

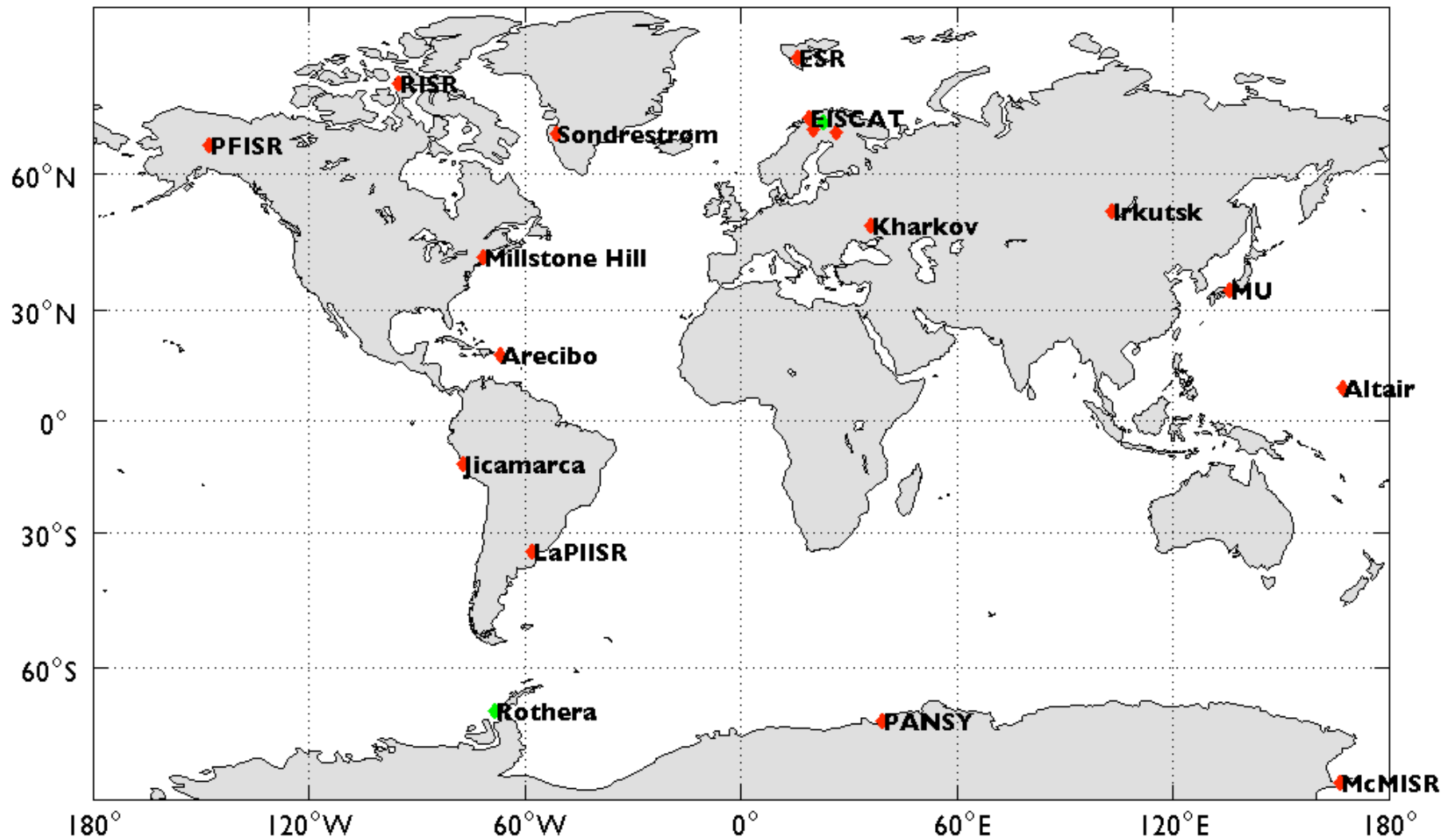
The US Incoherent Scatter Radars

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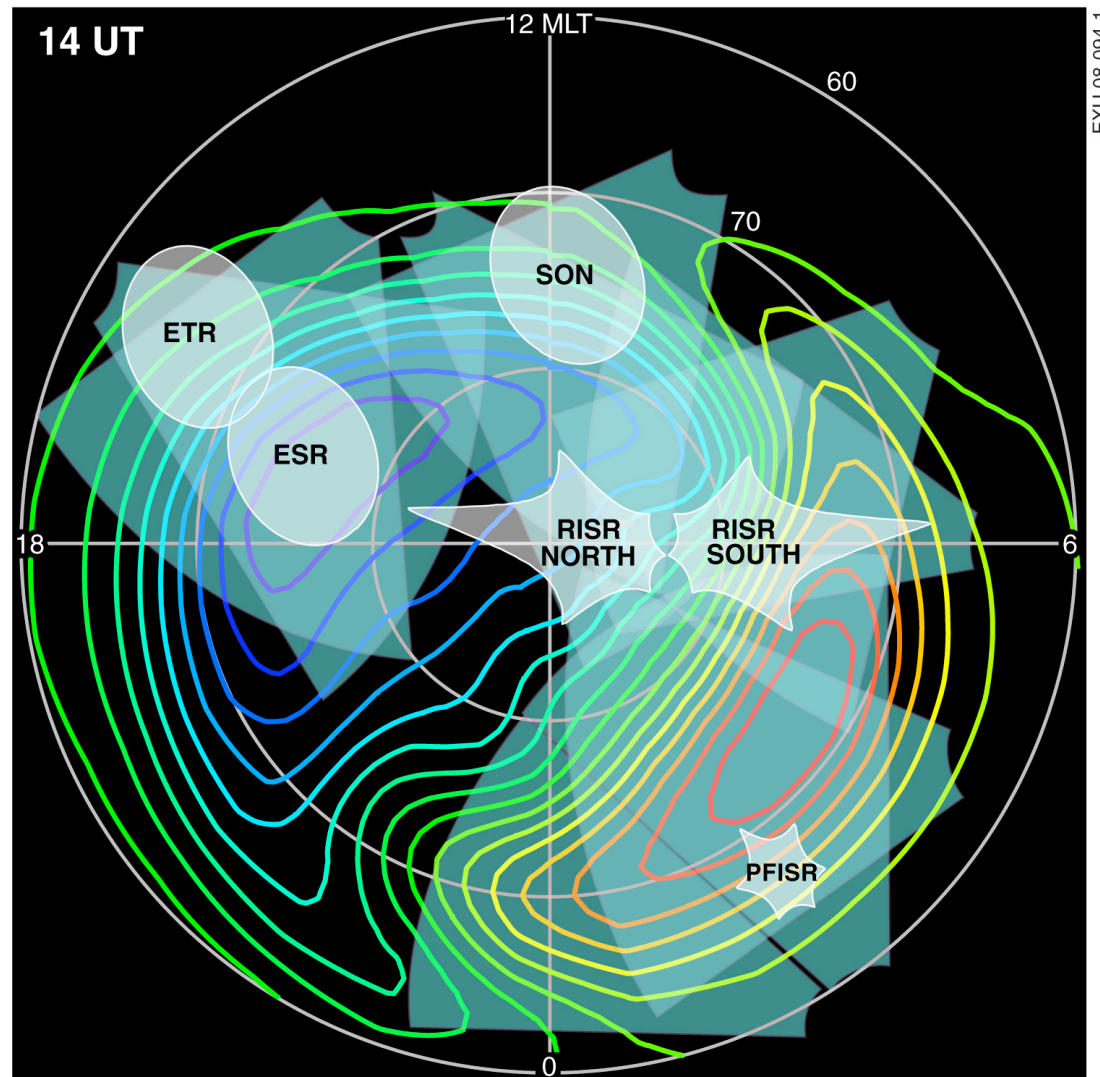
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Incoherent Scatter Radars



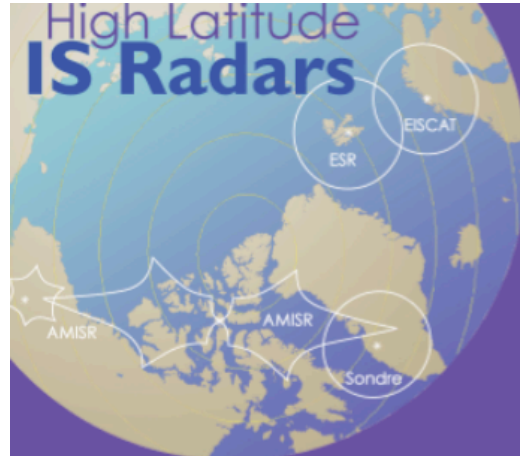
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Map of the north...



High Latitude IS Radars

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ESR

Geographic coord.	78° 09' 11" N 16° 1' 44" E
Geomag. dip angle	82° 06'
Invariant latitude	75° 10' 48" N
Local time	UT + 1 (UT + 2 summer)
Magnetic time	UT + 2:45
Elevation	445 m
Coverage	360° az., above 30° elev.*

*No transmission below this elevation.

EISCAT

	Tromsø	Kiruna	Sodankylä
Geographic coord.	69° 35' 11" N 19° 13' 38" E	67° 51' 38" N 20° 26' 07" E	67° 21' 49" N 26° 37' 37" E
Geomag. dip angle	77° 30'	76° 48'	76° 43'
Invariant latitude	66° 12' N	64° 27' N	63° 34' N
Local time	UT+1 (UT + 2 summer)	UT + 1 (UT + 2 summer)	UT + 2 (UT + 3 summer)
Magnetic time	UT + 2:30	-	-
Elevation	86 m	418 m	197 m
Coverage	UHF: 360° az., above 20°–22° elev.* VHF: ±15° az., 30°–90° elev. (north only)	Fully steerable	Fully steerable

*Dependent on azimuth. No transmission below this elevation.

AMISR

	Poker Flat*	Resolute Bay*
Geographic coord.	65° 7' 12" N 147° 25' 48" W	74° 43' 46" N 94° 54' 16" E
Geomag. dip angle	77° 32'	88° 47'
Invariant latitude	66° 7' N	83° 37' N
Local time	UT – 9 (Alaska)	UT – 6 (central)
Magnetic time	-	UT – 7:45
Elevation	-	-
Coverage	±25°	±25°

* Initial locations. Poker Flat (one face) operational Spring 2005. Resolute Bay (two faces) operational Winter 2006. One face = 128 panels.

Useful Constants

$c_0 = 2.99792458 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$	$m_e = 9.10938188 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ NA}^{-2}$	$e = 1.602176462 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
$\epsilon_0 = 1/\mu_0 c_0^2$	$r_e = 2.817940285 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$
$\epsilon_0 = 8.854187817 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Fm}^{-1}$	$1u = 1.66053873 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
$k_B = 1.3806503 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$	$G = 6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$
Plasma frequency, $\omega_p = \left(\frac{n_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \right)^{1/2} = 2\pi \sqrt{80.6 n_e}$	
Debye length, $\lambda_D = \left(\frac{\epsilon_0 k_B T_e}{n_e e^2} \right)^{1/2} = 69 \sqrt{\frac{T_e}{n_e}}$	
Electron thermal speed, $v_{the} = \left(\frac{2 k_B T_e}{m_e} \right)^{1/2} = 5500 \sqrt{\frac{T_e}{W}}$	
Ion thermal speed, $v_{thi} = \left(\frac{2 k_B T_i}{m_i} \right)^{1/2} = 128.4 \sqrt{\frac{T_i}{W}}$	
Ion-acoustic speed, $c_s = \left(\frac{k_B (T_e + T_i)}{m_i} \right)^{1/2} = 90.8 \sqrt{\frac{T_e + T_i}{W}}$	
Electron gyro frequency, $\Omega_e = \frac{eB}{m_e} = 1.759 \times 10^{11} \text{ B}$	
Ion gyro frequency, $\Omega_i = \frac{eB}{m_i} = 9575 \frac{B}{W}$	
Electron gyroradius, $r_{Le} = \frac{v_{the}}{\Omega_e} = 3.13 \times 10^4 \sqrt{\frac{T_e}{B_0}}$	
Ion gyroradius, $r_{Li} = \frac{v_{thi}}{\Omega_i} = r_{Le} \sqrt{\frac{1837 W}{T_e/T_i}}$	

W: molecular weight; $m_i = W \times u$

Sondrestrom

Geographic coord.	66° 59' 12" N 309° 03' 02" E
Geomag. dip angle	80° 24'
Invariant latitude	74° 11' 24" N
Local time	UT – 3 (UT – 2 summer)
Magnetic time	UT – 1:58
Elevation	177 m
Coverage	360° az., above 25°–30° elev.*

* Dependent on azimuth. No transmission below this elevation.

The Incoherent Scatter

ESR

Center transmit frequency, f	500 MHz
Wavenumber, k	10.48 m ⁻¹ (2k = 20.96 m ⁻¹)
Wavelength, λ	0.5996 m (λ/2 = 0.2998 m)
Peak power, P _i	1 MW
Max duty cycle	25%
Pulse length, τ _p	<1 – 2000 μs
Antenna size (dia.)	32 m / 42 m
Antenna gain, G	42.5 dBi / 45 dBi
Antenna beamwidth*	0.6°
System temperature, T _{sys}	55 – 65 K
Antenna type	Parabolic dish
Feed system	Cassegrain
Polarization	Circular

EISCAT

	Tromsø UHF	Kiruna UHF	Sodankylä UHF
Center transmit frequency, f	928.4 MHz	-	-
Wavenumber, k	19.46 m ⁻¹ (2k = 38.92 m ⁻¹)	220 km ⁻¹ , 2k sin θ = 36 m ⁻¹	220 km ⁻¹ , 2k sin θ = 33 m ⁻¹
Wavelength, λ	0.3229 m (λ/2 = 0.1615 m)	220 km ⁻¹ , λ/2 = 0.17 m	220 km ⁻¹ , λ/2 = 0.19 m
Peak power, P _i	2 MW	-	-
Max duty cycle	10%	-	-
Pulse length, τ _p	1–2000 μs	-	-
Antenna size (dia.)	32 m	32 m	32 m
Antenna gain, G	48 dBi	48 dBi	48 dBi
Antenna beamwidth*	0.5°	0.5°	0.5°
System temperature, T _{sys}	70 – 80 K	30 – 35 K	30 – 35 K
Antenna type	Parabolic dish	Parabolic dish	Parabolic dish
Feed system	Cassegrain	Cassegrain	Cassegrain
Polarization	Circular	Any	Any

EISCAT VHF

Center transmit frequency, f	224 MHz
Wavenumber, k	4.695 m ⁻¹ (2k = 9.389 m ⁻¹)
Wavelength, λ	1.3384 m (λ/2 = 0.6692 m)
Peak power, P _i	2 x 1.5 MW
Max duty cycle	12.5%
Pulse length, τ _p	1 – 2000 μs
Antenna size	120 x 40 m (4 x [30 x 40 m])
Antenna gain, G	46 dBi
Antenna beamwidth*	Whole antenna: 0.6° EW x 1.7° NS; Half antenna: 1.2° EW x 1.7° NS
System temperature, T _{sys}	250 – 350 K
Antenna type	Offset parabolic cylinder
Feed system	Line feed
Polarization	Circular

AMISR

Center transmit frequency, f	449 MHz
Wavenumber, k	9.4 m ⁻¹ (2k = 18.82 m ⁻¹)
Wavelength, λ	0.6677 m (λ/2 = 0.3338 m)
Peak power, P _i	2 MW
Max duty cycle	10%
Pulse length, τ _p	1 – 2000 μs
Antenna size	128 x [1.5 x 3.5 m]
Antenna gain, G	43 dBi
Antenna beamwidth*	1°
System temperature, T _{sys}	120 K
Antenna type	Crossed dipole phased array
Feed system	Distributed amplifiers
Polarization	Circular

* Full width, half power ** Tromsø field line

RADAR Equation:

$$\text{Signal, } P_r = \frac{C c_0 G \lambda^2}{2} \frac{P_i \tau_p}{r^2} \frac{\sigma_e n_e(r)}{(1 + k \lambda_D^2)(1 + k \lambda_D^2 + T_e)}$$

$$\text{Noise, } P_n = P_n k_B T_{sys} \cdot \text{BW} \quad \text{BW} - \text{bandwidth}$$

$$\sigma_e = 4\pi r_e^2 = 9.98 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2 \quad \therefore \text{Radar cross section of a free electron}$$

C = Constant containing loss and antenna shape



Sondrestrom

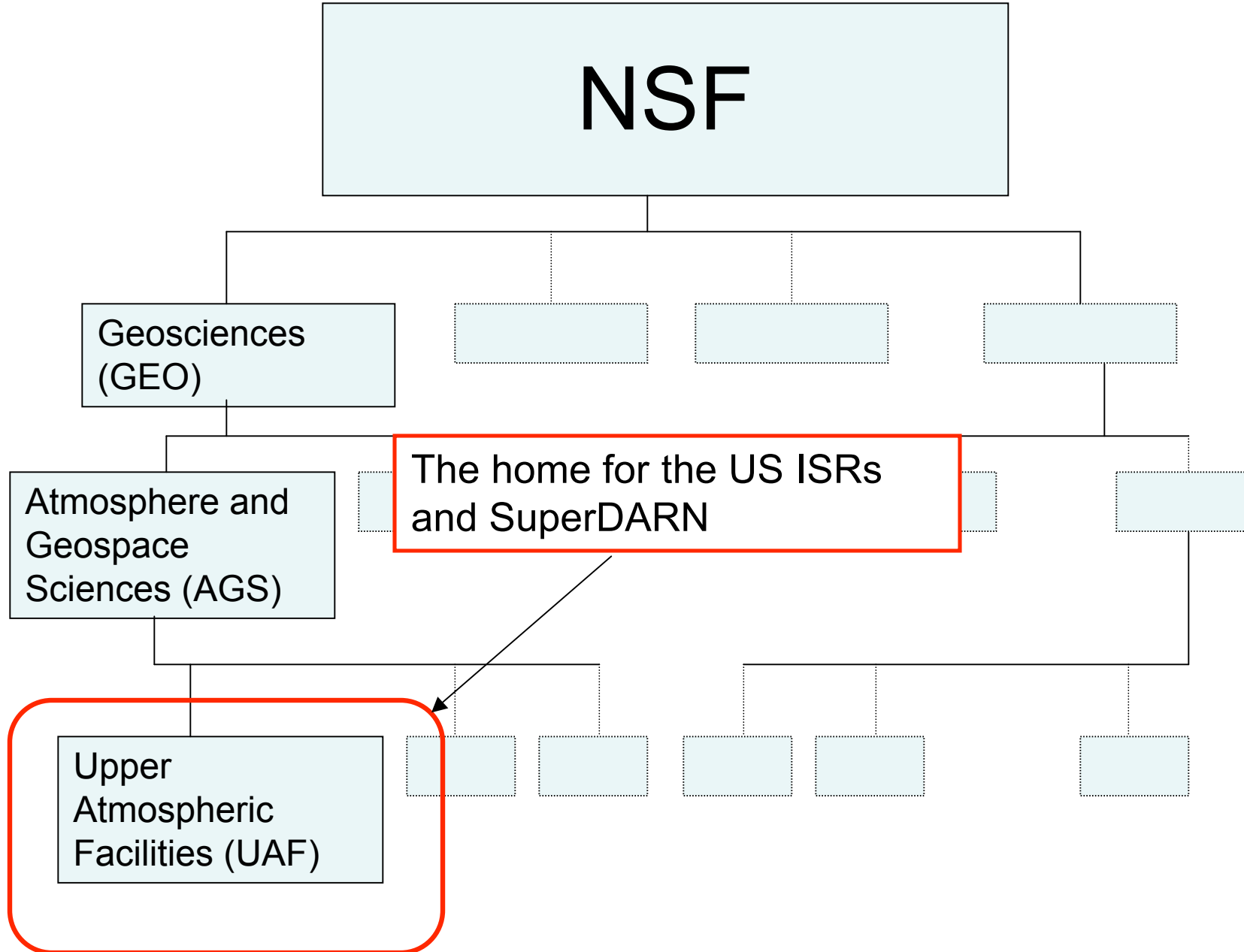
Center transmit frequency, f	1290 MHz
Wavenumber, k	27.04 m ⁻¹ (2k = 54.07 m ⁻¹)
Wavelength, λ	0.2323 m (λ/2 = 0.1162 m)
Peak power, P _i	3.5 MW
Max duty cycle	3%
Pulse length, τ _p	2 – 500 μs
Antenna size (dia.)	32 m
Antenna gain, G	49 dBi
Antenna beamwidth*	0.5°
System temperature, T _{sys}	85 K
Antenna type	Parabolic dish
Feed system	Cassegrain
Polarization	Circular

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- The Operation and Maintenance (O&M) is done by a host institution through a cooperative agreement renewed every 5 years.

From South to North...

- Jicamarca - Cornell University (in collaboration with Instituto Geofísico del Perú)
- Arecibo - Cornell University (currently in the process of an open re-bid)
- Millstone Hill - MIT
- PFISR - SRI International
- Sondrestrom - SRI International
- RISR-N - SRI International

How it works - practically (1)

- The radars are available to all US users, and **in reality to all users.**
- Analyzed data is available in the madrigal database
 - <http://jro.igp.gob.pe/madrigal/> (Jicamarca)
 - <http://madrigal.naic.edu/> (Arecibo)
 - <http://madrigal.haystack.mit.edu/madrigal/> (Millstone Hill)
 - <http://isr.sri.com/madrigal/> (SRI International)
 - <http://www.eiscat.se/madrigal/> (EISCAT)

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How it works - practically (2)

- There are annual “world days” coordinated between all the radars (653 hours in 2010).
- Otherwise scheduling is done individually for each radar (the SRI radars - Sondrestrom, PFISR and RISR - are scheduled together).
- We are working toward more coordinated scheduling and operation of all the UAF radars.

6 slide pre-AMISR history of
the US radars
(Bob Robinson):



1958-1959

**Bill Gordon
conceives of the idea
of incoherent scatter
and construction
begins at Arecibo,
Puerto Rico, with
funding from the
Defense Advanced
Research Project
Office (DARPA)**

1961

The Jicamarca Observatory is constructed near Lima, Peru, by the National Bureau of Standards.

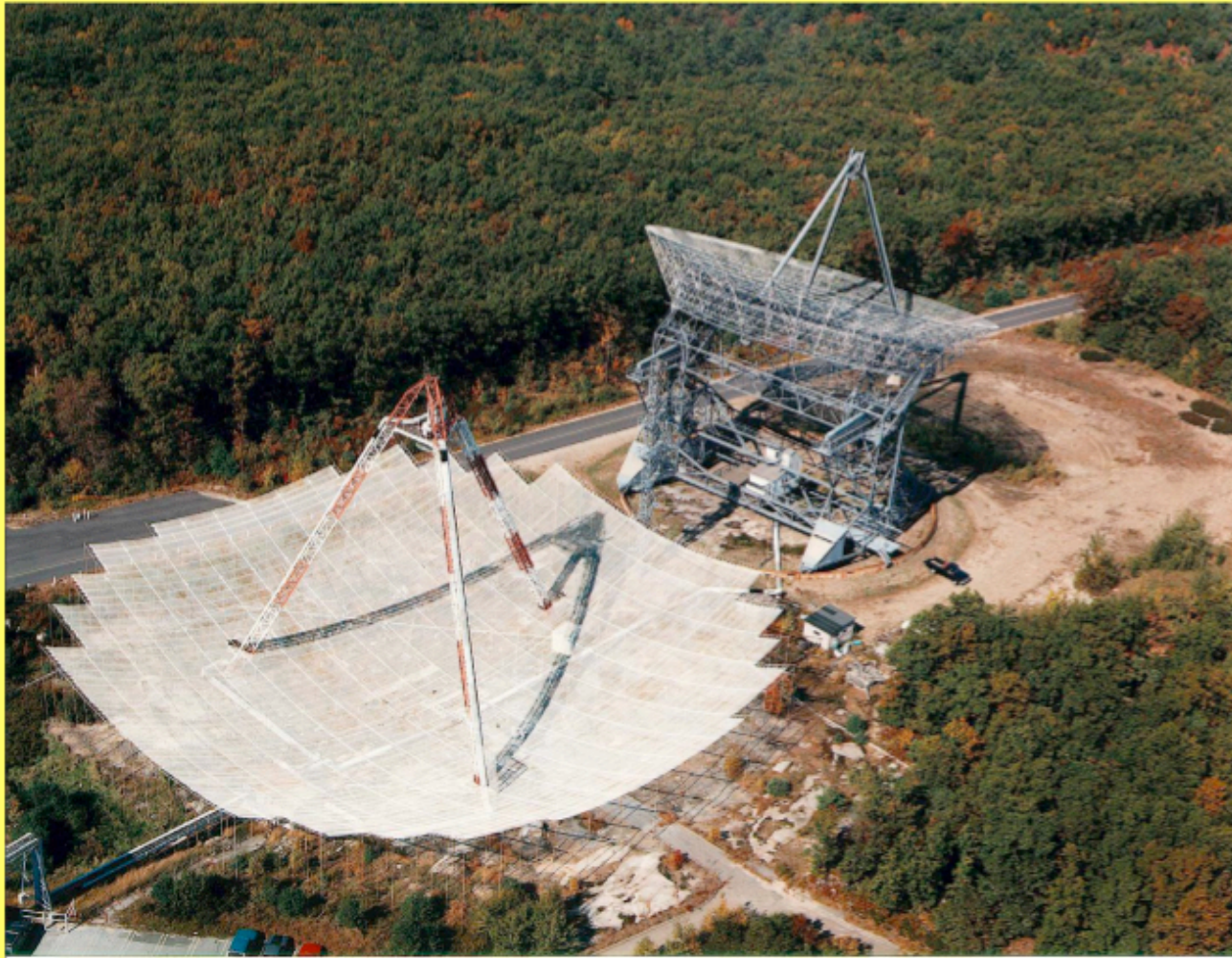


1962
Construction of Arecibo is completed.



1963

The Millstone Hill zenith antenna is constructed by MIT Lincoln Laboratories at a site near Boston, MA



1971

The Chatanika Radar is moved from Stanford University to a new site near Fairbanks, Alaska.



