

Large-scale View of Mid-latitude Plasma Convection



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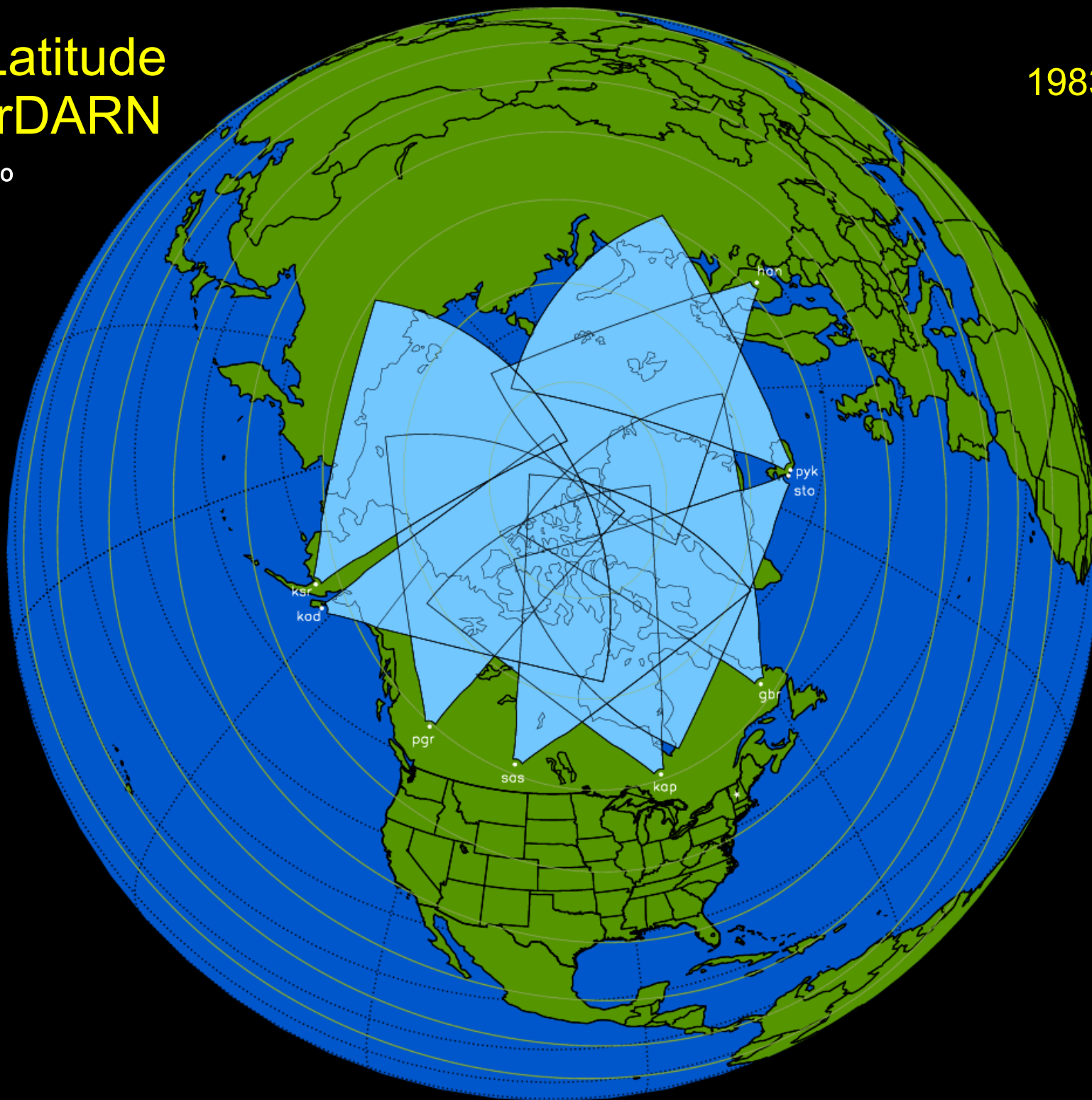
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High-Latitude SuperDARN

1983-2004

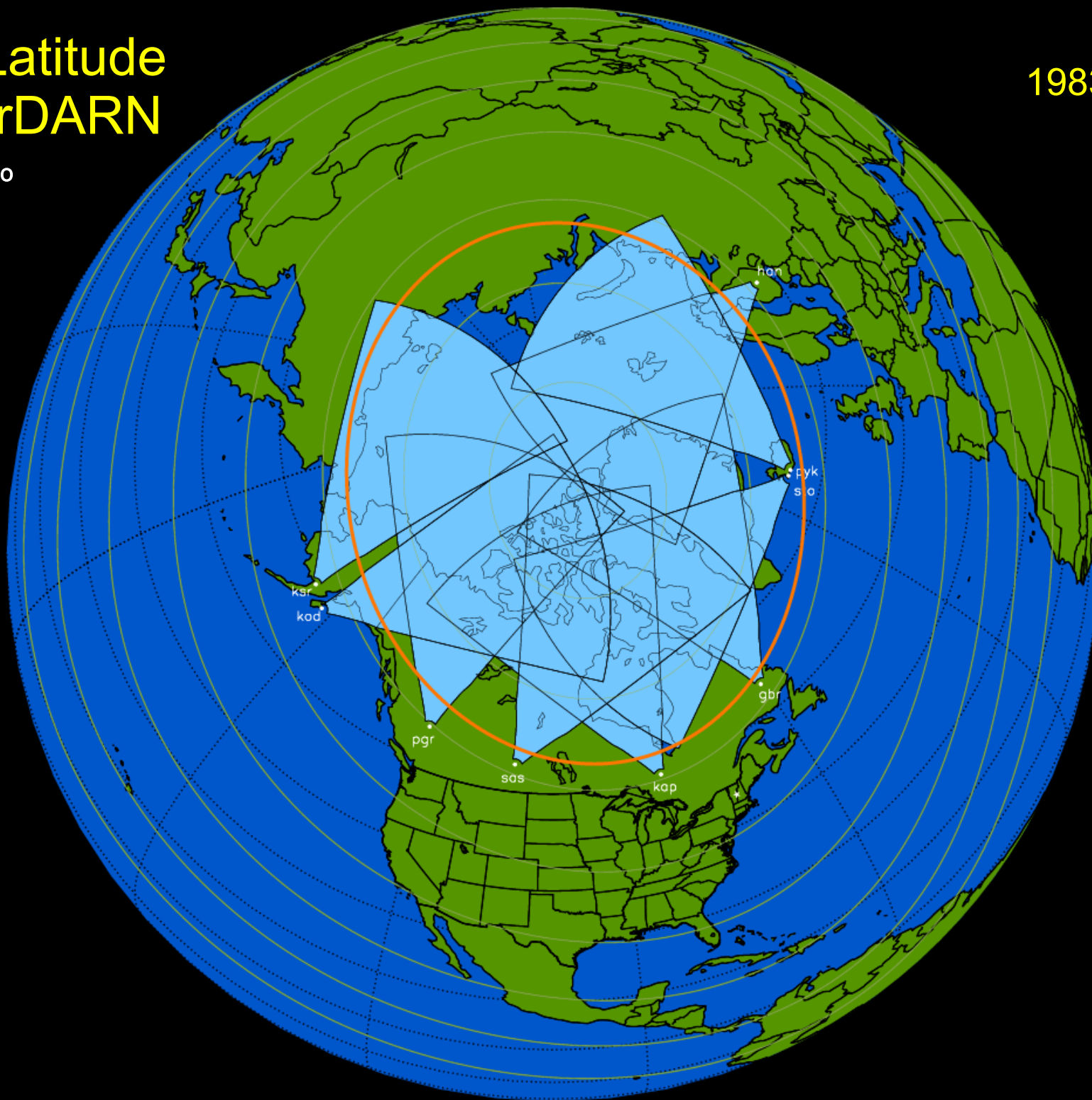
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High-Latitude SuperDARN

1983-2004

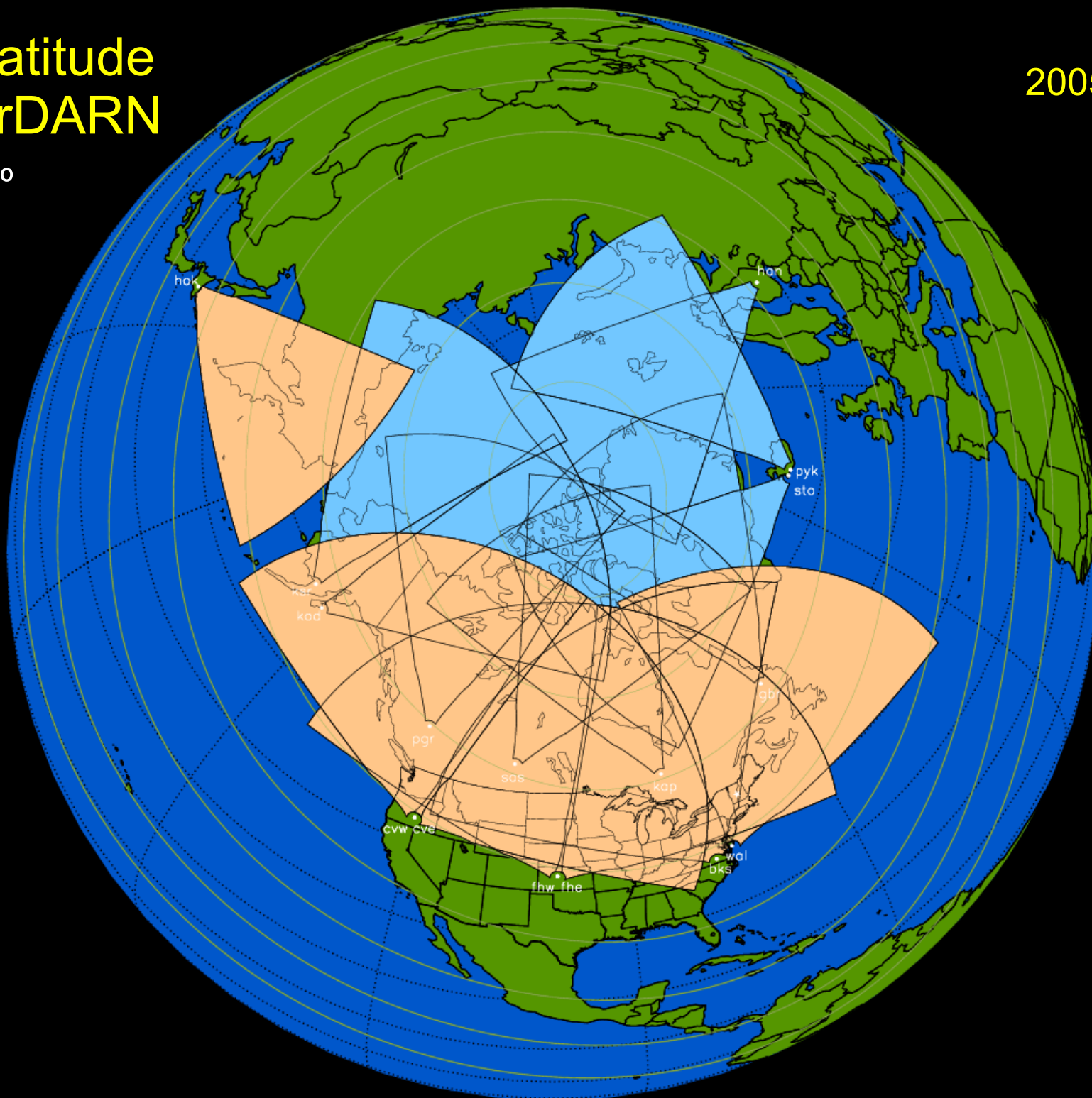
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Mid-Latitude SuperDARN

2005-2010

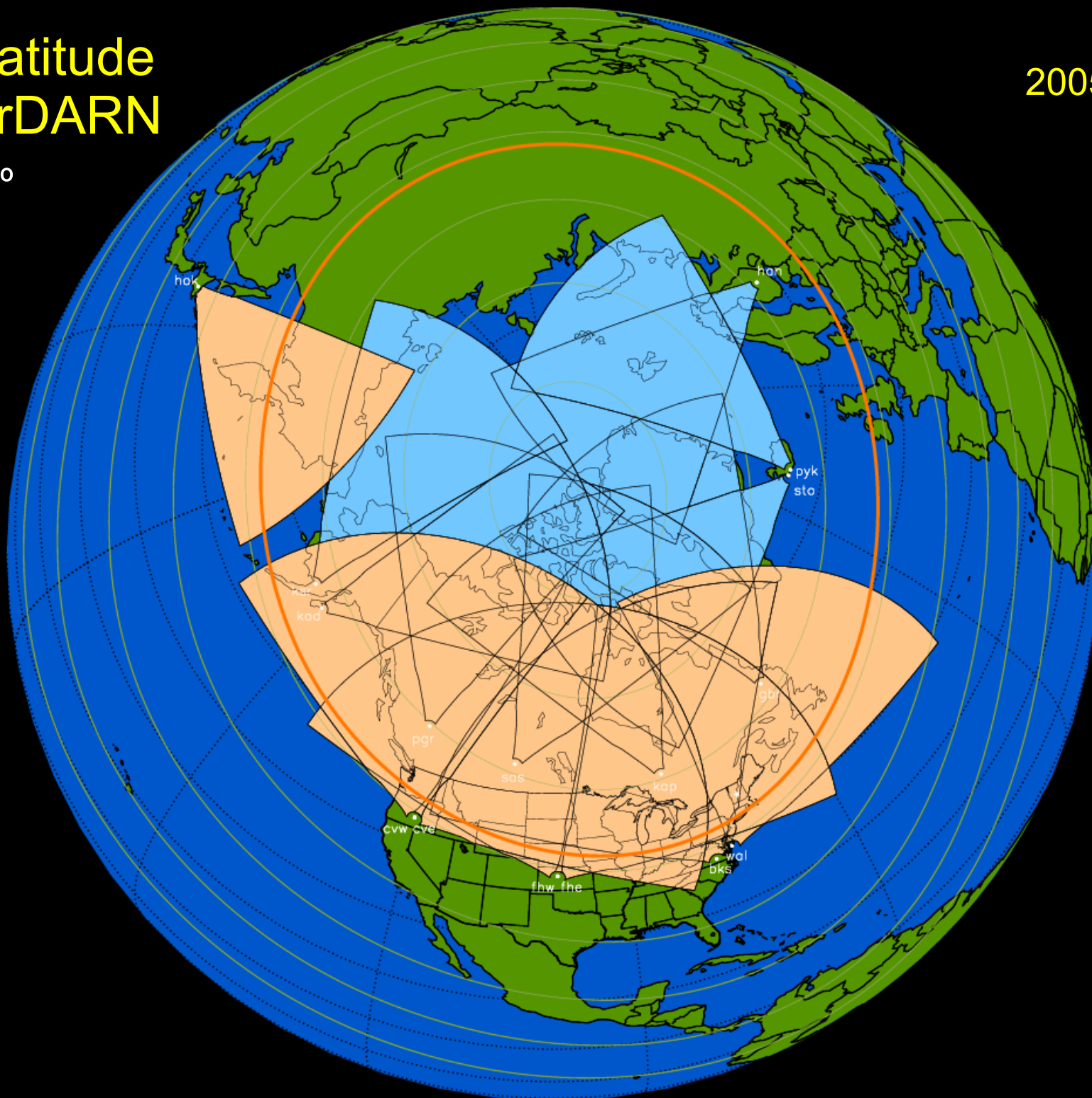
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Mid-Latitude SuperDARN

