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EDUCATION

Ph.D.: Cornell University, May 1995, Electrical Engineering, Space Plasma Physics Group
Advisor: Prof. Neils Otani

M.Eng.: Cornell University, May 1990, School of Applied and Engineering Physics

B.S.: Cornell University, May 1984, School of Applied and Engineering Physics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Astronomy, Boston University	<i>Sep. 2013 - present</i>
Sabbatical Leave, Institute of Geophysics of Peru (Jicamarca Radio Observatory),	<i>Jan. 2025 - Jun.. 2025</i>
Associate Director of the Center for Space Physics, Boston University	<i>Sep. 2023 - present</i>
Director of Graduate Admissions, Boston University	<i>Sep. 2018 - 2019</i>
Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Boston University	<i>Nov. 1, 2018 - present</i>
Associate Chairman of Astronomy, Boston University	<i>Sep. 2014 - Jul. 2017</i>
Associate Professor of Astronomy, Boston University	<i>Sep. 2004 - 2013</i>
Director of Graduate Studies, Astronomy Department	<i>Sep. 2006 - Aug. 2010</i>
Associate Chairman of Astronomy, Boston University	<i>Sep. 2002 - Sep. 2004</i>
Assistant Professor of Astronomy, Boston University	<i>Sep. 1998 - Sep. 2004</i>
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Boston University	<i>Sep. 2000 - Sep. 2004</i>
Research Associate, U. of Colorado, Boulder with Dr. M. Goldman	<i>May 1996 - Aug. 1998</i>
Max Planck Society Postdoctoral Scientist (with Dr. Tor Hagfors)	<i>May 1995 - May 1996</i>
Research Assistant, Cornell University with Dr. Niels Otani	<i>Sep. 1988 - May 1995</i>
Computational Physics Consultant:	<i>1986-1990</i>
Staff Physicist: Physics International Corporation, San Leandro, CA	<i>1984-1986</i>
Programmer and Junior Analyst Jack Faucett Associates, Inc., Chevy Chase, MD	<i>1980-1982</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fully responsible for the following classes:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Term(s)</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Total No. Students</i>
<i>Undergraduate</i>			
AS202 Principles of Astro I	F99, F00, F01, F03, F05, F07, F08, F12, F13, F17, F20, F23	4	~320
AS202HP Prin. of Astro I, honors	F01, F03, F05, F07, F08	4	27
AS101 The Solar System	S00, S03, S10, S14, F20, S 22	4	~ 600
AS414 Solar and Space Physics	S06, S08, S20, S24	4	42
AS499 Directed Studies in Astro	F01, F03, F07	1	10
<i>Graduate</i>			
AS703 Intro to Space Physics	S04, F06, F07, F09, F14, F15	4	53
AS708 Plasma Physics	S21	4	10
AS727 Cosmic Plasma Physics	F98, S01, F02, S07, S09, S11, S13, S15, S19	4	110
AS783 Ionospheres	S12	4	8
AS699 Teaching College Astro.	F05-F14	2	18
AS865 Space Physics Seminar	F01, S02, F18, S19	2	60
AS793 Adv Topics in Space Phys	S02	2	4
AS911 Directed Studies in AS	Most terms	2 & 4	

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADVISED AND CURRENT STATUS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Grad. Date</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Current Status or Project</i>
<i>Ph.D. Degree Recipients</i>			
Lars Dyrud	2004	Advisor	Sr. Vice Pres. Eagleview Technologies
Sigrid Close	2004	Advisor	Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Stanford University
Marcos Diaz	2010	ECE Co-Advisor	Assistant Prof., ECE, U. of Chile
Elizabeth Bass	2012	Advisor	Researcher at Lincoln Labs.
Hassan Akbari	2015	ECE Reader	Researcher at LASP, CU, Boulder
Chad Madsen	2017	Advisor	Researcher at Center for Astrophysics
Carsten Schult	2018	External Examiner	U. of Rostock, Germany
Matthew Young	2018	Advisor	UNH - Space Physics
William Longley	2019	Advisor	Rice U. - Postdoc
Glenn Sugar	2019	Co-Advisor	JHU/APL - Space Physics
Nithin Sivasadas	2020	ECE Reader	NASA/Goddard -
Samuel Evans	2025	Advisor	Solar Physics
Trevor Hedges	2025	Co-Advisor	Meteor Physics
Alexander Green	~2027	Advisor	Ionosphere Physics
Save Koontaweepunya	~2028	Advisor	Space Plasma Physics

