

Ionospheric ELF/ULF Generation Without Needing Electrojets

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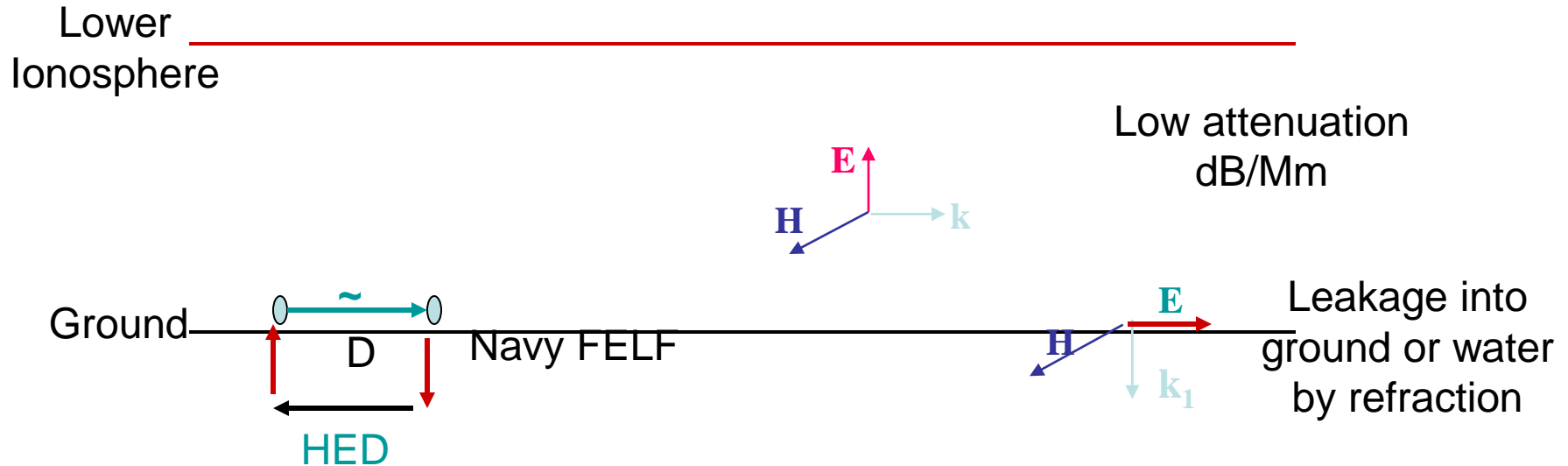
Invited Presentation

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ELF/ULF – GROUND TRANSMITTER ISSUES

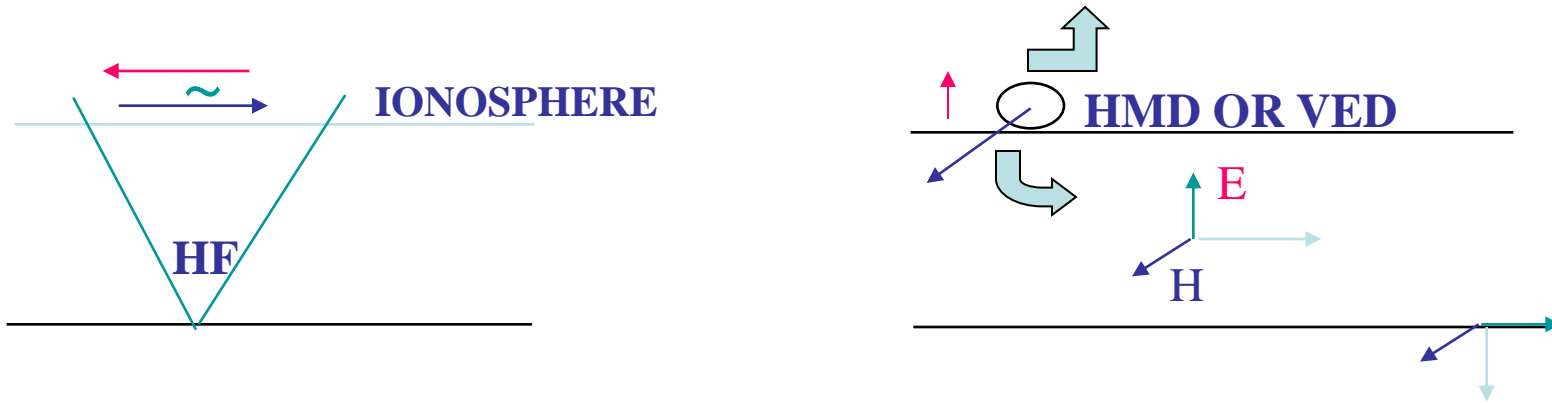
- **Why: Penetrate deep into the ground and seawater**
Couple to the earth-ionosphere waveguide and propagate with small attenuation



Problems : Low Efficiency Coupling $(D/\lambda)^2$; No tunability ; Limited Bandwidth

Cannot use VED

ALTERNATIVE IONOSPHERIC GENERATION –circa 1973



- **HF-PLASMA CURRENT DRIVE** - USE ABSORPTION OF MODULATED HF POWER IN THE IONOSPHERE TO DRIVE LOW FREQUENCY AC CURRENTS IN THE IONOSPHERE
- **EARLY (1973-1975) CONCEPT- PONDEROMOTIVE FORCE CURRENT DRIVE**
- **THRESHOLD** - EITHER VERY OBLIQUE HEATERS OR TOO MUCH POWER
- **ALTERNATIVE (1974)** – MODULATE EJET CONDUCTIVITY

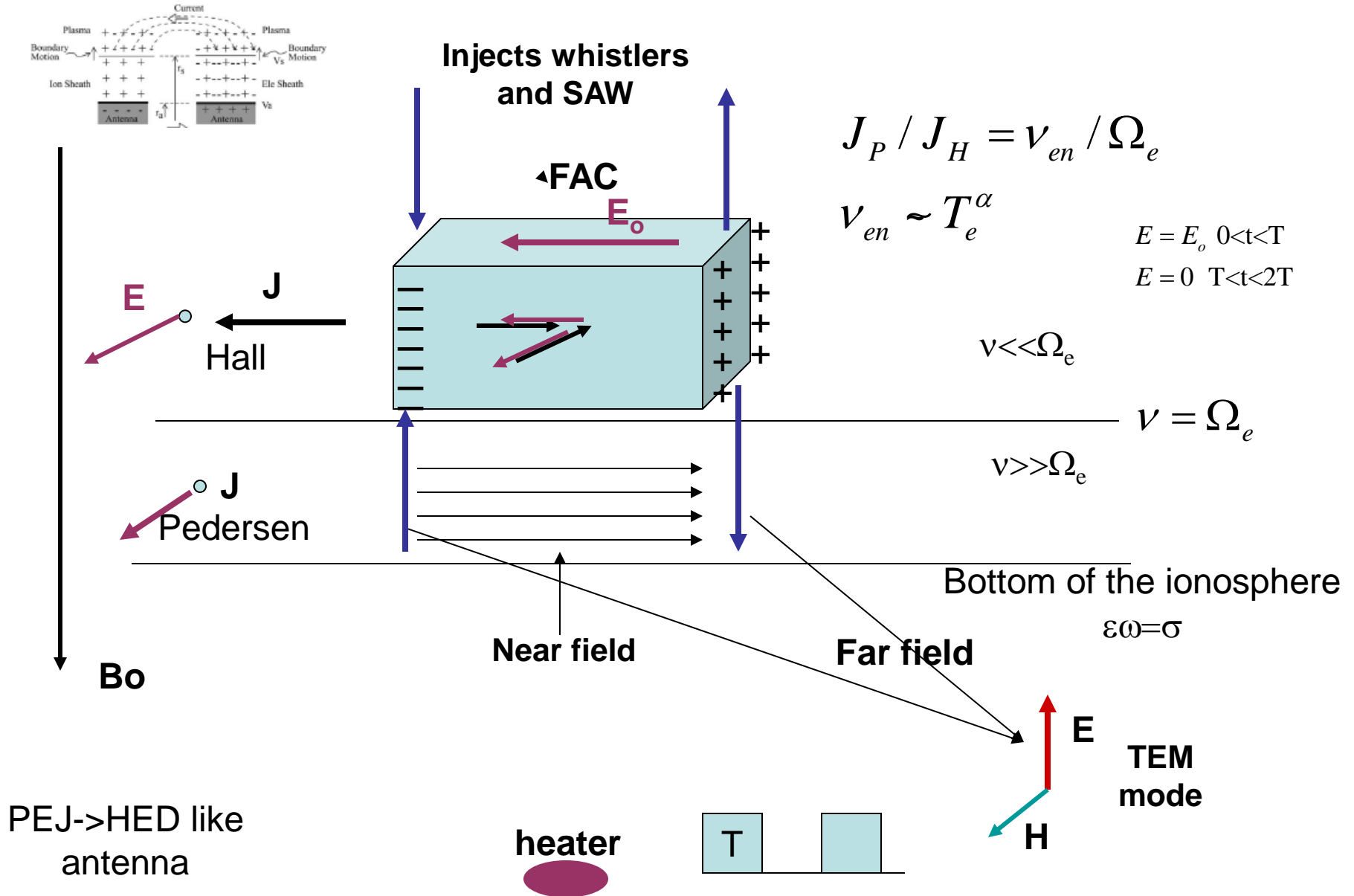
- **PEJ ANTENNA DEMONSTRATED IN SURA, TROMSO, HIPAS, HAARP**
PEJ ANTENNA DRAWBACKS – **EJET AVAILABILITY , HEATER LOCATION, NEED FOR LONG PROPAGATION**

LOW FREQUENCY CURRENT DRIVE

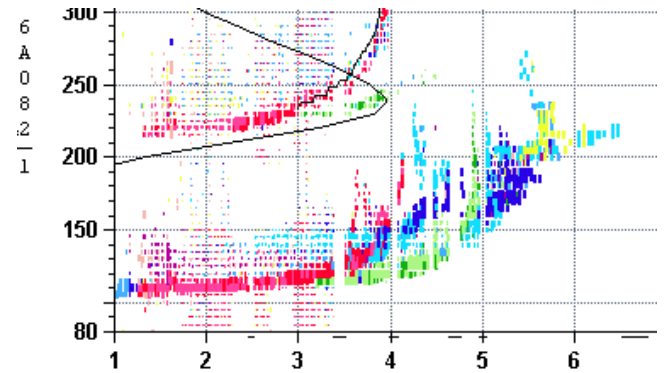
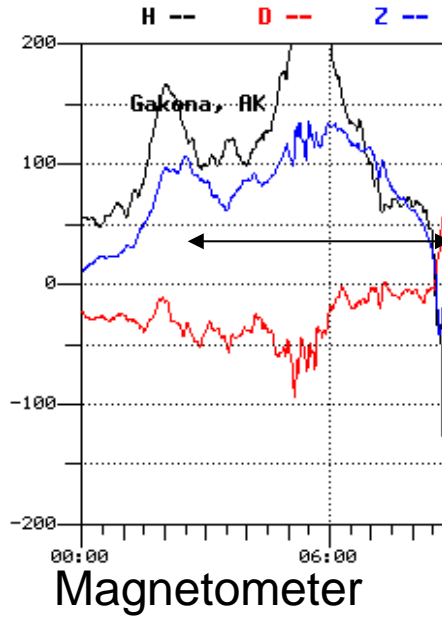
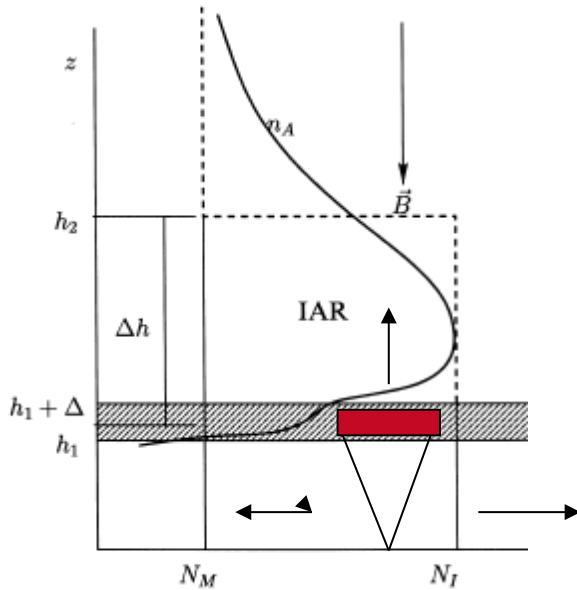
A REALITY

- **THEORY AND HAARP EXPERIMENTS CONFIRMING GENERATION AND PROPAGATION OF LOW FREQUENCY WAVES (.1-20 Hz) BY COLLISIONLESS IONOSPHERIC CURRENT DRIVE**
 - FUTURE TESTS AND CONCEPTS TO DETERMINE THE UPPER FREQUENCY
 - POSSIBLE TESTS IN ARECIBO (WHEN ?)
- **THEORY AND SIMULATIONS OF NOVEL CONCEPT OF CURRENT DRIVE BY CONVENTIONAL HED**
 - **ARTIFICIALLY CONSTRUCTED ELECTROJET (ACE)**
 - **PULSED ARTIFICIALLY CONSTRUCTED ELECTROJET (PACE)**

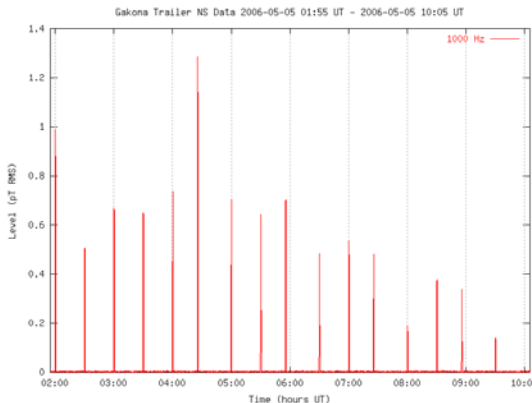
The Plasma Physics of the PEJ



PEJ ELF/ULF Generation Tests

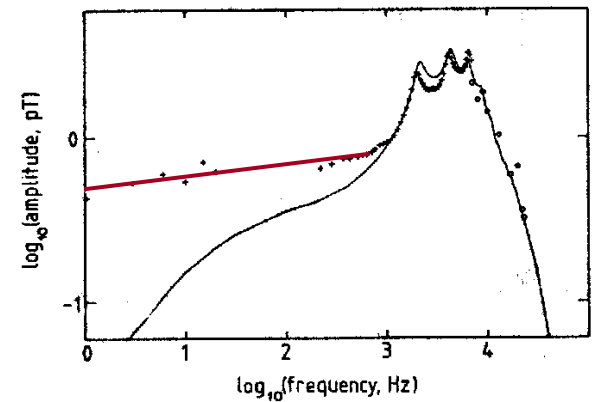


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1 kHz Signals

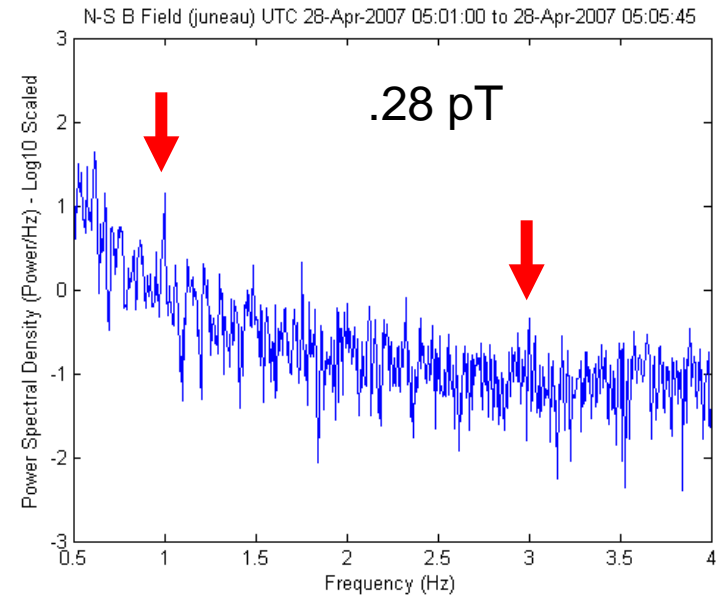
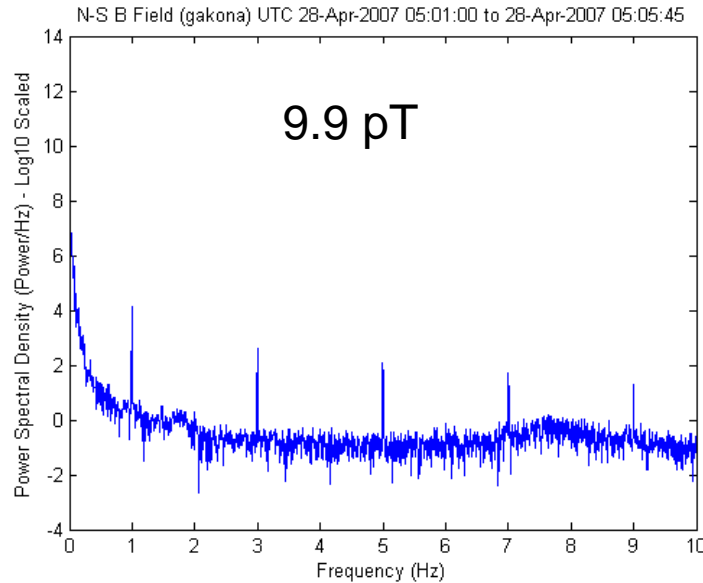
Marker of PEJ generation
 $B(F < 1kHz) / B(1kHz) \approx 1$



PEJ ULF Signal Propagation Evanescent Mode (1 Hz)

Gakona

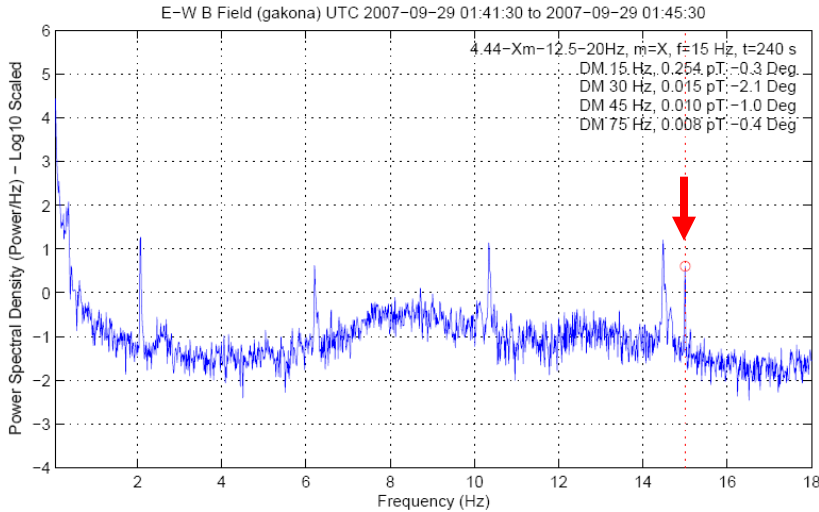
Juneau – 800 km



- 28 April, 2007 UTC 05:01:00 – 05:05:45
- HAARP at 2.88 MW and 3.3 MHz
- Detected **1 Hz & 3 Hz** peaks at Juneau – (30 dB loss)
- $B \sim 1/R^2$ wave evanescent (frequencies below few Hz)

PEJ ULF Signal Propagation Propagating Mode (15 Hz)

4.44 MHz, X-mode, full power, 14 Off Zenith, 202 Azimuth, AM sine wave
4.44-Xm-12.5-20Hz : [2007-09-29 01:37:15 to 2007-09-29 01:49:30]



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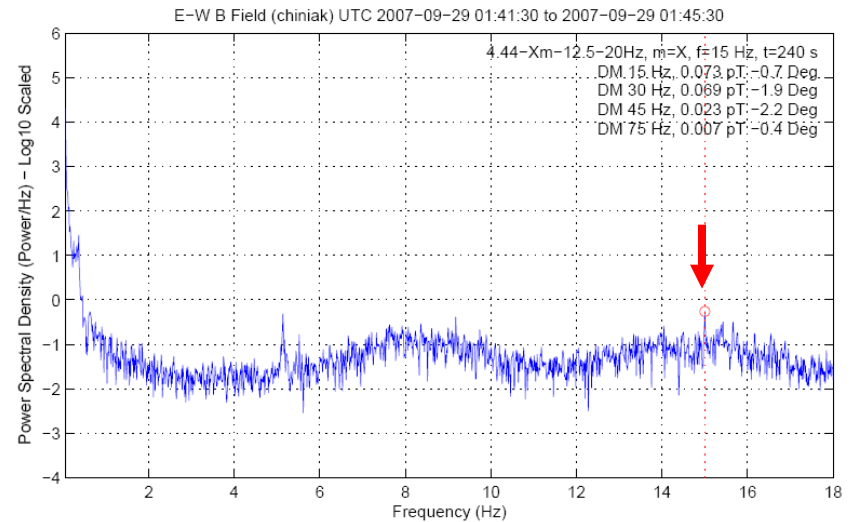
**Clear 15 Hz peak can be seen at
both sites**

EW Amplitudes:

Gakona: 0.25 pT

Chiniak: 0.07 pT

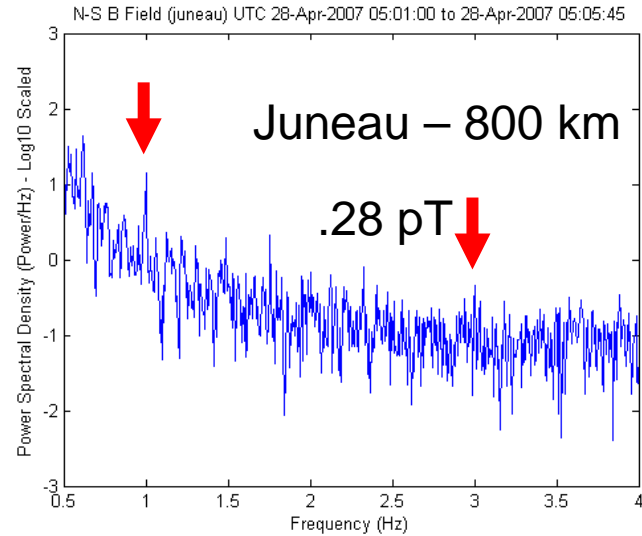
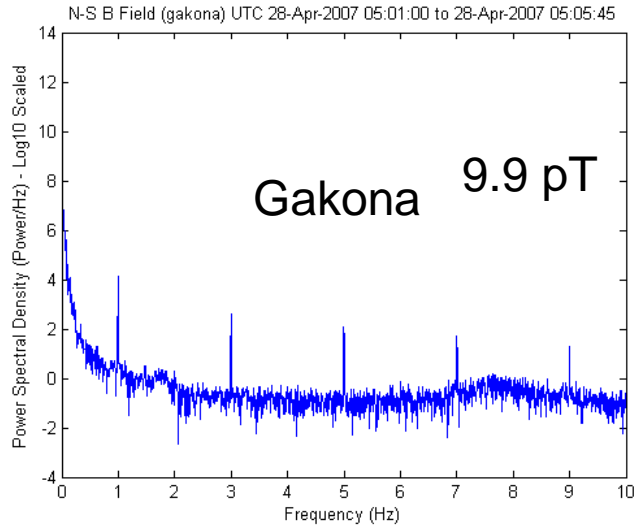
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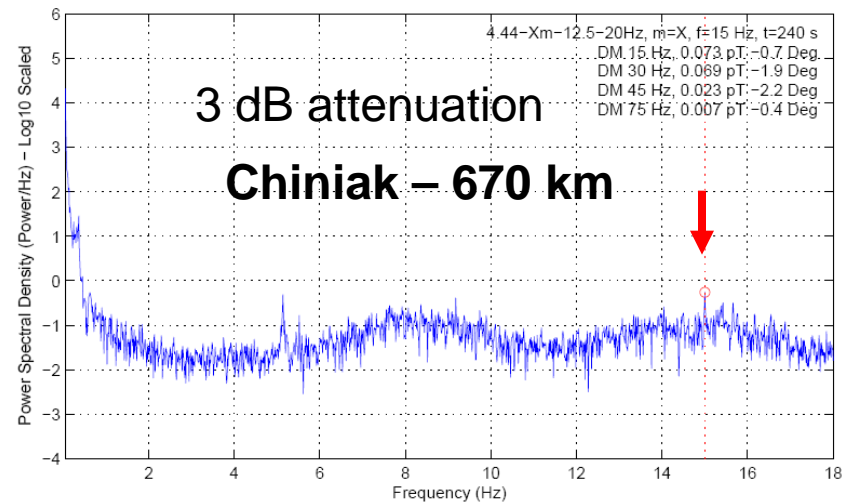
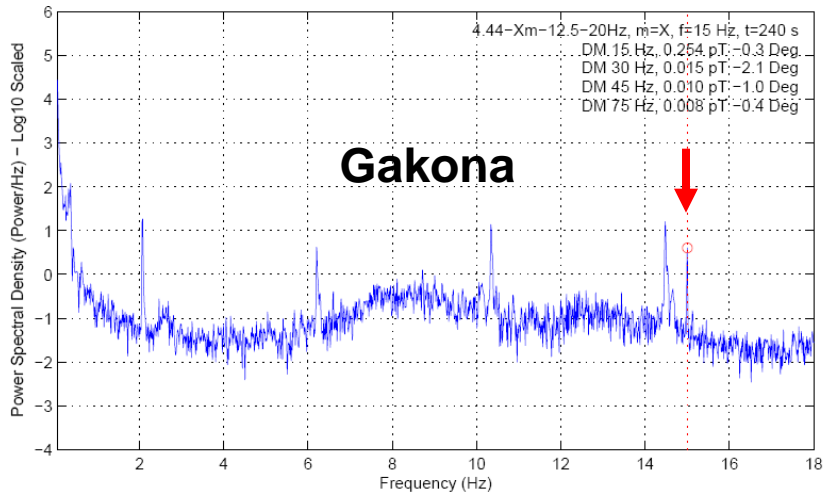
Chiniak – 670 km

**Propagating mode
3 dB attenuation**

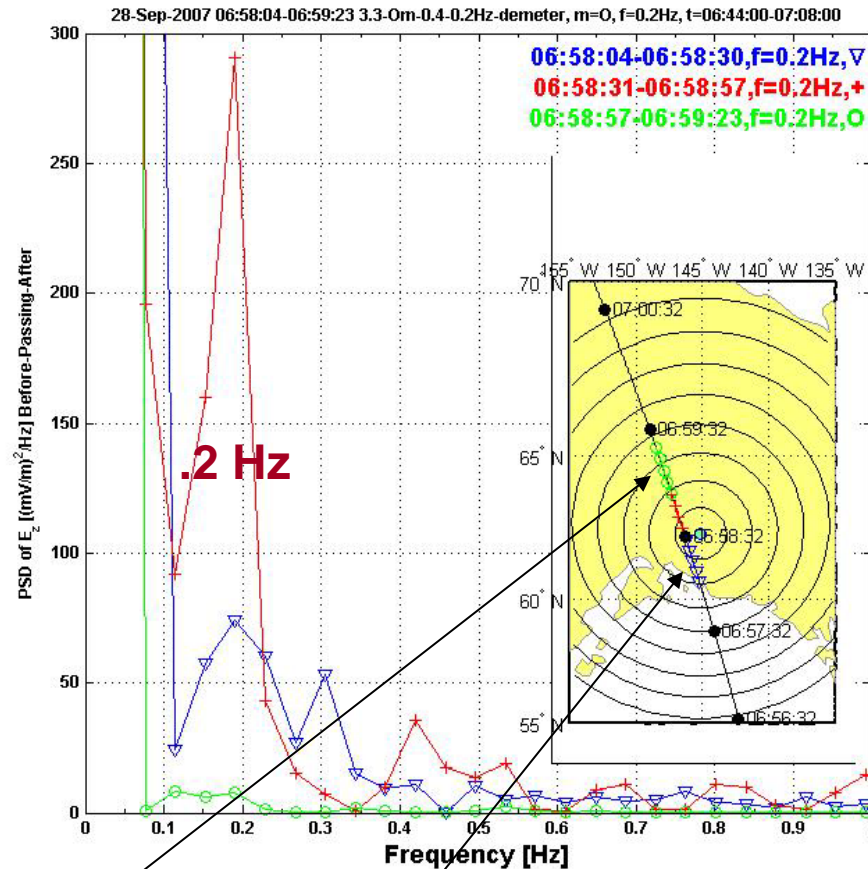
PEJ ULF Evanescent vs. Propagating Modes



30 dB
attenuation
 $1/R^2$
Evanescent



SAW DEMETER Detection



After

Before

Frequency .2 Hz

Closest distance 80 km

Detection time 25 sec

Detection distance 150 km

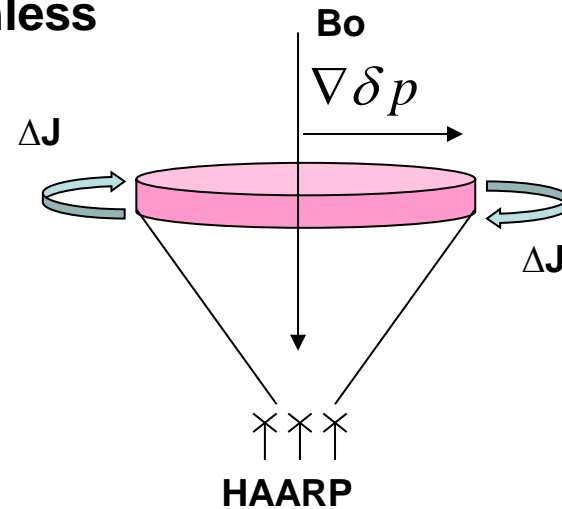
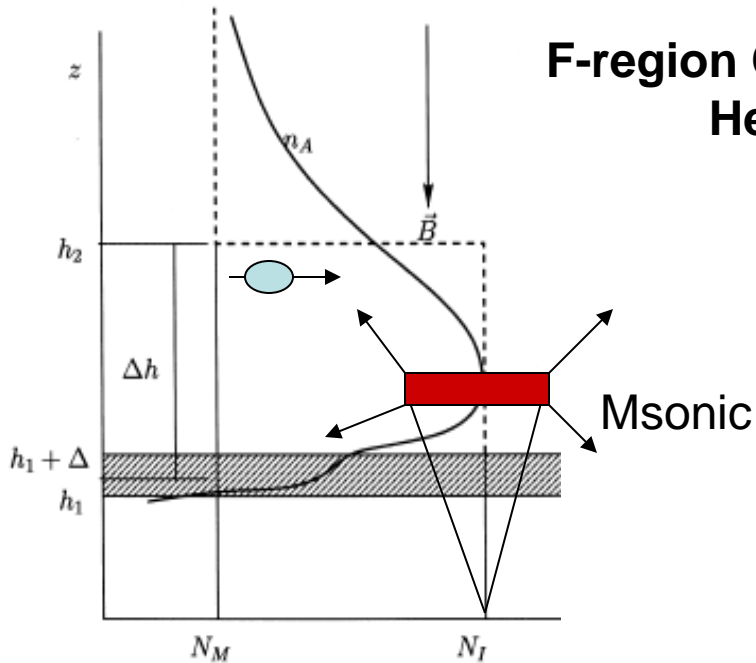
Maximum $E \approx 10$ mV/m

Estimated power ~ kW

1.5 pT on the ground

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Ionospheric Current Drive (ICD)



