

# Using Active Experiments to Probe Geo-space

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### Active Experiments – Simulating Pieces of the Magnetospheric System



Study the response of the space environment to controlled disturbances (Injection of neutral gas, electron or ion beams, plasma clouds, charged spheres, shuttle engine exhaust, **RF**).

Using "Physics in Space" to understand and model "Space Physics" – Cause and Effect studies



Tether



**AMPTE – Ba Cloud** 



Activny - VLF



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- Use in conjunction with diagnostics to study, in a cause and effect fashion:
  - EM propagation, plasma turbulence and instabilities
  - Response of magnetospheric plasma and Radiation Belts to controlled perturbations of the ionospheric plasma





# THE HAARP HEATER







**Discussion topics** 

- 1. Virtual ULF/ELF/VLF antennas
- 2. The Physics of Artificial Plasma Layers
- 3. Artificial Ionospheric Turbulence

### HF Ionospheric Heaters as "VIRTUAL" ULF/ELF/VLF Antennae



# **PEJ ELF/VLF Ground Detection**

Moore et al. GRL 2008 Stanford





Underground sensors 230 km away



Papadopoulos e al., 2003, 2008 UMD/BAE



# PEJ ULF/ELF/VLF Upward Injection HAARP/DEMETER



#### DEMETER – 700 km

Frequency .2 Hz Closest distance 80 km Detection time 25 sec Detection distance 150 km Maximum E ~10 mV/m 1.5 pT on the ground

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-10

-12

-14

-16





## **HAARP/CLUSTER**





Platino et al. 2004

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-60

-65

-70

-75



DOES NOT REQUIRE EJET - CAN BE IMPLEMENTED ANYWHERE AND ANYTIME





### **Cylindrical Coordinates**

#### Papadopoulos et al. GRL 2011a











MS

SAW











10 Hz



# Secondary Antenna Current and Ground Field





# **ICD PoP Ground Sensors**

- Ionospheric current drive (ICD) produced ULF/ELF waves up to 50-70 Hz
  - F layer mod. No electrojet
  - < 70 Hz, 1/f<sup>a</sup> dependence
    - Upper freq. is limited by pressure relaxation time scale of the F layer
    - No O/X effect
  - Polar electrojet modulation (*PEJ*) produced ULF/ELF/VLF waves 0.001Hz -20 kHz
    - D/E layers mod. With electrojet
      - < 1 kHz: plateau</pre>
      - 2-8 kHz: peak efficiency
      - > 10 kHz: 1/f<sup>a</sup> decrease
      - X mode dominant







### **ICD Upward Injection HAARP/DEMETER**

#### 2.5 Hz SAW





#### N-S B Field (Gakona NI BF4) - UTC 2010-10-30 06:00:00 to 2010-10-30 06:19:30





## **Cause and Effect Studies of the RB Physics**





# **RECENT HAARP STUDIES**

- 1. The physics of artificially (Triggered) Emissions
- 2. Excitation of Ionospheric Alfven Resonator (IAR)
- 3. Properties of Alfvenic Duct-Pc1
- 4. Triggered ULF



# Artificially Stimulated Emissions (ASE) Key RB Physics Issue – Physics of Chorus

Siple Station Antartica – (Stanford – NSF) Helliwell (1973-1987):

L=4.2, 1.5 MW, 42 km length antenna on 2 km thick ice sheet, Inject 3-6 kHz – limited bandwidth

Very difficult and inefficient to inject ELF/VLF with ground facilities









### HAARP Artificially Stimulated Emissions Stanford University



#### Pulses above 2 kHz have 2-hop echoes with triggered emissions Pulses below 2 kHz and above 2.8 do not; ramps most often have echoes





#### Only the pulse at 1100 Hz is amplified

Definitive resolution of ASE requires long time diagnostics on field tube

RHS amplification steady below noise floor. LHS initial amplitude above noise due to previous echo (mode locking of coupled oscillators)



#### KEY TOPICS IN MECHANICS OF MAGNETOSPHERE ALFVEN MASER

#### **MI SHEAR ALFVEN WAVE COUPLING**



REGION B

PHASE CONSTANT

WAVE

#### **Electro-dynamic system:**

Magnetic tube with cold plasma & ionosphere as mirrors

### **Operating modes:** Whistlers & SAW



### **IAR Experiments**

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HAARP excitation of IAR Papadopoulos et al., 2007

