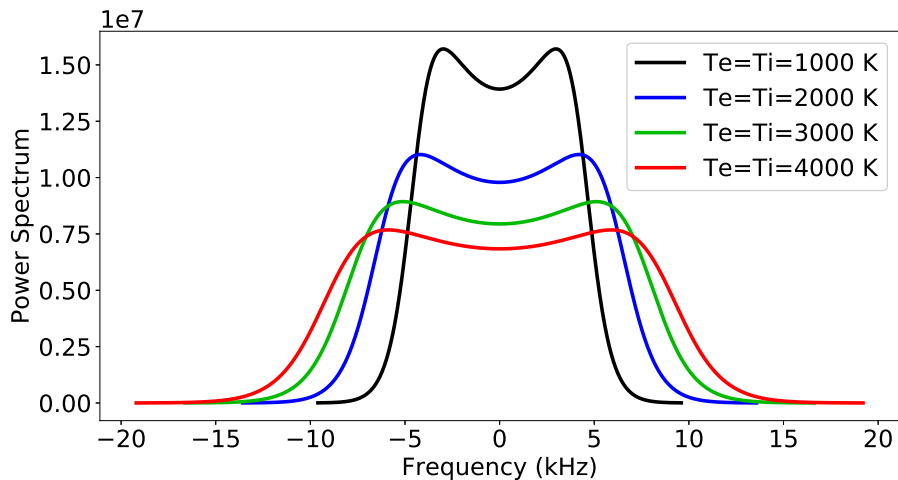


ISR Theory 5: ISR Spectral Shapes

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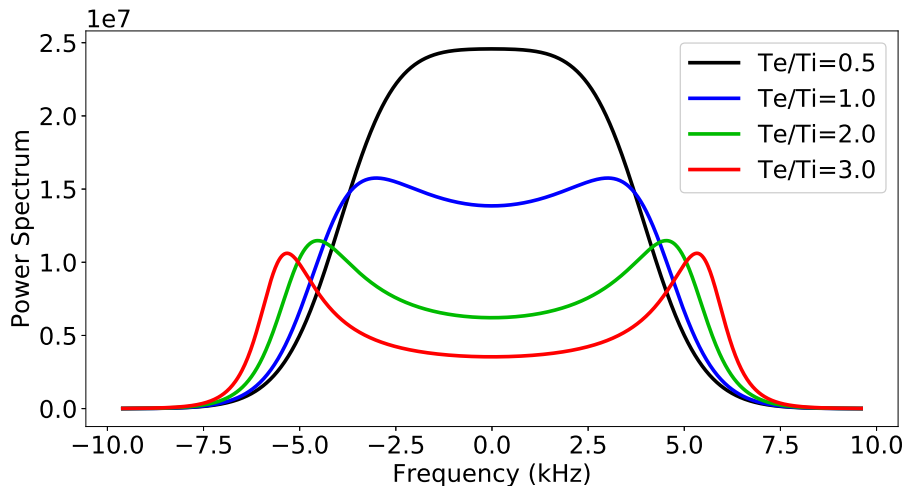
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Temperature Effects ($T_e/T_i = 1$)