1982

The Chatanika Radar is moved to a new location near Sondrestrom, Greenland,

1970 – 1980

**The U. S. National Science Foundation takes
over operation of four incoherent scatter radars**



Sondrestrom



Millstone Hill



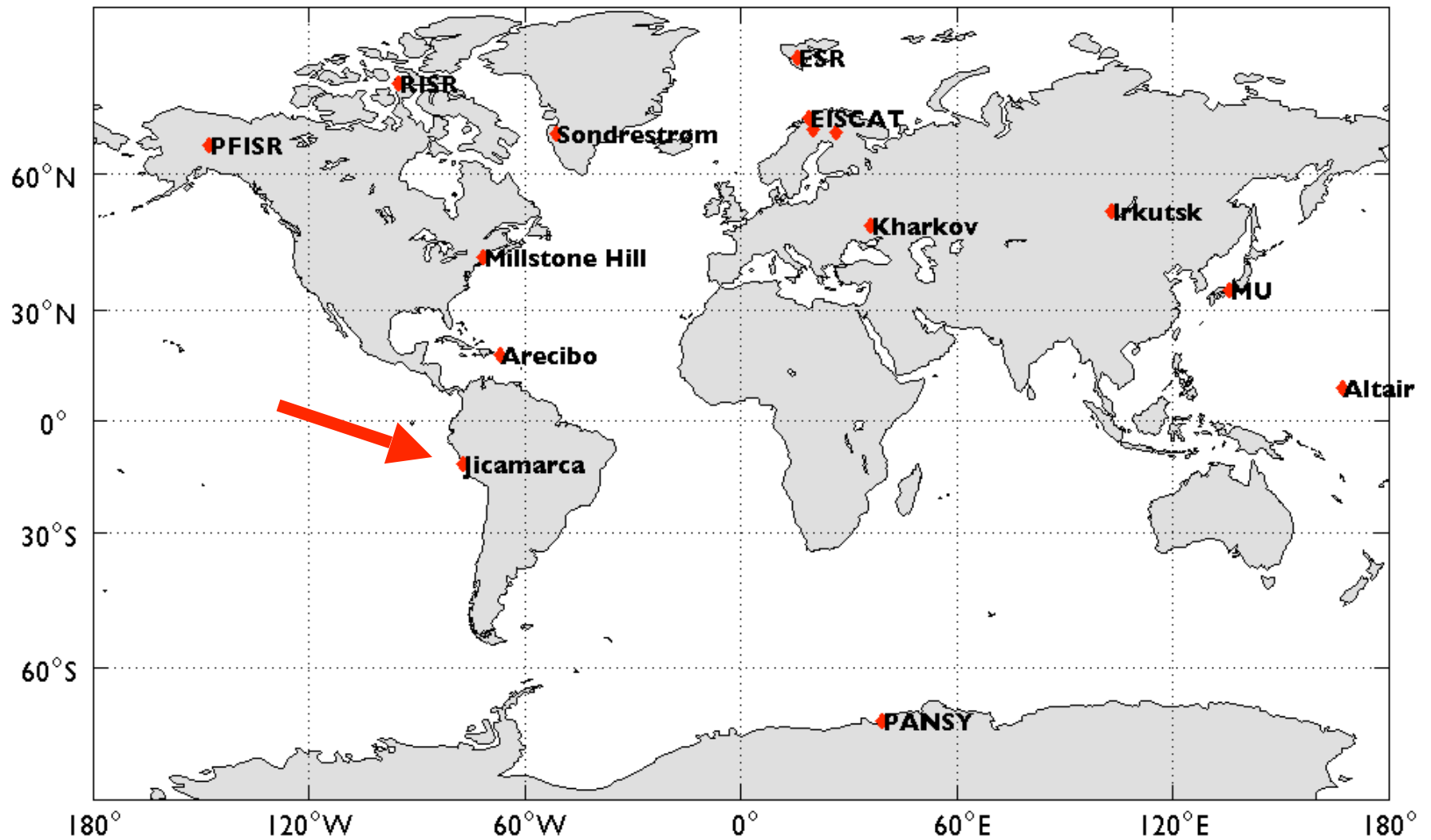
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Arecibo

The radars:

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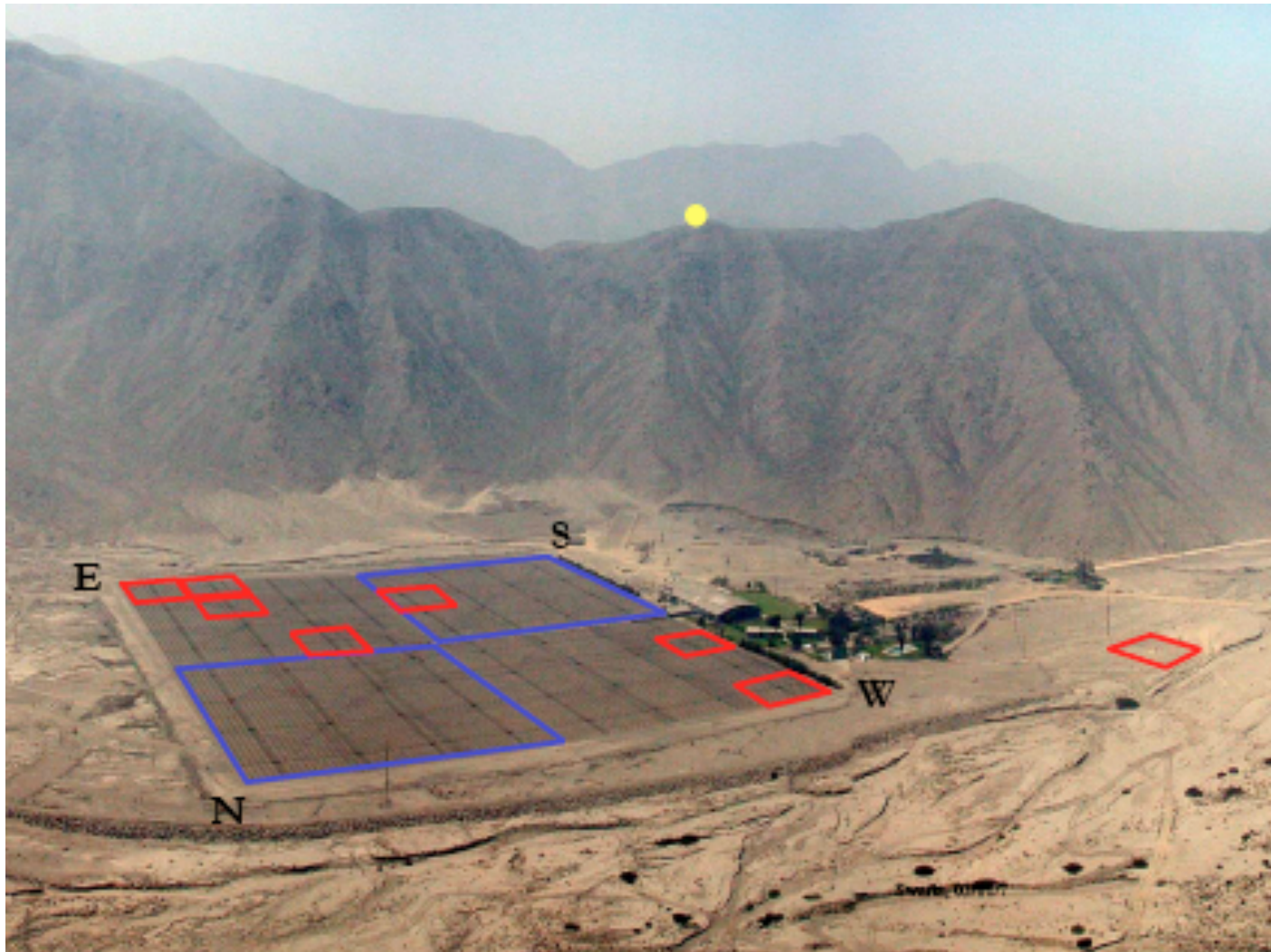


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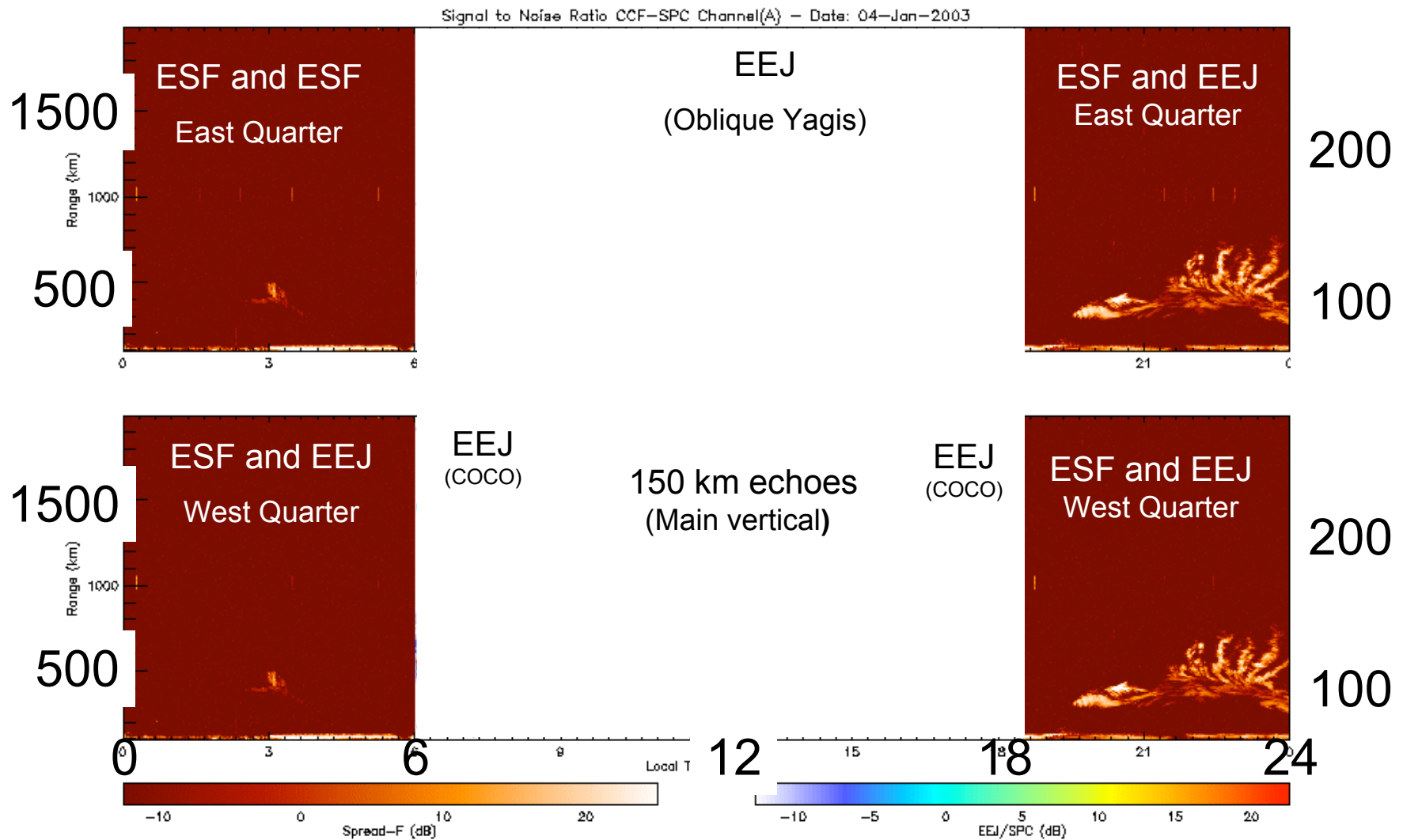
Low-Latitude Incoherent Scatter Radar - Jicamarca

- latitude 11.95° South, longitude 76.87° West
- 50 MHz
- 3 x 1.5 MW transmitters
- 18,432 dipole elements (64 sections of 12×12)
- 300 x 300 m main array (with a 12×12 array offset to the west for longer baseline interferometry)
- Close to magnetic equator (about 1° dip angle)
- Unique imaging/interferometric capabilities

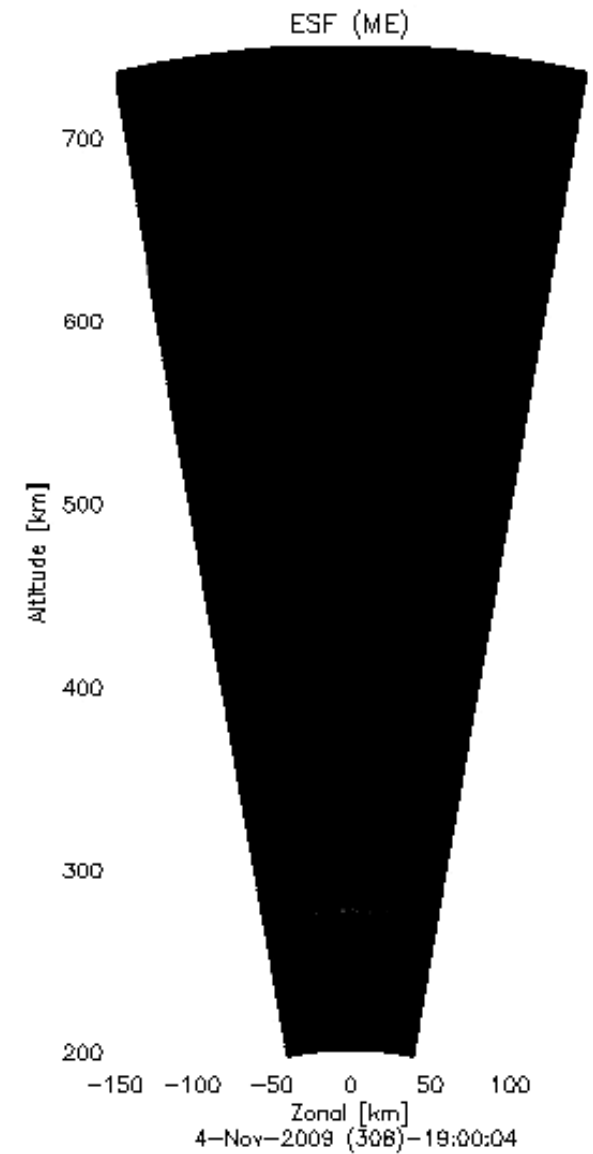
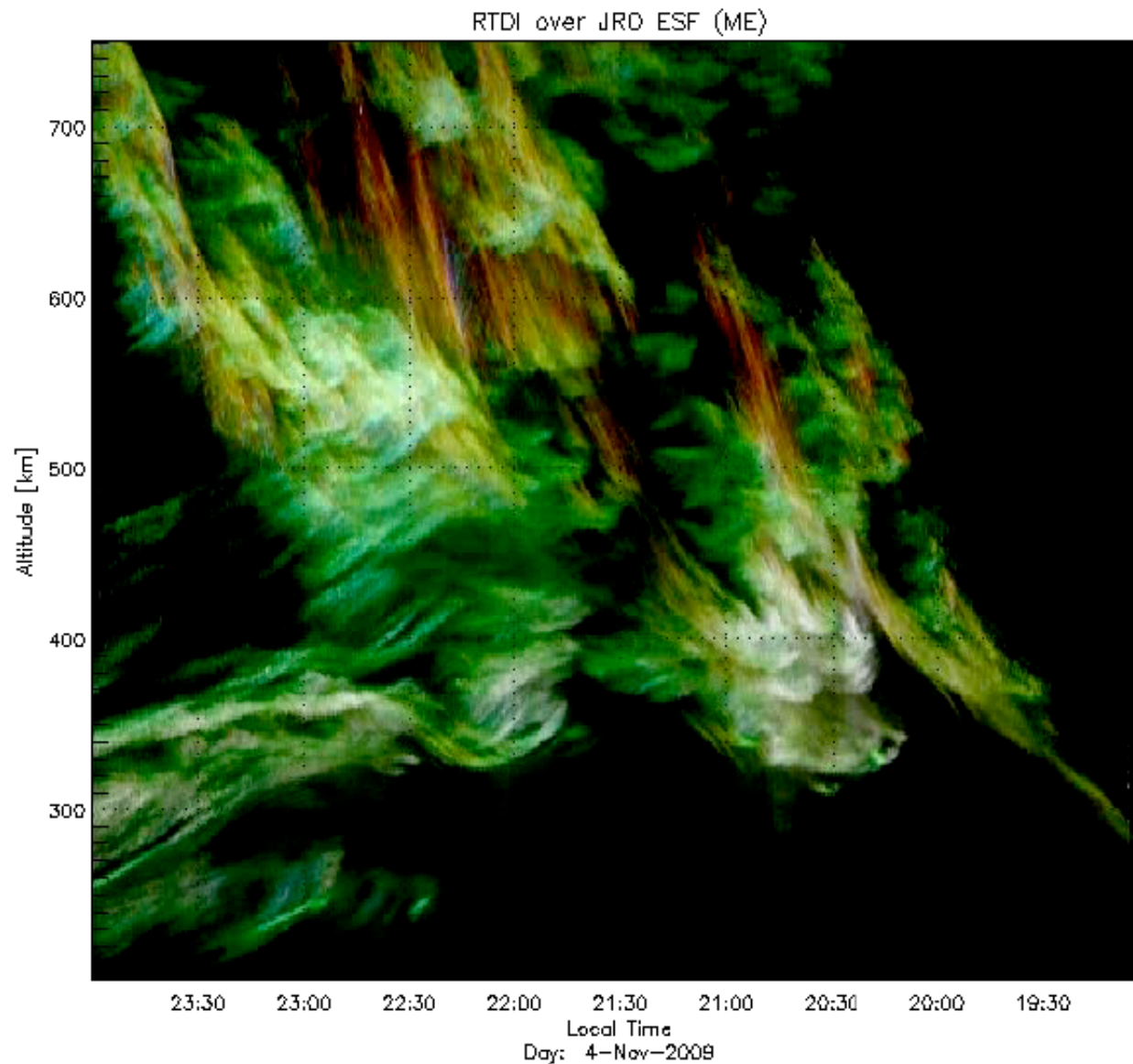
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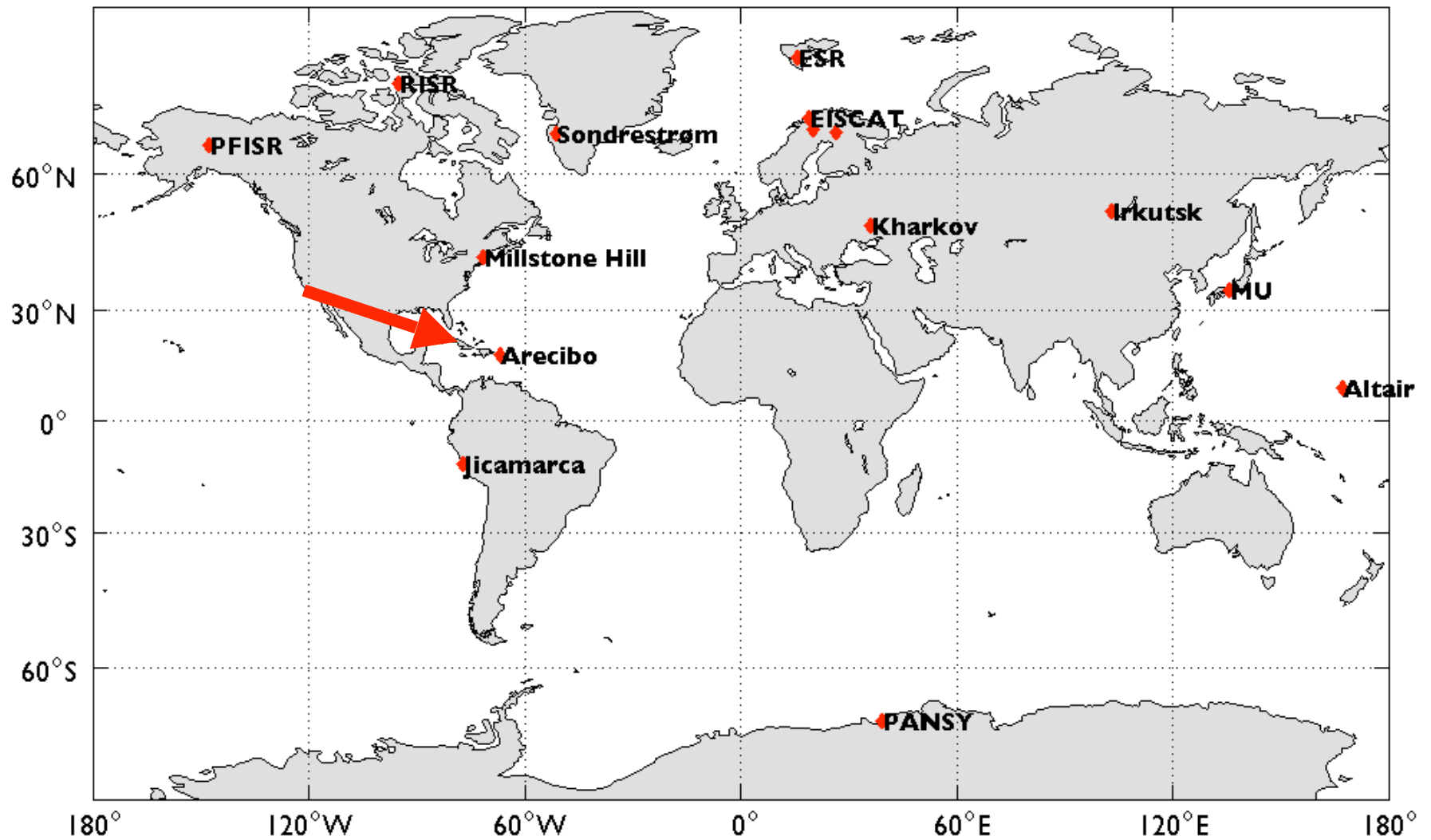
JULIA Observations



JULIA – Imaging (2)



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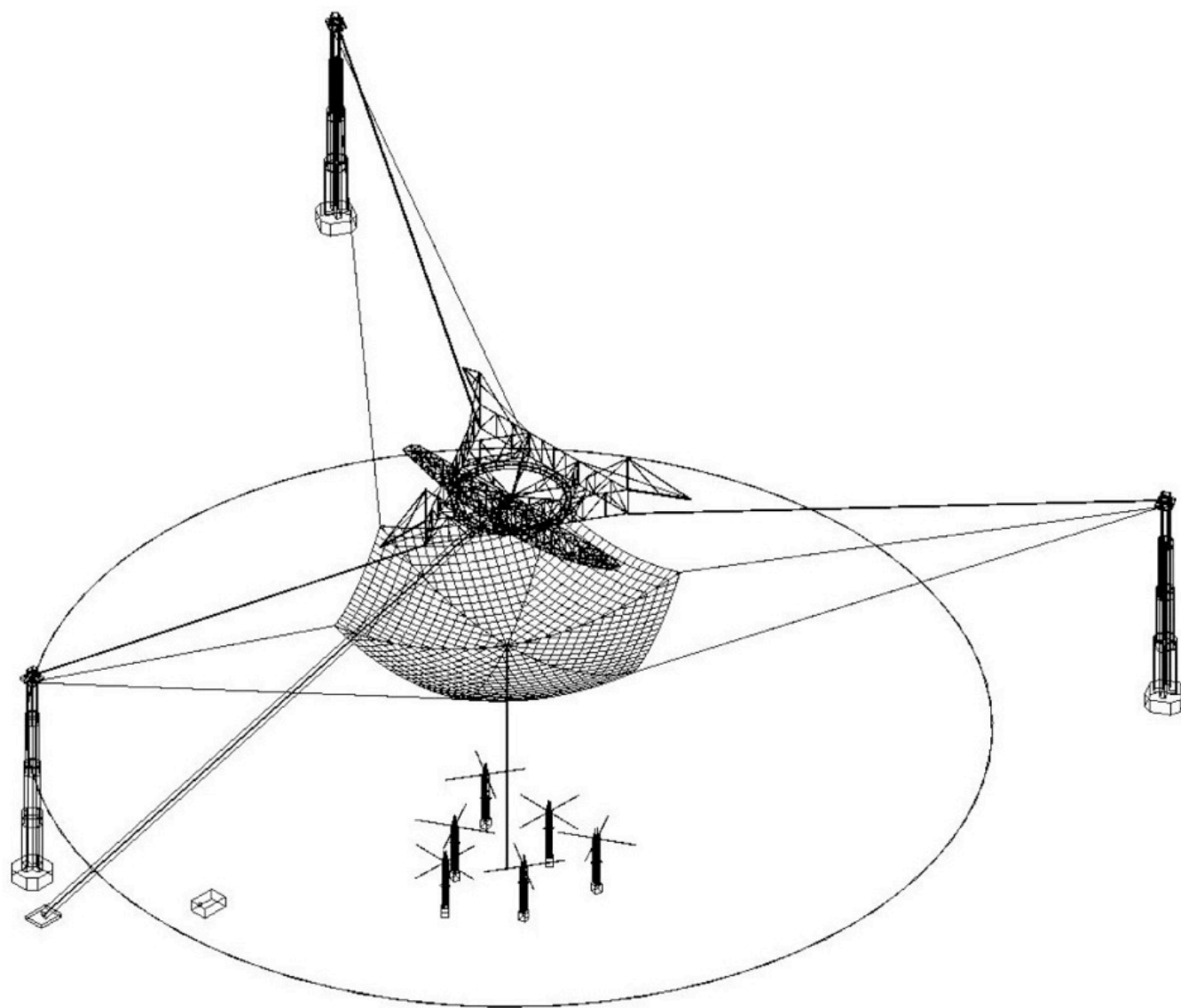


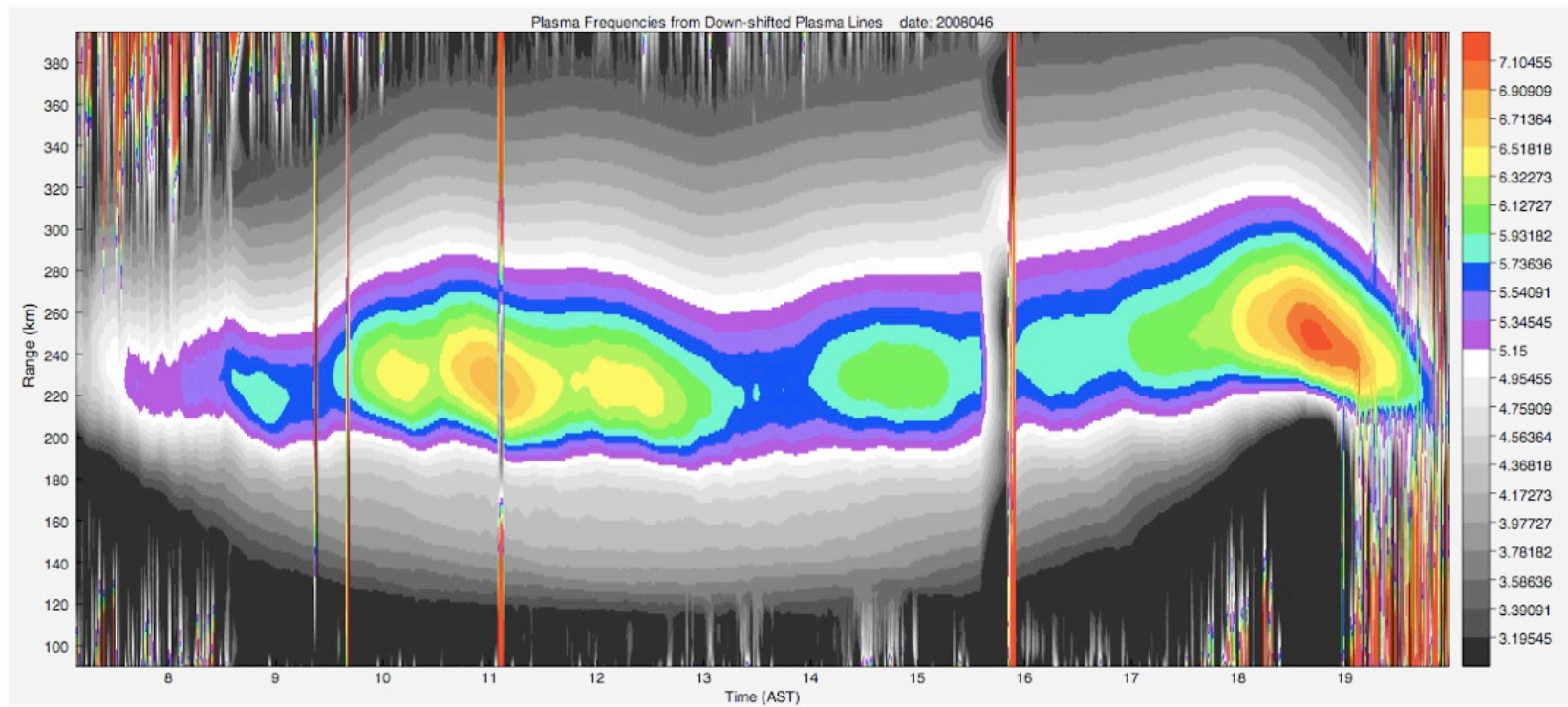
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... Photo by David Parker / Science Photo Library

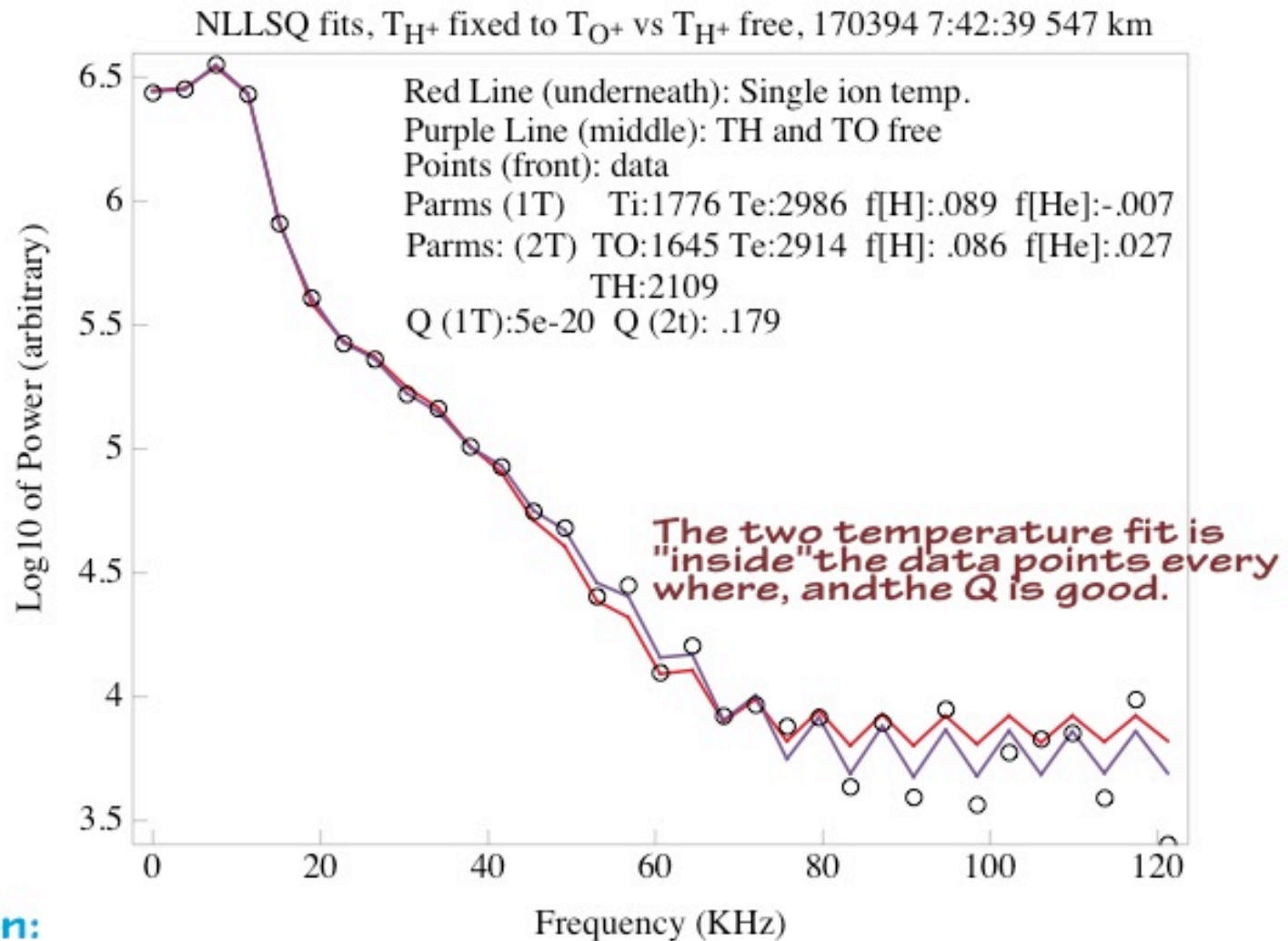
Arecibo ISR

- latitude $18^{\circ} 20' 36.6''$ North
- longitude $66^{\circ} 45' 11.1''$ W West
- 430 Mhz
- 2.5 MW transmitters
- 305m diameter fixed dish
- Two feeds - line feed and Gregorian feed
- Also used as 2.4 GHz planetary radar
- Also used as (the worlds largest single dish) radio telescope
- New heater in 2011





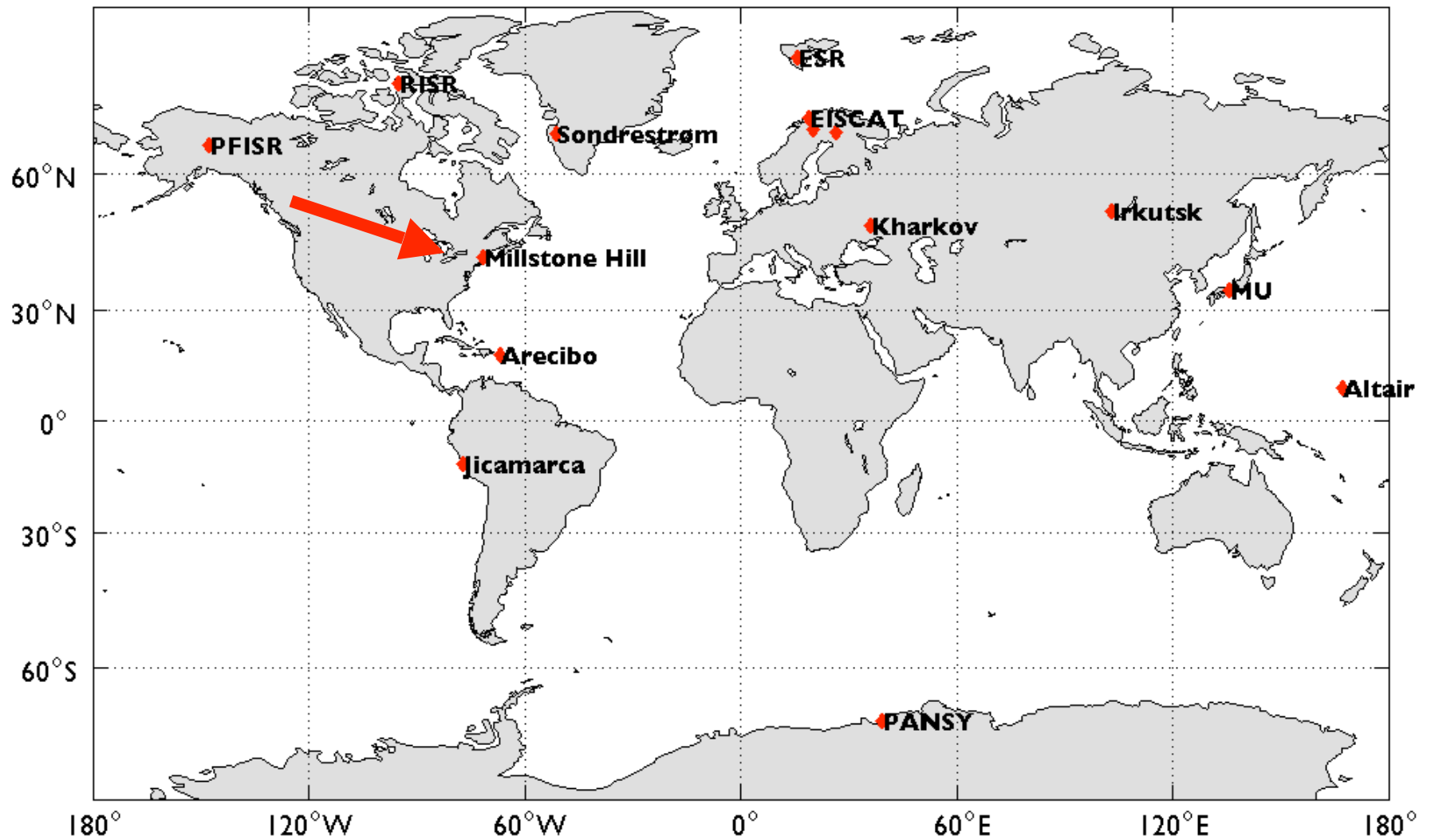
A Model with More Freedom



Conclusion:

Separate O^+ and H^+ temperatures are necessary and sufficient to obtain a good fit.