2005-2010

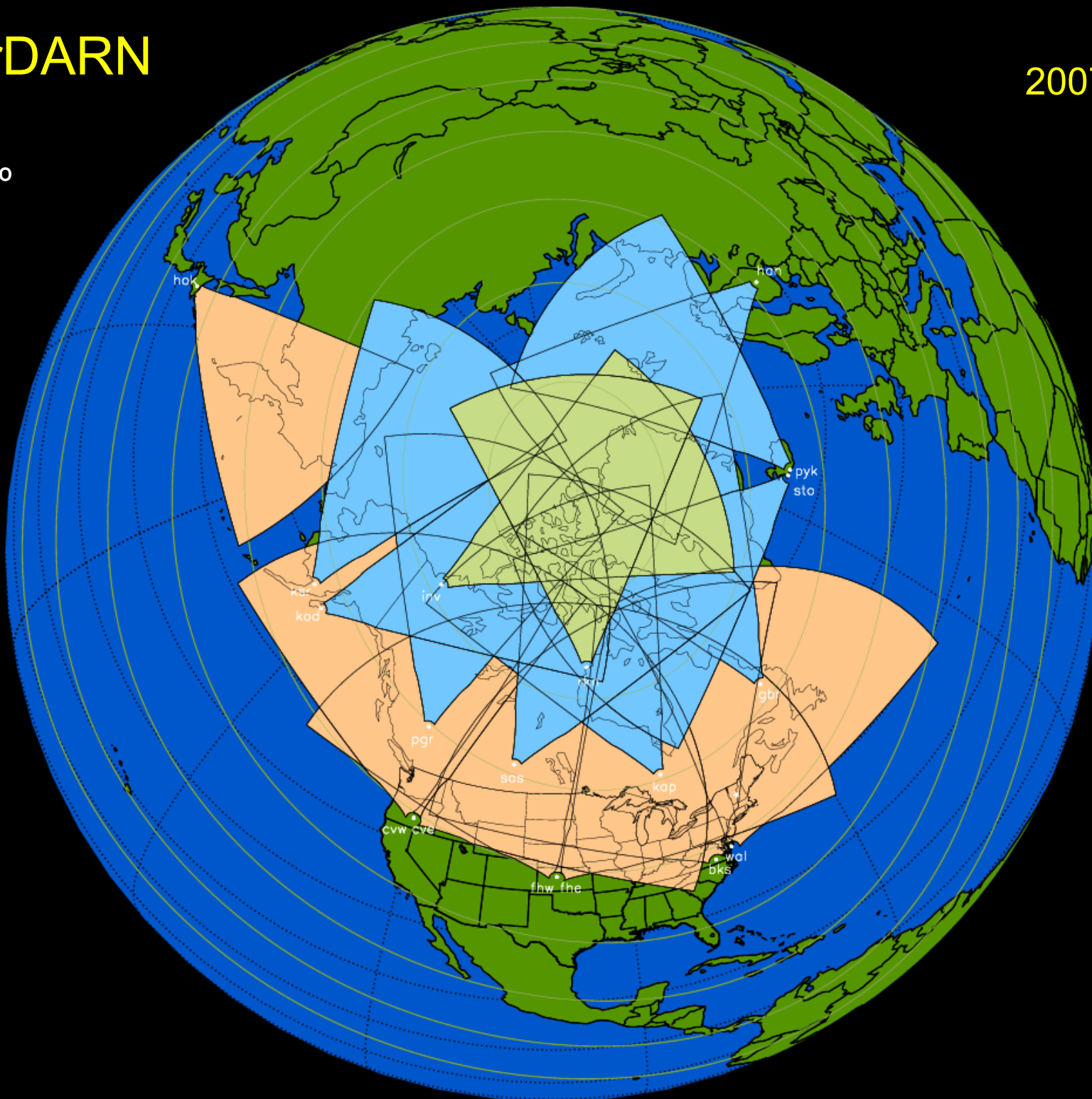
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PolarDARN