Name	Grad. Date	Role	Current Status or Project
<i>MA/MS Degree Recipients</i>			
Stephen Hunt	2004	Advisor	Asst. section head at Lincoln Laboratory
Alex Macdonell	2012	ECE Co-Advisor	Analyst at Raytheon
<i>Undergraduate Advisees (who remained in field)</i>			
Licia Ray, Ph.D.	2005	Advisor	Sr. Lecturer, Lancaster U.
Kelly Denney, Ph.D.	2005	Advisor	Dir. of Data Science and AI at Availity
Glenn Sugar, Ph.D.	2008	Advisor	Starlink
Liane Tarnecki, Ph.D.	2015	Advisor	U. of Colorado
Pedro Baculima Calle	2026	Advisor	BU student
Mehmet Akharman	2026	Advisor	BU student
Tess Goodman	2026	Advisor	BU student

ACTIVITIES, AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

- *Elected Representative*, Boston University Faculty and University Councils, 2023-present
- Visiting Scientist, Institute of Geophysics of Peru, Jicamarca Radio Observatory, Lima, Peru (sabbatical research visit), Jan.-Jun. 2025
- Visiting Scholar and Professor, Leibniz-Institut für Atmosphärenphysik, Kuhlungsborn, Germany, Aug. 3-15, 2018
- CEDAR Prize Lecturer, 2016
- Elected Vice-Chair, Union Radio Science International, International Commission H, 2011-2014 (Chair-Elect for 2014).
- Elected member, CEDAR Science Steering Committee, 2008-2011
- Elected Chair, Union Radio Science International, U.S.A Commission H, 2006-present
- Member, American Physical Science, Division of Plasma Physics, program committee, 2003-2005
- Elected Vice-Chair, Union Radio Science International (U.S.A Commission H), 2002-2005
- Elected member, Union Radio Science International (Commissions G & H), 2001
- National Research Council Fellowship 1996
- Member of the American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- Member of the American Physical Society (APS)
- Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- Max Planck Society Fellowship for 1995-96
- Outstanding Student Paper, spring 1994 AGU meeting
- Honorable mention, 1994 CEDAR conference
- Reily scholar, 1988-1989
- Cornell Daily Sun's editorial news board 1983-1984
- Cornell crew and Cornell men's volleyball team (Co-Captain 1983-1984)

AWARDS TO MENTORED STUDENTS

- US URSI meeting 1st Prize for student research paper 2024: Advisee Trevor Hedges
- AGU BASU award 2023 for Advisee William Longley
- Tenure at Stanford University starting Fall. 2016: Advisee Dr. Sigrid Close
- Faculty Position at Stanford University starting Jan. 2010: Advisee Dr. Sigrid Close
- Senior Scientist and Head of the Ionosphere Thermosphere Section at the John's Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory: Advisee Dr. Lars Dyrud
- Winner of NASA graduate student research program fellowship: Lars Dyrud, 1999-2003
- Winner of Outstanding Student Paper Award by L. Dyrud, AGU conference, May, 2000
- Winner of Best Student Paper Award for conference: L. Dyrud, CEDAR meeting, May 2000
- Winner of Best Student Paper Award: L. Dyrud, AGU Conference, May, 2001
- Winner of Best Student Paper Award: Lars Dyrud, CEDAR conference, 2001
- Winner of outstanding student paper award by S. Close at URSI, January 2002 (\$1000 prize)
- Winner of Best Student Paper Award: Licia Ray, CEDAR conference, 2002

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Subject Matter Expert Consultant: ROSEMARY Program, IARPA, consulting to the University of Maryland on bolide physics, 2025-

External Committee Member: Stanford University, advised and served on the Ph.D. committee of Trevor Hedges, 2019-2025

Successful Nominator: American Geophysical Union Fellowship, nominated Prof. David Hysell (Cornell), 2024

External Reviewer: Faculty tenure and promotion case, R1 university, 2024

External Examiner: University of Rostock, Germany, Ph.D. Defense of Carsten Schult, Aug. 2018

Elected Vice-Chair: Union Radio Science International, International Commission H, 2011-2014 (Chair-Elect for 2014-2017: resigned 2014 due to family tragedy).