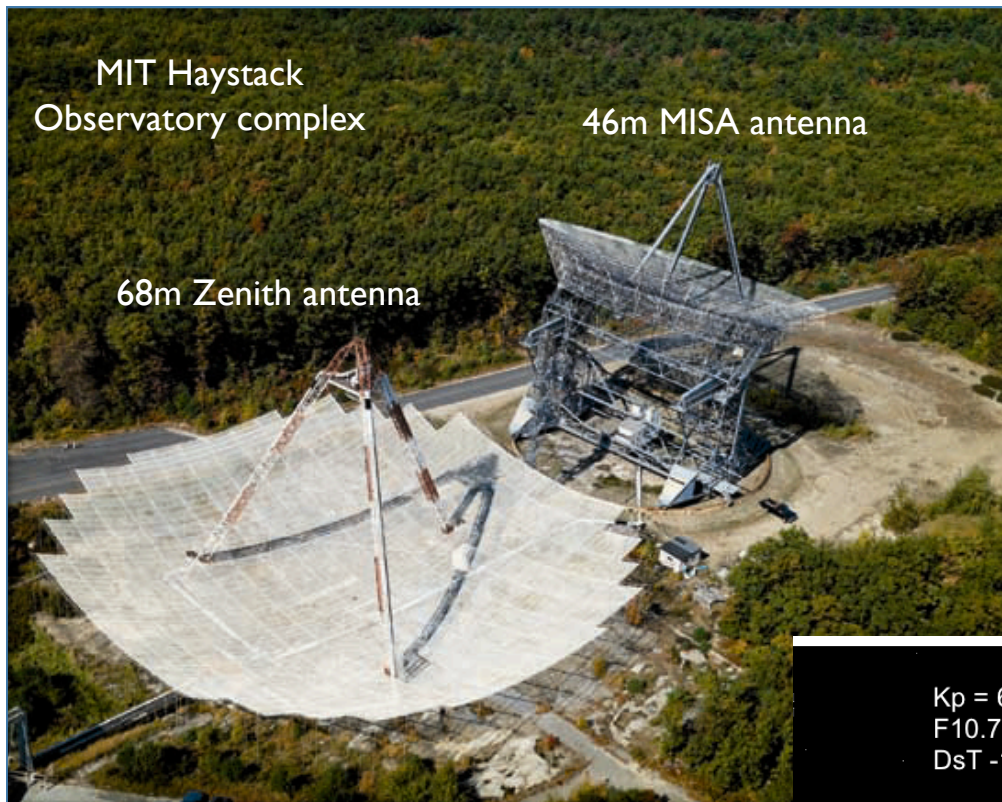
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Millstone Hill Radar





Millstone Hill UHF Incoherent Scatter Radar Westford, MA USA

440.2 MHz frequency

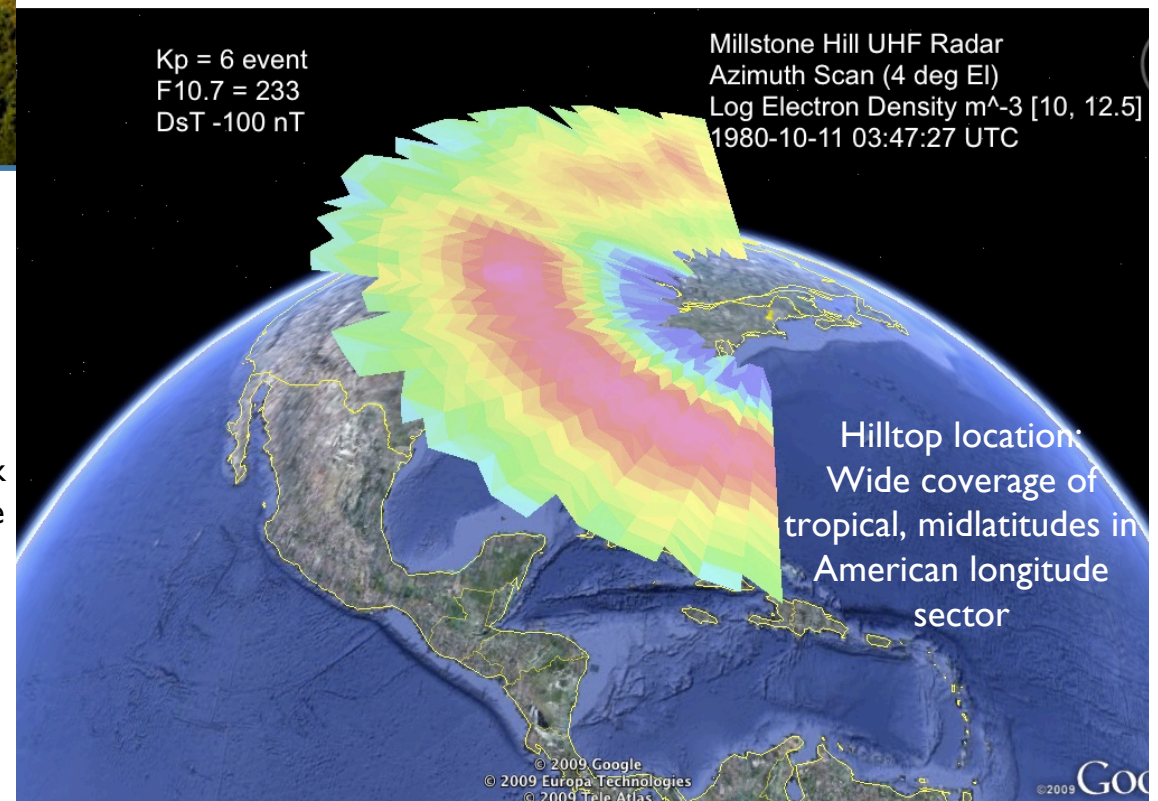
2.5 MW peak TX

System temperature ~ 150 -200 K overall

Fully steerable 46m antenna

68m zenith antenna

In operation since 1960

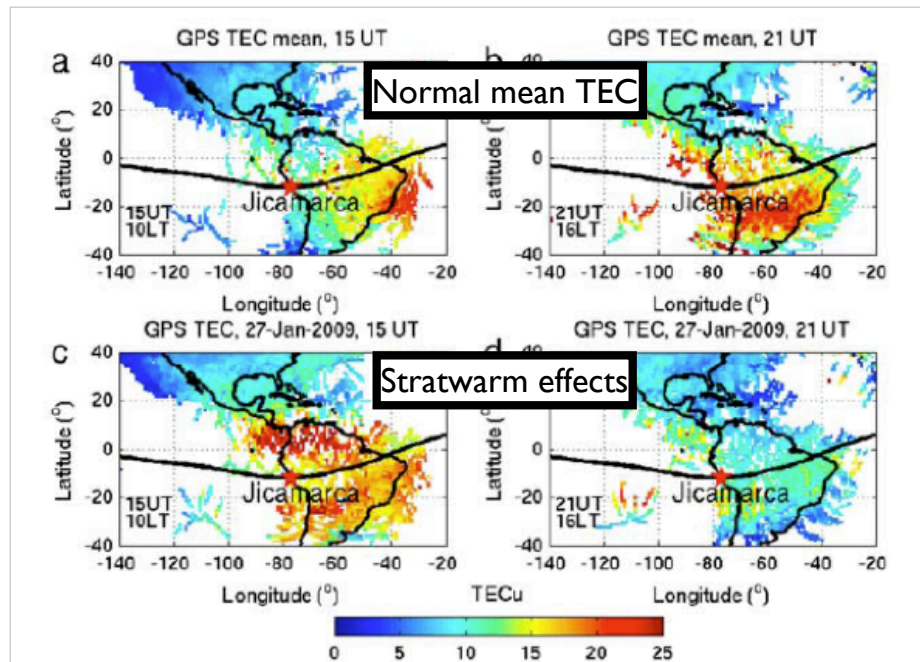


Millstone Hill Geospace Science Center

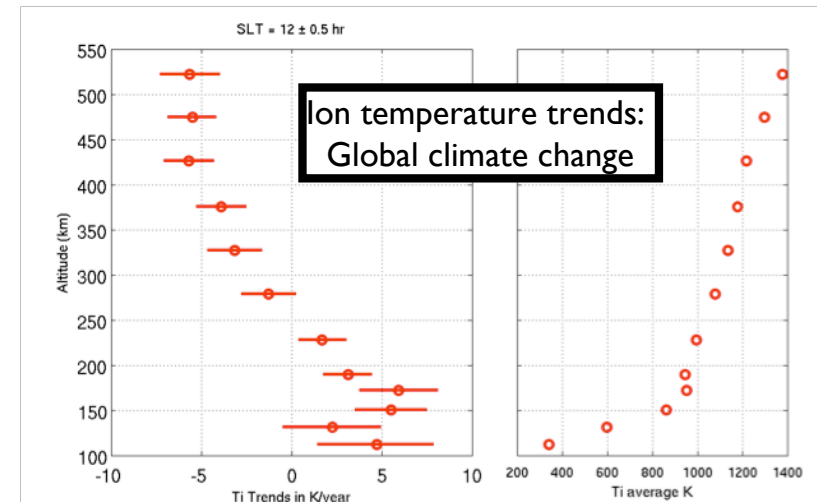


- Modernized control, receiver area
- Displays for multiple instruments
- Smartboards for interactive teaching
- Community resource for coordinated campaigns, workshops
- Focus for North American Regional Distributed Arrays (DASI) activities

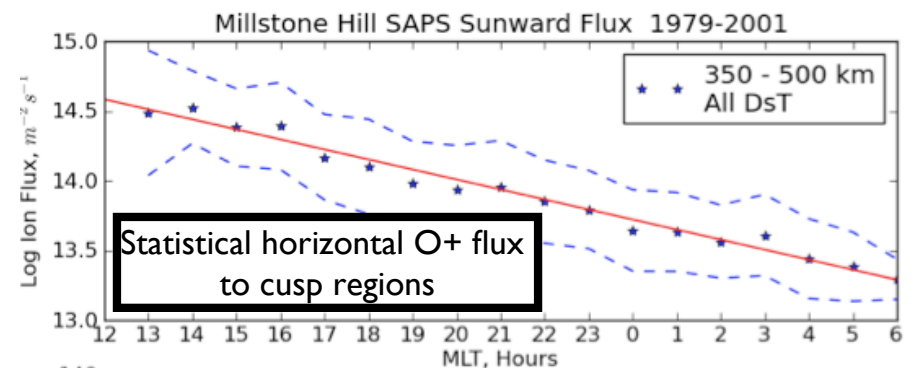
Millstone Hill research: Geospace System Science



Lower/upper atmospheric coupling
[Stratospheric sudden warming]
and mesoscale effects on ionosphere, thermosphere
Goncharenko, Coster

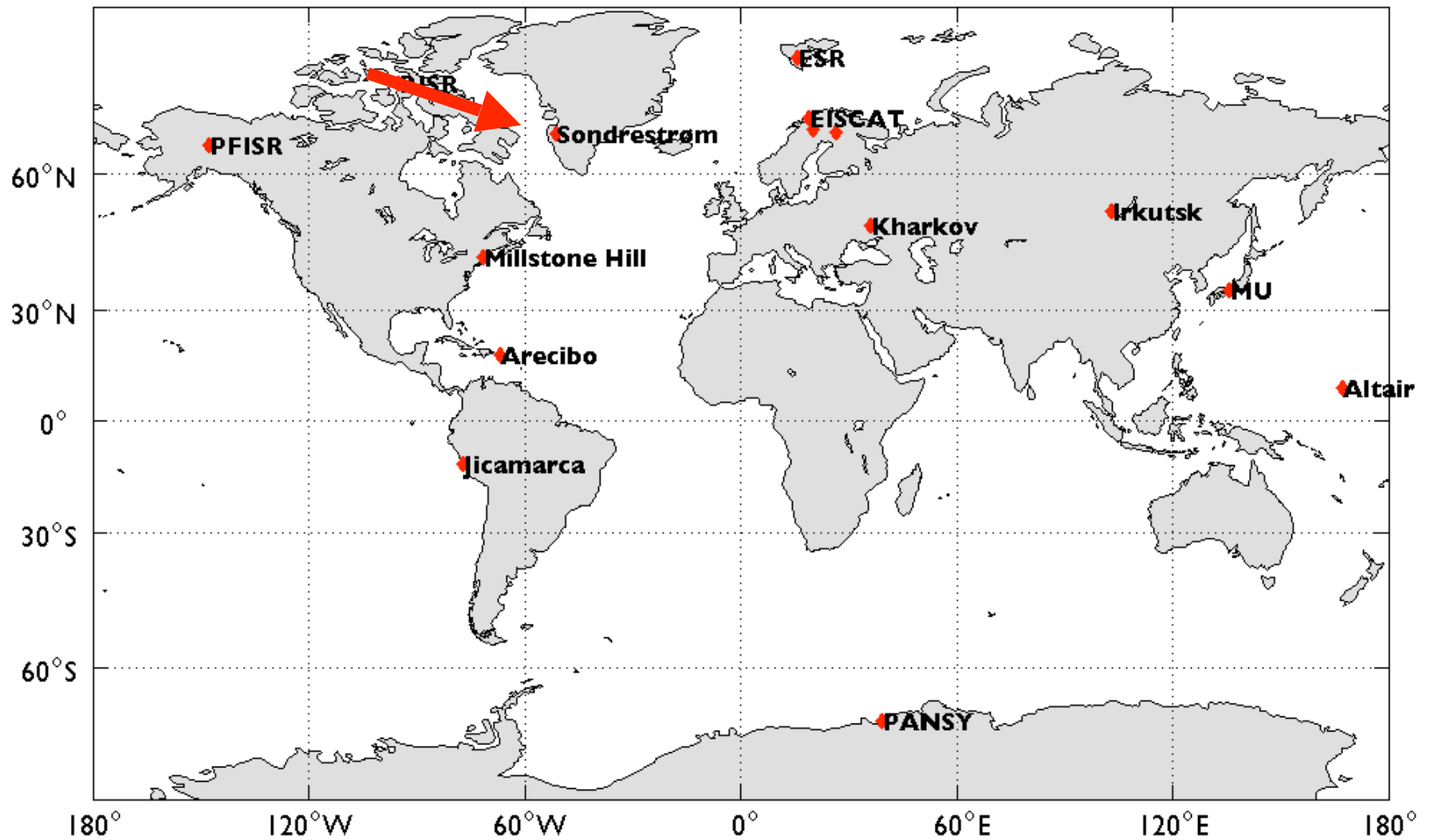


Long term ionospheric trend studies
Zhang, Holt



Subauroral ionospheric redistribution
in SED/SAPS regions
Erickson, Foster, Coster

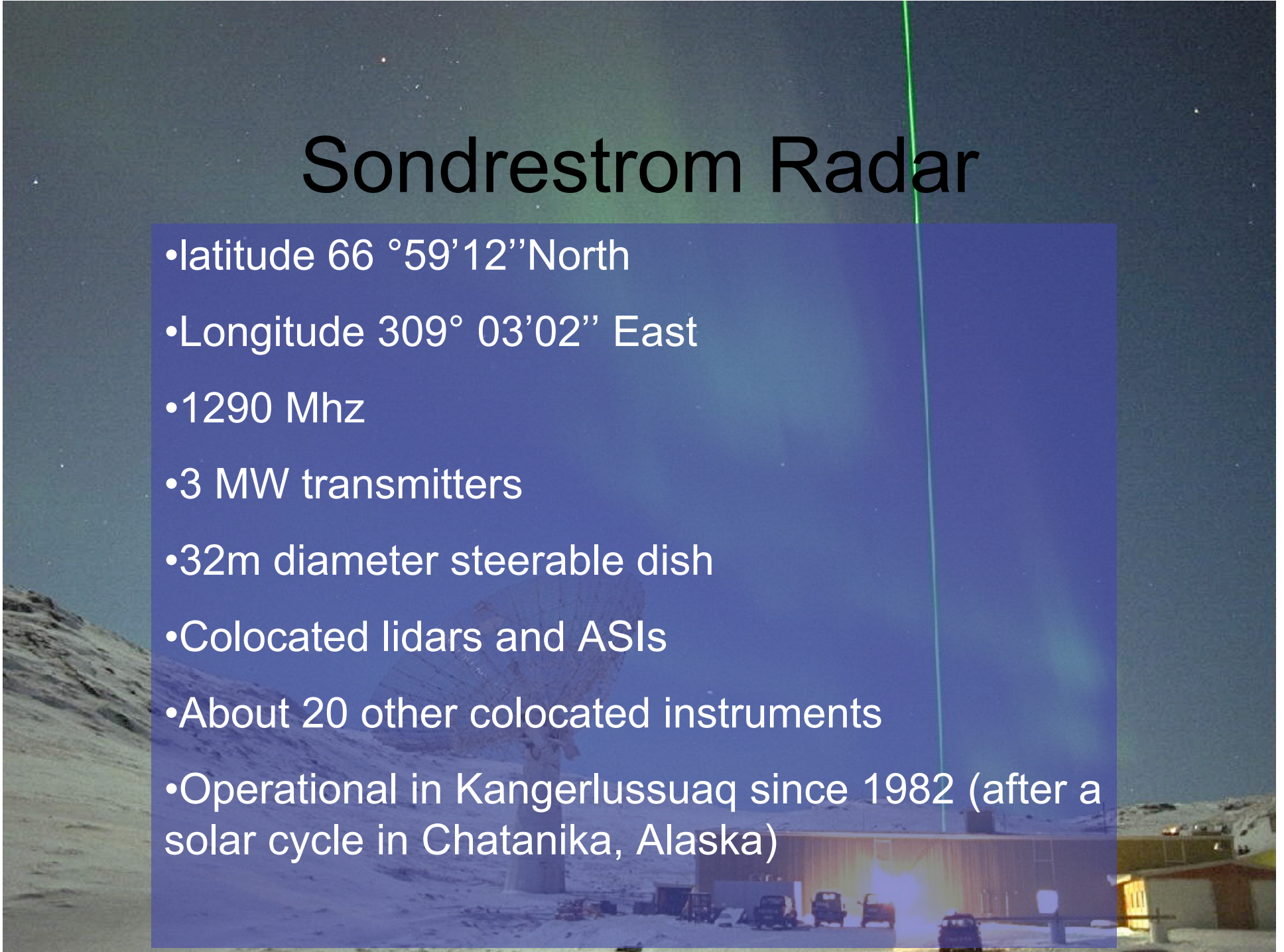
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Sondrestrom Radar

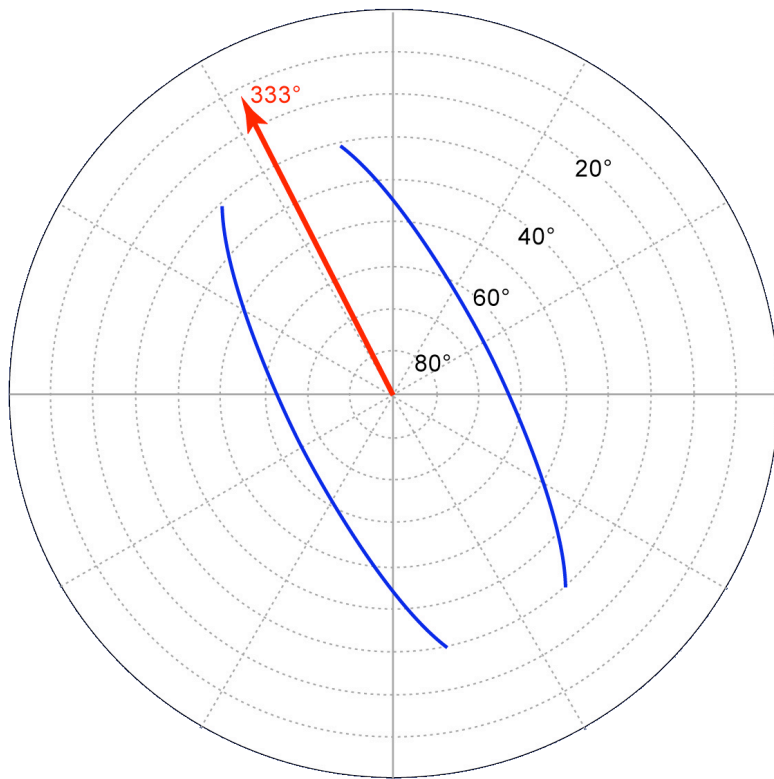
- latitude $66^{\circ}59'12''$ North
- Longitude $309^{\circ}03'02''$ East
- 1290 Mhz
- 3 MW transmitters
- 32m diameter steerable dish
- Colocated lidars and ASIs
- About 20 other colocated instruments
- Operational in Kangerlussuaq since 1982 (after a solar cycle in Chatanika, Alaska)



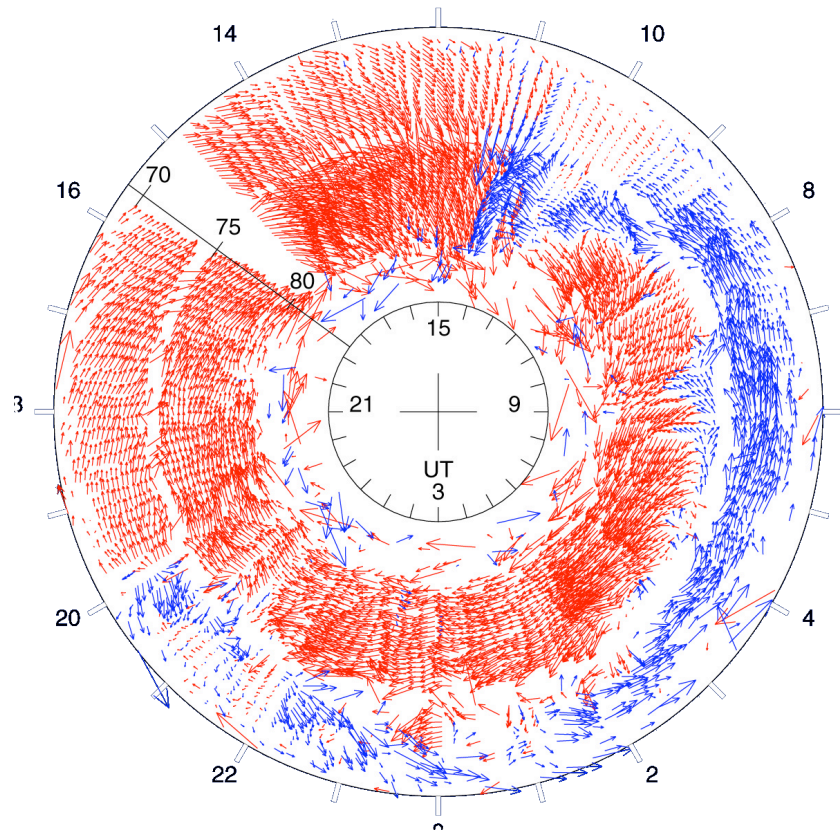




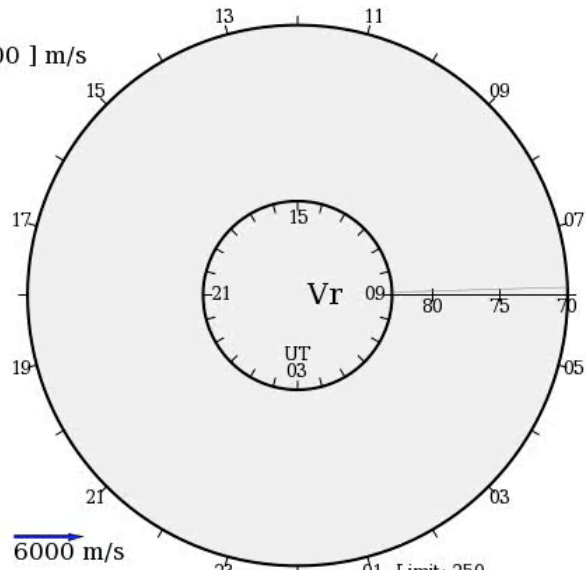
Ion Velocity (E-field) Maps



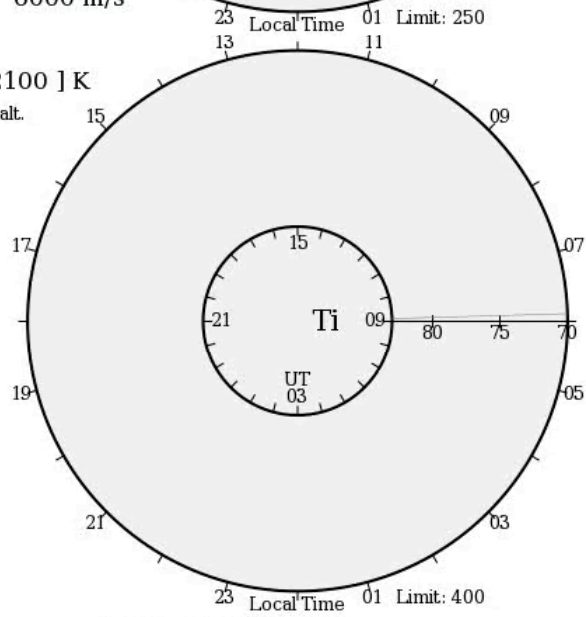
Composite Scans for
E-field Estimation



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[0, 6000] m/s



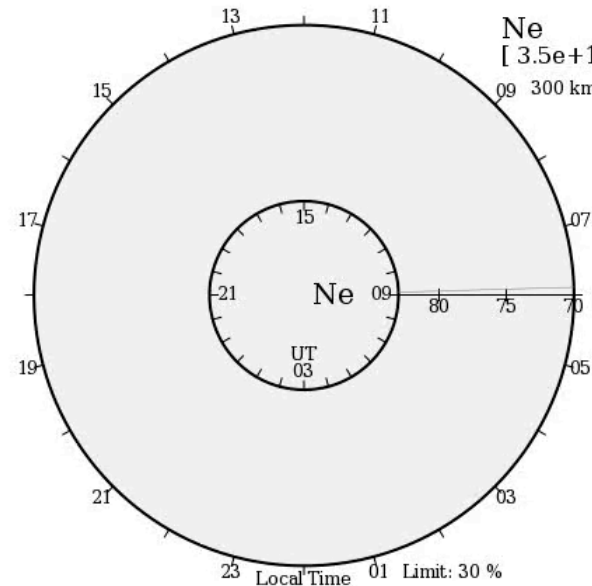
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[500, 2100] K
300 km alt.



