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USING IONOSPHERIC HEATERS TO EXPLORE THE PHYSICS OF THE RADIATION BELTS

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Addressing RB Physics Issues

- **1. Conventional System Approach Passive**
- Simultaneous multi-point sampling at various spatial scales
- High quality satellite data
- Ground measurements
- Data analysis/ Theory modeling GREAT PROGRESS IN RB PHYSICS AND PRDICTIVE MODELS – BUT HINDERED BY
- Scarcity of measurements
- Characterization of wave source

Particles generate waves – waves make particle distribution unstable - Chicken and Egg Problem

2. Complement it with Active -- Cause-and-Effect -- Experimentation and System Component Approach (UMD/ONR MURI Approach; UMD-Stanford-UCLA-Dartmouth – VA Tech)

- Active field experiments using ionospheric HF heaters to inject ULF/ELF/VLF waves in the RB and measuring their effects by space-based and ground-based sensors
- Well diagnosed laboratory experiments in space chambers-LAPD at UCLA



Van Allen Probes

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 RB Research?

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





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

-6

-10

-12

-14

-16

iB[pT Hz





Papadopoulos et al., 2008

HAARP/CLUSTER





Milikh et al. 2012

F-Region ULF/VLF "Virtual Antenna – Ionospheric Current Drive (ICD)

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^a 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^a 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



HAARP

Resonance – Ideal Tool for Active RB Studies

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.





RB Physics Questions to be addressed by Active Probing

- What is the attenuation rate of Shear Alfven (SA) waves propagating towards the conjugates?
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- 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



EXAMPLES OF PAST AND CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS AT HIGH LATITUDE



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





previous echo (mode locking of coupled

oscillators)

Only the pulse at 1100 Hz is amplified

Definitive resolution of ASE requires long time diagnostics on field tube

MI SEAR ALFVEN WAVE COUPLING

ALFVEN MASER

Trakhtengerts-Demekhov etc Kennel-Petschek, Sagdeev



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Lateral Propagation of SAW signals as MS Waves

Lysak 1998





Fig. 2.1. Example of Pc 1's (pearls) recorded at four stations simultaneously. (After J. E. Lokken, J. A. Shand, and C. S. Wright, DREP photograph 2751)

Conjugate stations detect antiphased pearl wave-packets

IAR Experiments







HAARP excitation of IAR Papadopoulos et al., 2007



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?





INNER BELT PHYSICS STUDIES

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



Proton Energy	Resonance Frequencies
30 MeV	6-16 Hz
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ICD Inner RB Injection - Arecibo





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



O* EMIC 20Hz AriH AriH Argentina

Simulation of MHD Wave injection using the Arecibo Heater

$$-k_z v_z = |\Omega_e| / \gamma$$

$$\frac{k^2 c^2}{\omega^2} = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega(\omega + |\Omega_e|)} - \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\omega \omega_{pj}^2}{(\omega - \Omega_j)}$$

$$\frac{k^2 c^2}{\omega^2} \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } \omega \rightarrow \Omega_j$$
As a result $1/k_z \rightarrow |\Omega_e| / \gamma v_z$ before reaching resonance $(1/k_z \rightarrow 0)$



Helium Resonances

RBSP measures the waves and the energetic particles before during and after transitioning the L=1.4 flux tube so that we can use change detection and possibly statistical stacking



Straw-man of Arecibo Heater ICD/ Van Allen or Resonance type Investigation



QUASI-PERIODIC EMISSIONS

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
THANK YOU



Arecibo (L≈1.4)

Tromso (L≈5.9)

SURA (L≈2.6)

The Future

• Use Ionospheric heaters (HF) to inject ULF/ELF/VLF waves in the L-shell that spans the heater and diagnose it with RBSP, Resonance, DSX, ePOP

Magneto-synchronous



RBSP



Launch May 18, 2012 2 probes, <1500 kg for both 10° inclination, 9 hr orbits ~500 km x 30,600 km



RESONANCE (Russia) Launch ~2012-14, 4-spacecraft Orbit:1800x30,000km, ~63° incl.