Elected member: CEDAR Science Steering Committee, 2008

Commentator: History Channel's *The Universe* first aired in 2007

Chair: H Commission, URSI National organization, 2006-

Committee Member: Am. Physical Society, Div. of Plasma Physics, program committee, 2003-

Vice-chair: H Commission, URSI National organization, 2002-2005

Panels Served: N.A.S.A (ITM) 1999, N.S.F. (G.E.M.) 2003

Committee Member: A.G.U. S.P.A. Student Awards committee, 1998-2002

Committee Member: CEDAR, Student Awards committee, 1998-2002

Chairing and Organizing Sessions

- Organized and co-chaired “Meteors, collisional EMPs, and other Highly- Transient Space Plasma Events” session at URSI 2023 General Assembly in Sapporo Japan August 19-26, 2023
- Organized and chaired workshop on 150 km echoes ISSI, 2019-2022, Bern, SW
- Organized and Chaired session, Meteor Physics, URSI International, 2020-2021, Rome, IT
- Organized and chaired session on nonlinear plasma physics, for URSI International, 2011, Istanbul, Turkey
- Organized and chaired session on “Meteoroids and Their Atmospheric Effects” at Fall AGU, 2009
- Organized and chaired session on particle-wave interaction in space plasma physics, USNC URSI, 2008
- Organized and chaired session on particle-wave interaction in space plasma physics, USNC URSI, 2006
- Chaired session at Meteoroids 2004 conference on Interstellar Meteoroids And Extrasolar Dust, March 2004
- Chaired session at American Physical Society (APS), Div. of Plasma Physics meeting, 2003
- Chaired session at International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) in Sapporo, Japan, July, 2003
- Organized and chaired session on numerical methods in space physics, North American URSI, 2003
- Organized and chaired session on meteors in space physics, National URSI, 2002
- Chairperson at International Meteoroids 2001 Conference, Kiruna Sweden, August 2001
- Organized and chaired session on small scale plasma structures in space physics, National URSI, 2001
- Chaired Aeronomy section at the Spring AGU meeting, 2002
- Chaired Solar Heliospheric Poster Session, Spring Meeting, 1998

Refereeing Papers and Proposals

Refereed journals: Geophysical Research Letters (more than 8 papers)

Journal of Geophysical Research (JGR): Space Physics (more than 8 papers)

Physical Review Letters

Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences

Radio Science (2 papers)

Annales Geophysicae

Journal of Atmospheric, Solar and Terrestrial Physics

Refereed proposals and reports: N.A.S.A. (more than 9 proposals, incl. NASA Technical Memoranda)

N.S.F. (more than 12 proposals)

Civilian Research and Development Foundation

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE RECORD

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Service</i>
2024-2025	BU Calendar Policy Committee
2023-	Associate Director, Center for Space Physics
2023-	Elected Representative, University and Faculty Councils
2023-	Organizer, Center for Space Physics Seminar Series
2022-2028	Faculty Mentor for Prof. Chuanfei Dong
2022-2023	Member, Physics Dept. Faculty Search Committee
2021-2022	Chair, Astronomy Dept. Faculty Search Committee

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Service</i>
2020-2021	Member Astronomy Dept. Grad. Recruitment Committee
2019-2020	Chair Astronomy Dept. Grad. Recruitment Committee
2017-2018	Member of the Natural Sciences Curriculum Committee College of Arts & Sciences
2014-2017	Associate Chair, Astronomy Department
2012-2014	Director of Graduate Studies, Astronomy Department
2012-	Member, Graduate Recruitment Committee, Astronomy Department
2006-2010	Director of Graduate Studies, Astronomy Department
2006-2008	CAS Writing Advisory Board
2005	Summer training of new teaching fellows
2003-2004	Advisor, College of Arts and Science, Undergraduate Advising Office
2002-2004	Member, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Committee
2002-2004	Associate Chairman for Undergraduate Studies, Department of Astronomy
2000-2002	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Astronomy
1999-2002	Summer advising of incoming undergraduate students
1998-2000	Member of the Natural Sciences Curriculum Committee College of Arts & Sciences
1998-2002	Member of the Astronomy Department computer committee
1998-2004	Member, Ph.D. Oral Qualifying Exam Committee (10 examinations)
1998-2004	Member, Ph.D. Thesis committees (6 students, 4 completed)
1998-2004	Advisor, Ph.D. Thesis students (3 students, 1 completed)

MAJOR GRANT APPLICATIONS APPROVED

NASA Co-PI *ECHOES; Revealing the origin of equatorial 150km Radar Echoes* 10/01/2025 - 11/29/2030, \$324,337

