

Introduction to HF heating experiments

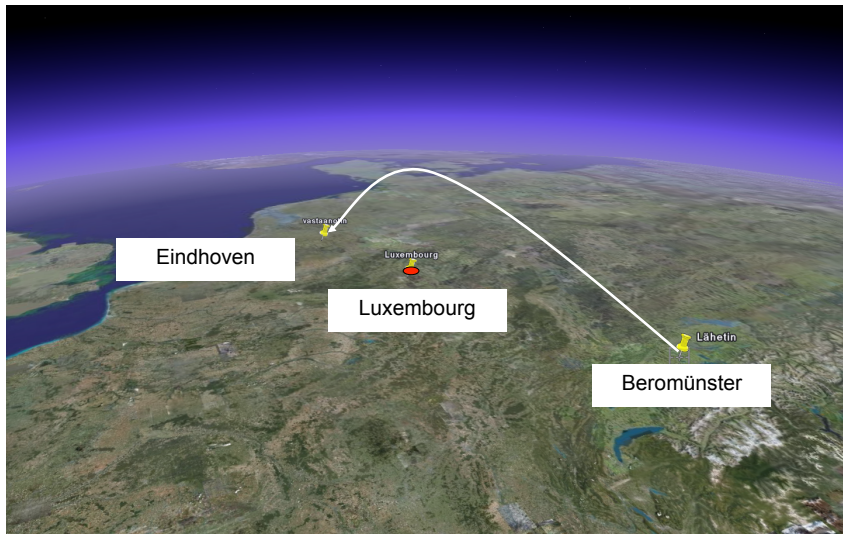
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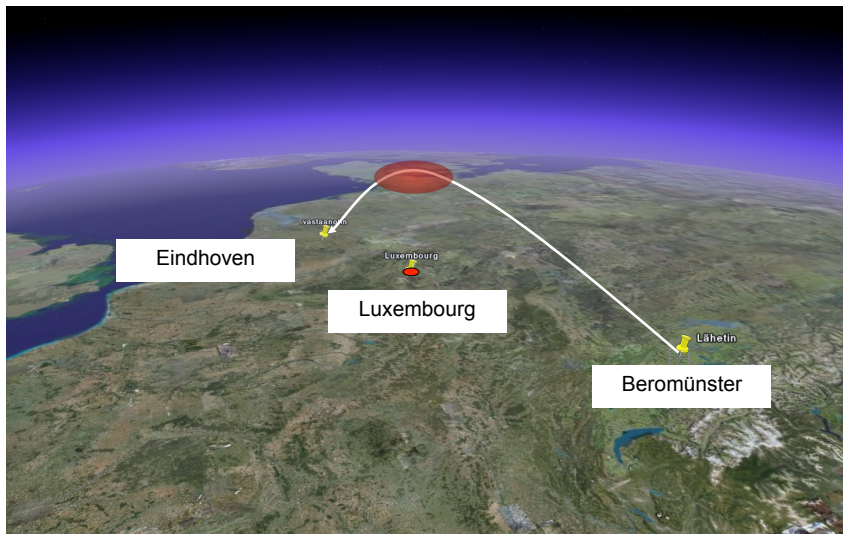
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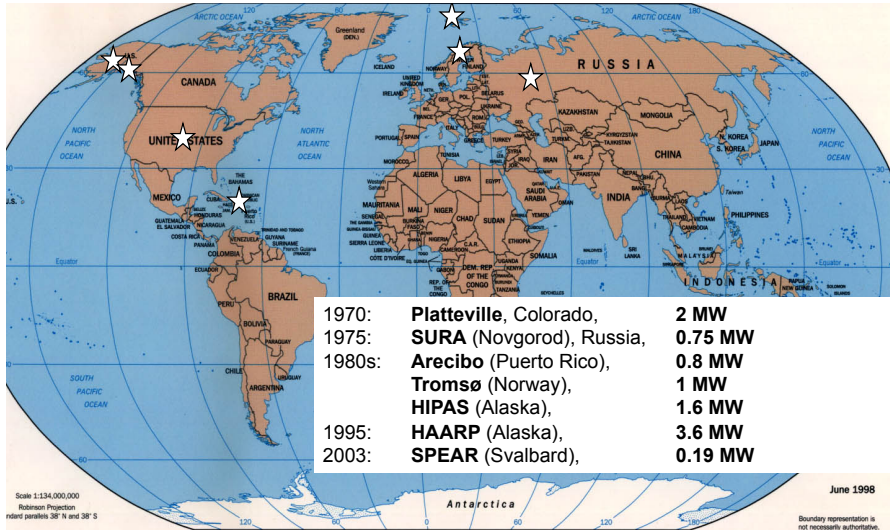
Early history: Luxembourg effect 1933