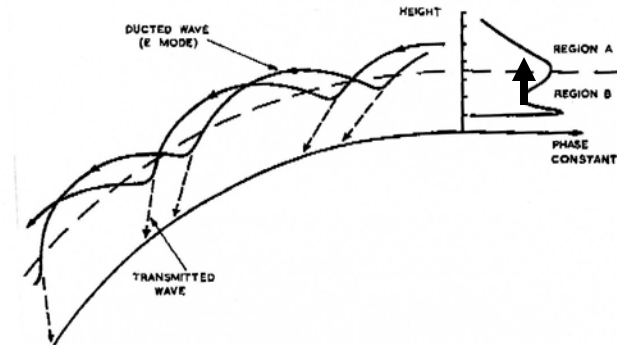
ICD Drives a Magnetic Loop – FAMD

Diamagnetic current

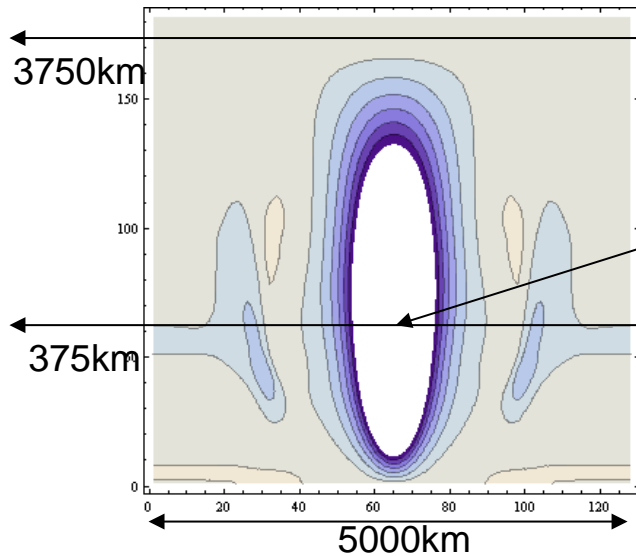
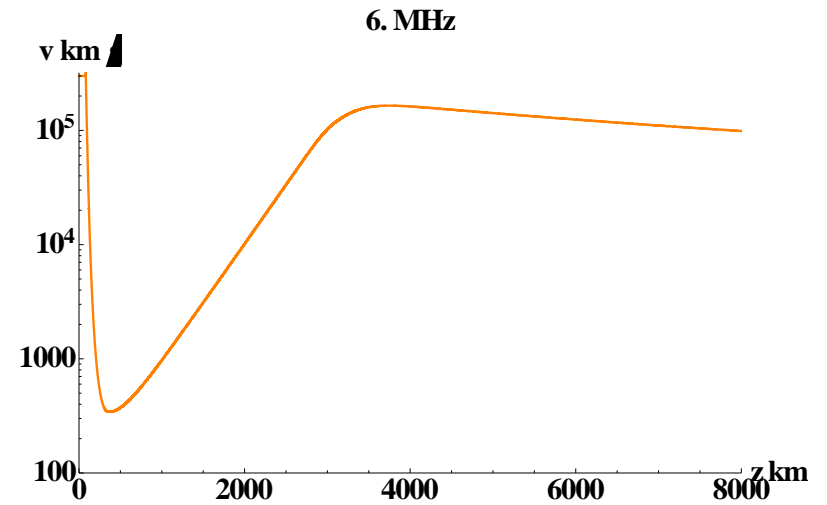
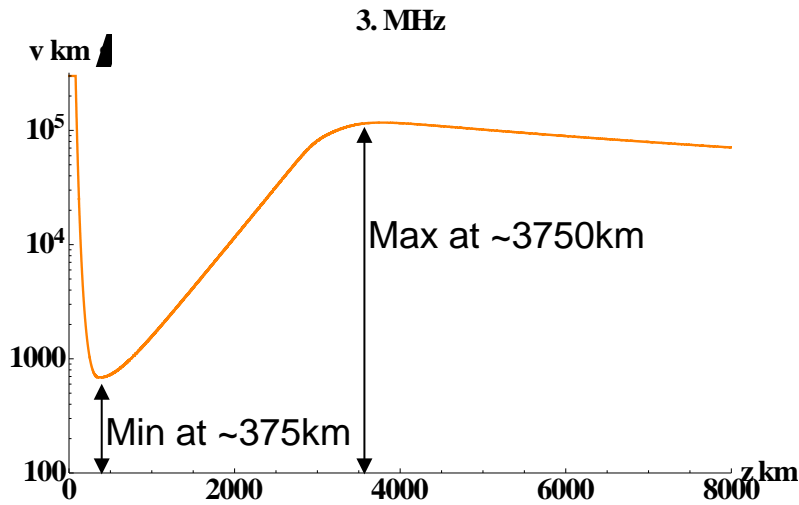
$$\Delta \vec{J} = \frac{\vec{B} \times \nabla \delta p}{B^2} \exp(i\omega t)$$

$$\vec{M} = \hat{b}(\Delta J L) \pi R^2$$

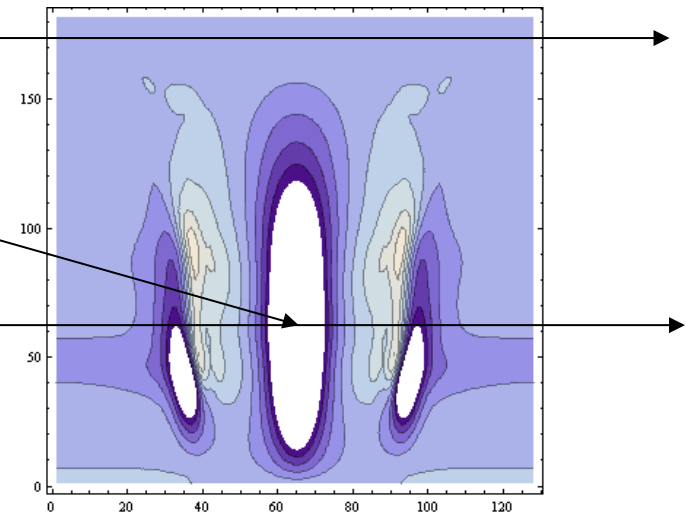
$$\vec{M} \approx \hat{b}(\text{Volume}) \Delta J \exp(i\omega t) \approx \hat{b} M_o \exp(i\omega t)$$



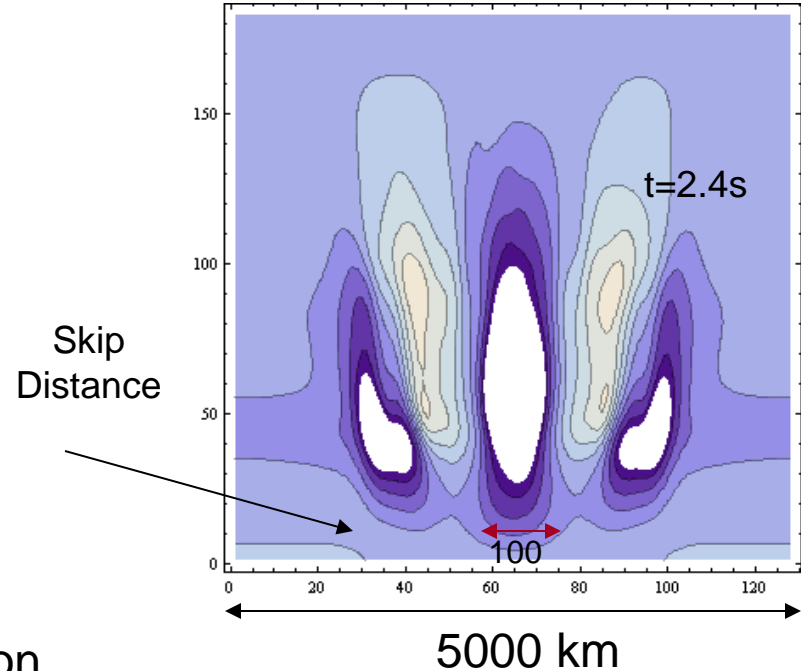
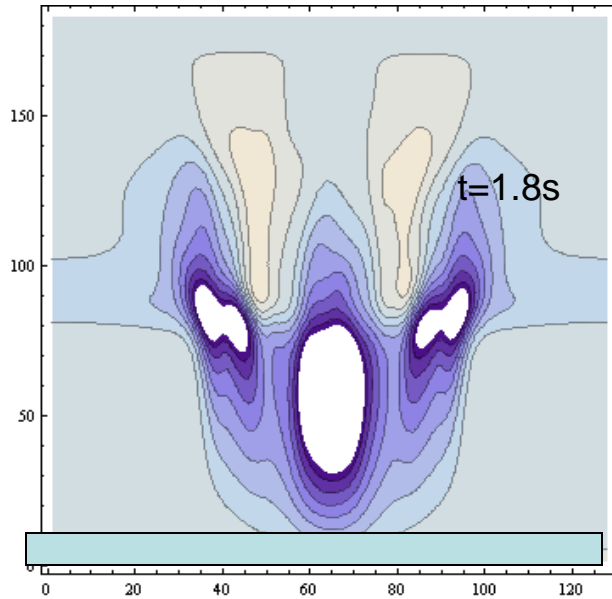
Weak F-Layer ($FoF2 < \sim 4.0$ MHz) Results in Weaker Waves



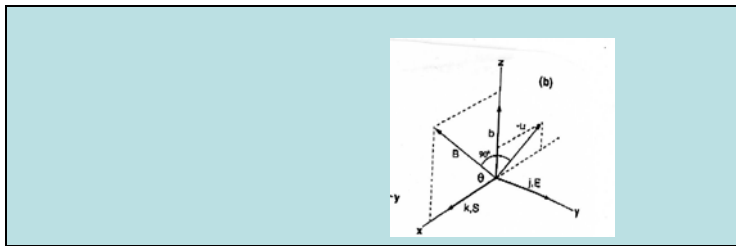
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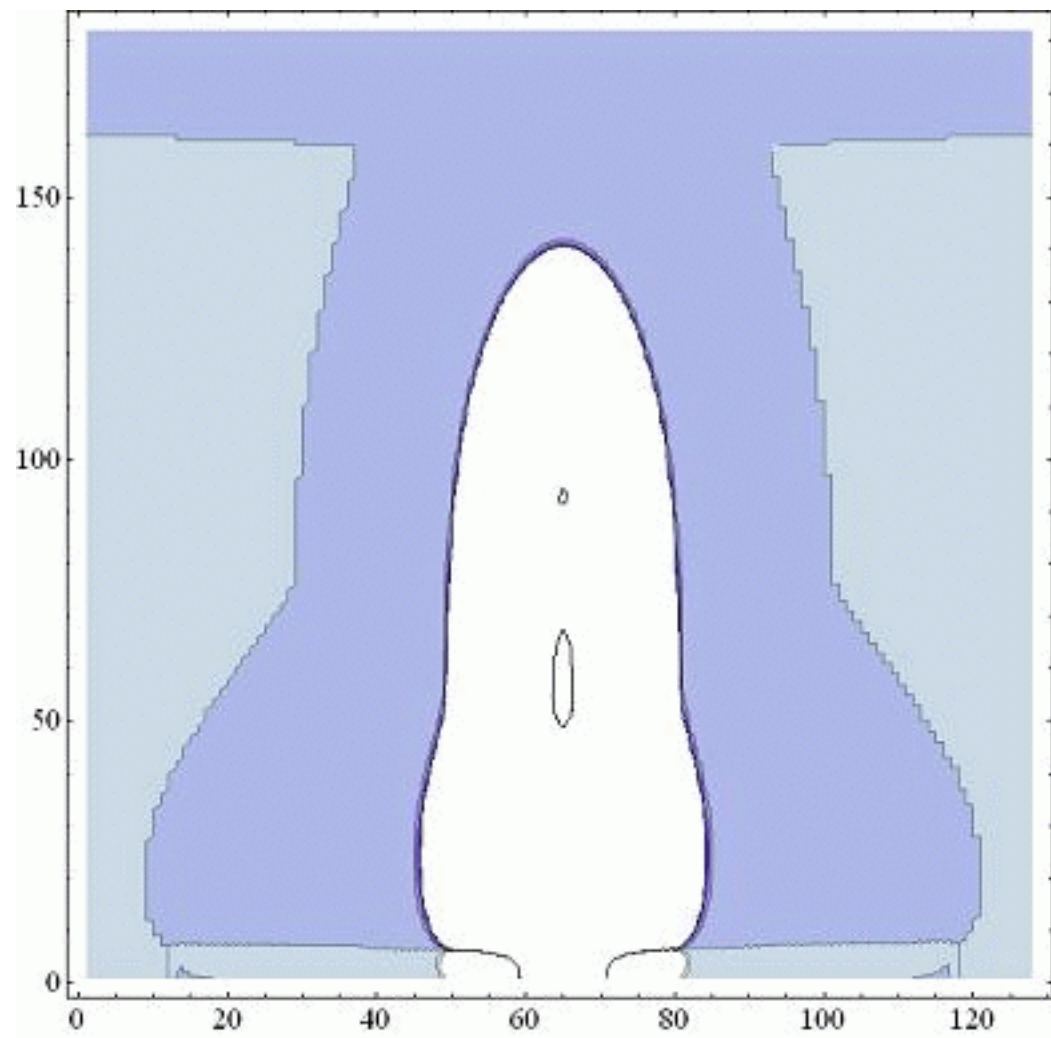
Propagation and Penetration to Ground

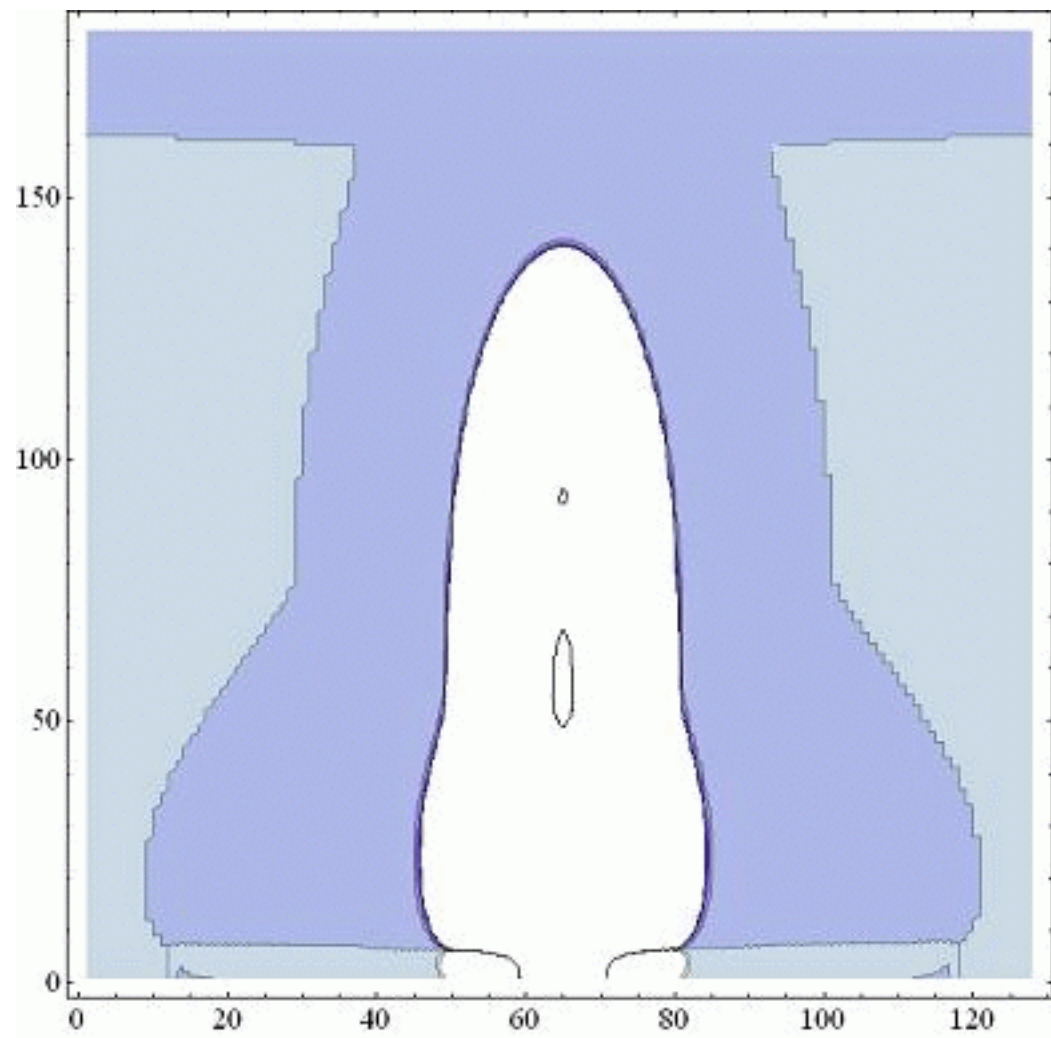


D/E region

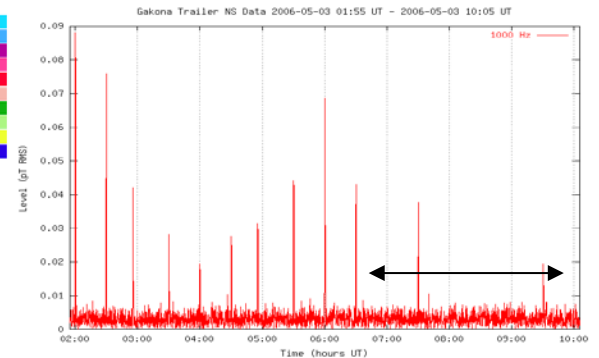
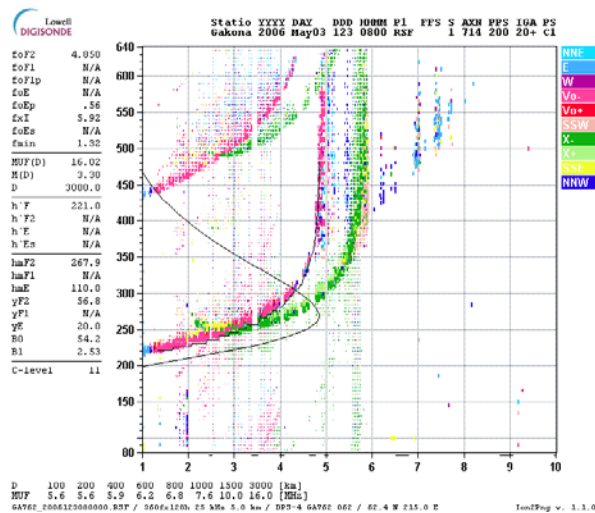
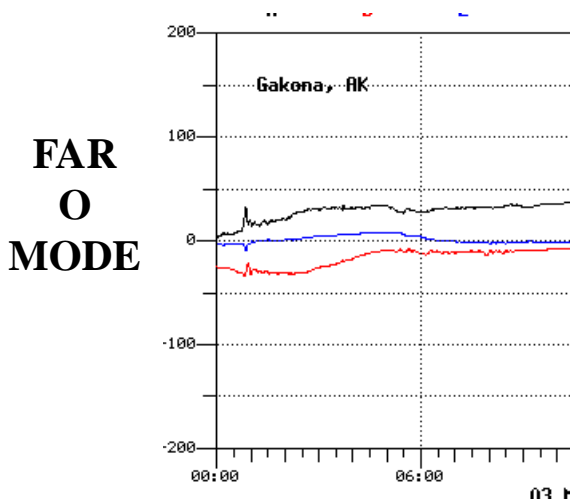
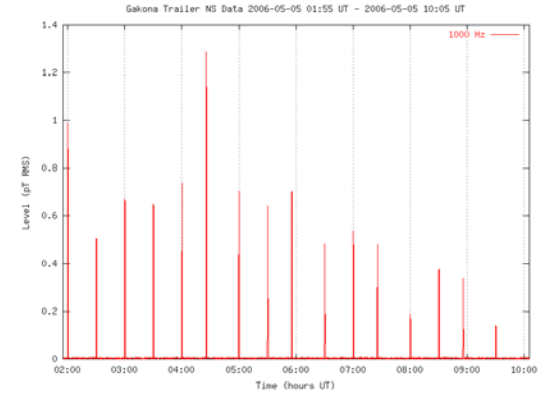
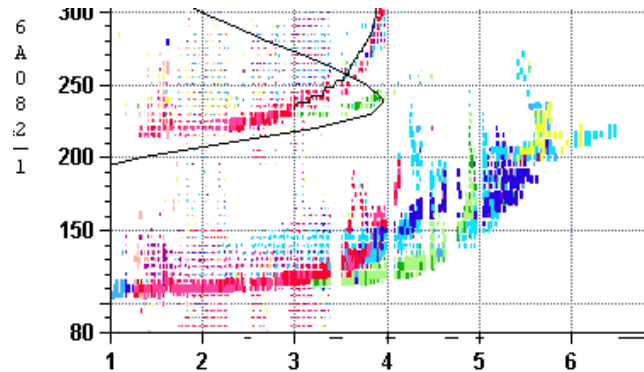
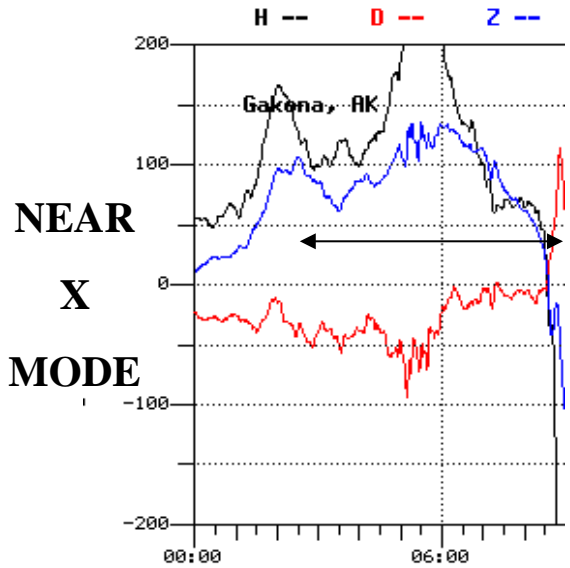


- Msonic wave imposes an oscillatory E field in the Hall region.
- It drives a Pedersen and a Hall current
- The Hall current generates B-field on the ground as well as injecting into the EI waveguide (Ejet like current)





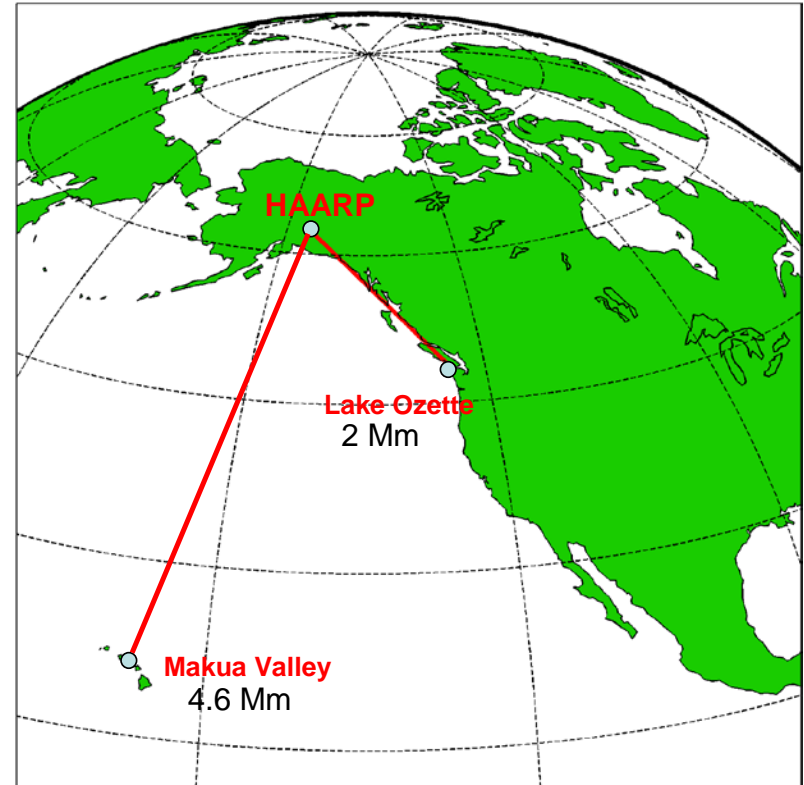
Optimal Conditions for ICD vs. PEJ



Far Measurement Sites



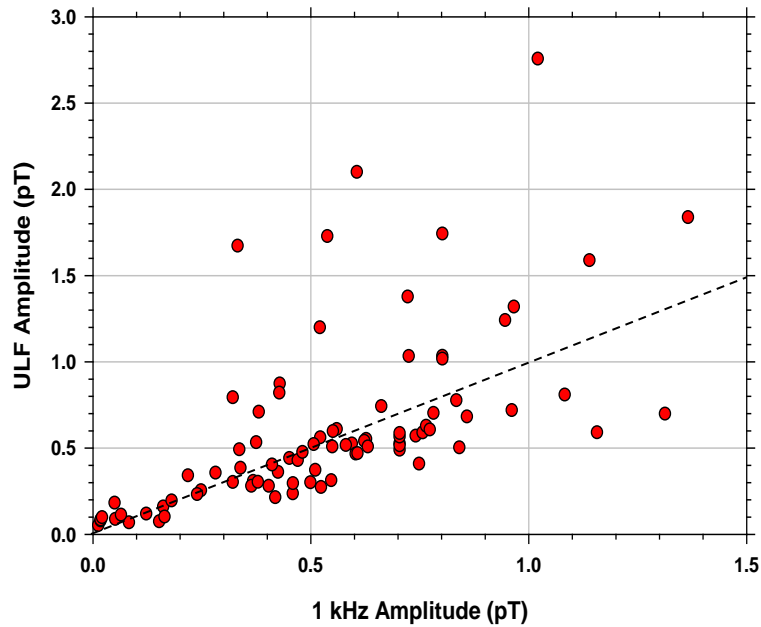
Early Experiments
(2006-2007)



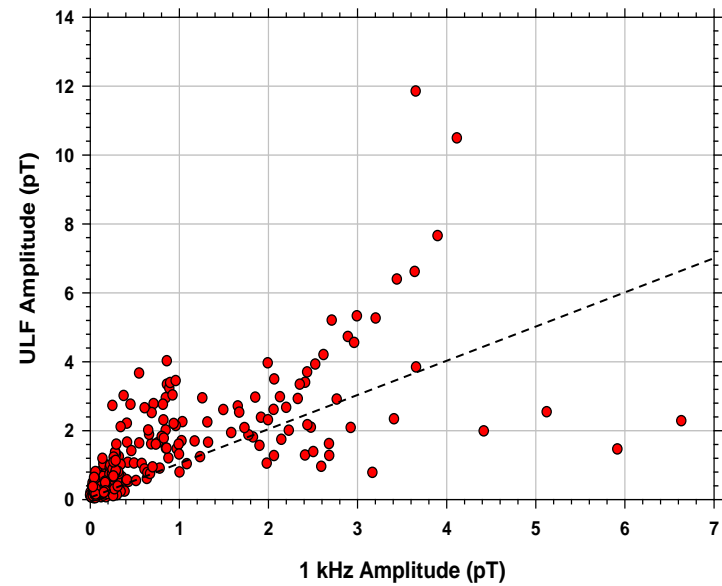
Recent Experiments (2008-2009)

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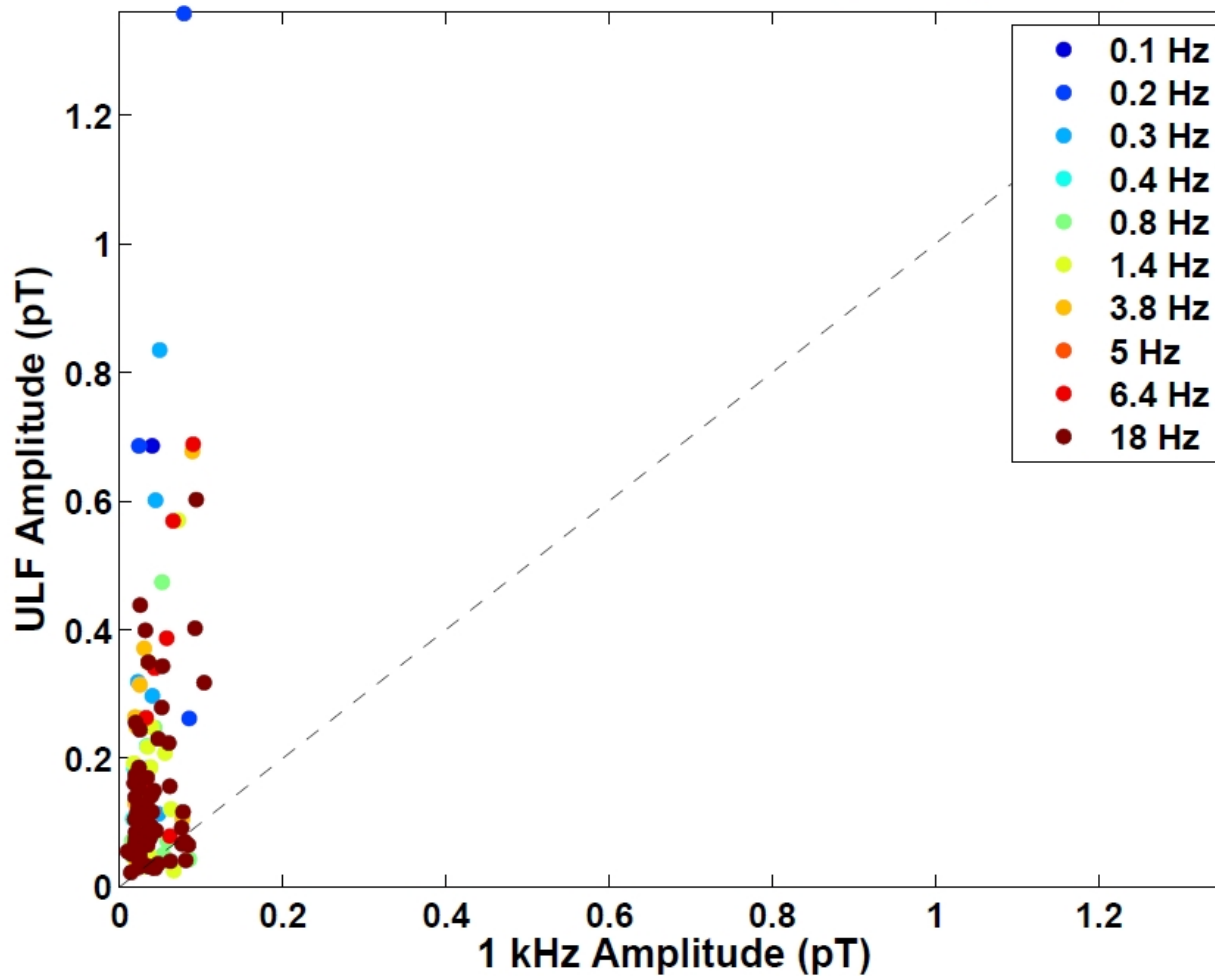
ULF vs. 1 kHz Amplitude [April 27-May 6, 2006]



ULF vs. 1 kHz Amplitude [April 24 - April 30, 2007]

