Testing Plasma Physics in the lonosphere

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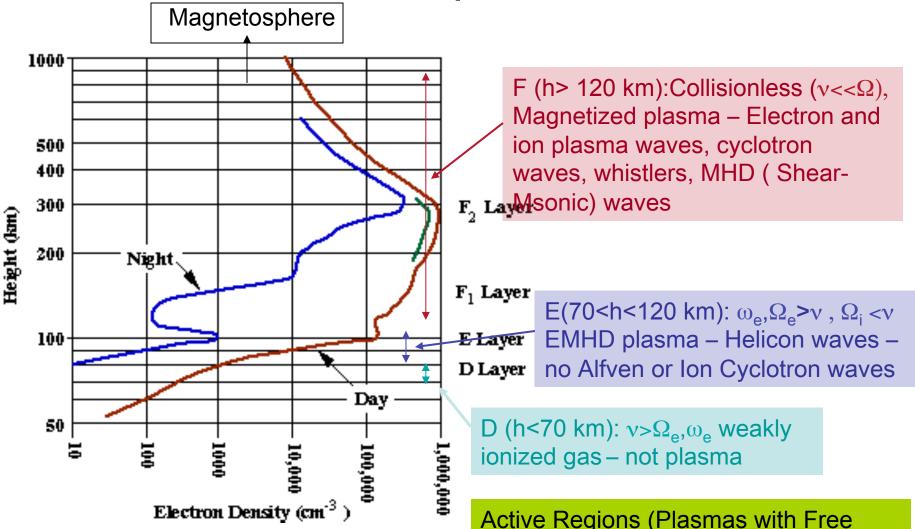
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The Polar Ionosphere as Plasma

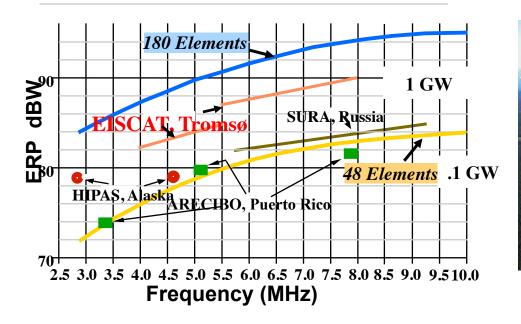


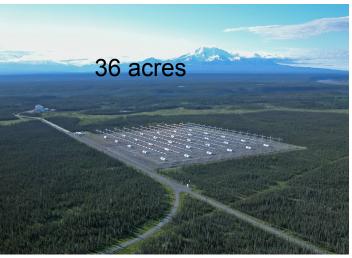
Active Regions (Plasmas with Free Energy): E-Electrojets, F- Density Gradient

Ionospheric Heaters – The HAARP Heater

• **lonospheric heater** - Powerful HF transmitter (2.8-10 MHz) that induces controlled temporary modification to the plasma temperature at desired altitude.

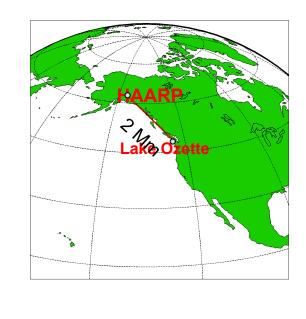
- Use in conjunction with diagnostics to study, in a cause and effect fashion:
 - EM propagation, plasma turbulence and instabilities
 - Response of magnetospheric plasma and Radiation Belts to controlled perturbations of the ionospheric plasma





RESEARCH TOPICS

- Collisional Heating (D Region)
 - ULF/ELF generation by current modulation
 - Multiple site detection Waveguide propagation
 - Shear Alfven Wave Injection Satellite detection
 - Excitation of Ionospheric Alfven Resonator
 - Artificially Stimulated Emissions (ASE)
- F-Region Collisionless Heating (Anomalous Absorption) (and SE)
 - Magnetosonic Wave generation and Injection into the Alfvenic Waveguide
 - Generation and detection of artificial density ducts
- Langmuir turbulence Parametric Instabilities
- Electron acceleration- Optical Emissions
- Field aligned striations Scintillations
- Upper hybrid waves and conversion of lower hybrid waves to whistlers
- Artificially Stimulate emissions



Ground Probes

Experiment Methodology

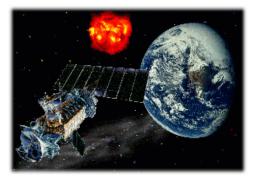
HAARP



Satellite Probes 650-700 km

DEMETER





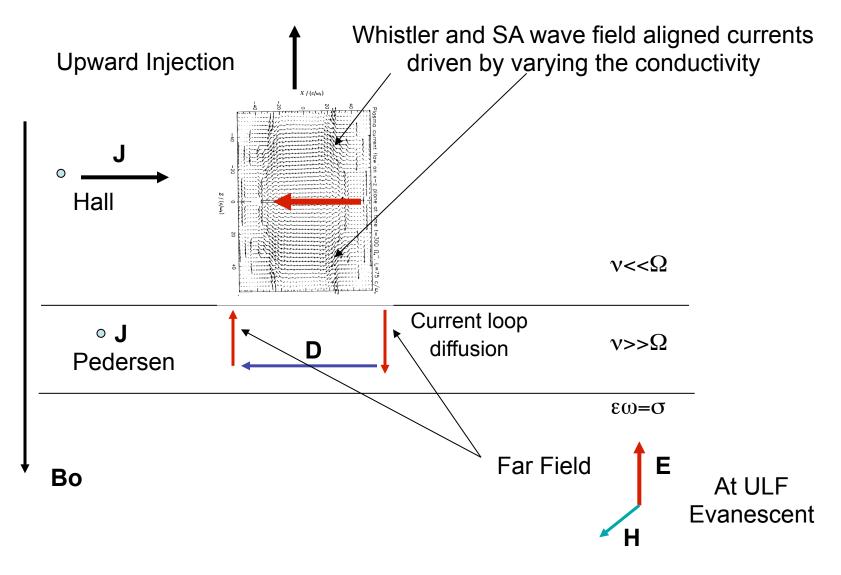


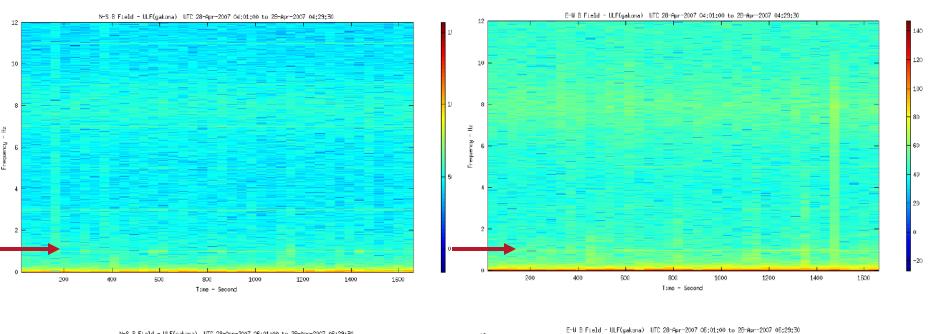
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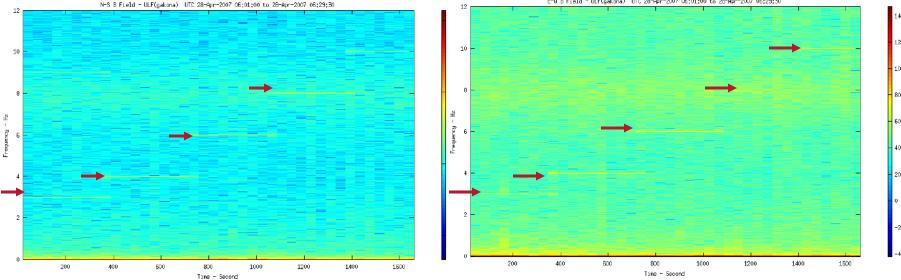
- Basics Physics-Conditions
- Gakona detection movie
- Near-Far detection
- SAW detection
- IAR Excitation

Collisional Heating

Conventional Electrojet Ionospheric ULF Generation



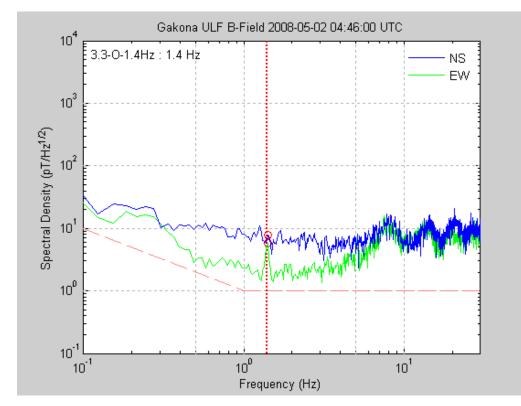




30 minute spectrograms of OX 1 Hz (upper) and O-mode 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10 Hz step up modulation

ULF at Gakona – Power Spectral Density (PSD)

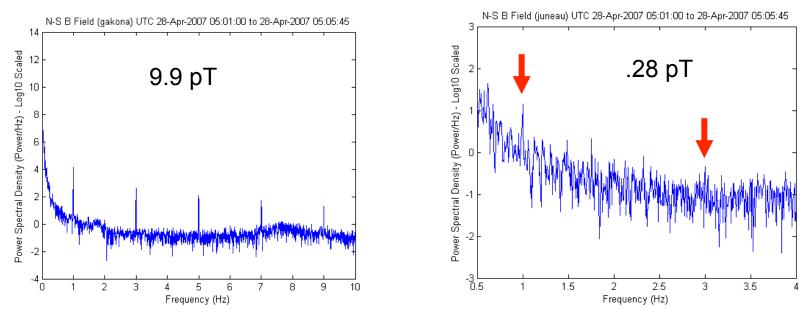
- Frequency spectrum in a moving time window
- Clear Schumann
 resonances at 8, 14, ...
 Hz
- Signals emerge as freq. peaks in sync with HAARP ULF operation
- Greatly varying background below 1 Hz



ULF Signal Propagation

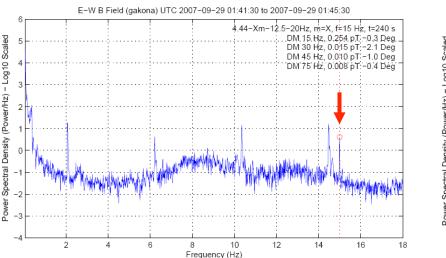
Gakona

Juneau - 450 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
- B~1/R² wave evanescent