2007-2008

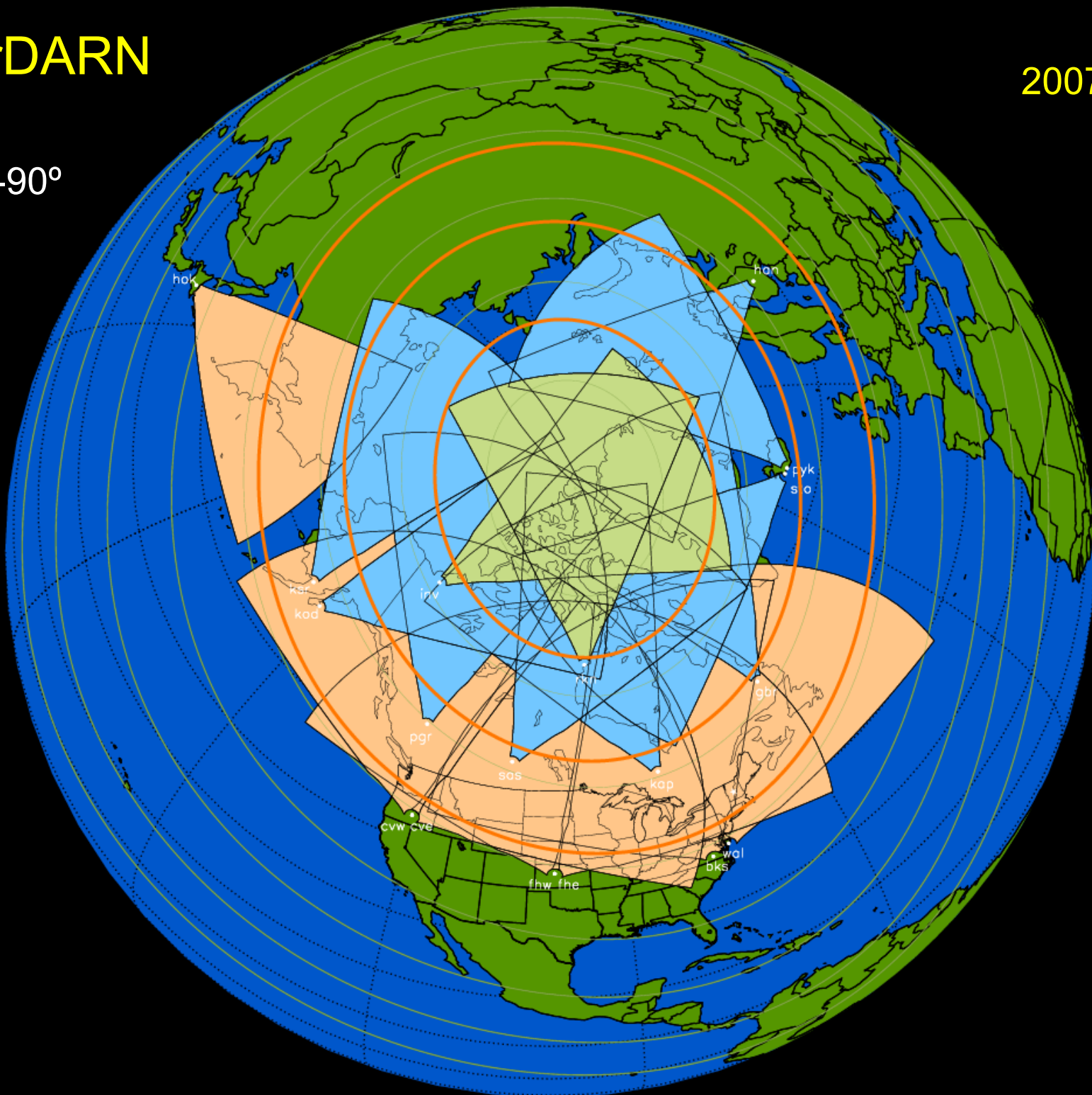
>72°



PolarDARN

2007-2008

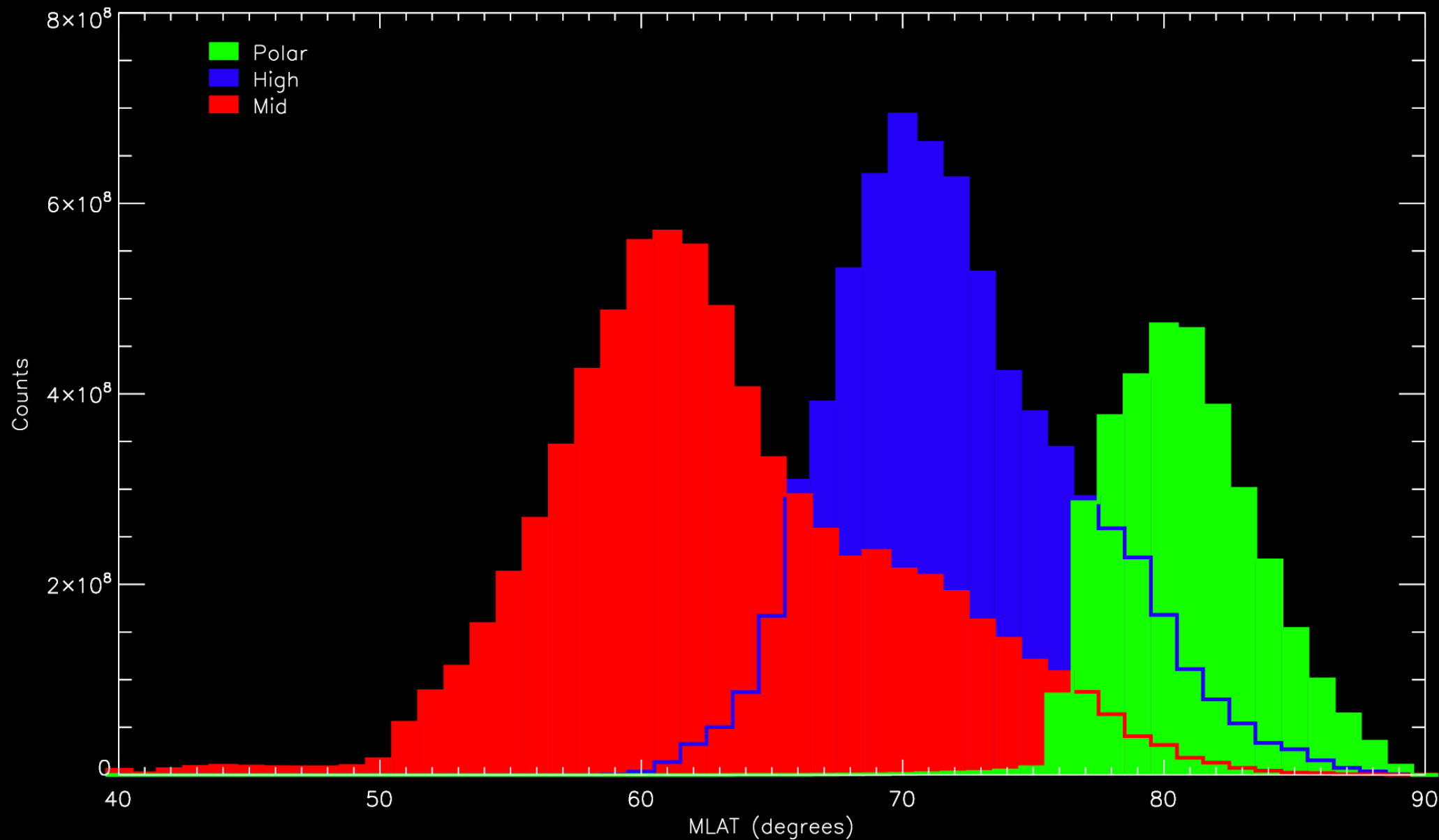
50°-90°



SuperDARN Backscatter

2011

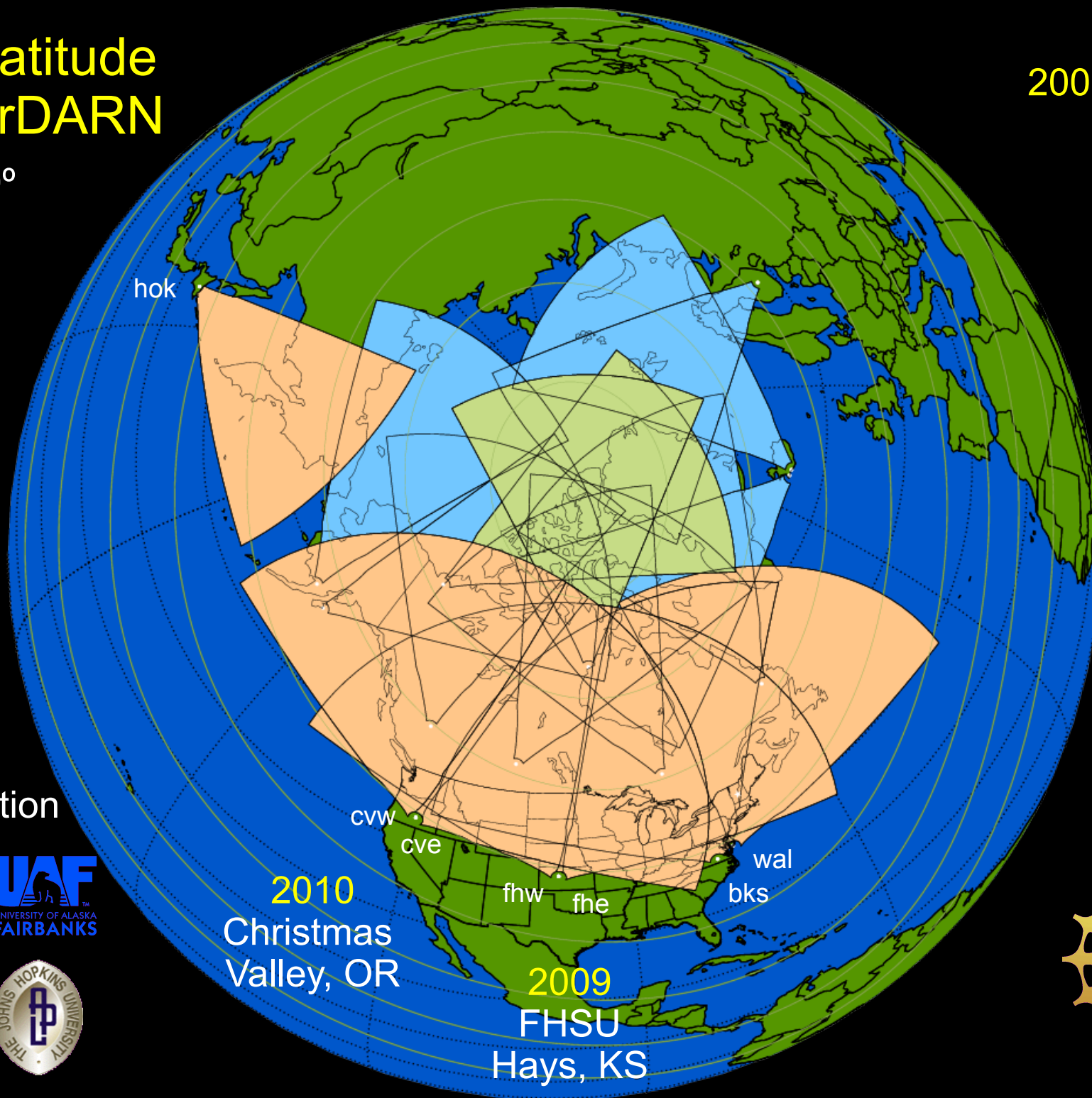
MLAT



Mid-Latitude SuperDARN

2009-2012

>50°



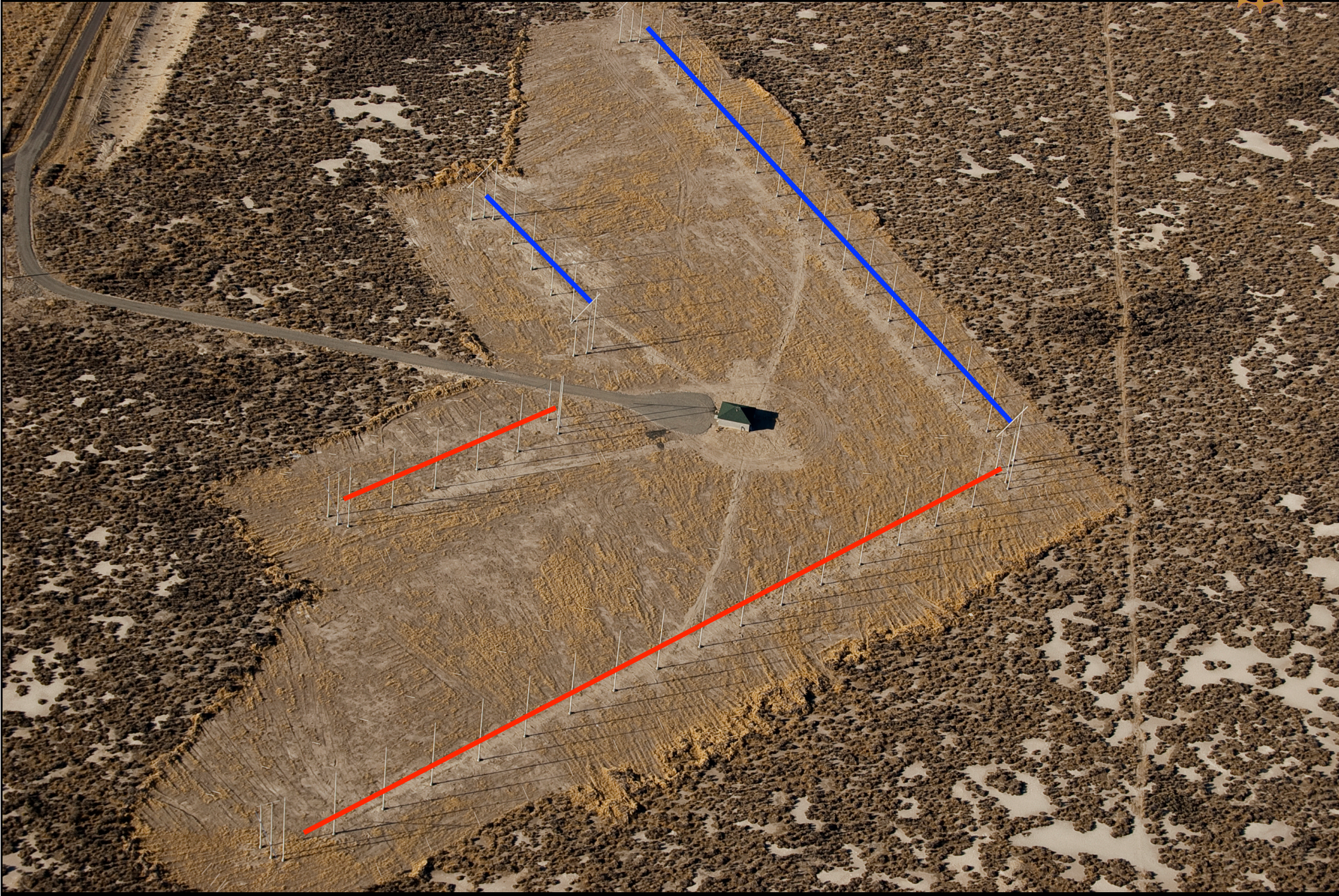
MSI
Collaboration



2010
Christmas
Valley, OR

2009
FHSU
Hays, KS





Oregon MSI Radars

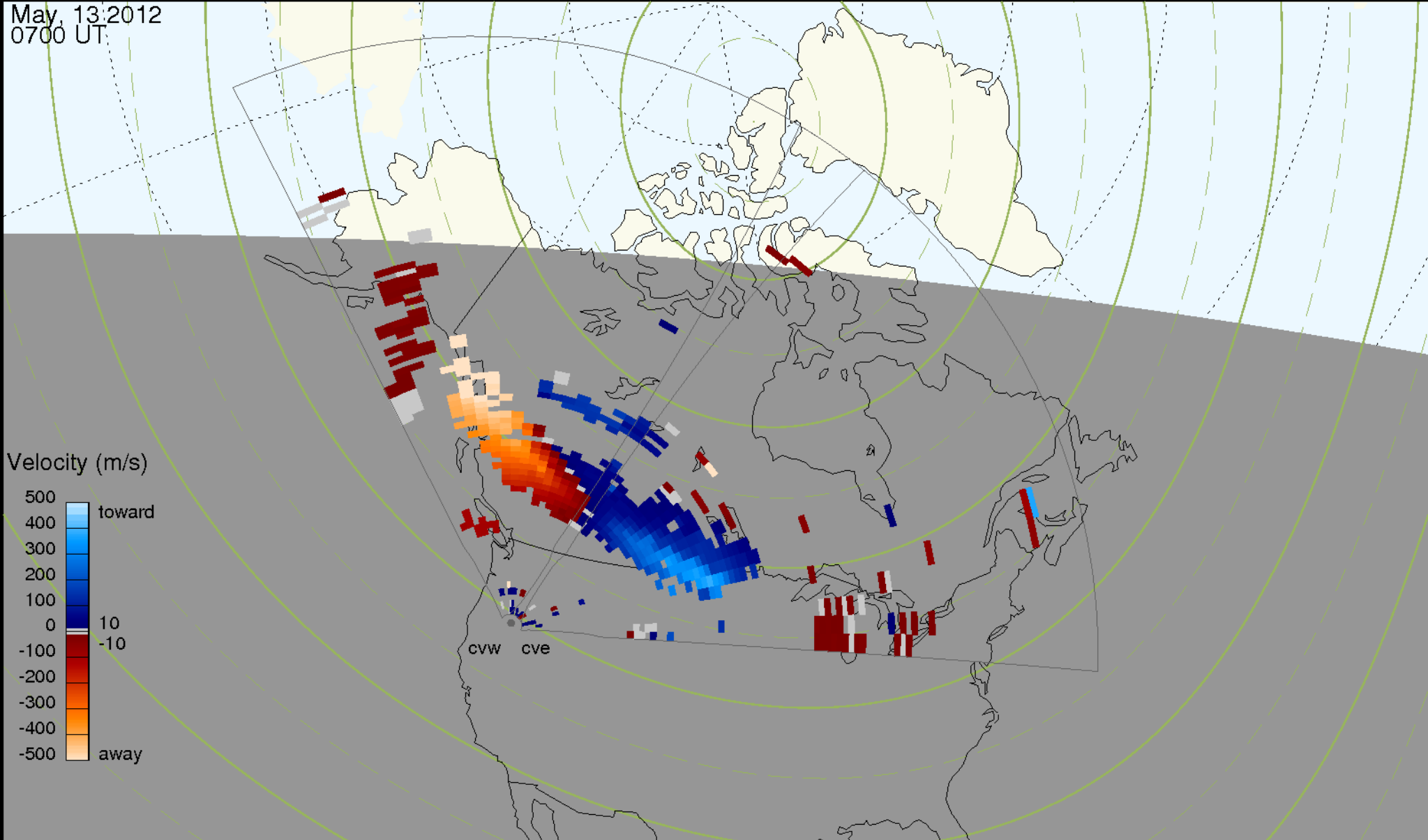
Christmas Valley, OR



SAPS - Sub Auroral Polarization Stream

Foster and Burke, EOS, 2002