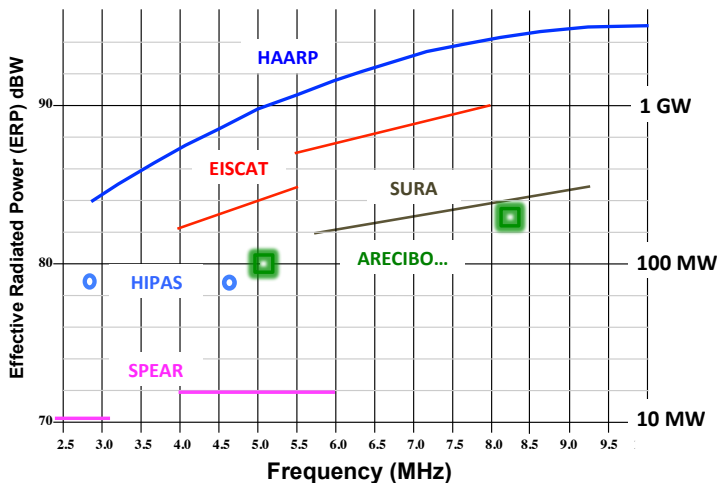
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Heating facilities: POWER!

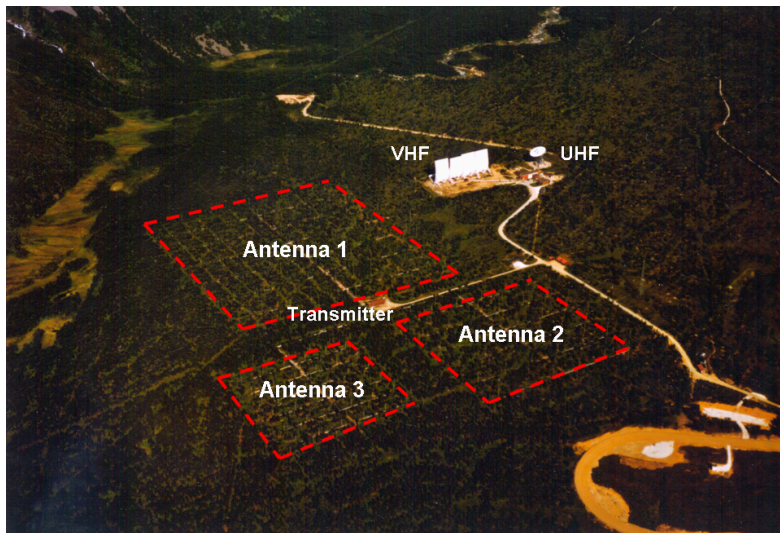


Heating facilities: ERP



Intensity of a point source at distance r is $I(r) = \text{ERP}/(4\pi r^2)$.

Heating facilities: EISCAT, Norway



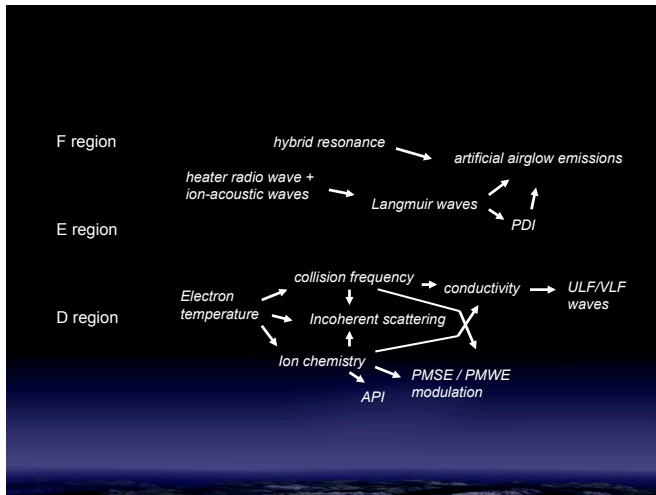
Heating facilities: Arecibo, Puerto Rico



Heating facilities: HAARP, Alaska



Some science applications*



*For a comprehensive review, see Streltsov et al.: Present and Future of Active Radio Frequency Experiments in Space, Space Science Reviews, 2018

Heating effect in collisional plasma: Appleton equation

Refractive index n of the plasma for the radio wave is given by the Appleton equation

$$n^2 = 1 - \frac{X}{1 - iZ - \frac{(Y \sin \alpha)^2}{2(1-X-iZ)} \pm \sqrt{\frac{(Y \sin \alpha)^4}{4(1-X-iZ)^2} + (Y \cos \alpha)^2}},$$

where the normalised frequencies are

$$X = \frac{\omega_{pe}^2}{\omega^2} = \frac{N_e e^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e \omega^2}, \quad Y = \frac{\omega_{ge}}{\omega} = \frac{eB}{m_e \omega} \text{ and } Z = \frac{\nu_{en}}{\omega}.$$