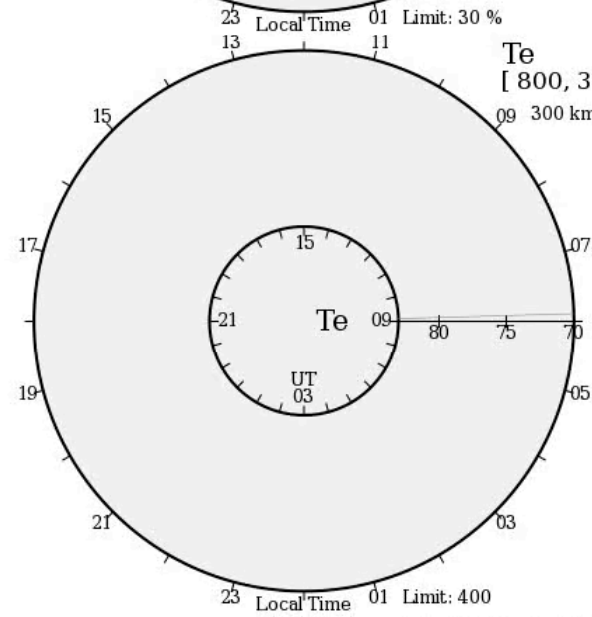
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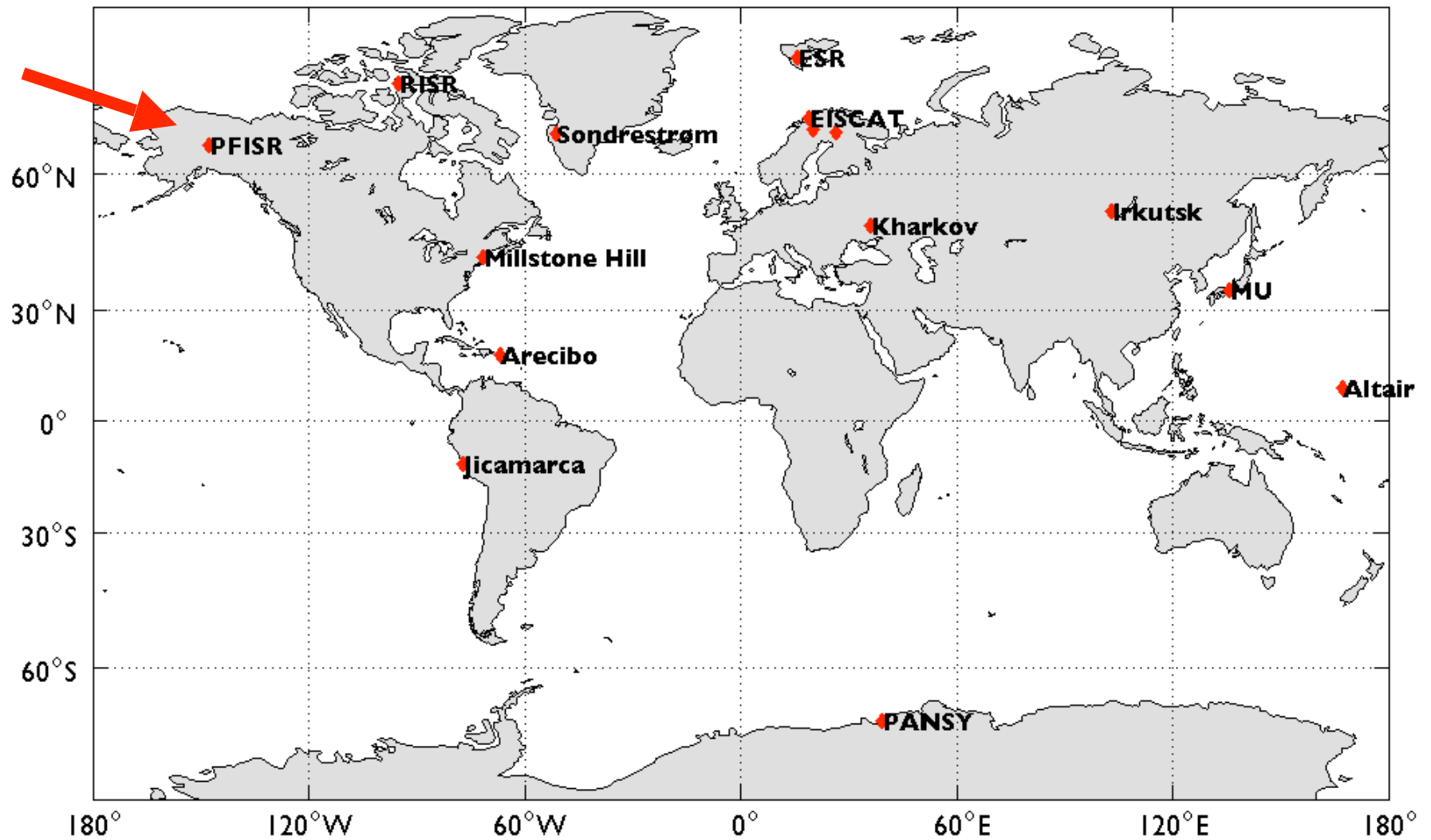


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300 km alt.



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AMISR

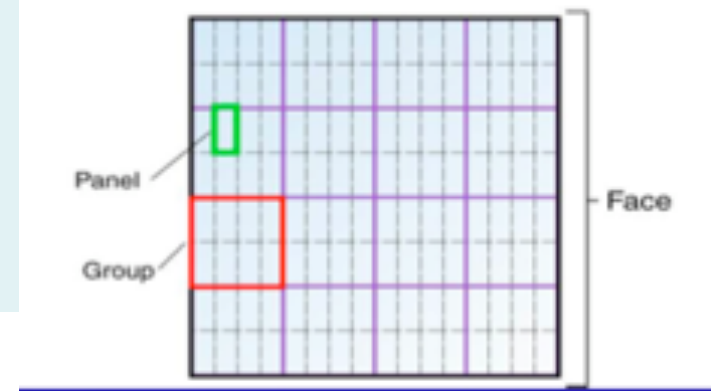
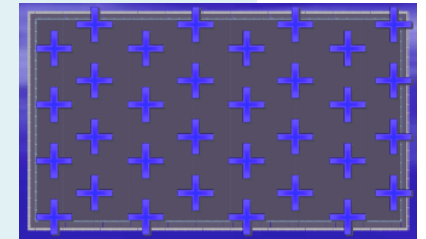
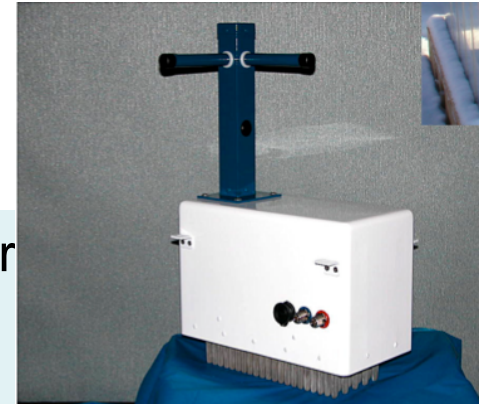
- First US ISR designed under NSF funding for pure scientific research
- First modular pulse-to-pulse steerable Incoherent scatter radar

Abbreviations!!!!

- **AMISR** - Advanced Modular Incoherent Scatter Radar
 - Refers to the technology and the overall kind of radar
- **PFISR** - Poker Flat Incoherent Scatter Radar
 - An AMISR radar located in Poker Flat, Alaska
- **RISR-N** - Resolute Bay Incoherent Scatter Radar - North (toward ESR!)
 - An AMISR Radar in Resolute Bay, Canada. Pointing northward
- **RISR-S/RISR-C** - Resolute Bay Incoherent Scatter Radar - South/Canada
 - An AMISR radar under construction in Resolute Bay, Canada. Pointing South. Funded (and owned) by Canada. Official name RISR-C

The lego set

- AMISR: Advanced Modular Incoherent Scatter Radar
- AEU: Antenna element unit (4096 per radar)
- Panel: smallest “lego” piece (consist of 32 AEU)
- Group: Set of Panels (consist of 8 panels)
- Face: Set of groups (one complete radar (“Face”) consist of 16 groups, 128 panels, 4096 AEU...)



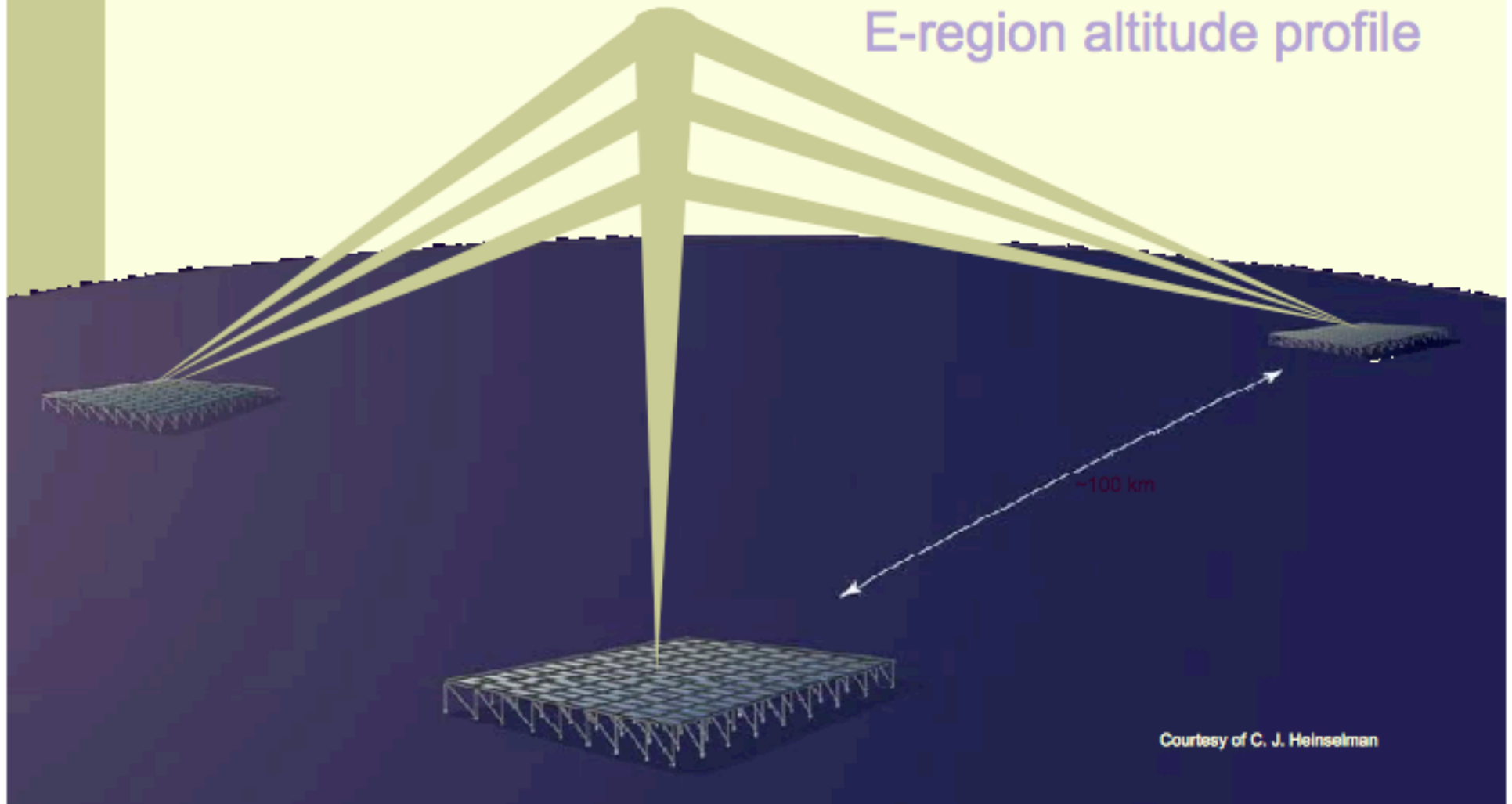
More about the “current” AMISR

- NSF originally funded 3 full faces. Funding was sufficient to two (and a bit)
 - One operational since January 2007 in Poker Flat, Alaska (PFISR)
 - Second operational since Dec 2009 in Resolute Bay, Canada (RISR-N)
 - A collaboration with Canada will lead to the completion of the third face of the original AMISR plan (RISR-S now RISR-C).
- Modular/Transportable/Reconfigurable
- Phased array - pulse-to-pulse steering
- Solid state
 - No moving parts, can hence be remotely controlled
- Gentle degrade
- 430-450 MHz TX frequency
- ~2 MW peak power per radar (10% duty cycle)
- 1 μ s to 2 ms pulses

Tristatic Configuration

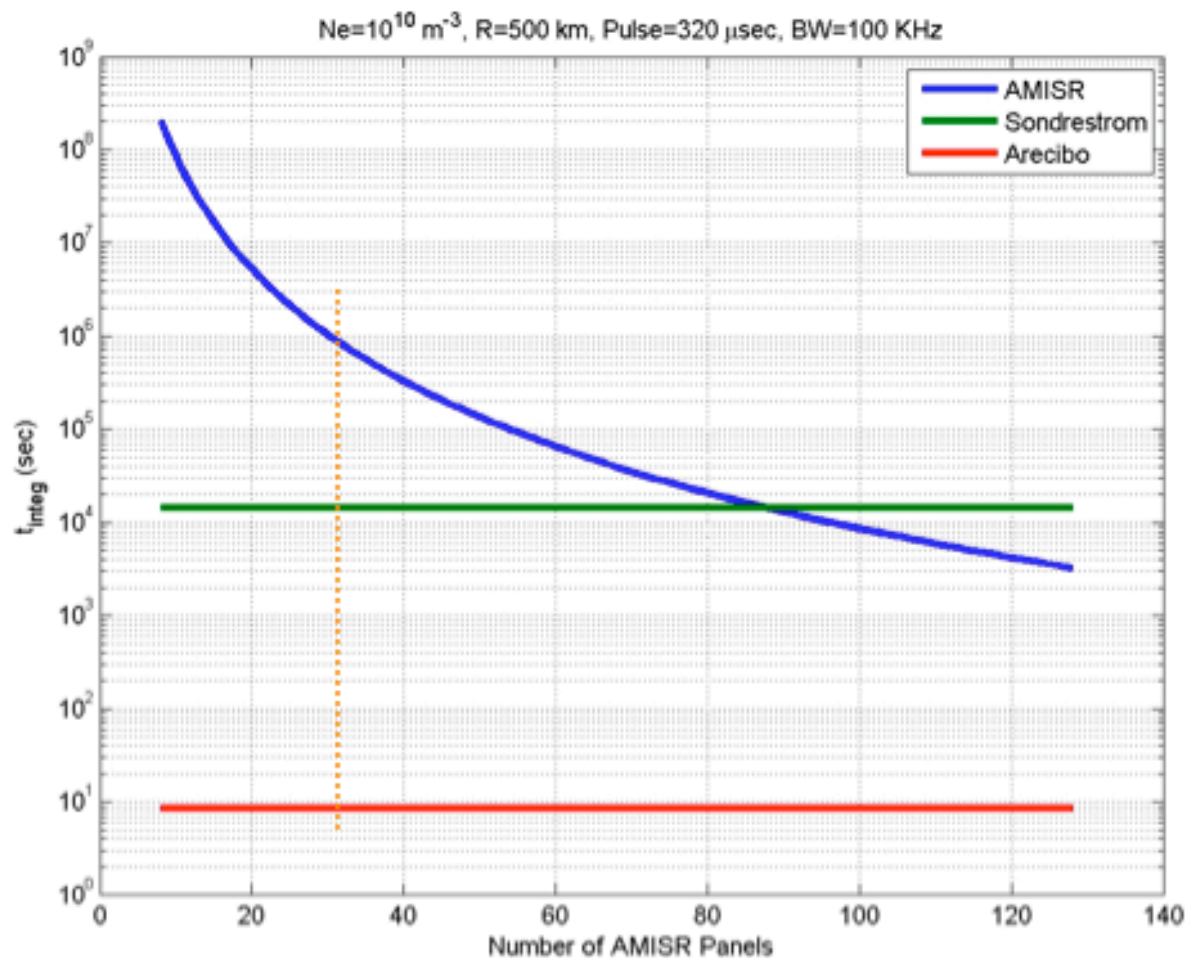


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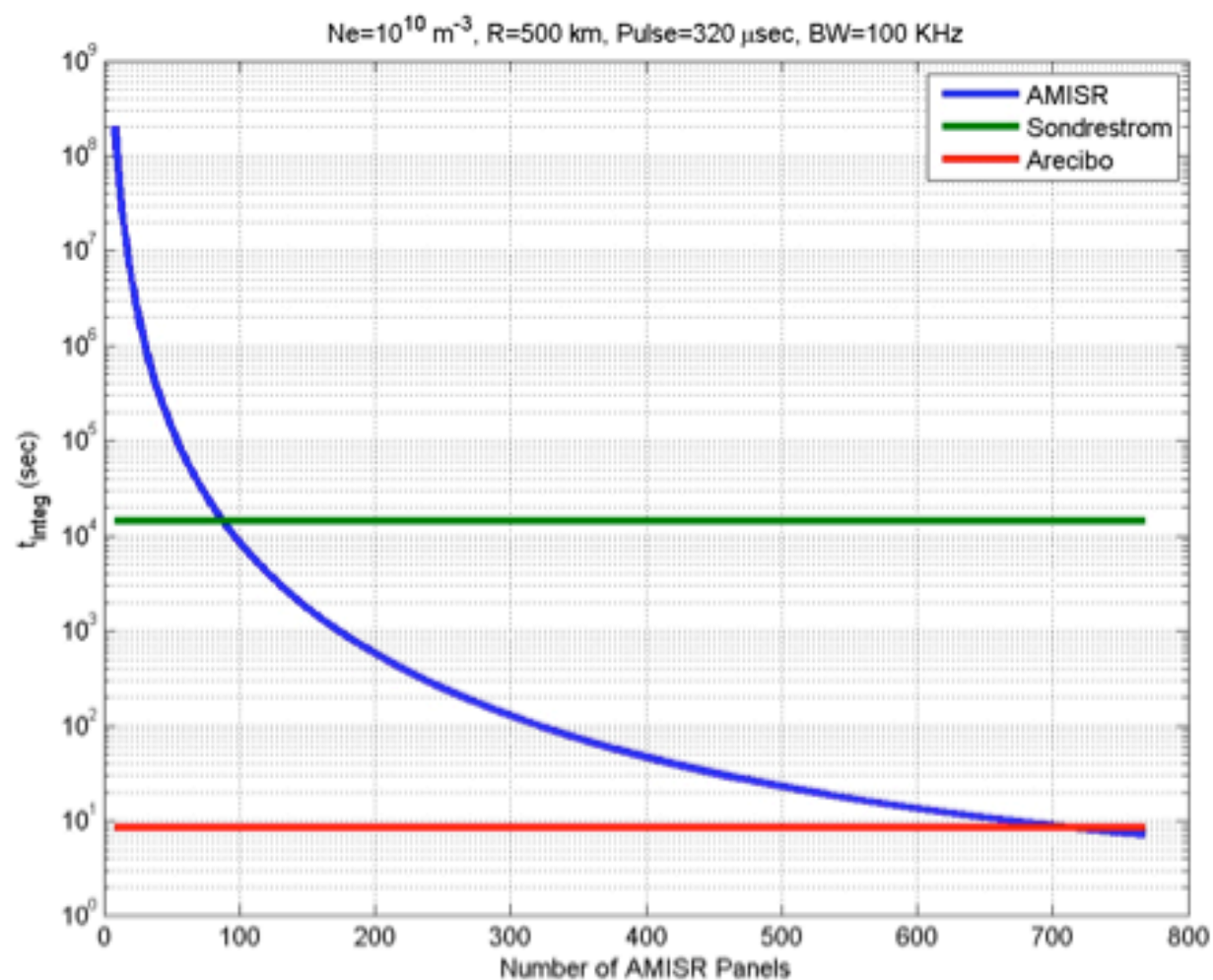


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AMISR Sensitivity vs. Size



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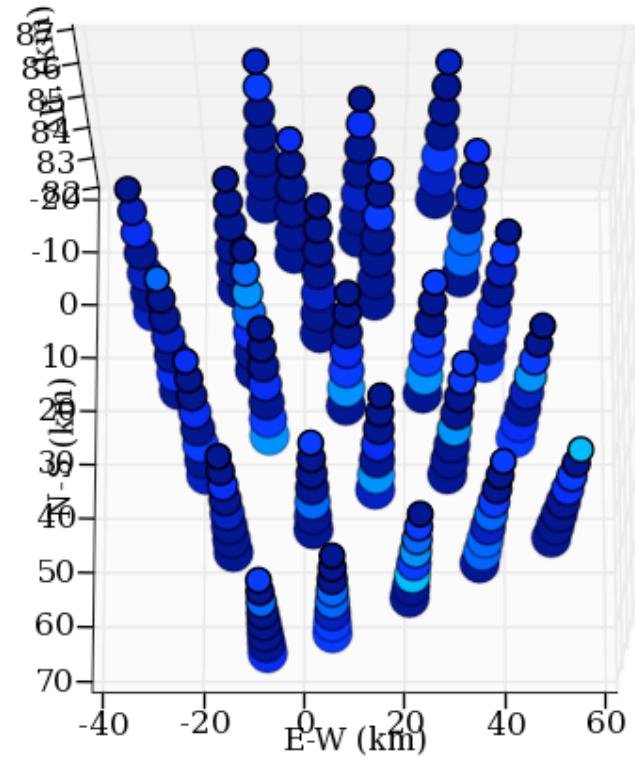
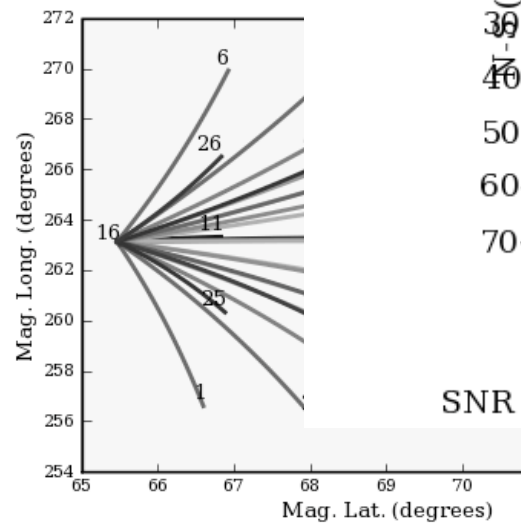
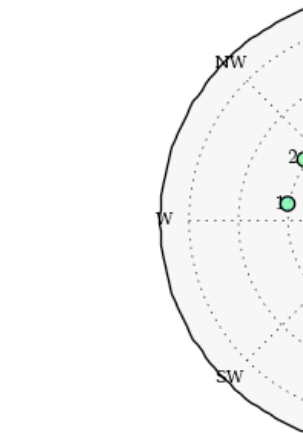
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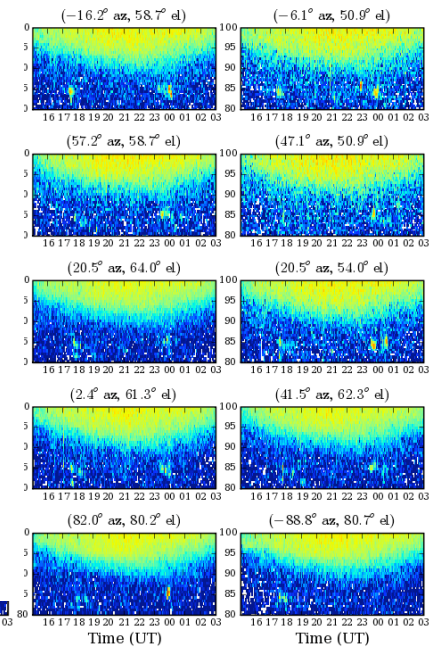
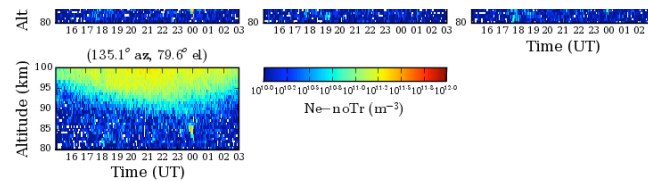
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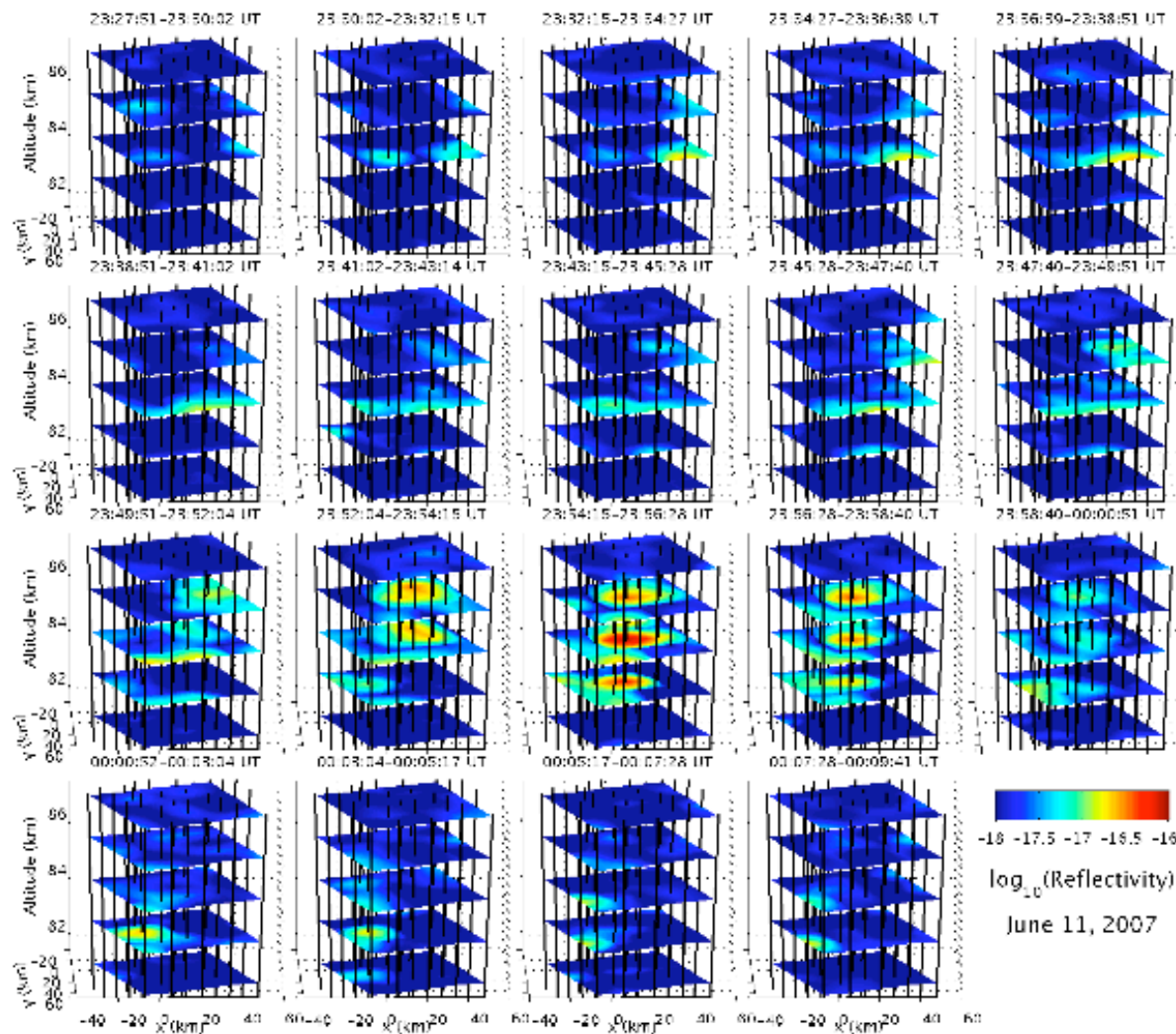
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SNR (dB), 82-87 km, 15:03:07-15:05:19 UT

