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| **Dr Maria-Theresia Walach** | | **m.walach@lancaster.ac.uk** |
| **Academic Posts & Education:** | | |
| **Since 03/2017:** | **Senior Research Associate**, Lancaster University, UK; Line Manager: Dr. Adrian Grocott | |
| Undertaking of original research on the NERC-funded project “Time Variability of the ionospheric electric field: solar wind driving and atmospheric feedback” (2017-2020) and “SD-WACCM: Predicting the Upper Atmospheric Response to Extremes of Space Weather Forcing” (2020-2023):  * Processing and archiving of **22 years of raw data** (> 30 TB) from the Super Dual Auroral Radar Network (SuperDARN) * Co-author of **12 papers** and **8** **open-source software packages**. * **Seminar coordinator** for the Space and Planetary Physics Group until 2019 (organisation of external speakers and management of **~£1k budget**) * Convener of the **Autumn MIST meeting** (Nov. 2020), Co-organiser of the **RAS Discussion meeting** on “The Global Response of the Terrestrial Magnetosphere during Storms and Substorms” (Feb. 2019) and **LOC member** for National Astronomy Meeting 2019 and STFC Advanced Summer School in Space Plasma Physics (Sept. 2019) * Participant in national outreach competition **I’m a Scientist Get me out of here** and active participant in Physics department **outreach programme** * **Leader** of widening-participation project with **10 A-Level students from rural Lancashire** | | |
| **2013–2017:** | **PhD** studying **Solar wind-magnetosphere driving at Earth**, University of Leicester, UK; Supervisors: Prof. S. E. Milan & Dr. T. K. Yeoman | |
| * **Analysis** using **spacecraft data**, **magnetometers**, **radars** and **numerical modelling** * **3 first author papers**: Using physics-based model to test understanding of ionospheric flows with spacecraft and radar data [Walach et al., 2017a]; Comparative studies of magnetospheric responses to solar wind driving [Walach and Milan 2015, Walach et al., 2017b] * Active participation of group’s **outreach programme** | | |
| **2009–2013:** | **1st class Honors** from the **MPhys course in Physics**, University of Leicester, UK. | |
| * Masters dissertation on auroral observations of substorms | | |
| **Summer 2010:** | **Research Assistant** with Prof. **J. Remedios** & Dr. **H**. **Sembhi** in the **Earth Observation Group**, University of Leicester, UK. | |
| * **Developing improved cloud flagging procedures** for Envisat data above water to estimate sea surface temperatures | | |
| **Grants & Prizes:** | | |
| **2019:**   * **NERC Standard Grant** **(£704k FEC)**: Researcher Co-Investigator * **Royal Astronomical Society Small Grant Scheme (£1.4k)**:Funding for discussion meeting * Runner-up in the *Seaborgium zone* of **I’m a Scientist Get me out of here** | | |
| **2016:**   * **Shortlisted** for the University of Leicester Research Images Competition | | |
| **2015:**   * **Royal Astronomical Society Small Grant Scheme (~£1k)**:   Funding to attend AGU Fall Meeting (San Francisco, US)   * **Best Student Talk: Rishbeth Prize** at the National Astronomy Meeting | | |
| **2014:**   * **Joint First Place: 3-Minute Wonder Competition**, Institute of Physics, Midlands Division | | |
| **Publication Record (Highlights):** | | |