Heating effect in collisional plasma: energy absorption

When the complex refractive index $n = \Re(n) + i\Im(n)$, given by the Appleton equation, is applied to the plane wave equation

$$E(r, t) = E_0 \exp[i\omega (t - nr/c)]$$

we get a decaying wave in a case of $\Im(n) < 0$:

$$E(r, t) = E_0 \exp[i\omega (t - \Re(n)r/c)] \exp(\omega\Im(n)r/c).$$

Heating effect in collisional plasma: energy absorption

Since the intensity of the wave $I \propto E^2$,

$$I(r) = \frac{ERP}{4\pi r^2} \exp\left(\frac{2\omega}{c} \int_0^r \Im(n) dr\right),$$

and the absorbed energy per time unit and per volume is

$$Q = -\frac{dI_{abs}}{dr} = -2\omega \Im(n) I / c.$$

This is the energy gain from the wave to the plasma due to collisions between electrons (accelerated by the wave) and neutrals.

Heating effect in collisional plasma: electron energy budget

In the ideal gas, the mean electron energy is

$$E = \frac{3}{2} k_B T_e.$$

By differentiating this with respect to volume and time, we get

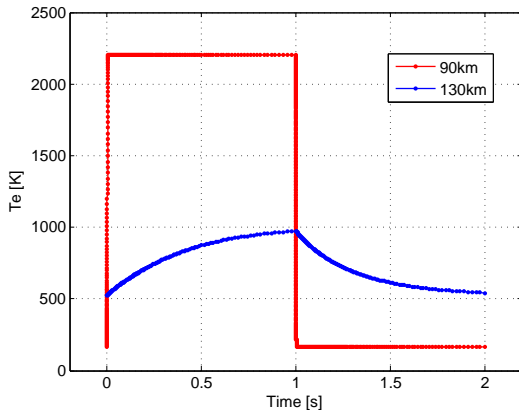
$$\frac{dT_e}{dt} = \frac{2}{3k_B N_e} (Q - L) = \frac{2}{3k_B N_e} \left(\frac{-2\omega \Im(n) I}{c} - L \right).$$

Here $L = \sum L_X ([X], N_e, T_n, T_e)$ denotes the sum of electron energy loss processes by excitations of O_2 , N_2 and O (Stubbe ja Varnum, 1972), such as:

$$L_{\text{rot}O_2} = 7.0 \cdot 10^{-14} \times N_e N_{O_2} \left(\frac{T_e - T_n}{\sqrt{T_e}} \right)$$

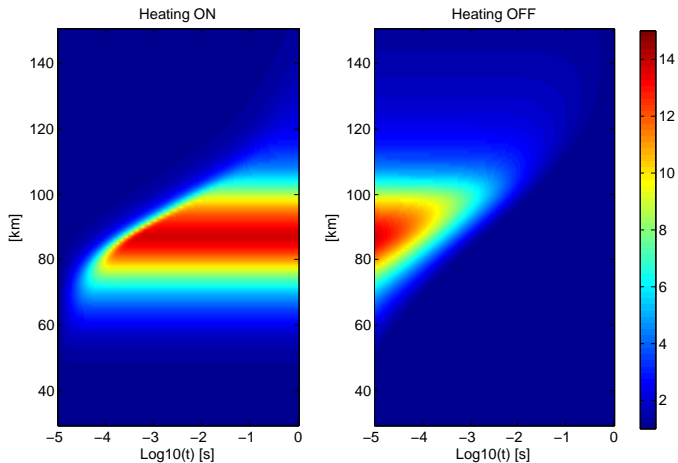
Model example: 1s on/off heating, T_e

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Model example: 1s on/off heating, T_e/T_i

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Incoherent scatter spectrum

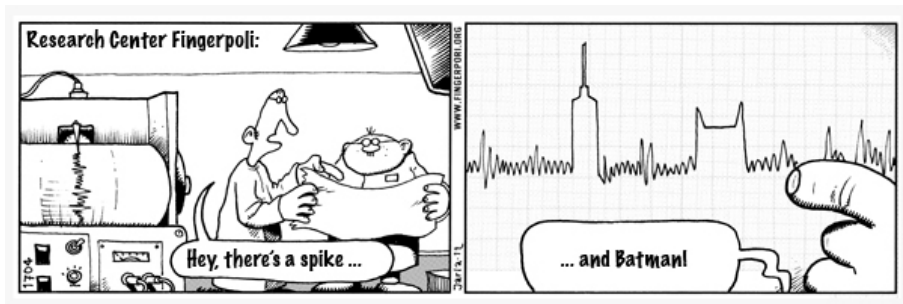


Figure: Fingerpoli, HS, 7 September 2012

Incoherent scatter spectrum

The spectral density of the incoherent scattering is

$$\sigma(\omega_0 + \omega)d\omega = \frac{N_e r_e^2 d\omega}{\pi} \frac{\left(|y_e|^2 \frac{\sum_j n_j \Re(y_j)}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{dj}} \left| \sum_j \mu_j y_j + i \lambda_D^2 k^2 \right|^2 \frac{\Re(y_e)}{\omega - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{de}} \right)}{\left(\left| y_e + \sum_j \mu_j y_j + i \lambda_D^2 k^2 \right|^2 \right)}.$$