NSF/Aeronomy PI *Simulations and Theory of Electrojet Turbulence: Effects on Conductivities and Implications for Observations*, AGS-2531480, 08/01/2025 - 07/31/2028, \$498,760

NSF/Solar Terrestrial PI *Collaborative Research: Simulations, Theory and Observation of Plasma Turbulence and Heating found in Solar Chromosphere*, 08/01/2024 - 07/31/2027, \$517,046

NSF/Aeronomy PI *Collaborative Research: Aeronomy: A Simulation and Theoretical Analysis of Meteor Evolution over Scales Ranging from Sub-microseconds to Minutes*, 06/01/2023 - 05/31/2026, \$387,032

NASA/Heliophysics PI *Simulating radio wave propagation and scintillations through the turbulent ionosphere*, 06/14/2021-06/13/2026, \$1,042,402

NSF/Solar Terrestrial PI *Solar Chromospheric Plasma Turbulence and Heating Driven by Neutral-Plasma Coupling*, 06/01/2019 - 11/30/2025, \$484,266

DARPA PI *AtmoSense BAA*, 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2022, \$109,781

NASA/Heliophysics PI *Conductance Effects on Global Magnetosphere-Ionosphere Evolution during Storms and Superstorms*, 11/01/2018-10/01/2022, \$1,111,739

NSF/Aeronomy PI: *Collaborative Research: Exploring Low-Latitude Ionospheric Irregularities in the Upper E-Region Valley Using Observations, Theory, And Simulations*, 07/2018-06/2021, \$395,973

NSF/Aeronomy CO-PI: *Collaborative Proposal: Meteor Plasma Formation and Dynamics with Implication for Radar Measurements*, 08/2018-07/2021, \$382,708

NSF/Physics PI: *Collaborative Research: Heating the Solar Chromosphere through Plasma Turbulence*, 07/'15-07/'18, \$340,000

NASA/Heliophysics Grand Challenge Research PI; *Including Macroscopic Effects of Small-Scale E-Region Turbulence in Global Magnetosphere-Ionosphere-Thermosphere Models*, 8/15-7/19, \$1,173,461.00

NSF/Aeronomy Co-PI; *Theory and simulation of the formation and evolution of meteor plasmas*, 12/'13 - 12/'16, \$300,000

NASA/LWS PI; *Kinetic 2D and 3D Simulations and Theory of Low- to Mid-Latitude Ionospheric Irregularities*, 8/'11-8/'15, \$574,266

NSF/Aeronomy PI; *Simulations and Theory of Medium to Small Scale E-region Turbulence*, 5/'10-4/14, \$580,818.00

NSF/CEDAR PI; *CEDAR: Advancing Meteor Aeronomy, Observations, and Physics*, 1/11-1/14, \$308,230.00

AFOSR PI; *First Kinetic Simulations of Equatorial Spread-F: Analysis of Kilometer-to-Meter Scale Irregularities*, 7/01/09-6/30/12, \$390,000

NSF/Space Weather Co-PI; *NSF Space Weather: Improving quantitative modeling of high-latitude electrojet conductivities during magnetic storm and substorm time*, 7/01/08-6/30/11, \$242K

NSF/CEDAR PI; *CEDAR: Meteor Plasmas: Theory, Simulations and Observations*; Award Dates: 3/1/07-2/28/10; Award Amount: \$160,000

NSF/DOE - plasma research award: PI; *Collaborative Research: Meteor Plasmas - Dynamics and Radio Wave Scattering*; Award Dates: 7/1/06-6/30/09; Award Amount: \$134,000

NSF - Aeronomy award: PI; *Simulations and Theory of Small-Scale E-region Turbulence*; Award Dates: 3/1/05-2/28/11; Award Amount: \$384,000

NSF - CEDAR award: Principal Investigator; *Aeronomy of Meteor Trails: Observations, Simulations, and Theory*; Award Dates: 2/1/04 – 1/31/07; Award Amount: \$240K

NSF - CEDAR Postdoctoral award: Principal Investigator; *Modeling Radar Observations of Meteor Trails*; Award Dates: 2/1/04 – 1/31/06; Award Amount: \$160K

NSF - Aeronomy award: Co-PI; *Plasma Instabilities and Turbulent Heating in Lower Ionosphere: Theory and Simulations*; PI: Yakov Dimant; Award Dates: 1/1/04-12/30/07; Award Amount: \$290,000

NSF - Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT): Contributing Scientist, *Multidisciplinary Approach to the Integration of High Performance Computing in Science Education*; PI: Claudio Rebbi; Approved Amount: ~ \$2, 500, 000 over 10 years