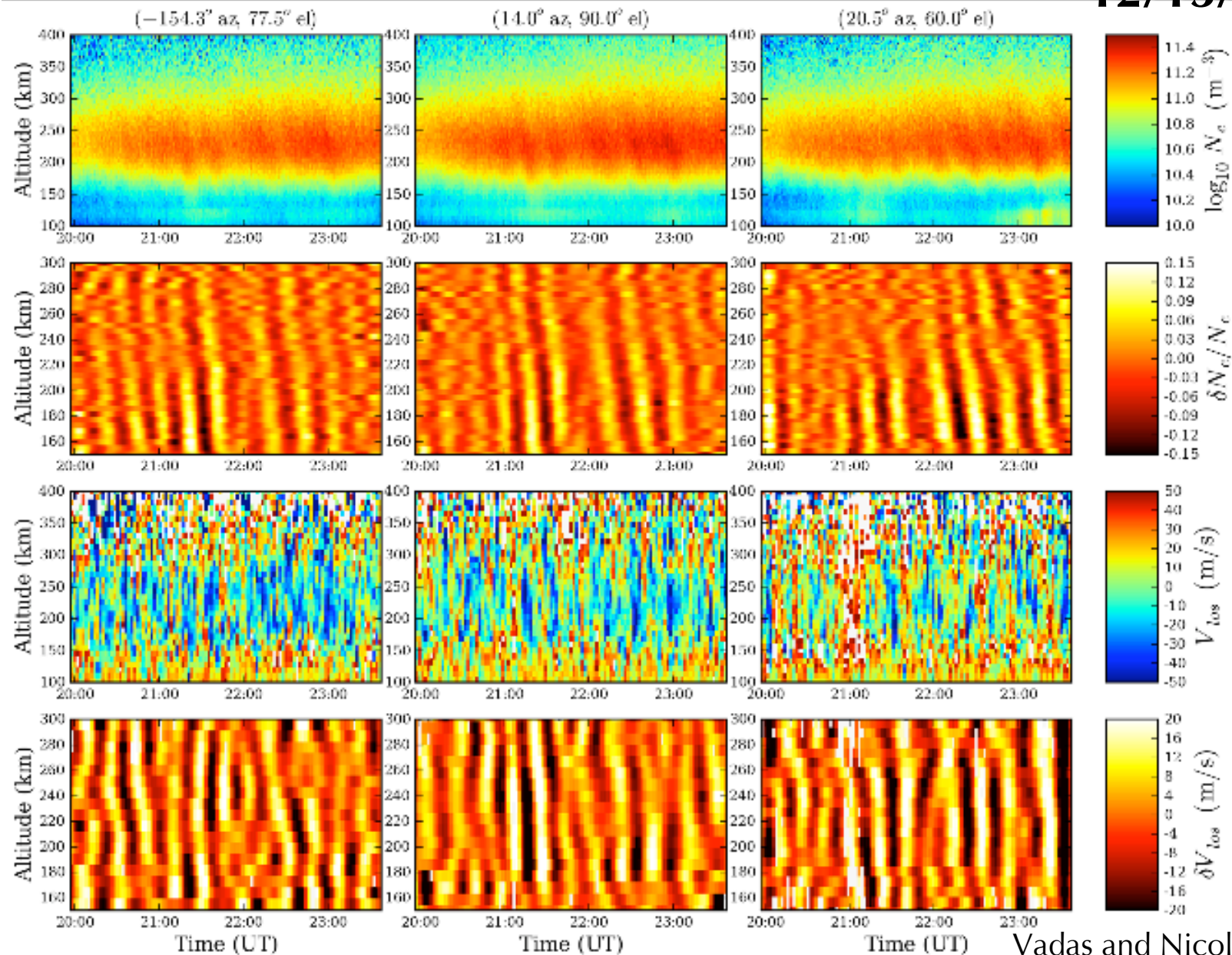


Imaging PMSE over Poker Flat



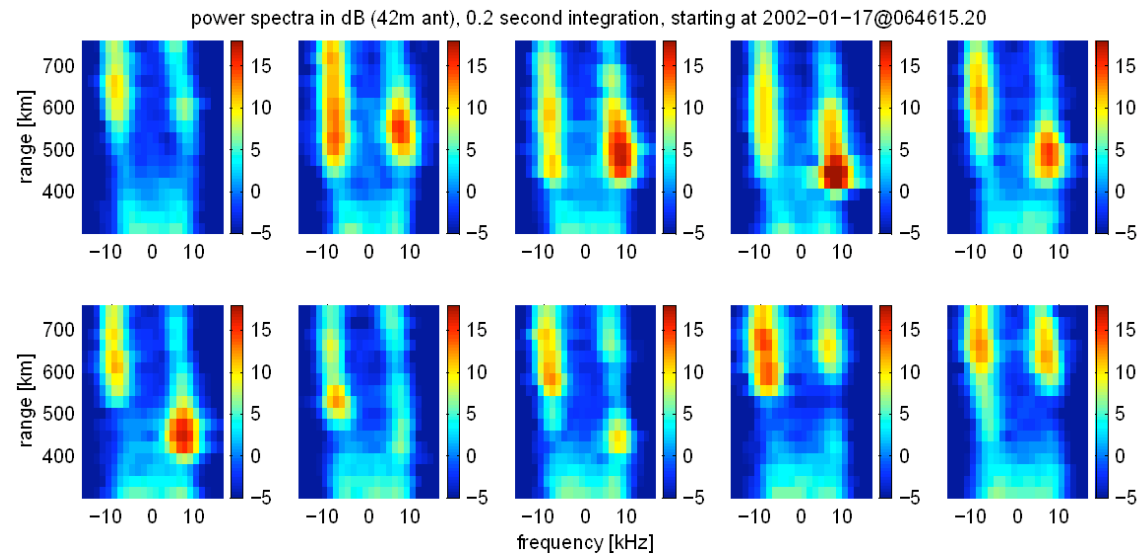
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Vadas and Nicolls (2007)

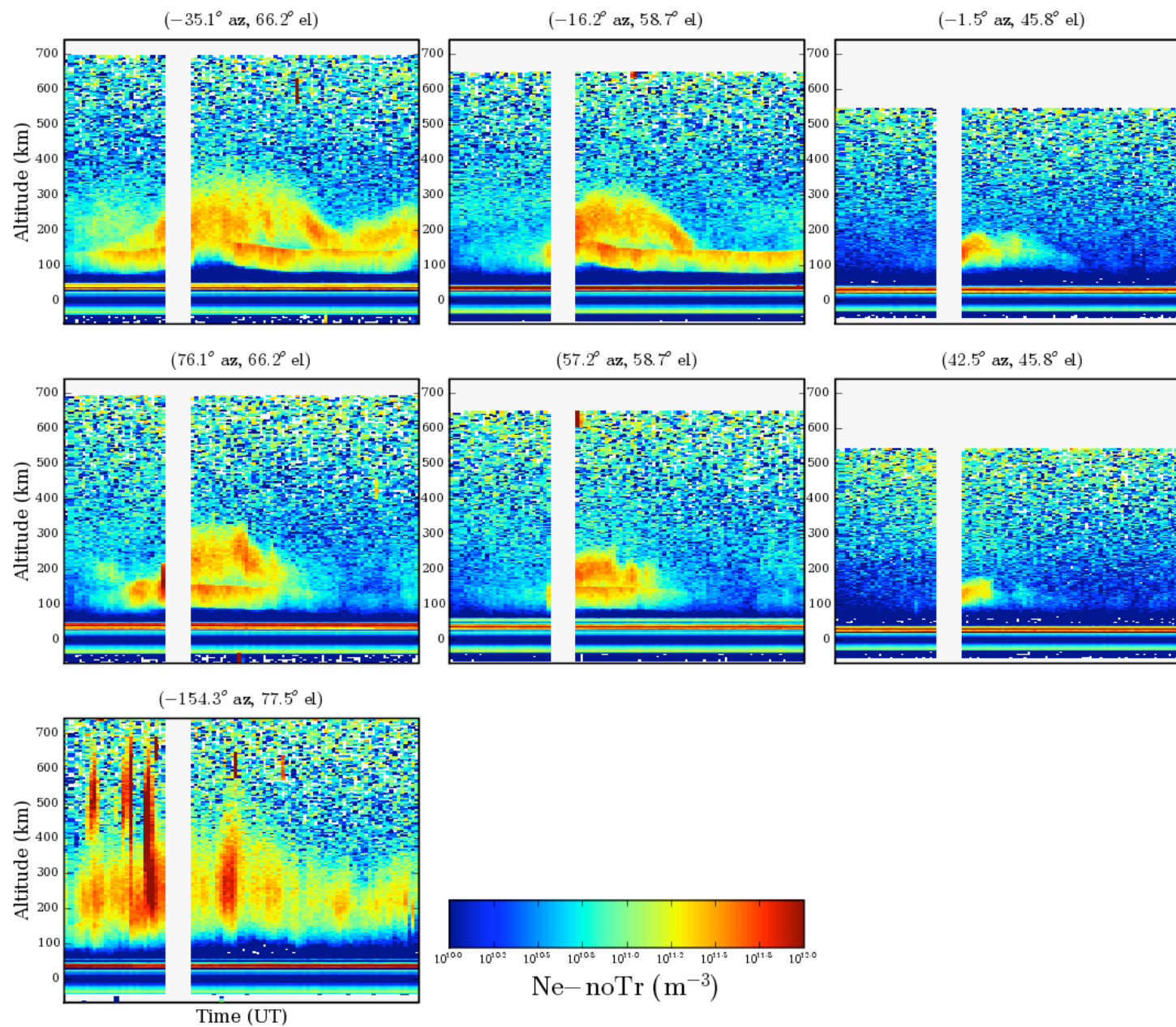
Naturally enhanced ion-acoustic lines (NEIAL):



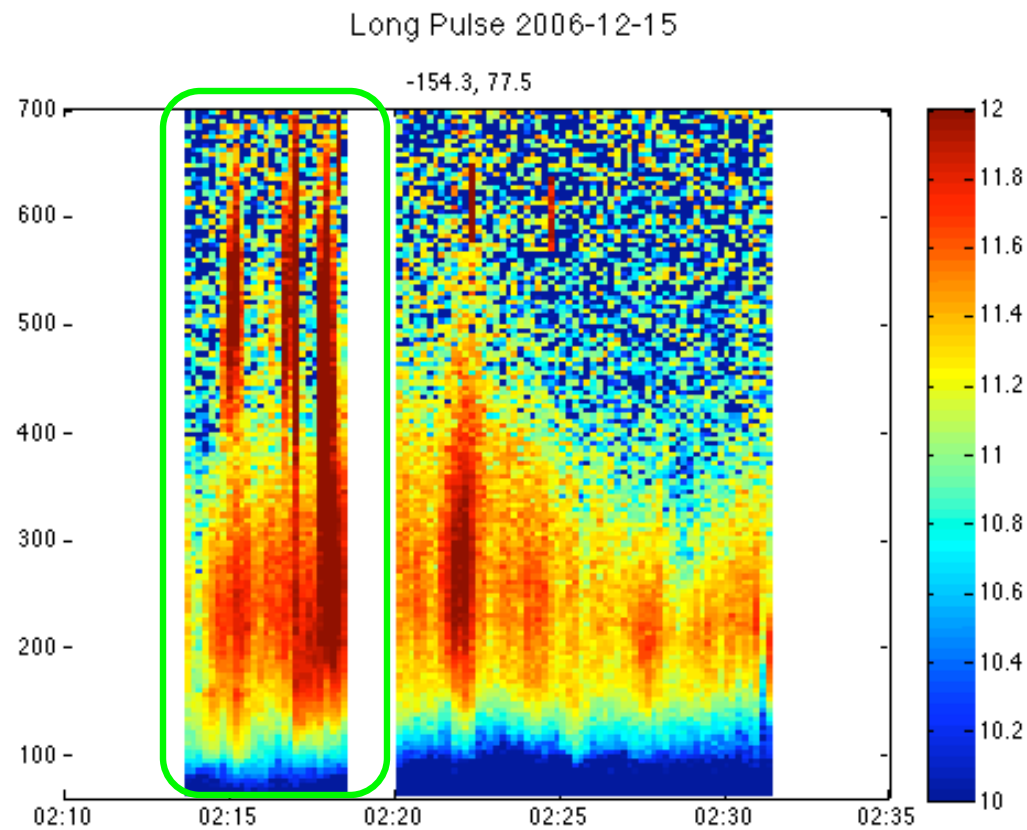
- Order of magnitude enhancement in either or both ion-acoustic lines.
- Over extended altitude range (300 km and up).
- Aligned with the geomagnetic field.
- Rapidly varying in time.

Raw density in all the 7 positions

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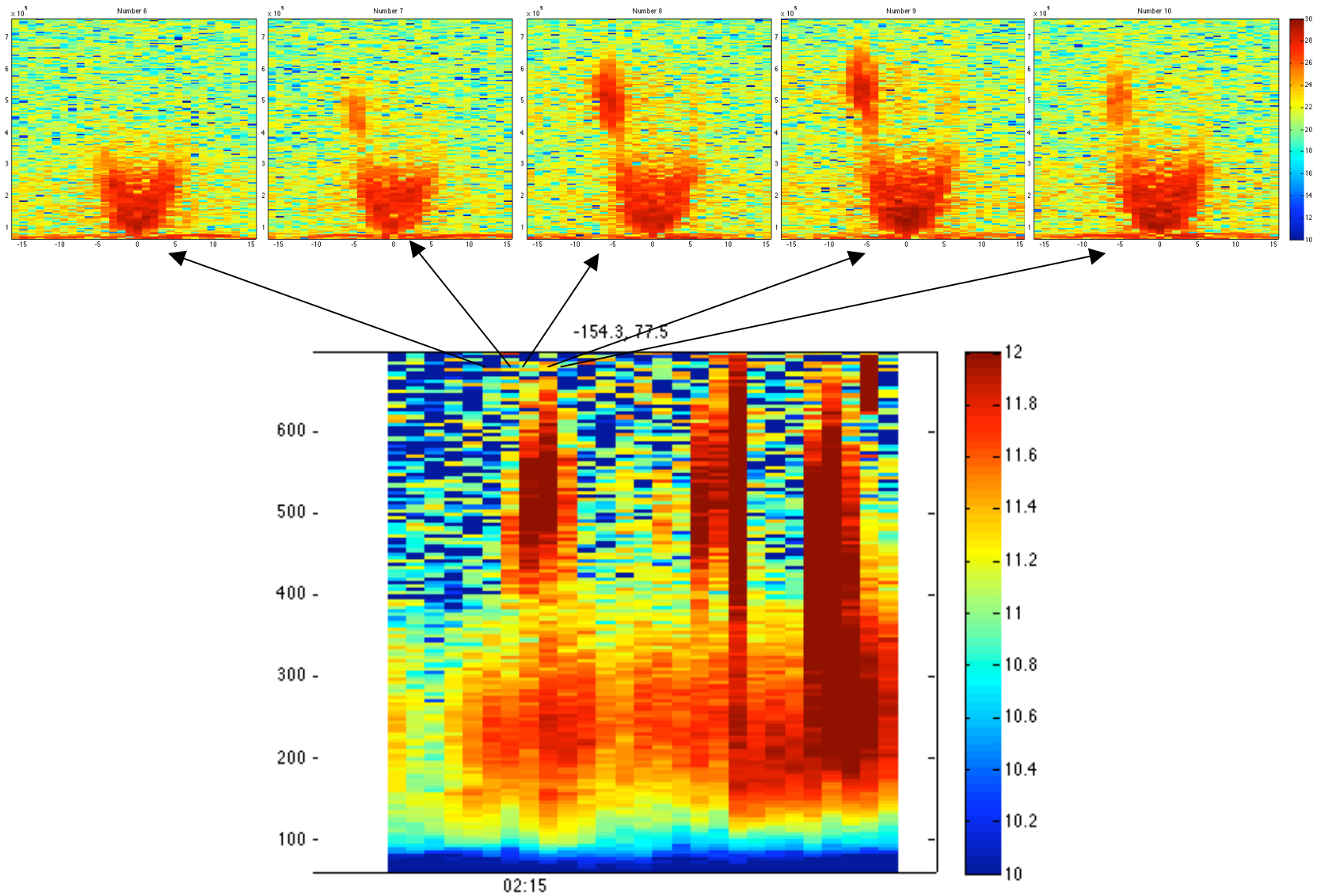


Strong Coherent Elongated Structures in the upper F-region

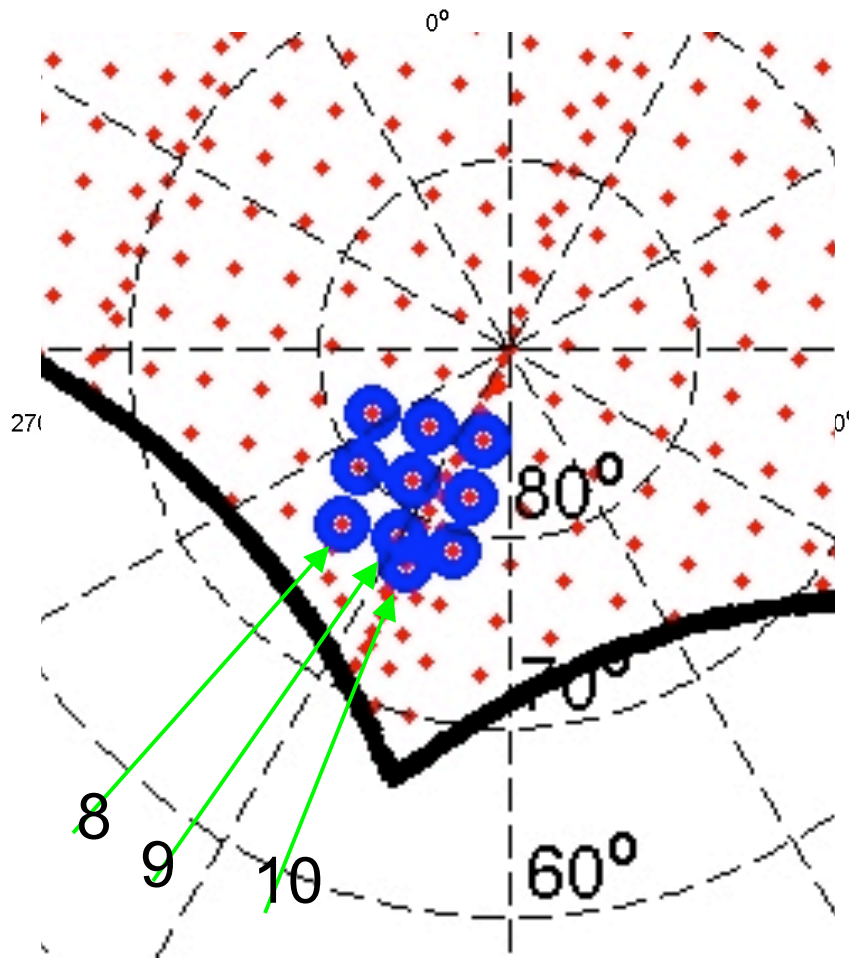


PFISR raw electron densities 15. Dec 2006

The Ion Line Spectra are Enhanced and Asymmetric



The Experiment Stromme01

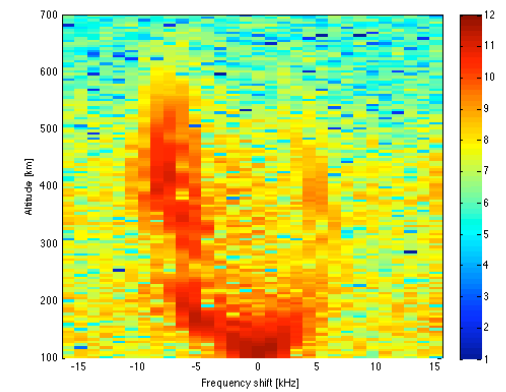
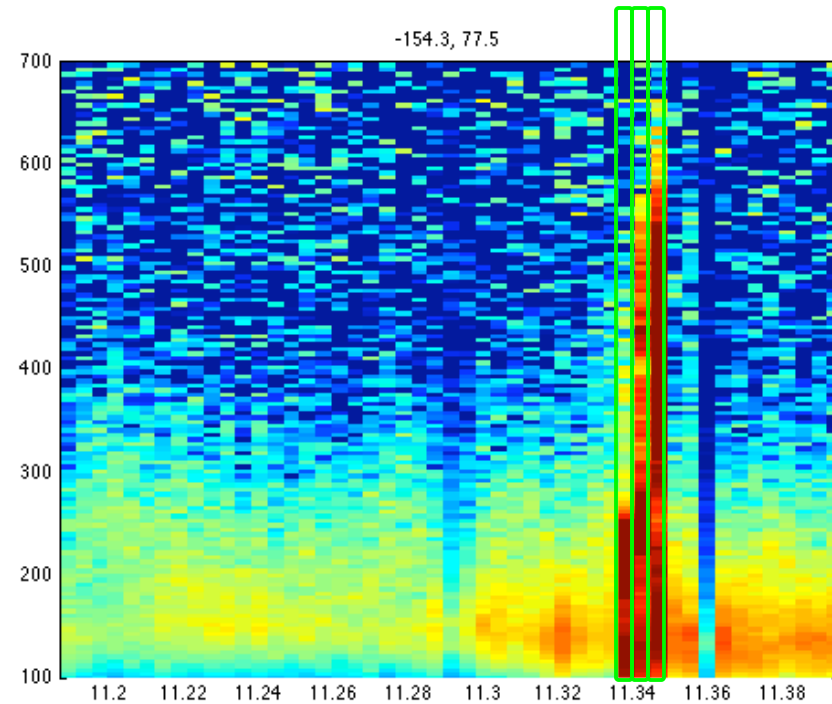
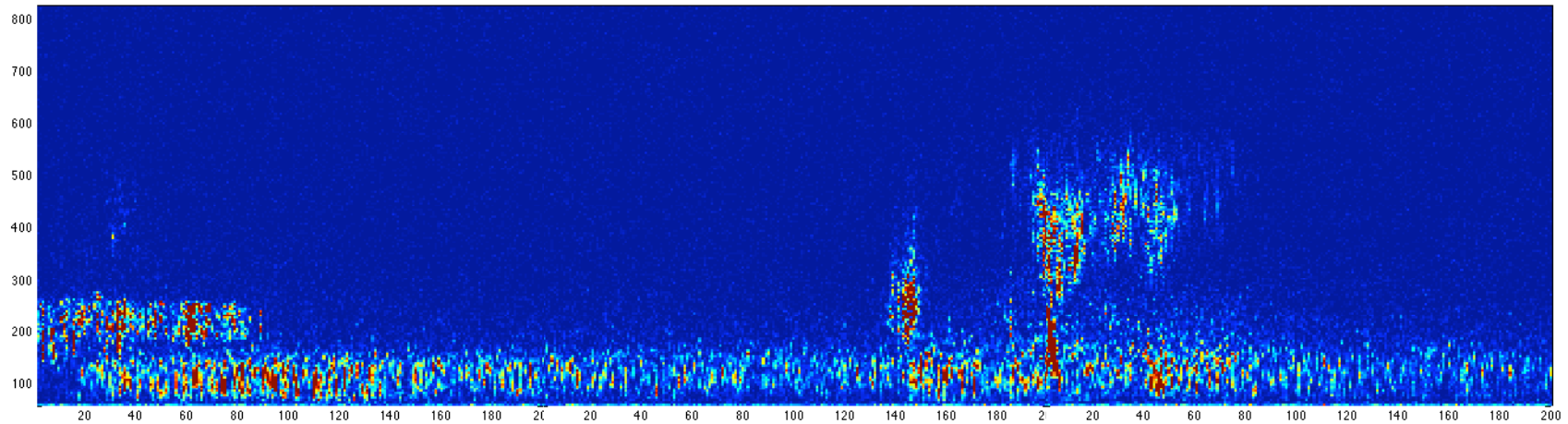


- 9 positions in 3 degree grid
- 10th position up B
- 480 μ s pulses (72 km range)
- Raw voltage sampling
- Plasma line data

We cycle through the 10 pulses in a fixed order

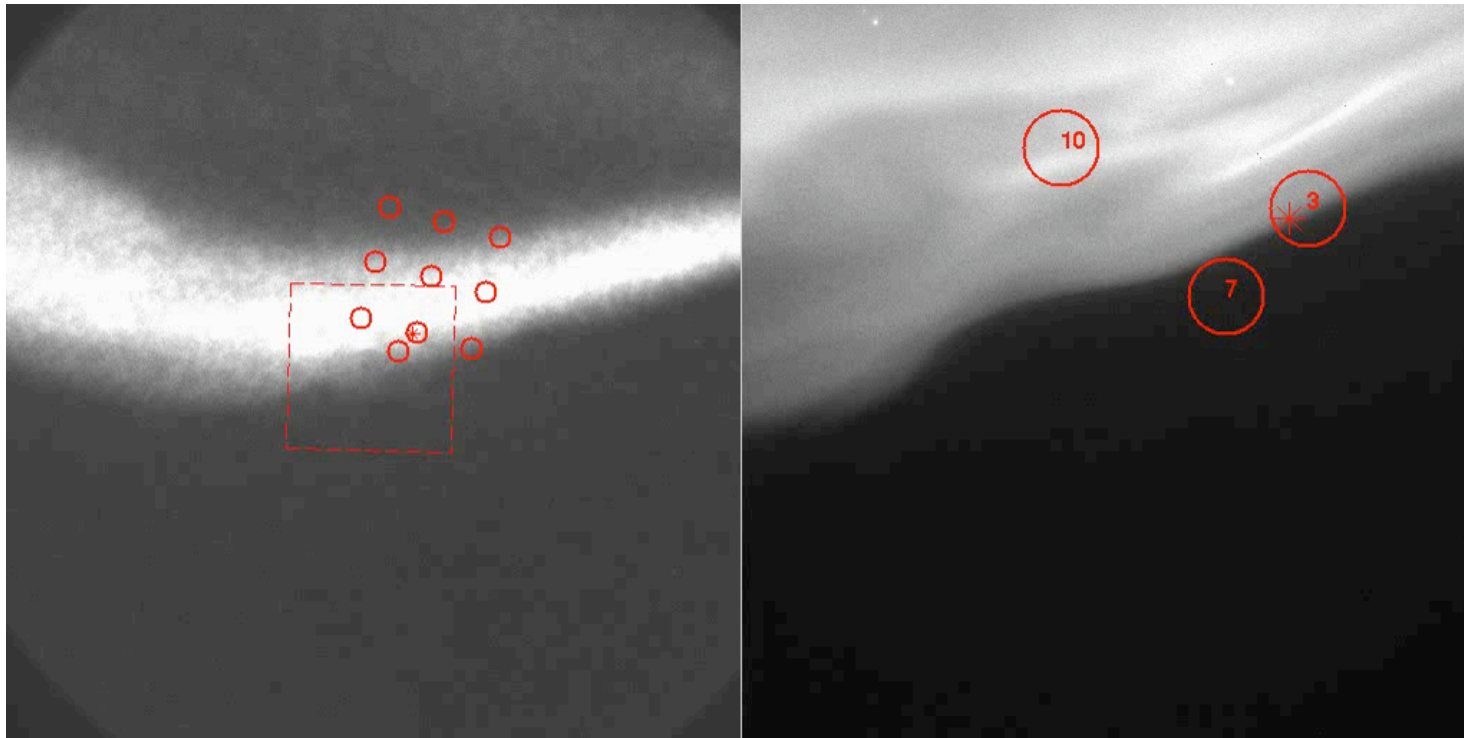
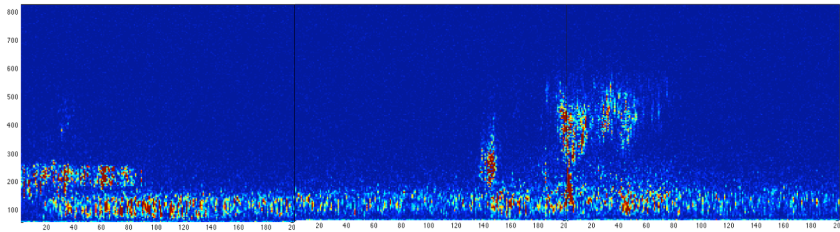
- 7.5 ms between pulses
- 75 ms between pulses in same direction

Voltage level data -> pulse-to-pulse time resolution



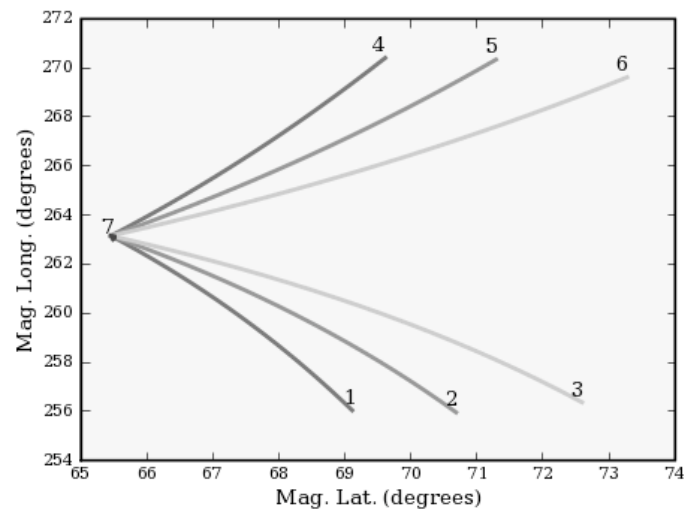
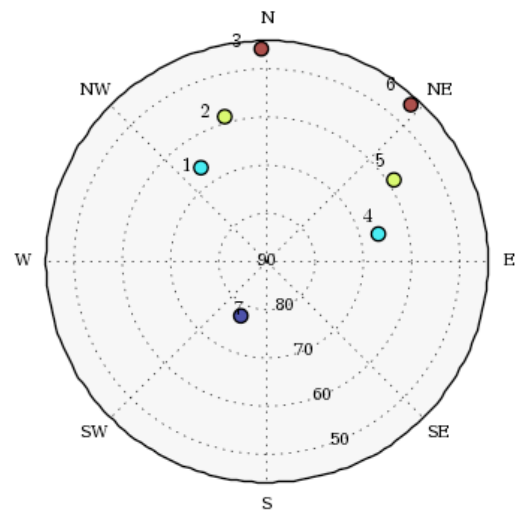
High Resolution PFISR data and narrow field of view imagers