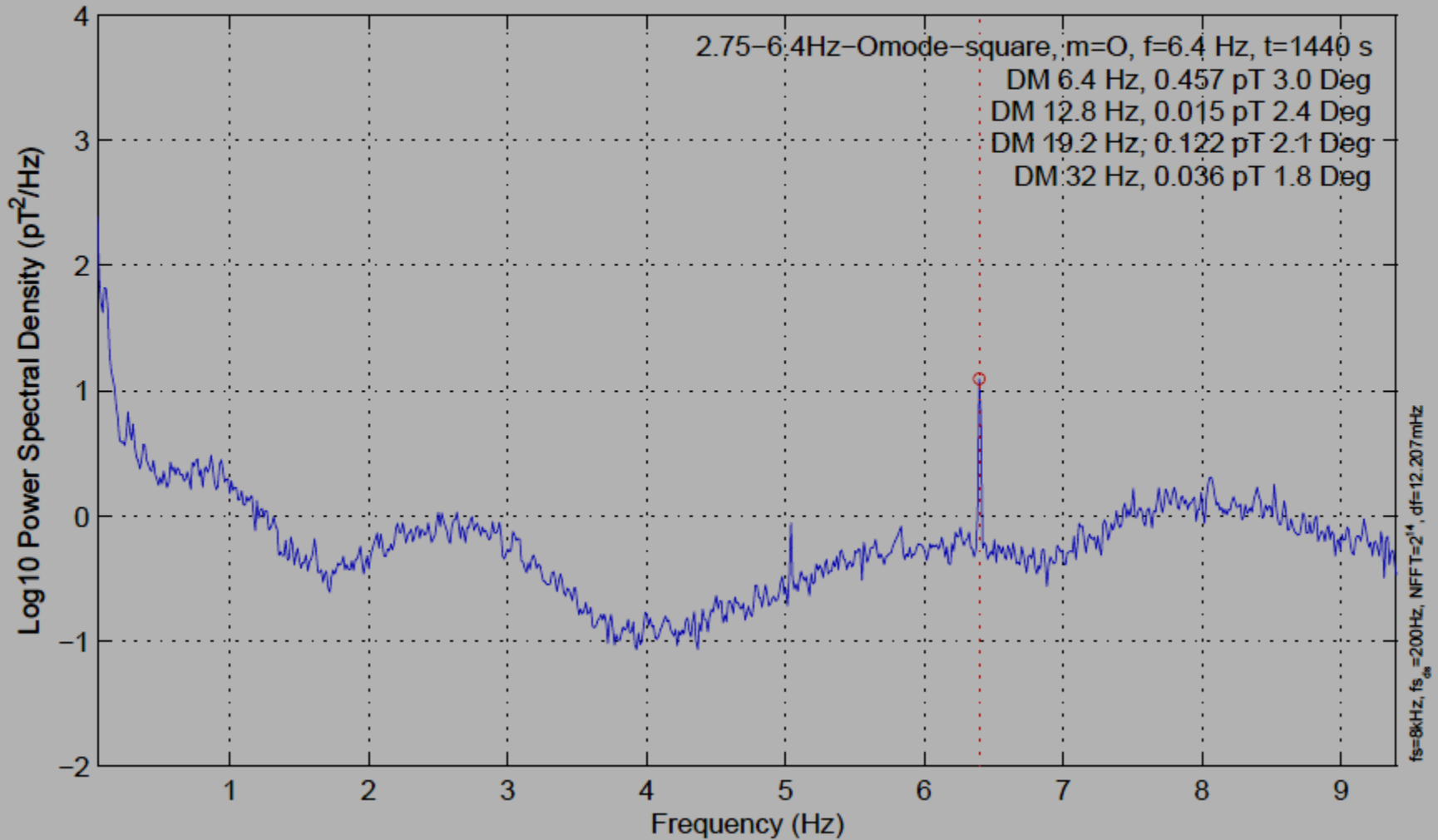


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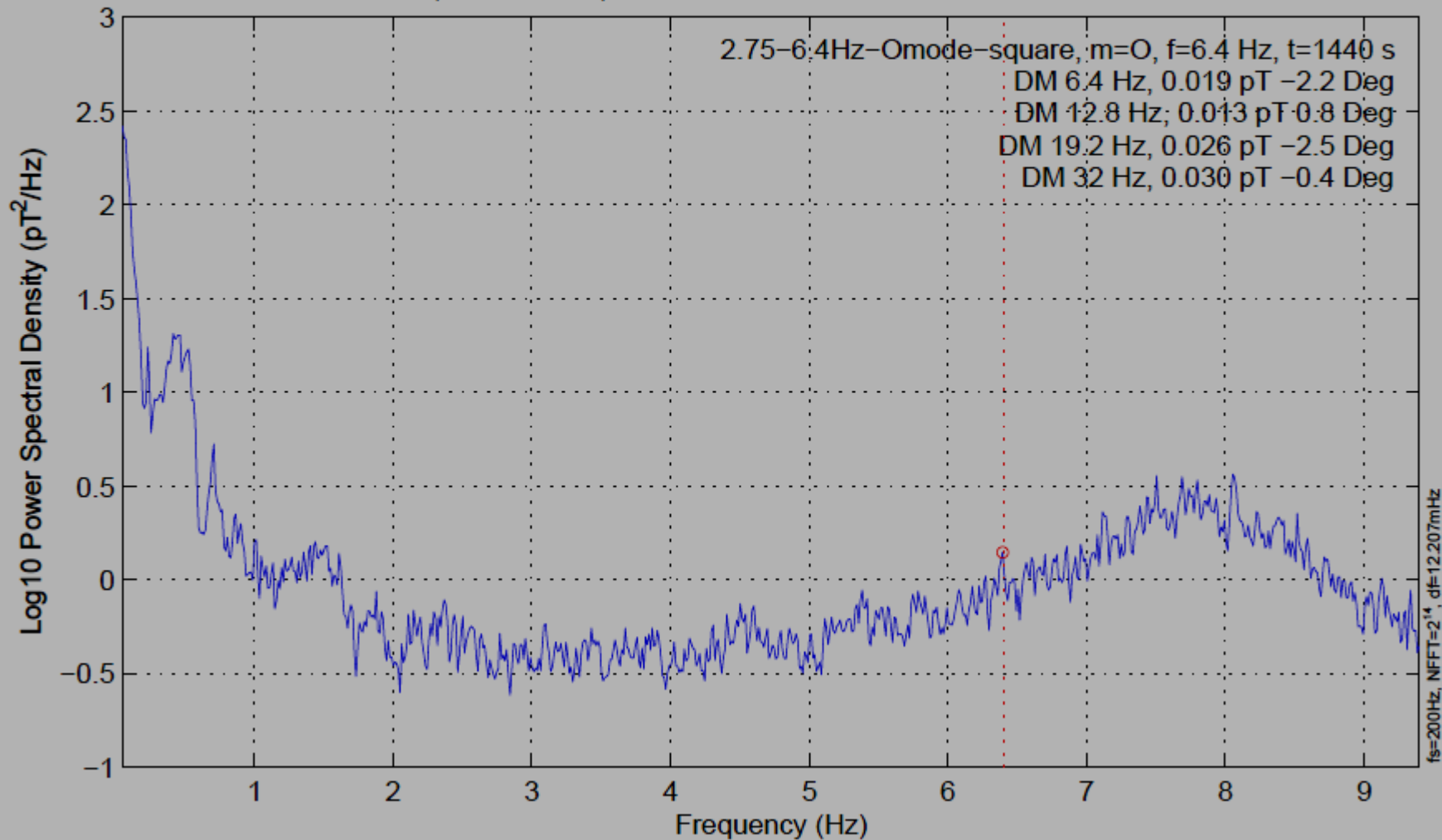
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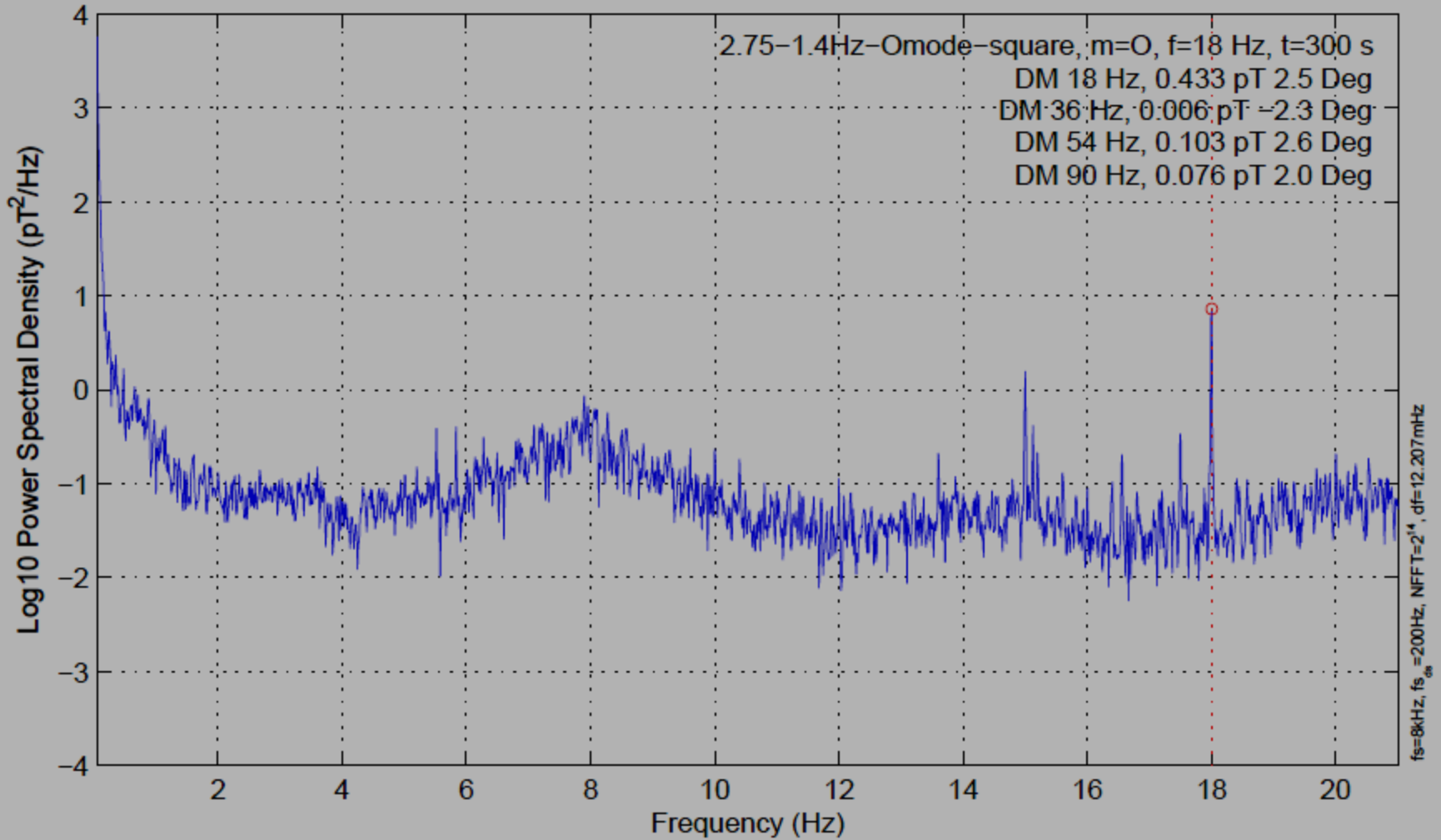
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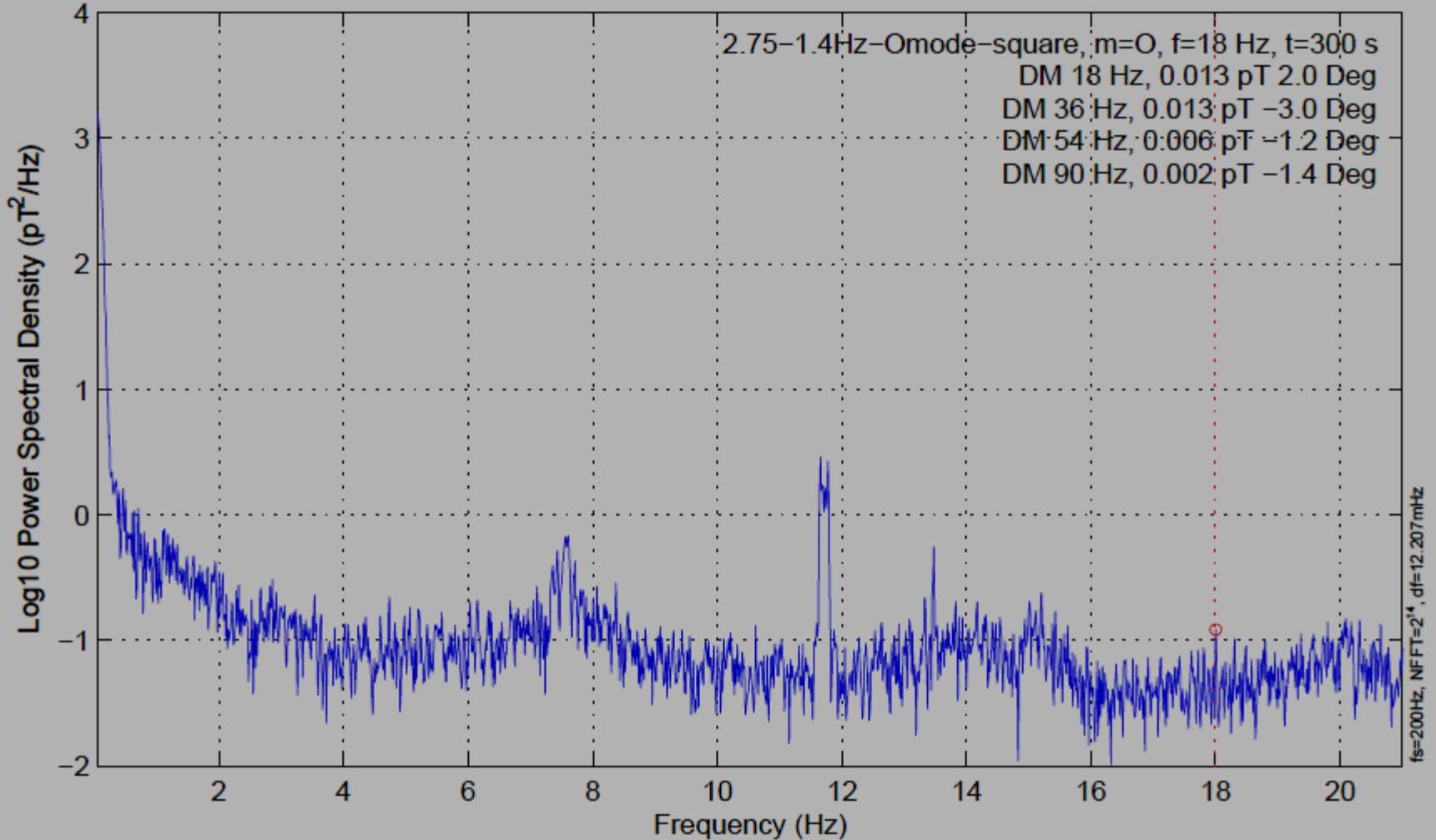
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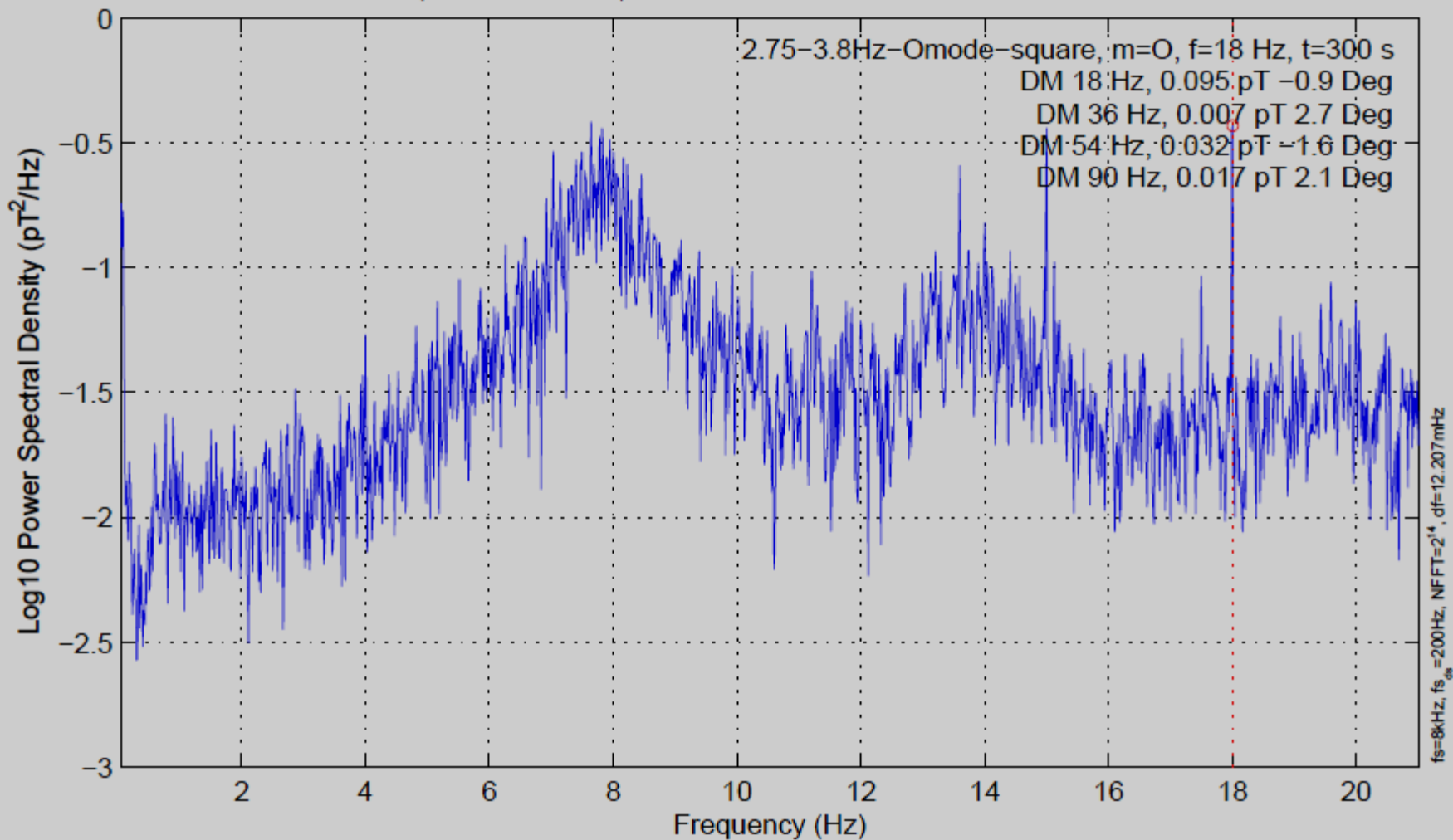
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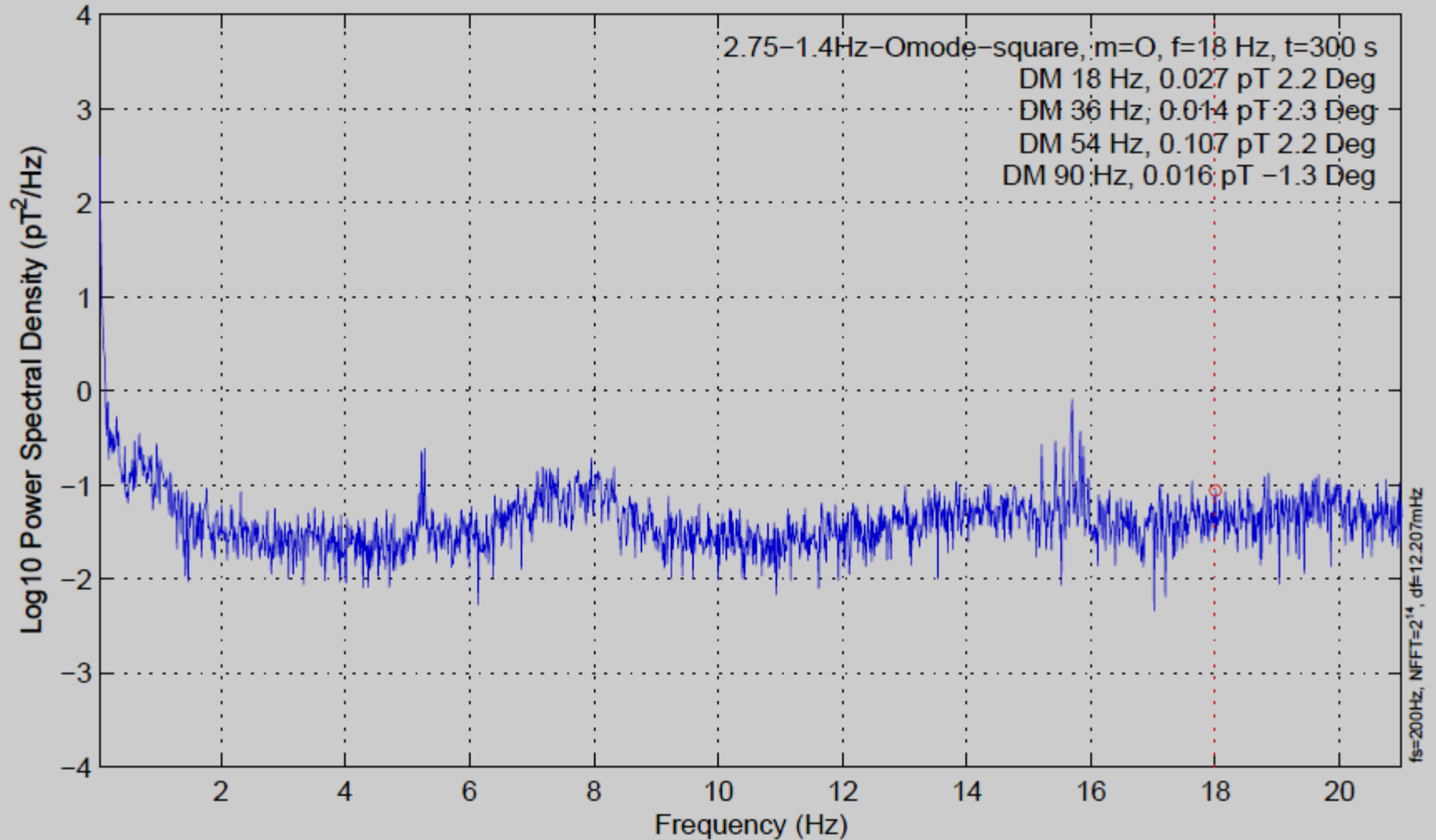
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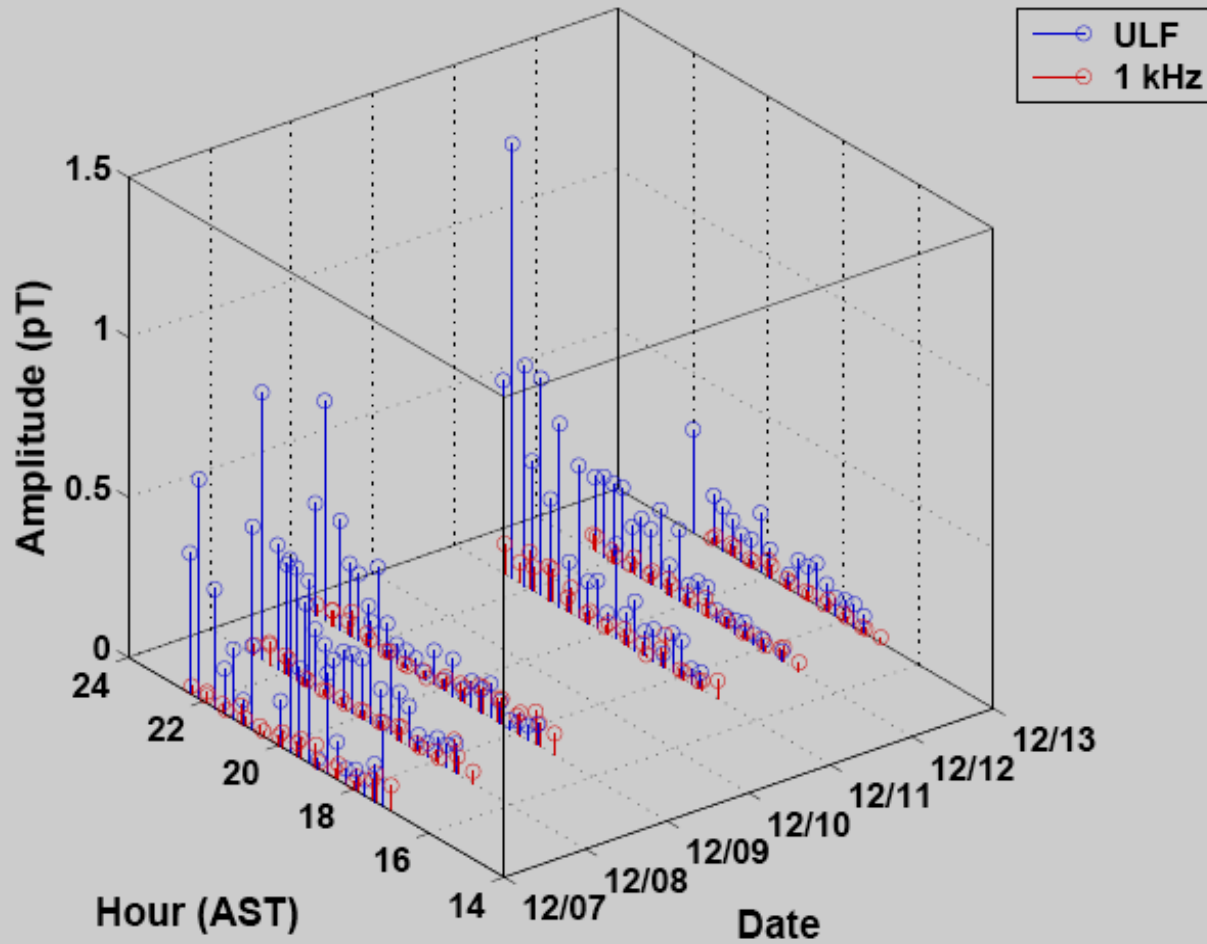


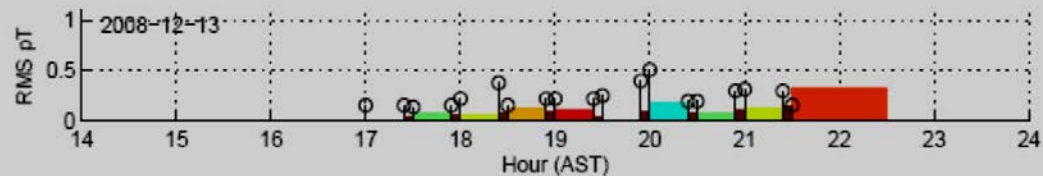
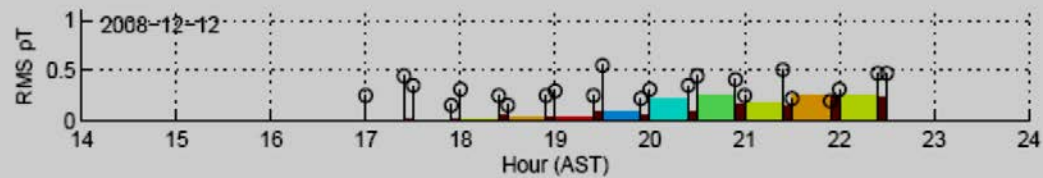
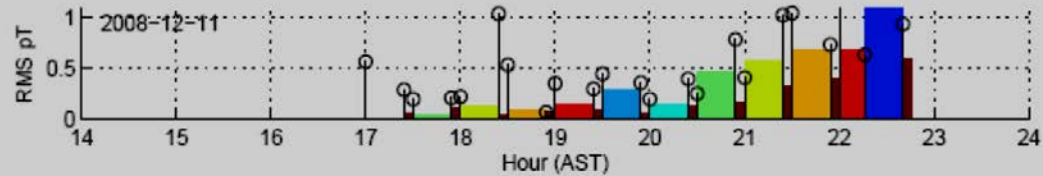
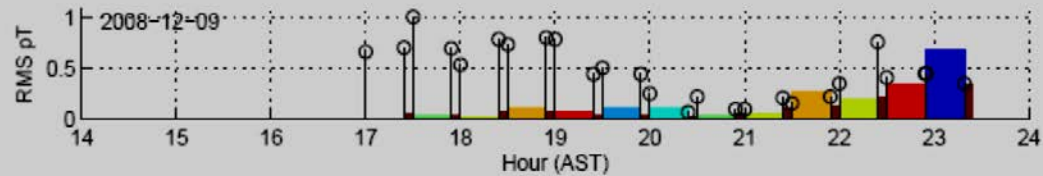
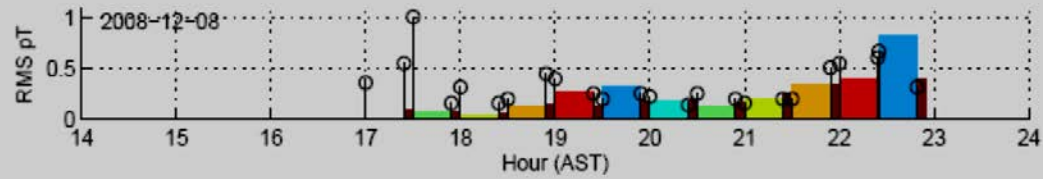
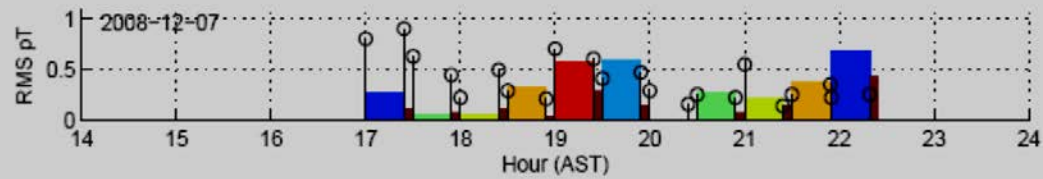
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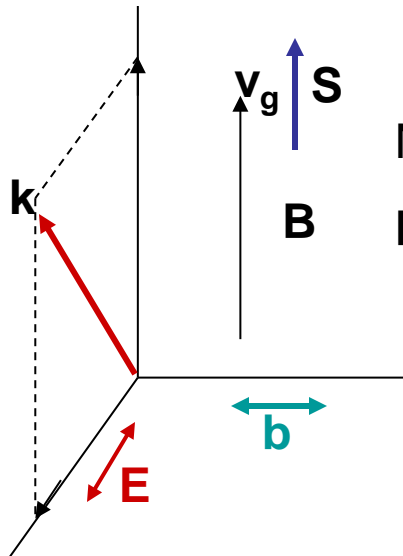
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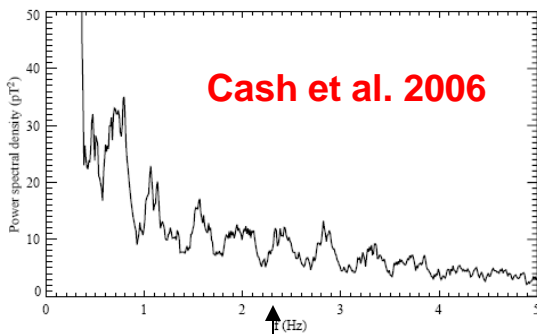
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SA Waves – Ionospheric Alfvén Resonator (IAR)



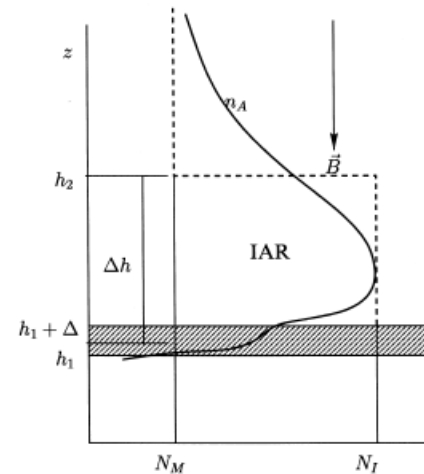
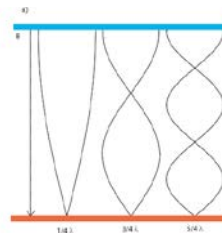
Notice
 $\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$