NSF Major Research Infrastructure: Contributing Scientist, *Acquisition of a Power4-based IBM SP and PC -based Scalable Display Wall for Multidisciplinary Computational Science Research*; PI: Claudio Rebbi; Award Dates: 10/1/01 – 9/30/04, Award Amount: \$938,315

Lincoln Laboratory Scholarship: PI, Fall 2002, \$14.25K for 1 term to support a graduate student doing research on Radar and Theoretical Studies of Meteors and Meteor Trails

Lincoln Laboratory Scholarship: PI, Fall 2001, \$13.3K for 1 term to support a graduate student doing research on Radar and Theoretical Studies of Meteors and Meteor Trails

NASA Graduate Student Research Program: PI 2000-2003, \$22K per year for three years to support graduate student research on kinetic theory of plasmas in the auroral ionosphere.

NSF/DOE: PI, 2001-2003, ~\$25K per year supplement for two years to support simulations and theory of plasmas in the auroral ionosphere.

NSF/DOE: PI 2000-2003, ~\$60K per year for three years to support simulations and theory of plasmas in the auroral ionosphere.

NSF Geosciences/Aeronomy: PI, 2000-2003, ~\$90K per year for three years to support simulations and theory research on turbulence in the E-region Ionosphere

NASA SR&T: PI, 1997-, \$75K per year for 3 years. Simulation and Theory of the Farley-Buneman Instability in the E-Region Ionosphere, (SR&T, ITM)

NSF magnetosphere: Co-PI, 1998-, ~\$85K per year for 3 years. Beam-Driven Waves and Turbulence in the Top-side Auroral Ionosphere, Magnetospheric Physics Program

DOE Grant: Co-PI, 1998-, ~\$75K per year for 3 years. Basic Plasma Physics - study and simulate plasma turbulence as they occur in both laboratory experiments and space measurements.

PI for subcontract from the University of Iowa: , 1996, \$17K
For numerical modeling of the ionospheric Farley-Buneman instability

NASA Grant , 1995-1997, with Dr. N. Otani (PI), \$65K per year for 2 years.
For the continued study of the ionospheric Farley-Buneman Instability.

IGGP-LANL Grants: , 1992-1994, with Dr. R. Mason and Dr. N. Otani, \$22K per year. Simulations of the ionospheric Farley-Buneman instability.

REFEREED PAPERS

Author key: **M. M. Oppenheim** in bold; *graduate and undergraduate student co-authors in bold italic.*

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3. *Akharman, M., Baculima Calle, P., Oppenheim, M., Volz, R., & Erickson, P.*; *Meteor head and trail echo observations by the Millstone Hill radar and comparisons to other measurements*; *J. Geophys. Res.*, doi:[10.1029/2025JA034212](https://doi.org/10.1029/2025JA034212), 2025
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20. *Sugar, G.*; Marshall, R.; **Oppenheim, M.**; Dimant, Y; and *Close, S.*, *Simulation-Derived Radar Cross Sections of a New Meteor Head Plasma Distribution Model*, J. Geophys. Res., doi:[10.1029/2021JA029171](https://doi.org/10.1029/2021JA029171), 2021.
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"Basic Particle-in-Cell Simulation Methods" by Meers Oppenheim at The 9th International School for Space Simulations, Paris, France, July 2009

"Measuring MLT Winds by Tracking Meteor Trails with Incoherent Scatter Radar; A New Method Observes Rapidly Changing Winds Exceeding 500km/Hr" by Meers Oppenheim, CEDAR 2009 Highlight talk to the Plenary session, Santa Fe, NM

Invited Panelist, Meteor Workshop at the CEDAR Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, 2009

"Spectral Studies of E-Region Farley-Buneman Waves from massively parallel PIC simulations," by Meers Oppenheim, Lars Dyrud, and Yakov Dimant, CEDAR Workshop 2006, Santa Fe, NM

"Turbulence in the E-region Ionosphere: Simulations and Theory," RF Ionospheric Interactions Workshop, April 2006, Santa Fe, NM

"High Resolution Meteor Observations Using the 50MHz Jicamarca Radar," Meers M. Oppenheim, Jorge L. Chau, Elizabeth N. Bass, 2006 National Radio Science Meeting, Boulder, CO

"Meteor Induced Ridge and Trough Formation and the Structuring of the Nighttime E-Region Ionosphere," Dartmouth College Plasma Physics Seminar, Oct. 2005