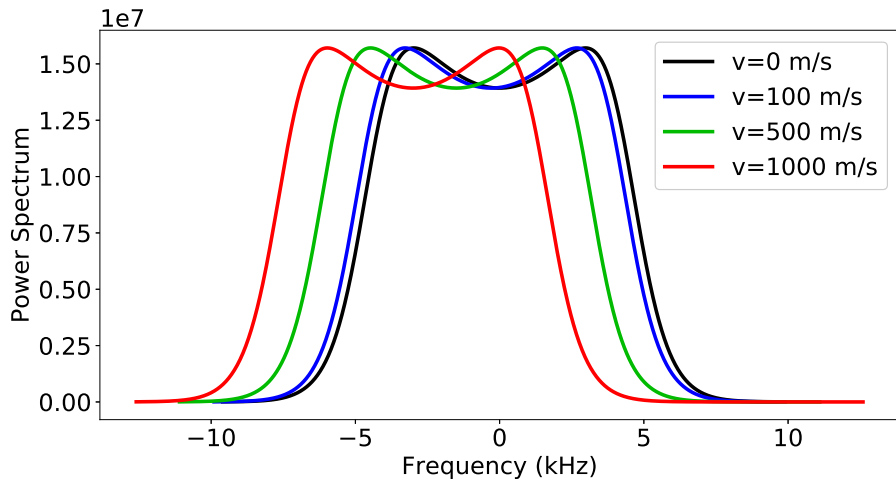
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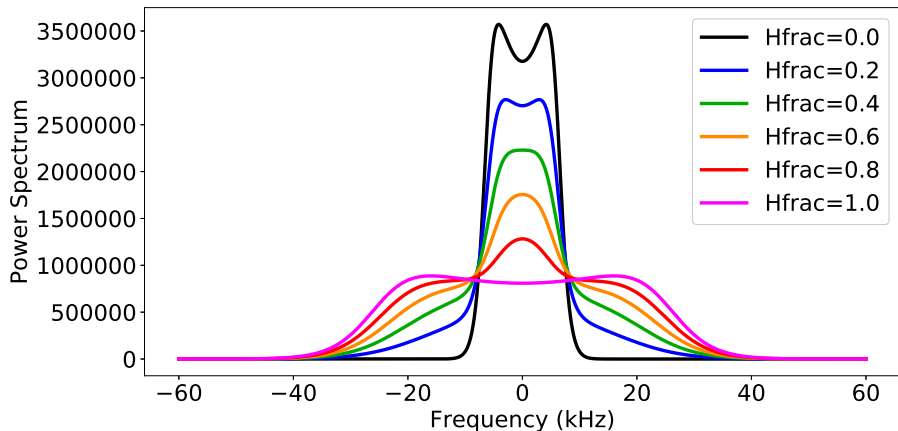


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Ion Velocity Effects



$$f = 449.3 \text{ MHz} \quad N_e = 3 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-3} \quad m_i = 16 \text{ amu} \quad T_e = T_i = 1000 \text{ K}$$

Light Ion Composition (O^+ and H^+)

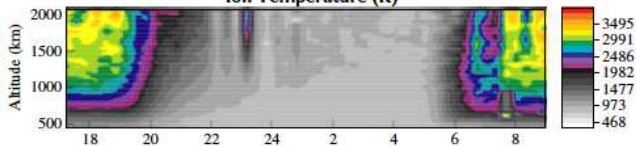
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Arecibo Topside Ion Composition

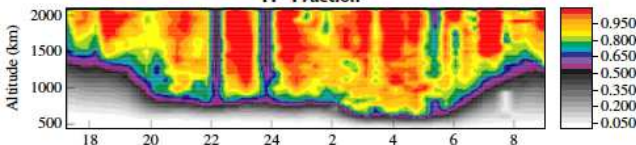
González and Sulzer, 1996

The Topside Ionosphere at Arecibo, March 17-18, 1994

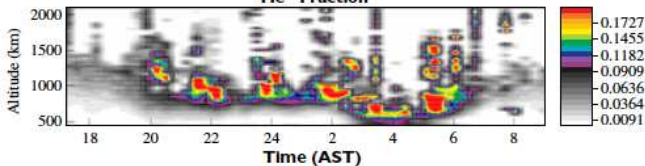
Ion Temperature (K)