May, 13, 2012
0700 UT

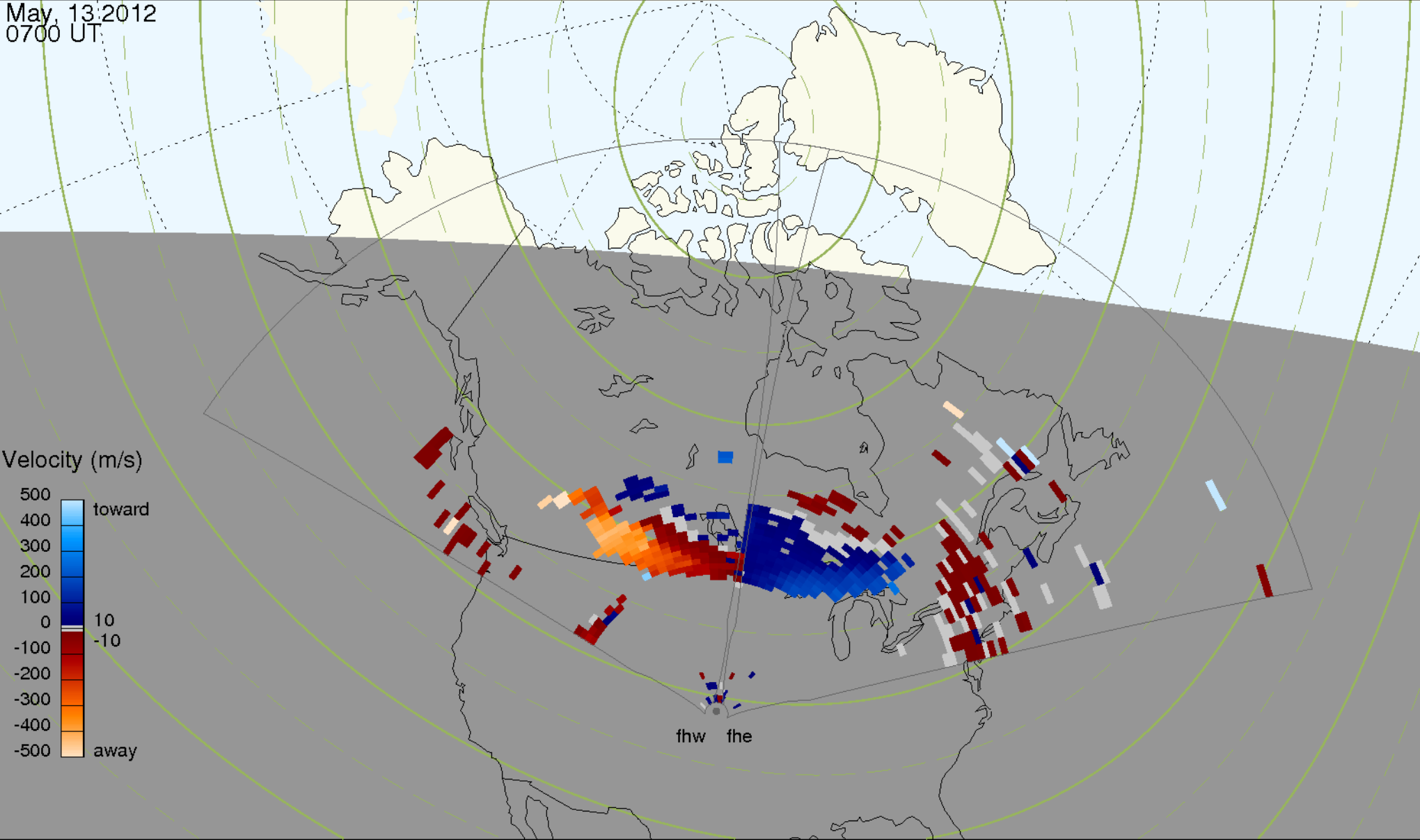


Kansas MSI Radars

Hays, KS



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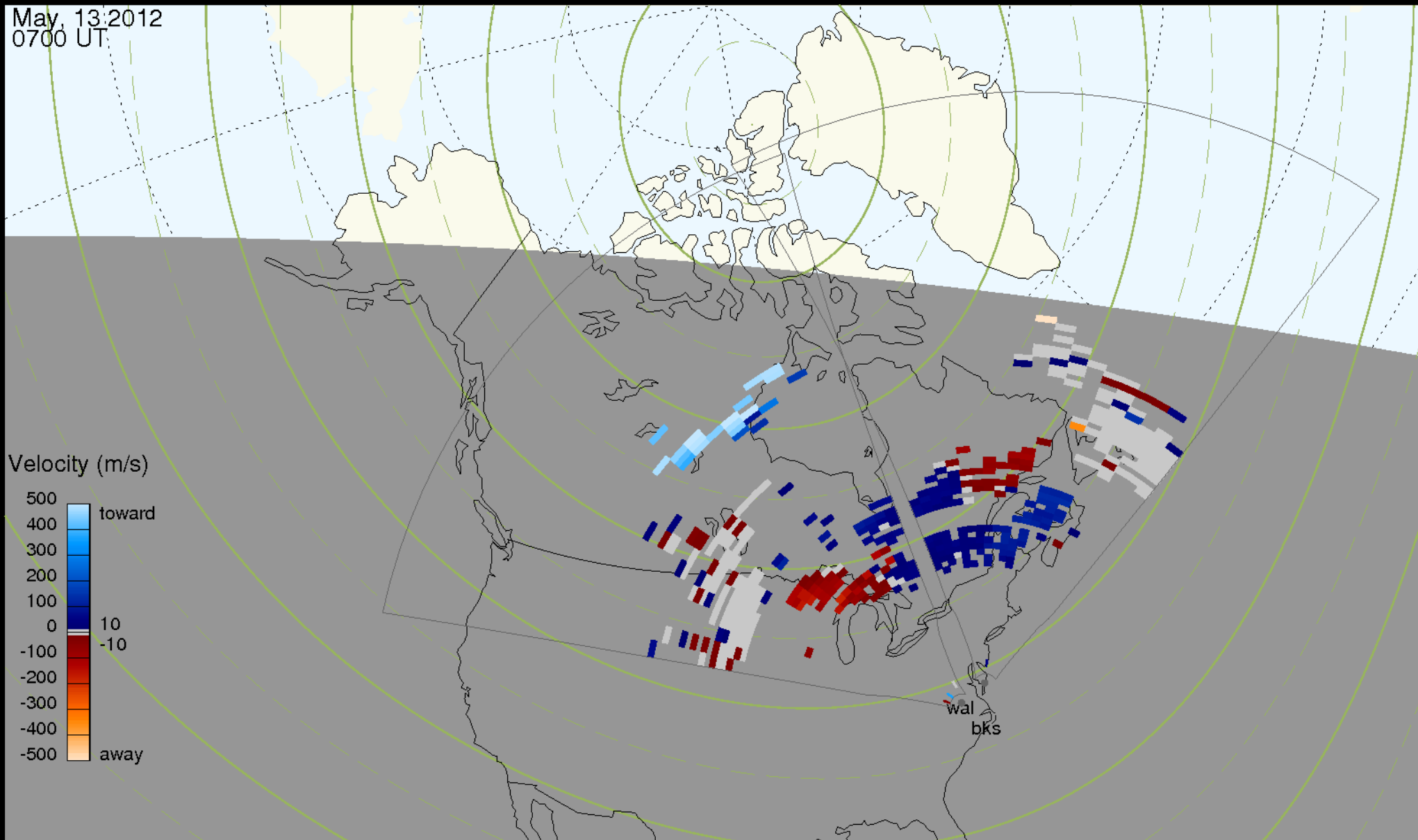


Virginia SuperDARN Radars

Wallops Island, VA
Blackstone, VA



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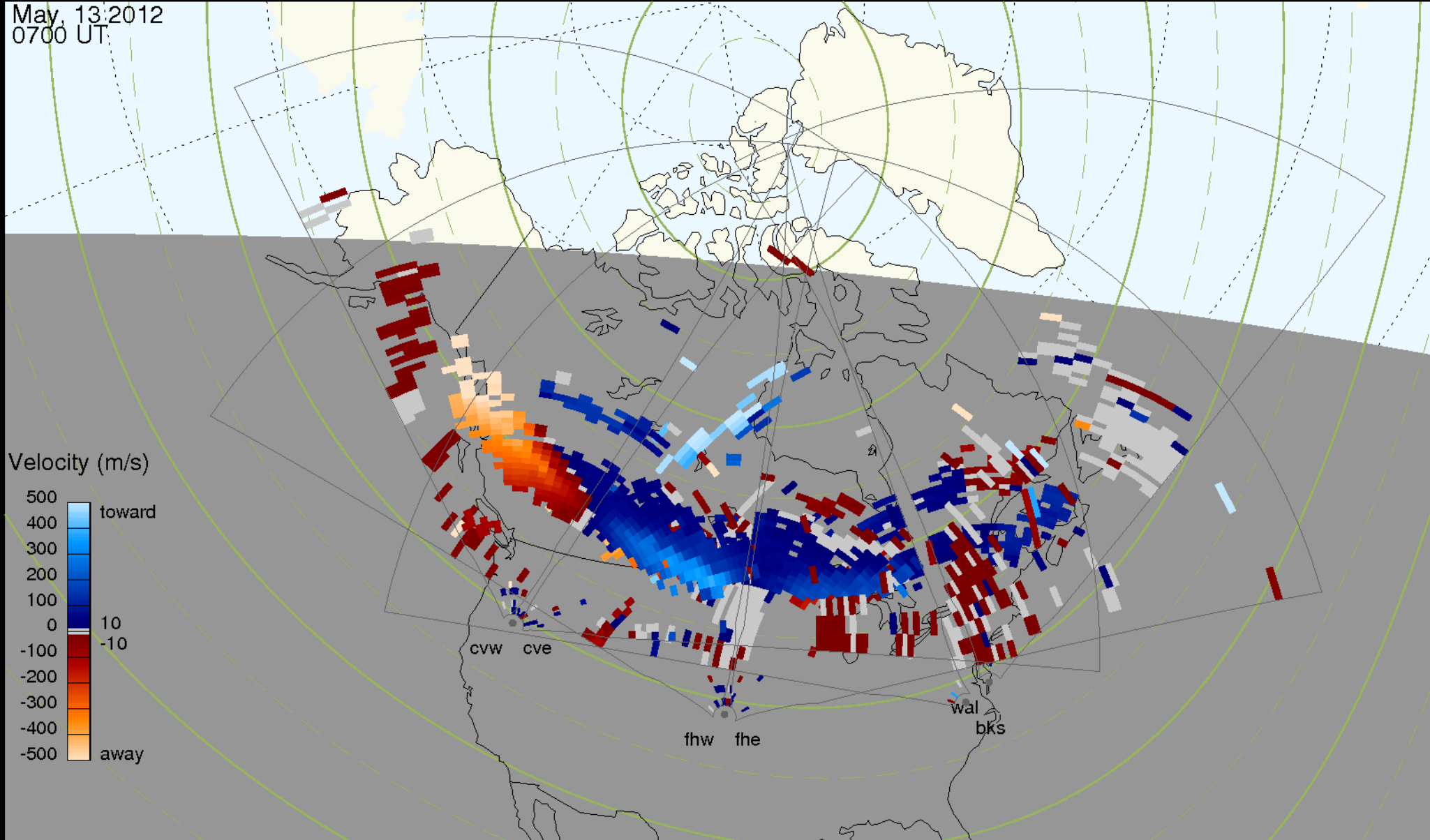


SuperDARN Mid-Latitude Radars

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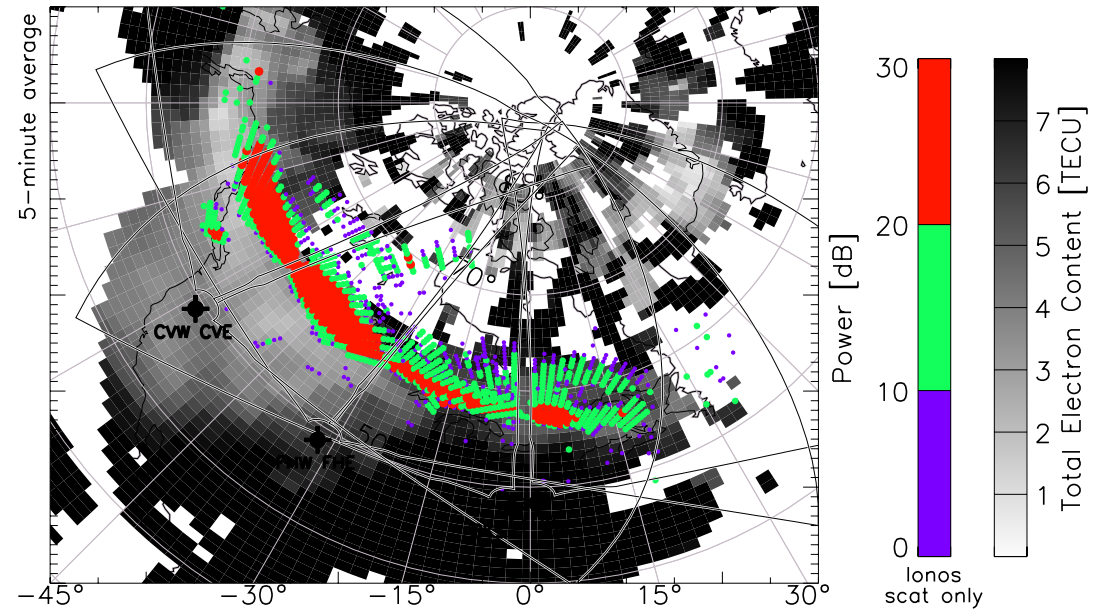
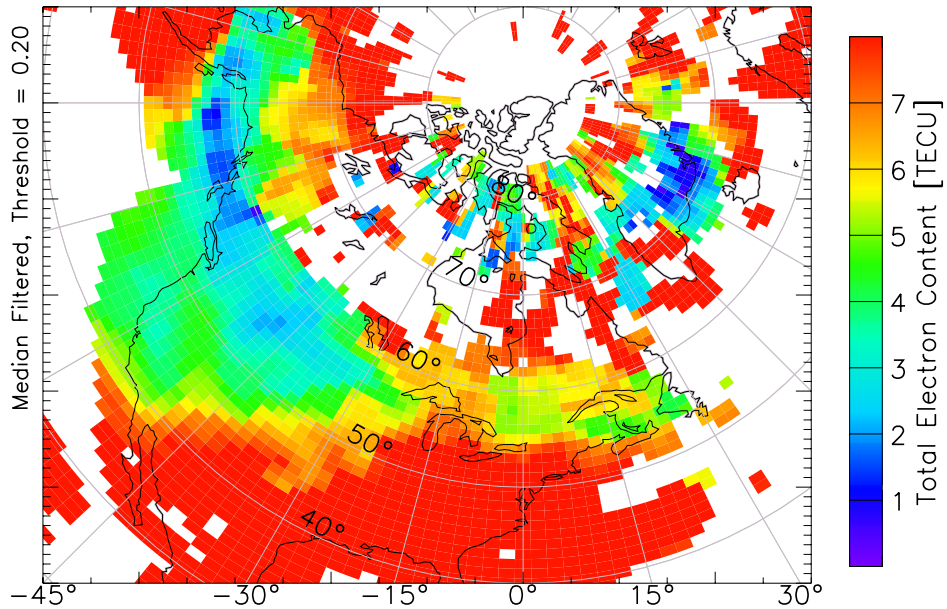