DSX (AFRL) Launch ~2012 MEO, wave/ particle



An Equatorial Location May Be Optimal for Operational Use.



- Equatorial Electrojet is More Reliable than the Auroral.
- Magnetic Geometry and Electron Density Profiles Suggest Much Higher Conversion Efficiency Than Auroral.
- Operational Facility Would Be Single Purpose and Much Simpler than HAARP.
- Land-based Facility Could be Sited on Kwajalein Atoll. Alternatively, a Re-Locatable Sea-Based Facility Could be Sited as Needed.

Frequency Selection for Protons



Arecibo Heater Experiments



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Back of the envelope schematic of experiments with approximate amplitudes to be verified in the experiments. Better calculations to be included in the proposal are in progress. In all experiments the ionospheric state will be measured by the ISRs. The field amplitudes will be recorded on the ground in Arecibo and conjugate (AGCP)

Present Research Emphasis ULF/ELF/VLF



Applications Related Research and Technology Demonstrations

ELF / VLF Wave Generation Through Ionosphere Interactions





Message Received on the Ground from a Virtual ELF Antenna in Space Generated by HAARP Modulations of Currents in the lonosphere

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



SAW DEMETER Detection



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

Ionospheric Current Drive (ICD) Concept

Papadopoulos et al. GRL 2011a,b Eliasson et al., JGR 2012 Step 1: $\Delta J = \frac{B \times \nabla \delta p}{B^2} \exp(i\omega t)$ MS Wave Step 2: E field of MS wave drives Hall current in E-region resulting in secondary antenna resembling PEJ



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ICD PoP Experiments

Papadopoulos et al GRL 2011b



- 10/14-10/21 Magnetometer below 10 nT
- 10/14-10/23 55 hours of VLF/ELF/ULF tests
- 6 hours of VLF ground measurements
 –PEJ operational
- 51 hours of low ELF/ULF (12-44 Hz) ground measurements







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Low ELF Observed by Demeter Satellite

2010-11-06, 06:15:00-06:34:30 ELF 11 Hz modulation (O-MZ)



Frequency [Hz]

Msonic Wave Injection



What's New - Ionospheric ELF Source Without Electrojet

- ELF produced by HAARP with *No Electrojet* A Major Breakthrough based on discoveries in recent HAARP campaigns
 - Predictable and repeatable ELF generation up to 50 Hz on daily basis
 - Meff $\approx 5 \times 10^9 \text{ A} \cdot \text{m}^2$
 - Validated technique: plasma currents driven by HF heating in the F/E layers
 - Technology transferable to low latitude regions with robust F & no E'Jet
- Ionospheric ELF source provides
 - Higher source strength
 - Closer to region of interest
 - Data rate >> FELF system
 - Greatly increased bandwidth
 - Higher SNR in near field





Resonance – The ideal Partner of HAARP

Pair of microsatellites in Magneto-synchronous orbit – Stay on same field line for 45-60 minutes

- Wave-particle interactions in the Radiation Belts – Whistler range – Artificially Stimulated Emissions (ASE)
- ULF MHD Study
 - Shear Alfven Waves ,EMIC and Magnetosonic wave injection in space. Interactions with trapped electron and ions
 - Excitation of the Ionospheric Alfven Resonator (IAR)
 - Shear Alfven Wave (Pc1) triggering

Mission to be launched by IKI/Russia Summer 2014







Cause and Effect Studies of the Physics of Radiation Belts; Priority recommendation of Decadal Survey

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Diagnose by Van Allen, Resonance, DSX, ePOP/Cassiope, ERG, BARREL, Orbitals + microsats and ground instruments (ISR, sensors,...)





FROM RESONANCE PLAN DOCUMENT



Scheme of a joint experiment with a ground-based heater

1 – Earth, 2 – ionosphere, 3 – heated ionosphere region, 4 – magnetic flux tube, 5 – TM line, 6 – satellite, 7 – trajectories of particles and guided waves



HAARP Artificially Stimulated Emissions Stanford University



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Physics of Pc-1 MHD Waves Ionospheric Alfven Resonator (IAR)





M-I SAW Coupling Studies

Ionospheric Alfven



Fig. 1. A 30-sec segment of simultaneous recordings of X-ray count rate for E > 30 kev (top), integrated VLF amplitude from 0.6 to 5 kHz (middle), and VLF spectrum from 0 to 5 kHz (bottom), at Siple station, Antarctica, on January 2, 1971. The dashed line in the top portion of the figure refers to the cosmic-ray background level of ~175 c/sec. (Because of a plotting error the X-ray record must be shifted 0.15 sec to the right relative to the VLF records; no correction is required in Figure 2.)

