

# Incoherent Scatter from Dusty Plasmas Created by the Charged Aerosol Release Experiment

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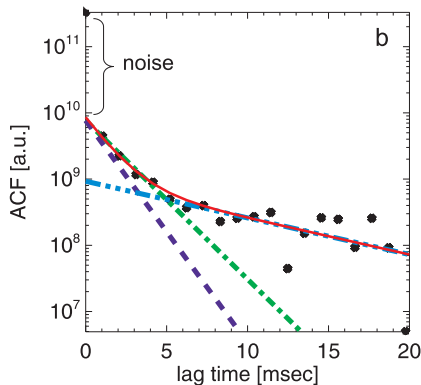
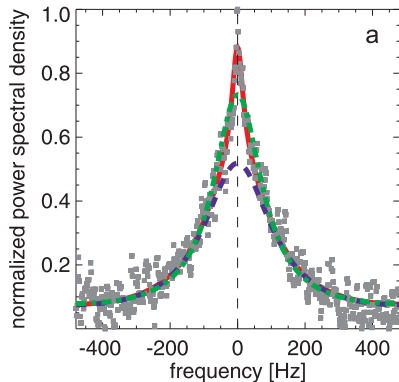
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# Motivation: Arecibo Measurements of Meteoric Smoke



[Strelnikova *et al.*, *GRL*, 2007]

# Incoherent Scatter Theory

$$n_d^{-1/3} < \lambda_D:$$

$$\langle |n_{e1}|^2 \rangle = 2n_e \frac{|1 + \chi_i + \chi_d|^2 \langle |n_e|^2 \rangle + |\chi_e|^2 \langle |n_i|^2 \rangle + Z_d^2 |\chi_e|^2 \langle |n_d|^2 \rangle}{|1 + \chi_e + \chi_i + \chi_d|^2}$$

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[Hagfors, *JASTP*, 1992; La Hoz, *Phys. Scr.*, 1992]

# Incoherent Scatter Theory

Rewriting the spectrum in terms of normalized admittance:

$$2n_e \frac{\left| \frac{T_e n_i}{T_i n_e} y_i + \frac{Z_d^2 T_e n_d}{T_d n_e} y_d - ik^2 \lambda_{De}^2 \right|^2 \frac{\Re(y_e)}{\omega_e} + |y_e|^2 \frac{n_i \Re(y_i)}{n_e \omega_i} + |y_e|^2 \frac{Z_d^2 n_d \Re(y_d)}{n_e \omega_d}}{\left| y_e + \frac{T_e n_i}{T_i n_e} y_i + \frac{Z_d^2 T_e n_d}{T_d n_e} y_d - ik^2 \lambda_{De}^2 \right|^2}$$

Note:

- Ion line power is related to  $n_i$  not  $n_e$
- Dust line power is related to  $Z_d^2 n_d$
- $\frac{T_e}{T_i} \Rightarrow \frac{T_e n_i}{T_i n_e}$

## Total Scattered Power

$$n_d^{-1/3} < \lambda_D:$$

$$P \propto \frac{n_i}{(1 + k^2 \lambda_{De}^2) \left(1 + \frac{T_e n_i}{T_i n_e} + k^2 \lambda_{De}^2\right)} + \frac{Z_d^2 n_d}{\left(1 + \frac{T_e n_i}{T_i n_e} + k^2 \lambda_{De}^2\right) \left(1 + \frac{T_e n_i}{T_i n_e} + \frac{Z_d^2 T_e n_d}{T_i n_e} + k^2 \lambda_{De}^2\right)}$$

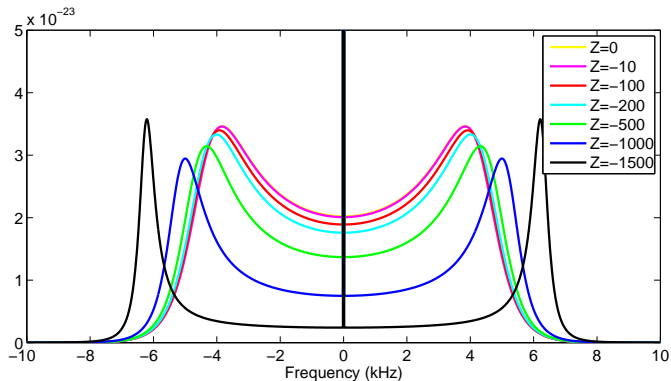
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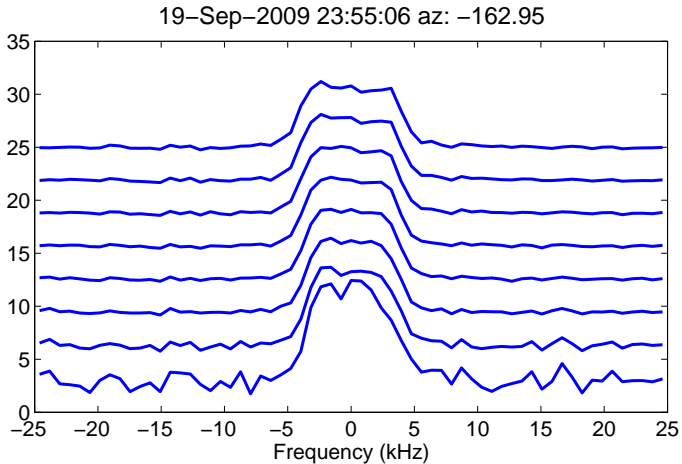
# Dust Effects on Ion Line

Dust ion acoustic wave velocity:

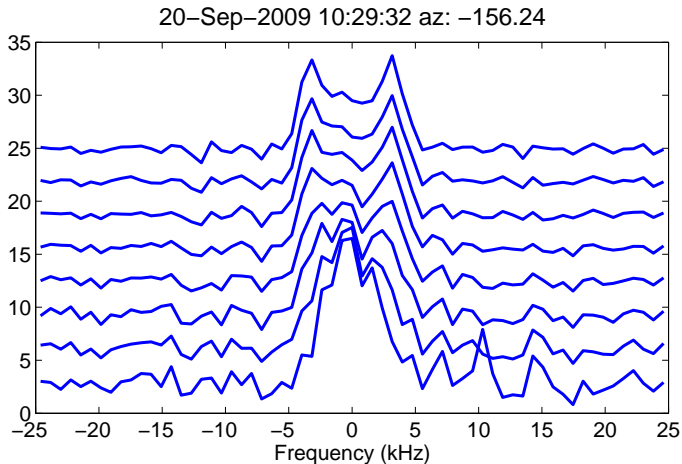
$$c_{DIAW}^2 = \frac{n_i}{n_e} \frac{k_B T_e + \gamma k_B T_i}{m_i}$$



## Spectra after CARE launch



## Spectra After Dawn





## Qualitative Spectral Characteristics

Characteristic	Controlling Parameters
Power in ion line	$n_i$
Power in dust line	$Z_d^2 n_d$
Location of ion acoustic peaks	$T_i, m_i$
Sharpness of ion acoustic peaks	$\frac{T_e n_i}{T_i n_e}$

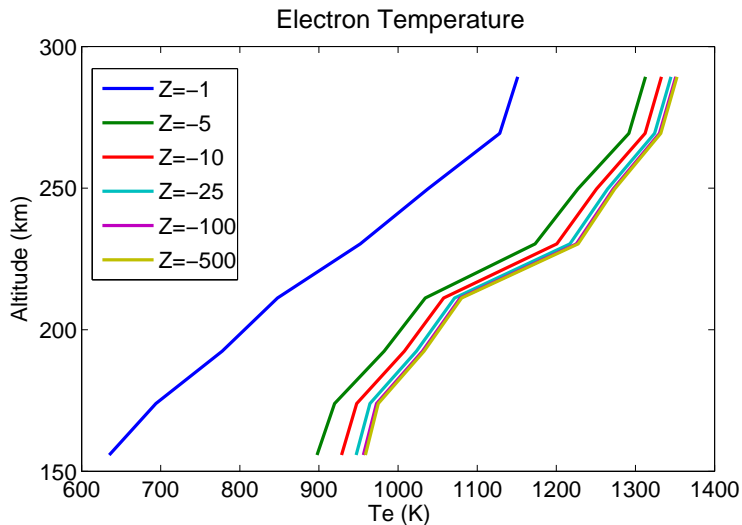
Note that  $T_e$  and  $n_e$  are not well specified.

## Simplified Model for Fitting

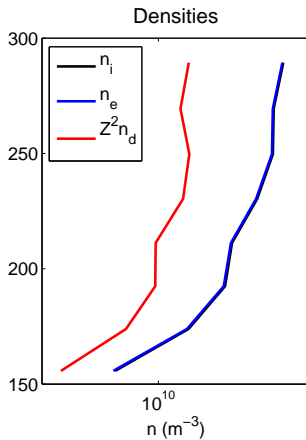
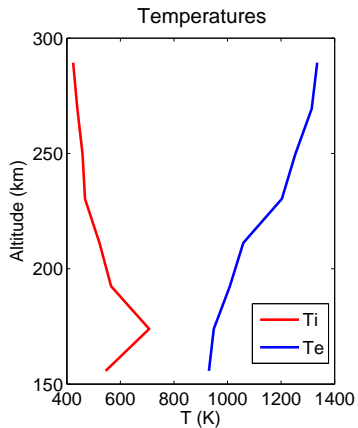
- Treat the dust line as a  $\delta$ -function
- Fit for  $T_i, \frac{T_e}{T_i}, Z_d^2 n_d, V_i, V_d$
- Fix  $Z_d, m_i,$  and ion composition
- Solve for  $n_e$  and  $n_i$  such that the total scattered power is consistent with the calibrated SNR and

$$n_e = n_i - |Z_d| n_d$$

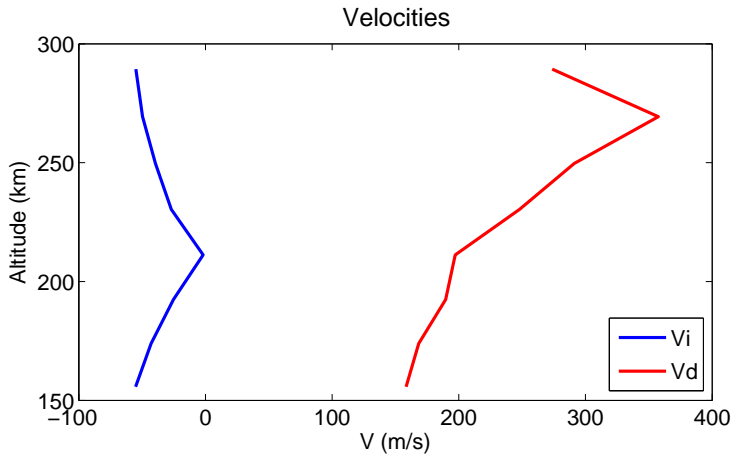
# Bias Associated with Fixing $Z$



# Results for $Z = -10$



# Fitted Velocities



## Remaining Questions

- Are the dust velocities reasonable?
- What is the ion composition?
- What are bound on  $Z_d$  or  $n_d$ ?
- Are there additional measurements of  $n_e$  or  $T_e$  which I could incorporate?