Max L. Trostel | CV

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Sep 2020 – Present

E-mail: trostel@utexas.edu

Graduate student in physics

Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Sep 2015 – Jun 2019

B.A. in Physics (Math minor) cum laude, Jun 2019 Cumulative GPA: 3.78/4.00, Physics: 3.80, Math: 3.67

Senior thesis: Predicting the Weather: The Physics of Earth's Atmosphere

- · Advisors: Joel M. Weisberg, Arjendu K. Pattanayak
- Public talk presented Feb 1, 2019. Awarded Distinction Jun 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

General relativity and Lorentz symmetry

Jan 2018 – Jul 2019

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Carleton College

- Developing equations for sensitivities to Lorentz violation in Sagnac gyroscope experiments [1, 2].
- · Advisor: Jay D. Tasson

Climate variability and global warming

Jun 2018 – Aug 2018

Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Texas A&M University

- Implementing a novel statistical analysis in Python to better separate modes of internal multidecadal variability in the climate from external forcings.
- · Advisor: Yangyang Xu
- Poster: Isolating Warming and Multidecadal Variability in Pacific Sea Surface Temperatures

Quantum chaos simulation

Mar 2016 – Jan 2018

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Carleton College

- Implementing simulations of the quantum, semiclassical, and classical damped-driven Duffing oscillator and analyzing the transition from quantum periodicity to classical chaos [3].
- Advisors: Arjendu K. Pattanayak, Andrés Aragoneses

Observational astronomy

Jun 2014 – Aug 2014

Department Physics and Astronomy, University of Maine

- Developing software in MATLAB to correct the color of starfield images for the effects of the Earth's atmosphere and human eye color perception.
- · Advisor: Neil F. Comins
- Presentation: Effects of the Earth's atmosphere and human neural processing of light on the apparent colors of stars

Professional Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sep 2020 – Present

University of Texas at Austin

• PHY 375R: Introduction to Relativity (Fall 2020)

Math Teaching Fellow

Aug 2019 – Jun 2020

Conserve School

• Teaching algebra, precalculus, and calculus.

Asst. System Administrator for Physics

Mar 2017 - Jun 2019

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Carleton College

- Maintaining computer systems for classroom and research applications in the department.
- Website development and maintenance for the department.
- Various coding and database development projects for use in the classroom and research.

Department of Physics and Astronomy, Carleton College

CODING EXPERIENCE

- Unix and Linux system administration: Installing Linux operating systems; writing scripts in Bash; other advanced commands in the terminal.
- XML: Writing and parsing for instrumentation and database projects.
- Python: Extensive use in multiple research projects; projects for asst. system admin job.
- Mathematica: Symbolic manipulation for theoretical physics research; numerical and symbolic applications throughout physics and math courses.
- MATLAB: Various research projects; math course on numerical analysis.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] M.L. Trostel, S. Moseley, N. Scaramuzza, and J.D. Tasson, *Ring Laser Gyroscope Tests of Lorentz Symmetry*, Proceedings of the Eighth Meeting on CPT and Lorentz Symmetry (CPT '19), preprint: arXiv:1907.07071.
- [2] S. Moseley, N. Scaramuzza, J.D. Tasson, and M.L. Trostel, Lorentz violation and Sagnac gyroscopes, Phys. Rev. D 100, 6 (2019).
- [3] M.L. Trostel, M.Z.R. Misplon, A. Aroganoses, and A.K. Pattanayak, Characterizing Complex Dynamics in the Classical and Semi-Classical Duffing Oscillator Using Ordinal Patterns Analysis, Entropy 20, 40 (2018).