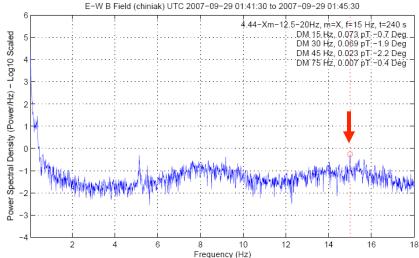
ULF Signal Propagation



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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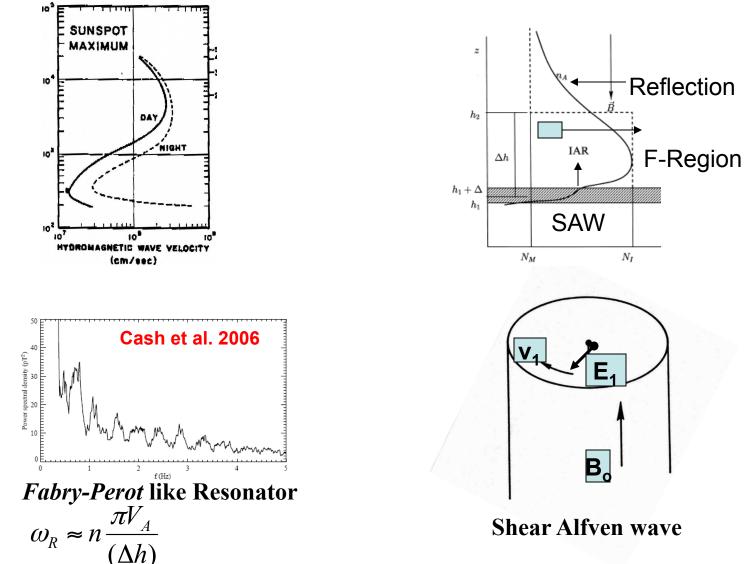


Gakona

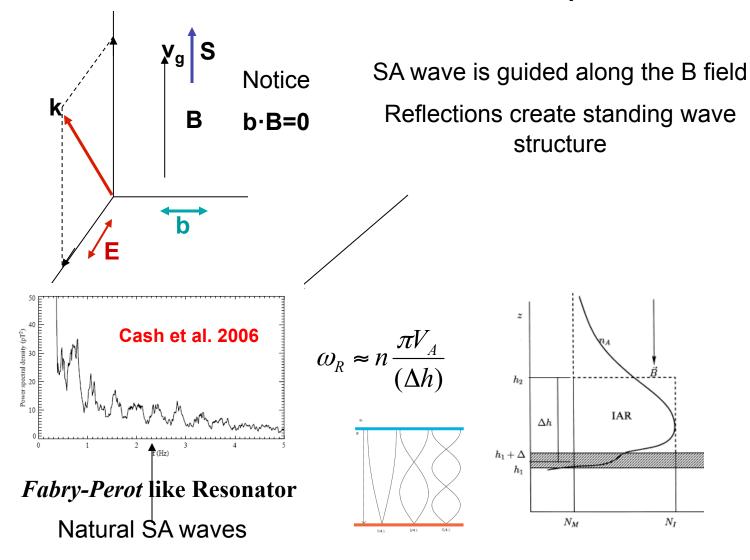
Chiniak – 670 km

Clear 15 Hz peak can be seem at both sites EW Amplitudes: Gakona: 0.25 pT Chiniak: 0.07 pT

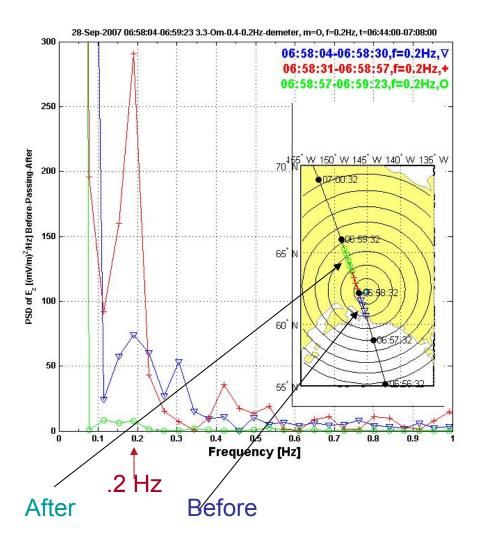
IONOSPHERIC ALFVEN RESONATOR (IAR)



SA Waves – Ionospheric Alfven Resonator (IAR)



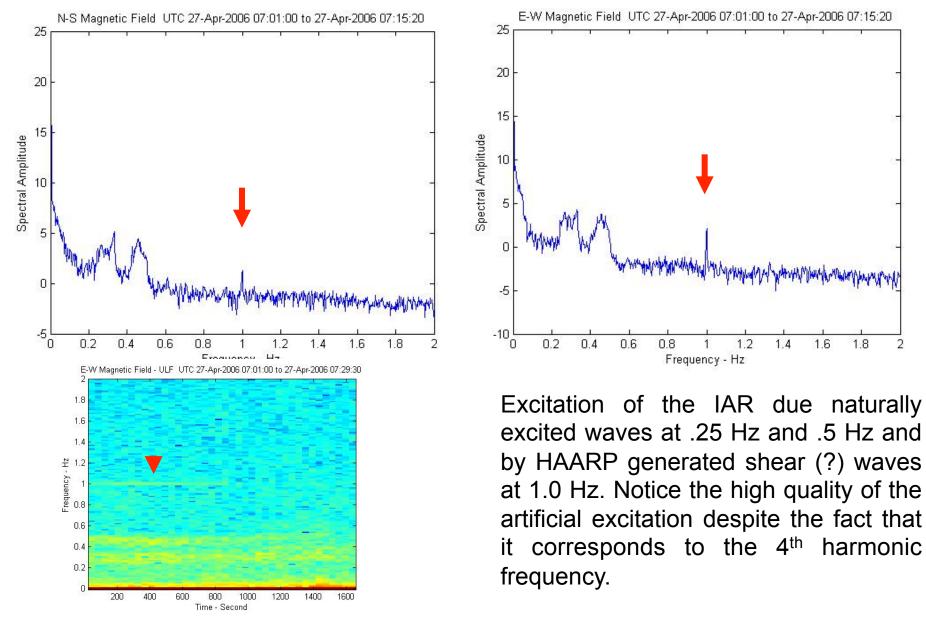
SAW DEMETER Detection



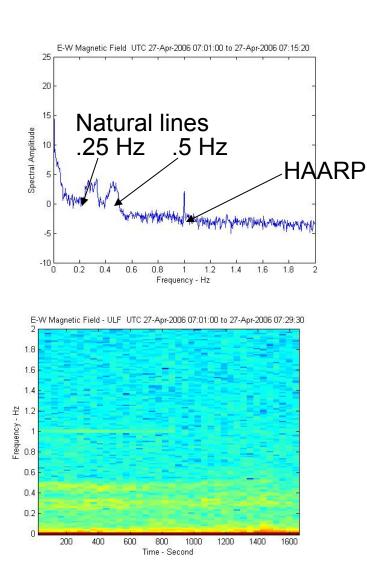
Frequency .2 Hz Closest distance 80 km Detection time 25 sec Detection distance 150 km Maximum E M10 mV/m Estimated power ~ kW 1.5 pT on the ground

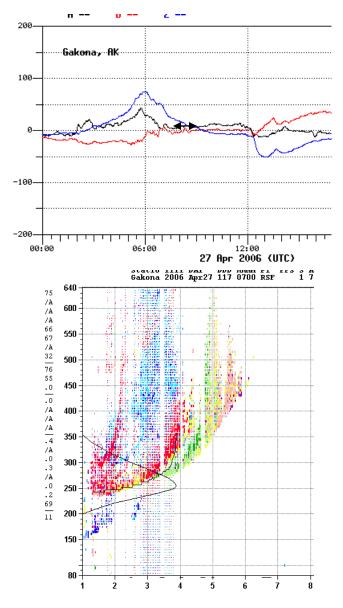
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IAR Excitation

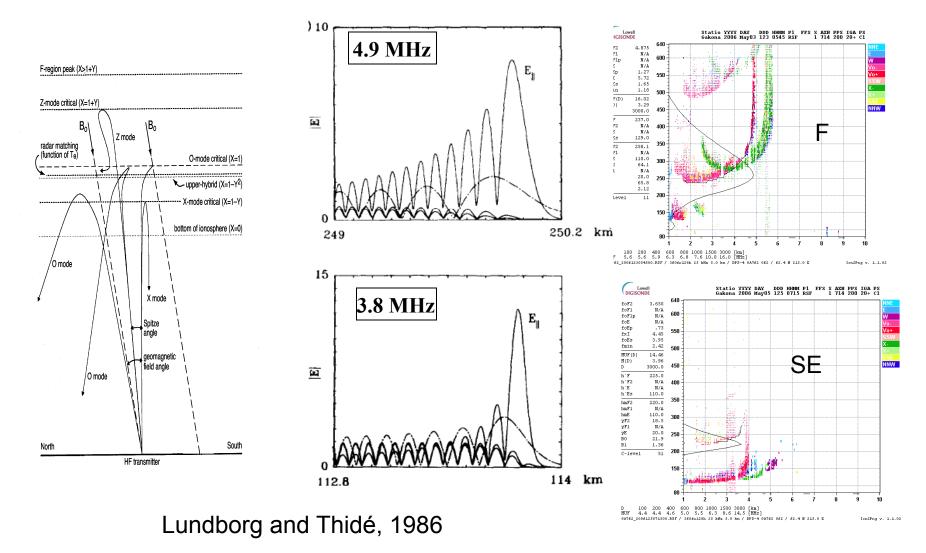


Paradox ?

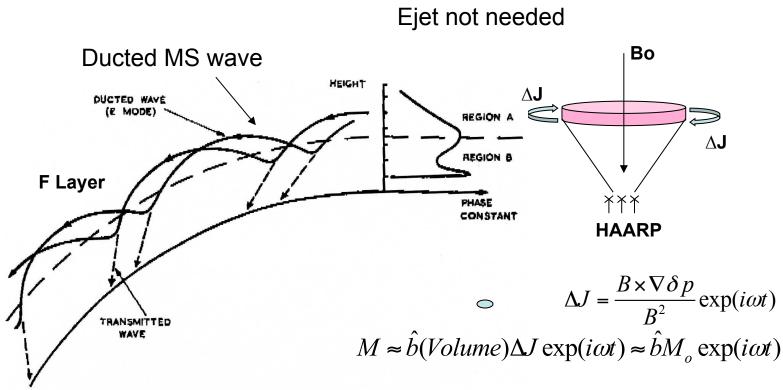




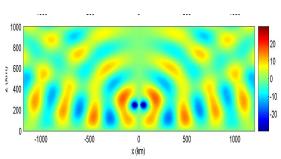
Collisionless Heating – Anomalous Absorption (F-Region; Sporadic E)