Here

- $n_j = N_j/N_e$ and $\mu_j = n_j T_e/T_j$ (densities and temperatures),
- $\lambda_D = (\epsilon_0 k_B T_e / N_e e^2)^{1/2}$ (Debye length)
- $k = 2\pi/\lambda$ (wave number).
- y_j (admittance function ... the next slide)

Incoherent scatter spectrum: Admittance function y_j

The admittance functions for the species j are

$$y_j = \frac{i + (\theta_j - i\psi G_j)}{1 - \psi G_j}.$$

Here the Gordeyev integral (asymptotic expansion) can be written as

$$G_j(\theta_j - i\psi_j, \phi_j, \alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-i(\theta - i\psi)t' - \phi^{-2} \sin^2 0.5\phi t' - 0.25t'^2 \cos^2 \alpha} dt',$$

where α is the angle to the \mathbf{B} and ...

$$\theta_j = \omega \zeta_j, \phi_j = \frac{eB}{m_j c} \zeta_j, \psi_j = \nu_j \zeta_j, t' = t / \zeta_j, \zeta_j = \frac{1}{k} (m_j / 2k_B T_j)^{1/2}.$$

Incoherent scatter spectrum: Inputs

What is needed for calculating the IS spectrum?

- Radio wave parameters: ω , \mathbf{k}
- Plasma composition, temperatures, ion masses, coll. frequencies and drift velocities: N_j , T_j , m_j , ν_j and \mathbf{v}_j
- Magnetic field \mathbf{B}

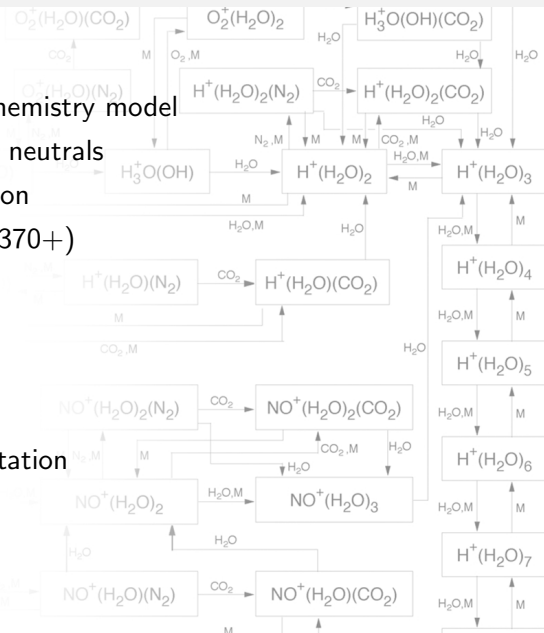
Sodankylä Ion (and neutral) Chemistry model (SIC)

Detailed 1-D time dependend chemistry model

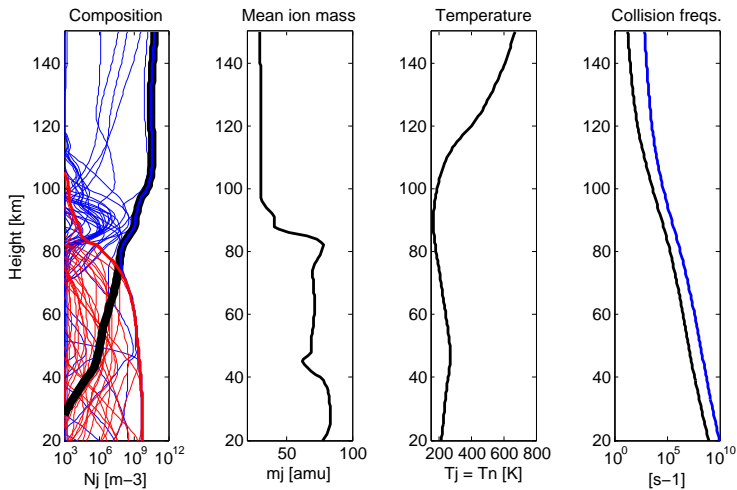
- 63 ions (27 negative) & 13 neutrals
- 20-150 km in 1 km resolution
- several hundred reactions (370+)
- vertical transport

