

JGR Space Physics

- The JGR Space Physics is one of the AGU journals dedicated to publication of new and original research in the broad field of space science.
- JGR Space Physics has recently formed a new editorial board.
- Let us share the current status and useful information.



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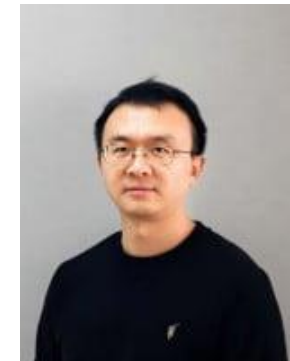
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Manuscript Flow Chart

Author

Manuscript
preparation



Submission



Editor's
assistant

Quality check



Incomplete

Editor in
chief

Editor
assignment



Editor

Reviewer
assignment



Revise
Reject

Reviewers

Under review



Editor

Decision

Accept

Publication



Journal Metrics

Journal	Publications per Year (SPA only)	Accept- ance Rate*	Days to 1st Decision*
JGR: Space Physics	676	67%	46
GRL	381	33%	50
Adv. in Space Res.	290	40%	?
Space Weather	213	47%	49
Frontiers in A & SS	101	60%	77
JGR: Planets	84	55%	64
JASTP	81	?	66
JGR: Atmospheres	71	41%	61
Earth, Planets, Space	63	?	15
Earth & Space Sci.	61	48%	53
Annales Geophysicae	53	85%	65
Radio Science	35	26%	66
AGU Advances	18	24%	69

Why JGR Space Physics?

- Most popular journal for space physics papers.
= Large audience.
- High acceptance rate.
- Timely decision.

Data from the journal websites (2025)

* May include non-SPA manuscripts.

Journal Metrics

Journal	Publication Fee (subscription)	Publication Fee (open access)
JGR: Space Physics	\$1,000	\$4,190
GRL	-	\$3,440
Adv. in Space Res.	\$0	\$2,780
Space Weather	-	\$3,240
Frontiers in A & SS	-	~\$2,800
JGR: Planets	\$1,000	\$4,190
JASTP	\$0	\$2,760
JGR: Atmospheres	\$1,000	\$4,190
Earth, Planets, Space	-	\$1,600
Earth & Space Sci.	-	\$2,860
Annales Geophysicae	-	~\$1,583
Radio Science	\$1,000	\$3,700
AGU Advances	-	\$3,750

Why JGR Space Physics?

- Low publication cost for subscription-based papers.
- Many other journals shifted to the more expensive open-access model.
- Subscription-based papers become open access 2 years after publication.

Data from the journal websites (2025)

Popular Manuscript Types

- **Research Articles** present analysis on scientific topics. The results should be significant. (New science is required.)
- **Data Articles** and **Methods** describe important data sets or methods with a scientific application. (New science is NOT required.)
- **Review Articles** review recent literature on a given topic.
 - We solicit ideas for review articles.

Special Collection Proposals

- Special Collections feature premier Earth and space science research focusing on a particular topic, significant event, or prominent theme.
 - TRACERS First Results and Supporting Science (August 31, 2026)
 - Machine Learning in Heliophysics 2025 (December 31, 2026)
 - Coupling Processes from Space to Earth (December 31, 2026)
 - Low Latitude Ionosphere (December 31, 2027)
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Geosciences (No deadline)
- Special Collection tends to attract more attention and citation.
- Contact the editors if you have proposal ideas.

Why do reviews sometimes take long?

- **It takes time to secure the reviewers.**
 - Accept to review: ~30%
 - Decline to review or no response: ~70%
- **Reviewers requested additional time.**
- **Reviewers do not submit reviews.**
- **The editor needs to evaluate the manuscript further.**
 - Solicit the third reviewer.
 - Follow up with the reviewers.
 - Editors/Associate Editors provide additional comments.

Author Tips

- **List more than 3 suggested reviewers.**
 - But do not list close collaborators or people without related papers.
- **Clearly state the scientific (Research Articles) or technical (Methods and Data Articles) advances in the Key Points and Abstract.**
- Resubmissions from other AGU journals are common. **Write a response letter to the previous review.**
- **Contact the journal if you are not sure how to proceed.**
 - e.g., unreasonable reviewer comments

Reviewer Tips

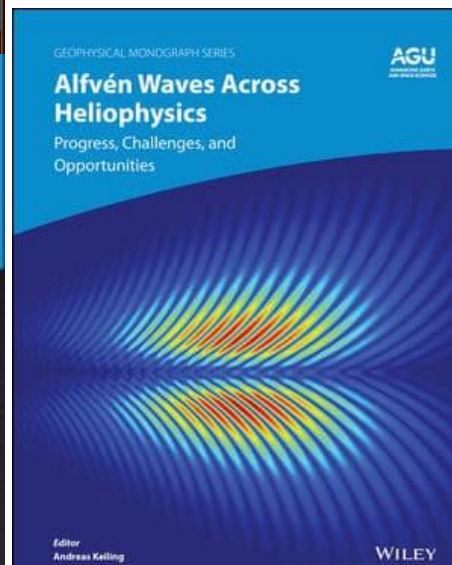
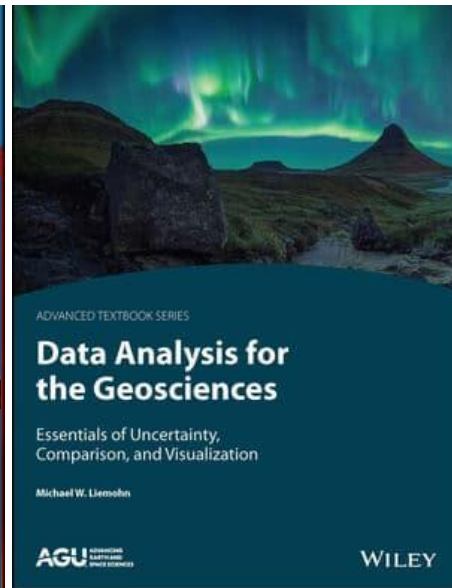
- We appreciate your service to the community.
- If you cannot review, please decline and **suggest alternate reviewers**. That's much more appreciated than no response.
- You can **request an extension** if you need more time. That is much more appreciated than declining to review or not submitting a review.
- **Early careers:** Let us know if you are interested in serving as a reviewer.

AI Usage

- **Authors can use AI tools for the following:**
 - Assist with writing functions (grammar, sentence structure...)
 - As research methodology
- **AI tools cannot be used for the following:**
 - Write a substantial part of the manuscript or review
 - Fabricate the data
- Verify and take responsibility for the output.
- Suspicious manuscripts may be rejected without review.

Ethical and Responsible Use of AI/ML in the Earth, Space, and Environmental Sciences (DOI: 10.22541/essoar.168132856.66485758/v1)

AGU Books



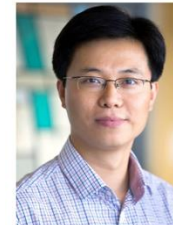
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