2007-03-23

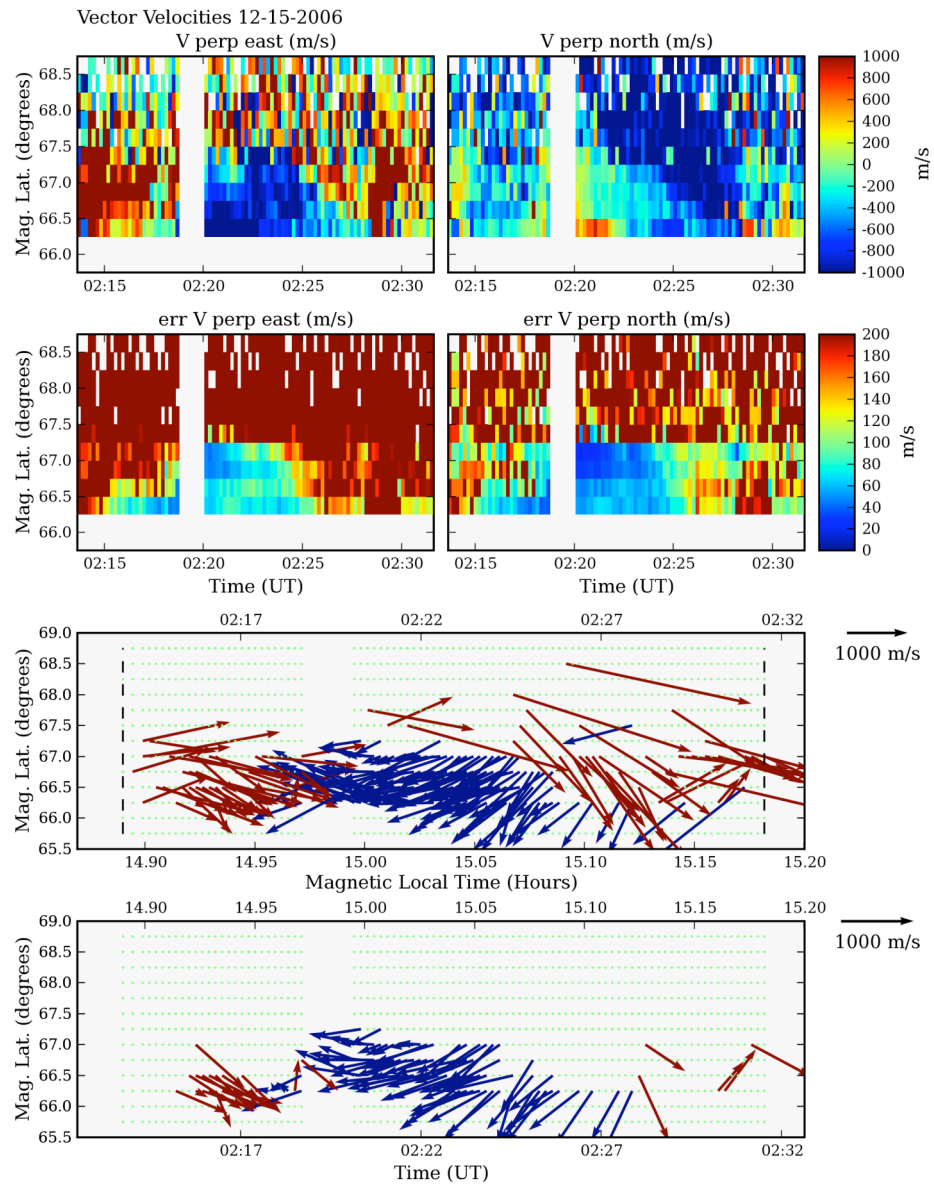


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E-fields with AMISR



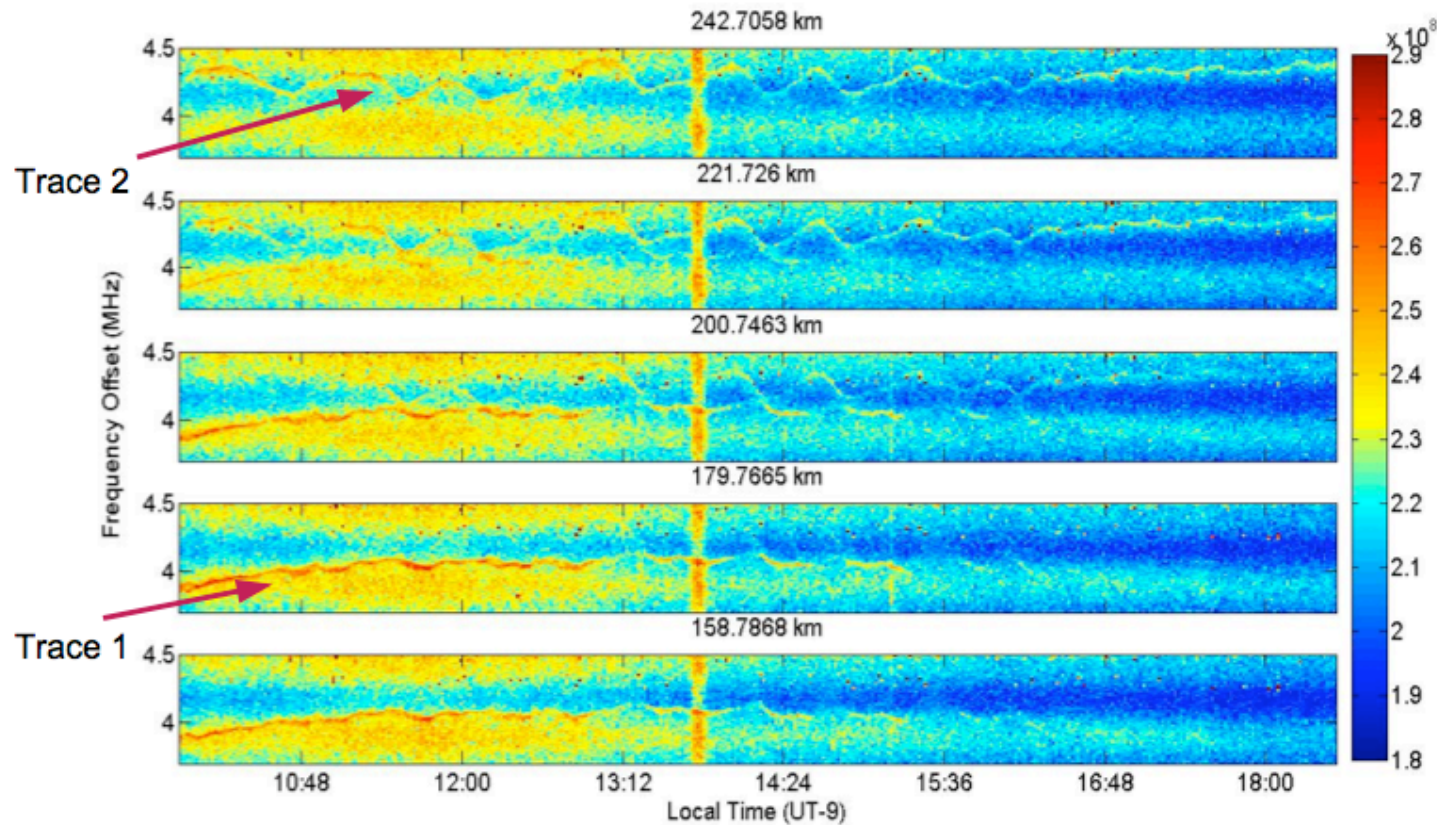
Combined velocities



Plasma lines

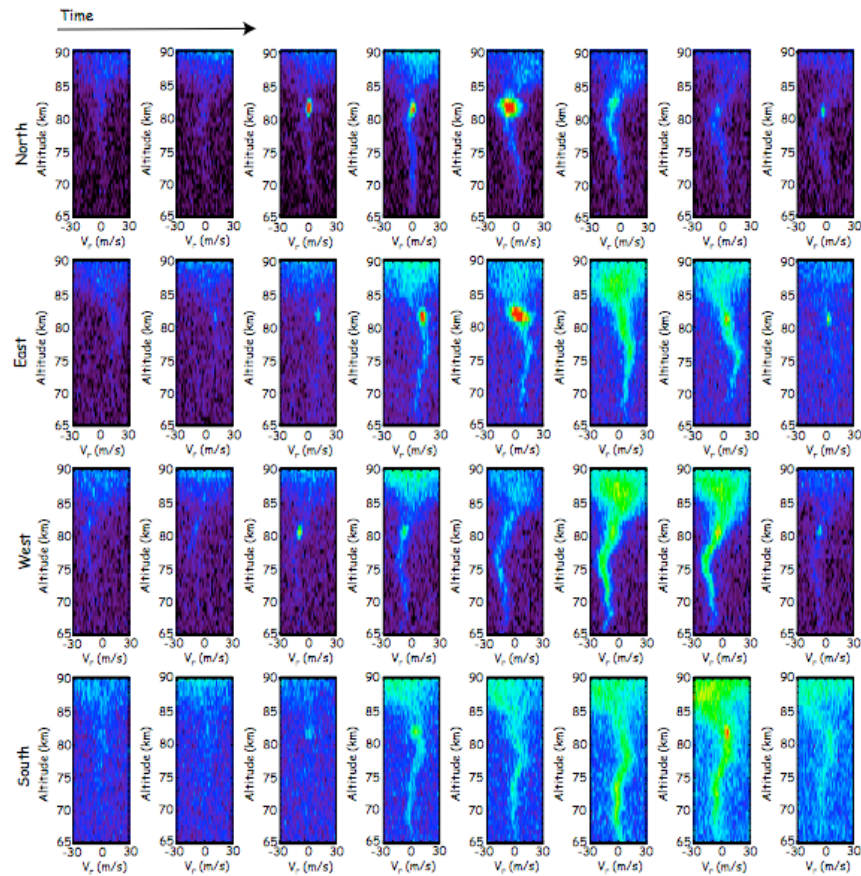


Plasma line observations

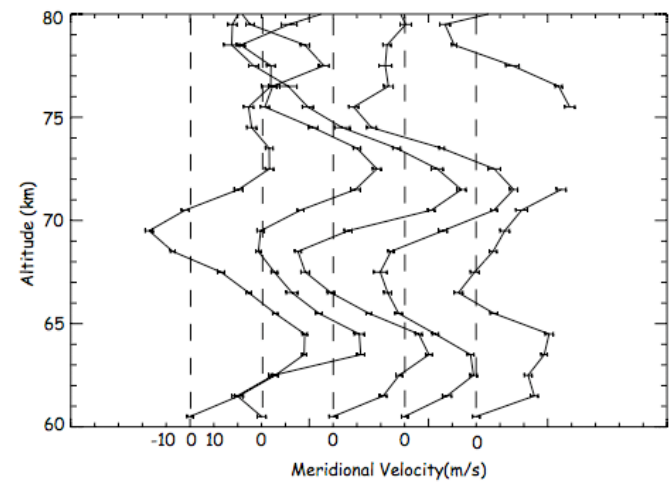
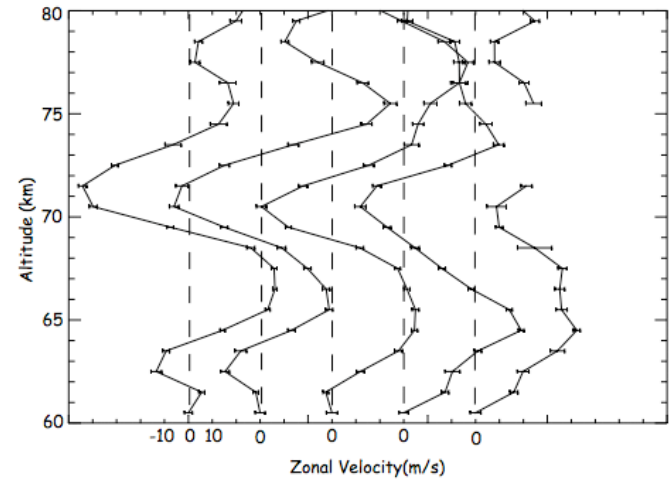


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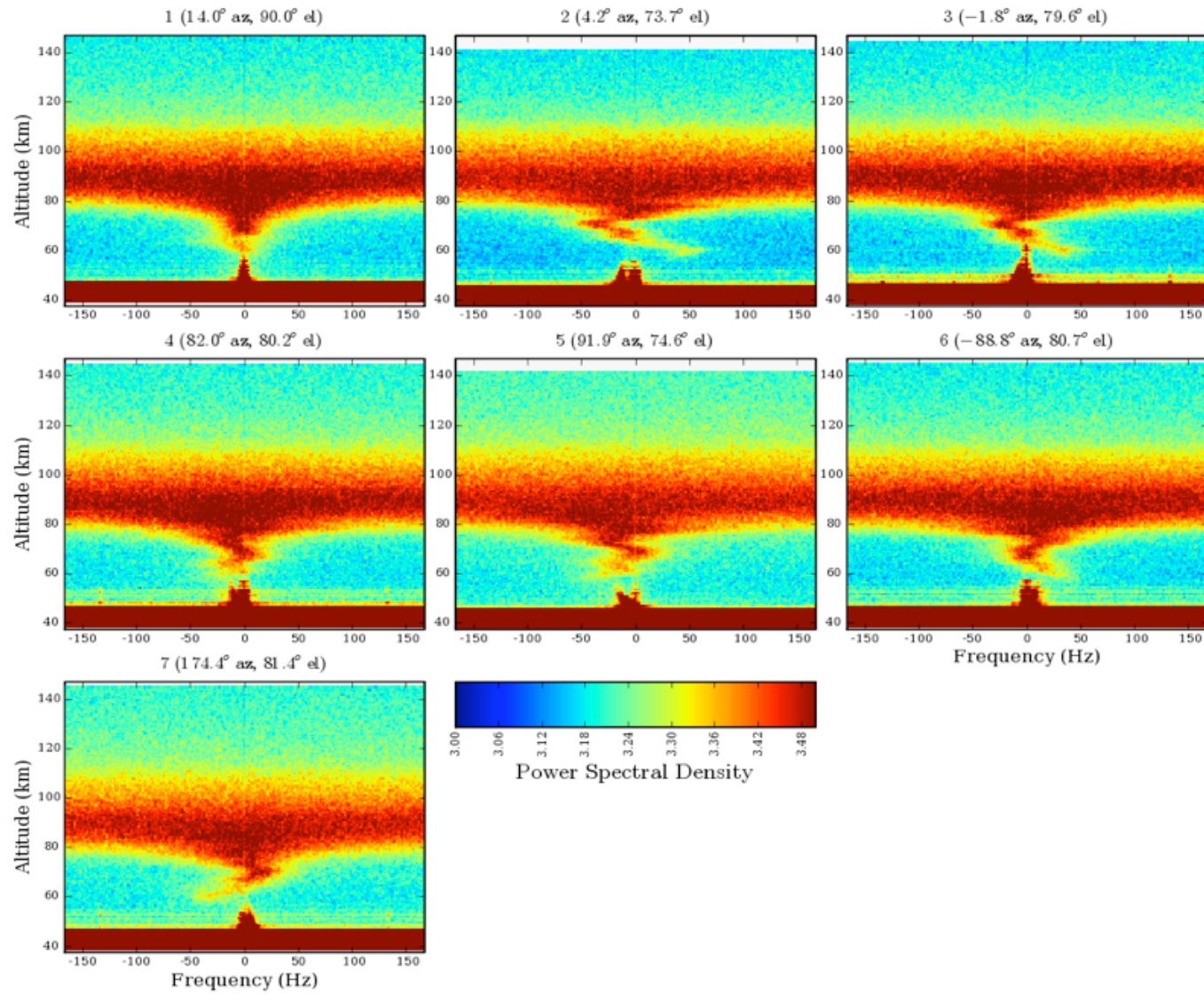
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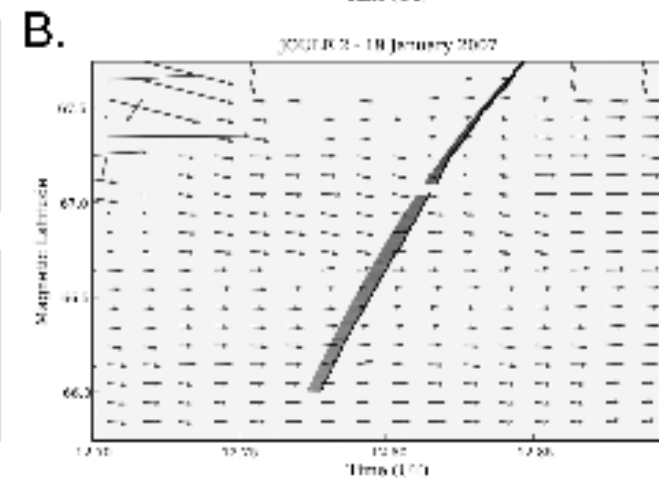
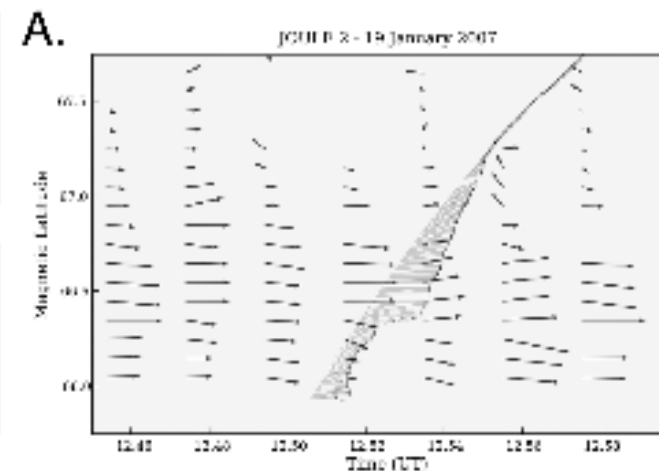
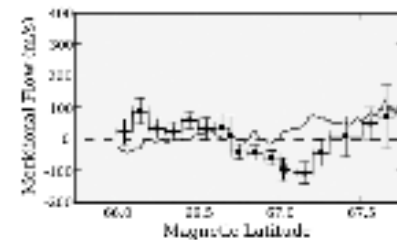
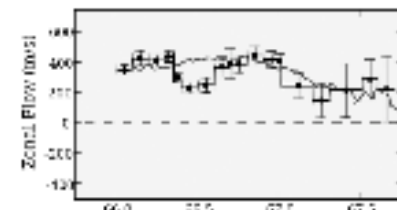
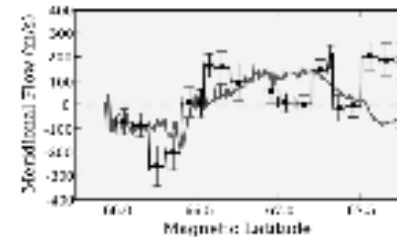
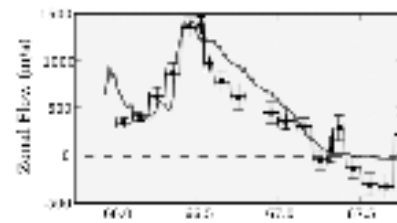
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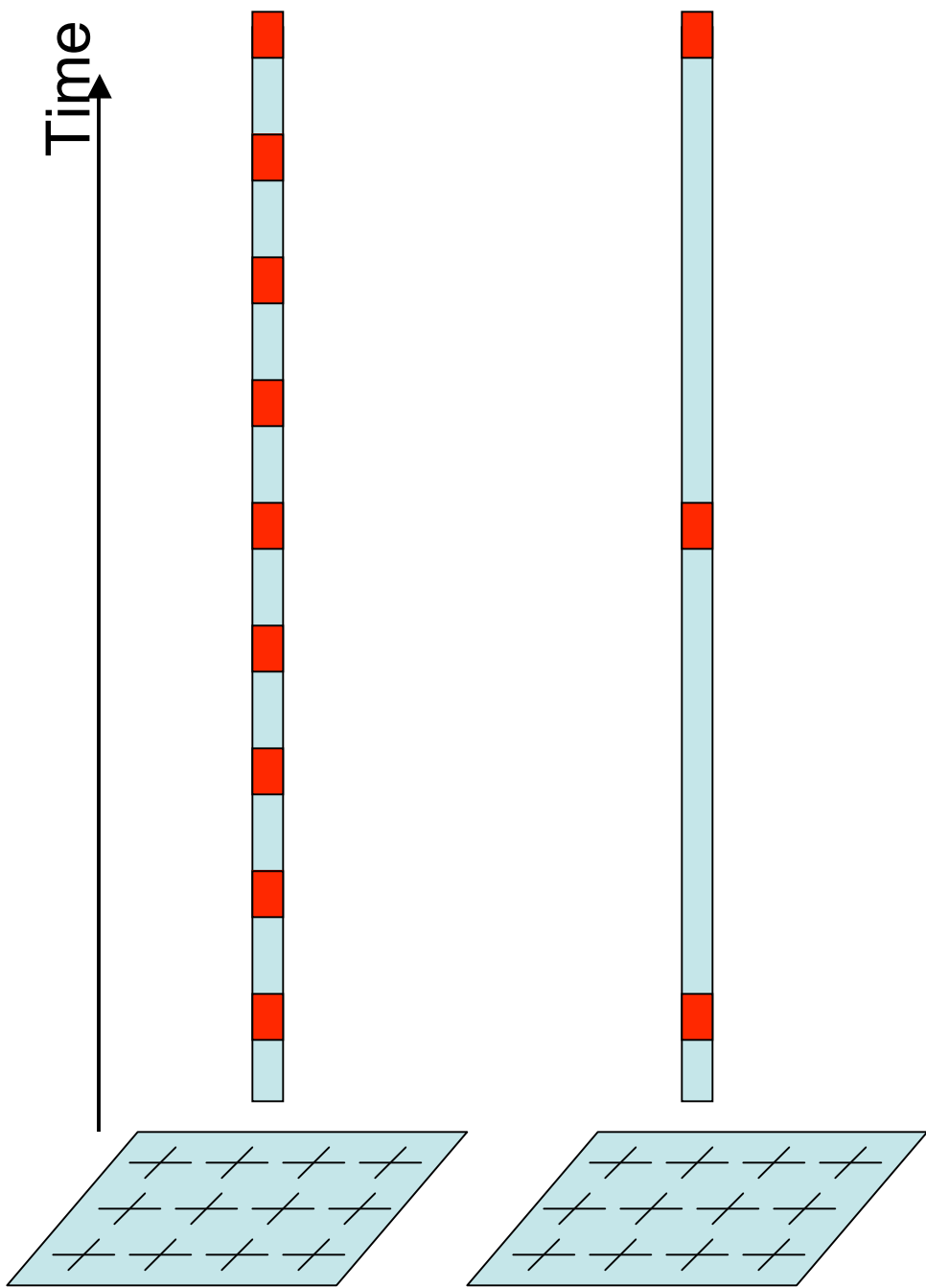


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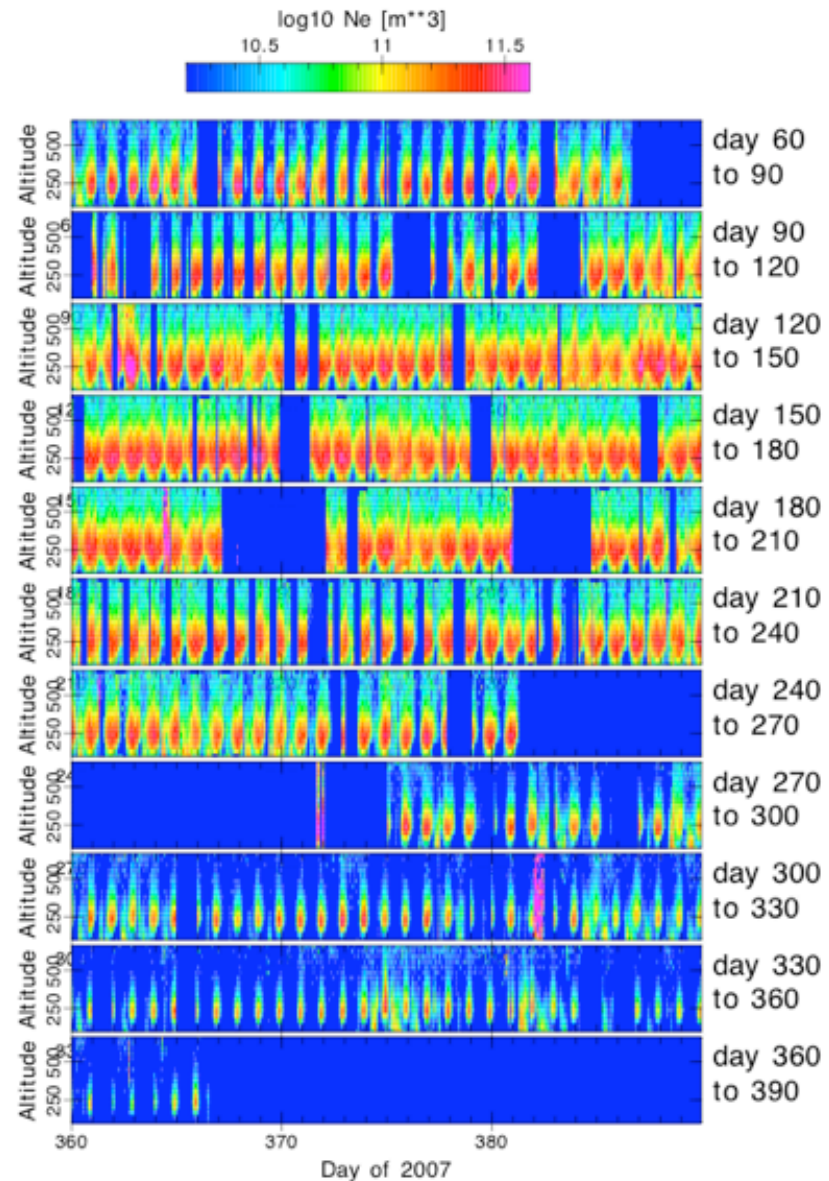
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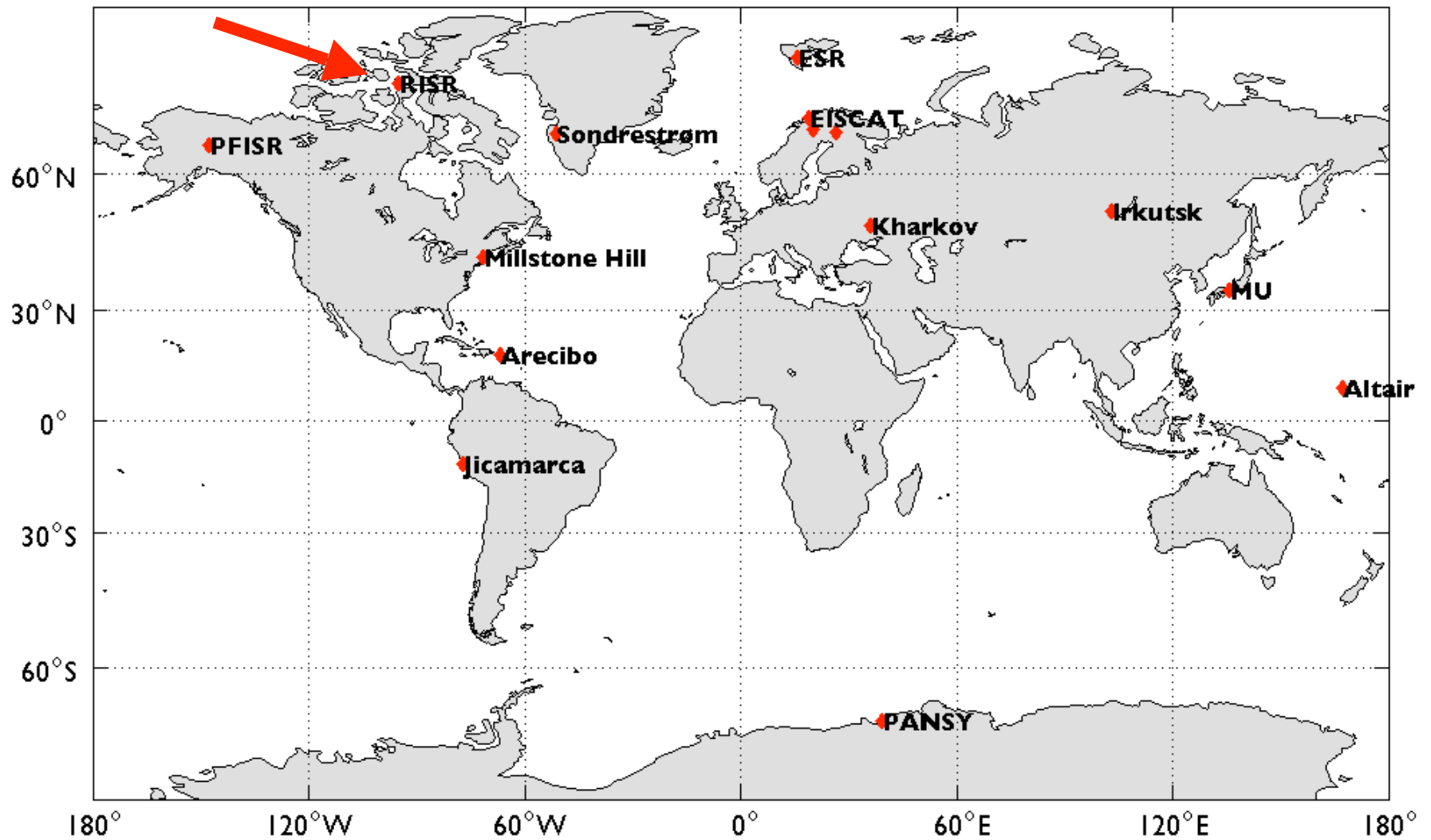


International Polar Year Support

- EISCAT Svalbard Radar and PFISR are operating 24 hours per day in support of the IPY
- Low duty-cycle, single beam mode at PFISR (some augmentation)
- Longest ever IS ionospheric dataset
- Supposed to emphasize “quiet time variability” - coupling from below