Input

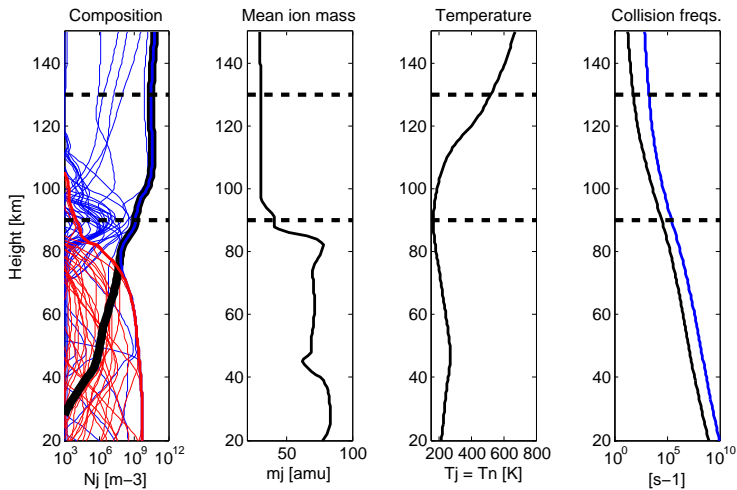
- MSIS
- solar EM flux
- proton and electron precipitation
- cosmic rays



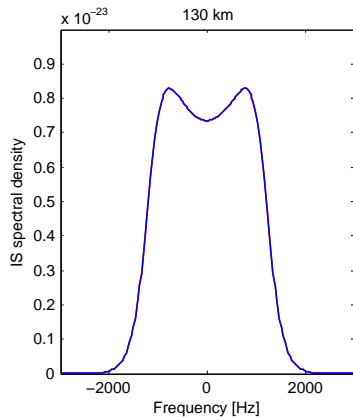
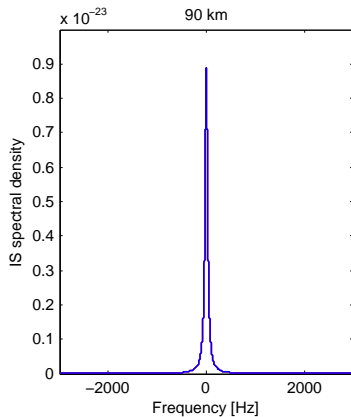
Input profiles



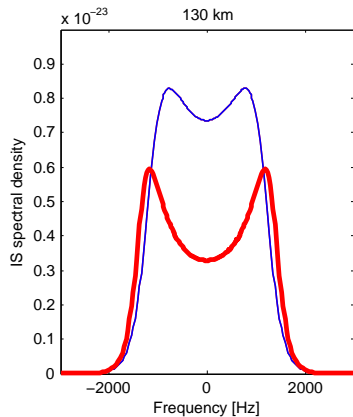
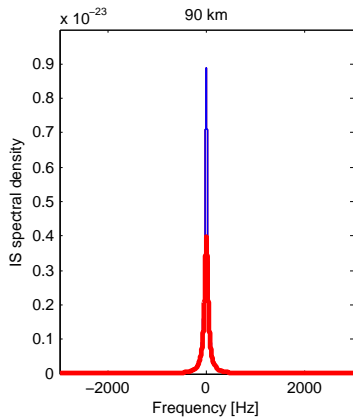
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Incoherent scatter ion line: 90 and 130 km