SA wave is guided along the B field
Reflections create standing wave structure



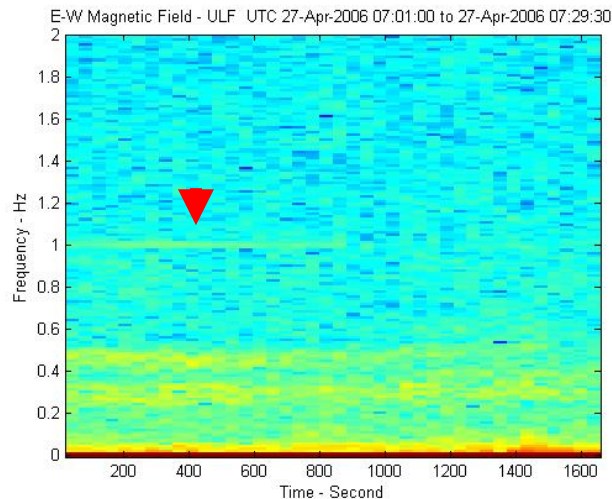
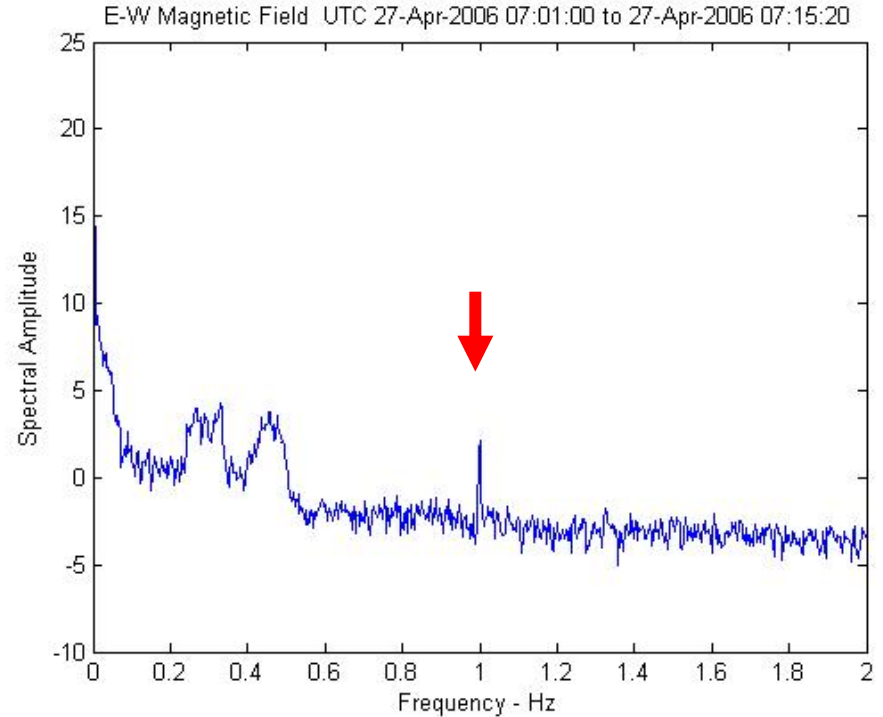
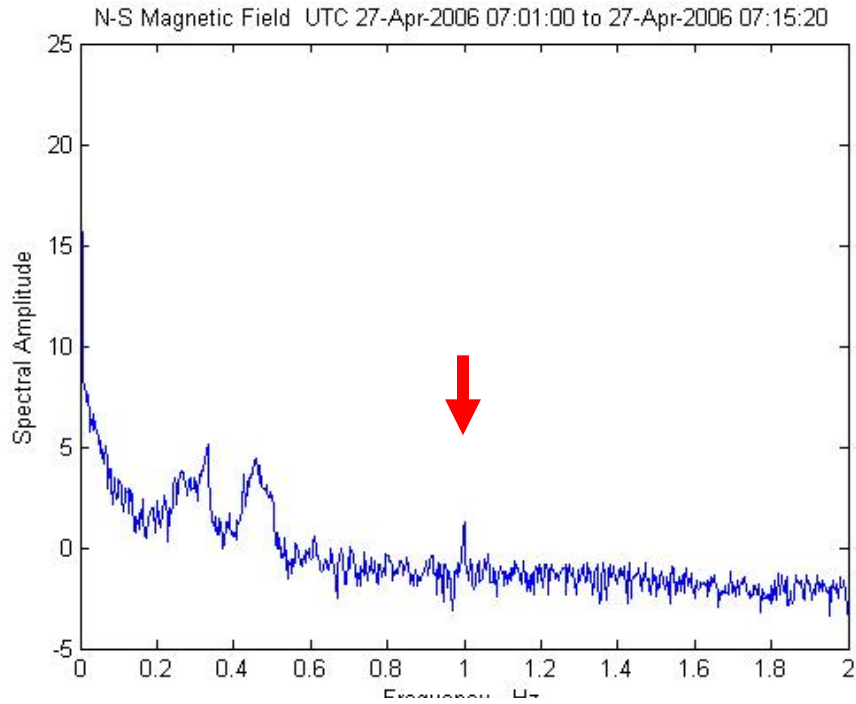
Fabry-Perot like Resonator
Natural SA waves

$$\omega_R \approx n \frac{\pi V_A}{(\Delta h)}$$



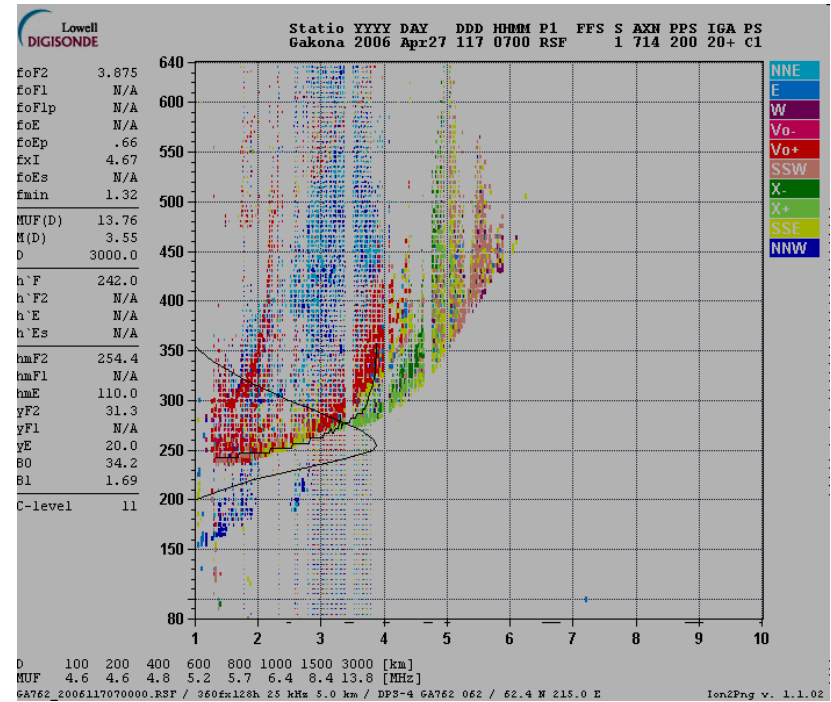
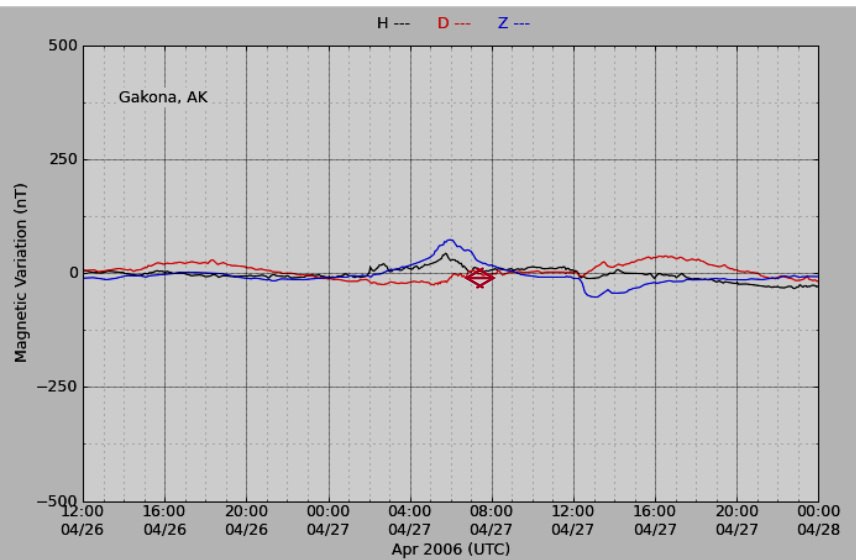
$$\eta = c/V_A$$

IAR Excitation by ICD



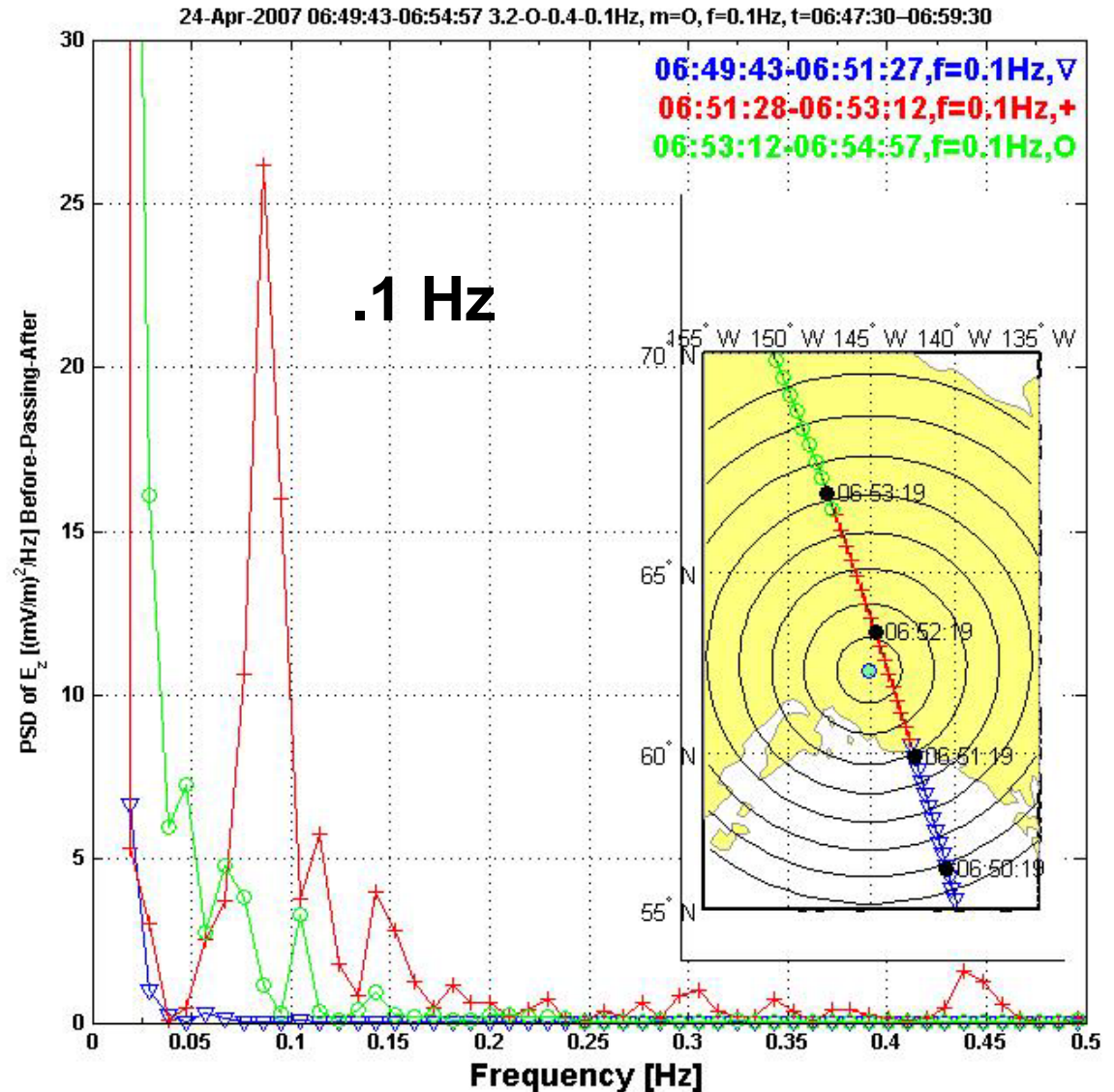
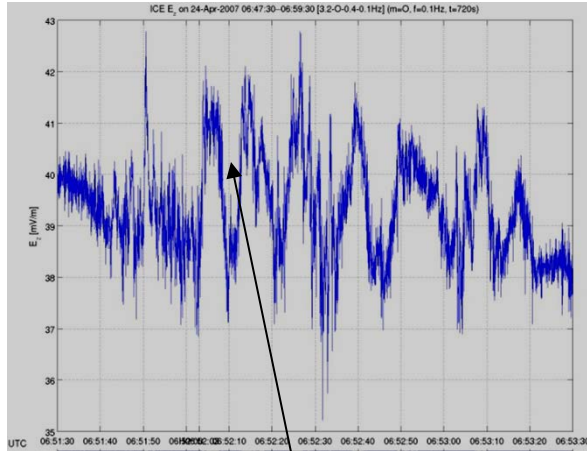
**Excitation of the IAR
due naturally excited
waves at .25 Hz and .5
Hz and by HAARP at
1.0 Hz.**

IAR Conditions



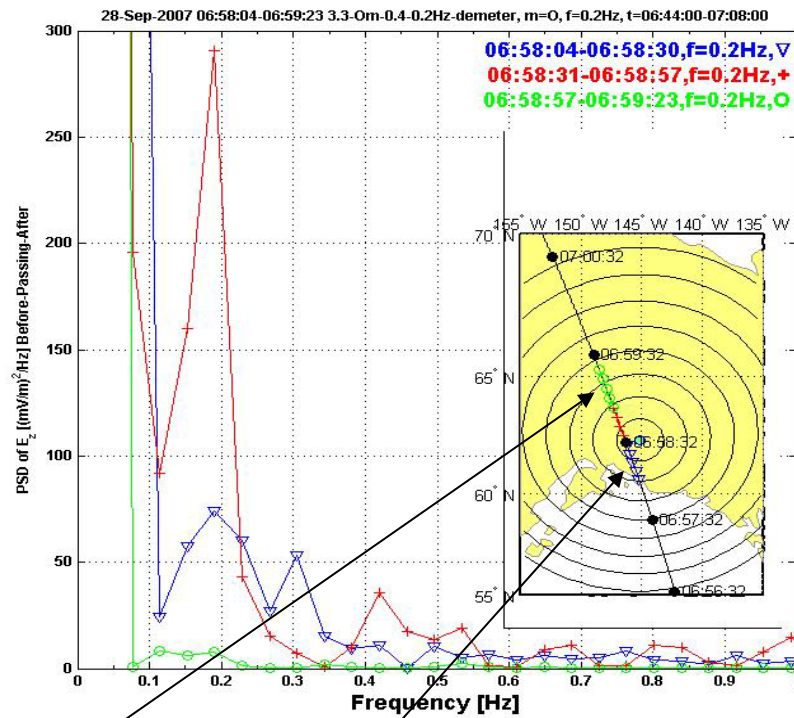
Msonic Wave Injection

DEMETER



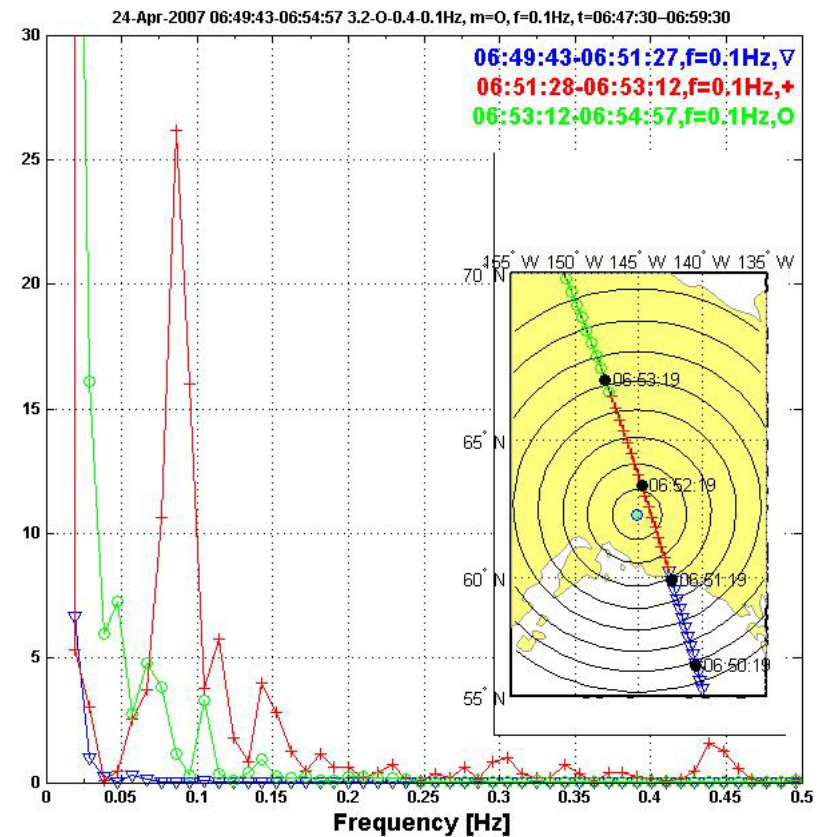
SAW and Msonic Detection by DEMETER

UMCP-Stanford-BAE



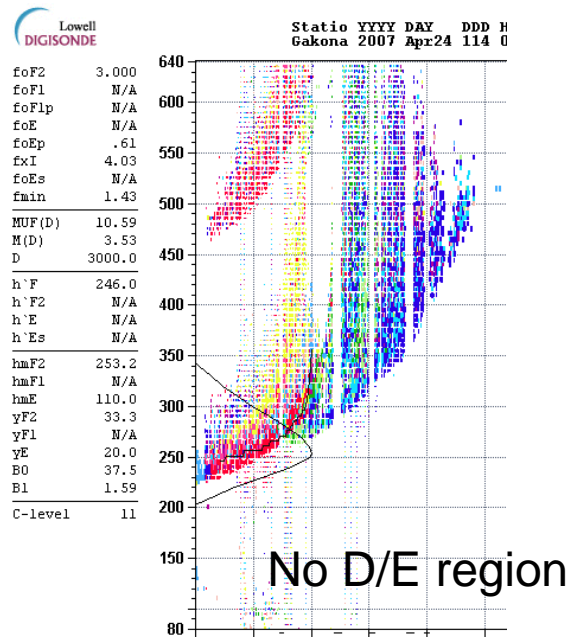
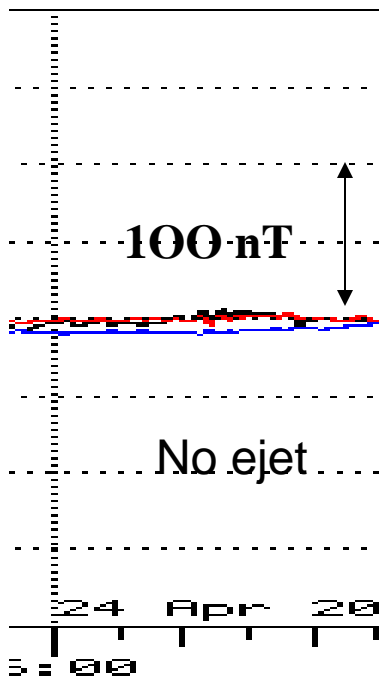
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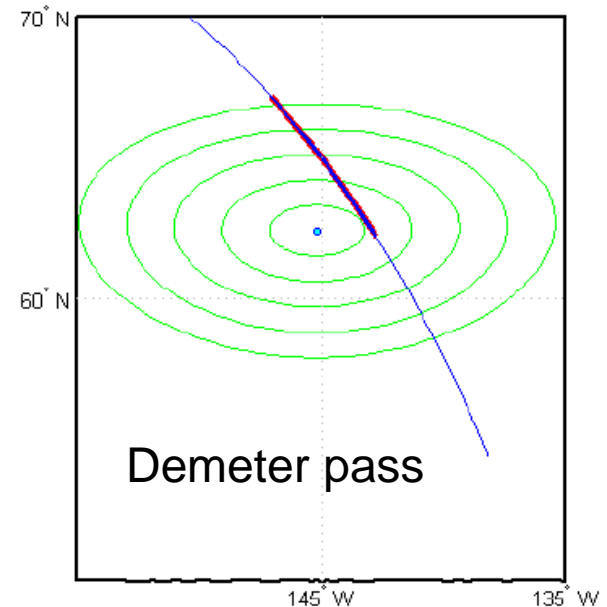


Example of F-Region Msonic Generation Detected by the Demeter satellite

O-mode at 4.4 MHz HAARP at 3.5 MW modulated at .1 Hz between 6:47:30 and 6:59:30 UT



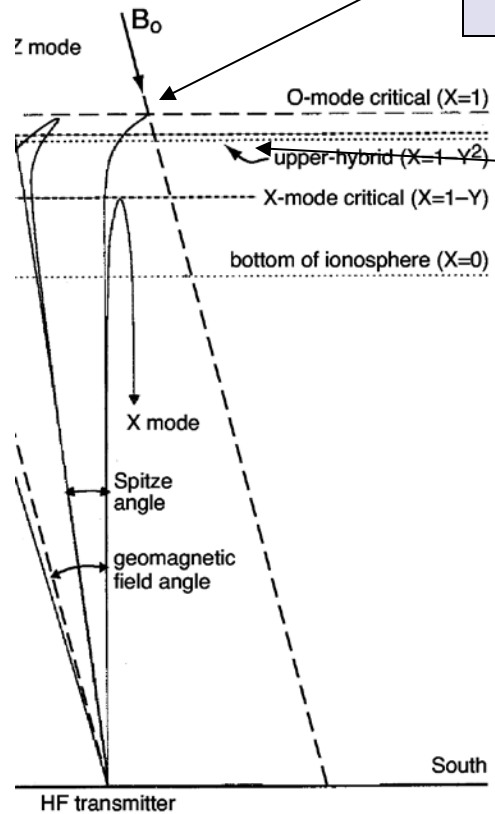
DEMETER pass projected along B_0 ($r_{\text{circles}} = 100, 200, 300 \dots \text{km}$)



No ULF detection on the ground - .1 Hz detection at Demeter between 6:51:30 and 6:53:00

F Region Heating

Double resonance excitation
Langmuir+Ion Acoustic Instability -PDI -OTSI
Soliton+caviton pairs – Suprathermal tails

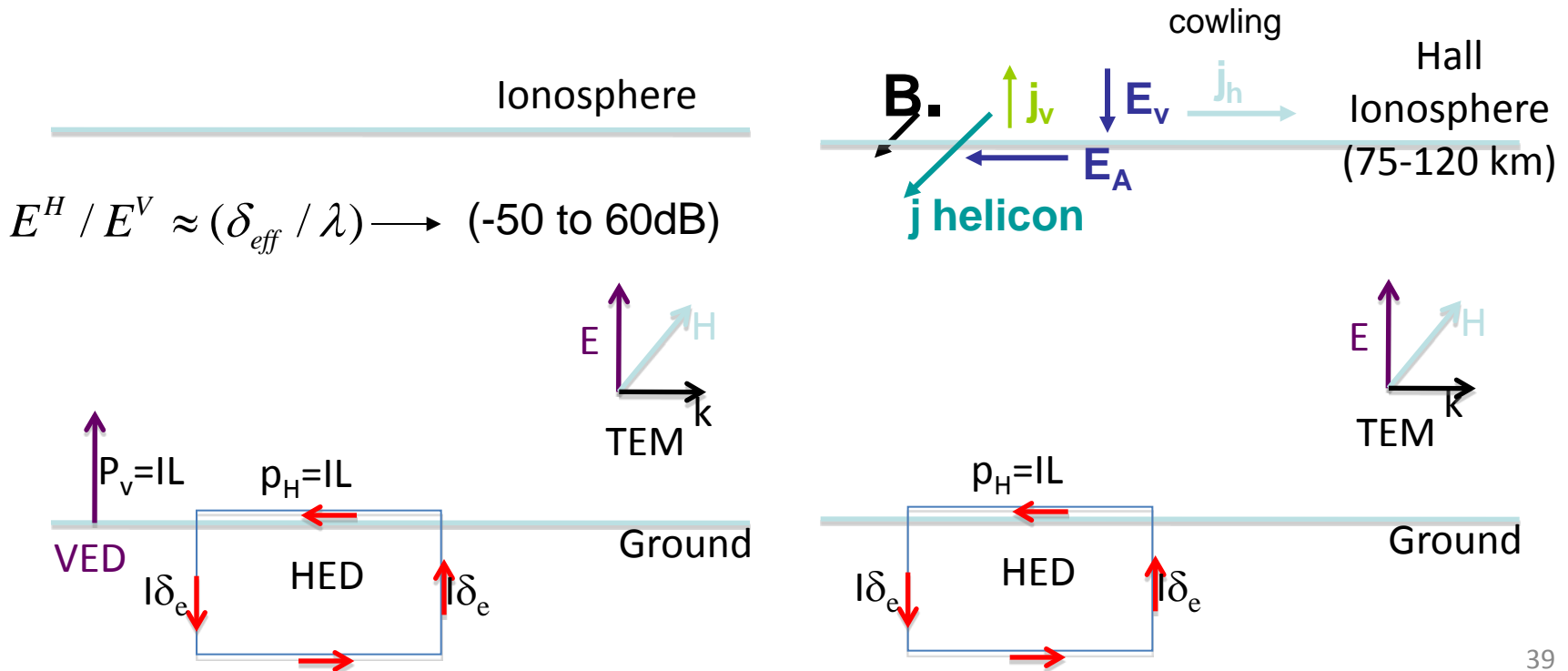


Upper hybrid turbulence – Striations –
Electron Heating

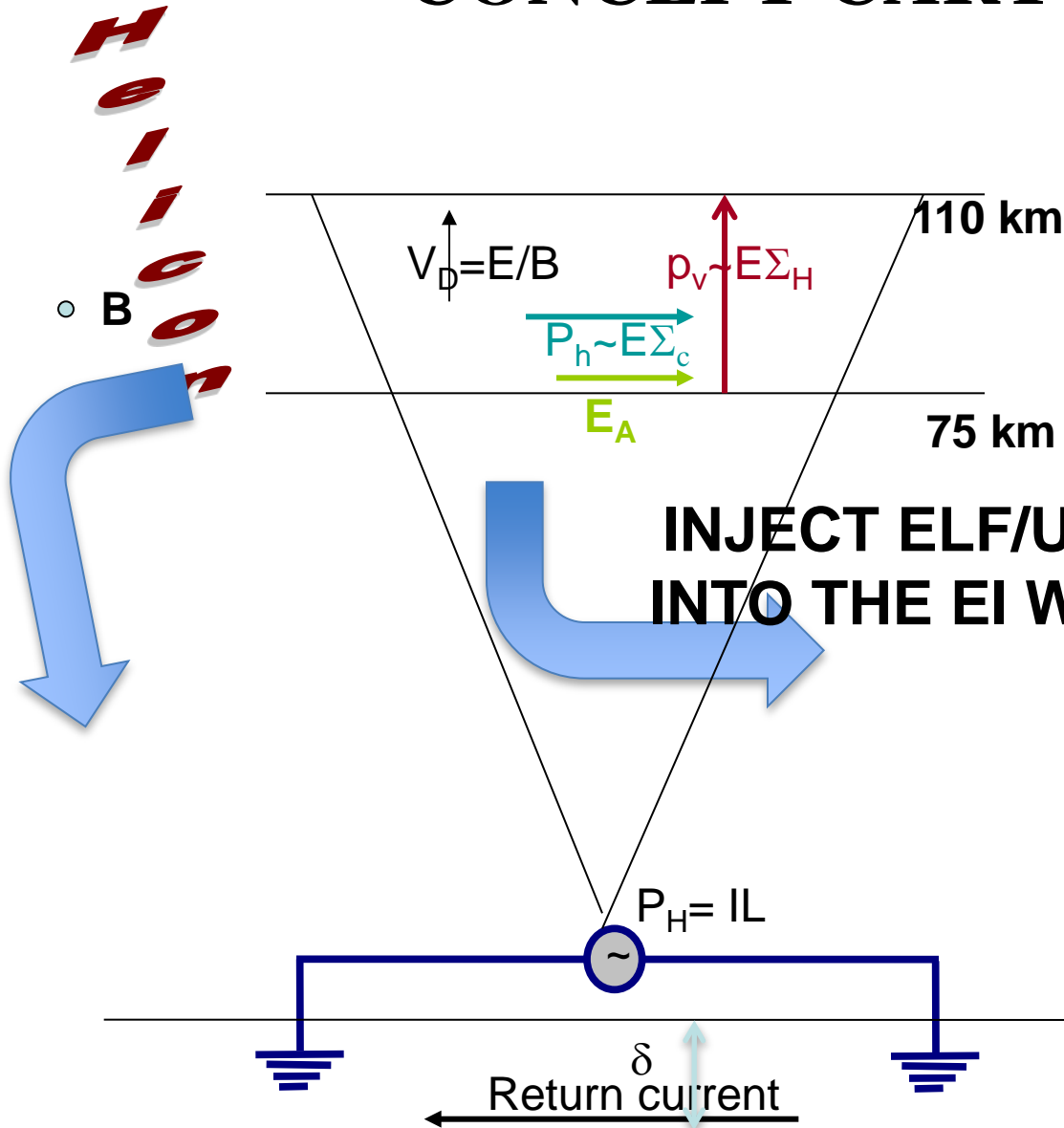
MAXIMUM ACHIVABLE LOW FREQUENCY FOR ICD DEPENDS ON F-REGION COLLISIONLESS HEATING AND COOLING (ELECTRON HEAT FLUX DOMINATED). TESTS DURING NEXT SUMMER

Artificially Created Electrojet (ACE) Pulsed Artificially Created Ejet (PACE)

- Spin-off of ICD HAARP Tests for ELF/ULF Generation
- Novel concept of **efficient** ELF/ULF generation for Navy and other applications –



CONCEPT CARTOON



Interaction of transmitted wave with E-region (Hall) plasma

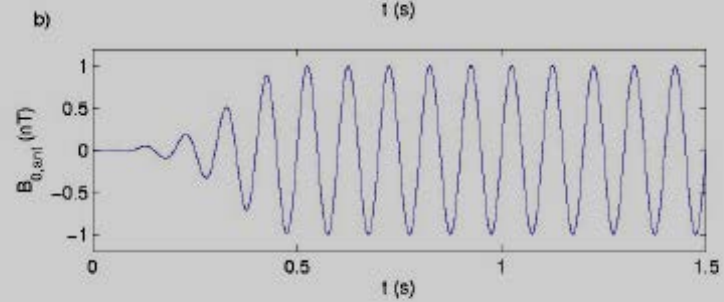
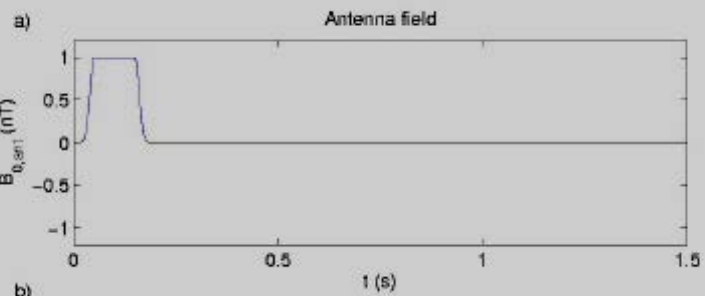
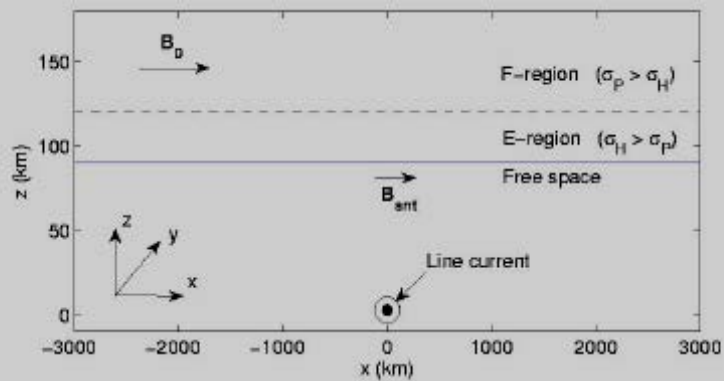
E-region current spatio-temporal structure and re-radiation into EI waveguide

B. Eliason

Improve HED Efficiency

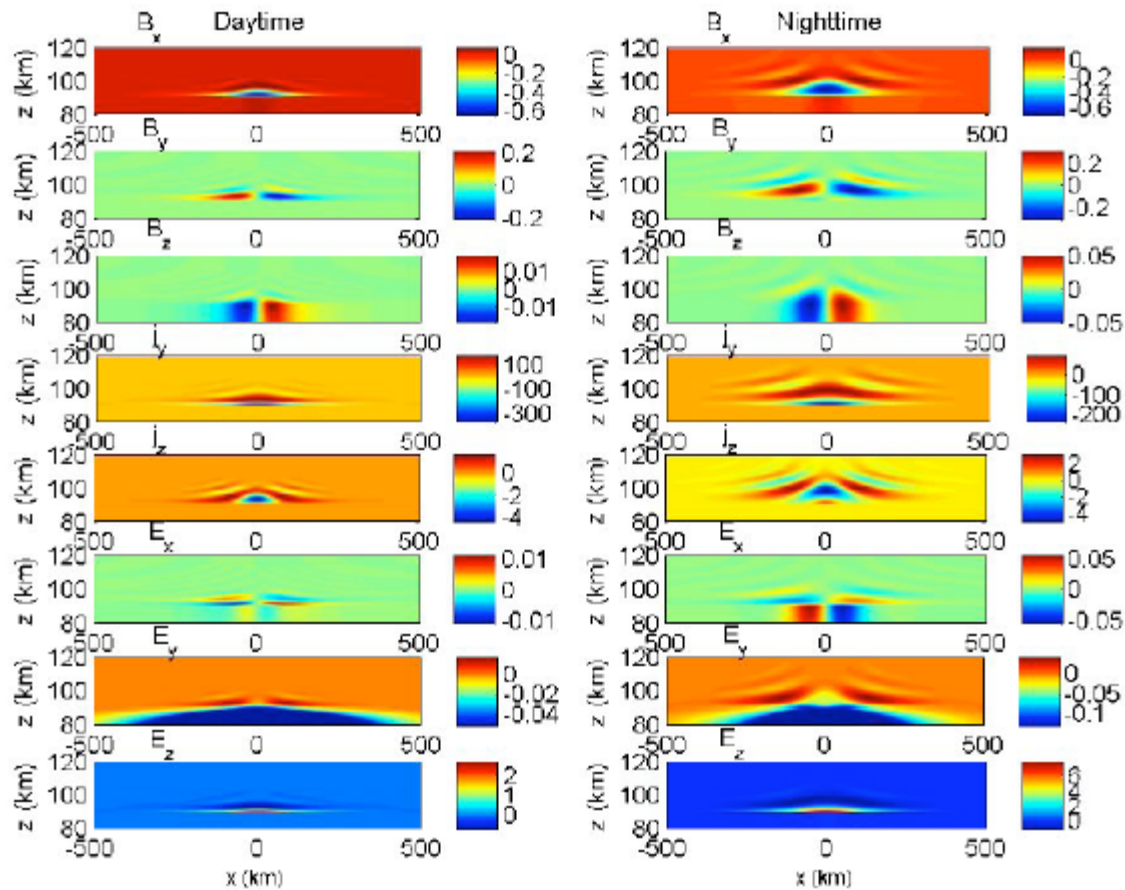
Sneak-Through

$$E_T \approx (IL/h^2)(\delta/h)$$

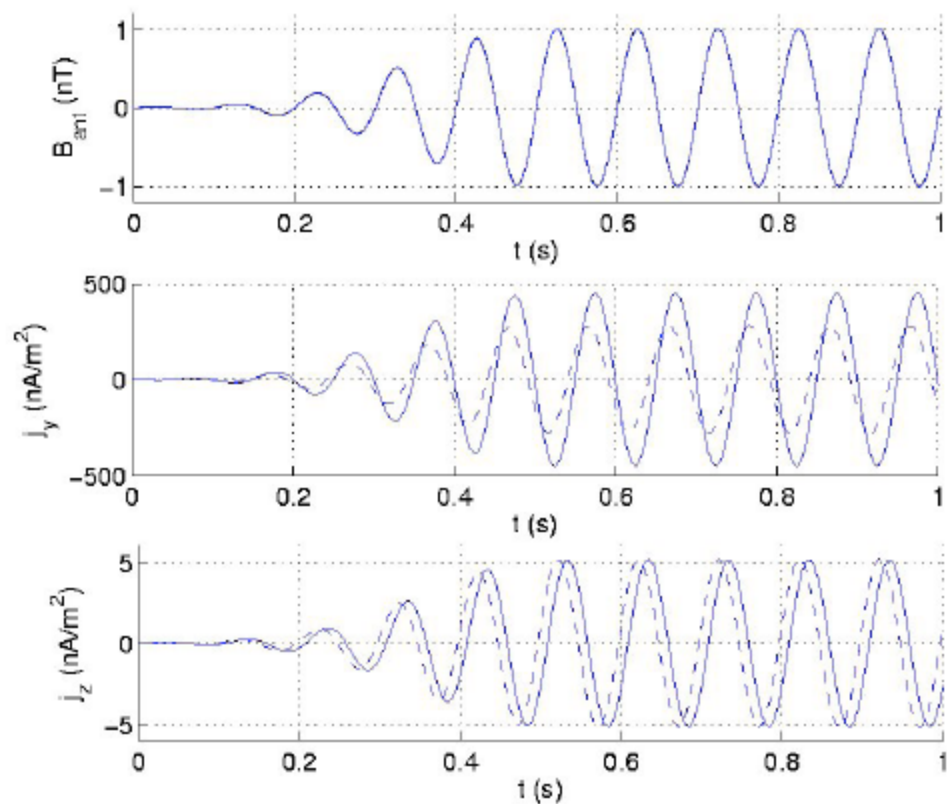


CW antenna field, day and nighttime conditions

Profiles of B (nT), j (nA/m²) and E (mV/m)

