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# Meeting Notes: 10 January 2020

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## RAS Specialist Discussion Meeting

### **Radiation Hydrodynamics: Implementation and Application**

**10.00–15:30** in the Geological Society Lecture Theatre, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG

Organisers:           Kenny Wood (St Andrews)  
                              Tim Harries (Exeter)

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## Open (Monthly A & G meeting)

16:00 - 17:00 Dr. Allan Chapman, Wadham College, Oxford University  
"Ancestors and Descendants: The RAS and the Origins of the British Learned Society, 200 years on"

17:00 - 17:30 Prof. Anton Ziolkowski, University of Edinburgh  
"Understanding the physics of Planet Earth"

17:30 - 18:00 Dr. Megan Argo, University of Central Lancashire  
"The next blink of a cosmic eye: Astronomy in the next 200 years"

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**Summary:** The complex interplay between matter and radiation is a fundamental driver of structure in the Universe at all scales, from the formation of stars and galaxies to the circulation of exoplanet atmospheres. Analytical approaches cannot capture the intricacy of these phenomena, and consequently we rely on numerical simulations to inform our understanding. Although hydrodynamical schemes, using both grid-based and particle approaches, have reached a high-level of sophistication, the incorporation of radiation effects has proven to be extremely challenging. Difficulties arise due to the non-local effects of radiation, and also that detailed microphysical processes may need to be included. Overcoming these obstacles requires a combination of clever numerical approaches and state-of-the-art computer science.

Happily we are now entering a golden era of radiation-hydrodynamical (RHD) simulations across the breadth of astronomy. In part this is due to increasing access to large-scale distributed high-performance computing, but it is also due to the implementation of novel radiation solvers into established, publicly accessible hydro codes.

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### 10:00-10:30 Registration & Coffee

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Morning Session (10.10 – 13.05)

Chaired by Antonia Bevan

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| 10.10-10.15 | Intro from Kenny Wood   |
| 10.15-10.40 | <b>Anna Rosen</b> Invited<br><i>Modeling Radiative Feedback and in Massive Star Formation</i> |
| 10.40-10.55 | <b>Elliot Avache</b><br><i>Gamma-ray bursts</i>   |
| 10.55-11.10 | <b>Andreas Sander</b><br><i>Stellar atmospheres</i>   |
| 11.10-11.25 | <b>Roger Dufrense</b><br><i>Stellar transition regions</i>                                    |
| 11.25-11.40 | <b>Duncan Christie</b><br><i>Ionised outflows from exoplanet atmospheres</i>                  |
| 11.40-11.50 | Short break & discussions   |
| 11.50-12.05 | <b>James Owen</b><br><i>Exoplanets</i>  |
| 12.05-12.20 | <b>Helene Bloch</b><br><i>Theoretical radiation transfer</i>                                  |
| 12.20-12.35 | <b>Jonathan Mackey</b><br><i>Wolf Rayet nebulae</i>   |
| 12.35-12.50 | <b>Bert Vandenbroucke</b><br><i>RHD for diffuse ionised gas</i>                               |
| 12.50-13.05 | <b>Nick Higginbottom</b>  |

*Radiatively driven accretion disk winds*

**13.05-13.50**      **Lunch**

Afternoon session (13.50-15.30)      Chaired by Tom Haworth

**13.50-14.15**      **Rolf Kuiper** - invited

**14.15-14.30**      **Raphael Mignon-Risse**

*Massive star formation*

**14.30-14.45**      **Tom Bending**

*Photoionization feedback in Giant Molecular Clouds*

**14.45-15.00**      **Margherita Molaro**

*Epoch of reionisation*

**15.00-15.15**      **Luke Conaboy**

*Cosmological reionisation*

**15.15-15.30**      **Nina Sartorio**

*Cosmological radiation hydrodynamics*

**15.30 - 16.00**      **Tea** will be available in the Lower Library of the Geological Society for those attending the Open (Monthly A&G) Meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society

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16.00 Open (Monthly A&G) Meeting

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**Summary:** NASA's Van Allen Probes (VAP) are the most comprehensive in-situ measurements ever taken in the near-Earth space radiation environment. However, the VAP are scheduled for science decommission in early 2020, and our need for high quality radiation belt models is only likely to increase in the future. This is the optimum time for the academic community and industry partners to come together, in order to capture our progress and plan future strategy.

In this meeting we aim to consolidate key advances made during the VAP era, on topics ranging from: the underlying theory of wave particle interactions; the relative role of different plasma waves on electron acceleration and transport; complex and system-scale dynamics, including the effect of solar wind driving and substorm activity on particle fluxes; how prediction of particle sources and losses have improved, and can be addressed by VAP data. Further, we aim to plan future directions for radiation belt modelling and interactions between the space weather community, industry stakeholders and the wider public. For example, what are the remaining science and engineering questions? What do we believe are the missing components of radiation belt models? How can the valuable resource of VAP data be used to address the issues above, and how can existing and planned missions (e.g. ARASE) be used to support and extend existing capability?