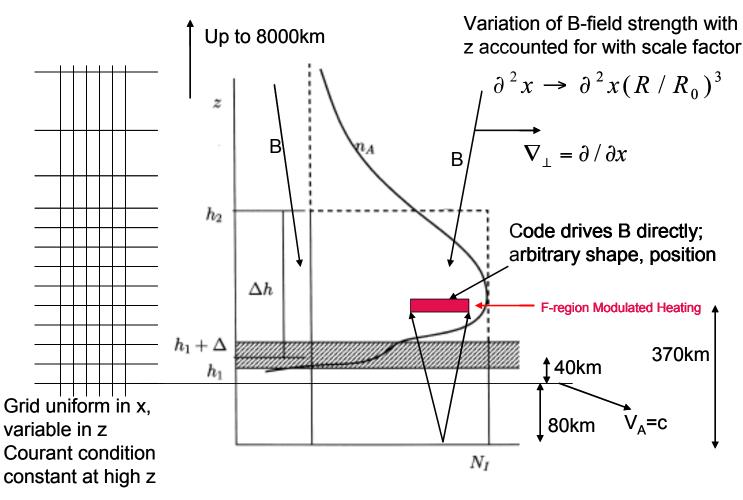
Msonic Wave Generation



The wave propagates isotropically but is reflected at the D/E region and is much weaker on the ground under the heated region. It can be measured by satellites or at large lateral distances (skip zone)

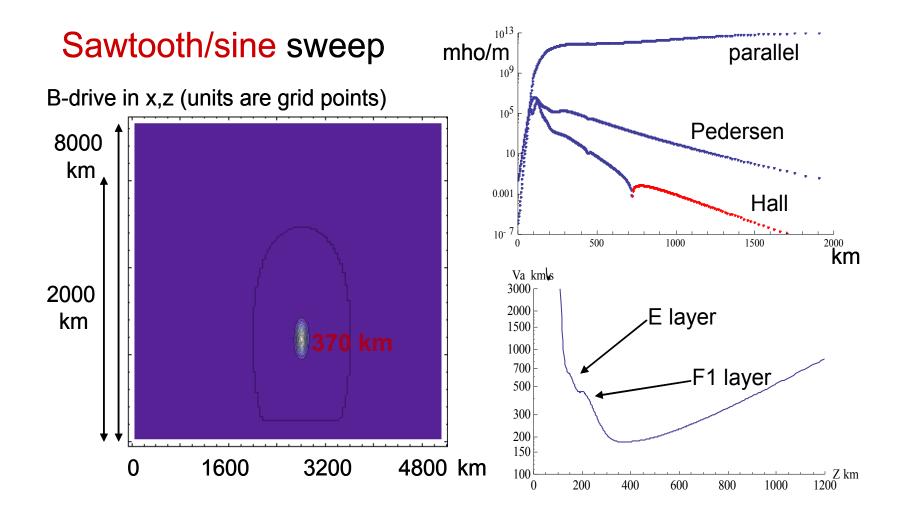


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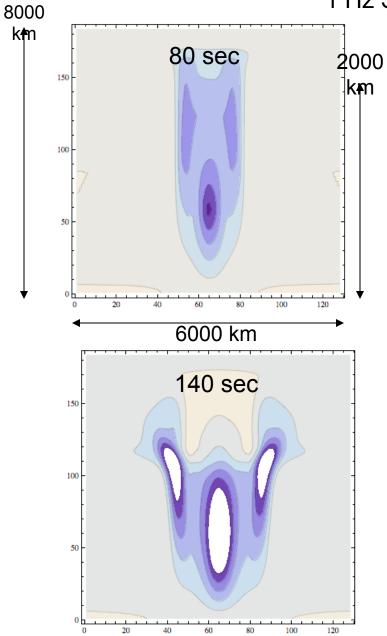


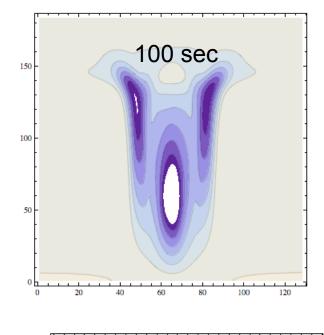
Simulations by I. Doxas

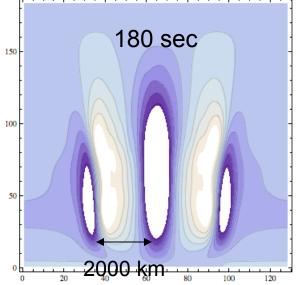
2D Simulations Show Skip Distance

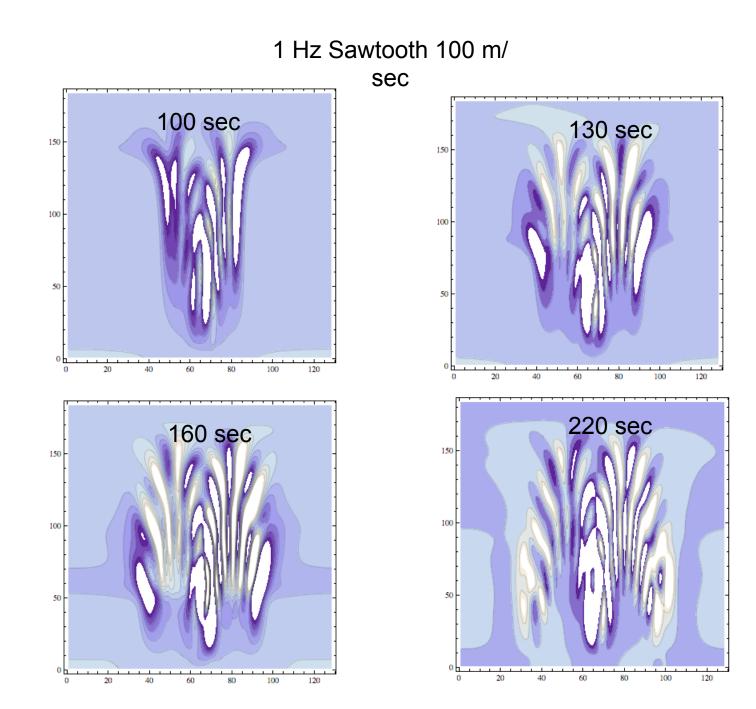


1 Hz Sin Modulation

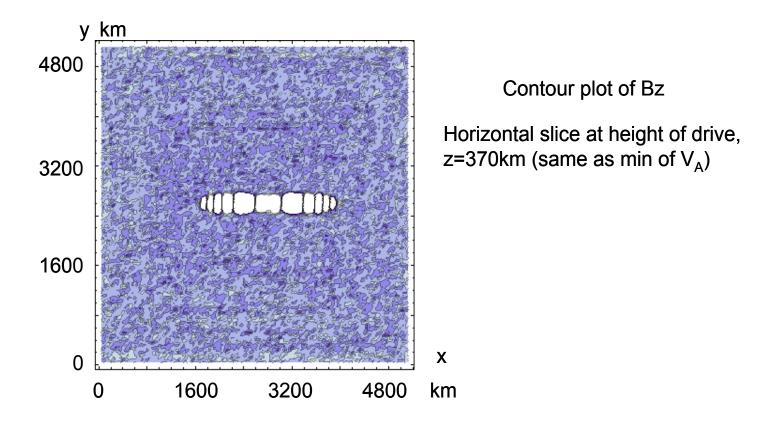






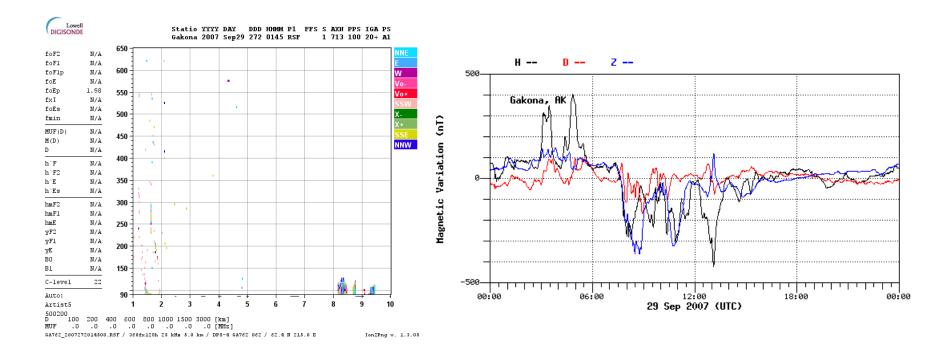


3D Simulations Show Beaming for Sawtooth Sweep



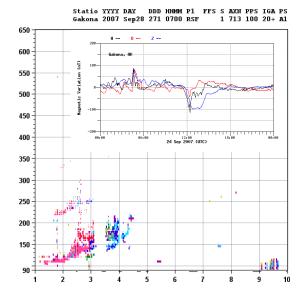
Driver is swept in sawtooth in x-direction along a 100km track. V_sweep=100km/s, repetition=1Hz

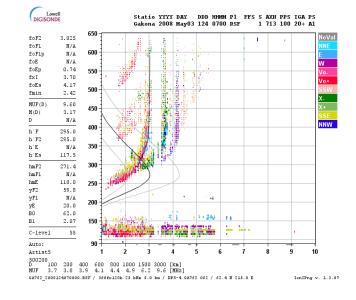
ULF Signal Propagation Conditions



lonogram does not show any profile due to high attenuation

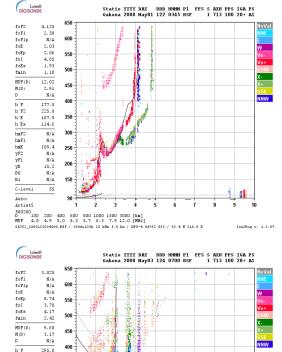
Gakona fluxgate B traces show that at 01:45:00 is in the build-up phase of moderate magnetic activities

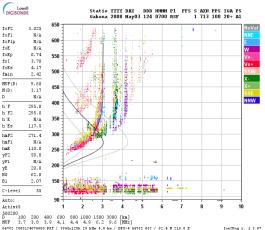




HF Heating & Ionospheric Profile

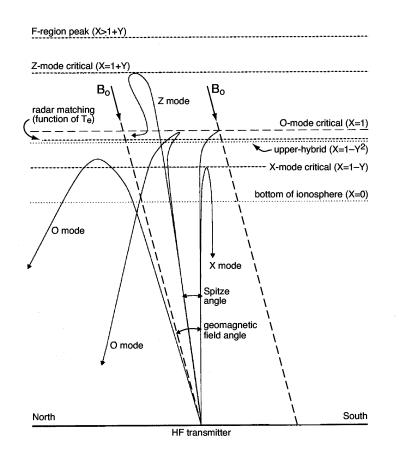
- HF heating (max. mod. at F peak)
 - 3.6 MW along local B
 - O mode first, X mode secondary
 - Mainly at 3.3 MHz
 - 2.83 MHz: last hour of 5/4/2008
- Typical ionospheric condition
 - Weak F (foF2 < 4 MHz) for Alfven
 - Solar min.
- Two cases of diff. cond. at Gakona
 - <u>Example 1</u>: Enhanced F with D&E
 - With Ejet, D/E & F mod.
 - 20 Hz at Gakona & Ozette
 - Example 2: Weak F with Sporadic
 - No Ejet, E layer mod.
 - 20 Hz at Ozette, not Gakona

