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Summary:

- More than 11 years of research experience in atmospheric physics and instrumentation
- Authored 22 papers, including 14 peer-reviewed papers in leading scientific journals
- Practical experience in proposal writing
- Extensive software programming experience in IDL, Matlab, C, C++, Python, Perl, Unix shell, Assembly, Fortran, Java, and Basic
- Secretary of AGU Atmospheric and Space Electricity Focus Group

Degrees:

- PhD 2000 (Atmospheric Physics, New Mexico Tech)
- MS 1992 (Astrophysics, Michigan State University)
- BS 1991 (Honors Physics, Purdue University)

Awards:

- Large Team Award, Los Alamos National Lab, 2005, for highly successful EdotX
- Small Team Award, Los Alamos National Lab, 2004, for innovative new EdotX project
- Langmuir Award, New Mexico Tech, 2000, for outstanding contributions to physics
- Case for Mars Award, Planetary Society, 1987, for best paper in international contest

Research Experience:

Independent Research Jan 2006 – current

- Developing electric and cross-magnetic field stations which, collectively, will geolocate and determine the charge moments of lightning discharges in real time

Staff Research, Los Alamos National Laboratory Dec 2004 – Dec 2005

- Obtained direct evidence that intracloud (IC) lightning discharges are responsible for most terrestrial gamma-ray flashes and obtained altitudes for some of these ICs
- Deployed and operated the new LANL Great Plains Network extension of LASA, which became the most sensitive lightning geolocation system in the United States

Postdoctoral Research, Los Alamos National Laboratory Dec 2001 – Dec 2004

- Critical contributions to the design, development, and operation of the new Los Alamos Sferic Array (LASA), also referred to as “EdotX”
- Involved in numerous highly successful programmatic activities
- Developed software to determine the RF gain and phase pattern of arbitrary antenna configurations using parallel computations
- Assembled and analyzed radar and severe weather data in relationship to narrow bipolar lightning events detectable from GPS orbit
- Established a relationship between energetic positive cloud-to-ground lightning and induced upward lightning from tall towers

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Postdoctoral Research, New Mexico Tech

May 2000 – Dec 2001

- Coprincipal investigator on a highly successful National Science Foundation proposal
- Coauthored a paper which appeared on the cover of Nature
- Analyzed and compared diverse data sets from multiple acquisition systems

Dissertation Research, New Mexico Tech

January 1998 – May 2000

- Analyzed high speed video of sprites and associated sferics with fundamentally new results published in 3 peer-reviewed papers and highlights printed in “Science News”
- Detected, analyzed, and published the first daytime sprite data in a leading scientific journal with highlights printed in “American Scientist”
- Jointly obtained and published the first data of sprites associated with negative-polarity cloud-to-ground discharges
- Presented the first quantitative measurements of sprite-producing discharge height and horizontal extent in the dissertation “Sprites and Their Parent Discharges”

Graduate Research, New Mexico Tech

August 1993 – December 1997

- Provided critical assistance in the design and construction of a new high-performance GPS-based data acquisition system
- Wrote fast and versatile real-time data acquisition and display software in Assembly and C
- Correlated VHF interferometer and time-of-arrival lightning maps with radar data to explore the relationship of lightning to storm development and structure
- Obtained the first direct evidence that sprites emit ELF radiation
- Played a key role in obtaining funding for sprite research via an Air Force contract

Graduate Research, Michigan State University

September 1991 – December 1992

- Constructed, maintained, and analyzed a database of galactic clusters
- Wrote software in Fortran to parameterize the degree of galactic clustering

Applied Research, Crown International

May – August 1991

- Operated a scanning electron microscope and developed an analysis procedure for diagnosing power semiconductor failure

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Publications:

1. Journals:

- Shao, X.M., M. Stanley, A. Regan, J. Harlin, and M. Pongratz, Total lightning observations with the new and improved Los Alamos Sferic Array (LASA), *J. Atmos. Ocean. Tech.*, *in press*, 2006.
- Stanley, M.A., X.M. Shao, D.M. Smith, L.I. Lopez, M.B. Pongratz, J.D. Harlin, M. Stock, and A. Regan, A link between terrestrial gamma-ray flashes and intracloud lightning discharges, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, *33*, L06803, doi:10.1029/2005GL025537, 2006.
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- Barrington-Leigh, C.P., U.S. Inan, and M. Stanley, Identification of sprites and elves with intensified video and broadband array photometry, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *106*, 1741–1750, 2001.
- Stanley, M., M. Brook, P. Krehbiel, and S.A. Cummer, Detection of daytime sprites via a unique sprite ELF signature, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, *27*, 871–874, 2000.
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- Stanley, M., P. Krehbiel, M. Brook, C. Moore, W. Rison, and B. Abrahams, High speed video of initial sprite development, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 26, 3201–3204, 1999.
- Smith, D.A., X.M. Shao, D.N. Holden, C.T. Rhodes, M. Brook, P.R. Krehbiel, M. Stanley, W. Rison, and R.J. Thomas, A distinct class of isolated intracloud lightning discharges and their associated radio emissions, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 104, 4189–4212, 1999.

2. Conference Proceedings:

- Stanley, M.A. and M.J. Heavner, Tall structure lightning induced by sprite-producing discharges, *Proc. 12th Int. Conf. on Atmos. Elec.*, 2003.
- Stanley, M., P. Krehbiel, M. Brook, W. Rison, C.B. Moore, and R. Thomas, Parameterization of sprites and their parent discharges, *Proc. 11th Int. Conf. on Atmos. Elec.*, 88–91, 1999.
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- Stanley, M.A., P.R. Krehbiel, R. J. Thomas, W. Rison, T. Hamlin, and J. Harlin, Comparison of the interferometer and time-of-arrival techniques of lightning mapping at VHF, *Eos Trans. AGU*, 81, Fall Meet. Suppl., F47, 2000.
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