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Solar Geoengineering

I have been thinking about geoengineering since the early 1990s, when I wrote one of the first assessments of the technology and its policy implications in the journal literature ([#9](#)), work that grew into a more systematic look at the technology and its historical roots that appeared in *Annual Review of Energy and the Environment* ([#26](#)) and in shorter form in *Nature* ([#37](#)).

My current work on geoengineering includes:

- **Assessments.** Member of the working group for UK Royal Society's 2009 report ([#118](#)), the first by a national science academy devoted to geoengineering. In 2010 I testified before committees of the US Congress ([testimony](#)) and the UK Parliament. I presented at US National Academy meetings in 2000 and 2009 ([see presentation](#)), served on the drafting committee for the American Meteorological Society's statement ([see AMS](#)) and was co-author of the geoengineering sub-chapter (4.7) of the mitigation volume of the Third IPCC Report and serving on the IPCC AR5.
- **Public engagement.** My 2007 TED talk has been widely viewed, see also a 2009 debate at the [Royal Geographical Society](#) and an [op-ed](#) in the New York Times. Recent media coverage includes a long interview in November 2011 on HARDtalk a flagship BBC program.
- **Meetings on science and governance.** I co-organized a meeting at Harvard in November 2007 that brought together leaders in the geosciences with experts on public policy and governance (See articles in [Science](#) and the [New York Times](#)). In 2009 I co-organized a meeting in Lisbon that engaged European science and foreign policy experts to consider research and governance of geoengineering ([see IRGC](#)). More recently I helped to form the Solar Radiation Management Governance Initiative ([SRMGI](#)).
- **Research.** I am working on the economics of decisions about geoengineering and abatement under uncertainty ([#117](#)), on public perception ([#150](#)), on engineered aerosols ([#96](#)), and on methods of delivering materials to the stratosphere ([R1](#)). In collaboration with Jim Anderson I have started a Harvard based project to develop in situ experiments to test the risk and efficacy of aerosols in the stratosphere. I also work on direct capture of CO₂ from air ([see Air Capture](#)).
- **Research Funding.** My work has been funded by the US NSF and Canada's NSERC as well as by a grant from Bill Gates managed as [FICER](#).

Selected Publications on Geoengineering

Some publications require a username and password to access. Contact Hollie Roberts ([hroberts\(at\)seas.harvard.edu](mailto:hroberts(at)seas.harvard.edu)) to request this information.

R1. Aurora Flight Sciences report on Geoengineering Cost Analysis ([PDF](#)).

Note: This report was commissioned by the University of Calgary as a contract to Aurora. The project was managed by [Jay Apt](#) at Carnegie Mellon and David Keith. The report benefited from reviews and input by various experts in aerospace and atmospheric science. Jay Apt managed Aurora's response to review.

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