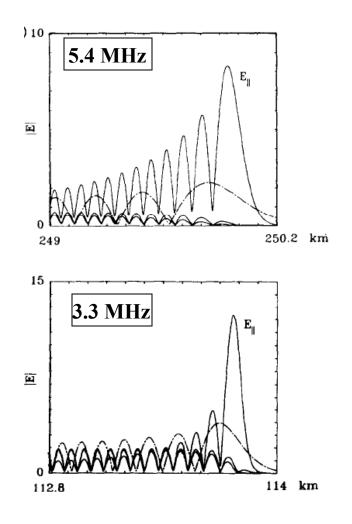




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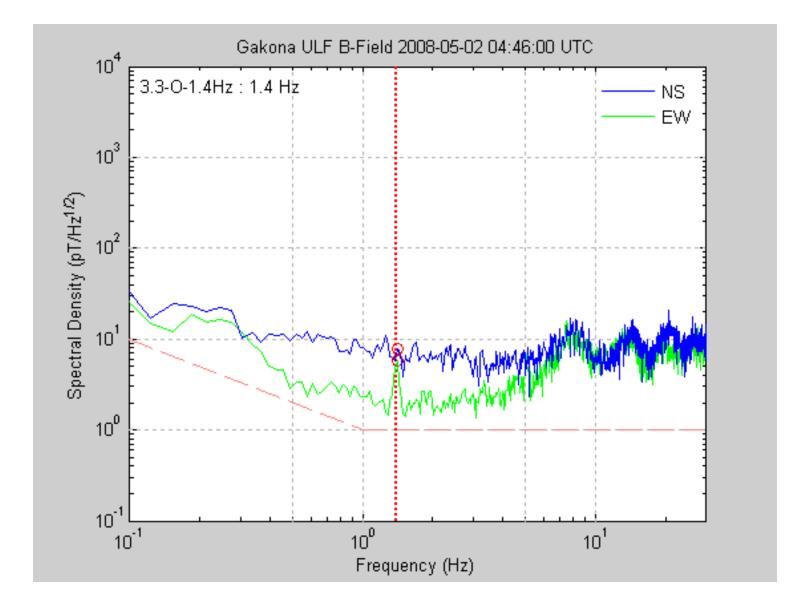
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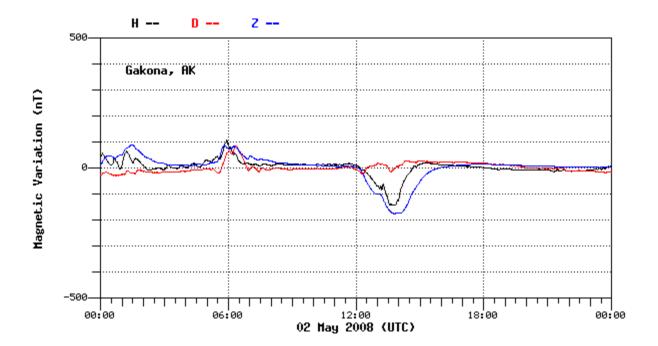


Lundborg and Thidé, 1986

ULF Measurements in Gakona

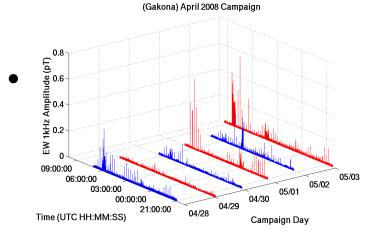


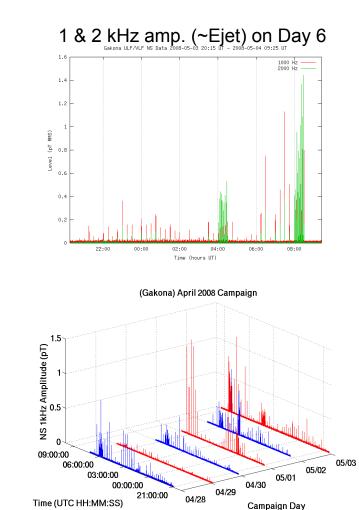




Electrojet Activity

- 1 kHz amp. can change in min.
- Low activity on Day 2 & 3
- Moderate activity on



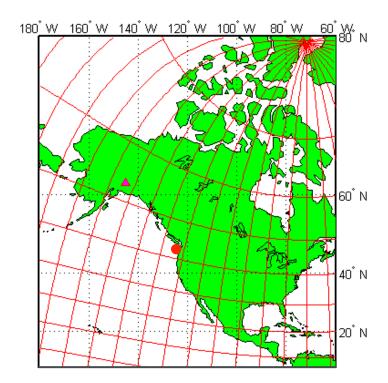


Gakona, AK

- Abundance of ULF signals recorded at Gakona
- Data analysis techniques
 - Power Spectral Density (PSD)
 - Rolling demodulation (RD)
 - Spectrogram
- Electrojet Correlation:
 - Over all ULF events vs. 1 kHz plot
 - Over all ULF events vs. freq. plot

ULF at Lake Ozette – Data Analysis Technique

- Distance to Gakona ~ 1370 miles
 - Dist. to Gakona is ~ 4 times longer than previous sites (Juneau/Kodiak)
- Only weak signals (≤ 0.1 pT) reach Lake Ozette (except 0.2 Hz events)
- RD and spectrogram yield no positive IDs (except some 20 Hz events)
- Use PSD & cross-correlation to find potential signals
 - Found 14 potential events



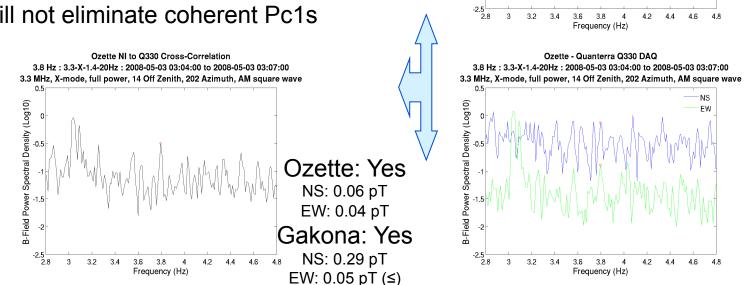
ULF at Lake Ozette – PSD & Cross Correlation - 3.8 Hz

B-Field Power Spectral Density (Log10)

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- Cross correlation of NS & EW $\mathcal{F}\left[B_{NS} * B_{FW}\right] = \left(\mathcal{F}\left[B_{NS}\right]\right)^* \bullet \left(\mathcal{F}\left[B_{FW}\right]\right)$
- Enhance signal in NS & EW PSD; Suppress incoherent background
 - Location dependent cultural noise
 - Traffic/tree vibration etc.
 - Direction dependent background
- Will not eliminate coherent Pc1s

Cross Correlation



Ozette N.I

NS

FW

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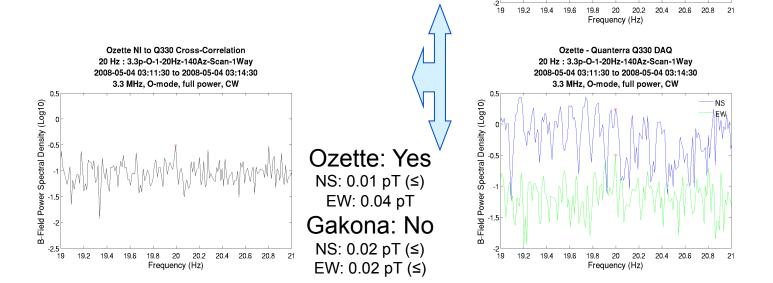
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Ozette Q-330

ELF at Lake Ozette – PSD & Cross Correlation – 20 Hz

- Many 20 Hz Lake Ozette events
- Example: 05-04-2008, 03:11:30
 UT
- Low/no EJet
- Event at Ozette, but not Gakona



Ozette N.I

NS EW

Ozette - National Instruments DAQ 20 Hz : 3.3p-O-1-20Hz-140Az-Scan-1Way

2008-05-04 03:11:30 to 2008-05-04 03:14:30 3.3 MHz, O-mode, full power, CW

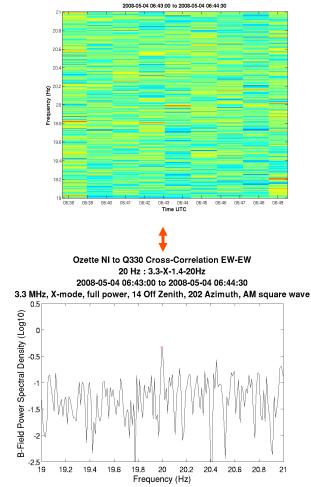
Ozette Q-330

Cross Correlation

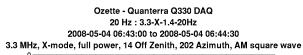
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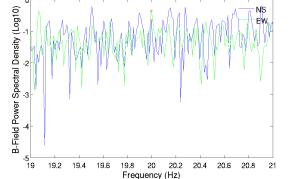
Ozette 20 Hz : 3.3-X-1.4-20Hz

- Example: 05-04-2008
- 06:43:00 UT
- Moderate EJet
- Ozette: Yes
 - EW: 0.07 pT
 - NS: 0.01 pT (§
 - Spectrogram
- Gakona: Yes 🖉
 - EW: 0.12 pT 🙎
 - NS: 0.06 pT (≦)



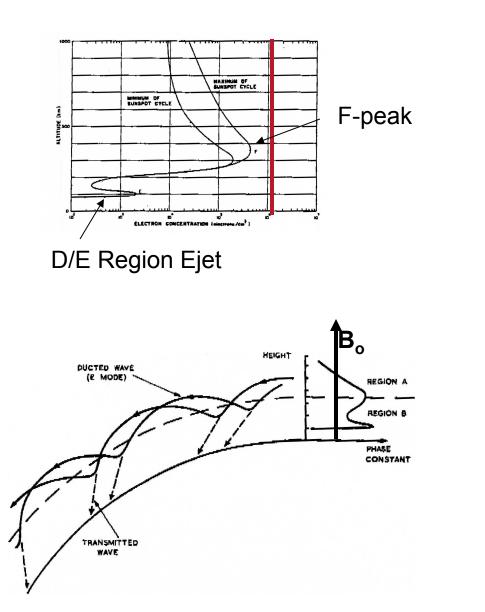
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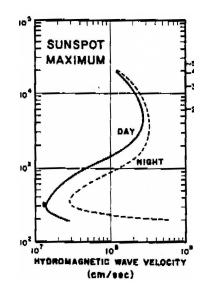