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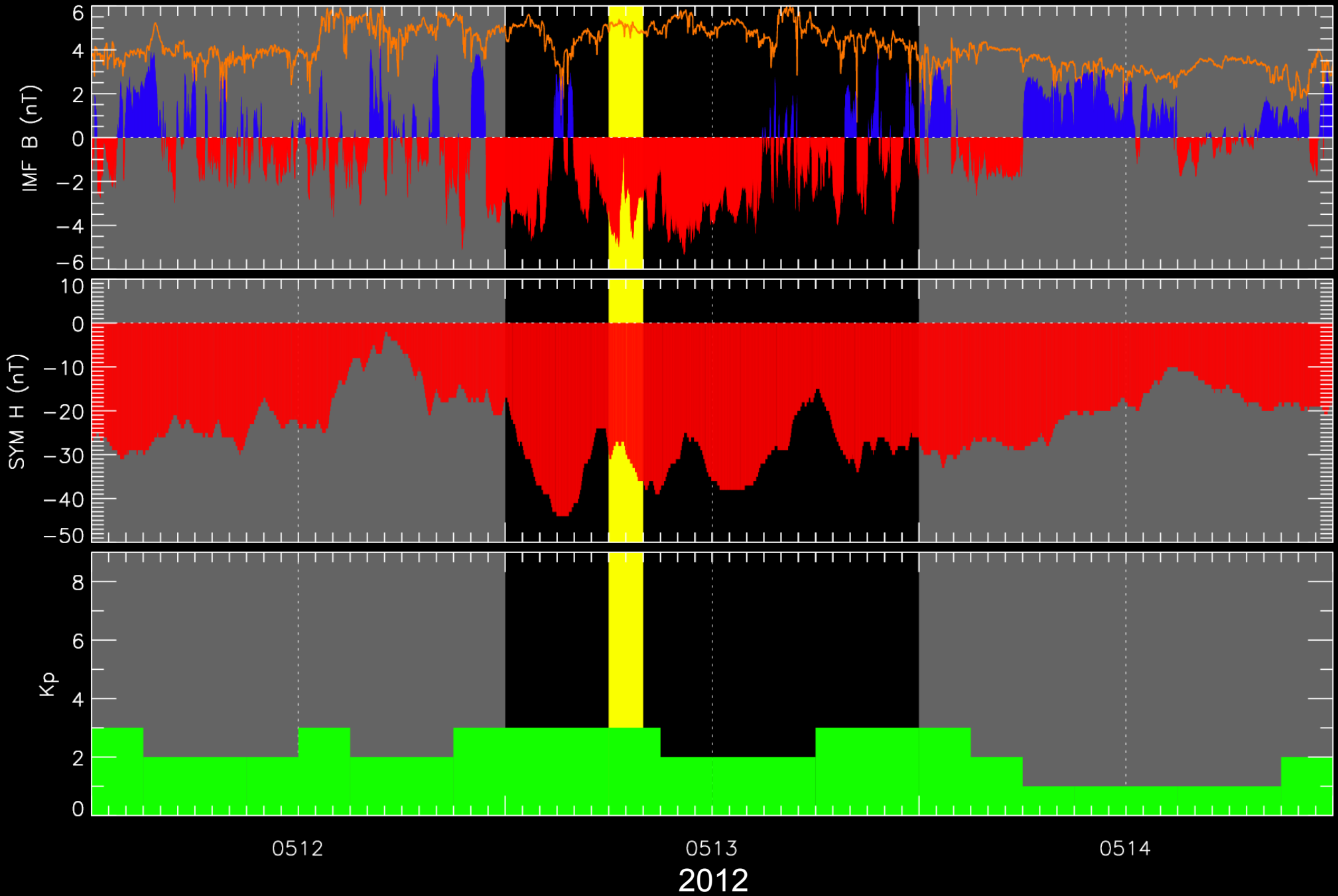
SAPS - Sub Auroral Polarization Stream



GPS/TEC



Solar Wind and Geophysical Conditions



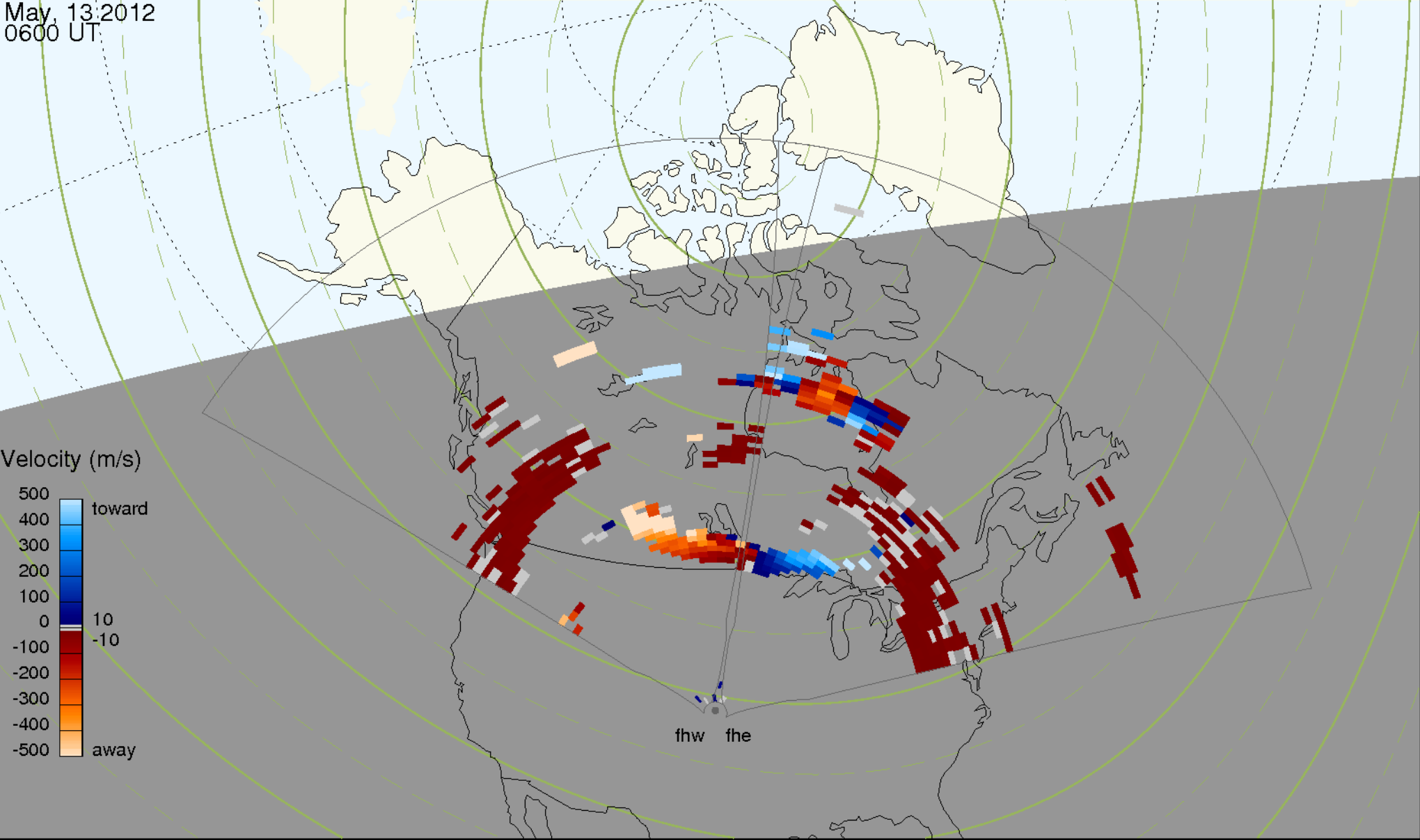
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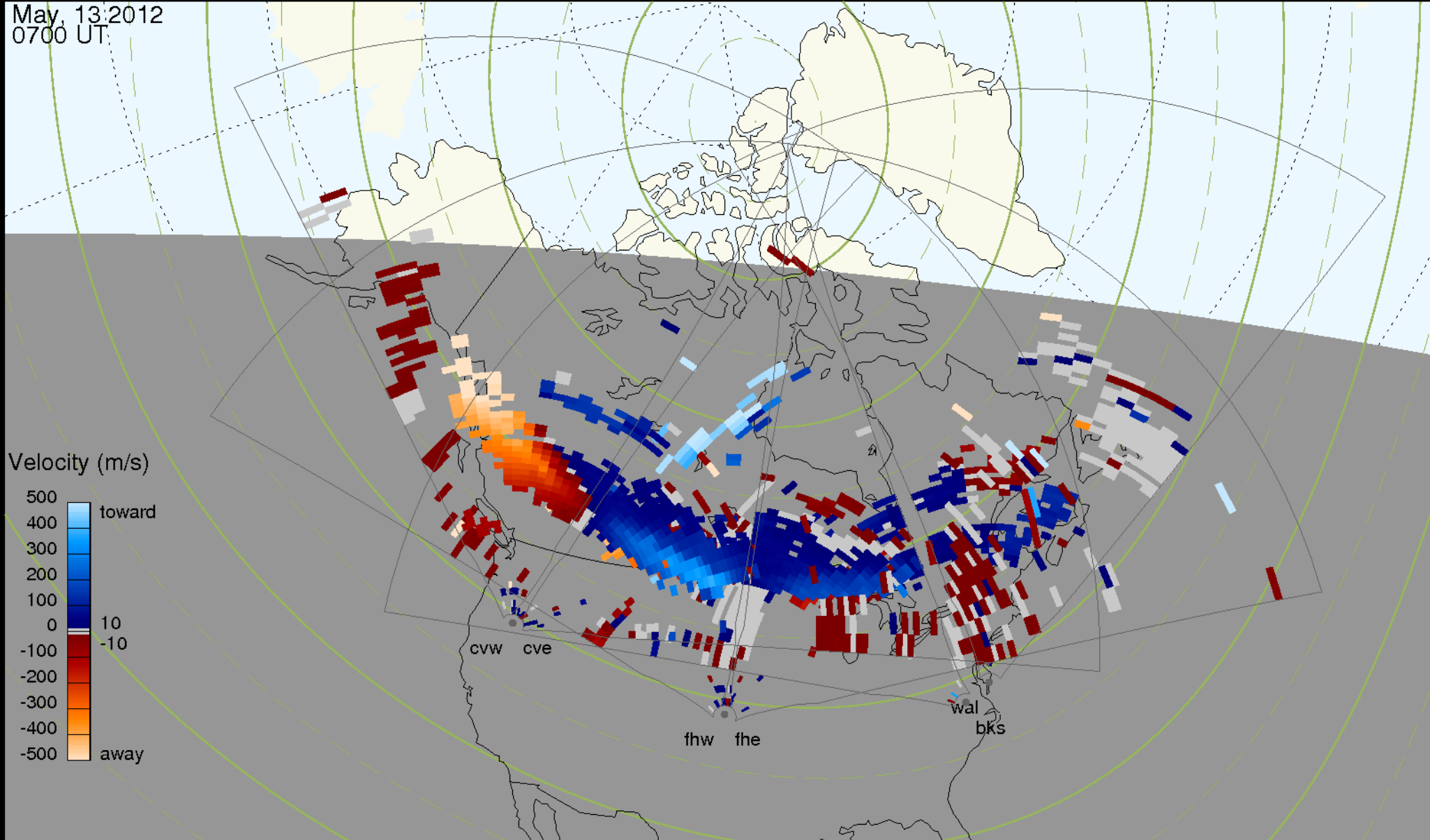


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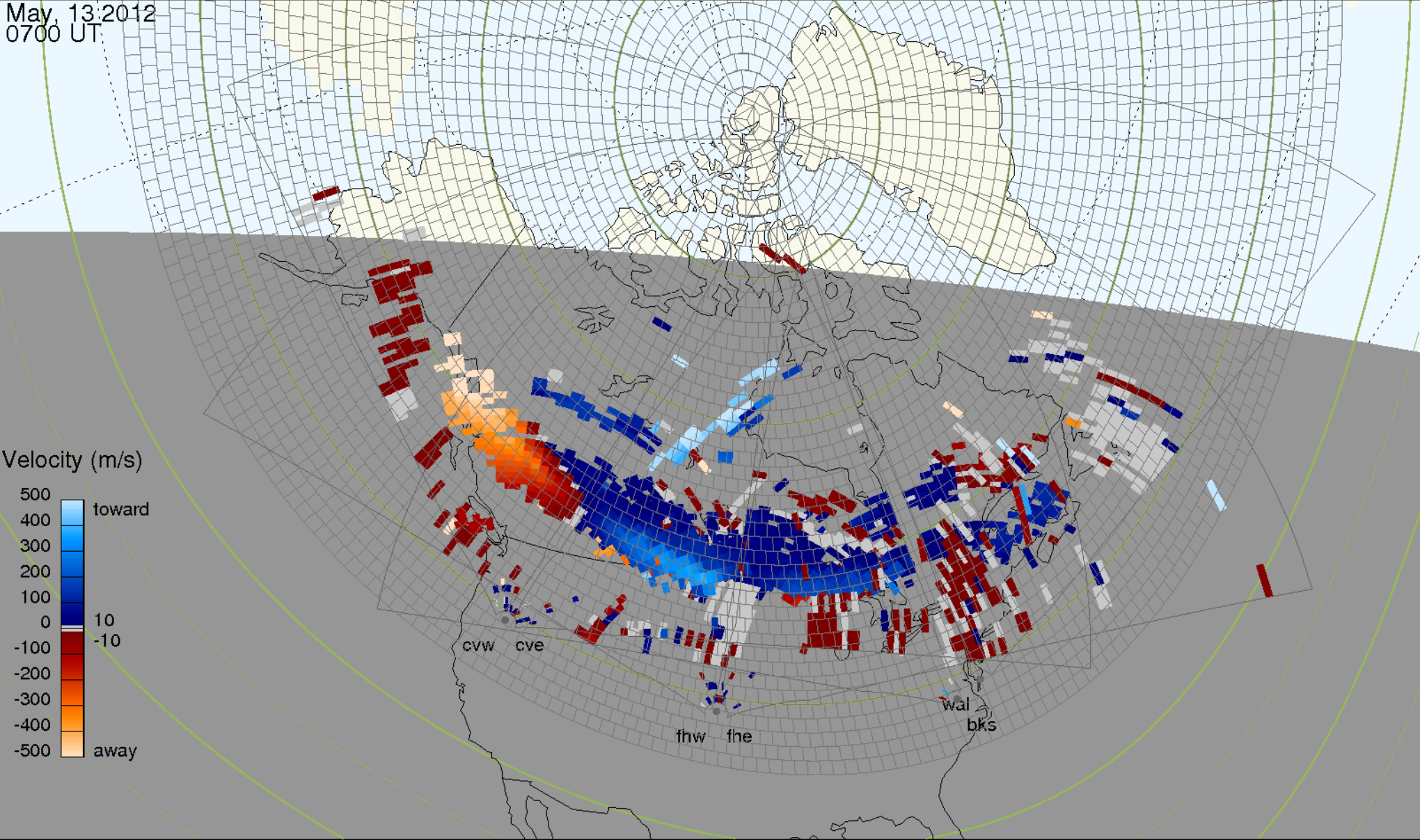


