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## EDUCATION

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- 2000 – 2006      **Colorado School of Mines**      Golden, CO  
Ph. D. in Geophysics with a minor in Hydrology  
Advisor: Dr. Gary R. Olhoeft  
Thesis: Frequency and Temperature Dependence in Electromagnetic Properties of Martian Analog Minerals.
- 1996 – 2000      **Colorado School of Mines**      Golden, CO  
BS in Geophysical Engineering with high scholastic honors  
The Phillip R. Romig Award – the graduate in Geophysics who best exemplifies excellence in the acquisition of field geophysical observations  
Outstanding Graduating Senior Award in Geophysics  
Geophysics E-Days' Engineer  
President of Society of Student Geophysicists (1999 – 2000)

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- June 2006 – Present      **Southwest Research Institute**      Boulder, CO  
*Senior Research Scientist* (2010 – Present)  
*Research Scientist* (2006-2010)  
Department of Space Studies  
Supervisor: Robert Grimm, Ph.D.
- Measure the electrical properties of Moon and Mars analogs, ices, silicates, clays, and mixtures of the previous materials as a function of temperature (180 – 300 K) and frequency (1 Mhz – 1 mHz) in the Planetary Electrical Properties and Geophysics Lab.
  - Helped plan, collect, process, and interpret Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) data and DC resistivity data collected on the Bishop tuff in Bishop, CA, the permafrost tunnel in Fox, AK, and Kobuk Valley sand dunes, AK to better understand the broadband performance of GPR and the electrical properties of permafrost.
  - Processed and interpreted 1000s of radargrams of SHARAD radar data to determine that only the youngest most pristine flows are transparent enough to return reflections from them.
  - Assisted in the development of an airborne magneto-telluric acquisition system.

Aug 2000 – May 2006 **Colorado School of Mines** Golden, CO

*Teaching & Research Assistant*

Department of Geophysics

Advisor: Gary Olhoeft, Ph.D.

- Measured the electromagnetic properties of Martian analogs as a function of frequency (1 GHz – 0.1 MHz) and temperature (180 – 300 K).
- Co-advised with Gary Olhoeft three senior design projects. One project concentrated on measuring the EM properties of concrete as it cures to estimate if borehole GPR could be used to estimate the extent of grout injection. Another project was a case study on the potential of EM methods (3D GPR, Magnetometer, EM-31, and EM-38) to find Anasazi Ruins NW of Cortez, CO. The third project investigated how magnetic properties change as a function of grain size.
- Operated the PulseEkko 1000 for a number of teaching exercises and field labs.
- Taught 3 weeks of the GPR portion of Advanced Electrical and EM methods to geophysics seniors and graduate students.
- Researched the field of remote sensing to help design an introductory geophysics module. The module focused on remote sensing as a tool for space exploration, volcano prediction, mineral and petroleum exploration.
- Learned process and method of conducting a well logging job including how to fish tools out of the hole.

**Private Geophysical Consulting**

March 2005 *Colorado Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant* Colorado Springs, CO

Client: Bill Stoner, HDR Inc, Denver office

- Collected a GPR grid above an open channel conduit and interpreted concrete thickness.

Sept. 2004 *Denver Chatfield Reservoir* Littleton, CO

Client: Gary Fuller, HDR Inc. Denver office

- Collected magnetic and EM-31 data over a rectangular area of about 2 acres to locate a 48” diameter reinforced concrete pipe.

Aug. 2004 *Denver Metro Wastewater Central Plant* Commerce City, CO

Client: Bob Rogers, Denver office, HDR Inc

- Collected a GPR grid above an open channel conduit and interpreted concrete thickness.

May – Aug 2002 **Mundell & Associates Inc.** Indianapolis, IN

May – July 2001 *Summer Intern*

Supervisor: Greg Byer, PE, LPG

- Collected data using many geophysical tools (Sting/Swift, EM-31, EM-34, EM-38, EM-61 MK2, Noggin 250, Noggin 1000, Conquest, and OhmMapper).
- Worked on many projects including groundwater mapping, locating underground storage tanks under rebar, locating archeological artifacts, and locating groundwater drains.
- Supervised drilling and geologically interpreted the core.
- Processed and interpreted GPR data.