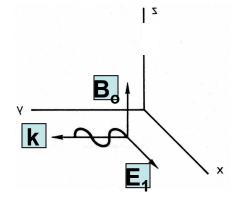


Ozette Q-330

ALFVENIC DUCT



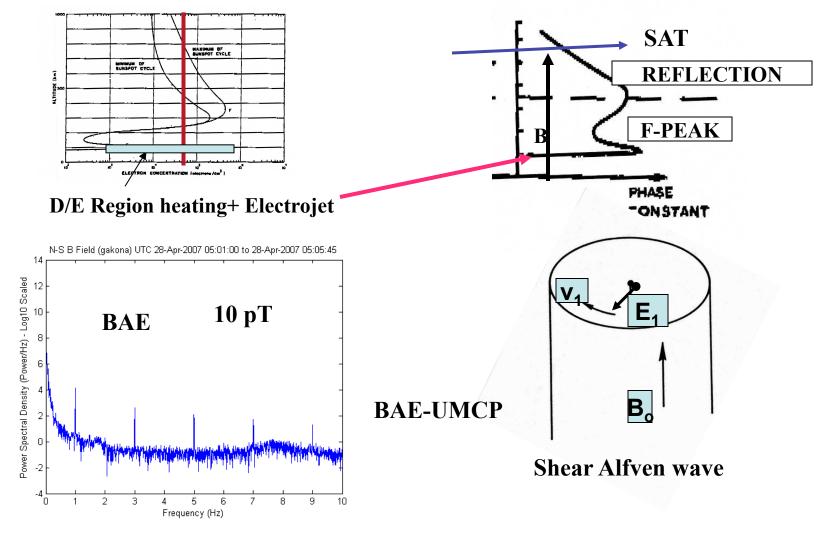




Magnetosonic Alfven Wave (compressional)

IONOSPHERIC ULF GENERATION

1. SAW – REQUIRES EJet AND D/E REGION X-MODE HEATING – OBSERVED ONLY IN NEAR ZONE, ALONG THE FLUX TUBE AND POSSIBLY CONJUGATE



Lake Ozette - Highlights

- Weak signals at best ($\leq 0.1 \text{ pT}$)
 - Except two 0.2 Hz events
- Total of 14 possible events found based on PSD-CC
- Far more 20 Hz events than ULF events (< 10 Hz)
- Most Lake Ozette events are in sync with low/no Gakona electrojet activity, thus in sync with non-event at Gakona
- No ELF/VLF sightings at and above 75 Hz
- Weak signals at Lake Ozette due to weak F layer?

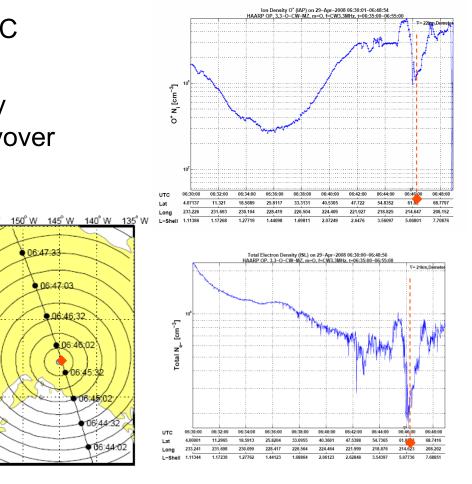
HAARP CW Op. - Duct Formation at Demeter Flyover

- April 29, 2008; 06:46:00 UTC
- O mode at 3.3 MHz CW
- Electron & ion density cavity recorded during Demeter flyover
- Lateral size ~ 600 km at Demeter alt. of ~ 850 k⁻⁻
- 3 HAARP-CW Demeter flyover events
 - Duct formation in all 3

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 Artificial duct – ELF/VLI propagation channel



on Density

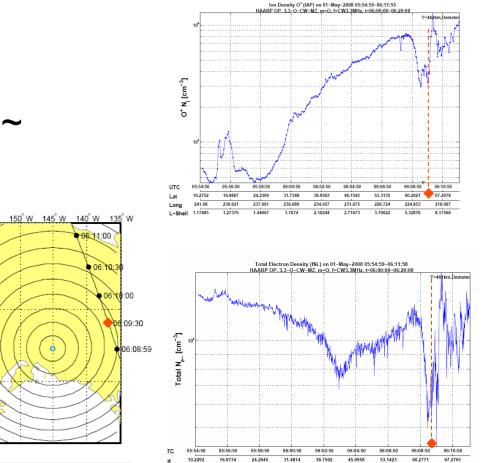
Electron Density

HAARP CW Op. - Duct **Formation at Demeter Flyover**

- May 1, 2008; 06:09:00 UTC
- Closest distance ~ 450 km

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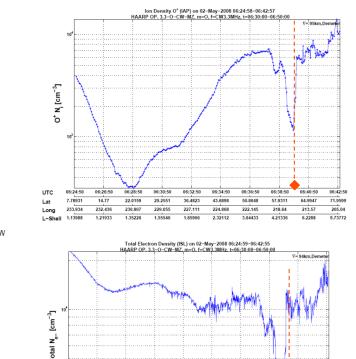
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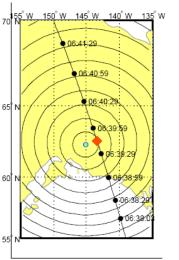
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Electron Density

HAARP CW Op. - Duct **Formation at Demeter Flyover**

• May 2, 2008; 06:40:00 UTC





UTC

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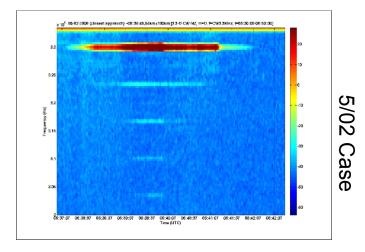
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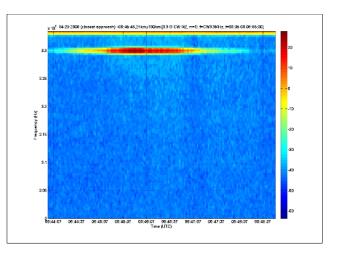


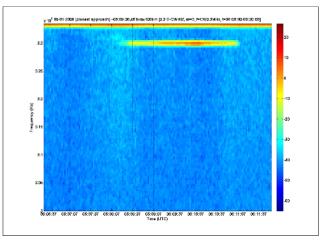
lon Density

Demeter Detection of HAARP HF Power

- HAARP HF was detected at all 3
 duct formation events
- Peak HF field at Demeter level:
 - 4/29 case: 25 (μV/m)²/Hz
 - 5/01 case: 2 (μ V/m)²/Hz
 - 5/02 case: 25 (μ V/m)²/Hz
- Max. ~ 0.1% of HAARP HF power passing through F layer





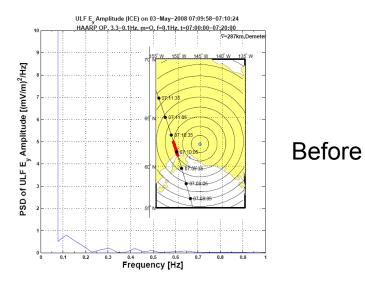


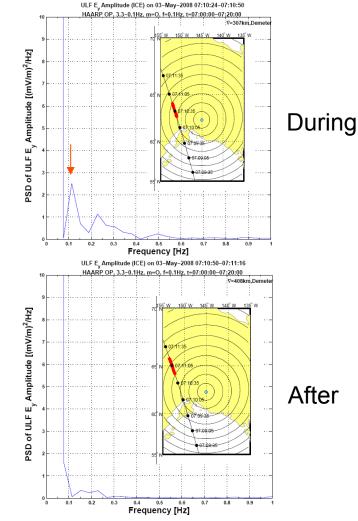
4/29 Case

5/01 Case

Demeter Detection of HAARP ULF at 0.1 Hz

- May 3, 2008; 07:10:00 UTC
- Closest approach 287 km
- HAARP: 3.3 MHz, O mode, 0.1 Hz
- PSD shows 0.1 Hz in "during" plot, but not in "before" & "after" plot



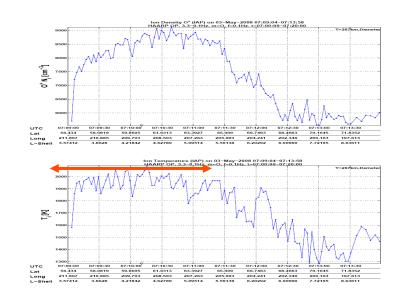


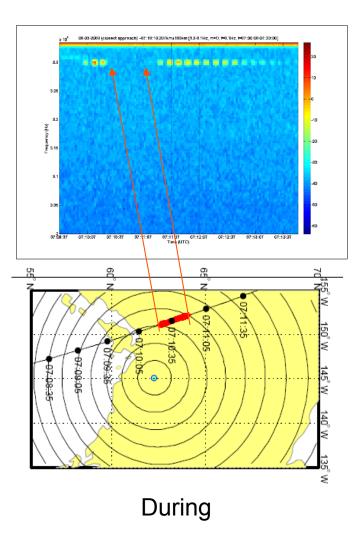
Demeter Detection of HAARP ULF at 0.1 Hz

- HAARP HF detected; on/off cycles are in series of dots
 - HF power ~ 1 $(\mu V/m)^2/Hz$
- Ion density and temp. increase during flyover
 - Ni: 6000/c.c. to 9000/c.c.
 - Ti: 1600°K to 2000°K

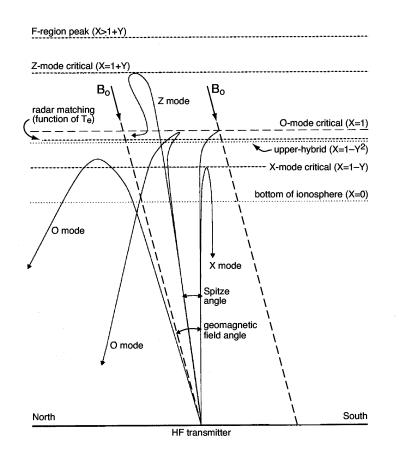
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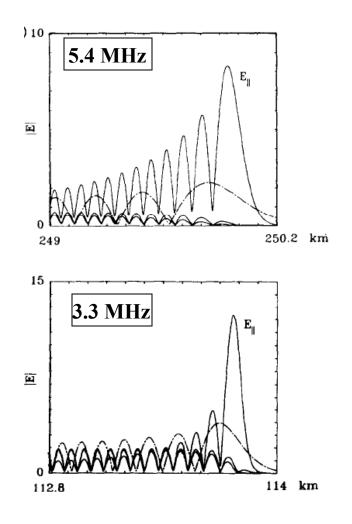
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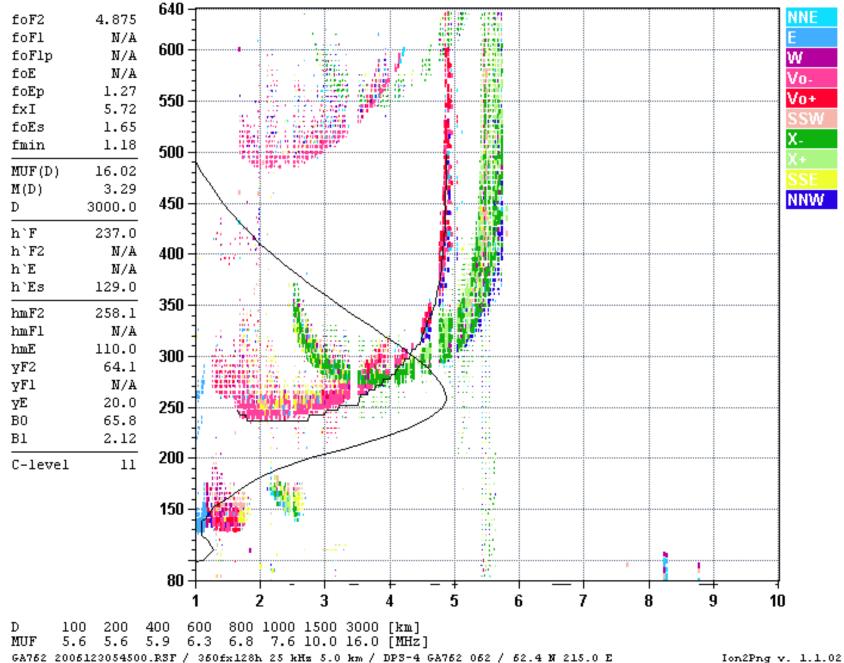