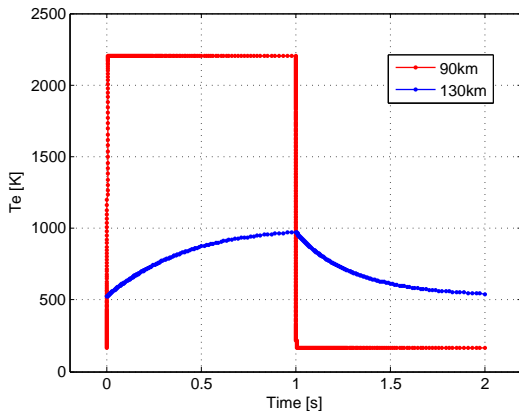


Incoherent scatter ion line: 90 and 130 km, $T_e = 2T_i$



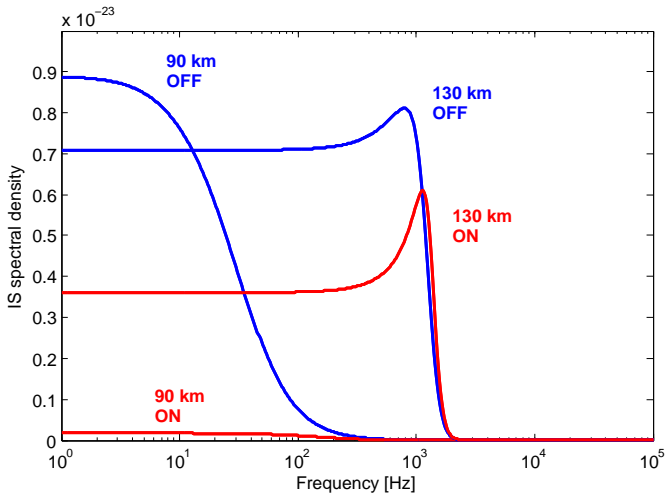
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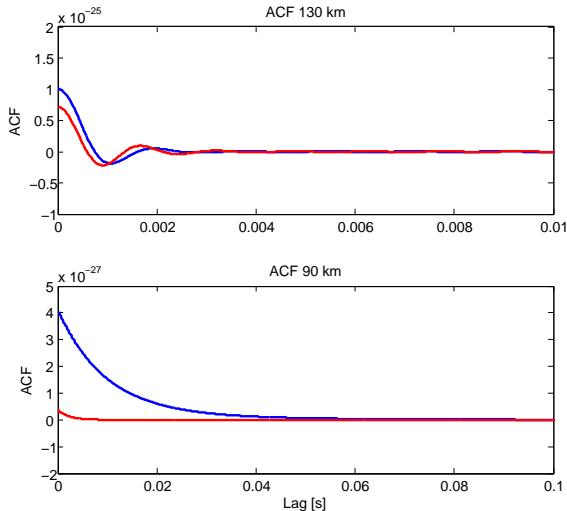
Model example: 1s on/off heating, the IS spectra

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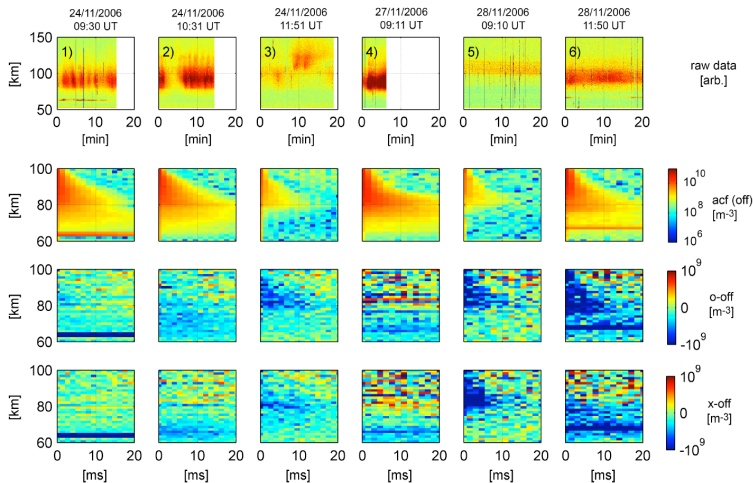


Model example: 1s on/off heating, the ACFs

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ISR detection of the HF heating



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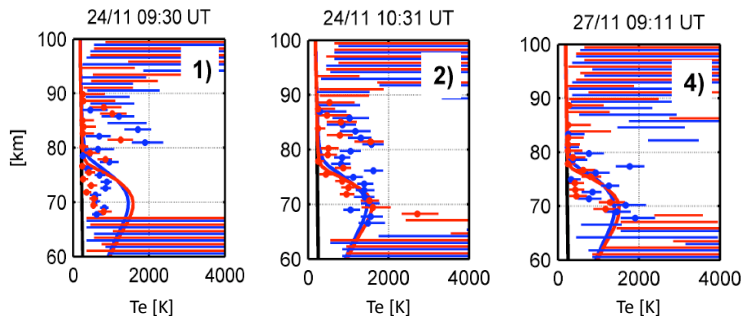
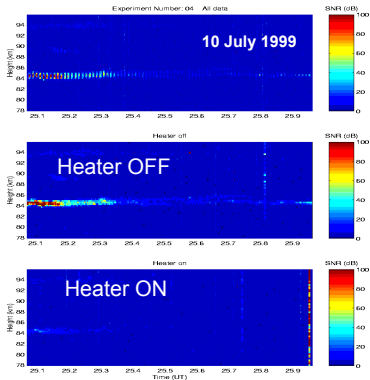


