VITA for WOLFGANG PAUL MENZEL

Personal:

Birth: 5 October 1945

Marital Status: Married Citizenship: United States

Education:

Ph.D. 1974 University of Wisconsin - Madison

(Theoretical Solid State Physics)

M.S. 1968 University of Wisconsin - Madison
B.S. 1967 University of Maryland - College Park

(with high honors, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa)



2007 – present UW Senior Scientist

Currently, I am pursuing research interests in remote sensing of atmospheric temperature and moisture profiles, ozone, carbon dioxide, cloud properties, and surface properties. The current focus of my research is improving the synergy of leo sounders (CrIS, IASI) and geo imagers (ABI, AHI) as well as studying cloud and moisture properties derived from HIRS data over the past four decades. For additional information see http://www.ssec.wisc.edu/~paulm/research.html.

2007 – 2011 Verner Suomi Distinguished Professor

In the University of Wisconsin Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, I was honored to be selected as the first Suomi Professor. I conducted research, taught students, and peformed public service in the socially relevant environmental and climate sciences in the spirit of the inquisitive approach pioneered by Verner Suomi. In the classroom I used my textbook titled "Remote Sensing Applications with Meteorological Satellites" that has been published as a World Meteorological Organization technical document.

1999 – 2007 Chief Scientist for the Office of Research and Applications

As the Chief Scientist for the NOAA Office of Research and Applications, I was responsible for providing guidance on science issues and initiating major science programs for the Director of the Office. This included conducting and stimulating research on environmental remote sensing systems, fostering expanded utilization locally and globally, assisting in evolution of NOAA polar orbiting and geostationary satellite holdings, and guiding ORA science resources into the future.

1999 – 2006 International Expert Team Chairman

As the chairman of the World Meteorological Organization Expert Team on Evolution of the Global Observing System (formerly the Expert Team on Observational Data Requirements and Redesign of the Global Observing System, GOS) that reports to the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS) Open Program Area Group on Integrated Observing Systems, I lead 12 international experts in (a) reviewing observing system experiments indicating the relative contribution from various components of space based and ground based observing systems, (b) recommending actions for the evolution of the surface and space-based components of the GOS and (c) reporting to the CBS on how well the GOS is meeting user requirements in various applications areas and how the GOS performance is evolving in response to the recommended actions. Under my chairmanship, the Expert Team wrote the "Implementation Plan for Evolution of the Space- and Surface- based Sub-systems of the GOS" that was endorsed by the CBS and recently published as WMO TD 1267.



1997 – 2000 Science Director of Cooperative Institute

As the Science Director of the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies, I was responsible for the day to day scientific direction of the activities of the CIMSS personnel. This involved coordinating university research principal investigator proposals in response to government funding opportunities, assuring science progress on grants and contracts, fostering peer review publications, and evaluating individual performance. At that time, CIMSS housed about 70 personnel and required about \$4 to 5M annual budget.

1989 - present Principal Investigator

As a member of the MODIS (Moderate resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) science team, I am responsible for developing algorithms for the cloud mask, cloud properties, and atmospheric profiles. Early work included design, test, and application of the MODIS Airborne Simulator, a passive infrared radiometer flown on ER2 aircraft. Flight data at 50 meter horizontal resolution were taken to study cloud radiative properties (emissivity, height, temperature, phase), to detail atmospheric water vapor and stability in convective environments, and to investigate sea surface temperature and suspended sediment concentrations as they relate to the geomorphology of coastlines. After launch of the EOS Terra and Aqua Platforms, the MAS experience was transferred to processing the MODIS 1 km resolution data routinely and studying the global cloud and moisture trends. Cloud trends from the High resolution Infrared Radiation Sounder (HIRS) since 1978 are being combined with those determined from MODIS since 2001.