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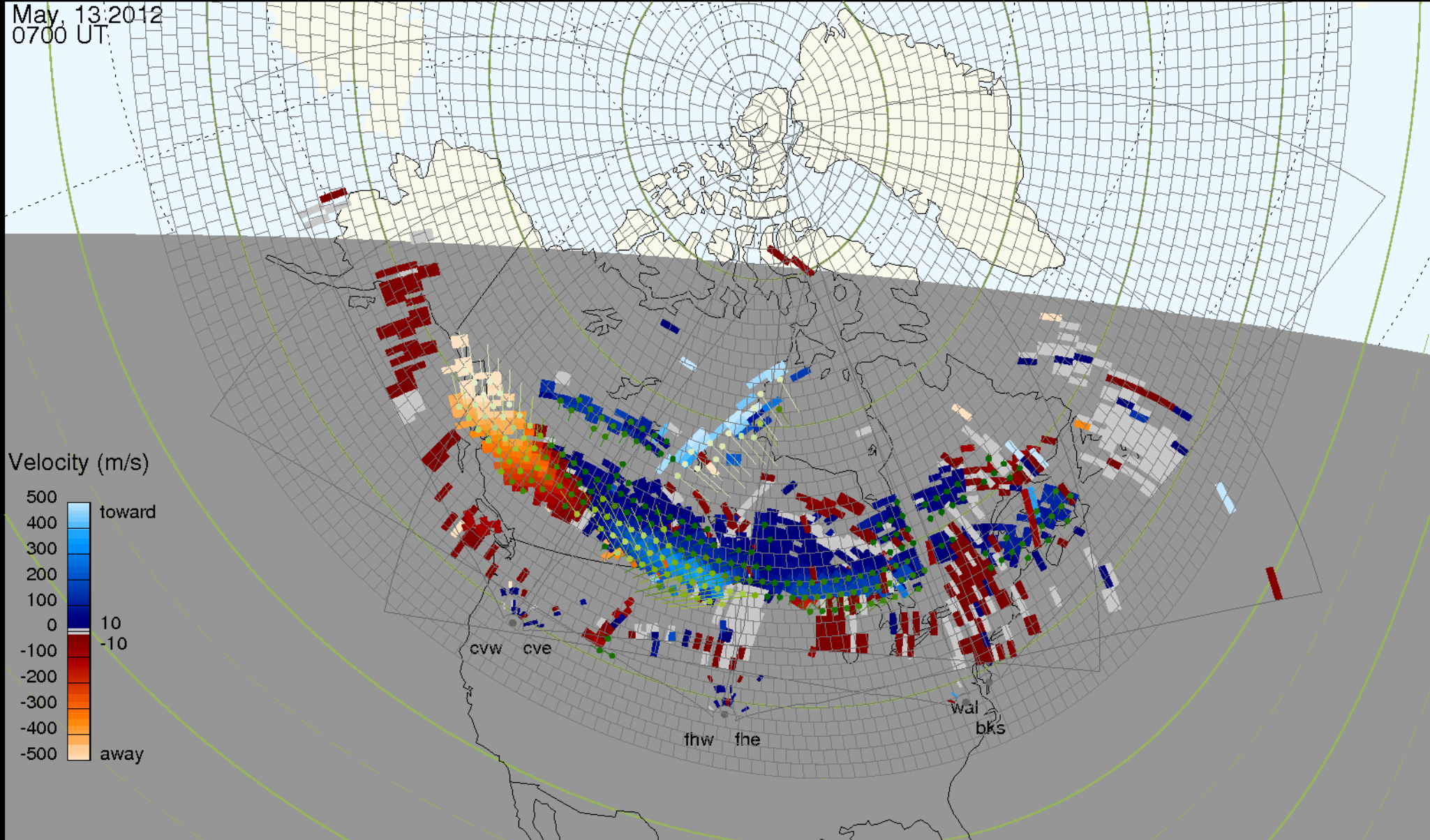
SuperDARN Mid-Latitude Radars

SAPS - Sub Auroral Polarization Stream

line-of-sight



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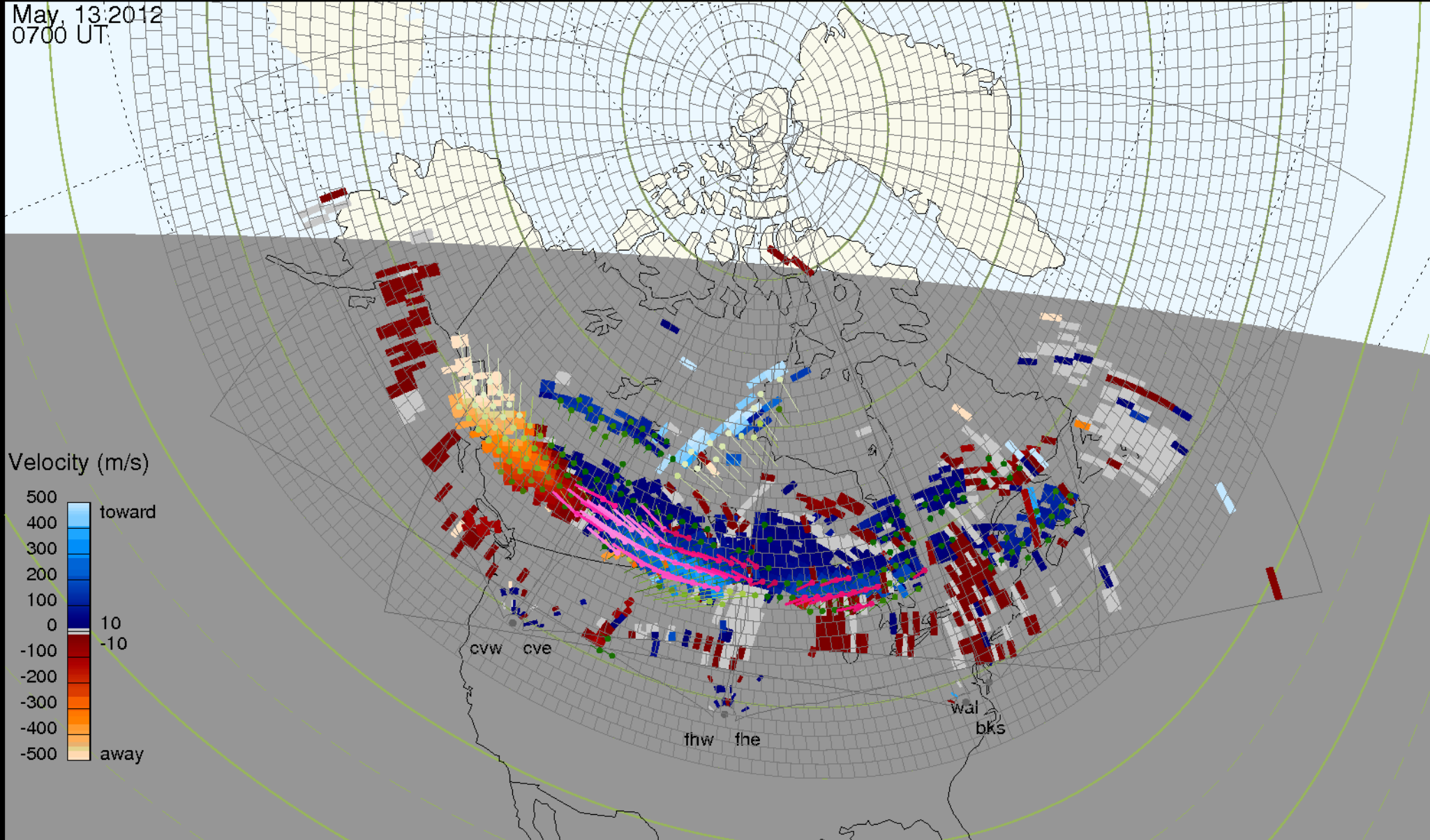
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SAPS - Sub Auroral Polarization Stream

2D velocity



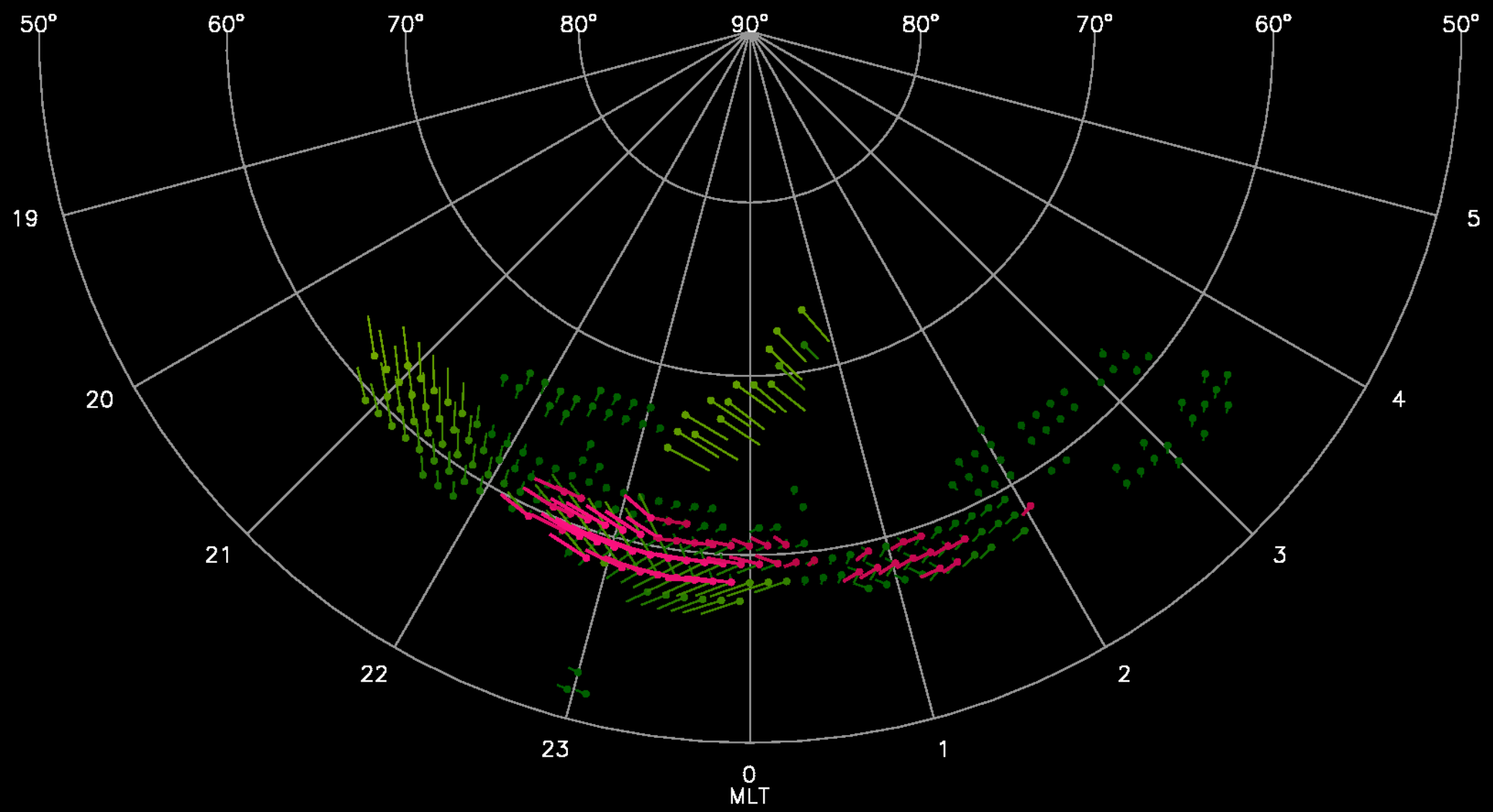
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2D SAPS Velocity

