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Our team accomplished the following results in the research areas:

Godunov-type numerical solution of the 20 moment plasma transport equations. One of the centerpieces of our proposal was the development of a higher order Godunov-type numerical scheme to solve the gyration dominated 20 moment transport equations. In the first step we explored some fundamental analytic properties of the 20 moment transport equations for a low β plasma, including the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of propagating disturbances. The eigenvalues correspond to wave speeds, while the eigenvectors characterize the transported physical quantities. In this paper we also explored the physically meaningful parameter range of the normalized heat flow components. In the second step a new Godunov scheme type numerical method was developed to solve the coupled set of 20 moment transport equations for a quasineutral single-ion plasma. The numerical method and the first results were presented at several national and international meetings and a paper describing the method has been published in the *Journal of Computational Physics*. To our knowledge this is the first numerical method which is capable of producing stable time-dependent solutions to the full 20 (or 16) moment set of transport equations, including the full heat flow equation. Previous attempts resulted in unstable (oscillating) solutions of the heat flow equations. Our group invested over two man-years into the development and implementation of the new method. The present model solves the 20 moment transport equations for an ion species and thermal electrons in a domain extending from a collision dominated to a collisionless region (200 km to 12,000 km). This model has been applied

to study O^+ acceleration due to Joule heating in the lower ionosphere.

Analytic investigations of transport phenomena. Another basic element of our proposed research program was the investigation of basic transport properties of various plasma components in different regions of the solar system. These studies led to several interesting results. A full analytic solution (density, flow velocity, parallel and perpendicular pressure) was found to the double adiabatic equations in a rotating planetary magnetosphere. Approximate analytic solutions were found for the heat flow equations in the topside ionosphere. A second-order quasilinear theory was developed to model the effects of wave-particle interactions in geoplasmas. We also developed a new 2D model of flux tube convection and used it to explain unusual phenomena observed during a huge geomagnetic storm.

Modeling of polar wind and plasmaspheric flows. With the help of our SPTP grant we developed a time-dependent, multispecies hydrodynamic model of interhemispheric plasma flow for tilted geomagnetic field lines. The model flux tube connects two reservoirs, each at an altitude of 200 km; these reservoirs represent photochemically controlled regions of the ionosphere. The model successfully describes high speed plasma flows between two photochemically controlled conjugate ionospheres. We also developed new models of superthermal electron transport in the ionosphere and plasmasphere.

Studies of the cometary pick-up process. The pickup of freshly ionized particles in cometary environments turned out to be one of the most fascinating problems of theoretical space plasma physics. The lessons learned at comets can also be applied extensively in a broad range of other areas (such as interstellar pickup, solar wind termination, shuttle outgassing, active experiments, barium releases, planetary magnetospheres). In the last couple of years we addressed several aspects of the cometary pickup problem: wave generation by pickup ions, kinetic description of particle pitch-angle scattering, and first and second order Fermi acceleration of pickup ions. A new transport equation was also derived which preserves causality in the transport of pickup ions.

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4. T. I. Gombosi, Mass loading at Titan and comets, *ESTEC Symposium on Titan*, Toulouse, France, September 9–12, 1991.
5. T. I. Gombosi, Transport and acceleration of pickup ions upstream of shocks, *1991 Cambridge Workshop in Theoretical Geoplasma Physics*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 24–28, 1991.
6. T. I. Gombosi, Particle acceleration at comets, *Workshop on Particle Acceleration in Cosmic Plasmas*, Newark, Delaware, December 12–14, 1991.
7. T. I. Gombosi, Cometary particle acceleration, *20th General Assembly of IUGG*, Vienna, Austria, August 11–24, 1991.

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1. A. Körösmezey, C. E. Rasmussen and T. I. Gombosi, Generalized transport equations for the polar wind, *AGU Spring Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, May 12–16, 1992.
2. G. V. Khazanov, T. I. Gombosi and A. F. Nagy, Heating and cooling of the plasmasphere, *AGU Spring Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, May 12–16, 1992.
3. S. M. Guiter, C. E. Rasmussen and T. I. Gombosi, Modeling of annual variations in plasmaspheric density, *AGU Spring Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, May 12–16, 1992.
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5. C. J. Alexander and T. I. Gombosi, Multispecies gas flows in the interior of comets, *AGU Spring Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, May 12–16, 1992.
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