Lundborg and Thidé, 1986



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Model Features & Limitations

- Linearized equations
- Advance B, J in ionosphere (80-140 km)
 J = (\nabla_\perp \times B_\perp) \cdot z
 M = c(\nabla_\perp \times E_\perp) \cdot z
 Q = c\nabla_\perp \cdot E_\perp
 Add Q, M in magnetosphere
- $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}A^{\pi\sigma_{p}}_{\mathcal{E}}\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \eta_{\parallel} \nabla_{\perp}^{2} J$, $\psi_{\mathcal{E}}^{2} = -M$

 $\sigma_H \longrightarrow 0$ decouples left set from right set of equations

Model Features/Limitations

• 2D/3D

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 Uses Chapman profile for E, F1, F2 layers

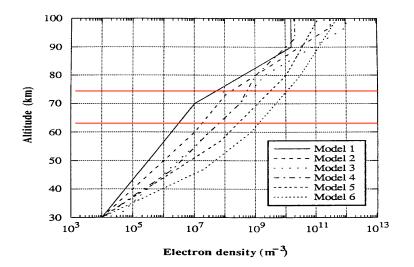
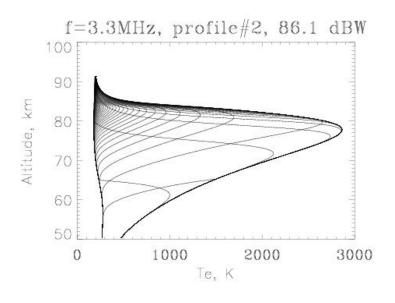
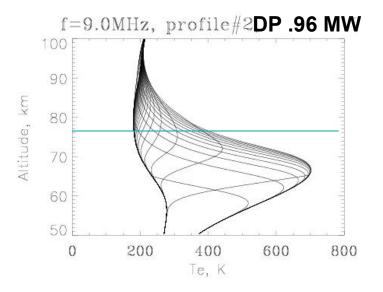
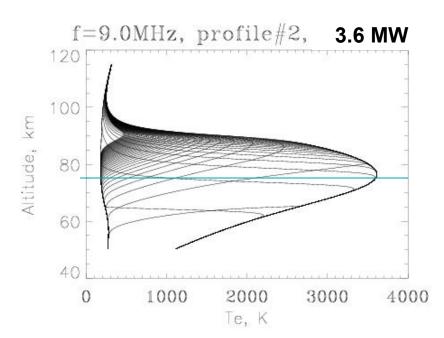
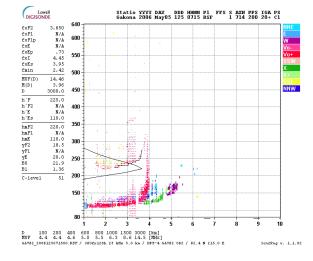


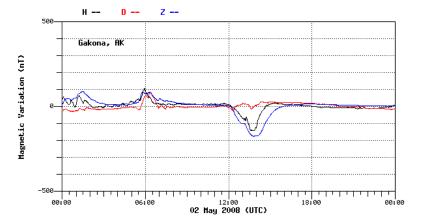
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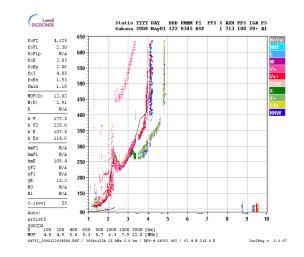












Sine sweep, 100km/s, 1Hz, at z=370km

scale in x is 50km/grid point

scale in z is variable; simulation covers 80km-8000km

Model Features/Limitations

• 2D/3D

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 Background B-field parallel to g Variation of field strength with z accounted for with scale factor,

$$\partial^2 x \longrightarrow \partial^2 x (R / R_0)^3$$

, but $\nabla_{\perp} = \partial / \partial x$

• Uses Chapman profile for E, F1, F2 layers Chapman profile uses different scale lengths above and below the peak.

Model Features/Limitations

• Variable grid in z, constant in x

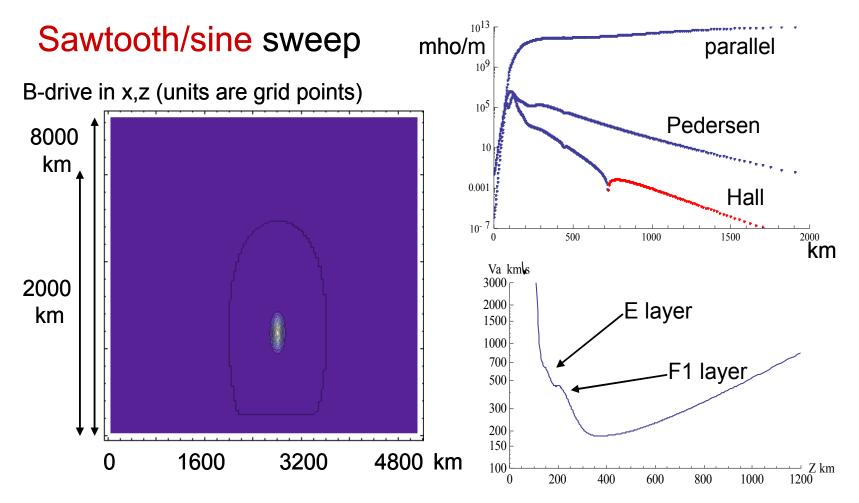
2.5km min z-grid size in ionosphere, up to 300km in magnetosphere (plots need care to interpret).

• B-drive at arbitrary (x, z)

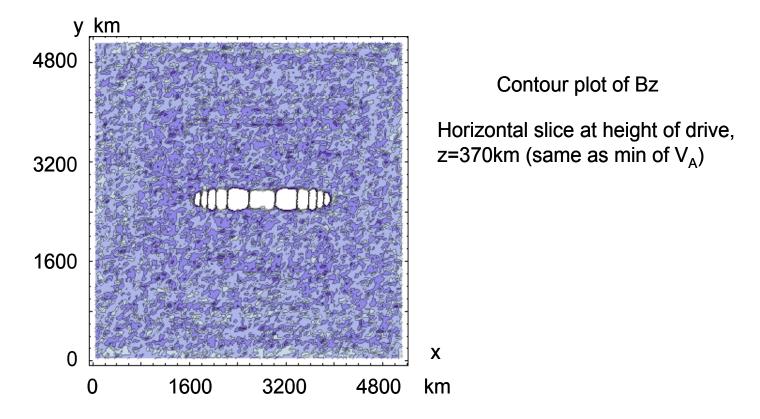
We drive the system directly via the B equation by adding a drive term that is a gaussian in x, z

We can modulate the driver at arbitrary frequency with either a sawtooth or a sinusoidal sweep. The sweep speed is also arbitrary.

2D Simulations Show Skip Distance



3D Simulations Show Beaming for Sawtooth Sweep



Driver is swept in sawtooth in x-direction along a 100km track. V_sweep=100km/s, repetition=1Hz

Remaining Issues, Future Plans

Need B at arbitrary angle

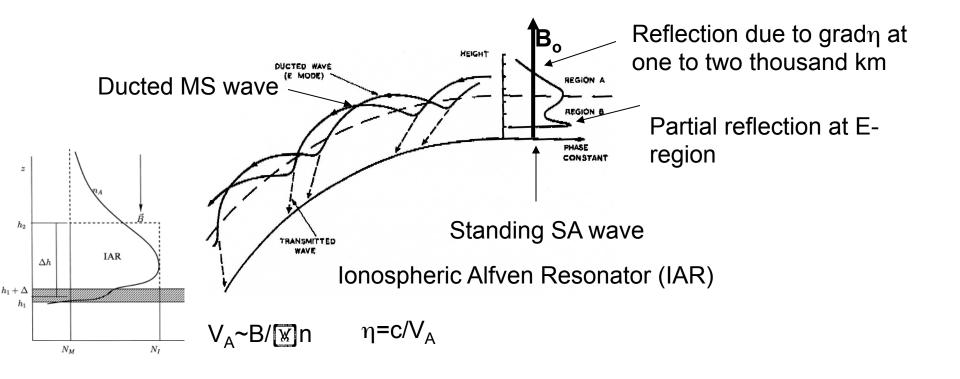
Simulations cover distances of ~5000km in x,y. At those scales B cannot be considered vertical. Need new code with arbitrary angle.

Need parameter scan

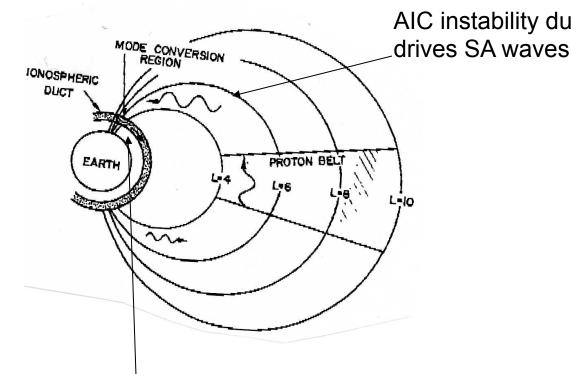
Need systematic study of propagation characteristics as a function of ionospheric conditions (strength of E layer, conductivity profiles, etc.).