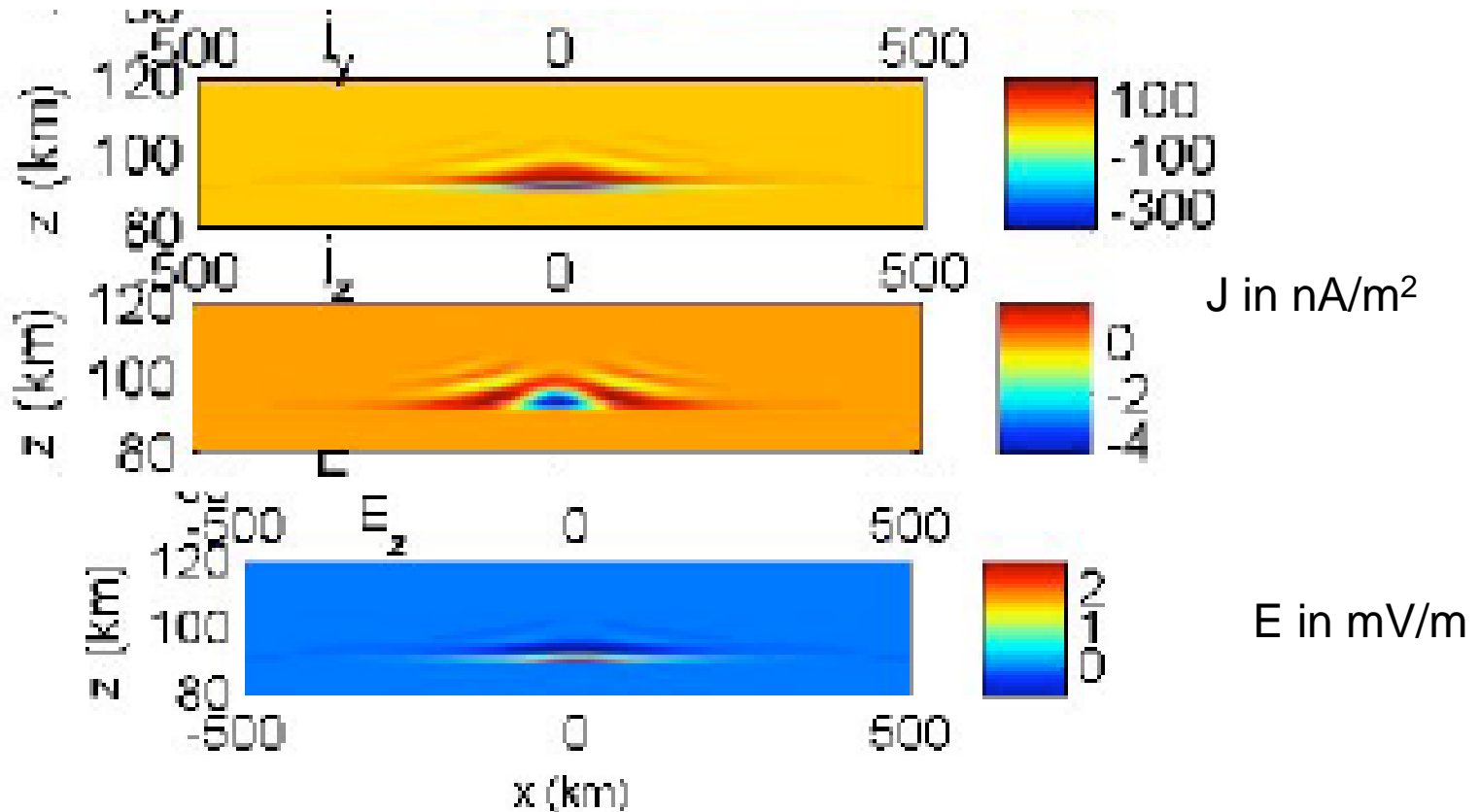


Currents at $z = 92$ km, CW antenna field



— Daytime, - - - Nighttime

Induced currents in the lower ionosphere

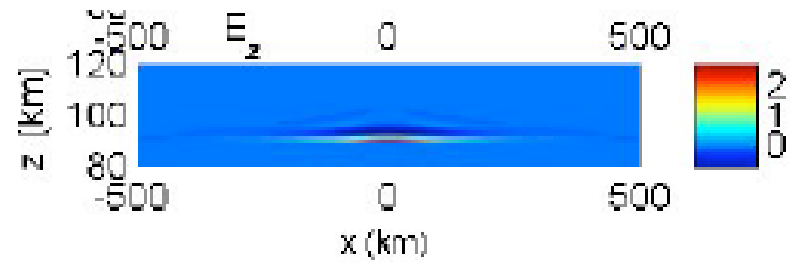
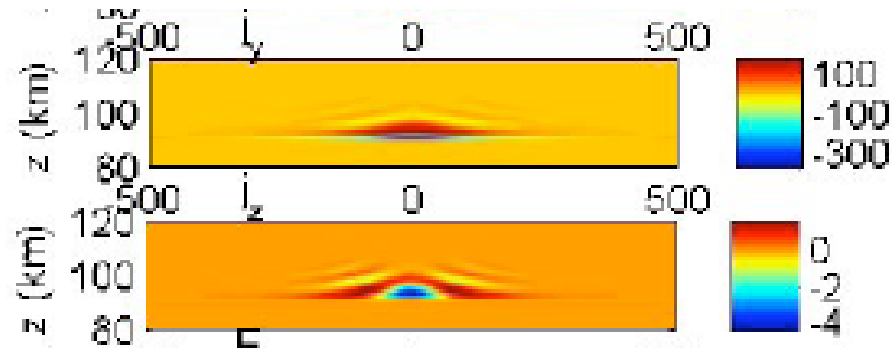


Estimates: Assume $\Delta y \approx 100$ km $\rightarrow I_y \approx 60$ A, $I_y L \approx 6 \times 10^5$ A-m, $I_H \approx 400$ A, $I_H L \approx 4 \times 10^7$ A-m

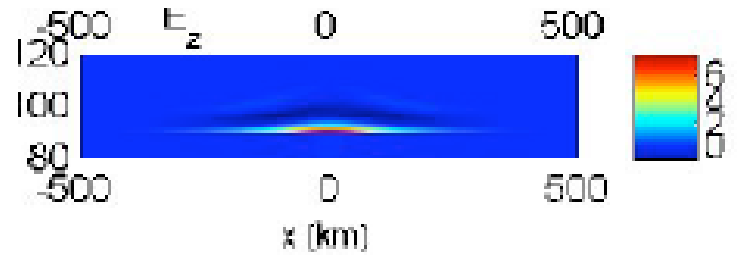
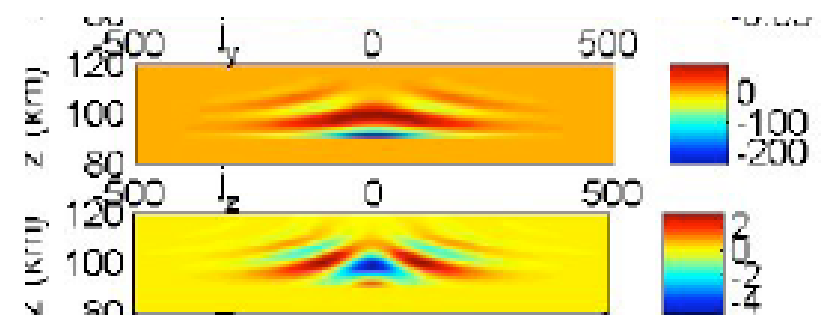
Current closure through field aligned currents carried by helicons

Get .1 nT fields at Mm distance

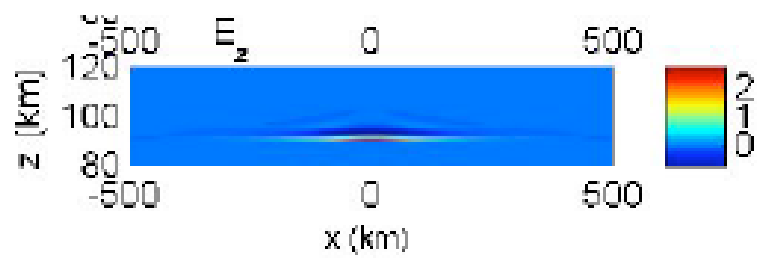
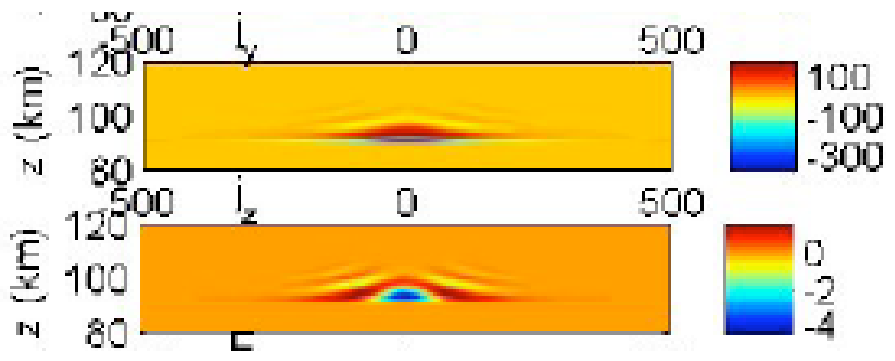
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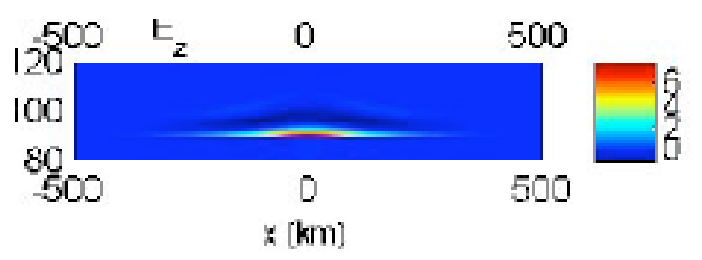
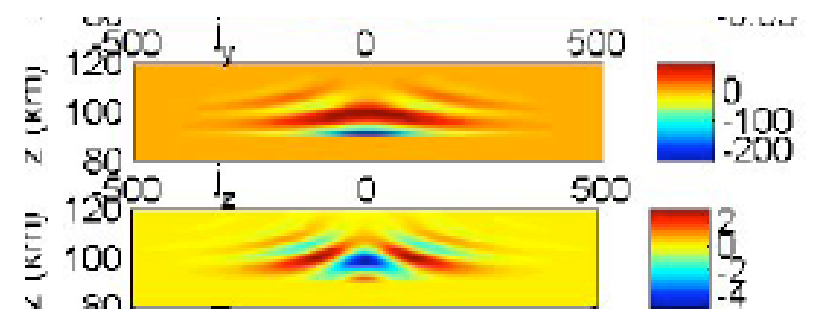
Nighttime



Daytime

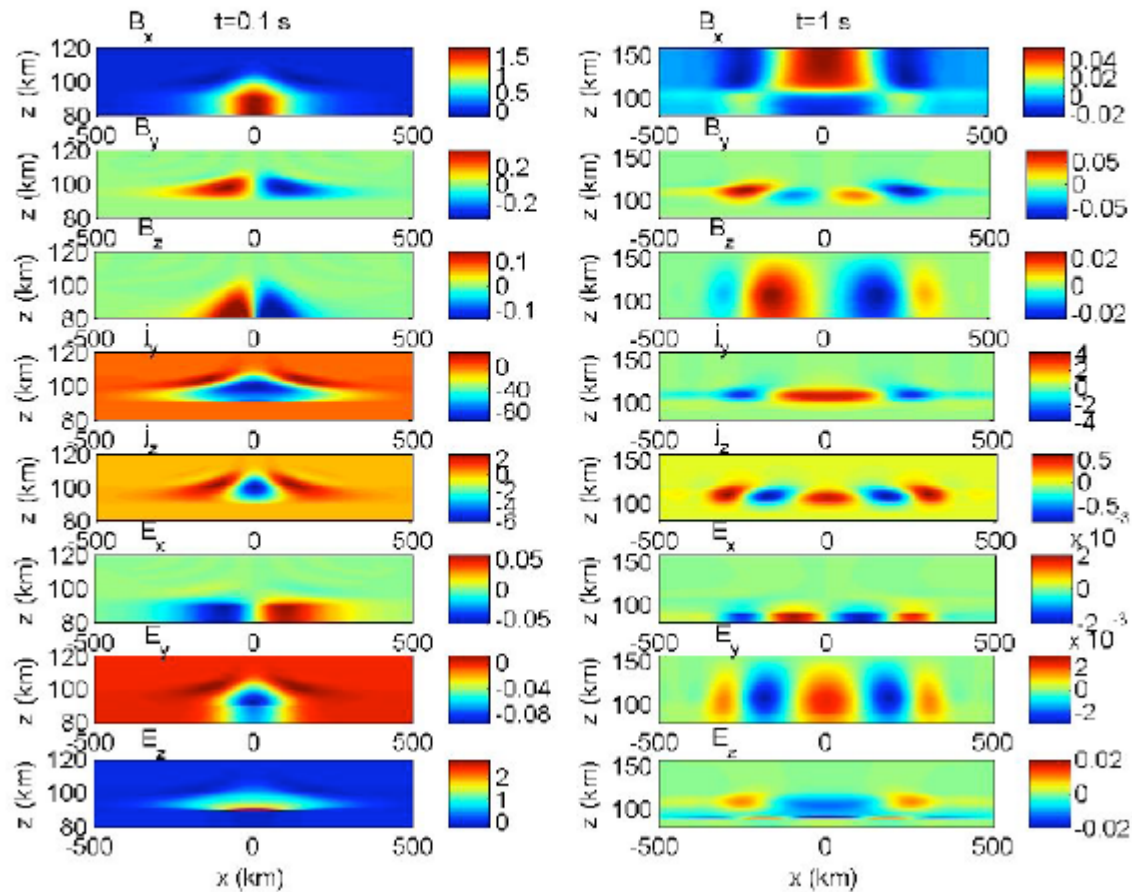


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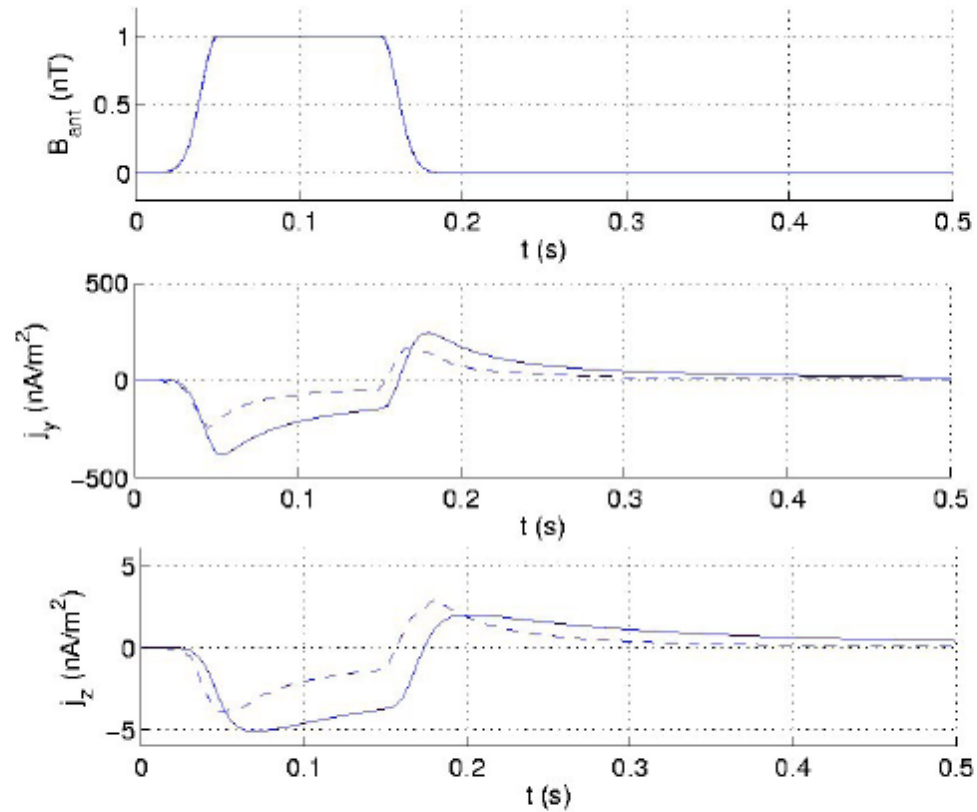


Pulsed antenna field, nighttime conditions

Profiles of B (nT), j (nA/m²) and E (mV/m)

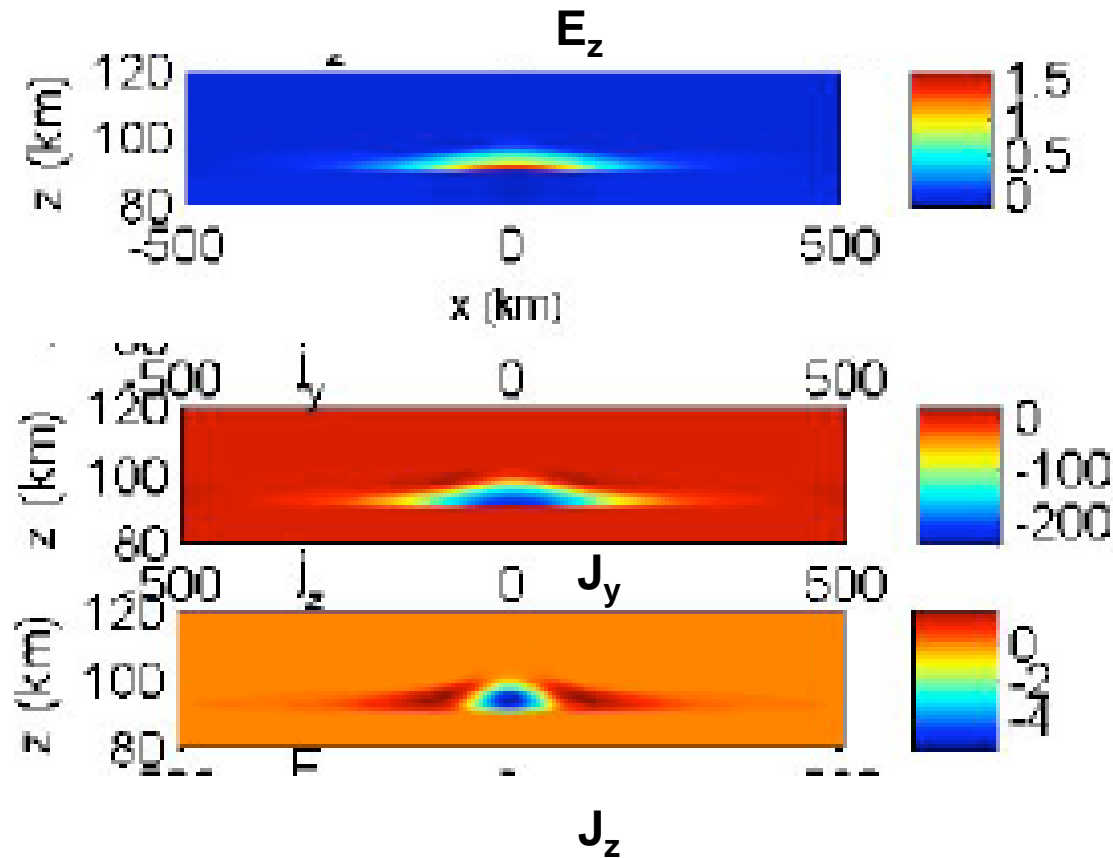


Currents at $z = 92$ km, pulsed antenna field



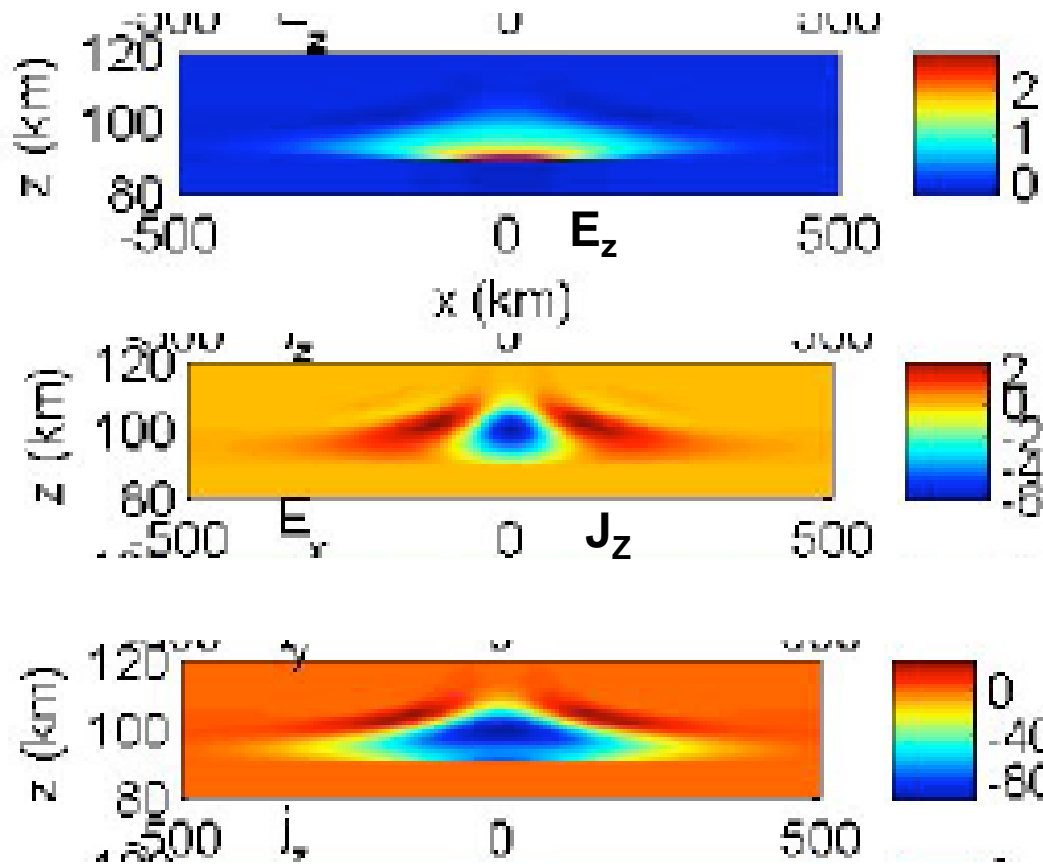
— Daytime, - - - Nighttime

Induced Pulsed Ionospheric Current



Day time
Pulse

Induced Pulsed Ionospheric Current



Nighttime
Pulsed

Getting nT field at 75 km

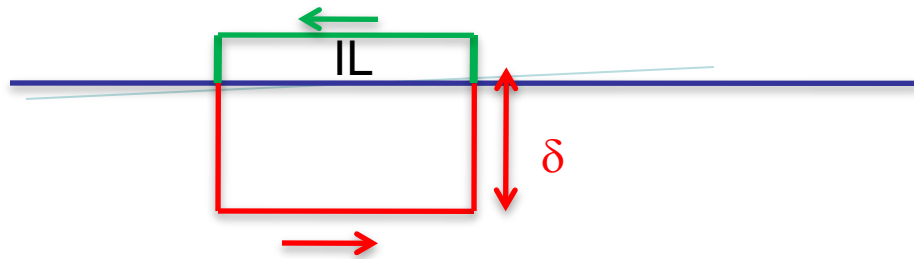
$$B(75km) = (IL / 5 \times 10^6 A - m)(\delta / 75km)$$

75 km

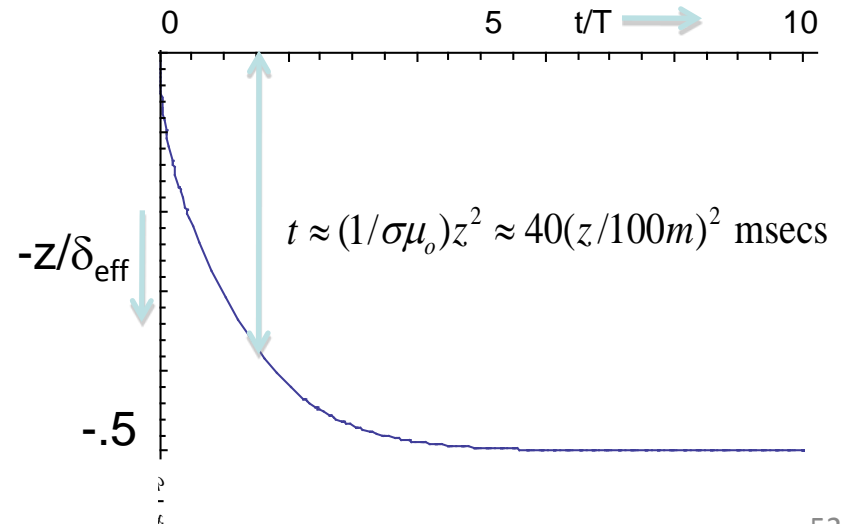
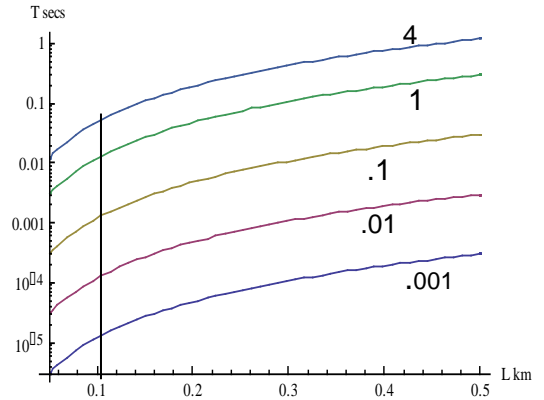
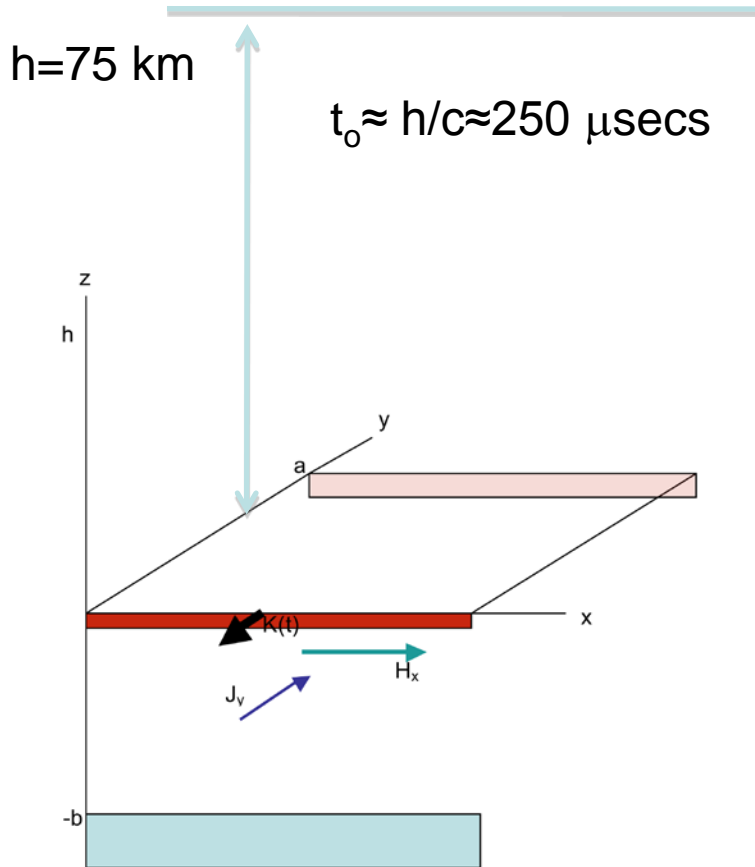
Skin depth km like
Conductivity dependent



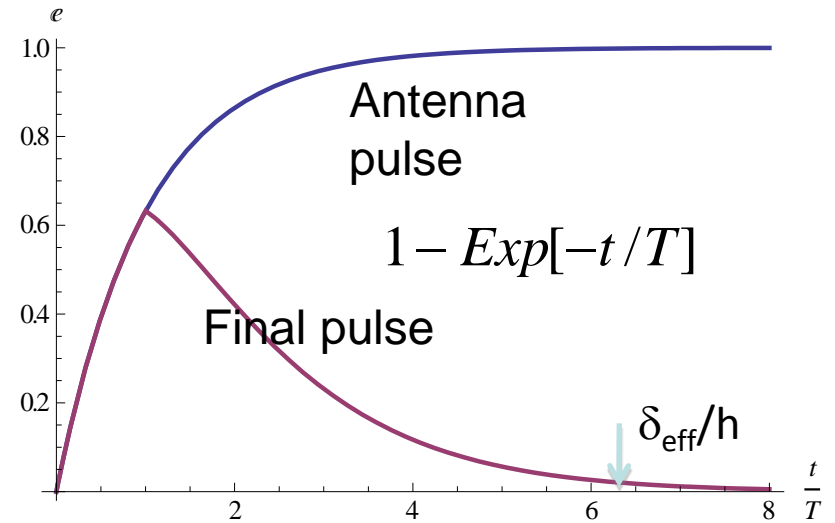
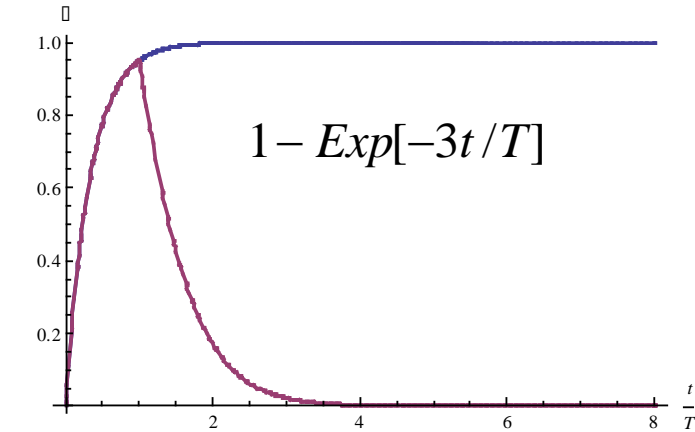
Use pulsed antenna
sneak-through concept