MLAT, MLT

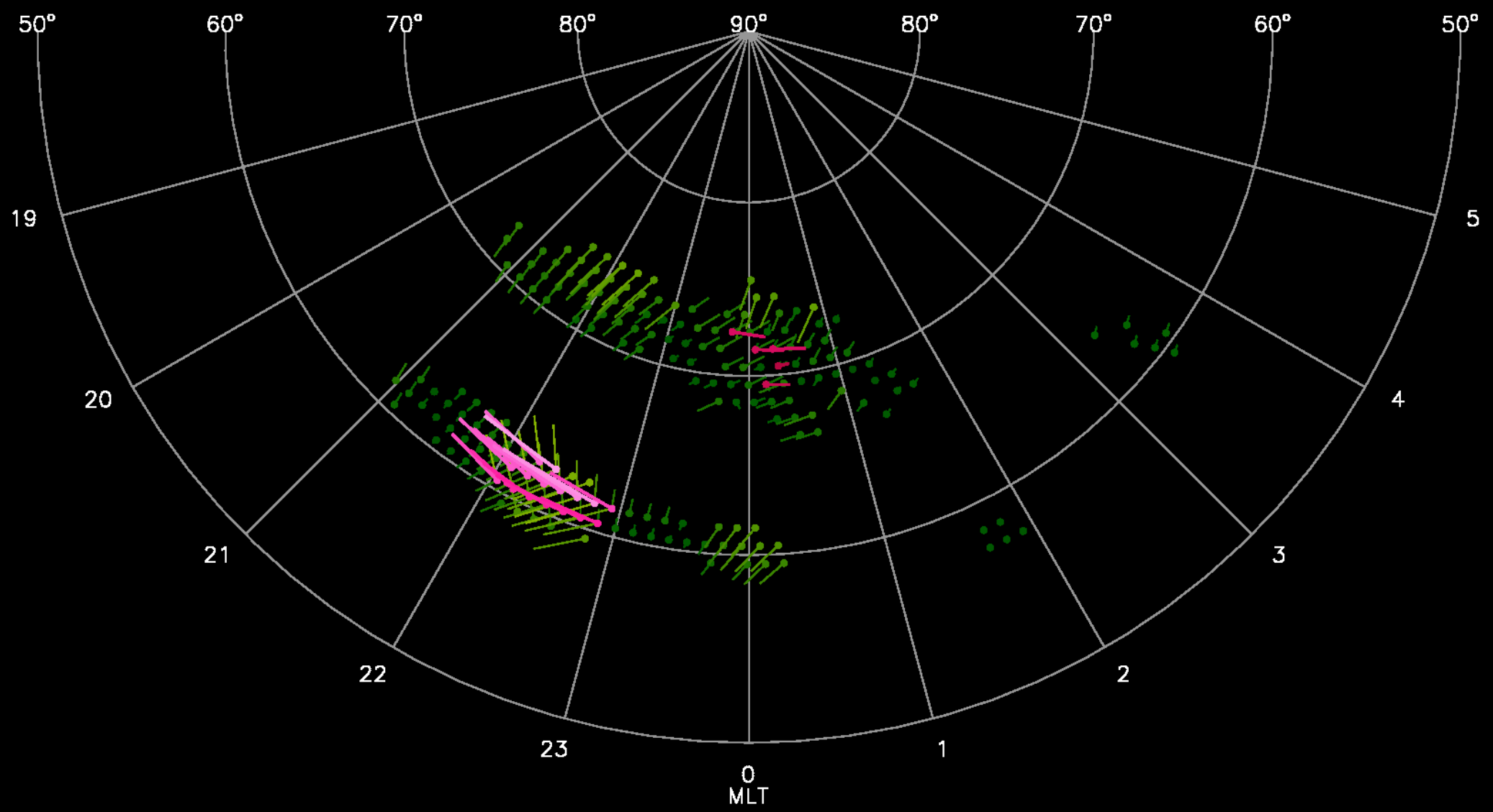
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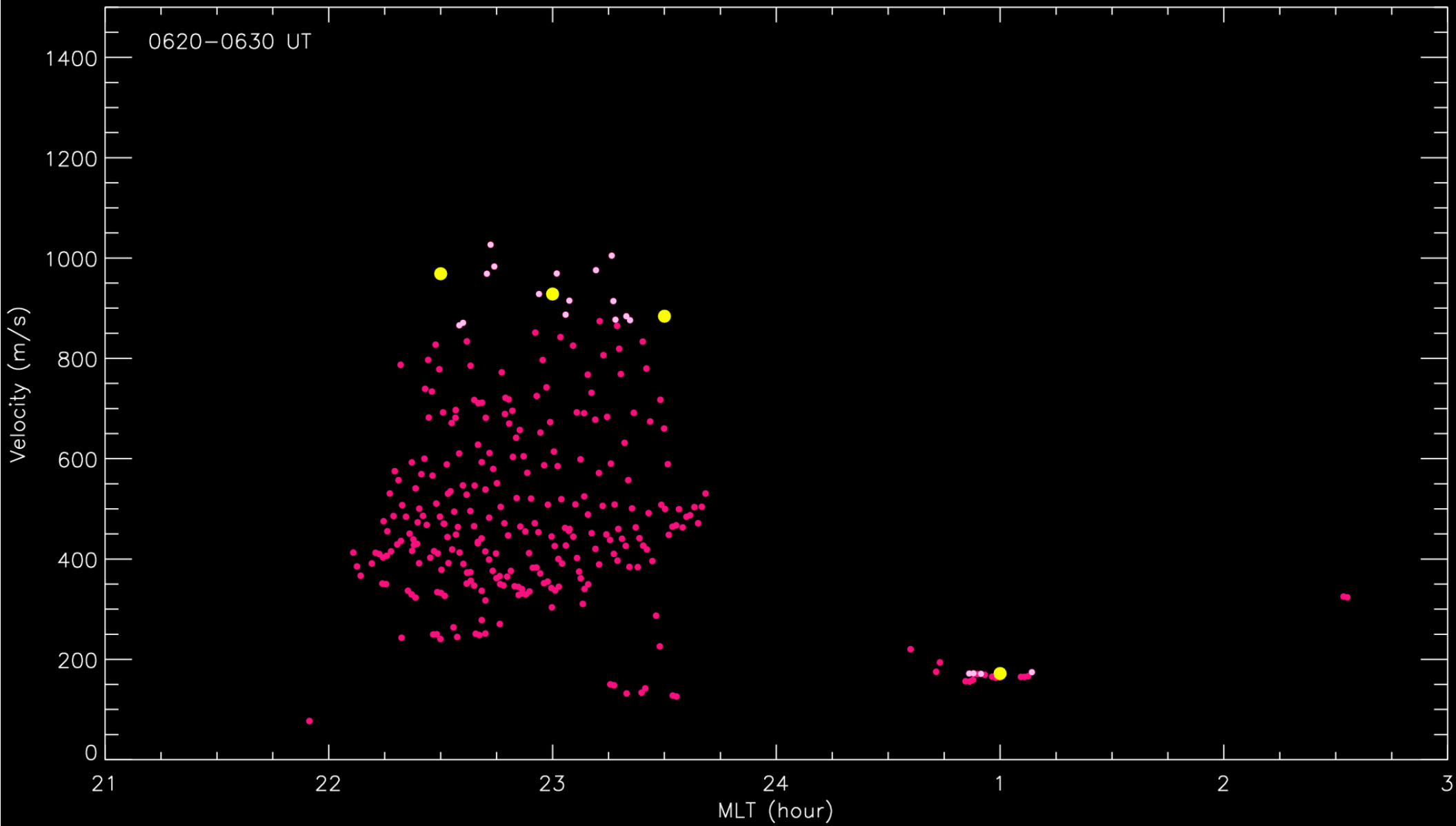
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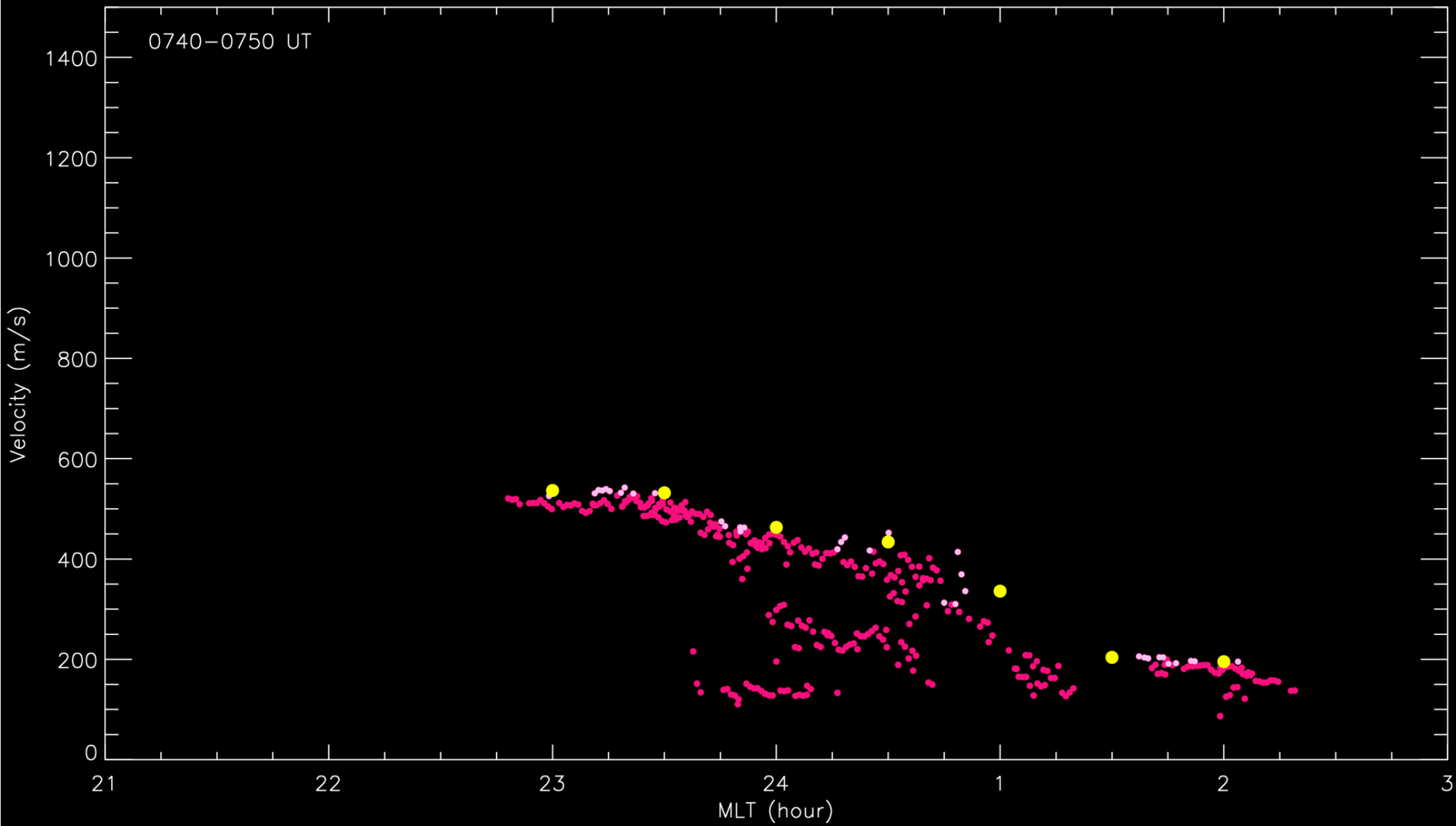
2D SAPS Velocity

velocity variation



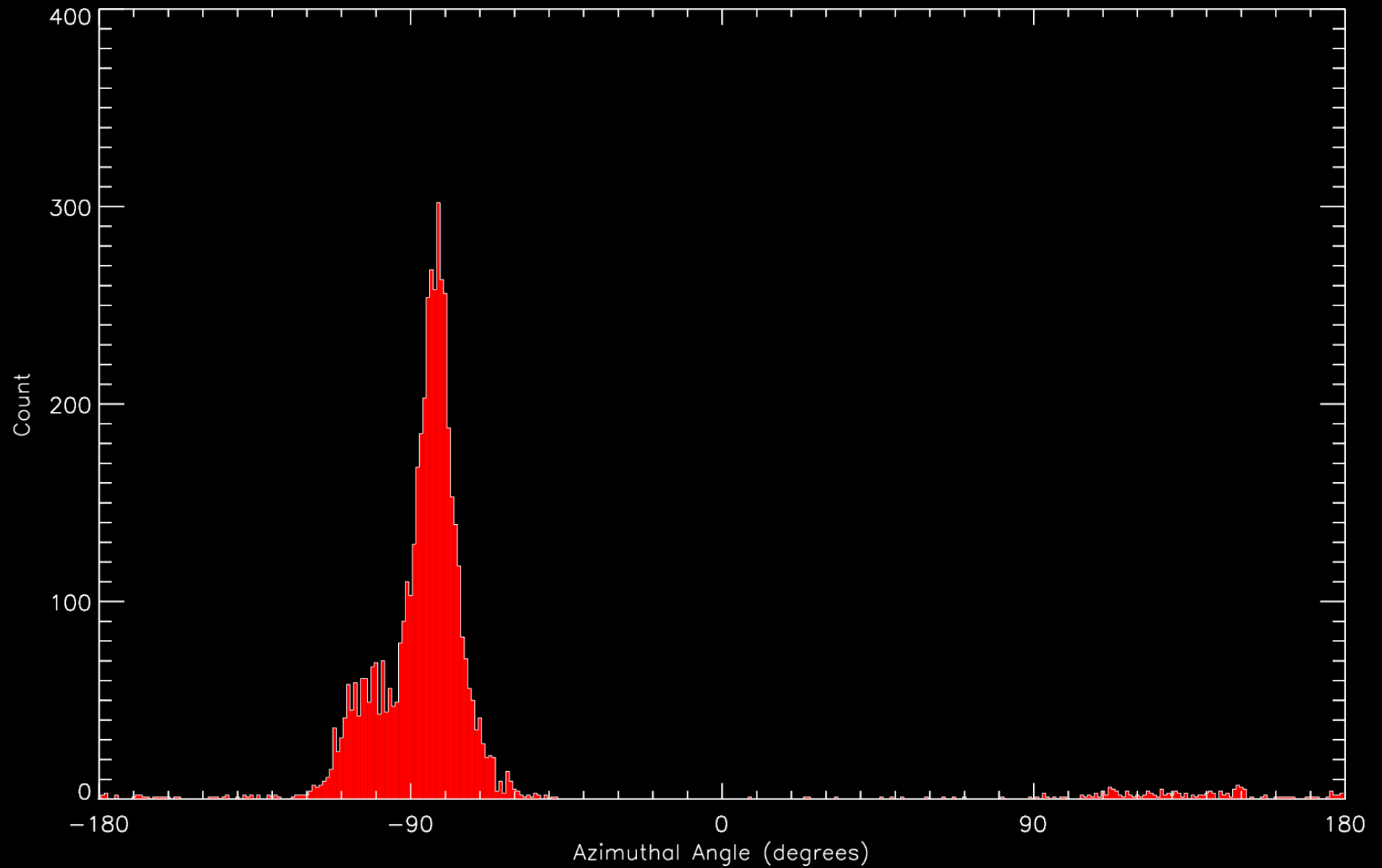
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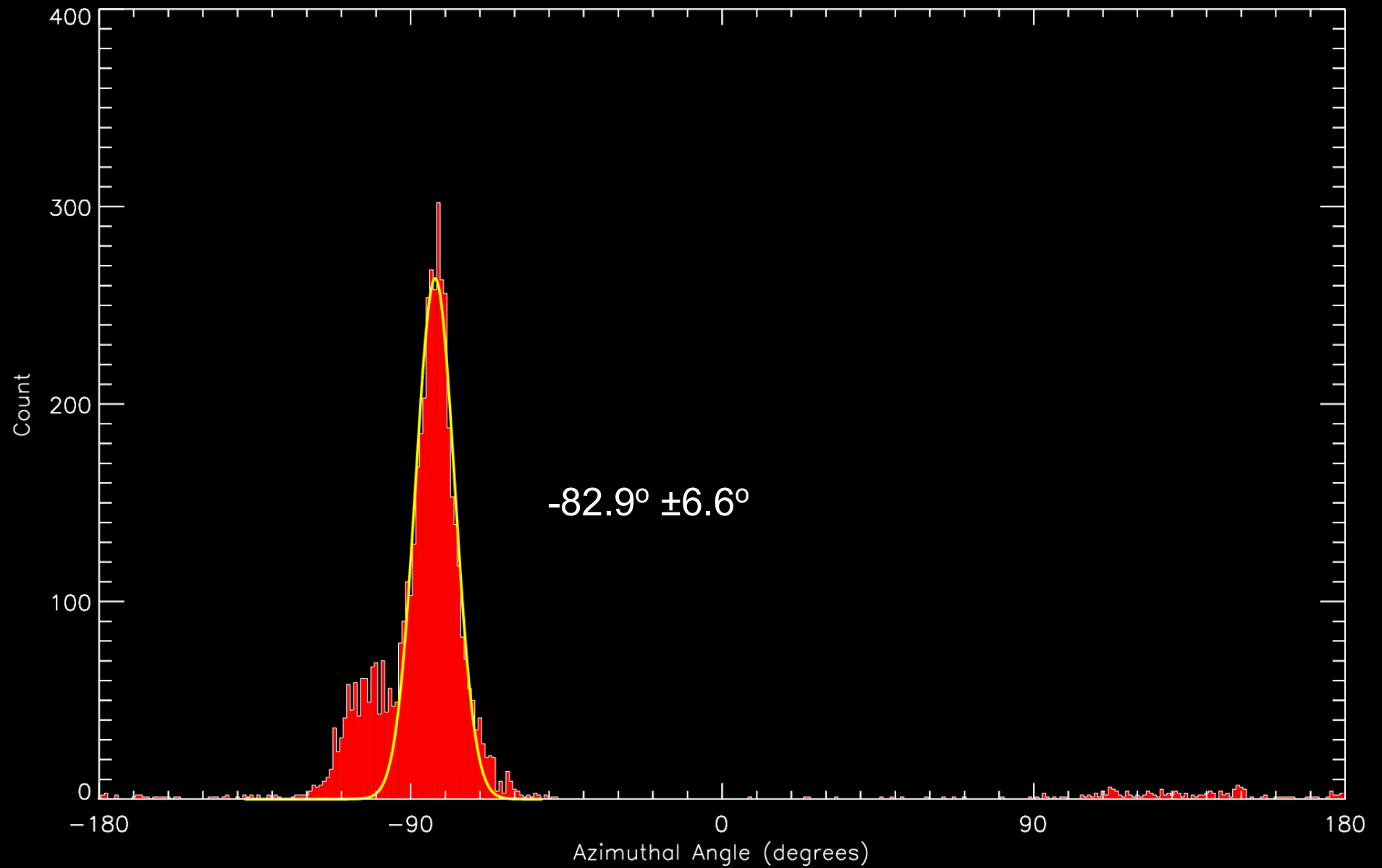
2D SAPS Velocity

