

Perspectives on Ionospheric Electrodynamics



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- Ionospheric dynamo modeling
- Disturbance dynamo
- Assimilative Mapping of Ionospheric Electrodynamics (AMIE)
- Interactions of ionospheric fields with magnetospheric plasma
- Joule heating impacts on the thermosphere
- Low-latitude evening electrodynamics



Lunar tidal response to stratospheric sudden warmings



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Stratospheric zonal-mean zonal wind at 60° N

Stratospheric temperature at North Pole

Amplitude of 14.76-day geomagnetic perturbation at Addis Ababa





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Wind, geomagnetic coordinates, 30-90 lat.









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ASSIMILATIVE MAPPING OF IONOSPHERIC ELECTRODYNAMICS (AMIE)



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SuperDARN Assimilative Mapping (SAM) procedure

Cousins et al. (2013a,b)



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Low-Latitude Ionization by Energetic Neutral Atoms Lyons and Richmond (1978)



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"Magnetic Mirroring" of Neutral Atoms

Galand and Richmond (1999)





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Non-Dipolar Geomagnetic Field Effects on Ionospheric Electrodynamics Calculated Using Magnetic Apex Coordinates





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Emmert et al. (2010) Laundal and Richmond (2017)



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Density Response at 400 km to Joule Heating at Different Heights

Huang et al. (2012)



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Much more Joule heat is deposited in the E region than in the F region, but F-region heating dominates the density response during at least the first 12 hours of a storm, especially at solar maximum.

Rapid Altitude Growth of Diurnal Tide in Temperature at McMurdo Fong et al. (2015)



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Low-Latitude Evening Electrodynamics





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Richmond et al. (2015) Richmond and Fang (2015) Evonosky et al. (2016)



- ExB convection is practically constant along magnetic field lines.
- Differences between neutral wind velocity and ExB velocity create drag on convection.
- Eastward neutral wind at EIA latitudes increases with height and toward the east, tending to drag plasma along.
- Continuity of ExB convection requires vertical inflow around 18.5-19 LT, producing prereversal enhancement (PRE) of vertical drift around 400 km.
- Upward ExB convection extends through E region, where the equatorial electrojet exerts drag on the convection.

Concluding Remarks

Ionospheric electrodynamics involves interactions:

- ionization processes
- ionosphere dynamics
- neutral dynamics
- tides and waves (coupling with lower atmosphere)
- coupling with magnetosphere

It therefore requires collaborative research.

Advancements call for:

- extensive observations
- whole-atmosphere modeling
- coupled magnetosphere/ionosphere/atmosphere modeling
- data assimilation