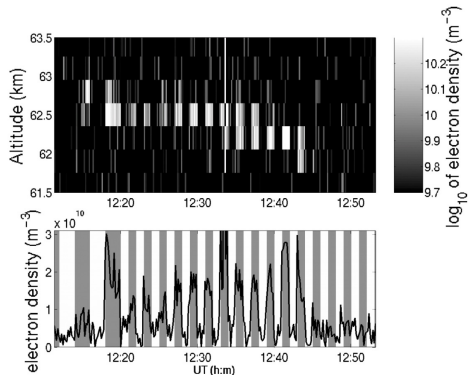
Figure: Kero et al., ANN GEOPHYS, 2008

Coherent scattering: PMSE and PMWE

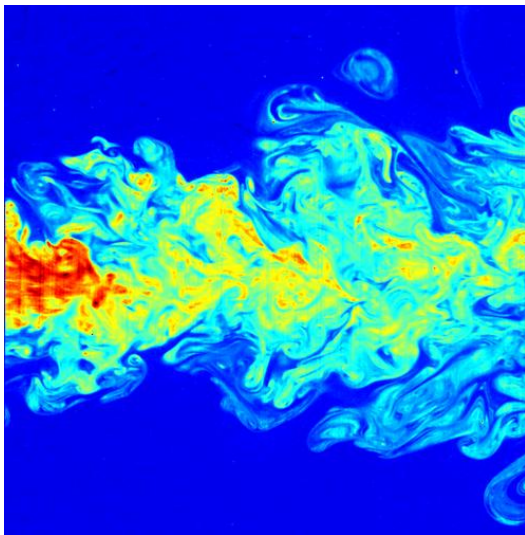
PMSE at 85 km



PMWE at 63 km



Coherent scattering: turbulence (photo: Wikipedia)



A recent paper on PMWE by Mahmoudian et al.



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Key Points:

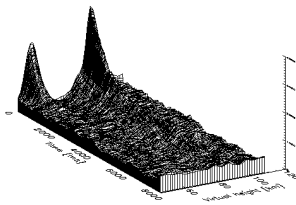
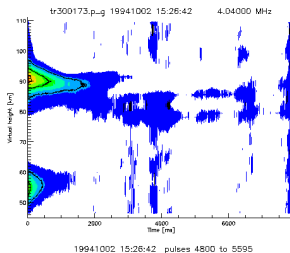
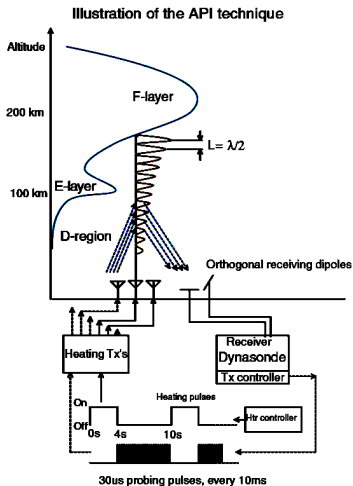
- First study of HF PMWE heating and predicted turn-on overshoot effect
- First comprehensive comparison of PMWE heating observations with computational model
- Two-frequency radar measurements can lead to estimate dust density and radius

Remote sensing of mesospheric dust layers using active modulation of PMWE by high-power radio waves

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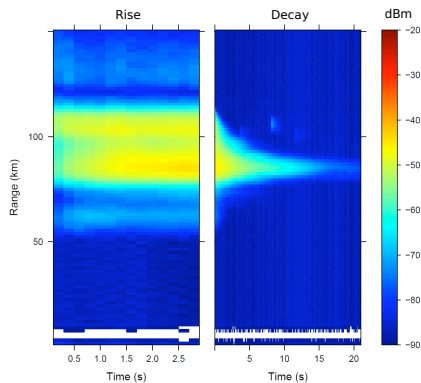
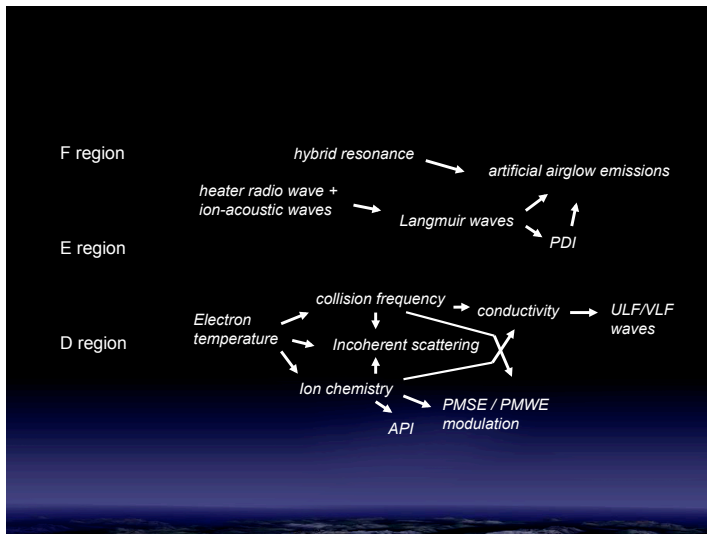


Figure: Vierinen et al., JASTP, 2013

Coherent scattering: summary

	API	PMSE/PMWE
Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• standing wave• negative ion prod.• (dust charging?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• turbulence• dust/ice charging• (negative ions?)
Loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• detachment• (dust de-charging)• (diffusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• diffusion• dust de-charging• (detachment)
Heating	Forms the irregularities in the first place	Makes the echo <i>weaker</i> (+ builds the overshoot)
Lambda	55.3 m	0.32/1.34/5.35 m