Sneak-through Concept



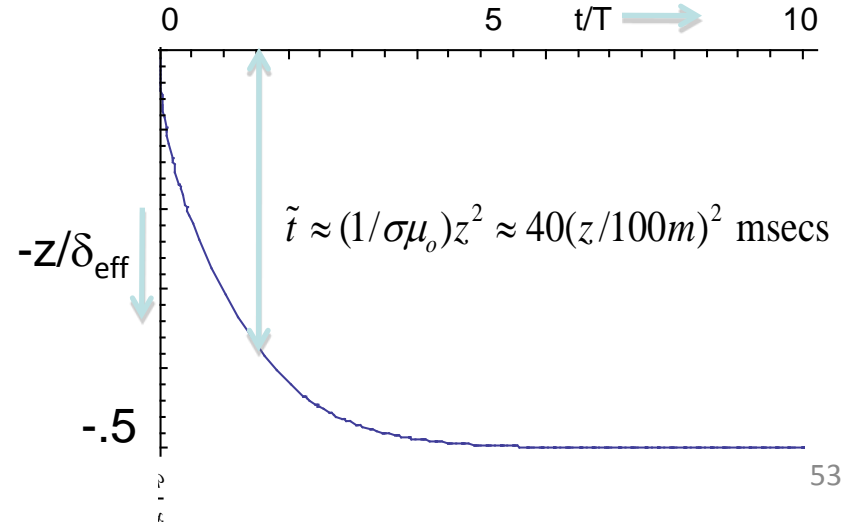
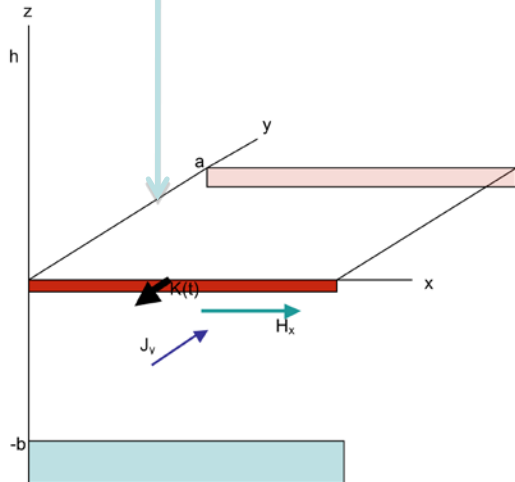
Sneak-through Concept



$h=75 \text{ km}$

$t_0 \approx h/c \approx 250 \text{ } \mu\text{secs}$

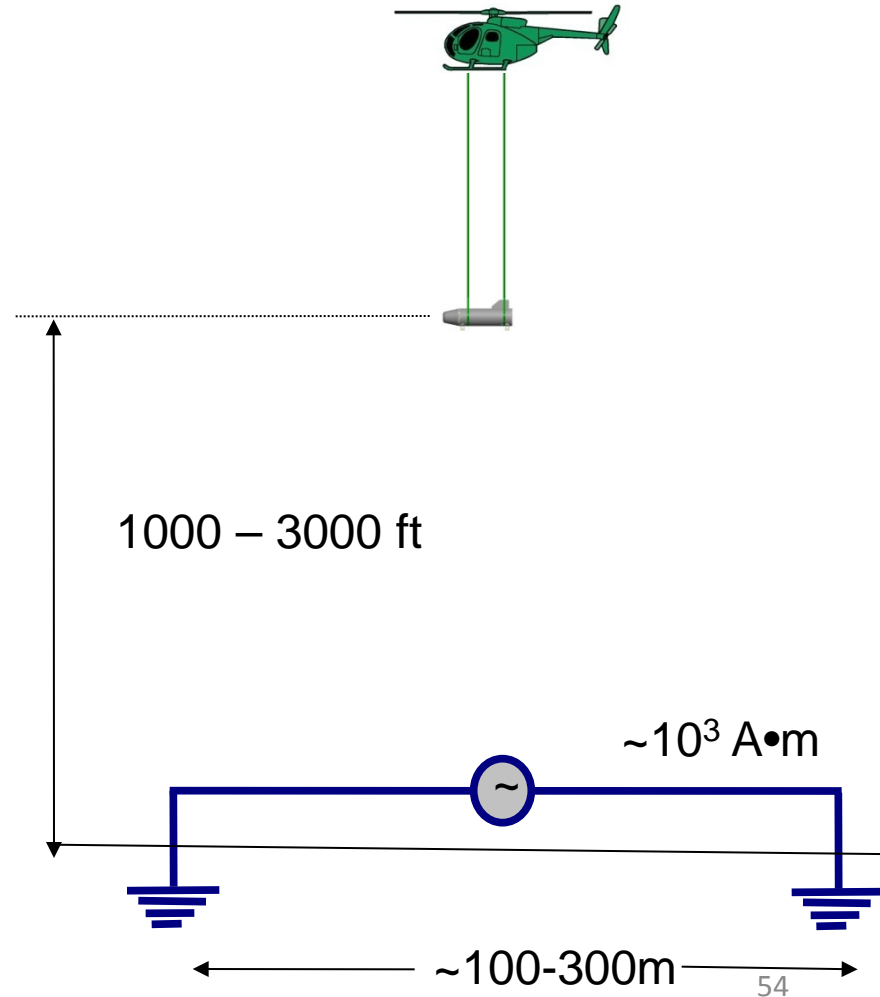
$$H(z,t) \propto K(t-t_0) - K(t-t_0-\tilde{t}) \approx \tilde{t}K'(t-t_0)$$



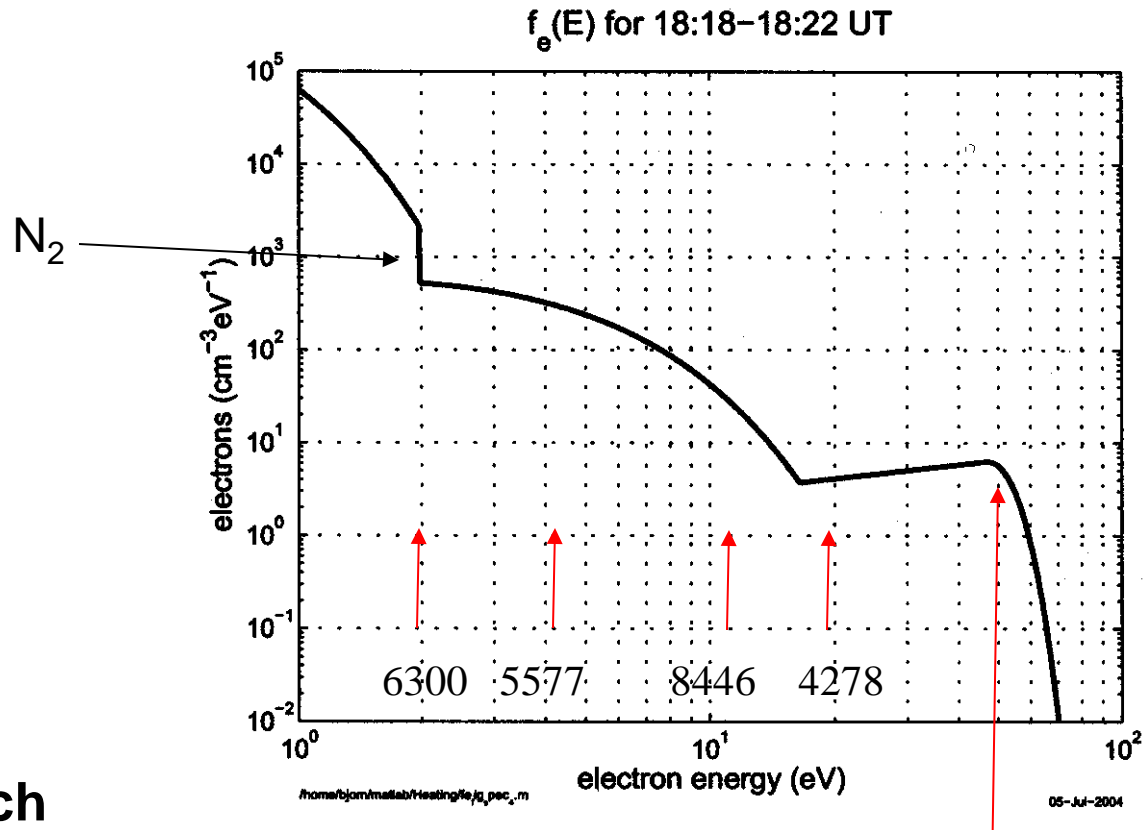
PACE – SUMMARY STATUS

DARPA Seedling awarded for Sneak-through test . Probably May.

SNEAK-THROUGH TEST



Reconstruction of the EDF



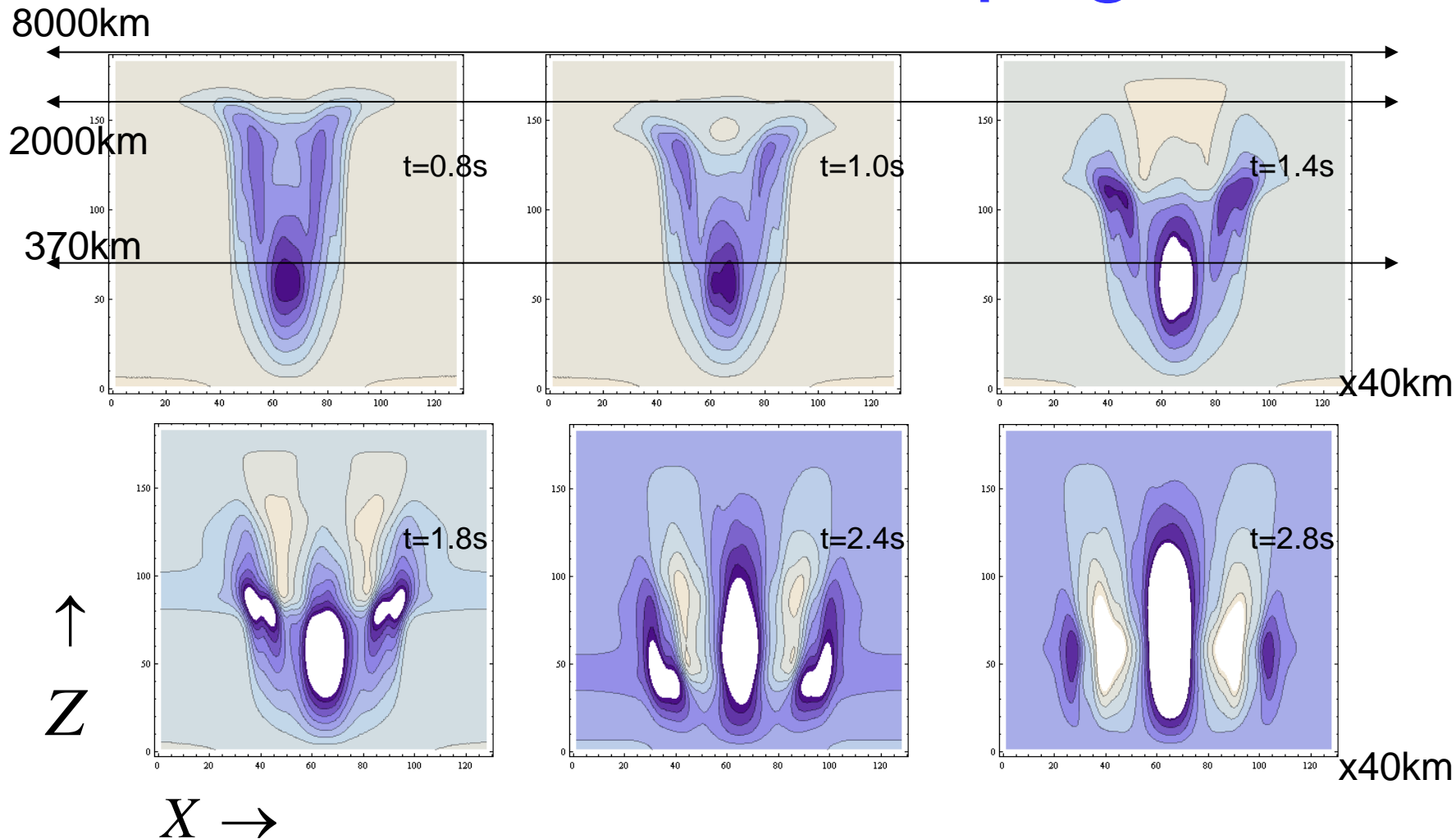
M. Kosch

~ 0.5 million Kelvin

Electron temperature < 3500 K \rightarrow Bulk electron energy < 0.3 eV

2D Simulations

Show Far Lateral Propagation



Sinusoidal sweep

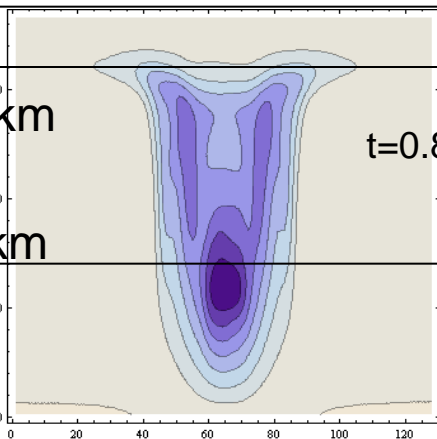
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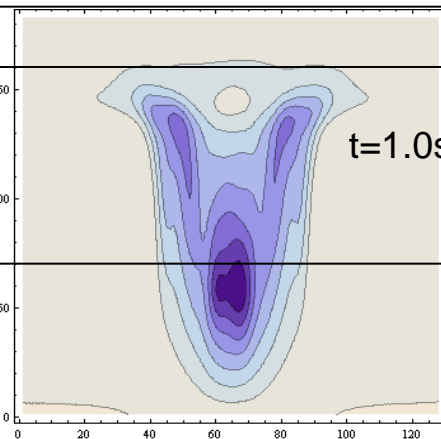
8000km

2000km

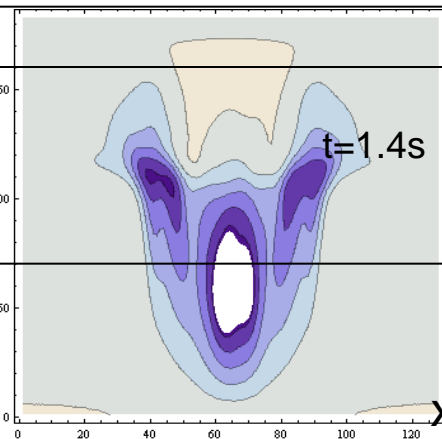
370km



$t=0.8\text{s}$

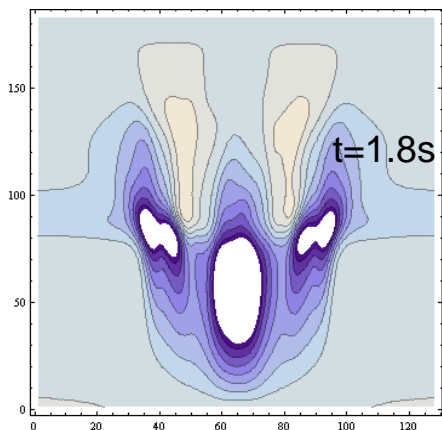


$t=1.0\text{s}$

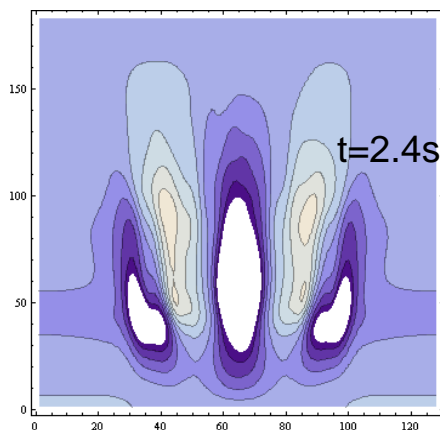


$t=1.4\text{s}$

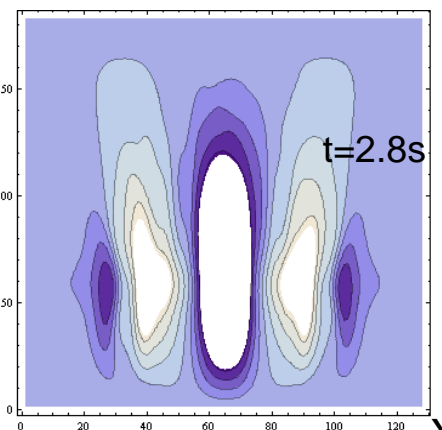
x40km



$t=1.8\text{s}$



$t=2.4\text{s}$



$t=2.8\text{s}$

x40km

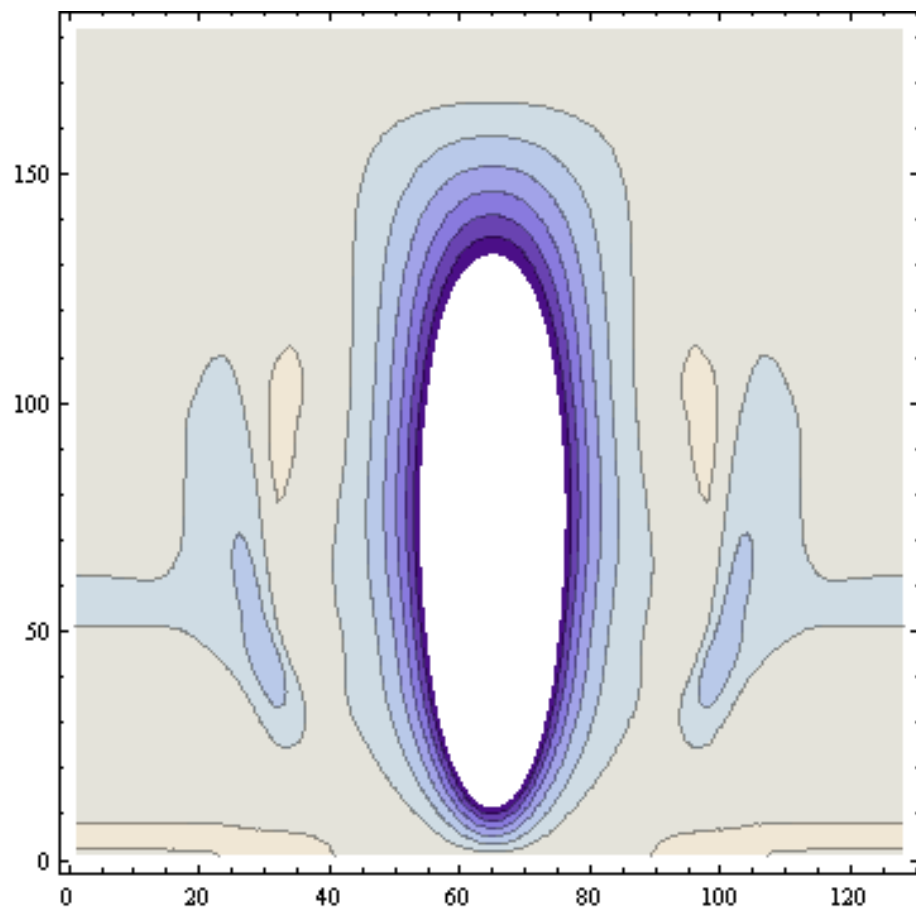
Z

$X \rightarrow$

Sinusoidal sweep

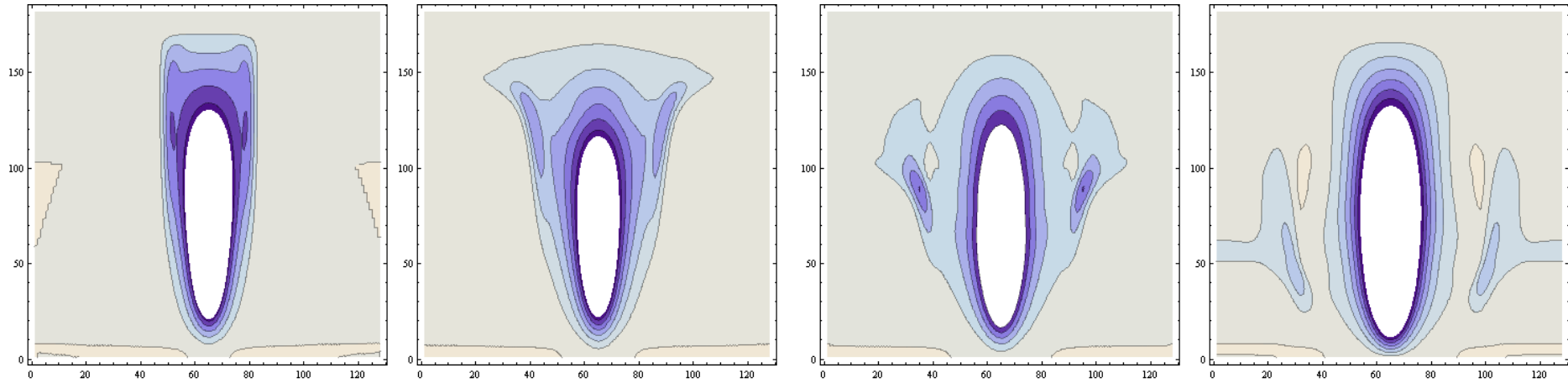
Parameter Study
Shows that Strong F-layer
is Critical for Far Propagation

- Four frequencies: 3.0, 4.0, 6.0 and 8.0 MHz.
- For $FoF2 \geq 6\text{MHz}$ strong waves in far field
For $FoF2 \leq 4\text{MHz}$ far field very weak
- Limit experiments to $FoF2 > 4.0\text{MHz}$