H^+ Fraction

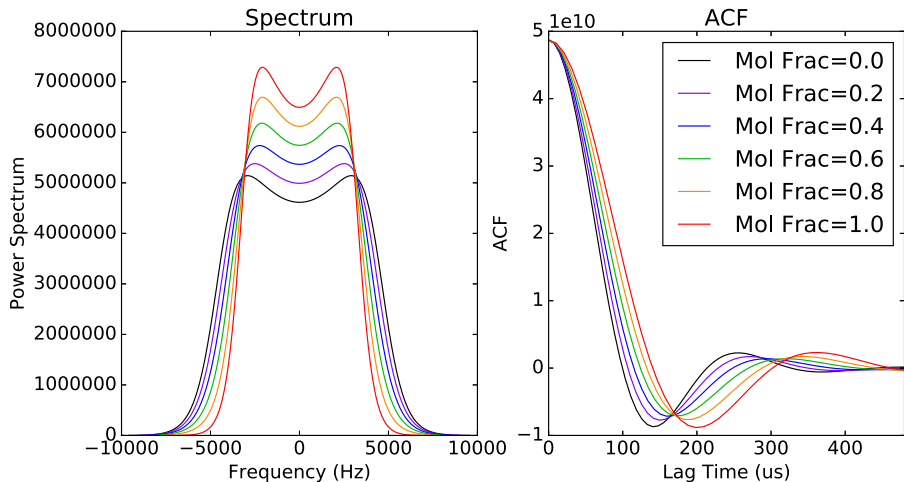


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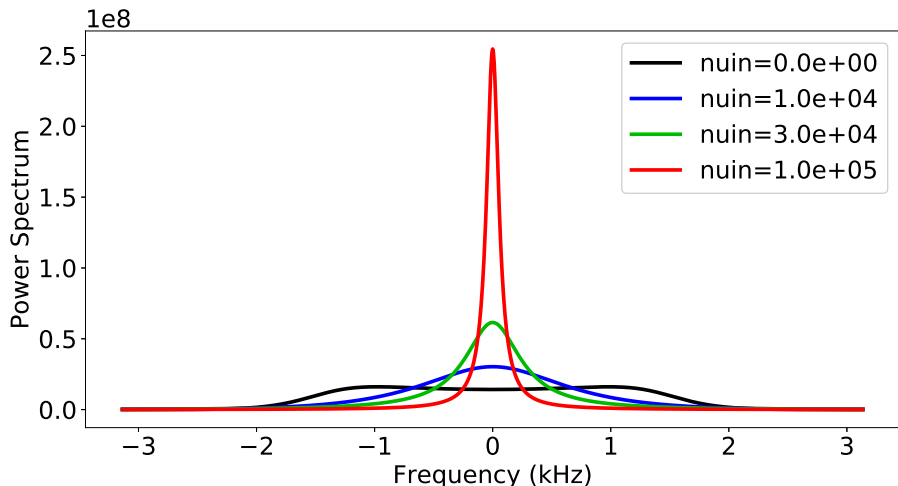
Molecular Ion Composition

Mixtures of O^+ and O_2^+ using $N_e = 10^{11}$, $T_e = T_i = 1000$ K



ISR spectrum measures $\sqrt{\frac{T_i}{m_i}}$, ambiguity between T_i and m_i

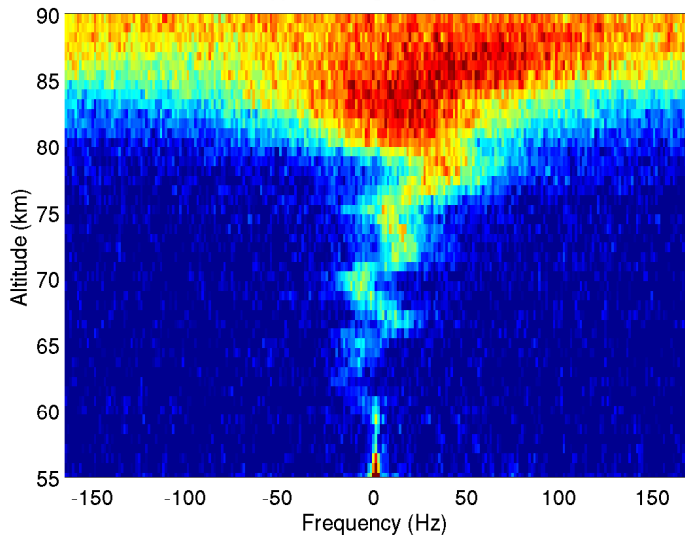
Ion-Neutral Collisions



$$f = 449.3 \text{ MHz} \quad N_e = 1 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-3} \quad m_i = 30 \text{ amu} \quad T_e = T_i = 200 \text{ K}$$