Incoherent Scatter Radars



Map: Thomas Ulich





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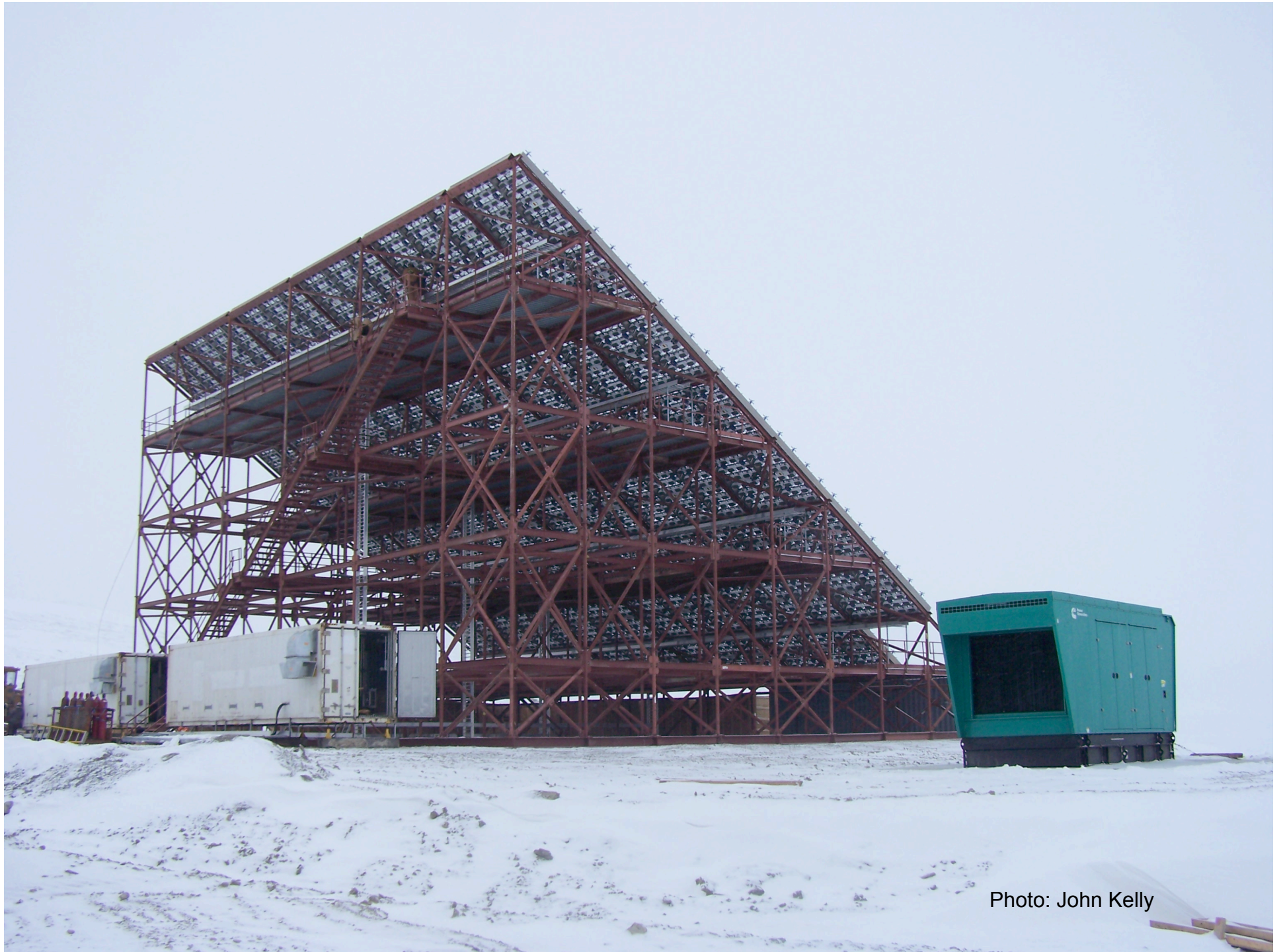


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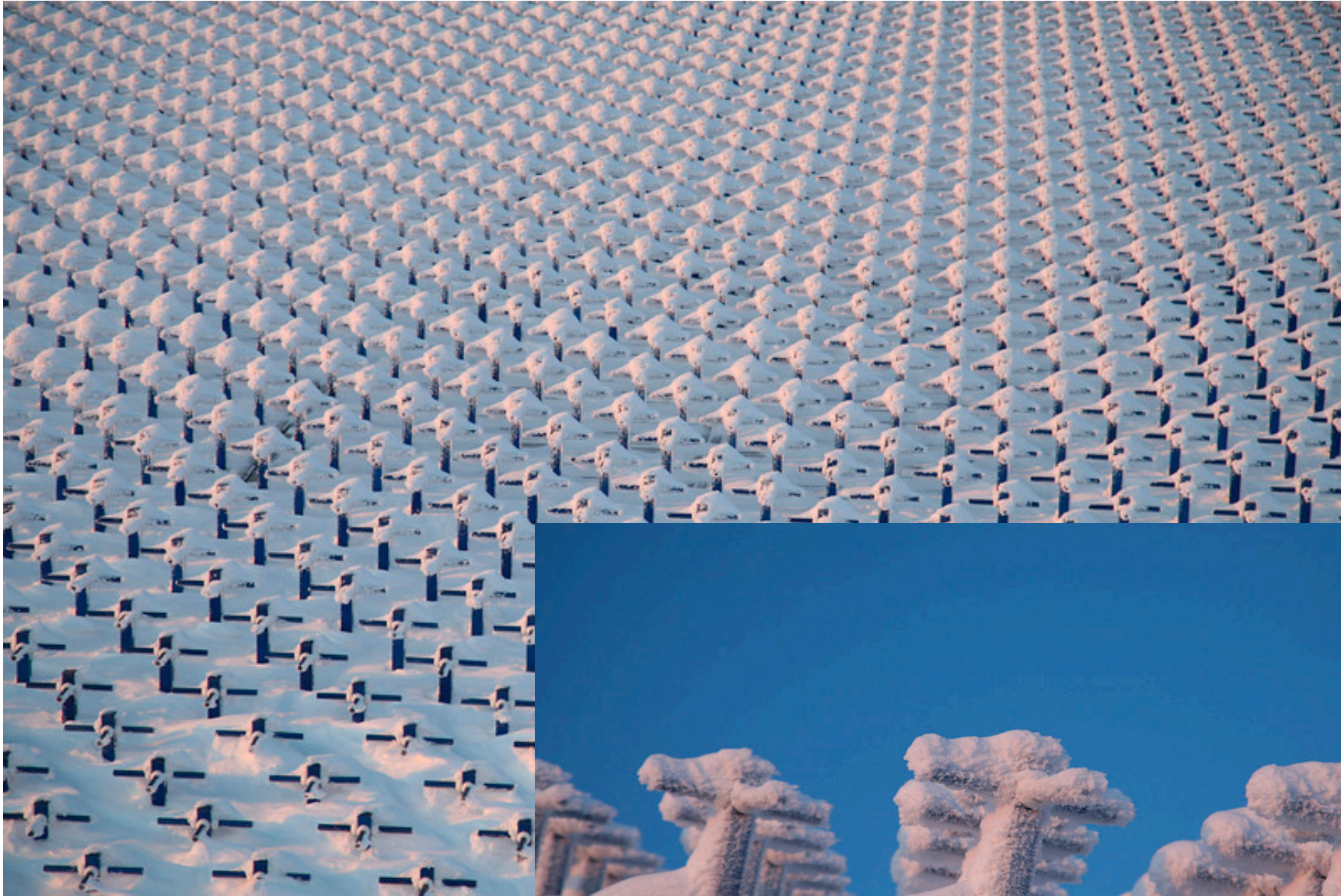
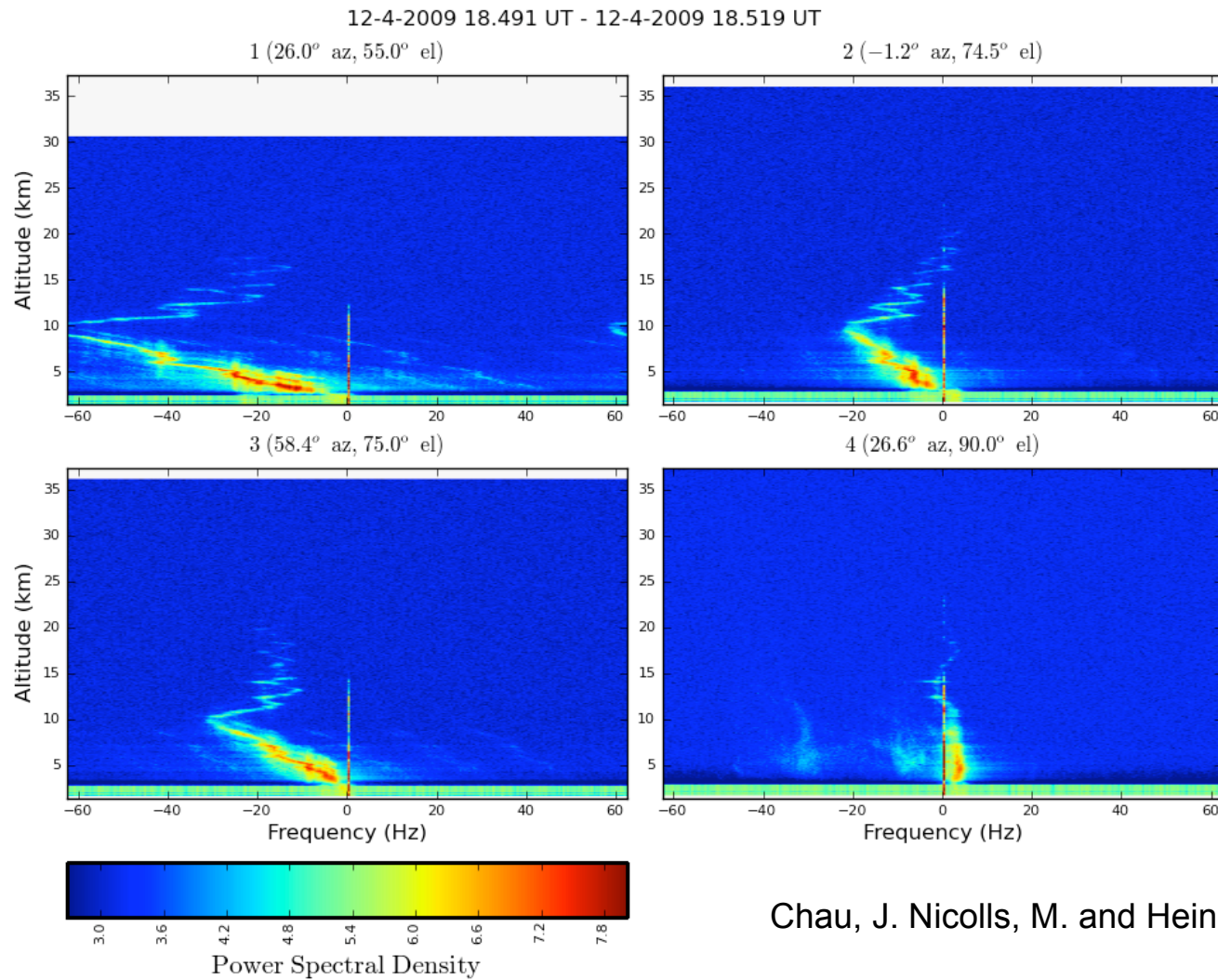


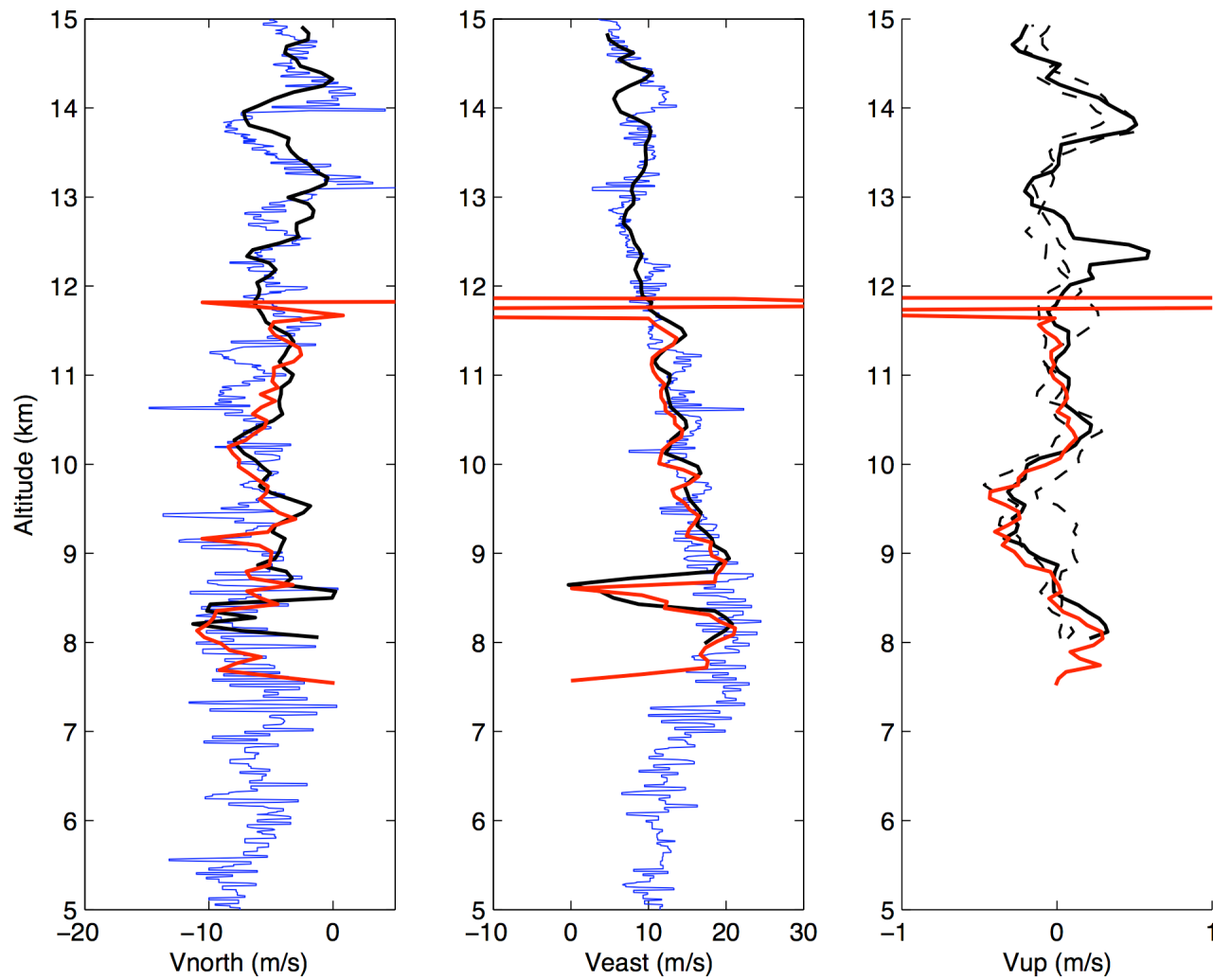
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Pulse to Pulse Spectra at RISR



Chau, J. Nicolls, M. and Heinselman, C.

Resolved winds at PFISR (black and red)
Comparison to balloons (blue)
Note we get vertical velocity – balloon does not



Other AMISRs...



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AMISR at Jicamarca

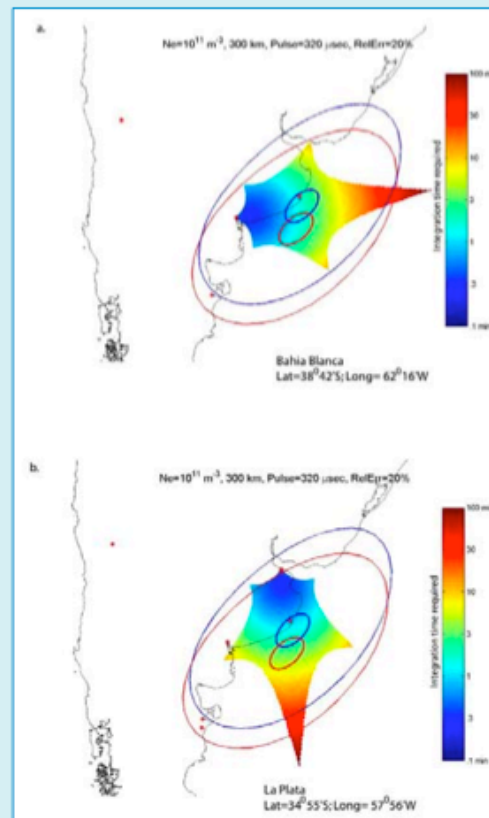
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AMISRs to be...

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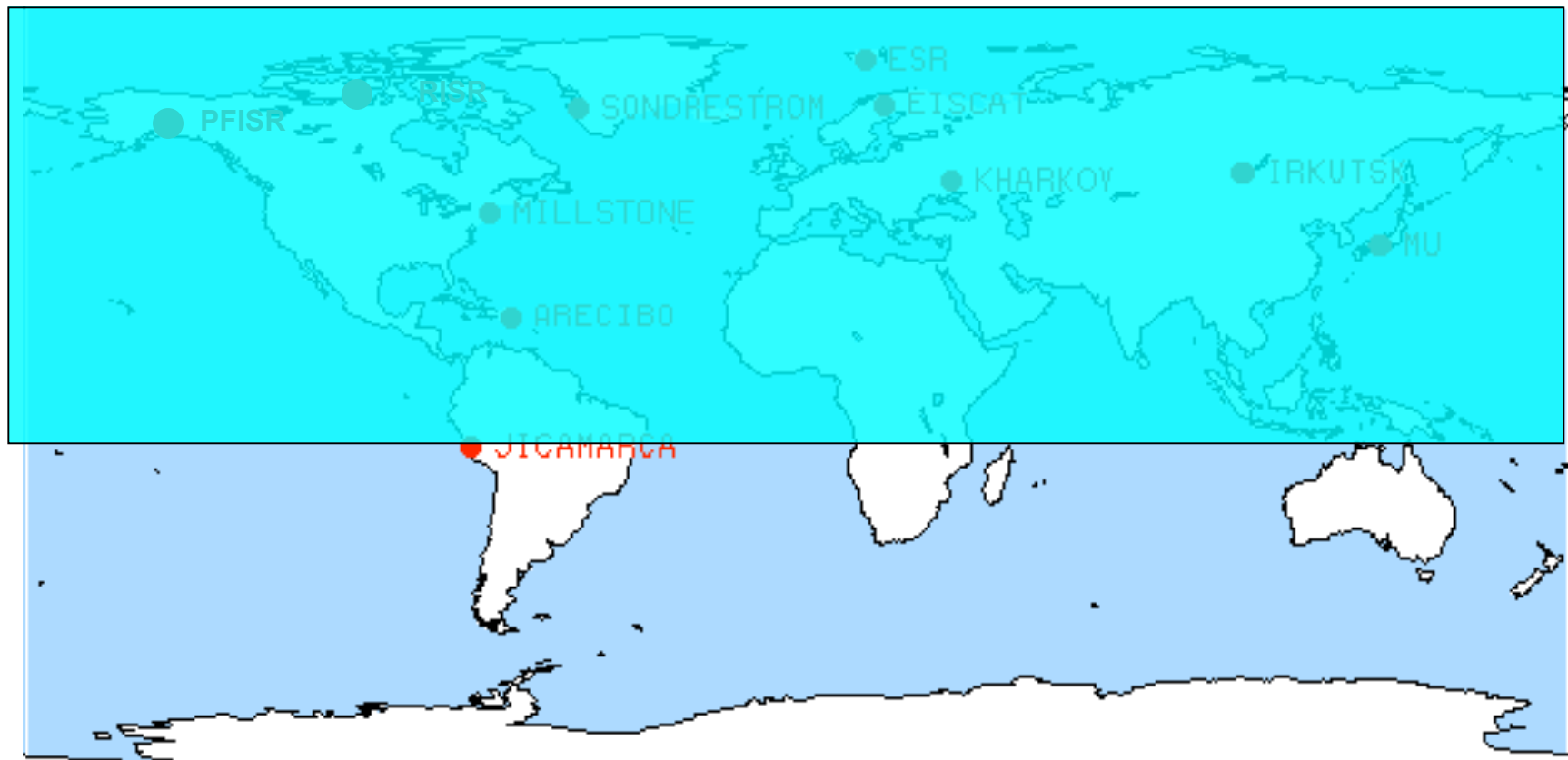


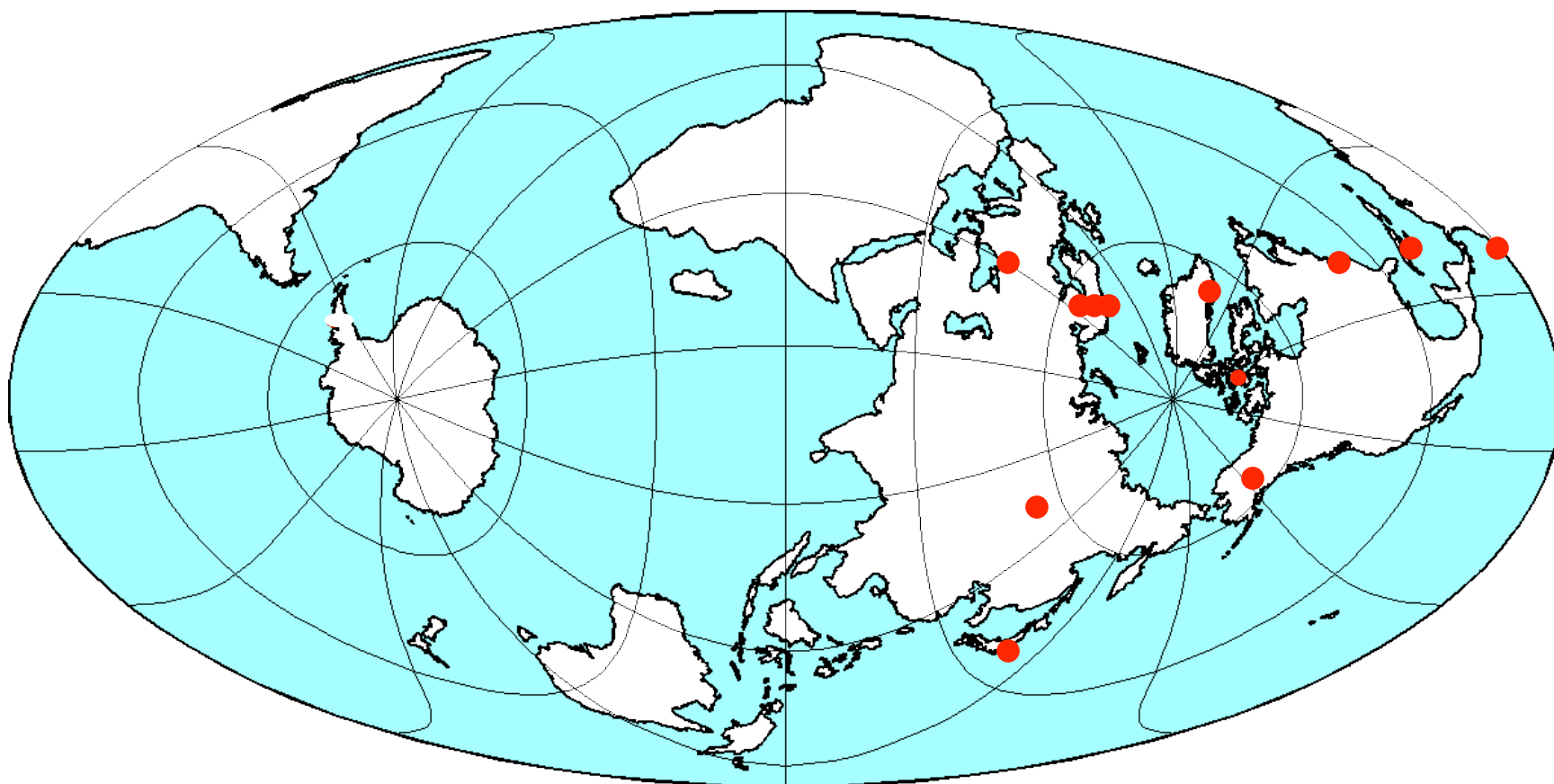
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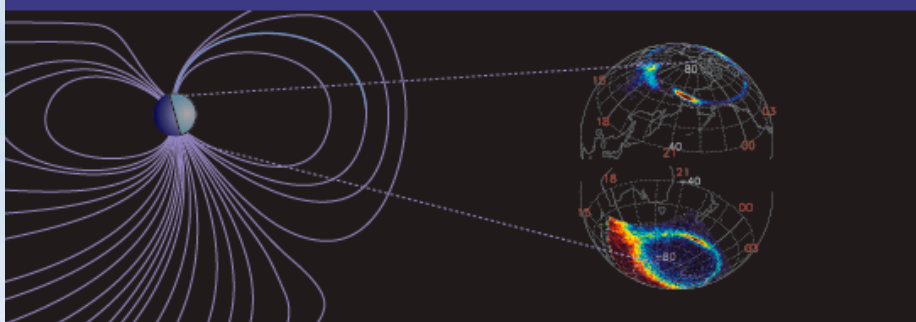
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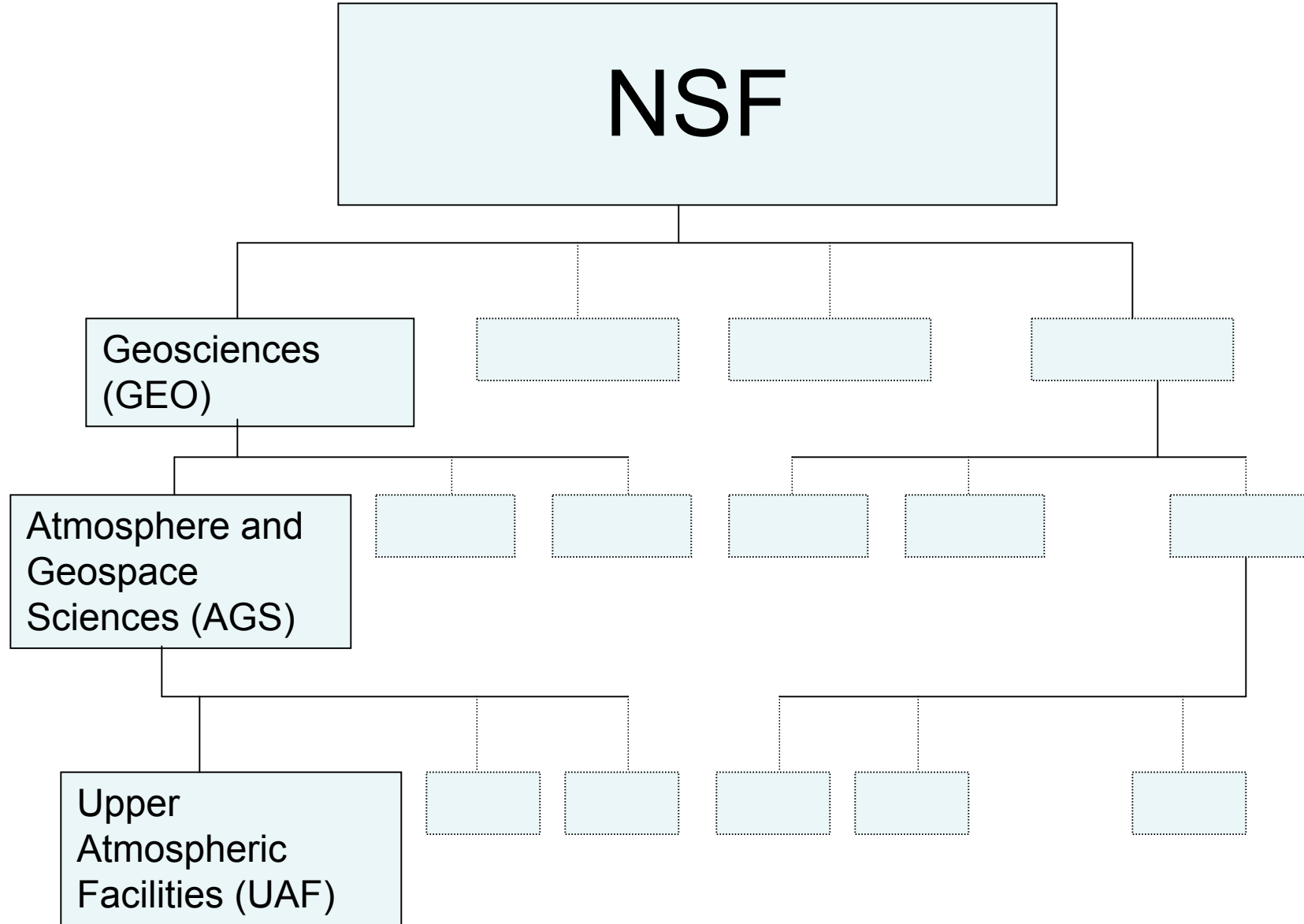