The Fundamentals

- For Pc1 frequencies (.1-7 Hz) the ionosphere behaves as:
 - A resonator for Shear Alfven (SA) waves, confined along the B lines with an almost vertical structure at high latitudes
 - A waveguide for Magnetosonic (MS) waves propagating isotropically and ducted horizontally over long distances



Naturally Generated Pc1 Waves

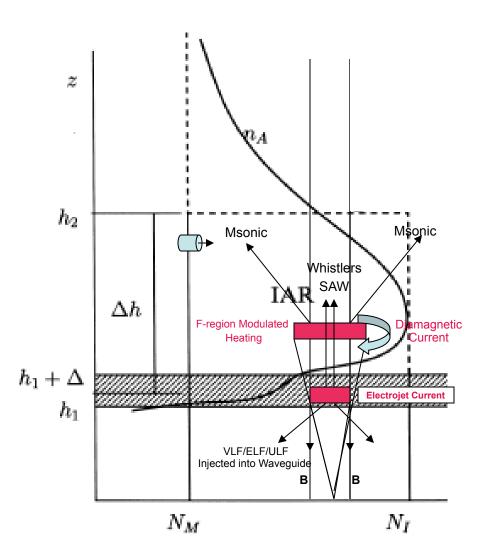


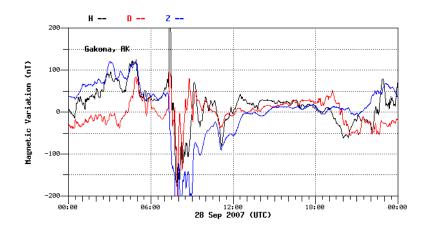
SA waves mode converted at the boundary of duct and propagate laterally as MS waves over large distances

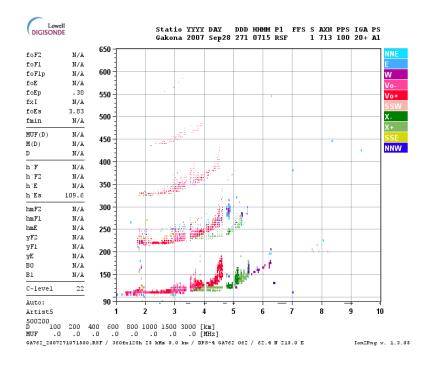
AIC instability due to proton anisotropy w_g S B b IAR r spectral density (pT²) 00 Cash et al. 2006

Fabry-Perot like Resonator

D/E vs F-Region ULF

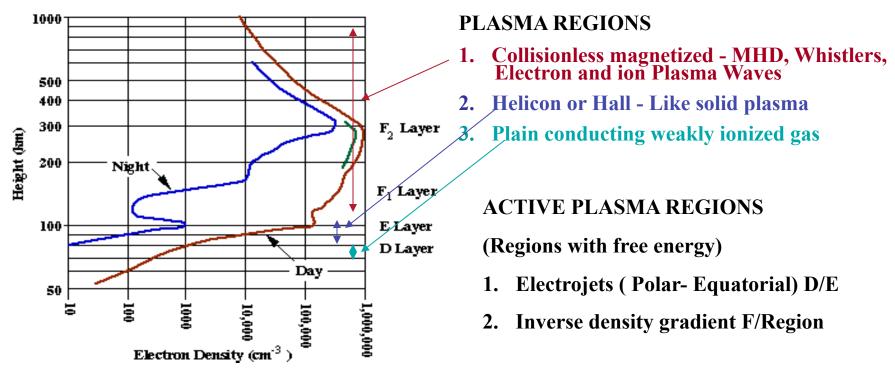






Conditions favoring D/E region ULF generation

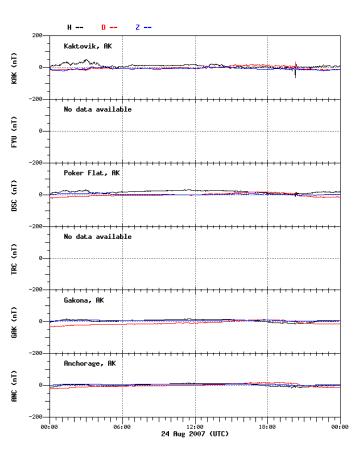
PLASMA RESEARCH USING THE IONOSPHERE

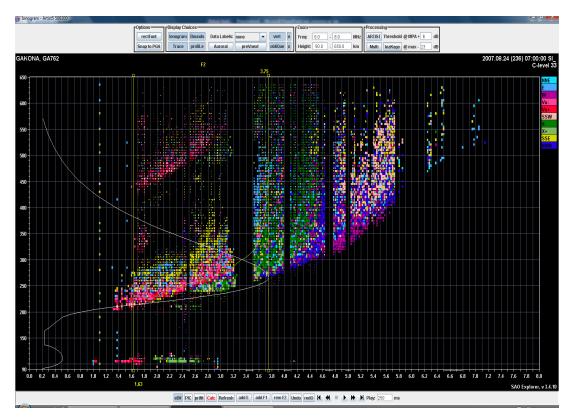


• **Ionospheric heater** - Powerful HF transmitter that induces **controlled** temporary modification to the plasma temperature at **desired** altitude. Use in conjunction with diagnostics to study, in a cause and effect fashion:

• EM propagation, plasma turbulence and instabilities

• Response of magnetospheric plasma and Radiation Belts to controlled perturbations of the ionospheric plasma

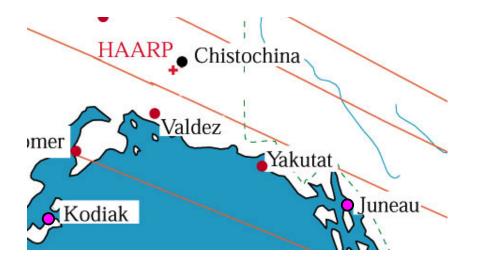




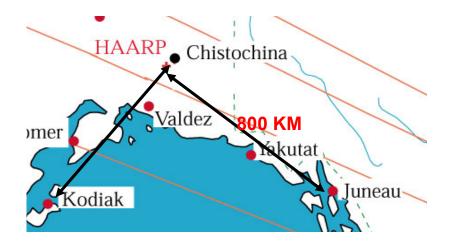
Conditions favoring F-region ULF generation

Experiments

ULF Exper iment	Date of Experiment		ULF Measurements		
	Start	End	Onsite	Distant	Satellite
1	Apr. 25, 2006	May 6, 2006	Yes	N/A	DEMETER
2	Apr. 24, 2007	Apr. 30, 2007	Yes	Juneau, AK	DEMETER
3	Jul. 30, 2007	Aug. 2, 2007	Yes	N/A	DEMETER
4	Aug. 20, 2007	Aug. 26, 2007	Yes	N/A	DEMETER
5	Sep. 24, 2007	Sep. 30, 2007	Yes	Kodiak, AK	DEMETER



Measurement Sites

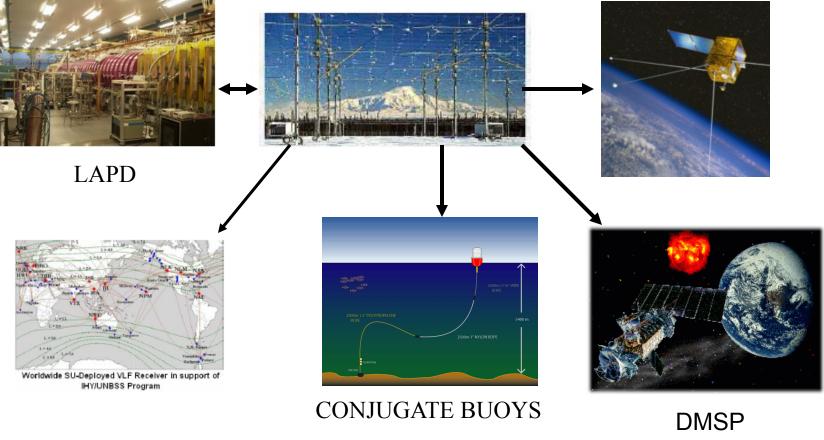




INTEGRATED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

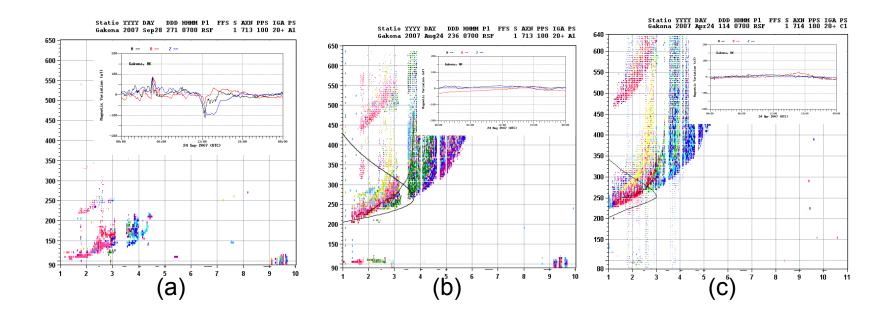
HAARP

DEMETER

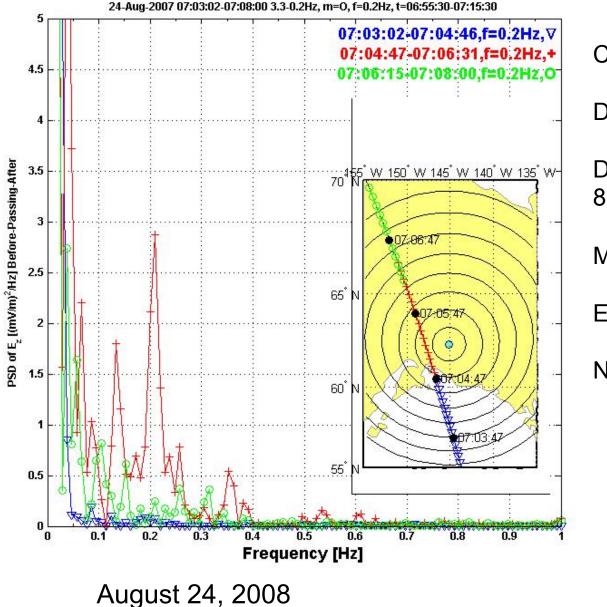


WIDE RANGE OF CODES THAT COUPLE TO THE ABOVE EXPERIMENTS

DEMETER DETECTIONS



lonogram and Magnetometer (insert) traces for cases #1 (a), #2 (b) and #3 (c) discussed next. Notice the presence of strong electrojets and D region for case #1 and the opposite for cases #2 and #3