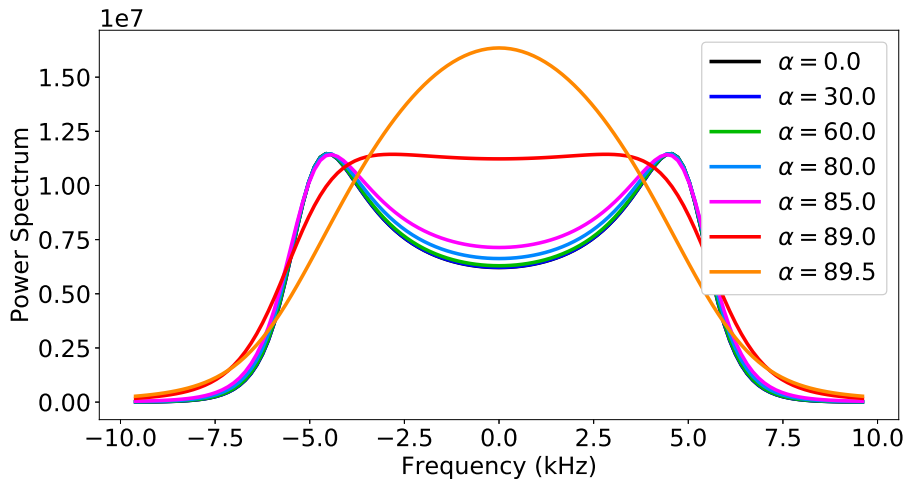
PFISR D-region Spectra

Typical D-region Spectra



$$\Delta f = \frac{16\pi k_B T_i}{\lambda_R^2 m_i \nu_{in}}$$

Angle from B

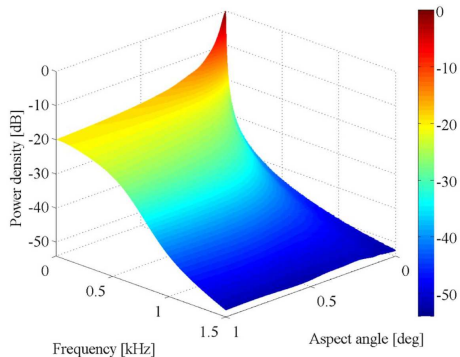


$$f = 449.3 \text{ MHz} \quad N_e = 3 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-3} \quad m_i = 16 \text{ amu}$$

$$T_i = 1000 \text{ K} \quad T_e = 1000 \text{ K}$$

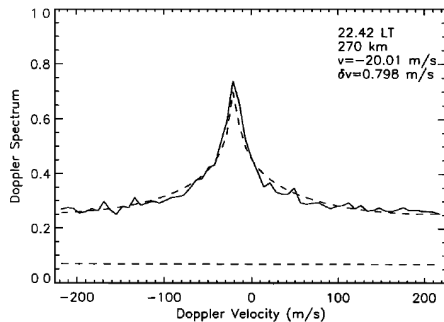
Perpendicular to B

Theoretical Jicamarca Spectra within 1° of Perpendicular



Milla and Kudeki (2011)

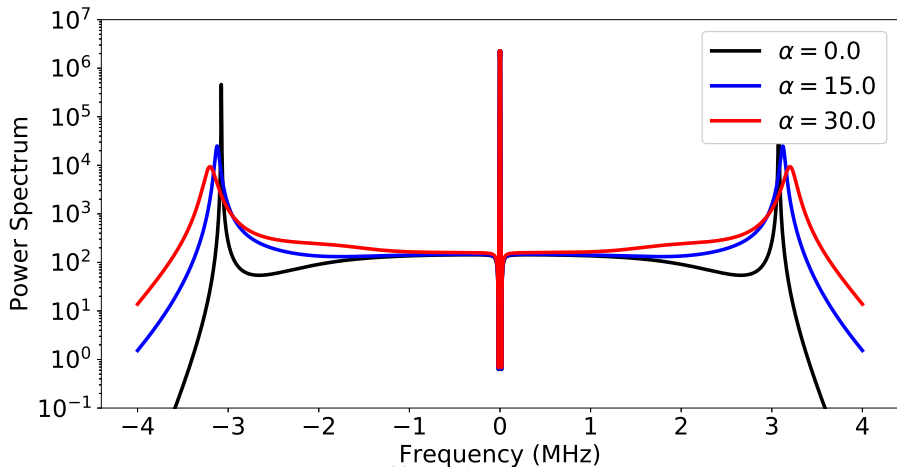
Jicamarca Measured Perpendicular Spectrum



Kudeki et al. (1999)

B-field Effects on Plasma Lines

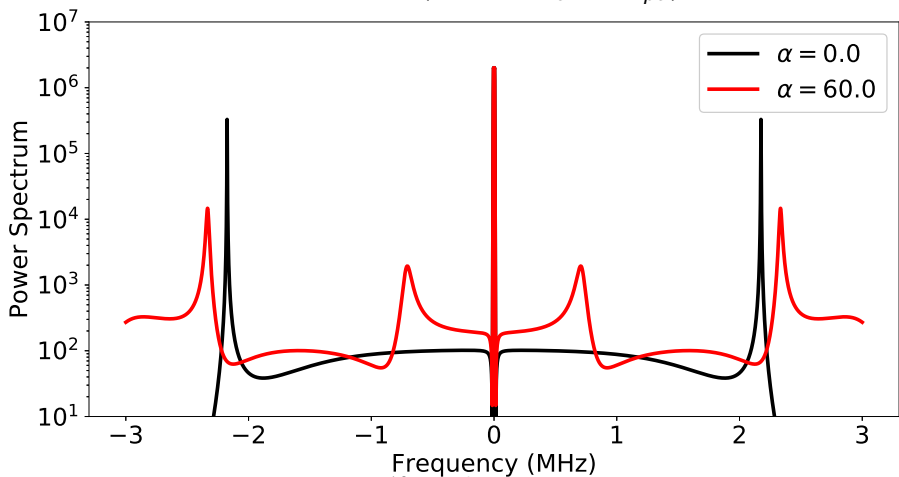
$$\omega^2 = \omega_{pe}^2 + \frac{3}{2}k^2 v_{th}^2 + \Omega_e^2 \sin^2 \alpha$$