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# Physics of Pc-1 MHD Waves

### **Alfvenic Duct**



- Distance from Gakona Lake Ozette, WA (W) 1300 mi Hawaii (H) 2900 mi Guam (G) 4800 mi
- Detection under quiet Gakona cond.
- No detection during electrojet days Oct. 22-23





Eliasson, Chang, Papadopoulos, JGR 2012

















# HAARP – Triggered ULF?





# What is needed - Resonance

Pair of microsatellites (1A-1B; 2A-2B) in Magneto-synchronous orbit – Stay on same field line for 45-60 minutes. Launch Summer 2014 by IKI.



Relativistic electrons

Strategy of measurements: two PAIRS of satellites will be an uncould on the same origin. The distance between satellites of one peir can be controlled by TC.



### **RB Physics Questions to be addressed by Active Probing**

- What is the attenuation rate of Shear Alfven (SA) waves propagating towards the conjugates?
- Are there regions of mode conversion of SA waves to Electromagnetic Ion Cyclotron (EMIC) waves and what are the characteristics of the resonant conversion?
- What are the properties of the EMIC waves?
- What are the pitch angle scattering rates of relativistic electrons by EMIC waves?
- What are the pitch angle scattering rates of multi-MeV protons by SA waves?
- What are the properties of Field Line Resonances (FLR) in the inner RB?
- What controls the Ionospheric Alfven Resonator (IAR) structure and amplification?
- What is the non-linear physics of Artificially Stimulated Emissions (ASE) and how it relates to chorus?
- Is there an Alfven maser and what are the operational characteristics?
- Can FLR precipitate electrons?
- What are the properties of Alfvenic waveguide?



- Diagnose magnetospheric effects(ULF/ELF/VLF waves, energetic particles, plasma flows etc.), of heater operation with high spatiotemporal resolution
- Control heater operation based on transmitted data.
- Exploit dynamic feedback



# **INNER BELT PHYSICS STUDIES**



reaching resonance  $(1/k_z \rightarrow 0)$ 

### Example of MHD Wave Propagation Studies in the Inner Belt Using Arecibo and Van Allen Probes





# Active SAW Probing of Inner RB Using the Arecibo Heater/Van Allen or Resonance



Proton Energy	Resonance Frequencies
30 MeV	6-16 Hz
50 MeV	5-15 Hz
100 MeV	3.5-9.5Hz

### Focus on SAW for protons and EMIC for electrons

## Typical inner belt proton lifetimes:

10 MeV – decades 50 MeV – century No SAW activity Stacking





### **SUMMARY**

#### ACTIVE HEATER INJECTION EXPERIMENTS WITH WELL PLANNED SATELLITE COVERAGE COMPLEMENT CURRENT PASSIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND CAN RESOLVE MAJOR RB PHYSICS SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES SUCH AS

- Wave Generation/Injection Efficiencies
  - Dependence on Frequency, Waveforms
  - Dependence on Geophysical Conditions
- Wave Propagation Characteristics
- Ducting Conditions
- Wave Amplification & Attenuation Processes
- Dependence on Frequency, Waveforms
- Dependence on Geophysical Conditions
- Wave-Particle Interactions
- Effects of Waves on Particle Motion /Scattering
- Efficiency of Precipitating Particles out of the Belts
- Dependence on Geophysical Conditions





# THE PHYSICS OF ARTIFICIAL IONIZATION

### **DIAGNOSTIC INSTRUMENTATION**





### Artificial Aurora – The Zenith Effect Electron Acceleration (HAARP at 1 MW, EISCAT)







# Power Thresholds to Trigger Processes in the lonosphere



Effective Radiated Power, MW (ground-based HF)



### HAARP AT 3.6 MW – NEW THRESHOLD - APL

 First science experiments at full power showed unexplained spotwithin-ring, bull's-eye patterns in optical emissions extending beyond beam edges filling ~¼ of sky. Pedersen et al. GRL, 2009






# **Descending APL**

### 2GH, 440 MW, MZ



(left) Background echoes (the heater off).

