Education and Employment

PhD (2009), physics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD;

Postdoc (2009/9-2011/11), University of Colorado, Boulder, CO;

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Assistant research scientist (2014-2019), University of Maryland, College Park, MD;

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SPA 624 - Space Physics I (Spring 2020)

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Awards

Inaugural NASA Heliophysics Early Career Investigator Program Award, 2019.

Inaugural Rene Pellat Memorial Festival Prize, CEA, France, 2017.

NASA Postdoc Program fellowship, 2011.

Research Interests

• Particle acceleration and transport in the atmosphere of the Sun, heliosphere and magnetosphere.

• Nonlinear Plasma Instabilities, plasma heating, and coherent emission in space plasma and its application to solar radio bursts.

• The origin and acceleration of solar wind and solar wind turbulence and connection to coronal heating.

• The onset of fast magnetic reconnection and its application in explosive events in space and astrophysics, such as magnetospheric substorm, solar flares and Gamma-ray bursts.

Selected Publications

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