Quasi-periodic ULF/VLF and electron precipitation

HAARP / RBR Research Activities



Planned Experiments to Understand VLF Injection, Propagation, and Amplification in the Magnetosphere– A Key Enabler for an Operational Mitigation System

Near-Term Research Focus Radiation Belt Remediation (RBR) Issues

ELF/VLF Waves Known to Control Lifetimes of Radiation Belt Particles

Scientific Unknowns

- Wave Generation/Injection Efficiencies
- Dependence on Frequency, Waveforms
- Dependence on Geophysical Conditions
- Wave Propagation Characteristics
 - Ducting Conditions
 - Wave Amplification 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

Research to Help Specify the Nature, Number, and Orbits of VLF Satellite Transmitters Required for Timely Radiation Belt Remediation







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Active Probing of Inner RB Using the Arecibo Heater Using ICD



Focus on SAW for protons and EMIC for electrons

WPI critical aspect of RB physics. Van Allen Probes will study interactions in the natural environment, A wave injection facility at Arecibo at frequencies that resonate with energetic protons and electrons offers cause and effect understanding of the induced transport processes with RBSP and other satellite diagnostics. Also study of mid-latitude IAR and SAW and EMIC propagation

HAARP-DEMETER VLF INJECTION







B[pT Hz^{-1/2}

- ELF/VLF signals observed in LEO (~700 km) at lateral distances of >400-km from HAARP
- Simultaneous measurement of all six components (3*E*, 3*B*) allows estimation of the Poynting vector
- Total ELF/VLF radiated power estimated to be ~10 to 30 Watts in the range ~100 Hz to 800 Hz.

New Opportinuty - Active SAW Probing of Inner RB Using the Arecibo Heater/Van Allen



10000 10000 (km) (km) (km) 5000 5000 N 0 0 -5000 -5000 5000 10000 5000 10000 x (km) x (km) 0 5 -5 -5 0 5

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HELIUM BRANCH Resonances



RB SAW Injection Tests



Injects SAW upwards and ELF in the **Earth-Ionosphere** Waveguide



MS

Proof of Concept ICD Injection Experiment HAARP/DEMETER

Chang-Lebinsky-Milikh-

Papadopoulos

2.8 MHz, O-mode







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Papadopoulos et al. GRL 2011a,b

IAR Excitation by the HAARP



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$\omega = k_z V_p$
$\omega = k_z V_A$
$\alpha(E,\alpha) \approx \frac{\Omega}{005\alpha} \frac{M_A^2}{2E}$
$-k_z v_z = \left \Omega_e \right / \gamma$
$\frac{k^2 c^2}{\omega^2} = 1 - \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega(\omega + \Omega_e)} - \sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{\omega \omega_{pj}^2}{(\omega - \Omega_j)}$
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RB AS A MASER WHY?

Take a flux tube



Loss Cone Distribution



- 1. Fundamental modes Whistler and Alfven Waves.
- 2. Magnetic field tube with low density magnetoplasma corresponds to a quasi-optical resonator.
- 3. High density and conduction ionospheric regions correspond to the mirrors with reflection and transmission coefficients.
- The active medium is the energetic particle loss cone distribution intrinsically maintained in the geometry – Population inversion
- 5. Pumping can be provided by sources of energetic particles or waves externally injected or external control of the cavity Q.

$$\frac{dn_p}{dt} = Kn_pN_2 + KN_2 - \frac{n_p}{\tau}$$
$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = -Kn_pN_2 - \frac{N_2}{\tau_2} + R_p(t)$$

Exhibits relaxation oscillations, spiking, Q switching controlled by the pumping rate R(t)