"The Plasma Physics of Meteors: from Ionization to Turbulence to Dissipation," MIT Plasma Colloquium, Oct. 2005

"Spectral studies of Type 1 E-region instabilities using a new generation of high-resolution simulations," URSI International Conference, New Delhi, India, Oct., 2006

"High-Power, Large-Aperture, Radar Observations of Meteors," U. of Adelaide, Physics Department Colloquium, Adelaide, Australia, Feb., 2005

"High-Power, Large-Aperture, Radar Observations of Meteors," U. of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, Jan., 2005

"Simulations of Space Plasma Physics Using Almost a Billion Particles," U. of Illinois, Electromagnetics and Remote Sensing Seminar, U. of Illinois, Oct. 26, 2004

"Simulations of Space Plasma Physics Using Almost a Billion Particles," George Mason University, Physics Dept. Seminar, Nov 5, 2004

"The Physics and Aeronomy of High-Power, Large-Aperture, Radar Observations of Meteors," SRI International Geospace Seminar. Sept. 17, 2004

"Observations and Plasma Physics of Meteor Trails," Naval Research Laboratories Seminar, Washington, DC, June 2004

“E-region thermal instabilities,” CEDAR Workshop 2004, SanteFe, NM, June, 2004

“Ion Thermal Effects on E-Region Instabilities,” at IUGG international, July 2003

“Simulating ionospheric plasma physics using millions and millions of particles,” tutorial by M. Oppenheim at CEDAR, Longmont, CO, June, 2003

“Fully kinetic simulations and linear theory of E-region instabilities” by M. Oppenheim and Y. Dimant at CEDAR, Longmont, CO, June, 2003

“The Linear Plasma Theory of Meteor Trails and Implications for Radar Measurements” at the North American URSI meeting, Jun 2002

“Echoes from the Sky: The Plasma Physics of Meteors Trails” by Meers Oppenheim, American Physical Society, Div. of Plasma Physics annual meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, Nov, 2002

“Fully Kinetic 2-D and 3-D Simulations of the Farley-Buneman Instability: First Results,” Jicamarca 40th anniversary workshop, Lima, Peru, 20-23 May, 2002

“Meteor Induced Plasma Irregularities and Radar Signatures,” EGS meeting, Nice, France, April 2002

“Ablation and Ionization Modeling: Implications for Trail Instabilities and Head Echoes”, invited to present at the Radar Meteor Workshop, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, March 2003

“The plasma physics of meteors”, invited 30 min. talk APS / Div. of Plasma Physics, Orlando FL, Nov. 2002

“Echoes from the Sky: Meteors trails in the Earth’s Upper Atmosphere”, invited talk Dartmouth College Physics Colloquium, Nov. 2002

“Electrodynamics of Meteor Trail Evolution in the Ionosphere,” invited lunchtime talk, MIT Haystack Observatory, Jul. 2000

“Small Scale Plasma Waves in the E-region Ionosphere: Simulations, Movies, and a Little Theory,” invited talk, MIT Millstone Hill Observatory, Aug. 2000

“3-D Simulations of Electron Phase-Space Holes”, National Radio Science Meeting, Boulder, CO, Jan. 2000,

“Electron Phase-Space Tornadoes: Observations in Space, Simulations, and Animations,” presented at the Dartmouth College, Space Physics Seminar, November 1999.

“Nonlinear physics of small-scale E-region waves: simulations and theory,” presented at the 1997 IAGA meeting in Uppsala, Sweden

“Two-stream waves in the E-region ionosphere nonlinearly drive large-scale D.C. currents,” presented at the 1997 URSI meeting in Montreal, Canada

“Nonlinear wave-driven currents in the E-region ionosphere: simulations, movie and theories,” presented at: *Laboratory of Plasma Physics Colloquium, Cornell University, November, 1996; Department of Physics, Clemson University, December 1996; and Department of Physics, Utah State University, March, 1997*

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Science, *Mysterious radar echoes in the sky explained?* May 2016, doi:[10.1126/science.aaf9863](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aaf9863)

Fox News, Discover Magazine, Der Spiegel, Daily Mail, and others reported on-line about the *Photoelectron Induced Waves* article, 2016

Physics Today article: “Meteor trails track upper atmospheric winds” by Mark Wilson, *Physics Today*, 2009, vol. 62, issue 6, p. 16

History Channel appearance on “The Universe,” 2007, ep. 7, discussing atmospheric electricity.