1983 - 1999 Team Leader

As Leader of the Advanced Satellite Products Team in the Office of Research and Applications of NOAA/NESDIS, I was responsible for developing, testing and evaluating procedures that show potential for derivation of new satellite products. This activity focused on transferring advances in the research laboratory to the operational weather forecast arena. It involved participation in many NOAA programs aimed at improving the weather services (e.g., National Center's Upgrade, NOAA Operational VAS Assessment, METEOSAT Utilization, GOES I-M Product Assurance, Modernization and Restructuring of NWS, and NOAA-NEXT).

1986 - present Adjunct Professor

Currently at the University of Wisconsin, I teach graduate level courses in satellite remote sensing of the earth-atmosphere system covering atmospheric processes (emphasizing radiative transfer) and satellite applications. As adjunct professor in the Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Department, I have been advisor to over forty Masters and PhD students (currently four). Previously during my career, I have taught undergraduate physics to science and non-science majors at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The subjects covered were Calculus, Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism, Quantum Mechanics, Atomic Physics, Solid State Physics, Thermodynamics, and Relativity.

1983 - 1991 IRC Working Group Chairman

As the organizer and co-chairman of the International TOVS Working Group (a committee in the International Radiation Commission), I convened its first six conferences (in Igls, Austria during August 1983, February 1985, and March 1988; in Madison, Wisconsin during August, 1986; in Toulouse, France during July 1989; in Airlie, Virginia during May 1991). About one hundred representatives from twenty countries usually attended. Establishing optimal algorithms for processing the NOAA polar orbiting sounding data is the main purpose. I edited the International TOVS Study Conference Report and the Technical Proceedings that were published after each gathering and I continue to serve as the rapporteur on satellite activities to the WMO.

1975 - 1982 Program Manager

Management of the VAS program at the Space Science and Engineering Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, involved proposal writing and subsequent defense, personnel coordination and evaluation, and program planning. This ten year five million dollar NASA/NOAA effort supported roughly twenty people and culminated in the demonstration and operational implementation of the VAS.

1967 - present Scientist

I have participated in the design and test of spacecraft instrumentation for monitoring the earth-atmosphere system. Calibration of infrared sensors has been one of my specialties. I have been co-investigator on about thirty research proposals and author of many of these. Recent activities have centered on developing techniques for retrieving information regarding the three-dimensional temperature and moisture structure from infrared remote sensing. Investigations of cloud properties and associated rainfall have also been part of this work. Research has involved numerical solution of differential equations, development of approximation algorithms with appropriate numerical stability criteria, analysis of special functions and integrals, numerical integration and differentiation, and matrix algebra. Considerable experience with computers has been acquired.

Research Fields:

Satellite Meteorology

Possibilities for remote sensing of the atmosphere from a geosynchronous and polar orbiting spacecraft are being explored. Specifications for vertical temperature and moisture sounders are being established. Techniques are being developed to exploit the new opportunities offered by GOES-8/9/10 to describe the time variations in the structure and behavior of the atmosphere on the synoptic and mesoscale (e.g., hurricanes and tornadoes). Improved determination of cloud properties (height and emissivity) from indirect infrared sensing over decades initially with HIRS on POES and recently with MODIS and AIRS on Terra and Aqua is another research project.

Theoretical Solid State Physics

This work probed the electronic energy band structure of crystals. The method of linear combinations of atomic orbitals was applied to perfect crystals for Hartree-Fock self-consistent-field calculations of band structures and associated properties such as electronic wave functions of atoms in crystals, electron charge distributions in crystals under various potentials, and transition probabilities of electron excitations. A first principles calculation of the optical properties of crytals (density of states, imaginary part of the dielectric function) was completed. Electronic energy levels and wave functions of complex atom clusters were also determined. Post doctoral work was focused on the electronic states of point defects in crystals (e.g., deep defect levels in semiconductors).