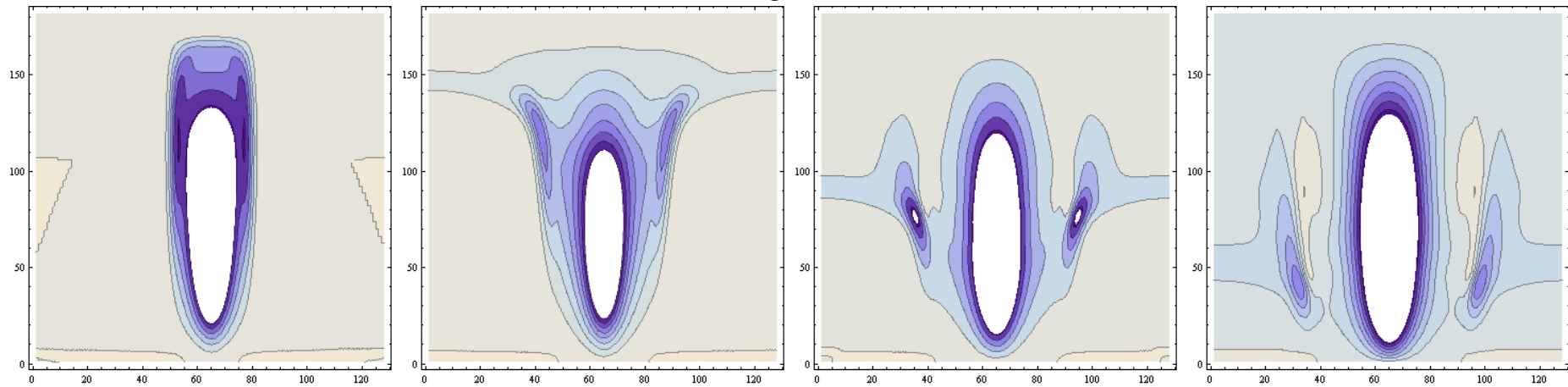


Weaker F-Layer Gives Weaker Waves

3.0MHz

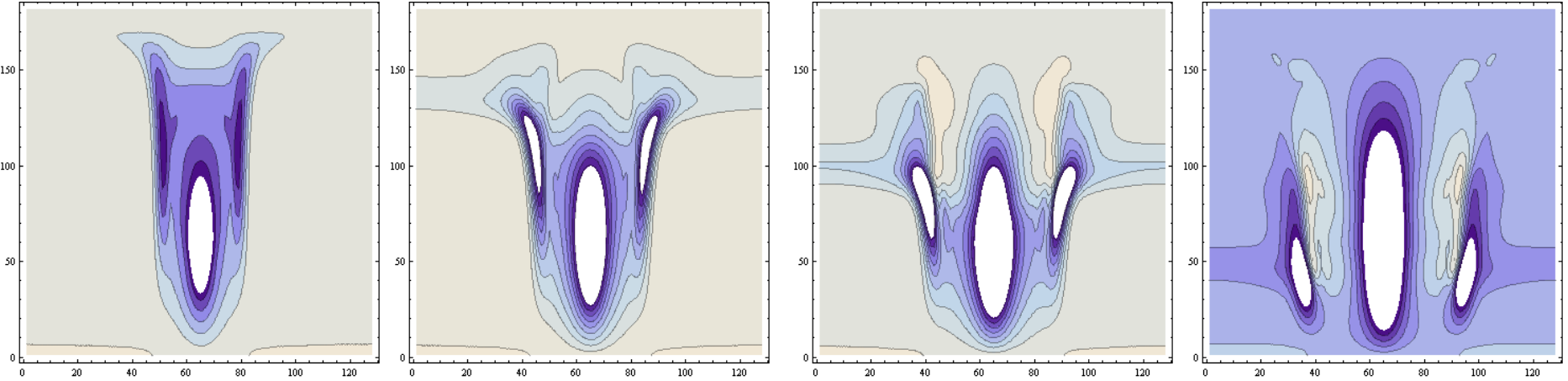


4.0MHz

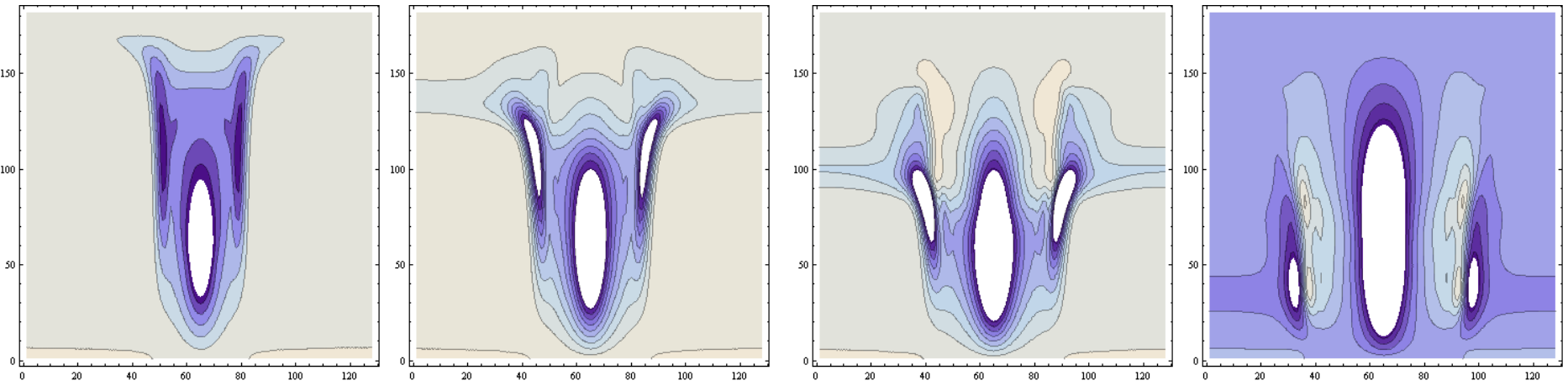


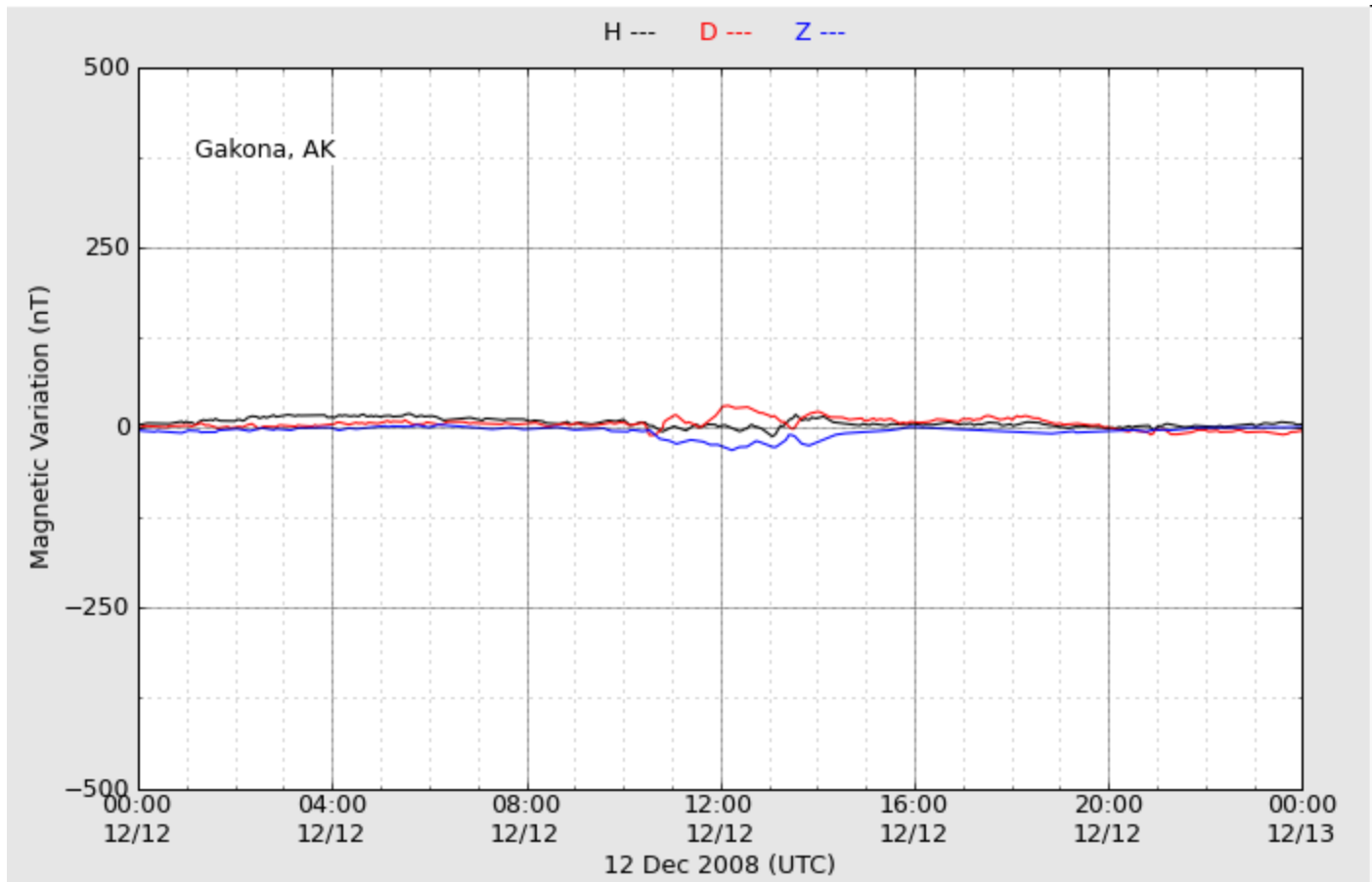
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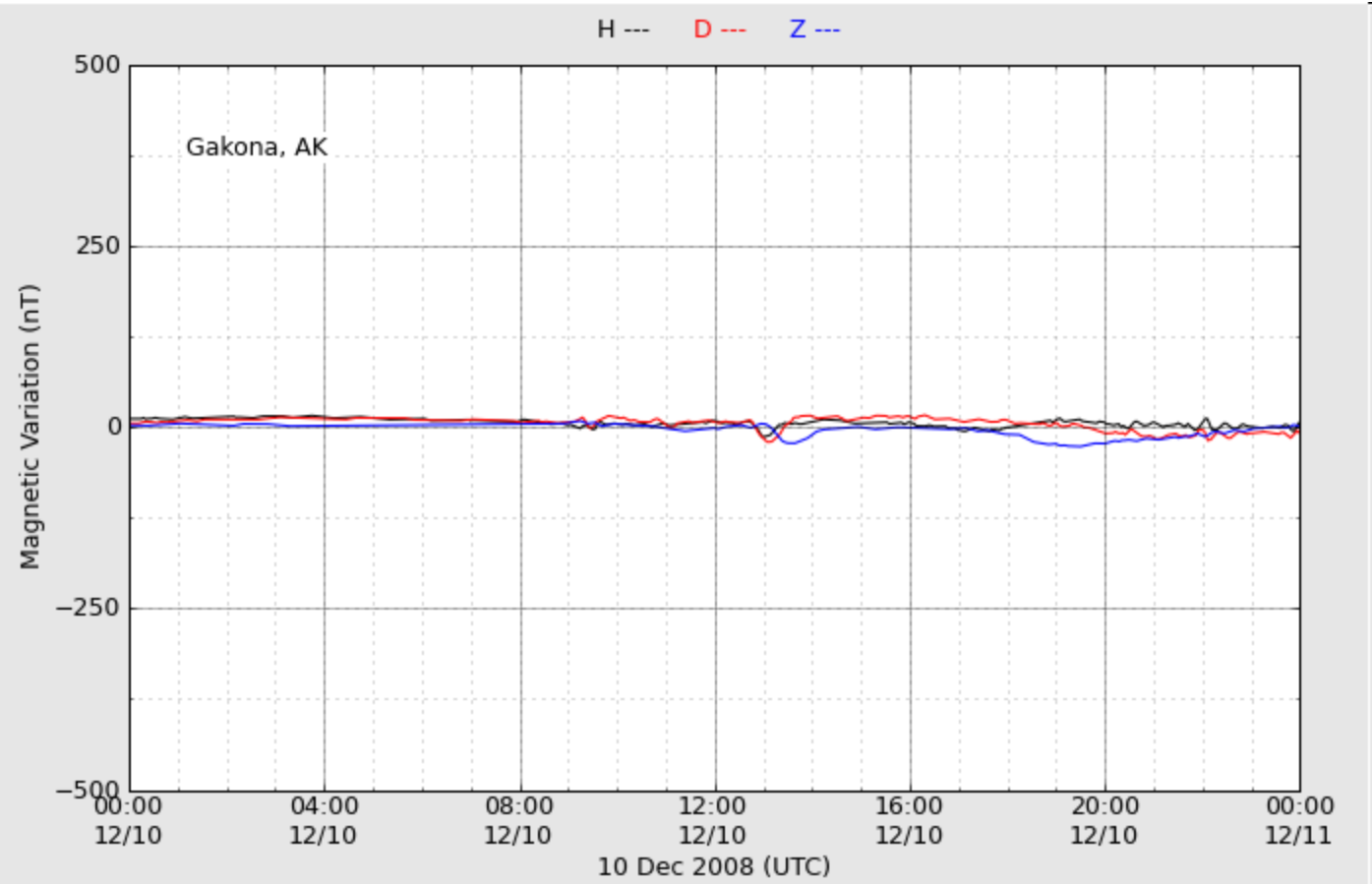
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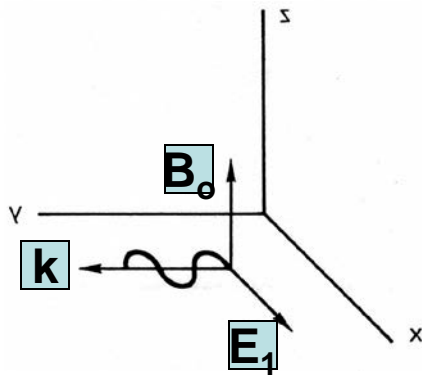
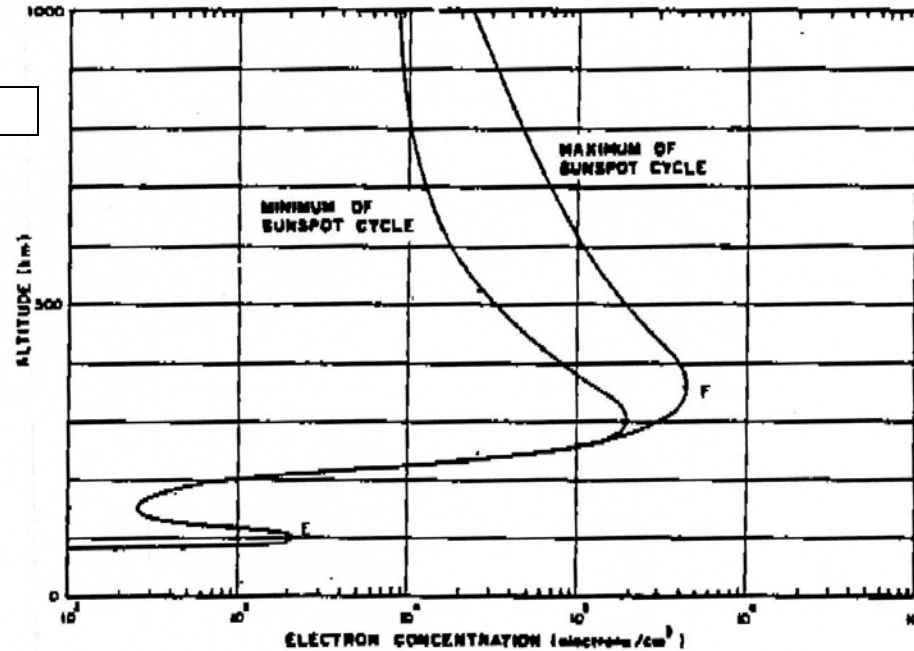
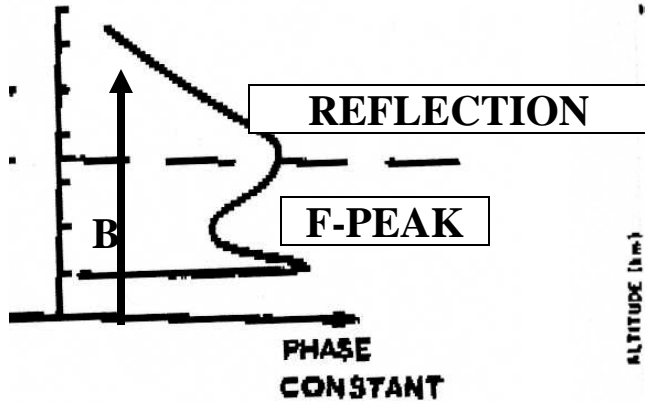
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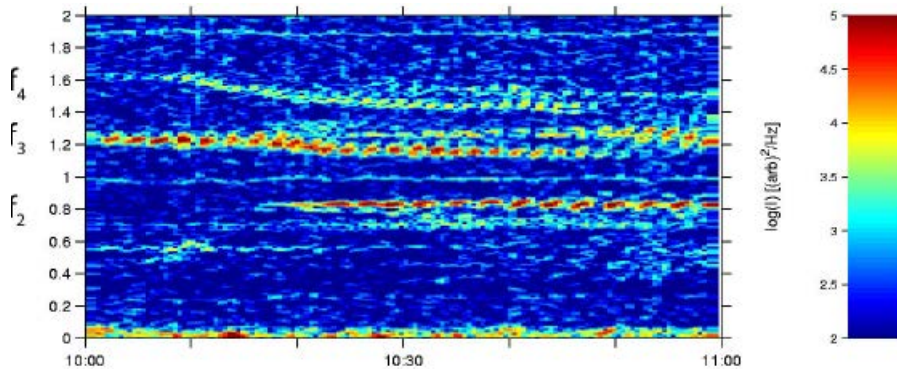
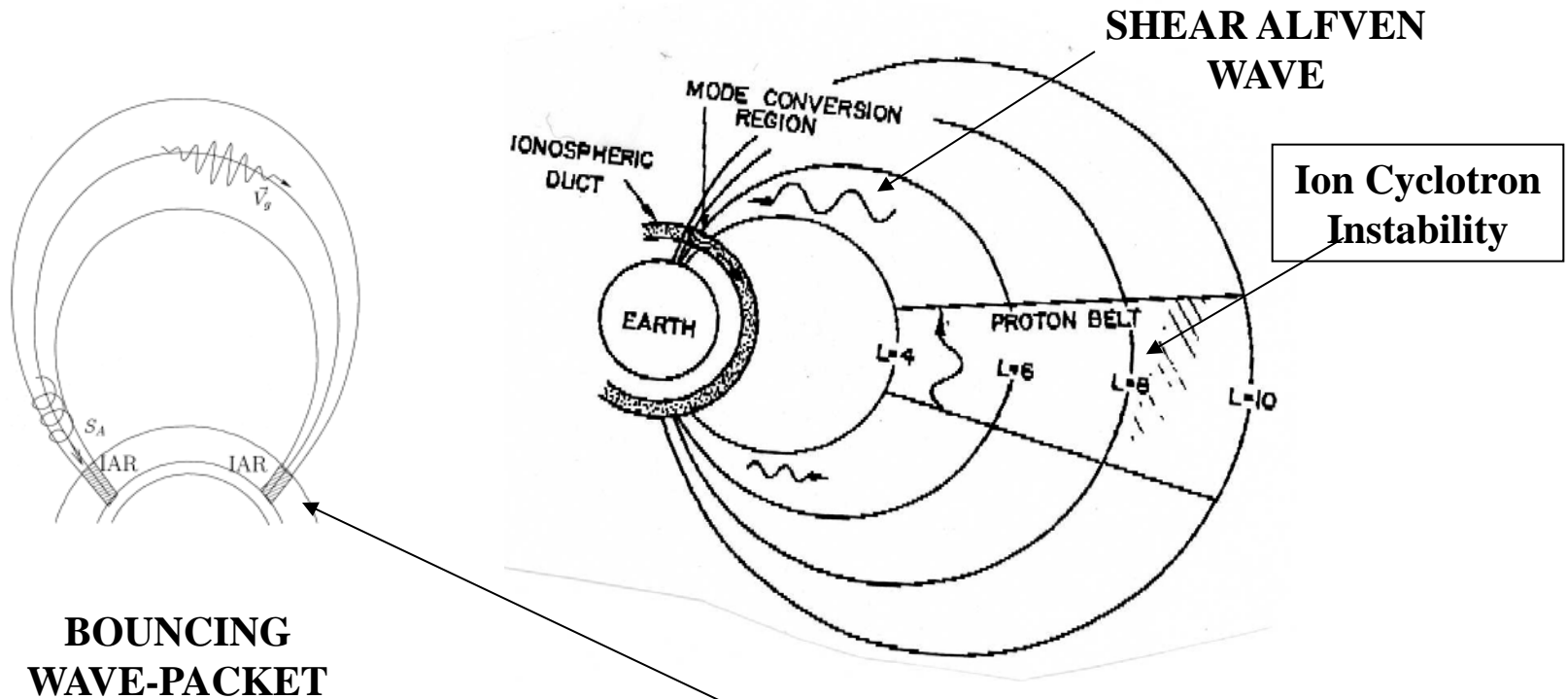


Near Earth LF Waveguides

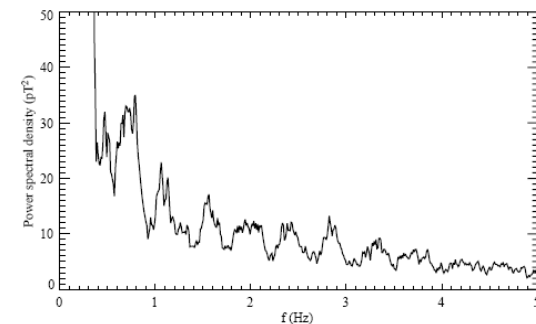


Magnetosonic Alfvén
Wave (compressional)

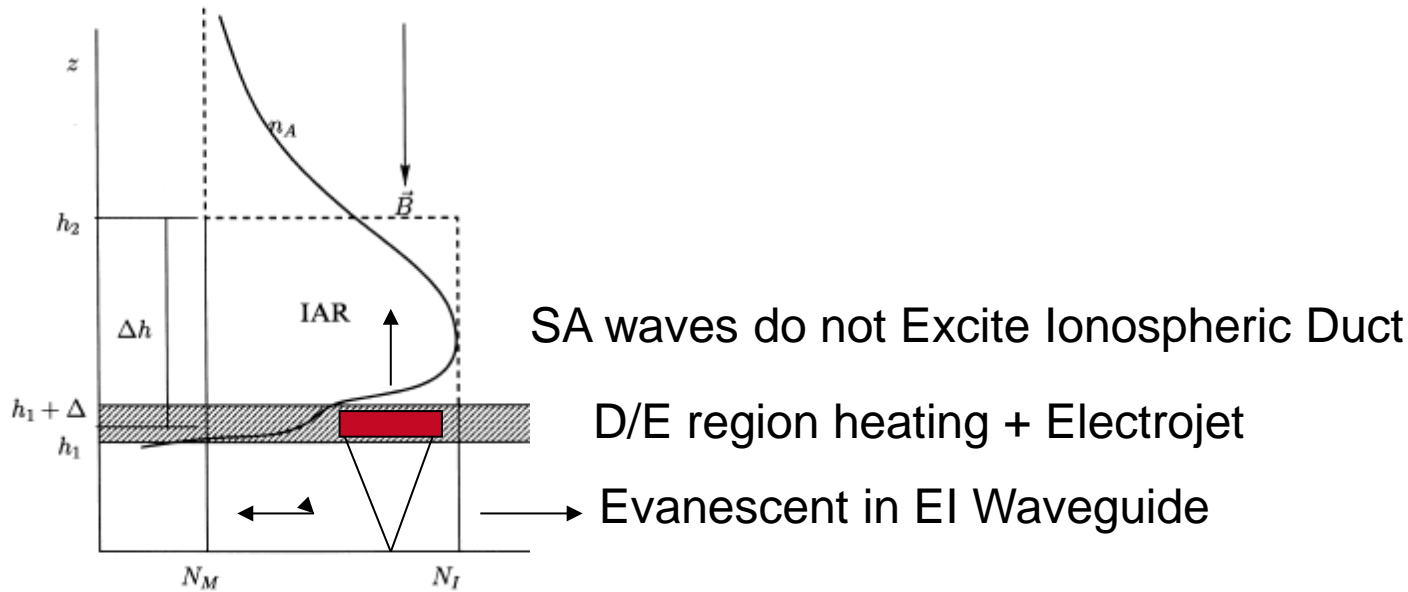
PHYSICS – TRIGGERED ULF



BANDPASS FILTER

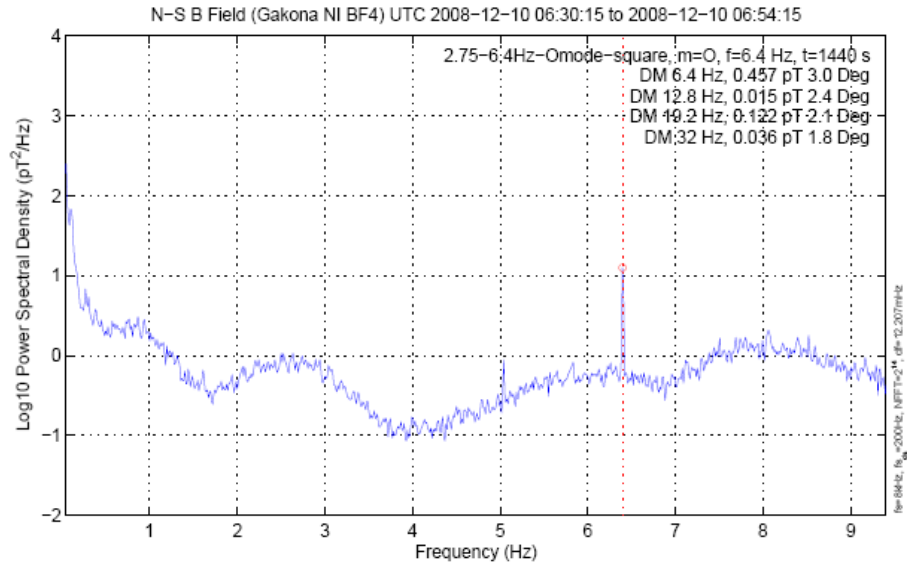


ULF Generation by Ejet Modulation

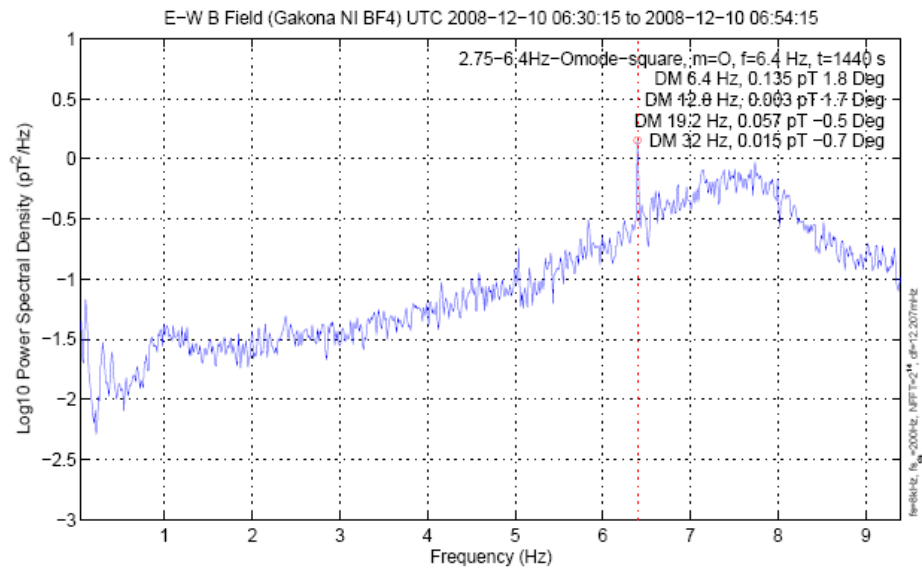


- Ejet modulation cannot drive \mathbf{b} field parallel to ambient \mathbf{B} . This type of modulation can create only SA waves. The waves cannot propagate laterally since they are evanescent in the Earth-Ionosphere Waveguide and do not couple to the Alfvénic Duct
- SA waves can be detected: (a) In the near zone below the heated spot and (b) By satellites over-flying the heated spot but confined to the magnetic flux tube that spans the heated spot.

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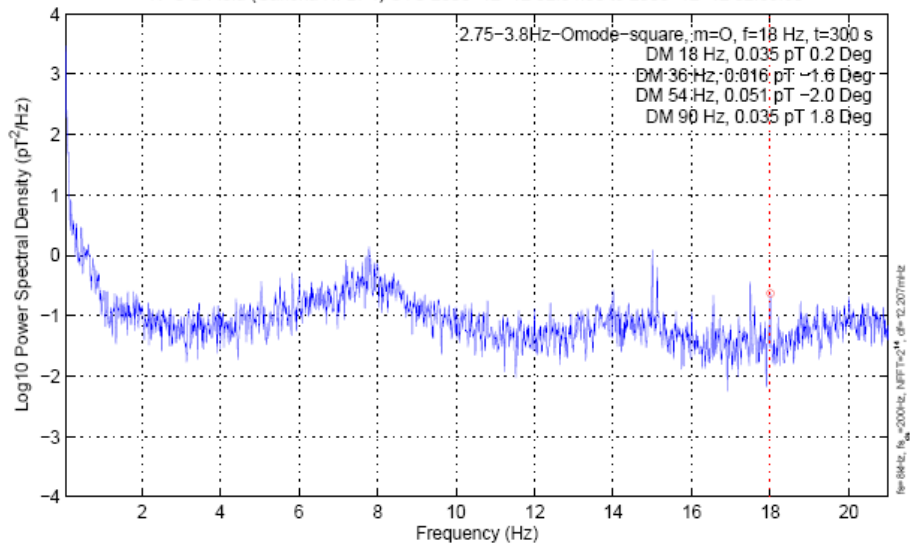


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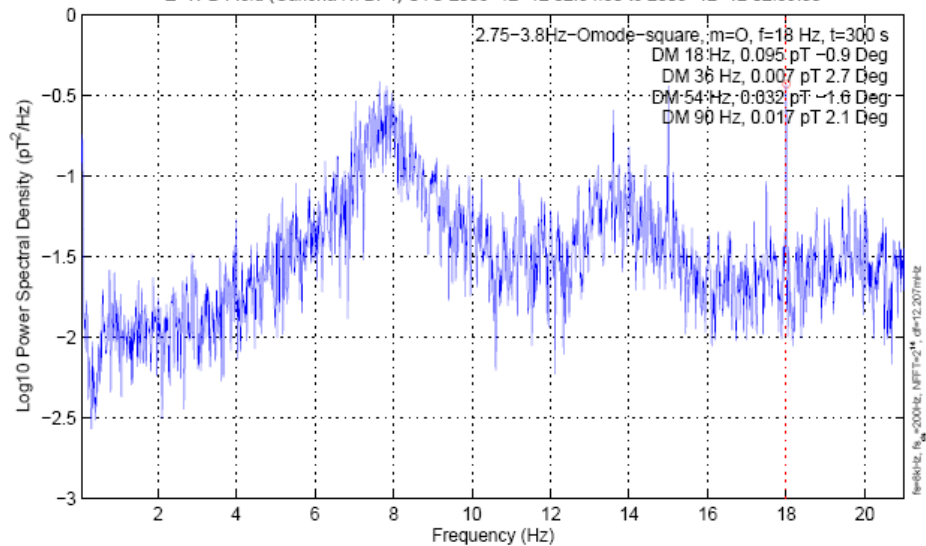
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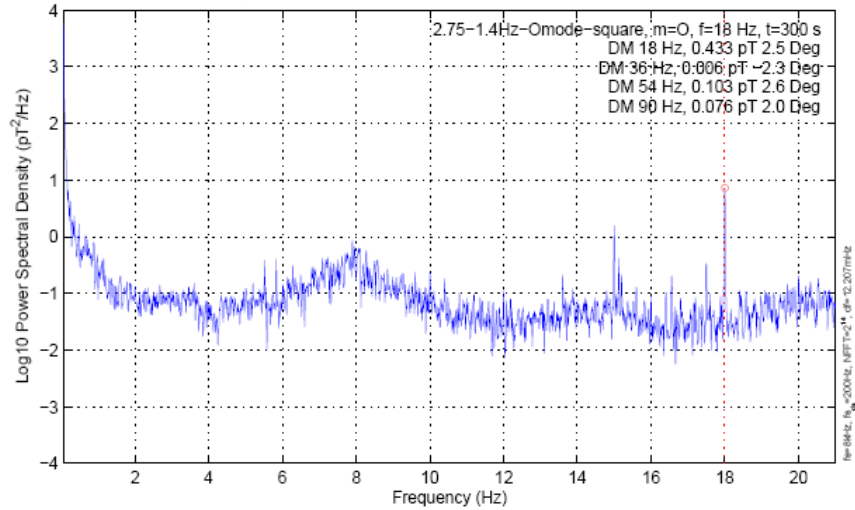
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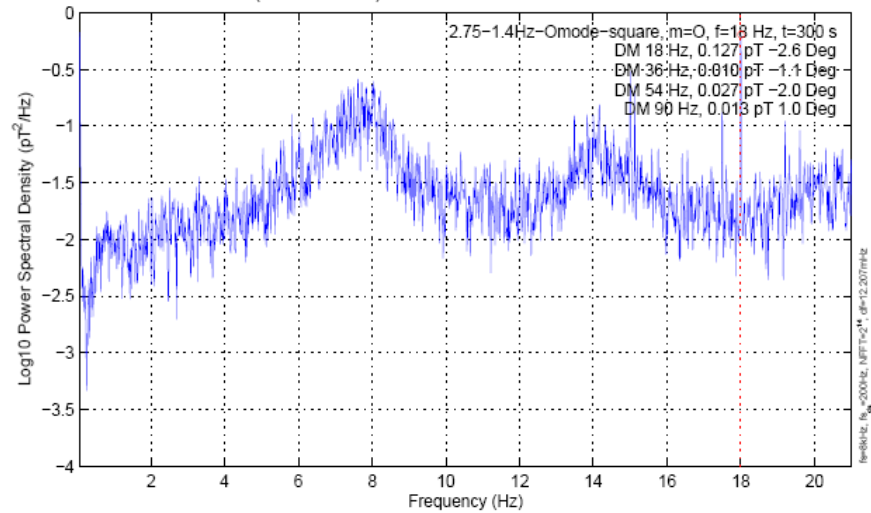
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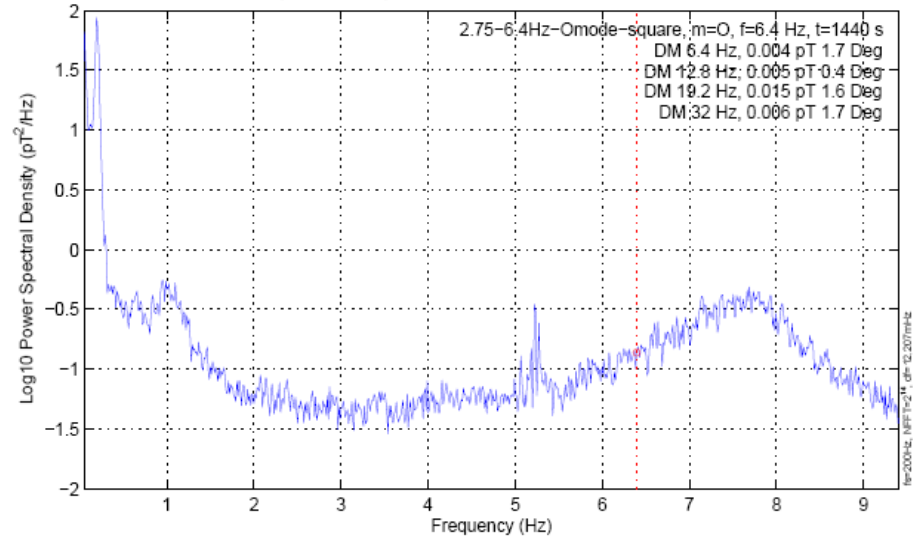
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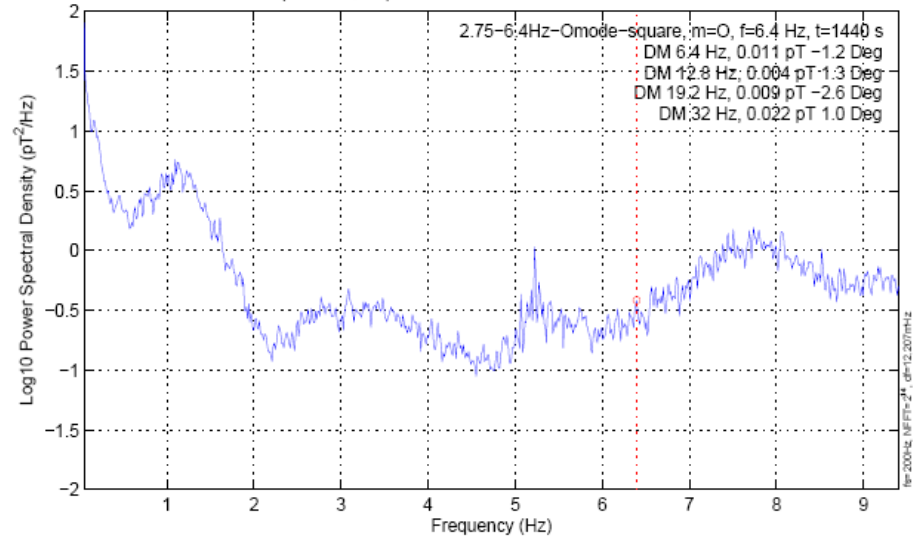
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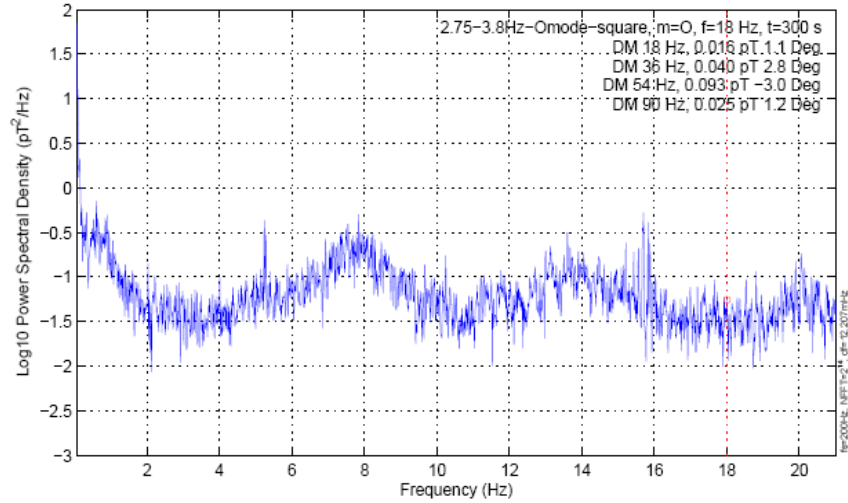
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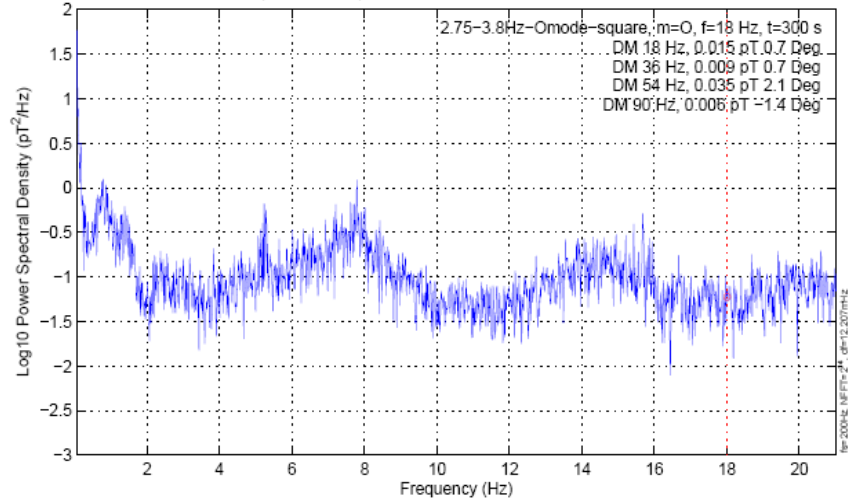
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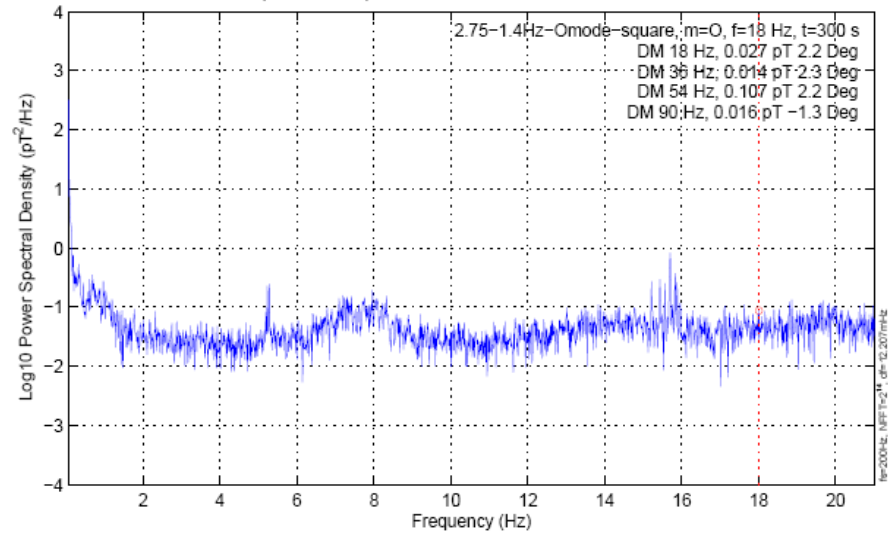
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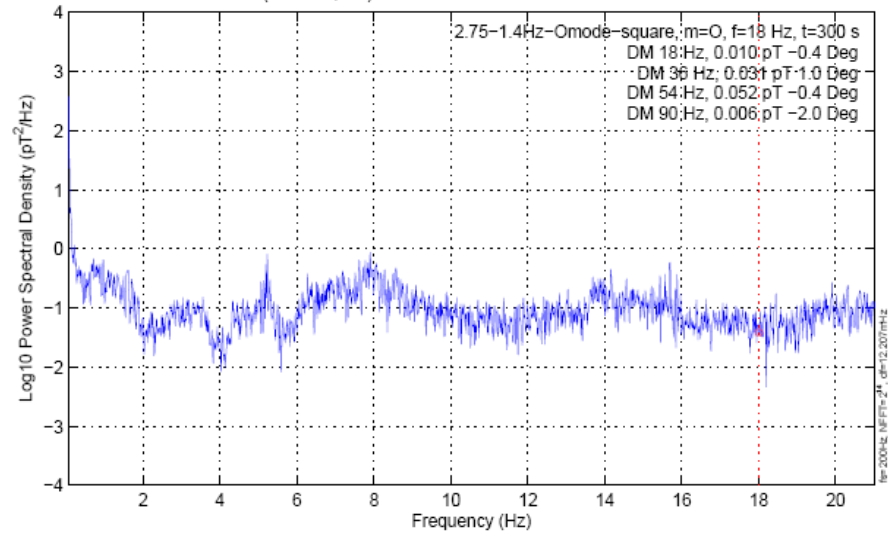
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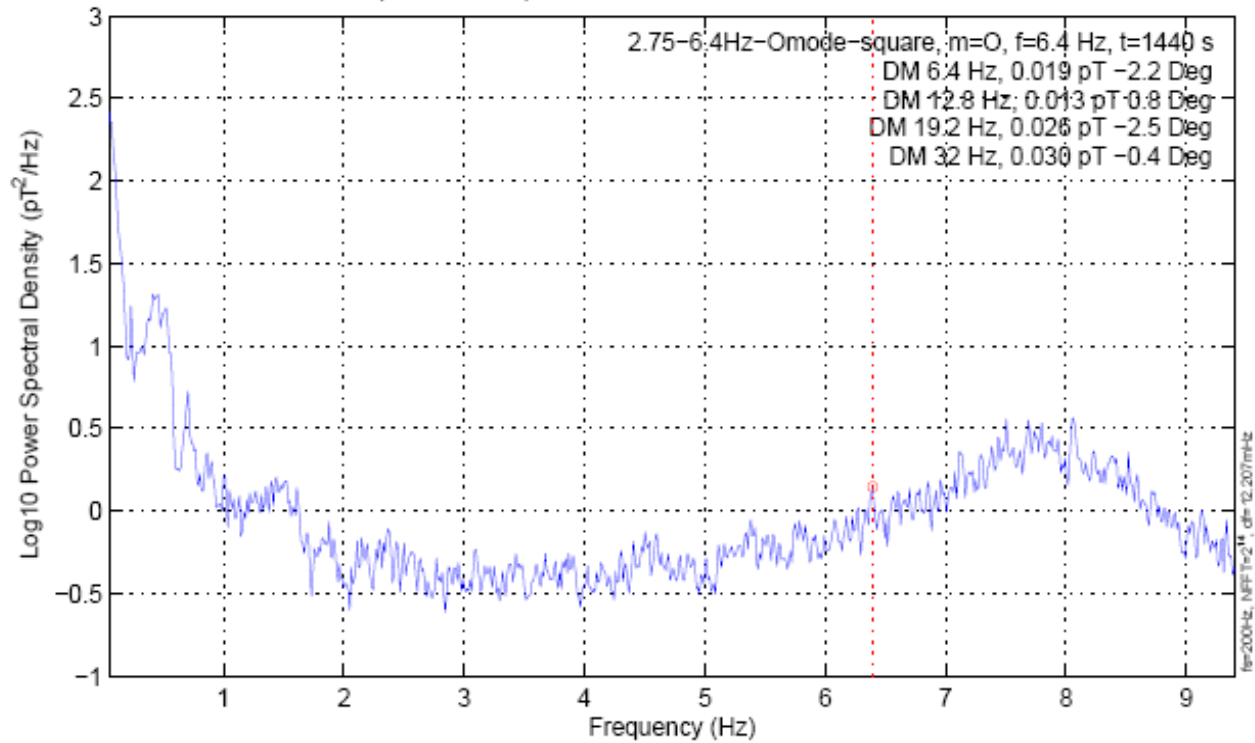
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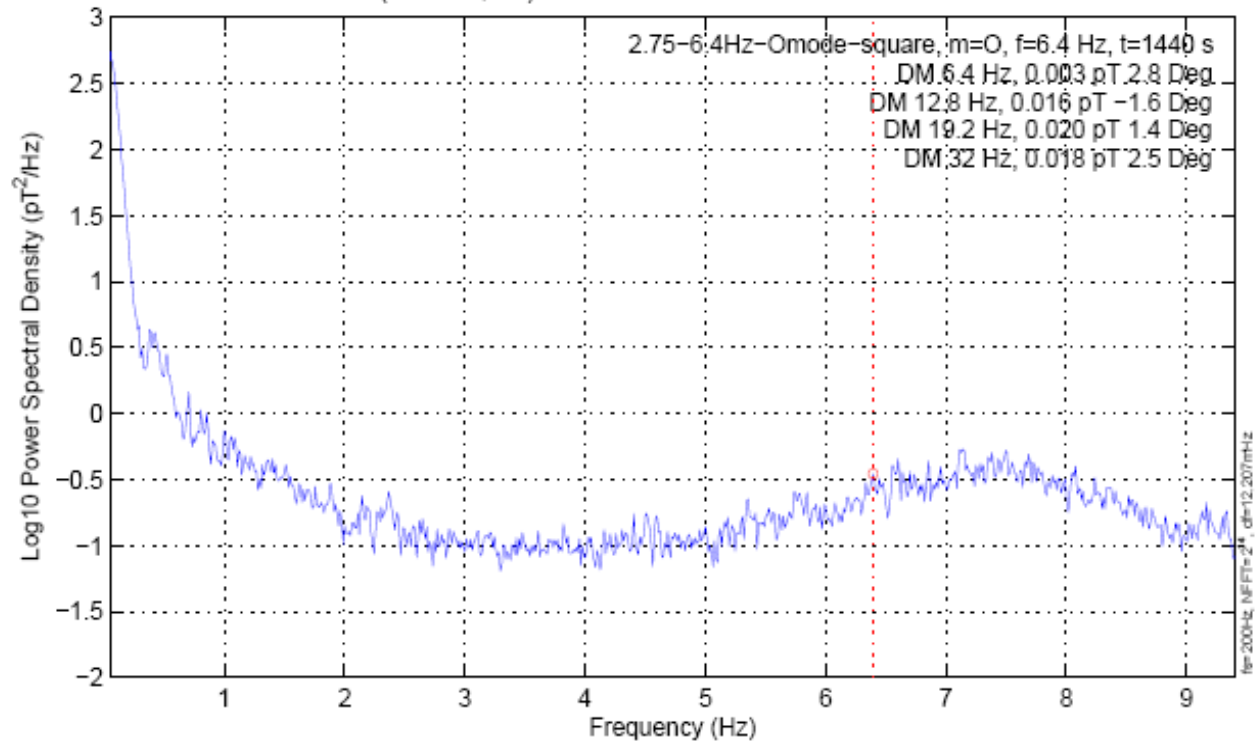
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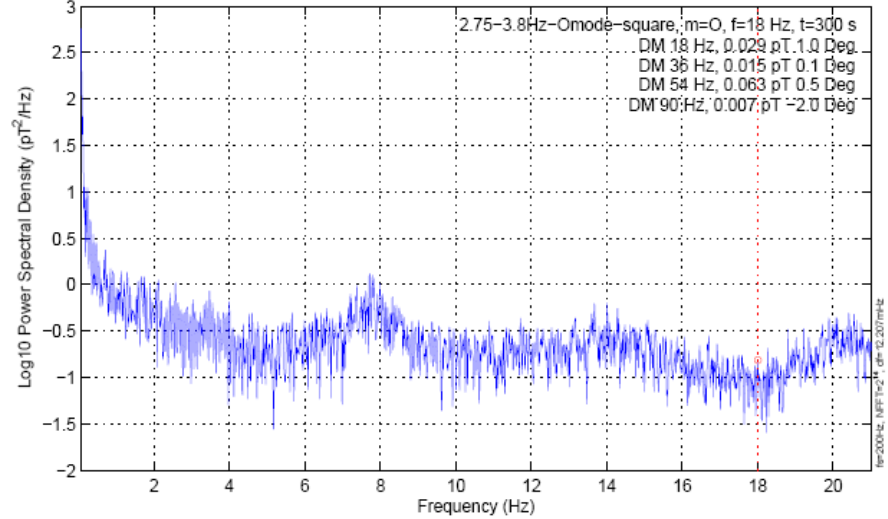
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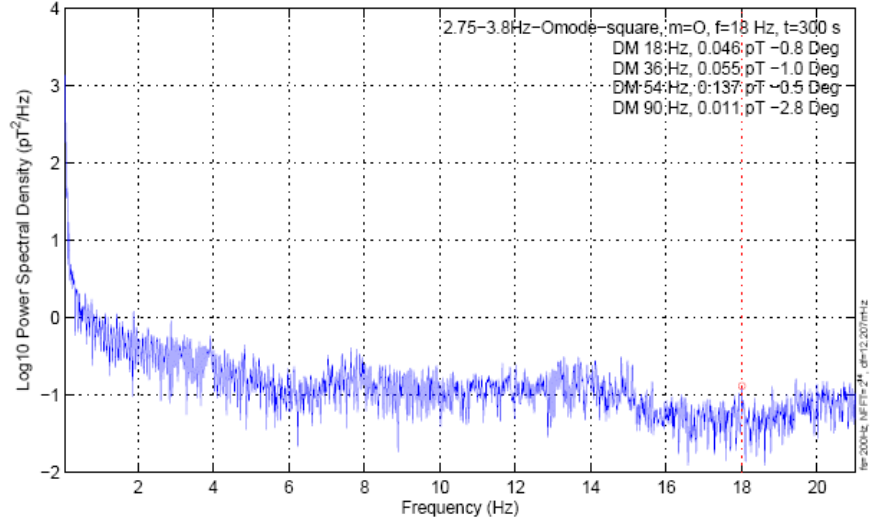
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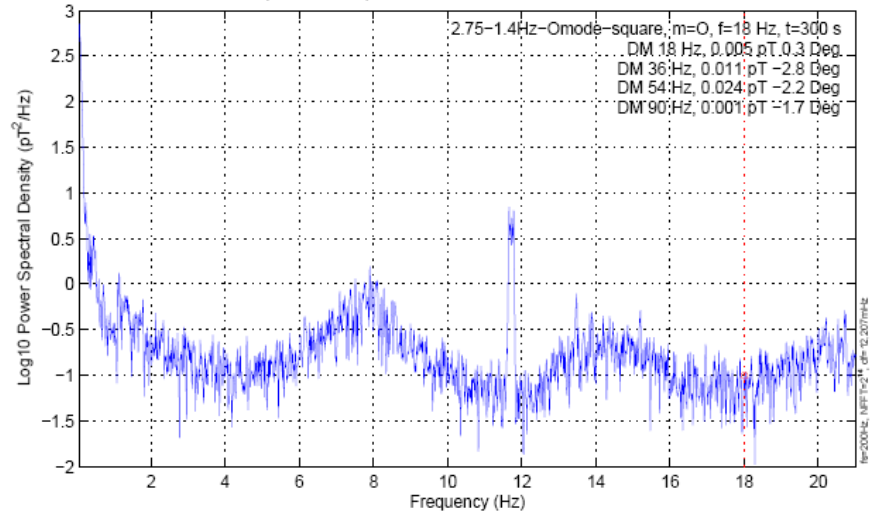
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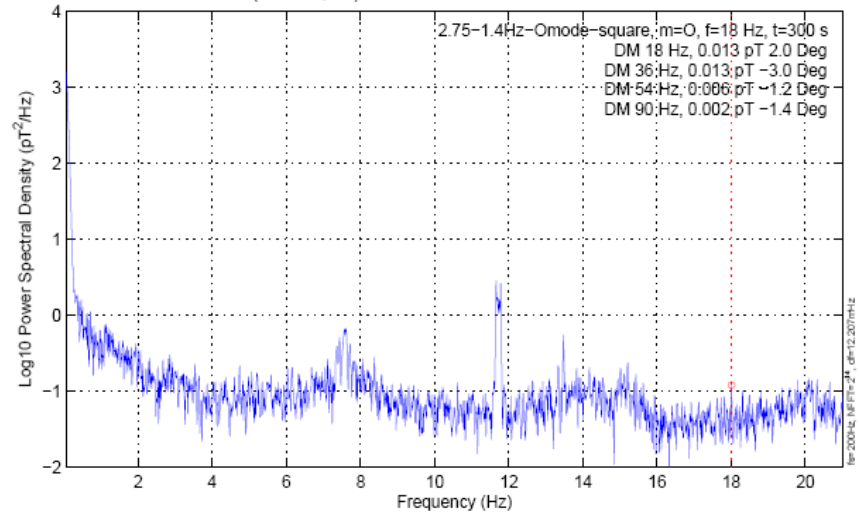
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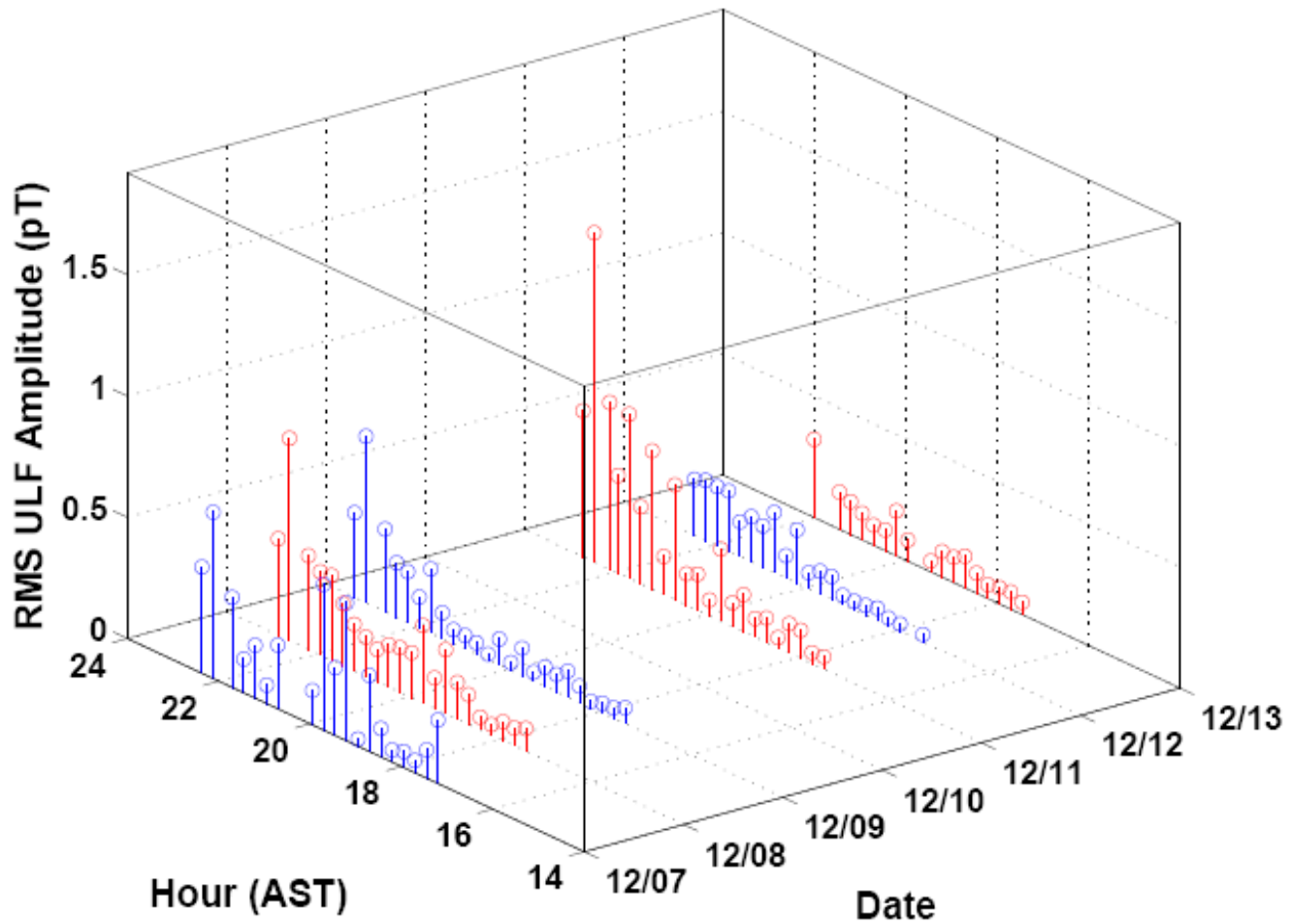


