

Satellite Observations of Nonlinear Interactions of in the Ionosphere



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CubeSat Observations at 300 km Altitude

- HF Signal from High Power Radio Waves
 - Near Vertical Transmissions
 - Reflected Below F-Layer Peak
 - Low Altitude Expendable Satellites Needed
- Ionospheric Modification Effects
 - High Power Radio Waves
 - Enhanced Electron Densities
 - Elevated Energetic Electron Fluxes
 - Plasma Wave Generation
 - ELF/VLF Wave Detection
- Spacecraft Opportunities
 - Canadian ePOP
 - NRL MiniHFR
 - Swedish PSI

Satellite Observations of Current Ionospheric Modification Facilities



Arecibo HF Facility Antenna Gain at 8.175 MHz Giving 220 MegaWatts ERP



Incoherent Scatter **Observations** of F-Region Heating Showing Ionospheric Hole





Plate 2. Detail of the electron density, Langmuir waves around 5.1 MHz and low-frequency ion acoustic waves near the HF reflection level. The Langmuir waves and ion acoustic waves seem to be trapped or guided by the density cavities. Spectra of low-frequency electric fields are measured between sensors EF1 and EF4 of Figure 2.

Electron Acceleration and Irregularity Formation 2nd Harmonic of the Electron Cyclotron Frequency

- HAARP Artificial Aurora
 - 2.85 MHz
 - 3.6 MW
 Transmitter
 Power
 - March 2009
- Artificial Plasma Layers
 - 2nd Harmonic Resonance
 - Electron
 Bernstein Wave
 Acceleration
- Ref.: Todd Pedersen (AFRL)



Artificially Produced Plasma Layers Near 200 km Altitude Source: Todd Pedersen et al. 3009, Creation of Artificial

Ionospheric Layers Using High-Power HF Waves



HAARP Instrument Experiments with Instrumented Satellites





- PERCS Operational Utility
 - Absolute Measurement of HAARP Antenna Pattern from 2.8 to 10 MHz
 - Precise Measurements of Plasma Waves Generated by HAARP

Satellite Support of Nonlinear Excitation of the lonosphere

- High Power Radio Waves
 - Stimulated Electromagnetic and Electrostatic Emissions (SEE) for Radio Receiver Instrument (RRI)
 - Electron Acceleration
 - Enhanced Airglow
 - Ion Acceleration
 - Electron Density Irregularities

e-POP/CASSIOPE Micro-Satellite: Instrument Payload



- Imaging particle instruments for unprecedented resolution on satellites
 - IRM: Imaging rapid ion mass spectrometer
 - SEI: Suprathermal electron imager
 - NMS: Neutral mass and velocity spectrometer

Auroral imager and wave receivertransmitter for first micro-satellite measurements

- FAI: Fast auroral imager
- RRI: Radio receiver instrument
- CERTO: Coherent electromagnetic radio tomography
- Integrated instrument control/data handling, and science-quality orbitattitude system data to maximize science return
 - MGF: Magnetometer
 - GAP: Differential GPS Attitude and Position System

ePOP CASSIOPE Mission Overview

- Inclination: 80 Degrees
- Orbit: 300 x 1500 km
- Lifetime: > 1 Year
- Initial Apogee Over Northern Latitudes
- Orbit Decay Over 2 Years
 - 110 km at Apogee
 - 12 km at Perigee
 - Initial Argument of Perigee: 270 degrees
- Launch: Late 2012
- 3-Axis Agile Spacecraft
- Noon/Midnight Orbit
- 2 kRad per year with 0.0825 Inch Shielding
- Spacecraft Critical Design Review April 2005





e-POP Payload Science Instruments

- **IRM** will detect 3D ions distribution at 1 to 100 eV for 1 to 40 AMU mass species.
- **SEI** will detect the 2D electron distribution function in the energy range of 2 to 200 eV.
- **NMS** will measure neutral particle constituents. It is capable of resolving both the neutral particle composition and the flow velocity.
- **FAI** will do simultaneous imaging of the near-infrared band in the range 650-850 nm, and the monochromatic wavelength of 630 nm.
- **RRI** will measure the electric fields of spontaneous waves in the frequency range of 100 Hz to 18 MHz
- **MGF** will measure the ambient magnetic field with a dynamic range of ±60,000 nT and a resolution of 1 nT.
- **GAP** will provide precision timing and time-of-day information in real time, as well as high-resolution spacecraft position and velocity.
- **CER** will emit coherent EM radiation to an array of ground receivers clustered along -75° E longitude. The measured signals would be used for tomographic analysis.