•(center) Heater on: Two lower layers of echoes near 160 and 200 km virtual height for 210 s.

(right) True height profiles.



Time-vs-altitude plot of **557.7** nm optical emissions along *B* with contours showing the altitudes where fp = 2.85 MHz (blue), UHR= 2.85 MHz (violet), and  $2f_{ce} = 2.85$  MHz (dashed white). Horizontal blips are stars. Green is the Ion Acoustic Line intensity.

 $\checkmark$  the artificial plasma near  $h_{min}$  was quenched several times.

#### Courtesy of E. Mishin

### Pedersen et al., GRL 2010

#### Mishin & Pedersen , GRL 2011



## Multi-Site Optical and Ionosonde Measurements During Frequency Ramp

02:26:00 UT

- Simultaneous local and remote optical and ionosonde measurements
- Complicated 3-D structure clearly apparent
- Two descending layers observed
- Apparently correspond to spot and ring
- Gradually die out at low altitude

Courtesy of T. Pedersen



2.850 MHz

OFF



# Note similarity with optical emissions descent except for initial response



#### **MUIR DATA - WATKINS** frequency shift from 446 MHz

Example: UHF radar data showing downward progression of signals during 5 minutes of HF power



#### Descending ion-line and plasma line structures observed with UHF radar during heating.



## BERNHARDT L=1 OAM Generation with HAARP

0.00



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0.00

## BERNHARDT 14 March 2013 01:30 to 04:00 GMT Extended Artificial Ionization with 5.8 MHz Twisted Beam





## **Theory/Modeling - Key Physics Ideas**

- Electron acceleration controlled by Langmuir turbulence at the reflection height
- Electron heating controlled by upper hybrid heating including dual resonance
- Field aligned heat transport of heated plasma and energetic electrons



Ray paths for HF radio waves



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**Figure 2.** The amplitude of  $E_z$  and slowly varying ion density fluctuations  $n_i$  at various altitudes, for  $E_Q = 1.5$  V/m.





## Normalized EDF of supra-thermal electrons for E 1.5 V/m at 100 km









Figure 13. Green line emission as derived from simulation for different input wave amplitude and initial electron thermal energy: (a)  $E_0 = 1$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, (b)  $E_0 = 1.5$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, and (c)  $E_0 = 1$  V/m, T = 0.4 eV, and (c)  $E_0 = 1$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, and (c)  $E_0 = 1$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, (b)  $E_0 = 1.5$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, and (c)  $E_0 = 1$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, and (c)  $E_0 = 1$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, (b)  $E_0 = 1.5$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV, and (c)  $E_0 = 1.5$  V/m,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV,  $T_e = 0.4$  eV,



#### Plasma Line



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Watkins



Ion Line 48

## HF TRAPPING ON PLASMA LAYER



## **ARTIFICIAL IONOSPHERIC TURBULENCE (AIT)**





## UPPER HYBRID – ELECTRON HEATING – AIT Modeling













## **SUPPELEMENTARY SLIDES**



**HYPOTHESIS:** Hot plasma .4-.6 eV with supra - thermal tails creates enhanced IA and electron plasma waves locally –( IA and plasma waves are damped within few





## ION LINE PECULIARITIES

B. Watkins





## ONGOING PHYSICS STUDIES FOR INPUT TO DIAL MODEL

# MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ISSUES UPPER HYBRID DOUBLE RESONANCE HEATING



## P. BERNHARDT





 $D (m^2/s^3)$ 

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O-mode, 1V/m amplitude, electron temperature 0.4 eV, and different angles of incidence,





# UH HEATING AND THE ROLE OF DOUBLE RESONANCE $\omega_{\text{UH}} {\approx} n \Omega_{e}$

Is it related to ECR acceleration and how do we account in the context of our DAIL model?



## **SEE Spectra**



**Figure 3.** (a) The stack of five plots showing SEE spectra for the five different pump frequencies marked on the vertical axis in the middle of the figure. The standard SEE spectral features and the pump are labeled. These spectra are cross sections of the pump relative spectra versus pump frequency twodimensional plot in Figure 3b. (b) The position of the cross sections are marked with dashed, magenta lines. The estimated range of the local fourth gyroharmonic is shown as a hatched region on the pump frequency axis.