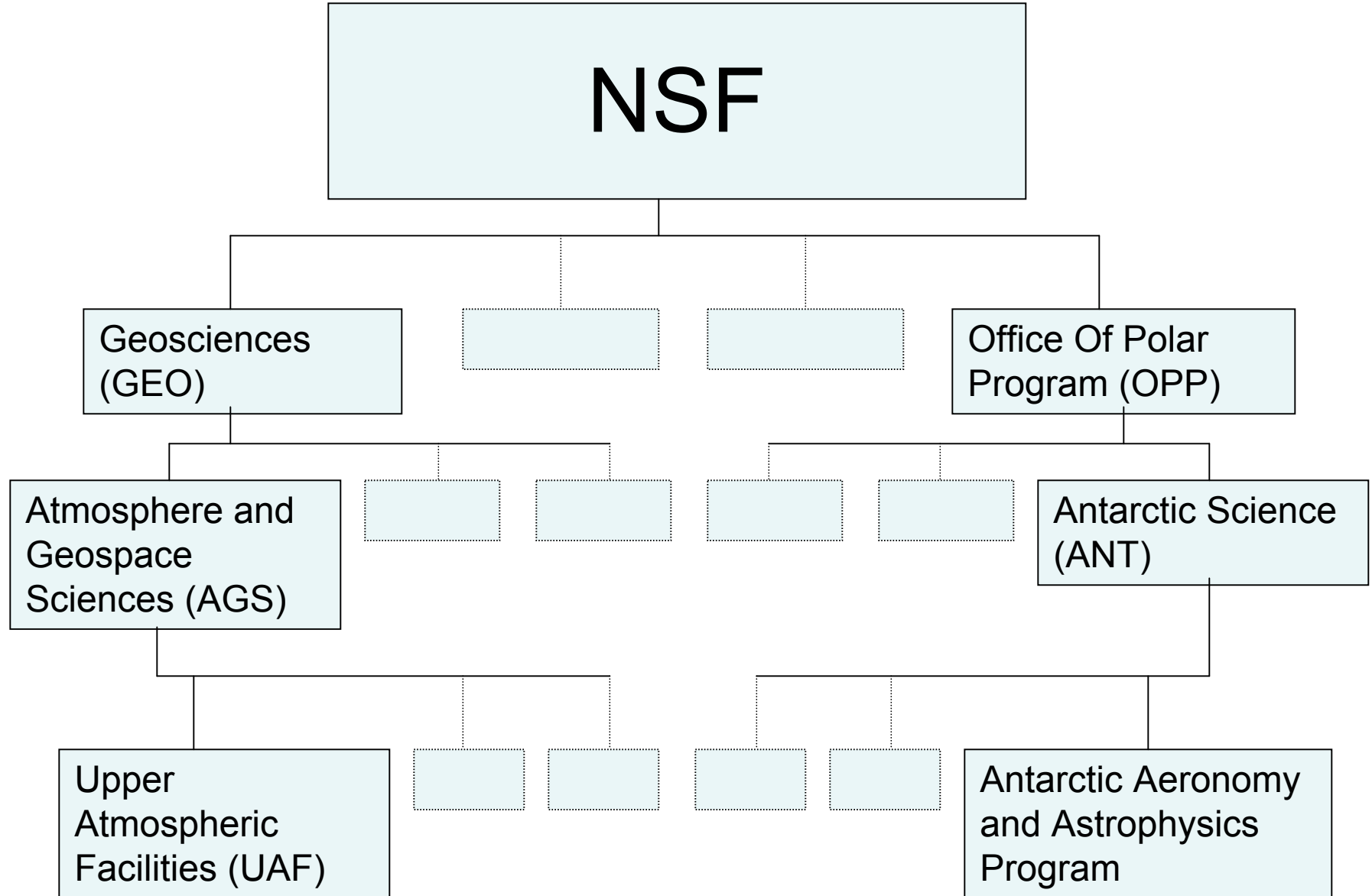
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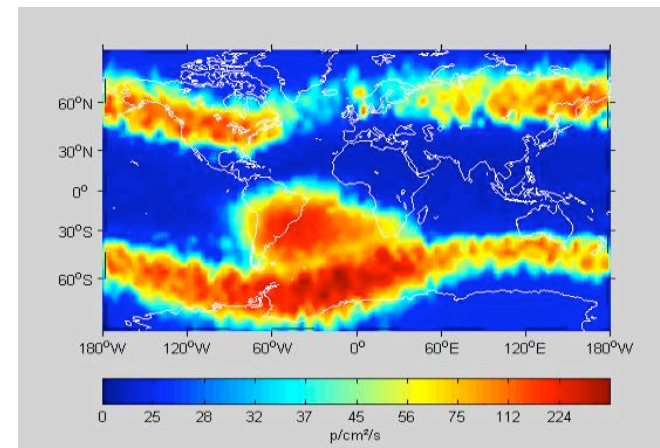
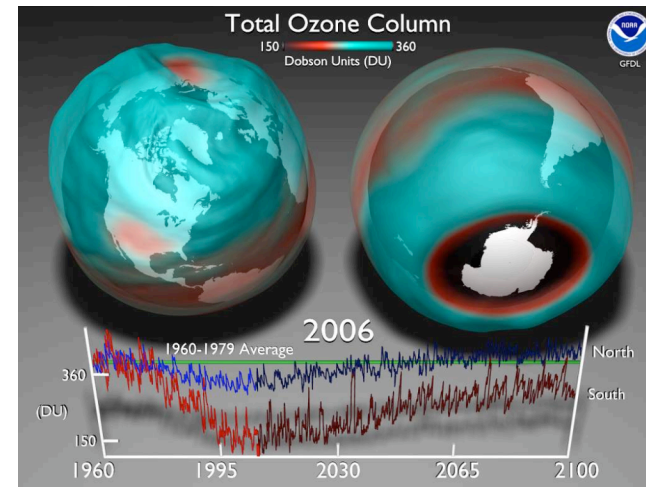
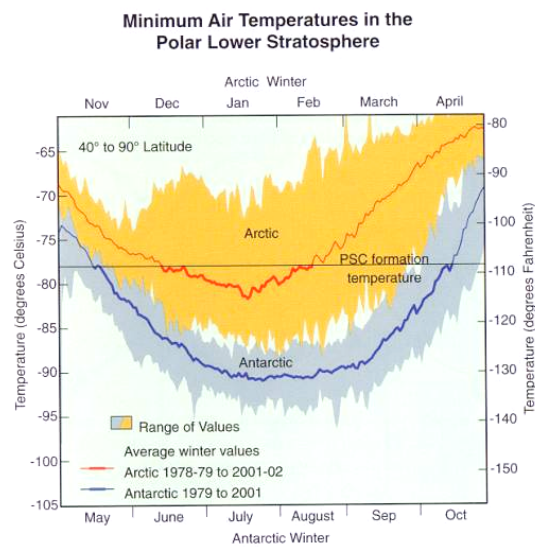
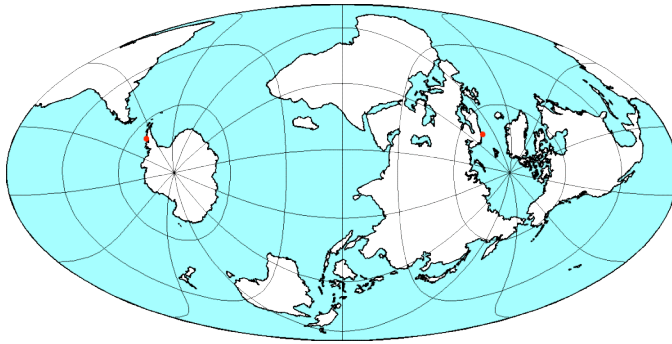


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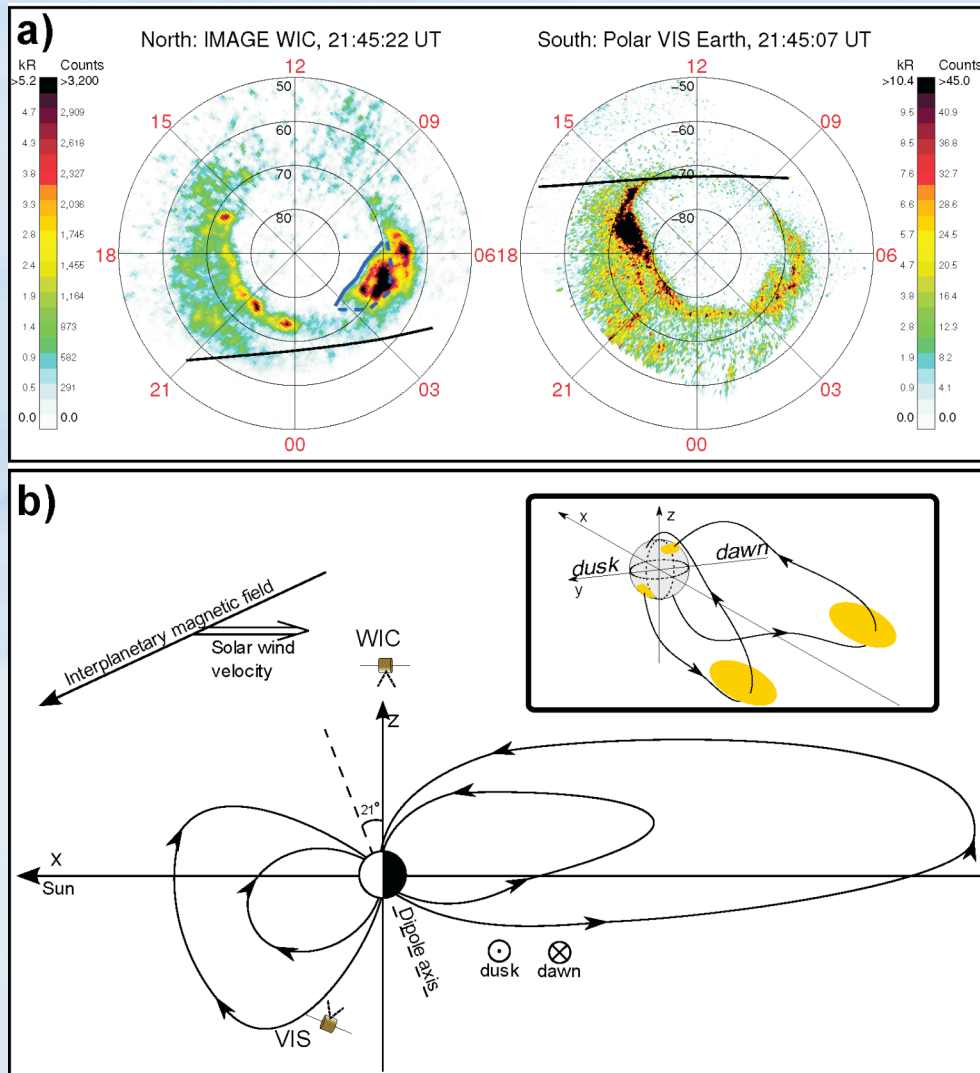




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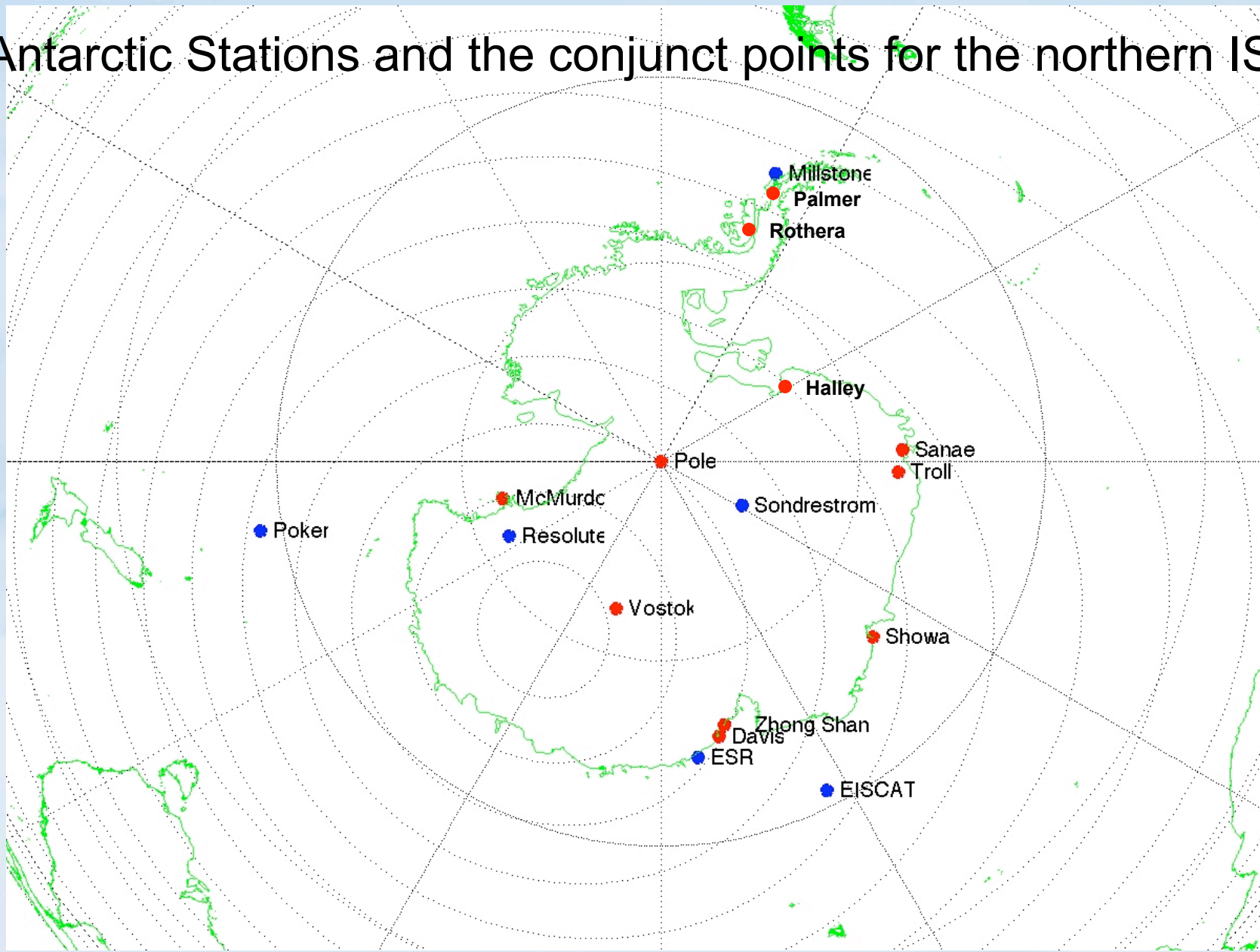


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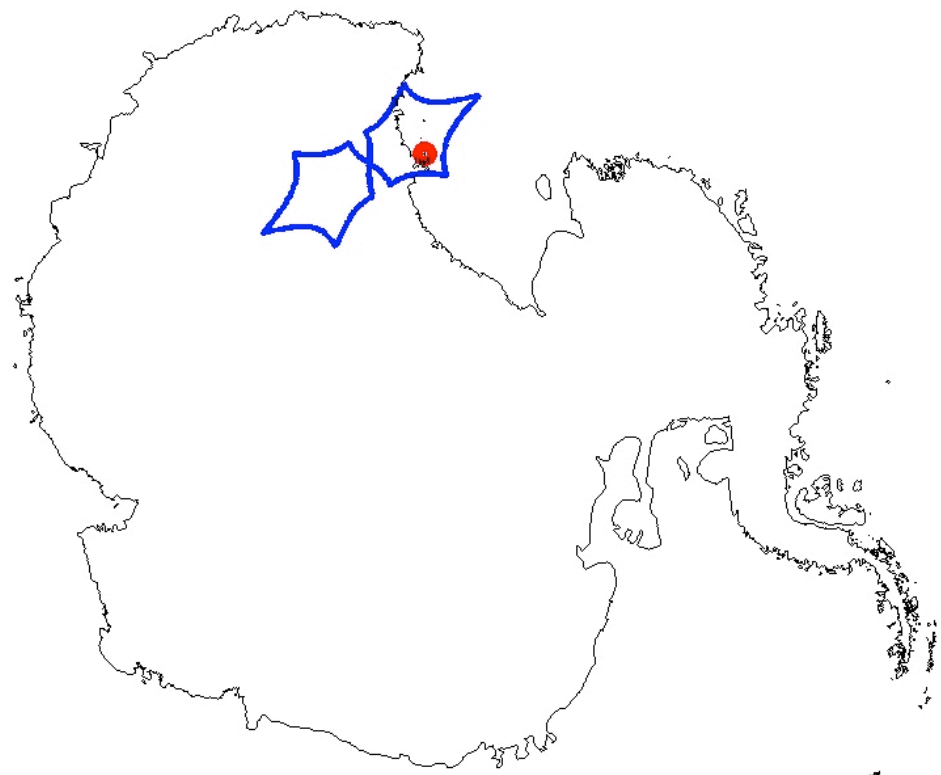
From Laundal and Østgaard 2009

Antarctic Stations and the conjunct points for the northern ISRs

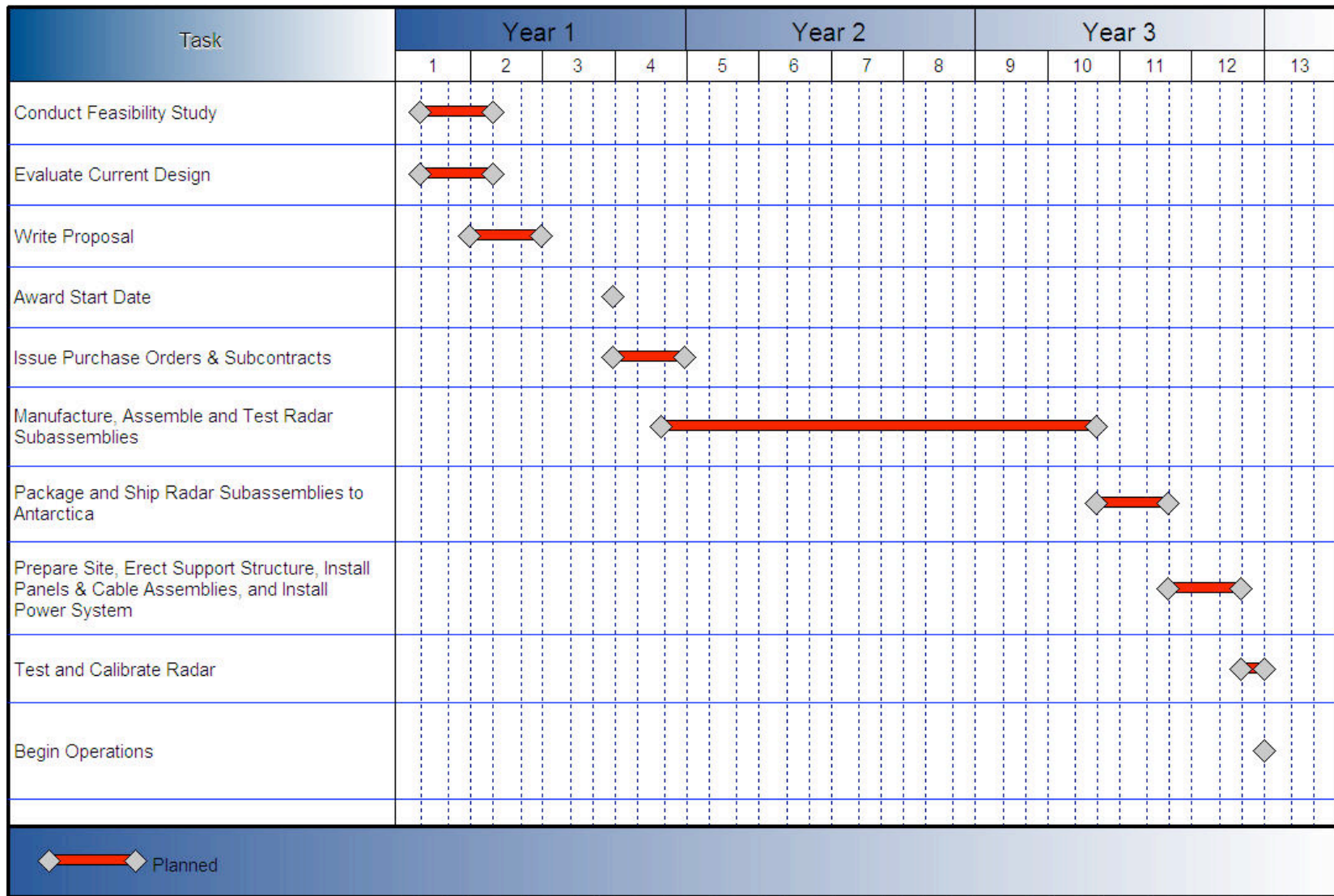


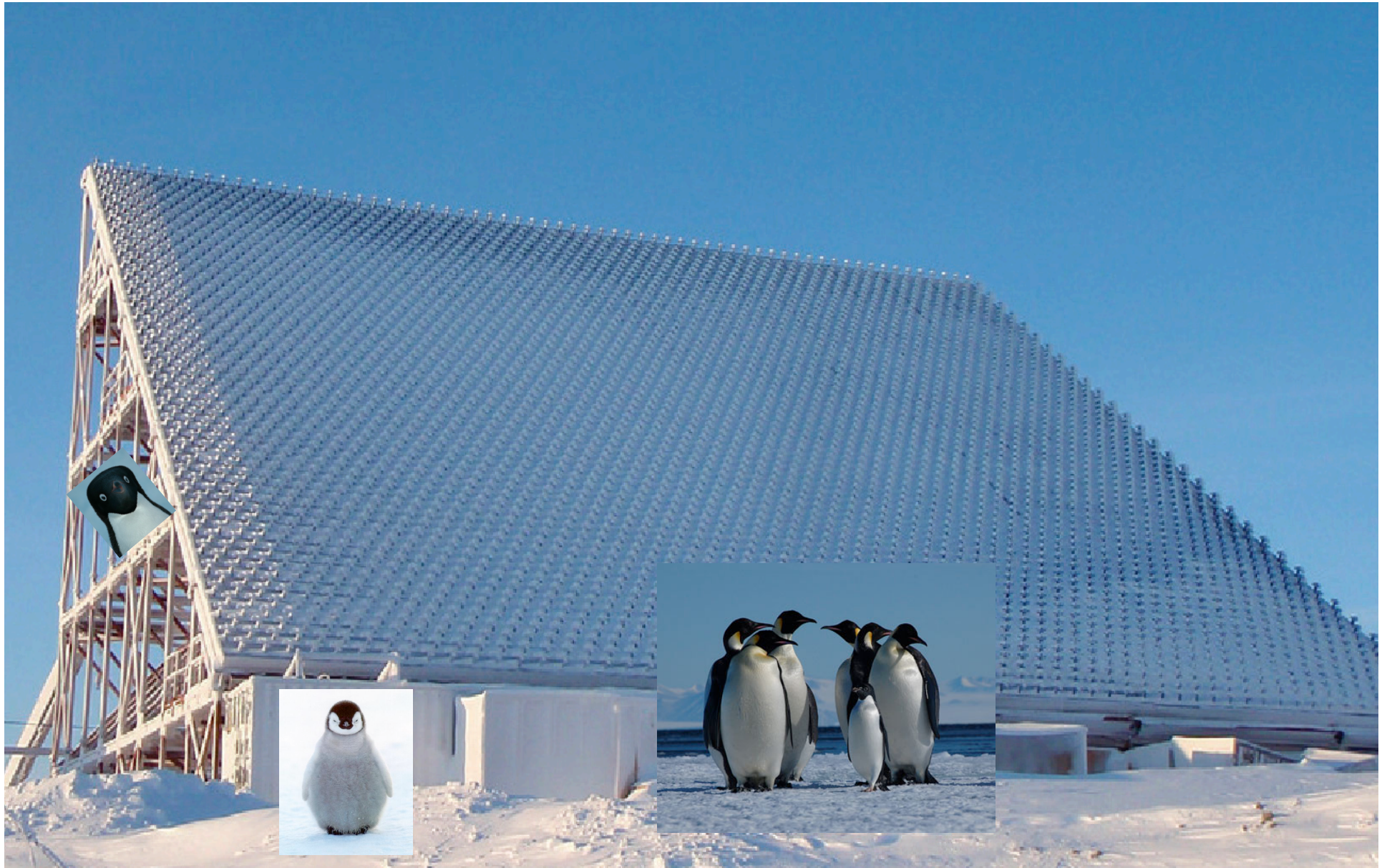
Some possible locations

Conjugate pair	Geographic lat & lon	Geomagnetic lat & lon
Syowa Leirvogur (Iceland)	-69.0, 39.6 64.2, 338.3	-70.4, 83.6 69.3, 71.1
McMurdo Resolute	-77.9, 166.7 74.7, 265.1	-79.0, 290.1 82.9, 303.0
Davis Zhongshan Longyebyen	-68.6, 78.0 -69.4, 76.4 78.2, 15.8	-76.5, 128.2 -74.6, 96.5 75.3, 112.1



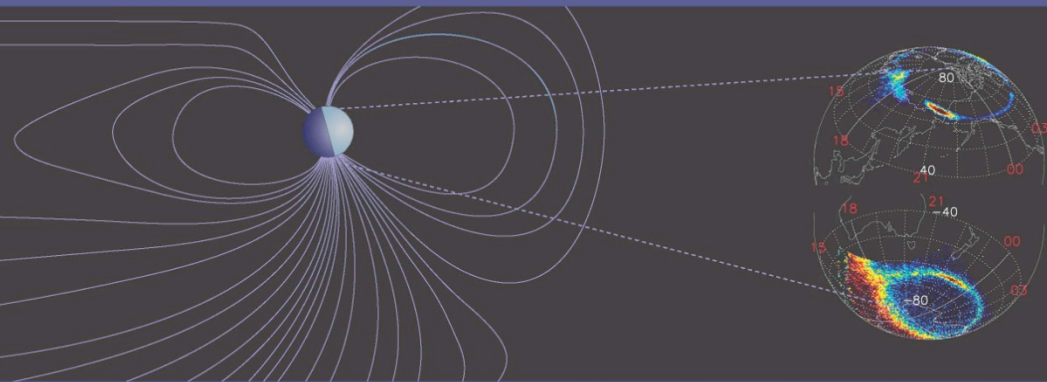
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Multiple Radar use

e.g. meridional coverage of fixed beams using mainland and ESR radars

VHF

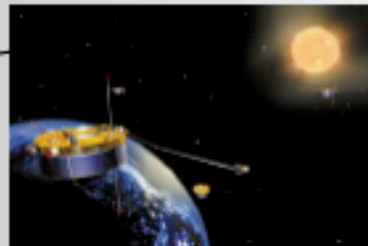


UHF

ESR
42m



ESR
32m

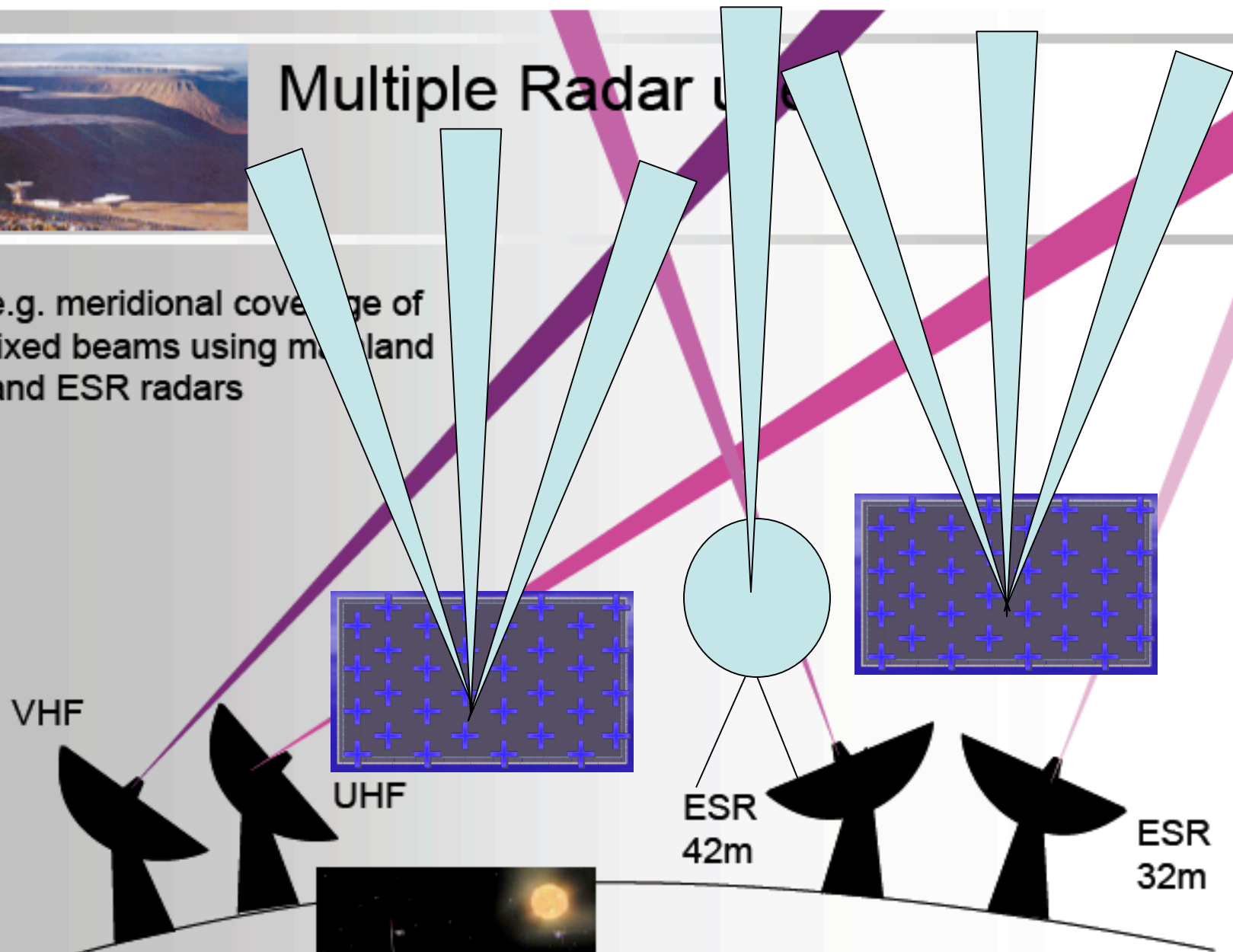


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“Summary”

- As scientists we should focus more on the science and processes than on the instruments
- There are no (national or institutional) borders in space!



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