Earth Coverage by ePOP/CASSIOPE in a 80° Inclination ORBIT



Space-Based, Diagnostic Requirements for HAARP Measurements

Measurement	Importance	Diagnostic	ePOP Instrument
ELF/VLF Waves	Very High	Receiver Covering 1 Hz to 30 kHz	RRI 10 Hz to 30 kHz
Field Aligned VLF Ducts Artificial and Natural	High	<i>In Situ</i> Electron Density Probe	SEI (10 ² to 10 ⁶ cm-3)
Elevated F-Region Electron Temperature as Duct Signature	Moderate	Thermal Electron Detector 0.0 to 0.3 eV	SEI (0 to 200 eV)
Optical Emissions from Precipitation	Moderate	Photo Detector N ₂ 1P, 630, 557.7, 427.8, 777.4 nm	FAI (630 to 850 nm)
Suprathermal Electron Fluxes	Moderate	Energetic Electron Detector	SEI (0 to 200 eV)
Modulated HAARP Pump Wave	Moderate	HF Receiver/Antenna (3 to 9 MHz)	RRI (1-18 MHz, 30 kHz Bandwidth)

Note: RRI = Radio Receiver Instrument, SEI = Suprathermal Electron Imager, FAI = Fast Auroral Imager, CERTO = Coherent Electromagnetic Radio Tomography, IRM = Rapid Ion Mass Spectrometer



Ionospheric Heating Simulations on Field Line Above Transmitter





Active Experiments ePOP Experiment Modes Paul A. Bernhardt, NRL

Experiment	Modulated	HF	HF Heater	HF Heater
	Heater	Heater	Stimulated	Plasma
	Wave	Artificial	Electromagnetic	Temperature
	Generation	Aurora	Emission (SEE)	Enhancements
Instrument	(MHWG)	(HAA)		(PTE)
RRI	VLF/ELF	0~5 MHz	0~5 MHz	HF Waves
SEI	Yes	WPI	WPI	IonMode
FAI	No	Yes	No	No
CER	No	CERALLC	No	No
IRM	No	No	No	IRMTIS
NMS	No	No	No	No
GAP	No	No	No	No
MGF	No	No	No	No
Altitude	< 800 km	< 800 km	< 350 km	Any
Requirements				
Pointing	At Event	At Event	Event	Z-Nadir

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Miniature HF Receiver (MiniHFR)

- Miniature HF Receiver
 - Power: 5 and 3.3 V available @ 5 W total power (continuous operation)
 - Volume -3 boards = 3 to 5 cm of stack
 - Mass 800 g
 - Pointing accuracy need 20 deg (dependent on link margin analysis)
 - Pointing direction
 - highest gain of antennas collinear with the ram direction
 - highest gain in nadir direction for receiving ground beacons
 - Shadowing/ field of view/aperture size no deployables within the highest gain of antennas
 - TT&C need through C&DH/Radio and down to the ground TBD bps

GEOMETRY FOR HF CubeSat MEASUREMENTS



MiniHFR Design



CubeSat Implementation of MiniHFR



CubeSat Receiver Antennas



CubeSat Payload Guide



IRFU Uppsala PSI Plasma **Science** Instruments



EFVS for **PSI**



Deployable Electric Field



LP for PSI



SMILE for PSI



SRC Ultra-Lightweight Antenna

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SRC Ultra-Lightweight Antenna



Summary

- High Power HF Waves in the lonosphere
 - Nonlinear Wave Interactions
 - In Situ ES and EM Wave Generation
 - High Frequency
 - Low Frequency
- MiniSat Sensor Platform
 - ePOP (2012 Launch)
 - 8 Plasma, Neutral and Wave Sensors
- PicoSat (CubeSat) Sensors
 - NRL Miniature HF Receiver (MiniHFR)
 - 30 Day Lifetime
- Nano Sat or MicroSat Sensors
 - IRFU PSI
 - SRC Antennas