Participation in Select Committees

Earth Science and Applications from Space: National Imperatives for the Next Decade and Beyond

– Weather and Air Quality Panel Member – 2016 to 2018

Meteosat Mission Planning Team

- since 1999

WMO Expert Team on Observational Data Requirements and Redesign of the Global Observing System

- 1999 to 2005 (chairman)

Atmospheric Climate Requirements (reporting to Strategic Implementation Team of CEOS)

- 1997 to 2006 (co-chairman)

Coordinating Group for Meteorological Satellites

- 1994 to 2005

GOES Technical Advisory Committee

- 1992 to 2006 (co-chairman)

NESDIS Winds Product Oversight Panel

- 1989 to 2006 (chairman for three years)

Earth Observing System (EOS) Moderate-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (MODIS) Science Team

- investigating cloud properties since 1991

International TOVS Working Group (a committee in the International Radiation Commission)

- since 1983 (co-chair for five years)

Council of the NOAA/NASA Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies (CIMSS) at the University of Wisconsin

- since 1984

International Schools on Applications with the Newest Multispectral Environmental Remote Sensing Satellites

Ft Collins 2019, Madison, 2017, Madison, 2013, Potenza, 2012, Brienza, 2011, New Delhi, 2011, Sasso di Castaldo 2009, Perth 2009, Istanbul 2008, Monteponi 2008, Benevento 2007, Ostuni 2006, Krakow 2006, Bertinoro 2004, Maratea 2003, Roma 2002, Bologna 2001. See http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/rss/ for additional information.

Selected Honors

Yuri Gagarin Medal from the Russian Cosmonautics Federation in 2019 – for scientific contribution to the field of environmental remote sensing and international training efforts

Transactions Prize Paper Award from the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society in 2017 - for IEEE paper on Imager-Sounder Fusion

Special Award from EUMETSAT in 2007 - in recognition of unremitting contributions to satellite remote sensing and exemplary leadership in the cooperation between the world's meteorological satellite operators

Distinguished Alumni Fellow Award from the Department of Physics at UW-Madison in 2007 – for achievements in atmospheric physics

American Meteorological Society Fellow in 2007 – in recognition of outstanding contributions to the atmospheric sciences

Department of Commerce Silver Medal in 2007 - for using geostationary measurements to estimate hourly sea surface temperatures that have expanded understanding of ecosystmes, weather, and climate

Department of Commerce Bronze Medal in 2001 – for scientific leadership, both nationally and internationally, in the area of operational space-based remote sensing

Department of Commerce Bronze Medal in 1999 – for the development and implementation of distance learning technology to enhance the expertise of NWS forecasters

ARAD Trainer of the Year in 1997 - for efforts and achievements to provide training in atmospheric physics and atmospheric sounding from satellites to field forecasters

Special Award from the American Meterological Society in 1997 - for extraordinary leadership efforts in introducing information from the new GOES series to weather forecasters throughout the Western Hemisphere

Department of Commerce Silver Medal in 1994 - for science support for the newest geostationary weather satellite, GOES-8

Department of Commerce Silver Medal in 1993 - for collaboration with European scientists on improved Meteosat calibration and wind measurement

Transactions Prize Paper Award from the Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society in 1992 - for IEEE paper on MODIS

Haydn Williams Fellow at Curtin University, Perth, Australia in 1990 - conducted research and taught for one semester

Outstanding Performance Rating by NOAA 1990-92, 1994-2006

Selected Publications (from 158 peer review publications and 771 conference papers since 1974)

Frey, R.A. and W. P. Menzel, 2019: Observed HIRS and MODIS High-Cloud Frequencies in the 2000s, Jour. Appl. Meteor. Clim., 58, 2469-2478. doi: 10.1175/JAMC-D-19-0060.1.

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Weisz, E., and W. P. Menzel, 2019: Imager and sounder data fusion to generate sounder retrieval products at an improved spatial and temporal resolution, J. Appl. Remote Sens. 13(3), 034506, doi: 10.1117/1.JRS.13.034506.

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