### **SuPer-Short Striations**

## Effects associated with $\omega \approx \omega_{uh}(z) \approx n\Omega_e$





#### BUM

Suppression of anomalous absorption

Generation of short scale FAI Super-Short-Striations (SSS)

## Gurevich Physics-Uspekhi, 2007



## Paul's BUM

Need for four wave interaction – Pump, UH, EB, IA.

 $Pump(\omega, k_o = 0), UH(\omega_1, k_1), EB(\omega_2, k_2), IA(\omega_s, k)$  $\omega_1 + \omega_s = \omega = \omega_2 - \omega_s, \rightarrow \omega_2 > \omega$ 

$$k_1 + k = 0 = k_2 - k, \rightarrow k = k_2 \approx O(1/r_e)$$



# Raising MUF to GHz





Potential answer from physics of ion cloud formation



FAS Concept- Aspect scattering. RF transmitted from Tx along the 90° line are orthogonal to FAI and will be observed everywhere at the 90° line. Tx located in the 92° line observed at 88° and vice versa

## Mystery Solved by Multi-Site Optical Observations: March 2009



Combined data sets indicate presence of artificial plasma sufficient to interact with heater beam
At altitudes with no significant natural plasma!





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T. Pedersen et al. 2010





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Gyroharmonic

(Honary et al., Ann. Geophysicae, 1999)

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Carozzi et al., JGR 2002





#### Experimental results that suggest:

#### Large-scale density changes maximized for HF frequencies far from gyro-harmonics




New Results: Two scattering structures with preferentially-directed ion-Enhanced Ion-Line Doppler Spectra for 4.20MHz acoustic wave directions (close to 3<sup>rd</sup> Gyro-Harmonic) 4.20MHz 11-Nov-2012 02:54:47 225 Upward ion-acoustic waves Range (km along -158'AZ 76'EL) 017 017 -20 -20.5 Downward ion-acoustic waves -21 HF on IF off 205 03:06:50 03:07:00 03:07:10 03:07:20 03:07:30 03:07:40 03:07:50 Time (HH:MM:SS UTC)



Power-height-time plot of HF-enhanced ion-line signals. Close to 3<sup>rd</sup> gyro-harmonic signals split into two layers. Doppler spectra (example to left) show strong asymmetries that indicate mainly upward propagating only ion-acoustic waves in the upper layer. The downward layer is associated with primarily downward propagating ion-acoustic waves..

HF Power Cycle 30 secs on 60 secs off

The above spectral asymmetries are interpreted to be the result of electron flow upward and downward from the HF interaction region as indicated by the yellow-colored arrows.



**Figure 2.** The amplitude of  $E_z$  and slowly varying ion density fluctuations  $n_i$  at various altitudes, for  $E_Q = 1.5$  V/m.







#### PLASMA LINE ENHANCEMENT

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Enhancement due supra-thermal tails. Similar to Arecibo enhancement by photoelectrons but much stronger. The ionizing wave includes large T<sub>e</sub>/T<sub>i</sub> plasma and hot electron tails. Enhancement stops at low altitude when collisional damping dominates over Landau.

Classic signature of non-equilibrium plasma with supra-thermal tails





O-mode, 1V/m amplitude, electron temperature 0.4 eV, and different angles of incidence, B field *at 14-* °. to the vertical line (same parameters as JGR 2012).

**E**<sub>z</sub> amplitude t=1 ms for different angles of incidence. The case ,7.6- $\circ$ . corresponds roughly to the Spitze angle ,8.1- $\circ$ . Also at ,-7.6- $\circ$ . there is an accumulation of electrostatic waves due to absorption (called southward process by Mjolhus 1990). The O mode turning point is at z=231.0 km and the upper hybrid resonance layer at z=223.8 km (outside the range of the plots).



### Ionospheric Heater – What it is and what it does



**High power RF transmitters between 2.5-10 MHz that deposit** energy into the electrons at altitudes 70-100 km (D/E region) or 200-300 km (F-region) in a controlled fashion.