- June – Aug 1999      **Spirit Energy 76 (Unocal)**      Sugar Land, TX  
*Summer Intern*  
 Gulf of Mexico Shelf Exploration  
 Mentors: Michael Gibson and Stephen Witt  
 - Interpreted 3D seismic data using Landmark’s SeisWorks in the exploration for shallow gas reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico Shelf.
- June - July 1998      **United States Geological Survey**      Flagstaff, AZ  
*Summer Intern*  
 Astrogeology Group  
 Mentor: Dr. Wendy Calvin  
 - Utilized IDL to create 3D pictures of Mars. Used 2D pictures taken by the Viking orbiters and meshed them with topographic maps of Mars.  
 - Performed initial analysis of Mariner 7 Infrared Spectroscopy data set.
- May, Aug 1998      **Los Alamos National Laboratory**      Los Alamos, NM  
 Dec 1997      *Intern*  
 May – Aug 1997      Space and Atmospheric Sciences  
 Dec 1996      Mentor: Dr. Herbert Funsten  
 May – Aug 1996      - Conducted thermal, UV light, and ion tests on gold and nickel space gratings. These will be used in the TWINS mission to measure ions being reflected off the Earth’s atmosphere while blocking all UV light.  
 - Experimented, designed, and assisted in the assembly of a state-of-the-art Biological and Chemical Warfare Detector.  
 - Analyzed test results from an Ion Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer, which is one of the instruments onboard NASA’s Cassini mission to Saturn.

## GRANTS AWARDED

- 2012-2015      Detection of Adsorbed Water on Mars using Dielectric Spectroscopy (PI) *NASA Mars Fundamental Research* (\$301 k).
- 2010-2012      New Broadband Measurements of the Dielectric Properties of Ice Core: A Foundation for Planetary Radar Sounding (PI) *NASA Planetary Geology & Geophysics* (\$160 k).
- 2009-2012      Scientific and Resource Characterization of Lunar Regolith Using Dielectric Spectroscopy (PI) *NASA Lunar Advanced Science & Exploration Research* (\$312 k).
- 2012-2014      High-Altitude Electromagnetic Surveying for Earth Science (CoI - PI Grimm) *NASA Earth Surface and Interior*.
- 2011-2013      Foundations of Radar and Seismic Imaging of Asteroids and Comets (CoI - PI Grimm) *NASA Planetary Instrument Definition & Development Program*.
- 2009-2012      Ground-Penetrating Radar Investigations of Mars Analog Permafrost Sites in Alaska (CoI - PI Dinwiddie) *NASA Mars Fundamental Research*.
- 2009-2012      Cryohydrological Transport and Deposition of Salts on Mars (CoI - PI Grimm) *NASA Mars Fundamental Research*.

- 2008-2011 Measurement and Geological Interpretation of Attenuation in Surface-Penetrating Radar (CoI - PI Grimm) *NASA Mars Data Analysis Program*.
- 2008-2011 Broadband Electrical Properties of Ice Mixtures for Planetary Subsurface Geoelectrical and Radar Exploration (CoI - PI Grimm) *NASA Planetary Geology & Geophysics*.
- 2007-2011 Capacitively Coupled Induced-Polarization Subsurface Investigation (CoI - PI Grimm) *NASA Planetary Instrument Definition & Development Program*.

## RESEARCH EXPERTISE

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**Laboratory:** Measurement of dielectric permittivity versus frequency (1 mHz – 1 GHz) and temperature (180 – 330 K) of minerals, simulants, ices, silicates, and clays. Modeling allows these relaxations to be fit to their Cole-Cole relaxation parameters. Relaxations can then be matched to what is causing them. Results can be used to uniquely identify them remotely and also to calculate a radar attenuation rate.

