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This book contains the sometimes significantly revised versions of 20 of the more than 60 papers given at a symposium on wave instabilities in space plasmas. Because only manuscripts submitted soon after the conference are included, the coverage of topics is uneven, but the papers are quite up to date compared with those in many conference proceedings. There is a nice mixture of reviews and papers on recent work. The reviews were deliberately limited in length; hence the discussions are usually on a fairly descriptive level, with a minimum of detailed mathematics. Unfortunately, the introductory material is sometimes also abbreviated a bit too much for nonspecialist readers. Both theory and experiments are discussed, but the emphasis is on theory.

The book is divided into four parts. Although this follows the conference organization, the resulting grouping of papers is probably not the most logical. The first part, entitled Natural Noise in Space, contains six papers dealing with extremely low frequency and very low frequency waves in the magnetosphere. This is a big subject, and the only general review included suffers from the problem of overspecialization (for example, the reader is presumed to know what "lion's roar" is). Nevertheless, there is much useful and readable material in this part, particularly on the subject of power line harmonic radiation effects in the magne-

The second and third parts, Plasma Turbulence and Nonlinear Effects, are highly overlapping, for there can be no turbulence without nonlinear effects, and contain a total of 12 papers on natural and artificially driven instabilities and wave-particle interactions in the magnetosphere (really a continuation of the first part), electrostatic double layers, ion sound instabilities, equatorial electrojet instabilities, and type III solar radio bursts. I found the papers on double layers interesting but perhaps a bit misleading, since they ignore magnetic field effects, which admittedly make life difficult for theorists but apparently play a key role in the actual magnetospheric acceleration process. A paper on electrojet instabilities contains important data that have not been published elsewhere as far as I know. I enjoyed reading the two papers on type III bursts, a subject I am not very familiar with, because the strong turbulence theory that has been developed seems to be amazingly successful.

The last part of the book consists of two excellent reviews on instabilities in the F region of the equatorial ionosphere. They accurately describe the spectacular recent advances both in experimental studies of these intriguing processes and in our theoretical understanding of them.

In summary, this is a good book and conveys the flavor of the conference. I think most readers will find the papers in their own fields to be useful and papers in allied fields to be successful in conveying at least the major theoretical ideas.

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