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Biography

Dr. Karpen has been a research astrophysicist in the Space Weather Laboratory, Heliophysics Division, since July 2008. Her primary research interests include analytical and numerical modeling of dynamic solar and heliospheric phenomena, and applications of plasma physics and magnetohydrodynamics to solar and heliospheric activity. Her current research is focused on solar prominences, coronal mass ejections/eruptive flares, and magnetic reconnection. Dr. Karpen has been a Principal or Co-Investigator in research sponsored by NASA's Heliophysics Theory Program, Heliophysics SR&T program, Heliophysics Guest Investigator programs, LWS TR&T program, and High Performance Computing and Communications Program. In addition she has served as a Principal or Co-Investigator on numerous grants of computer time under the DoD High Performance Computing Modernization and the NASA High End Computing programs. Currently she is the Chief of the Space Weather Laboratory.

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