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## Education

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### PhD in Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Apr. 2022

Advisor: Dr. Michael Liemohn

Dissertation Title: *Wave-Particle Interactions and Their Effect on Electron Transport on the Crustal Fields of Mars*

### Masters of Science in Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Dec. 2020

### B.S.E in Earth Systems Science and Engineering

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Dec. 2016

Summa Cum Laude

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## Research Experience

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### University of Colorado Boulder

Mar 2022-Present

Mentor: Dr. Robert A. Marshall

- Data Analysis: Combining RBSP and GLD360 data to pair lightning generated whistlers with ground lightning measurements
- Modeling: Running the Stanford Ray Tracer to model energy transfer from lightning to the magnetosphere
- Data Analysis: Analyzing POES precipitating electron data to calculate electron lifetimes from LEO

### University of Michigan

Jan 2015-Feb 2022

Mentor: Dr. Michael W. Liemohn

- Data Analysis: Performed statistical analysis of electron pitch angle distributions using MGS and MAVEN data
- Theory: Investigated the possibility of whistler wave interactions with superthermal electrons at Mars using quasi-linear theory
- Numerical Modeling: Created a bounce-averaged quasi-linear diffusion equation solver for Mars

Mentor: Dr. Jared Espley

- Intern with the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) Magnetometer research team
- Data Analysis: Investigated the distribution of magnetic waves in the Martian ionosphere

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## Publications

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1. **Shane, A. D.**, and Liemohn, M. W. (2022) Modeling wave-particle interactions with photoelectrons on the dayside crustal fields of Mars. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 49, e2021GL096941. doi:10.1029/2021GL096941
2. **Shane, A. D.**, and Liemohn, M. W. (2021). Whistler wave interactions with superthermal electrons on Martian crustal magnetic fields: Bounce-averaged diffusion coefficients and time scales. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics*, 126, e2021JA029118. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021JA029118>
3. Liemohn, M. W., **Shane, A. D.**, Azari, A. R., Petersen, A. K., Swiger, B. M. and Mukhopadhyay, A. (2021). RMSE is not enough: Guidelines to robust data-model comparisons for magnetospheric physics. *Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestrial Physics*, 218, 105624. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jastp.2021.105624>.
4. **Shane, A. D.**, Liemohn, M. W., Florie, C., and Xu, S. (2019). Misbehaving high-energy electrons: Evidence in support of ubiquitous wave-particle interactions on dayside Martian closed crustal magnetic fields. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 46, 11689-11697. doi:10.1029/2019GL084919
5. **Shane, A. D.**, Xu S., Liemohn M. W., and Mitchell D. L. (2016), Mars nightside electrons over strong crustal fields, *Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics*, 121, 3808-3823, doi:10.1002/2015JA021947.

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## Oral Presentations

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1. **Shane, A. D.**, R. A. Marshall, and A. M. Wold, “GLD360 to RBSP: Mapping the Energy Input of Lightning Generated Whistlers into the Magnetosphere”, 10th VERSIM Workshop, November 2023, Sodankylä, Finland.
2. **Shane, A. D.**, M. W. Liemohn, and R. Krasny, “Modeling of Wave-Particle Interactions on Mars Crustal Fields”, American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, December 2021, New Orleans, LA
3. **Shane, A.D.**, M. W. Liemohn, C. Florie, and S. Xu, “Misbehaving high-energy electrons: Evidence in support of ubiquitous wave-particle interactions on dayside Martian closed crustal magnetic fields.”, EPSC, September, 2019, Geneva, Switzerland
4. **Shane, A.D.**, M. W. Liemohn, C. Florie, S. Xu, “Isotropic High Energy Photoelectron Pitch Angle Distributions at Mars”. International Conference on Mars Aeronomy, May, 2017, Boulder, CO.

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## Poster Presentations

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1. **Shane, A. D.**, Marshall, R. A., Wold, A. M., “GLD360 to RBSP: Mapping the Energy Input of Lightning Generated Whistlers into the Magnetosphere”. American Geophysical Union. Fall Meeting, December 2022, Chicago, IL.
2. **Shane, A. D.**, E. McMurchie, R. A. Marshall, and J. Pettit. “Spatiotemporal Variations of Radiation Belt Electron Precipitation at LEO using REACH/POES”. American Geophysical Union. Fall Meeting, December 2022, Chicago, IL.