**Field:** Conducted and planned multiple GPR and EM induction surveys with varied targets such as permafrost, aquifers, lava tubes, drums, bodies, archeological structures, pipes, underground storage tanks, groundwater drains.

**Data Analysis:** MatLab to interpret anything from publicly released SHARAD and TECP data, to GPR data, to dielectric permittivity laboratory data.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Grimm, R.E., A.C. Barr, K.P. Harrison, **D.E. Stillman**, K.L. Neal, M.A. Vincent, and G.T. Delory, 2011, Measurement of Thermal Lithospheric Thickness of Venus using Aerial Electromagnetic Sounding, *Icarus*, 217, 462-473, doi: 10.1016/j.icarus.2011.07.021.

**Stillman, D.E.**, and R.E. Grimm, 2011, Dielectric Signatures of Adsorbed and Salty Liquid Water at the Phoenix Landing Site, Mars, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 116, E09005, doi: 10.1029/2011JE003838.

Barr, A.C., and **Stillman, D.E.**, 2011, Strain History of Ice Shells of the Galilean Satellites from Radar Detection of Crystal Orientation Fabric, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 38, L06203, doi: 10.1029/2010GL046616.

**Stillman, D.E.**, and R.E. Grimm, 2011, Radar Penetrates Only the Youngest Geological Units on Mars, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 116, E03001, doi: 10.1029/2010JE003661.

**Stillman, D.E.**, R.E. Grimm, and S.F. Dec, 2010, Low-Frequency Electrical Properties of Ice-Silicate Mixtures, *J. Phys. Chem. B*, *114*, 6065-6073.

Grimm, R.E., and **D.E. Stillman**, 2009, Comment on “Subsurface water detection on Mars by astronauts using a seismic refraction method: Tests during a manned Mars simulation,” by V. Pletser et al., *Acta Astronautica*, *64*, 654-655.

Grimm, R.E., **D.E. Stillman**, S.F. Dec, and M.A. Bullock, 2008, Low-frequency electrical properties of polycrystalline saline ice and salt hydrates, *J. Phys. Chem., B*, *112*, 15382-15390.

**Stillman, D.E.**, and G.R. Olhoeft, 2008, Frequency and Temperature Dependence in Electromagnetic Properties of Martian Analog Minerals, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *113*, E09005, doi:10.1029/2007JE002977.

**Stillman, D.E.**, 2006, Frequency and Temperature Dependence in Electromagnetic Properties of Martian Analog Minerals., *PhD thesis, Dept. of Geophysics, Colorado School of Mines*, Golden, 199 p. + DVD.

#### UNREFEREED PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

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**Stillman, D.E.**, J.A. MacGregor, R.E. Grimm, 2011, Insights into the nature of radar attenuation through impure ice from broadband dielectric spectroscopy of polar ice cores, *Eos Trans. AGU*, *92(52)*, Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract P13G-03.

Durda, D.D., and **D.E. Stillman**, 2011, Remote Sensing of Unexposed Fossil Stumps at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Colorado, *Eos Trans. AGU*, *92(52)*, Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract B31C-0333.

**Stillman, D.E.**, and R.E. Grimm, 2011, Low-Frequency Electrical Properties of Ice-Silicate Mixtures, 2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on Induced Polarization in Near-Surface Geophysics, 31 Oct-2 Nov, Golden, CO, p. 27.

**Stillman, D.E.**, and R.E. Grimm, 2011, Dielectric Signatures of Adsorbed and Salty Liquid Water at the Phoenix Landing Site, Mars, 5<sup>th</sup> Conf. Mars Polar Science and Exploration, 12-16 September, Fairbanks, AK, 6045.pdf.

Dinwiddie, C.L., R.N. McGinnis, **D.E. Stillman**, K.L. Bjella, R.E. Grimm, 2011, Late-Winter Phase State of Water in the Great Kobuk Sand Dunes, Alaska, and Testable Hypotheses for a Perching Mechanism, 5<sup>th</sup> Conf. Mars Polar Science and Exploration, 12-16 September, Fairbanks, AK, 6035.pdf.