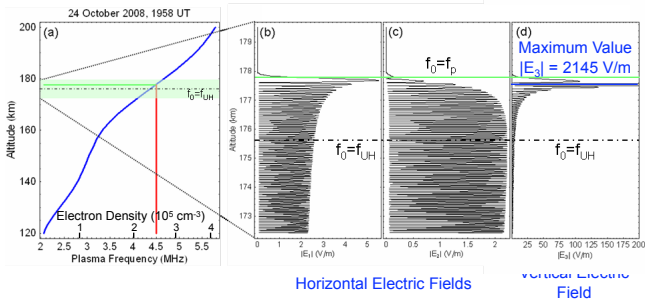
Some science applications



Resonance heating



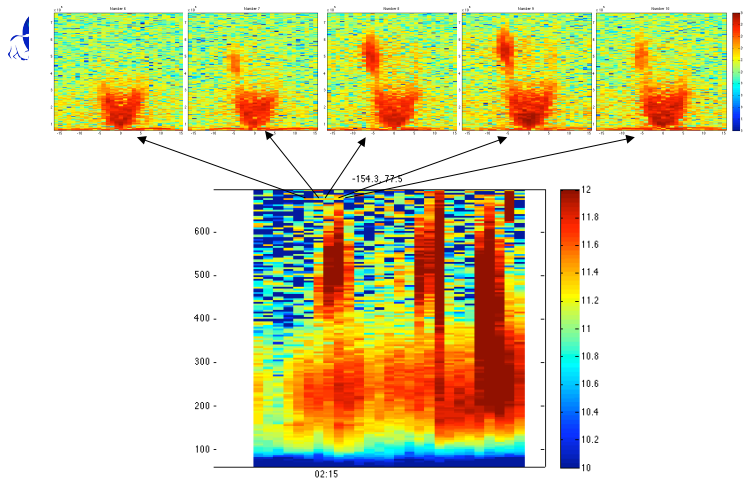
Full Wave Solution for EM Pump Wave at 4.5 MHz in the Ionosphere Over HAARP



Large Increase in Electric Field Just Below Reflection Altitude where EM Wave Frequency = Plasma Frequency

Courtesy of Paul Bernhardt.

Resonance heating: (N)EIALs

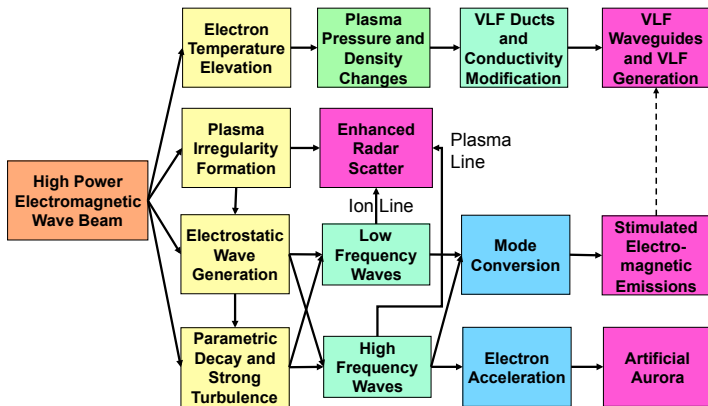


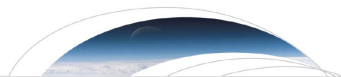
The Ion Line Spectra are Enhanced and Asymmetric

Resonance heating



Ionospheric Modification with High Power Radio Waves





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Key Points:

- X-mode EM heating wave can excite the PI near its turning point with dependent on different propagation angles of the excited Langmuir wave
- The parallel electric field is crucial for

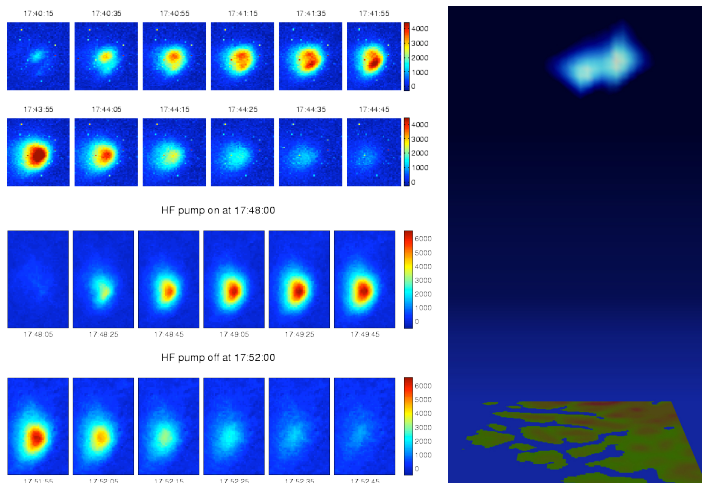
Aspect dependence of Langmuir parametric instability excitation observed by EISCAT

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Resonance heating: artificial airglow

EISCAT Enhanced Airglow, Bjorn Gustovson, IRFU



Conclusions