Closest distance 120 km

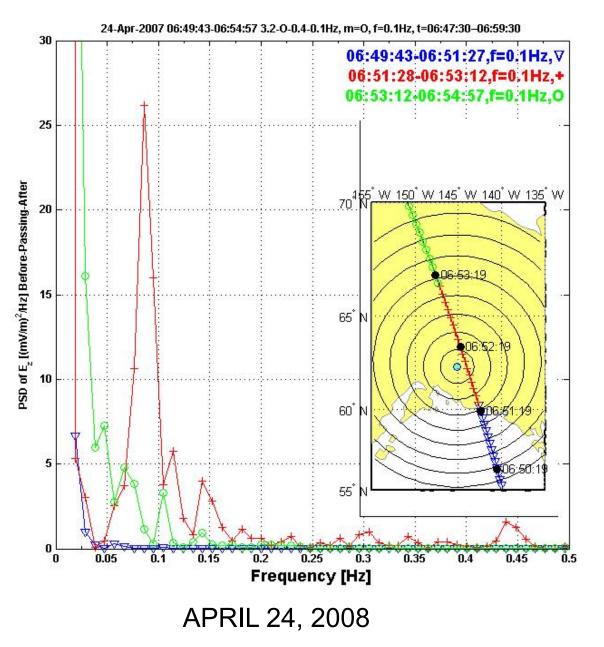
Detection time 110 sec

Detection distance 700-800 km

Maximum E 😿 .1 mV/m

Estimated power < 1 kW

No field on the ground



Closest distance 50 km

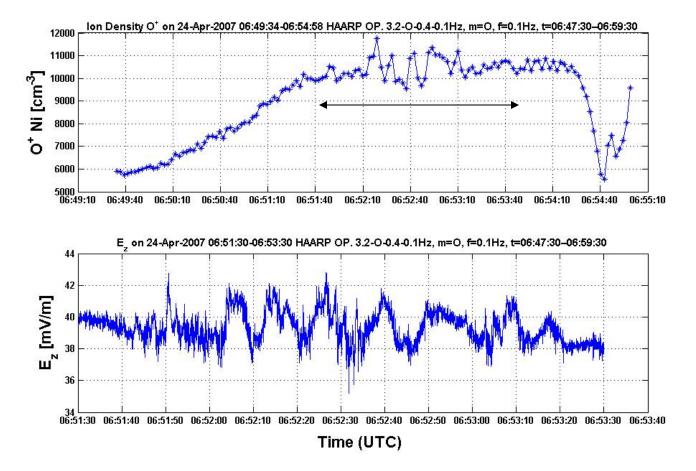
Detection time 120 sec

Detection distance 700-800 km

Maximum E 🕅 3 mV/m

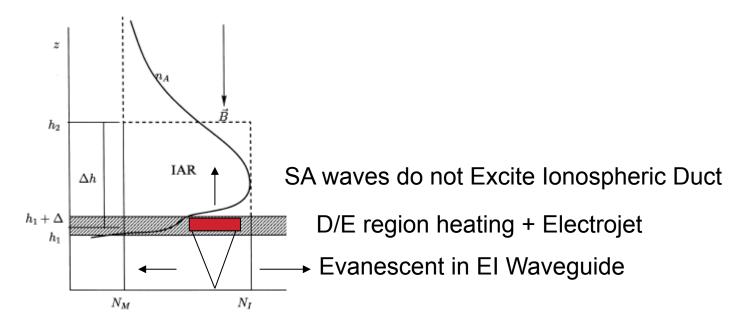
Estimated power ~ 5-10 kW

No field on the ground at Gakona or Juneau



Simultaneous profile of density and electric field fluctuations measured by DEMETER for case #2.

ULF Generation by Ejet Modulation

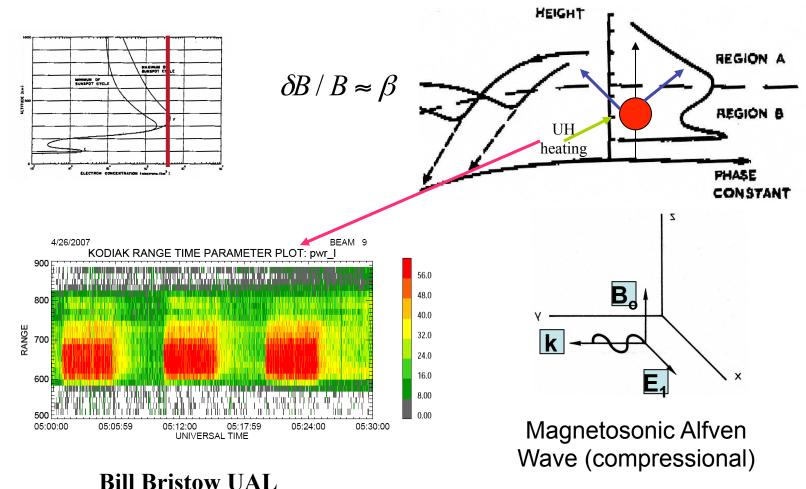


• Ejet modulation cannot drive **b** field parallel to ambient **B**. This type of modulation can create only SA waves. The waves cannot propagate laterally since they are evanescent in the Earth-Ionosphere Waveguide and do not couple to the Alfvenic Duct

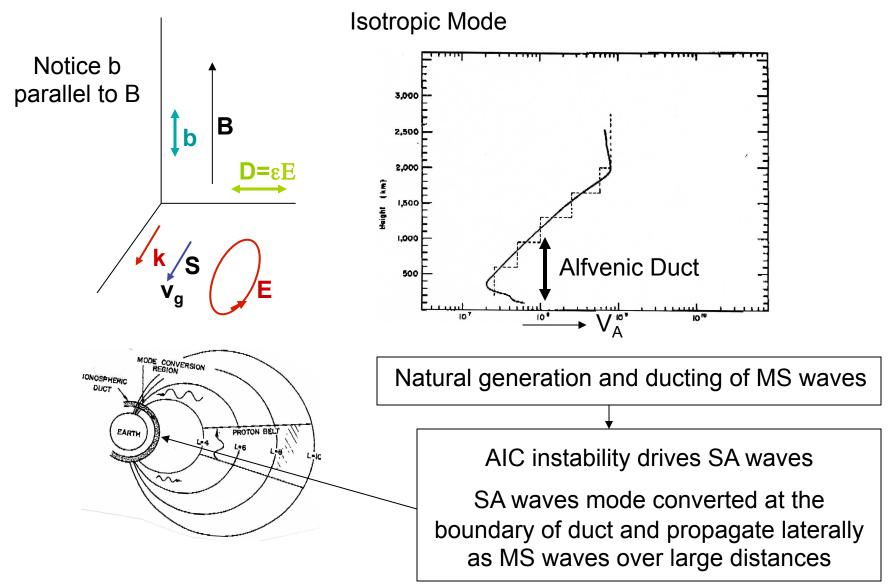
• SA waves can be detected: (a) In the near zone below the heated spot and (b) By satellites over-flying the heated spot but confined to the magnetic flux tube that spans the heated spot.

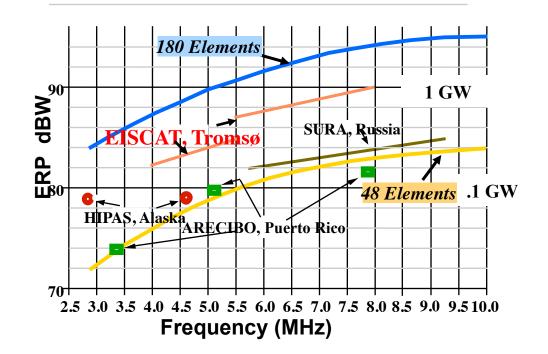
IONOSPHERIC ULF GENERATION

2. **MSONIC WAVE** – REQUIRES F-REGION O-MODE, UPPER HYBRID HEATING; INDEPENDENT OF EJet – WEAK OR NO NEAR FIELD



MS (Compressional) Waves Alfvenic Duct





HAARP – JULY 1, 2007



30.6 acres

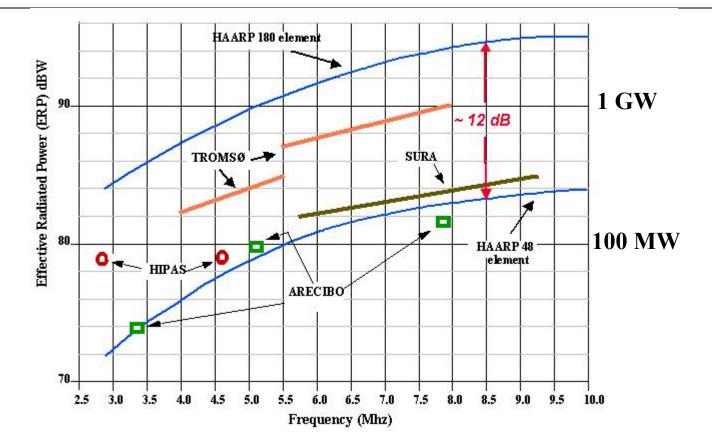


- 180 Element (12x15) Phased Array
- 360 Nested Crossed Dipoles
 - Low Band Dipole 2.8 to 8.4 MHz
 - High Band Dipole 7to 10 MHz
- 3.6 MW Radiated from 360 10 kW Transmitters
- Instantaneous Bandwidth
 - 200 kHz (2.8 MHZ)
 - 500 kHz (10 MHz)
- ERP 84 to 95 dBW
- Beam width
 - 20°x16° (2.8 MHz)
 - 5.7°x4.5° (10 MHz)

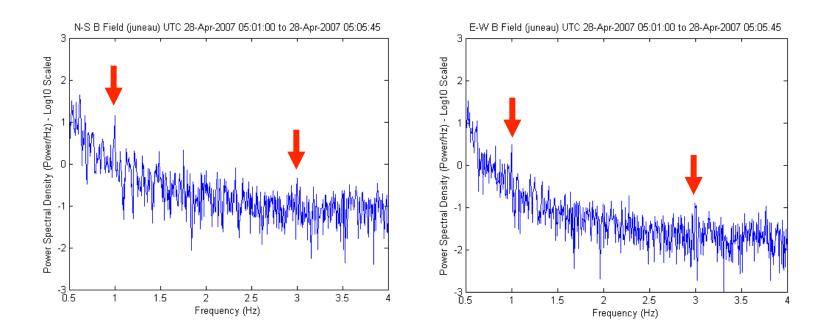
- Beam can be Slued 30° off Zenith in any Azimuth 2.8 to 8 MHz (15° at 10 MHz)
- Rapid Scanning of +/- 15°
- FM, AM and Pulse Modulation to 30 kHz
- Dual Frequency Operation (Split Array)
- Linear, Left and Right Circular Polarization

Diagnostics: Riometer, Ionosonde, Magnetometers, Optics, VHF and UHF radars, ELF/VLF/ULF receivers, HF to UHF Spectrum Monitor, etc

THRESHOLDS - ERP- QUIVER ENERGY



ULF Signals at Juneau

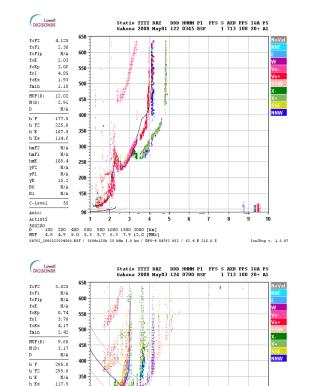


- 28 April, 2007 UTC 05:01:00 05:05:45
- Detected 1 Hz & 3 Hz peaks
- Amplitudes at 1 Hz: 0.28 pT NS; 0.23 pT EW $b \sim 1/R^2$

EVANESCENT

HF Heating & Ionospheric Profile

- HF heating (max. mod. at F peak)
 - 3.6 MW along local B
 - O mode first, X mode secondary
 - Mainly at 3.3 MHz
 - 2.83 MHz: last hour of 5/4/2008
- Typical ionospheric condition
 - Weak F (foF2 < 4 MHz) for Alfven
 - Solar min.
- Two cases of diff. cond. at Gakona
 - Example 1: Enhanced F with D&E
 - With Ejet, D/E & F mod.
 - 20 Hz at Gakona & Ozette
 - Example 2: Weak F with Sporadic
 - No Ejet, E layer mod.
 - 20 Hz at Ozette, not Gakona



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Ion2Png v. 1.3.0

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hnF2 hnF1

yF2

vF1

γE

B1

C-level Auto: Artist5