What function of Ionospheric Heaters is relevant to Magnetosphere/RB Research  $\frac{2}{79}$ 

### Puzzle: Coupled Whistler-driven Precipitation spikes with ULF (SAW) waves

Rosenberg et al. JGR 76, 8445, 1971; Lanzerotti 6 sec micropulsations >30 keV



Increase whistler energy density ->increase precipitation –RBR-> Inject whistlers (Helliwell 70's; DSX-Inan et al., 2002) Alternative: Is it possible to inject SAW and use them to amplify whistlers or convert them to EMIC?

### Speculation: SAW can lead to amplified whistler spikes



Periodic & quasiperiodic emissions: 100's of papers: Bespalov & Trakhtengerts Rev. Plasma Physics Vol. 10, 1986

### **MeV Electron Precipitation**

Lab experiment UCLA Wang et al. PRL, April 2012



17 m, 10 sections control B 450 diagnostic ports



### LAPD Experiment



**Physics hypothesis:** Loss cone drives whistlers leading to steady state loss (KP)- Injection of SAW couples (?) to whistlers giving enhanced spiky loss

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### Implications - Barge or Shipboard Option

Combination of low HF power and high HF frequency requirements allow for mobile option





Strawman HF Array

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Objective – The goal of this effort is to bring together physicists and engineers from the space science, ionospheric modification, plasma modeling, and high power microwave source communities to examine anew the question of coupling electromagnetic energy to the ionosphere.

Define, and design modern, efficient, powerful, and adaptive/tunable EM sources for ionospheric modification, and provide hardware testing under laboratory conditions typical at University high power microwave facilities (vacuum loads and/ or anechoic chamber);







## Example of study of MHD Wave Propagation in the Inner Belt Using Arecibo and Van Allen Probes







#### **IONOSPHERIC HEATING AND HEATERS**



HAARP heater – Phase Array -360 el 2.8-10 MHz, ERP .6-5 GW



E≈1-1.5 V/m at 150 km, 5 MHz  $\tilde{V}/V_e \approx .1$  at 230 km



#### 4.5 MHz, Azimuth=0



2.70 MHz

9.2 MHz



### SEE Gyro-Harmonics Sub-threshold Power

Double resonance near 4<sup>th</sup> cyclotron harmonic- HF frequency at zero shift 5.4 MHz



SURA Facility SEE Carozzi et al.JGR 2002

### Twisted Beam Experiments P. Bernhardt



HF Twisted Beam









#### **HF PATHS – RESONANCE FREQUENCIES**

HF trequency equals; Plasma frequency, Upper hybrid, **double resonance** if upper hybrid coincides with cyclotron frequency





km



#### STUDY ELECTRON HEATING DUE TO ES WAVE GIVEN BY $E_x = E_o \sin(kx - \omega t)$



Figure 2: Power spectrum obtained from a Vlasov simulation (left) and theoretical dispersion diagram (right) showing the upper hybrid (UH) branch and several electron-Bernstein (EB) modes at the electron cyclotron harmonics for  $\omega_{UH} = 4\omega_{ce}$ . The wave energy is concentrated to the eigenmodes of the system. After *Eliasson* (2010).



A=ek<sub>x</sub>E<sub>o</sub>/m $\Omega_e^2$ ,  $\Omega=\omega/\Omega_e$ , Velocity norm to  $\omega/k$ , t->1/ $\Omega_e$ 







# How to control location and profile of electron heating



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#### **HAARP HEATER**





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1. The 4.20 MHz frequency results show two distinct layers. (3<sup>rd</sup> gyro harmonic between 4.20 and 4.30 MHz)

- 2. Rate of descent approx same for 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 MHz. Lower descent rates for 4.1 and 4.2 MHz
- 3. Note direction of ion-acoustic waves for double layers that occur for 4.50 and 4.20 MHz. (yellow arrows)

#### **POWER THRESHOLD**

*Figure below*: UHF radar scattering from HF-enhanced ion-line for HAARP power levels 1%, 5%, 20%, 50% 100% (3.6MW)

Downward progression of signals is indicative of large-scale heating.



At least 20% of HAARP full power is required to attain substantial large-scale modification of ionospheric structure.
Double layer effect is not power-dependent. Exists for power greater than 20% level when signals are present.



Figure 9: SEE signatures associated with APL formation {Berhardt and Briczinski}