$f = 449.3$ MHz $N_e = 1 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-3}$ $T_e = 3000$ K $B = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ T

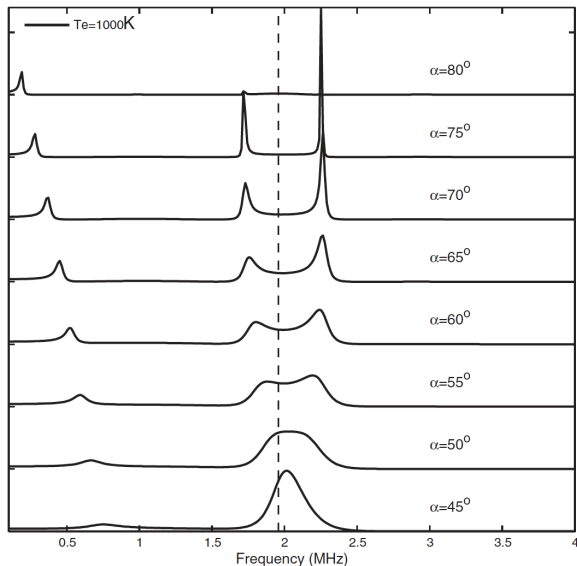
Gyro Lines (Electrostatic Electron Cyclotron Waves)

$$\omega^2 \approx \Omega_e^2 \cos^2 \alpha \left(1 + \frac{11}{4} \frac{k^2 v_{th}^2}{\Omega_e^2} - \frac{\Omega_e^2}{\omega_{pe}^2} \right)$$



$f = 449.3 \text{ MHz}$ $N_e = 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ $T_e = 1500 \text{ K}$ $B = 5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T}$

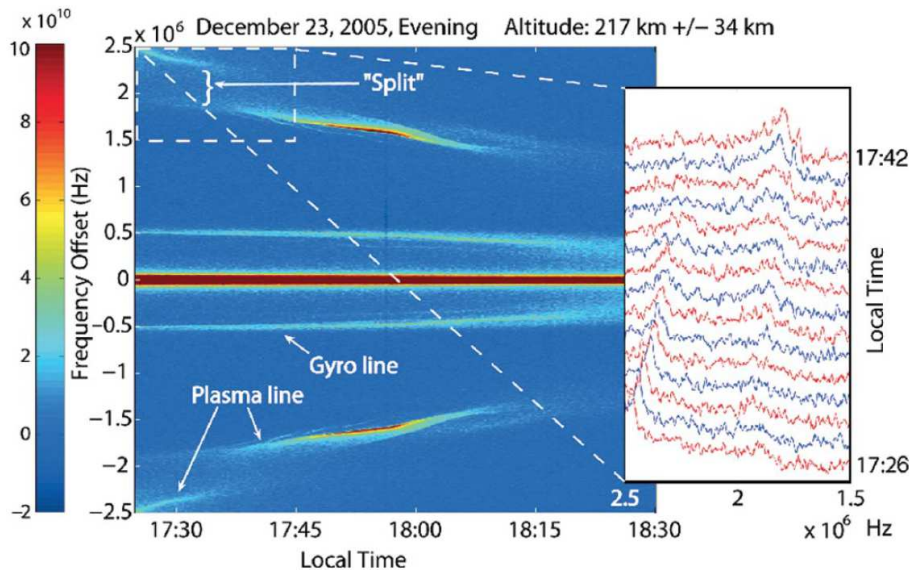
Plasma Line Splitting



- Requires $\omega_{pe} = 2\Omega_e$
- Only happens for certain angles

Bhatt et al. (2008)
 10.1103/Phys-
 RevLett.100.045005

Arecibo Observations at Sunset (Bhatt et al. 2008)



Spectral Shapes Summary

- Ion Line shape depends on
 - T_i
 - T_e/T_i
 - v_i
 - ν_{in}
 - Ion composition
 - B-field only important very close to perpendicular
- Electron Line shape depends on
 - $\omega_{pe} (N_e)$
 - B-field effects