatfield, Peter D. Düben, Matthew Chantry, Tim Palmer
- APRIL 2017: **EGU General Assembly (oral presentation)**, Vienna, Austria  
*Improving Weather Forecasts Through Reduced Precision Data Assimilation*  
Sam Hatfield, Peter Düben and Tim Palmer
- FEBRUARY 2017: **RIKEN International Symposium on Data Assimilation (oral presentation)**, Kobe, Japan  
*Improving Weather Forecasts Through Reduced Precision Data Assimilation*  
Sam Hatfield, Peter Düben and Tim Palmer

## TEACHING

- OCTOBER 2016 - PRESENT: Computing demonstrator for Oxford undergraduate students in Physics. **Senior Demonstrator from October 2018 - June 2019.**
- AUTUMN 2017 AND 2018: Python demonstrator for Environmental Research 1st year students

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- JUNE 2019: **PASC'19 Best Paper Prize**, for submission *Accelerating high-resolution weather models with deep-learning hardware*
- JUNE 2019: **Famelab UK Final Runner Up**, for presentation *Climate change: can't we just fix it later?*, £1000 cash prize
- JANUARY 2019: **ISDA2019 Best Poster Award (one of top 3)**, for submission *Single-precision in 4D-Var: The impact of rounding errors on the tangent-linear and adjoint models*
- OCTOBER 2018 - JUNE 2019: **Jesus College Graduate Scholarship**, £900 grant for academic merit
- JUNE - AUGUST 2017: **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Summer Programme**  
Fully funded 2 month research stay at the RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science (AICS), Kobe, Japan hosted by Dr. Takemasa Miyoshi
- NOVEMBER 2016: **Elsevier travel grant**  
Awarded for poster and presentation at Oxford Environmental Research student conference, £1000 cash prize
- JULY 2014: **Undergraduate Awards Highly Commended** Awarded for MSci thesis, *Knots in geometrically-confined polymers: nanochannels and other geometries*

**DEPARTMENTAL  
SEMINAR TALKS**

- Data Assimilation Research Centre, University of Reading, Reading, UK APRIL 2019
- Marine Meteorology Division, Naval Research Laboratory, Monterey, USA APRIL 2018
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography, San Diego, USA APRIL 2018
- RIKEN Advanced Institute for Computational Science (AICS), Kobe, Japan JULY 2017
- Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute (AORI), University of Tokyo JULY 2017
- Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) JULY 2017
- The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC, Yokohama Institute for Earth Sciences, Japan) JULY 2017

**PEER REVIEW**

- Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society

**TRAINING**

- JULY 2018: CUDA Programming on NVIDIA GPUs, Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
- JUNE 2016: E2SCMS Summer School (Earth-System modelling), Helsinki
- MARCH - MAY 2016: Training courses on data assimilation, predictability of weather and climate and numerical methods, ECMWF

**OUTREACH**

- Famelab 2019: competed in two Oxford regional heats and the UK final
- Led development of “Raspberry Pi Planet Simulator”, weather-simulating Raspberry Pi cluster, November 2018 - March 2019

**OTHER  
EXPERIENCE**

- Microcosm Ltd., Bristol** 2014 - 2015
- Worked on the front- and back-ends of a two-factor authentication system, SmartSign
  - Learned PHP, JavaScript, CSS and HTML

**TECHNICAL  
EXPERTISE**

- Proficient in: FORTRAN 90, Python (incl. Iris, Numpy, Keras), Bash, git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- Have experience with: C/C++, Matlab, Julia, CUDA

**LANGUAGES**

- English (native)
- Japanese (conversational)

**SUPERVISORS**

**Professor Tim Palmer**  
Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary  
Physics  
University of Oxford  
Oxford, UK  
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**Dr. Peter Düben**  
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