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British radio astronomer and author who was the first to detect radio emissions from the Sun. In 1942, during the Second World War, Hey was responsible for investigating the jamming of British radar by German forces. He studied certain "rushing noises," thought to be jamming signals, and discovered instead that the noise came from a sunspot. This discovery led to further study of the Sun as a source of radio emission, advancing the science of radio astronomy.