| * **7 first author** **publications** in **Journal of Geophys. Res.**, **Space Weather** and **A&G**: * **M.-T. Walach**, A. Grocott, and S. E. Milan [**accepted, 16th March 2021**], *Average Ionospheric Electric Field Morphologies during Geomagnetic Storm Phases*, **J. Geophys. Re: Space Physics**. * **M.-T. Walach**, and A. Grocott (**2019**), *SuperDARN scatter during geomagnetic storms and geomagnetically active times,* **J. Geophys. Res.: Space Physics**, doi: [10.1029/2019JA026816](https://doi.org/10.1029/2019JA026816). * **M.-T. Walach**, S. E. Milan, K. R. Murphy, J. A. Carter, B. A. Hubert, and A. Grocott (**2017**), *Comparative study of large‐scale auroral signatures of substorms, steady magnetospheric convection events, and sawtooth events*, **J. Geophys. Res.: Space Physics**,  doi: [10.1002/2017JA023991](https://doi.org/10.1002/2017JA023991). * **M.-T. Walach**, S. E. Milan, T. K. Yeoman, B. A. Hubert, and M. R. Hairston (**2017**), *Testing nowcasts of the ionospheric convection from the expanding and contracting polar cap model*, **Space Weather**, doi:[10.1002/2017SW001615](https://doi.org/10.1002/2017SW001615). * **M.-T. Walach**, S. E. Milan (**2016**),*The Irregular Pulse of the Magnetosphere*, **Astronomy & Geophysics**, doi: 10.1093/astrogeo/atw041. * **M.-T. Walach**, and S. E. Milan (**2015**), *Are Steady Magnetospheric Convection Events Prolonged Substorms?*. **J. Geophys. Res.: Space Physics**, doi: [10.1002/2014JA020631](http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/2014JA020631). | | |
| * **15 co-author publications** in **Space Sc. Rev.**, **J. of Geophys. Res.**, **Space Weather**, **A&G**. * **Co-author of 8 software packages published on Zenodo/Github.** | | |
| **Invited Talks:** | | |
| * **Invited talk**: **14th International Conference on Substorms**, 03/10/2019, Tromsø, Norway. | | |
| * **Invited seminar talks**:   **Dartmouth College (US),** 02/03/2020**,** *virtual*.  **Ground Induced Currents & Machine Learning Group (US),** 05/05/2020,*virtual*.  **University of Southampton**, 30/04/2019, Southampton, UK.  **Mullard Space Science Laboratory (UCL),** 19/03/2019, Surrey, UK.  **University of Leicester**, 16/01/2019, Leicester, UK.  **Lancaster University**, 18/03/2017, Lancaster, UK.  **Swedish Institute of Space Physics Uppsala**, 03/02/2016, Uppsala, Sweden. | | |
| **Community Leadership:** | | |
| * **Panel member** of Royal Astronomical Society Grants, Awards and Prize Review(2020/21). * **Chair** of the **MIST Awards Taskforce Team** (since 2019). * **Elected member** of the **MIST** (Magnetosphere, Ionosphere and Solar-Terrestrial) **Community Council** since August 2019 (see www.mist.ac.uk). | | |
| * **Session convener** at the SuperDARN workshops in 2015 and 2018, the National Astronomy Meeting in 2019, and the 14th International Conference on Substorms in 2019. | | |
| * **Reviewer** for **Nature Astronomy** (since 2020); **Annales Geophysicae** (since 2019); **Journal of Geophysical Research - Space Physics** (since 2014). | | |
| * Memberof **SuperDARN Data Standards Working Group** and **Spacecraft Scheduling Working Group and Data Analysis Working Group**. | | |
| * Member of **Whole Atmospheric Modelling Extension** led by Prof. D. Jackson (Met Office). | | |
| * Member of the **Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionospheric Link Explorer** (SMILE) **ESA/CAS mission** consortium and member of **Ground-based support mission team**. | | |
| * **External examiner** for the University of KwaZulu-Natal in **South Africa**. | | |
| **Public Engagement:** | | |
| * Presenting **Journey across the Solar System**, **Light Up Lancaster, 2017.** * Outreach talk, explaining research to the public, **Pub-hD talk**, Leicester, UK: **2015.** * Setting up & talking to visitors at the **Stargazing Live Event**, Leicester, UK. * **2015**: ionospheric & magnetospheric phenomena; **2014**: Space Weather; **2013**: Supernovae, Gamma Ray Bursts & SWIFT. * Outreach talk, explaining research to the public, **Pub-hD talk**, Leicester, UK: **2015.** * 3 Minute Presentation to a non-specialist audience explaining my research, **3 Minute Wonder Competition**, Institute of Physics: **2014 & 2015**. | | | |