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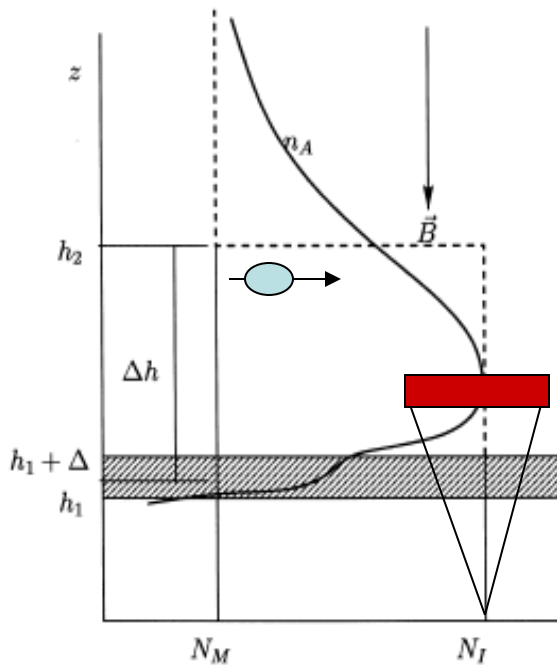
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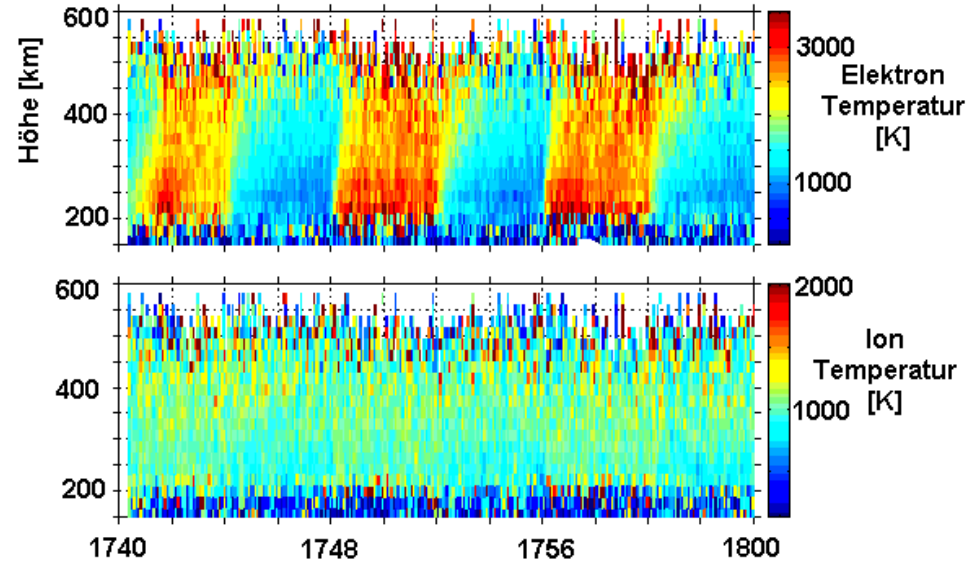
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F-Region Heating-Current Drive



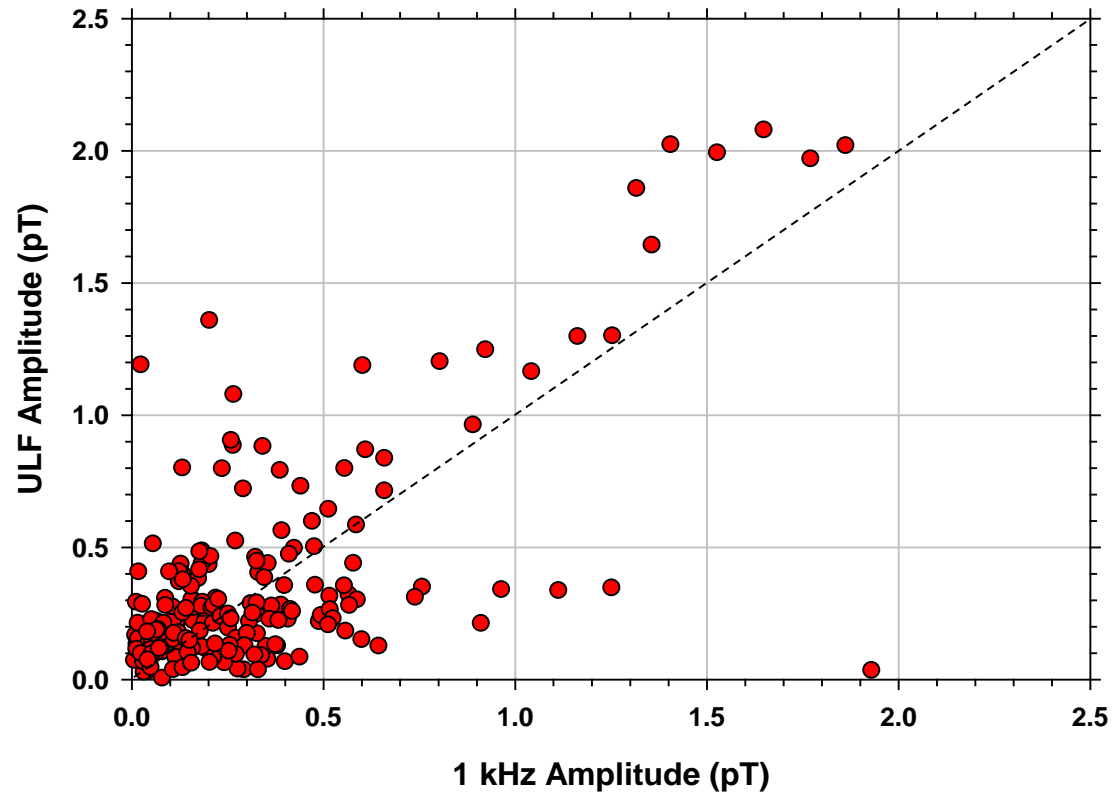
Drive AC
Diamagnetic Current
Loop



Response time .5-1 sec

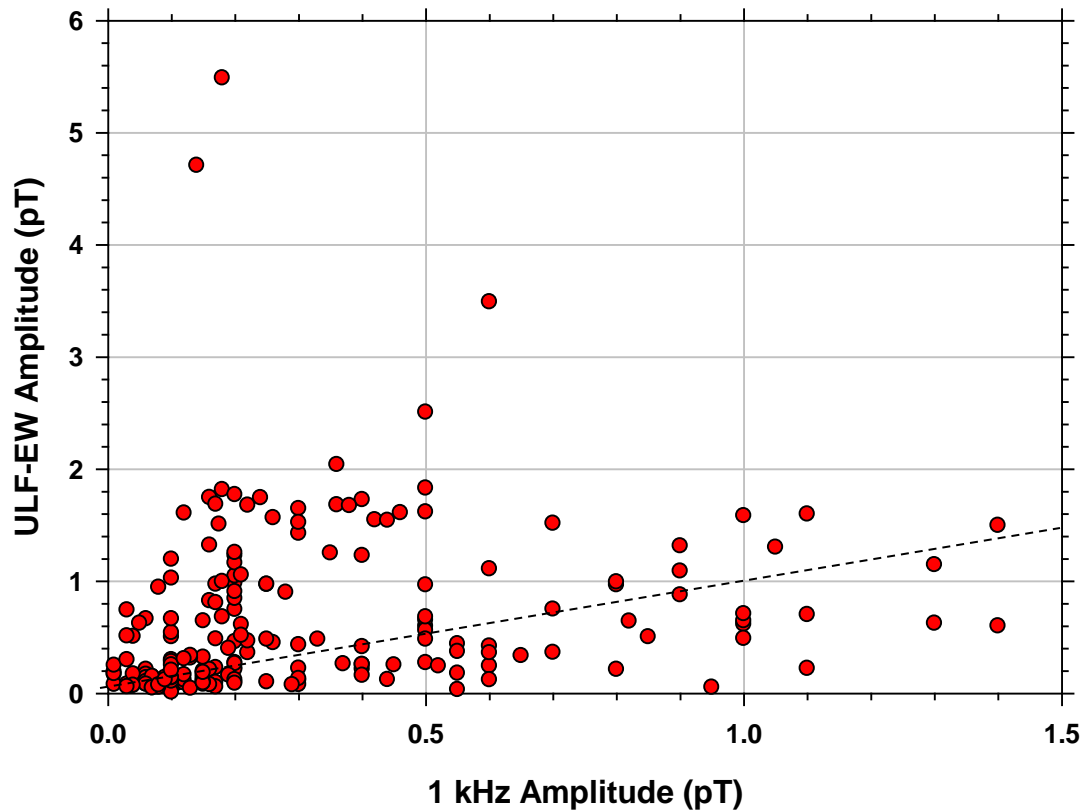
$$\Delta J = \frac{B \times \nabla \delta p}{B^2} \exp(i\omega t)$$

(Gakona) ULF VS 1 kHz Amp.
All Times [04/28/2008 21:00:00 - 05/04/2008 09:20:00]



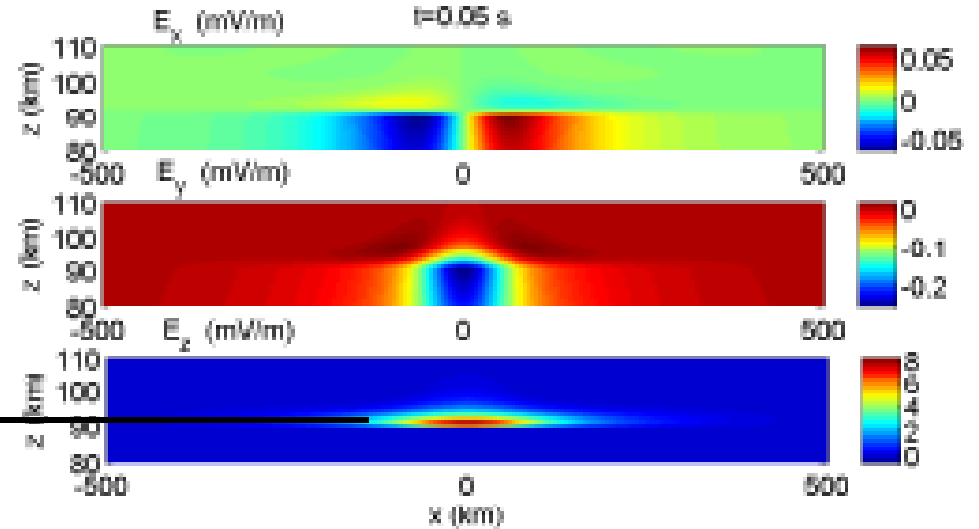
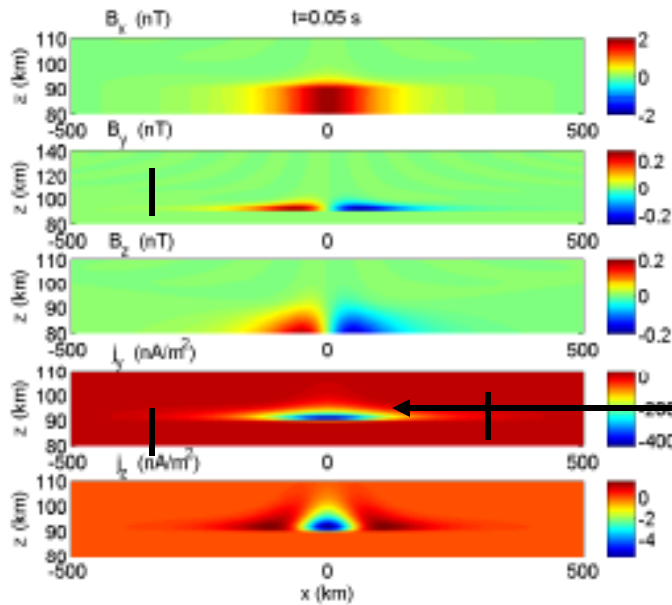
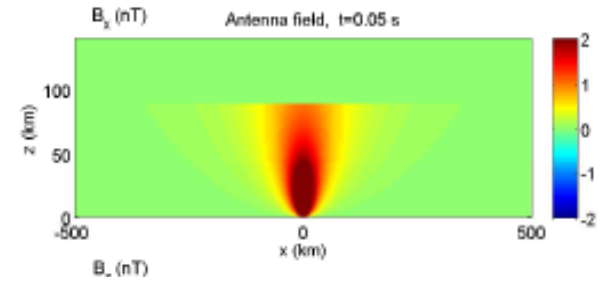
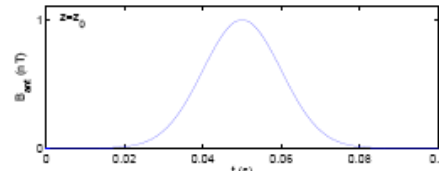
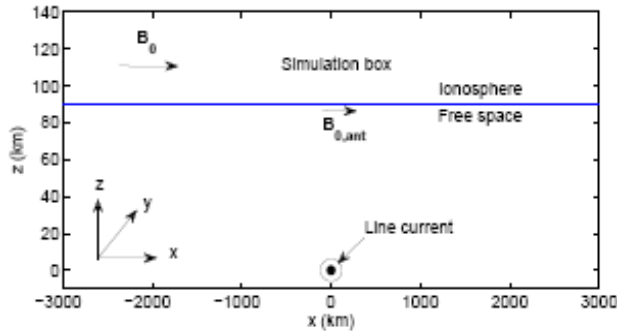
September 2007 Campaign

ULF-EW vs. 1 kHz at Gakona [September 24-October 1, 2007]



Two distinct groups: (1) ULF amp. \approx kHz amp. along dashed line – electrojet mod.;
(2) ULF amp. \gg kHz amp. at ULF 2 pT or less

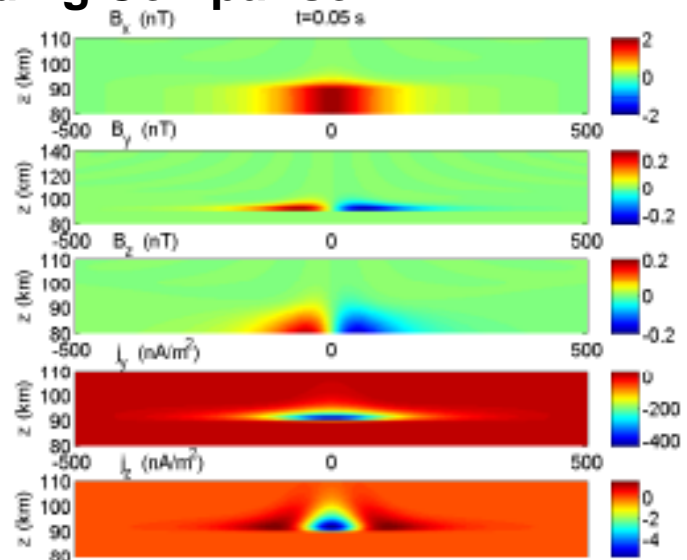
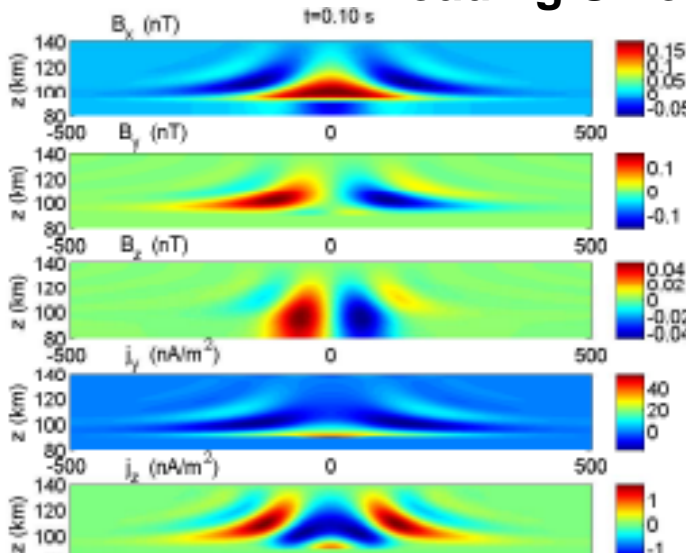
PACE E-Region Simulation – B. Eliason & DP



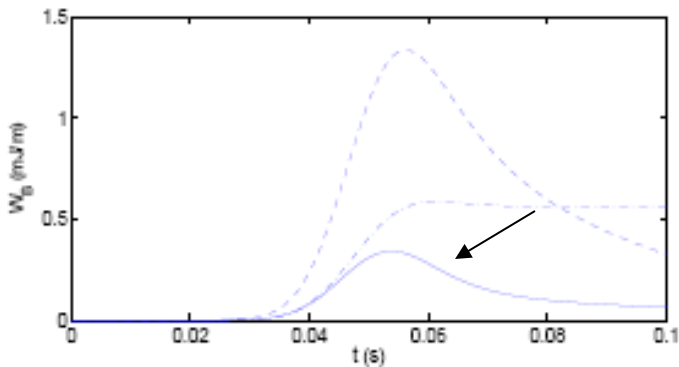
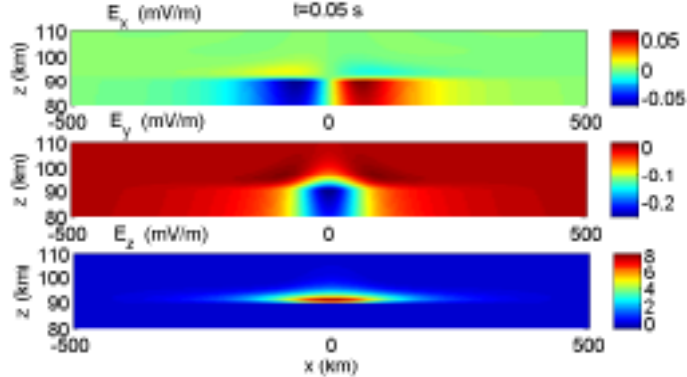
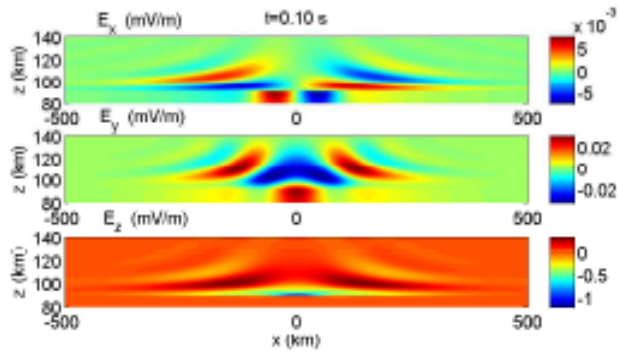
Estimates: Assume $\Delta y \approx 100$ km $\rightarrow I_V \approx 60$ A, $I_V L \approx 6 \times 10^5$ A-m, $I_H \approx 400$ A, $I_H L \approx 4 \times 10^7$ A-m

Current closure through field aligned currents carried by helicons

Loading Unloading Comparison



- Lower intensity and flipping of currents and E-fields
- Prominent oblique helicon structure



$W_B \approx 0.5 \text{ mJ/m}$. If $\Delta y \approx 100 \text{ km}$ $W_{\text{total}} \approx 50 \text{ J}$

$P \approx 50 / 0.05 \approx 100 \text{ W}$