**Stillman, D.E.**, J. A. MacGregor, A. C. Barr, R. E. Grimm, D. D. Blankenship, D. P. Winebrenner, 2011, A Foundation for Orbital Radar Sounding of Europa from new Measurements of the Broadband Dielectric Properties of Terrestrial Polar Ice Cores, 42<sup>nd</sup> Lunar and Planetary Science Conf., 7-11 March, The Woodlands, TX, 2193.pdf.

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- Dinwiddie, C.L., R.N. Mcginnis, **D.E. Stillman**, K.L. Bjella, R.E. Grimm, 2011, Geophysical Mars Analog Studies of Multiphase Water in the Great Kobuk Sand Dunes, Northwestern Alaska, 42<sup>nd</sup> Lunar and Planetary Science Conf., 7-11 March, The Woodlands, TX, 2501.pdf.
- Winebrenner, D.P., **D.E. Stillman**, R.E. Grimm, 2011, Detectability by Radar of Salts in Martian Ice Deposits, 42<sup>nd</sup> Lunar and Planetary Science Conf., 7-11 March, The Woodlands, TX, 2532.pdf.
- Grimm, R.E., and **D.E. Stillman**, 2011, Progress in Prospecting for Near-surface H<sub>2</sub>O on the Moon and Mars with Dielectric Spectroscopy, 42<sup>nd</sup> Lunar and Planetary Science Conf., 7-11 March, The Woodlands, TX, 2550.pdf.
- Grimm, R.E., A.C. Barr, K.P. Harrison, **D.E. Stillman**, K.L. Neal, M.A. Vincent, and G.T. Delory, 2011, Measurement of Thermal Lithospheric Thickness of Venus using Aerial Electromagnetic Sounding, 42<sup>nd</sup> Lunar and Planetary Science Conf., 7-11 March, The Woodlands, TX, 1551.pdf.
- Lenferink, H.J., W.B. Durham, A.V. Pathare, L.A. Stern, **D.E. Stillman**, 2011, Creep of Water Ice Plus Magnesium Perchlorate Hydrate, 42<sup>nd</sup> Lunar and Planetary Science Conf., 7-11 March, The Woodlands, TX, 1909.pdf.
- Stillman, D.E.**, D.P. Winebrenner, R.E. Grimm, A. Pathare, 2010, The Radar Effects of Perchlorate-Doped Ice in the Martian Polar Layered Deposits, Eos Trans. AGU, 91(52), Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract P34A-03. (**invited**)
- Dinwiddie, C.L., D.M. Hooper, T.I. Michaels, R.N. Mcginnis, **D. Stillman**, K. Bjella, S. Stothoff, G.R. Walter, M. Necsoiu, R.E. Grimm, 2010, Great Kobuk Sand Dunes, Alaska: A Terrestrial Analog Site for Polar, Topographically Confined Martian Dune Fields, Eos Trans. AGU, 91(52), Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract P13B-1369.
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- Grimm, R.E., **D.E. Stillman**, J.A. MacGregor, C.L. Dinwiddie, D.M. Hooper, 2009, New insights into the electrical properties of ice and permafrost, Eos Trans. AGU, 90(52), Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract NS42A-05.
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- Dinwiddie C.L., R.N. McGinnis, **D.E. Stillman**, R.E. Grimm, D.M. Hooper, K. Bjella, 2009 Integrated Geophysical Examination of the CRREL Permafrost Tunnel's Fairbanks Silt Units, Fox, Alaska, Eos Trans. AGU, 90(52), Fall Meet. Suppl., Abstract C41A-0429.
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- Stillman, D.E.**, and R.E. Grimm, 2007, Laboratory Measurements of the Electrical properties of Water Ice-Silicate Mixtures and Implications for Dielectric Spectroscopy and Radar on Mars, 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mars, Pasadena, CA: July 9–13, 2007, 3311.pdf.
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