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#### **10:00 – 10:30 Registration & Coffee**

Morning Session (10.30 – 12.20) Chaired by Oliver Allanson

- 10:25-10.30** Welcome to the meeting
- 10:30-10.55** **Yuri Shprits** (Invited)  
*Unusual Behavior of the Ultra-relativistic Electron Radiations Belts  
Relieved by Van Allen Probes Observations*
- 10.55-11.20** **Ewan Haggerty** (Invited)  
*Developing a Space Weather Exercise Generation Toolkit*
- 11.20-11.35** **Richard Horne**  
*Turning radiation belt science into forecasting*
- 11.35-11.50** **Hayley Allison**  
*Chorus Wave Interactions with Ultra-relativistic Electrons: the Importance  
of Electron Density*
- 11.50-12.05** **Dedong Wang**  
*Controlling Effect of Wave Models and Plasma Boundaries on the  
Dynamic Evolution of Relativistic Radiation Belt Electrons*
- 12.05-12.20** **Colin Forsyth**  
*Forecasting GOES 15 >2 MeV electron fluxes from solar wind data  
and geomagnetic indices*

**12.20-12.35**            **Clare Watt**  
*Stochastic parameterizations in terrestrial radiation belt diffusion models*

**12.35-14.00**            **Lunch**

Posters (Library) Session 2: Chaired by Johnathan Ross

Afternoon Session (14.00-15.30)

**14.00-14.25**            **Lauren Blum (Invited)**  
*Investigating the dynamics and loss of Earth's outer radiation belt through multipoint measurements*

**14.25-14.40**            **Anthony Chan**  
*Comprehensive Radiation Belt Simulations in the Post Van Allen Probes Era*

**14.40-14.55**            **Johnathan Rae**  
*What do we need to know to model radial diffusion?*

**14.55-15.10**            **Jasmine Sandhu**  
*Storm-time ULF waves: How important are they for radial diffusion?*

**15.10-15.25**            **Sarah Bentley**  
*ULF wave power distributions and their upper bounds at the ground and in the magnetosphere*

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**16:00 Open (Monthly A&G) Meeting**

## **Notes for Fellows of the Society**

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### **3. ATTENDANCE BY GUESTS AT THE MONTHLY A&G (OPEN) MEETING**

Guests of the Society (particularly students) who have attended the Specialist Discussion Meeting are most welcome to attend the Open (Monthly A&G) Meeting of the Society, which commences at 16:00 in the Lecture Theatre of the Geological Society. This meeting is open to all, not just RAS members.

### **4. UPDATES TO MEETING PROGRAMMES**

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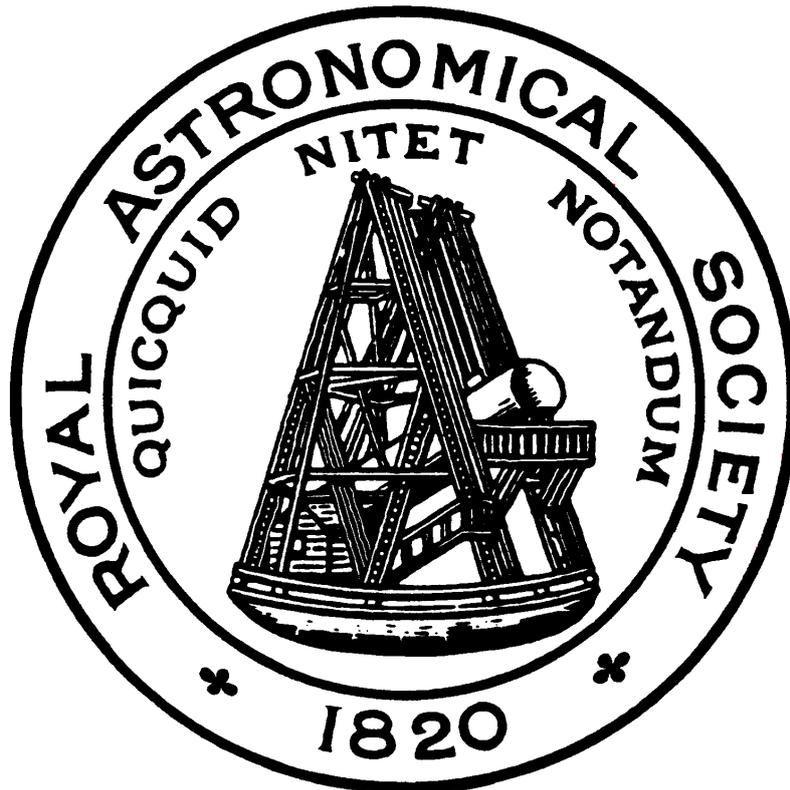
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- Respect RAS staff.
- Behave professionally. Remember that harassment and sexist, racist, or exclusionary jokes are not appropriate.

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