3. **Shane, A.D.**, R. A. Marshall, and A. Wold “GLD360 to RBSP: Mapping the Energy Input of Lightning Generated Whistlers into the Magnetosphere”. GEM Workshop 2022, Honolulu, HI.
4. **Shane, A.D.**, and M.W. Liemohn. “Whistler wave interactions with superthermal electrons on Martian crustal magnetic fields: Bounce-averaged diffusion coefficients and time scales”. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, December, 2020, Virtual.
5. **Shane, A.D.**, and M.W. Liemohn. “Investigating Wave Particle Interactions in the Martian Space Environment with MAVEN Observations”. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, December, 2019, San Francisco, CA.
6. **Shane, A.D.**, and M.W. Liemohn. “Investigating wave-particle interactions in the Martian space environment with MAVEN observations”. MAVEN Project Science Group Meeting, October, 2019, Boulder, CO.
7. **Shane, A.D.**, and M.W. Liemohn. “Misbehaving high-energy electrons: Evidence in support of ubiquitous wave-particle interactions on dayside Martian closed crustal magnetic fields.” Ninth International Mars Conference, July, 2019, Pasadena, CA.
8. **Shane, A.D.**, and M.W. Liemohn. “Misbehaving high-energy electrons: Evidence in support of ubiquitous wave-particle interactions.” MAVEN Project Science Group Meeting, April, 2019, College Park, MD.
9. **Shane, A.D.**, M.W. Liemohn, S. Xu, and D. Mitchell. “Photoelectron pitch angle distributions at Mars”. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, December, 2018, Washington DC.
10. **Shane, A.D.**, M.W. Liemohn, and S. Xu. “Photoelectron pitch angle distributions and controlling processes at Mars”. MAVEN Project Science Group Meeting, September, 2018, Boulder, CO.
11. **Shane, A.D.**, M.W. Liemohn, S. Xu and C. Florie. “Misbehaving Electrons: Investigating Whistler Mode Waves at Mars”. MAVEN Project Science Group Meeting, March, 2018, Boulder, CO.
12. **Shane, A.D.**, M.W. Liemohn, S. Xu and C. Florie. “Investigating Whistler Mode Wave Diffusion Coefficients at Mars”. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, December, 2017, New Orleans, LA.
13. **Shane, A.D.**, J. Espley, J. Gruesbeck, G. DiBraccio, M.W. Liemohn, J.Halekas, C. Fowler “A Statistical Analysis of Magnetic Waves in the Martian Ionosphere”. MAVEN Project Science Group Meeting, Oct, 2017, Tucson, AZ.
14. **Shane, A.D.**, J. Espley, J. Gruesbeck, G. DiBraccio, M.W. Liemohn “A Statistical Analysis of the Magnetic Wave Power in the Martian Ionosphere”. International Conference on Mars Aeronomy, May, 2017, Boulder, CO.
15. **Shane, A.D.**, J. Espley, J. Gruesbeck, G. DiBraccio, J. Halekas, “MAVEN Observations of the Variable Nature of Ionospheric Waves”. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, December, 2016, San Francisco, CA.
16. **Shane, A.D.**, J. Espley, “MAVEN Observations of the Variable Nature of Ionospheric Waves”. NASA Goddard Summer Intern Poster Session, August, 2016, Greenbelt, MD.
17. **Shane, A.D.**, S. Xu, M.W. Liemohn, and D.L. Mitchell. “Mars Nightside Electrons Over Strong Crustal Fields”. American Geophysical Union, Fall Meeting, December, 2015, San Francisco, CA.

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## Professional Services

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### Peer Review

Journal of Geophysical Research: Space Physics  
 Geophysical Research Letters  
 Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets

### NASA Review Panel: Executive Secretary

2018, 2021

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## Affiliations

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American Geophysical Union

2015-Present

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## Awards

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Michigan Space Grant

2019

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship

2021