Azimuthal Variation



2D SAPS Velocity

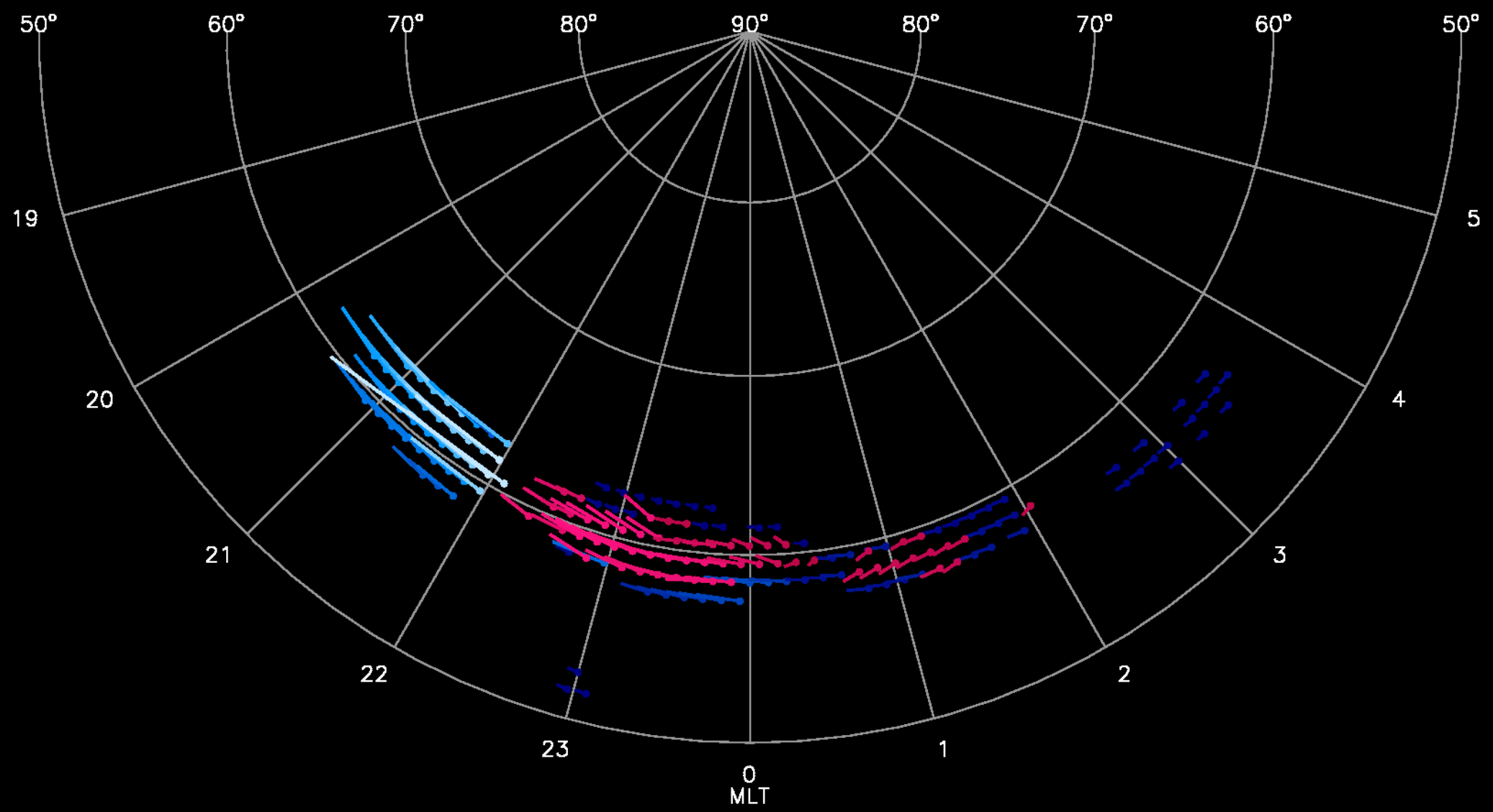
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2D SAPS Velocity

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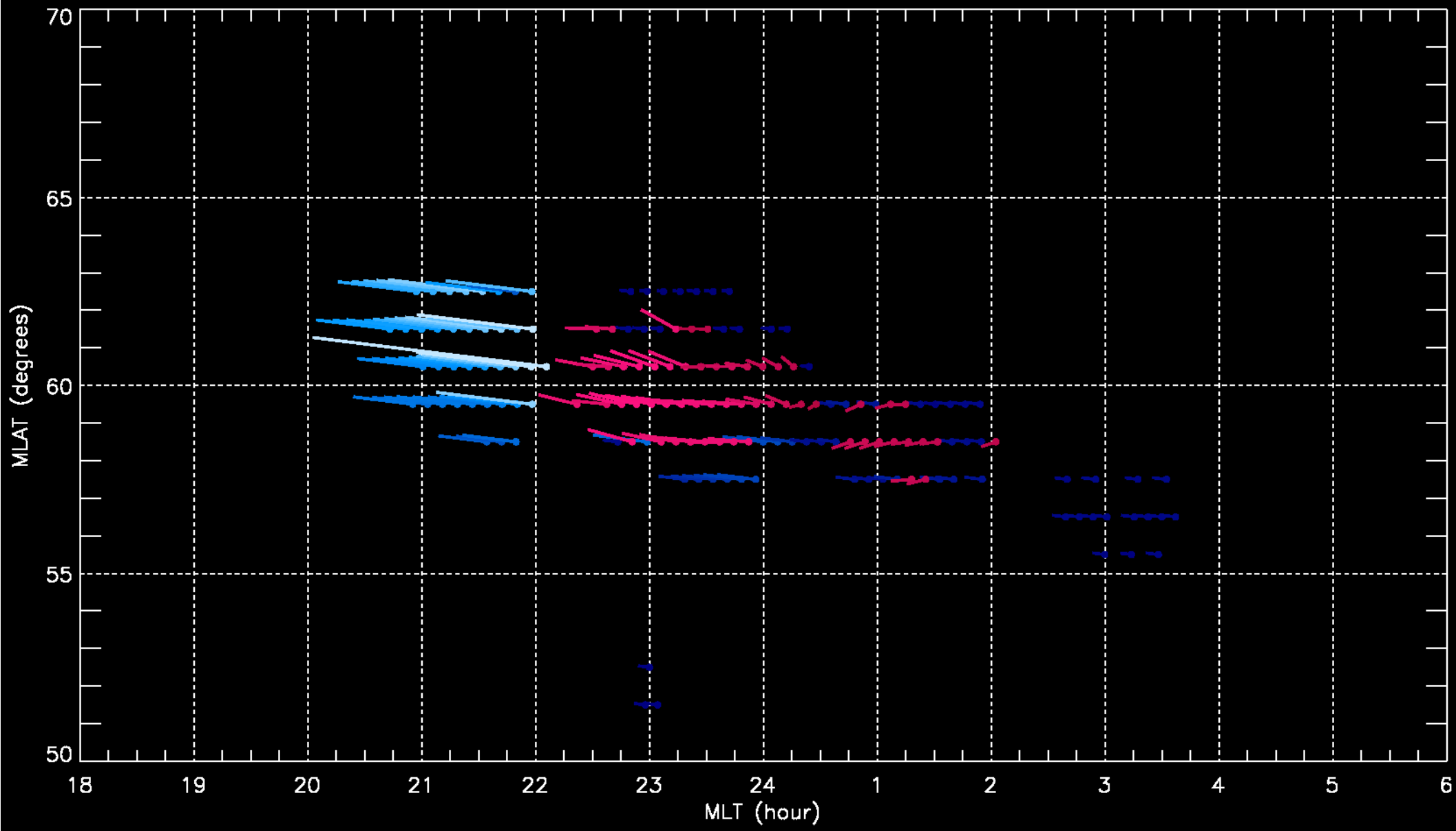
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MRC

1 km/s

PRJ



2D SAPS Velocity

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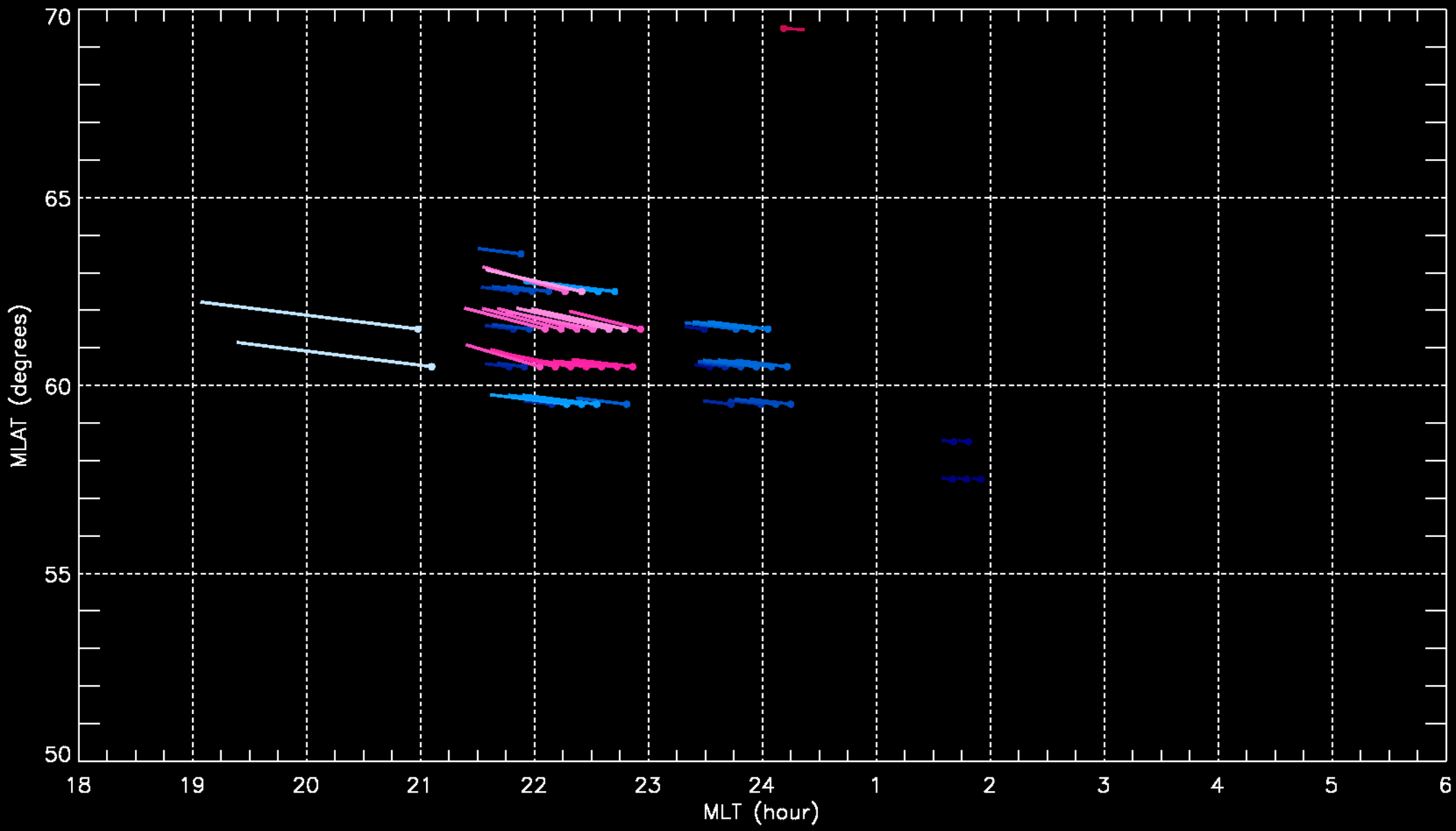
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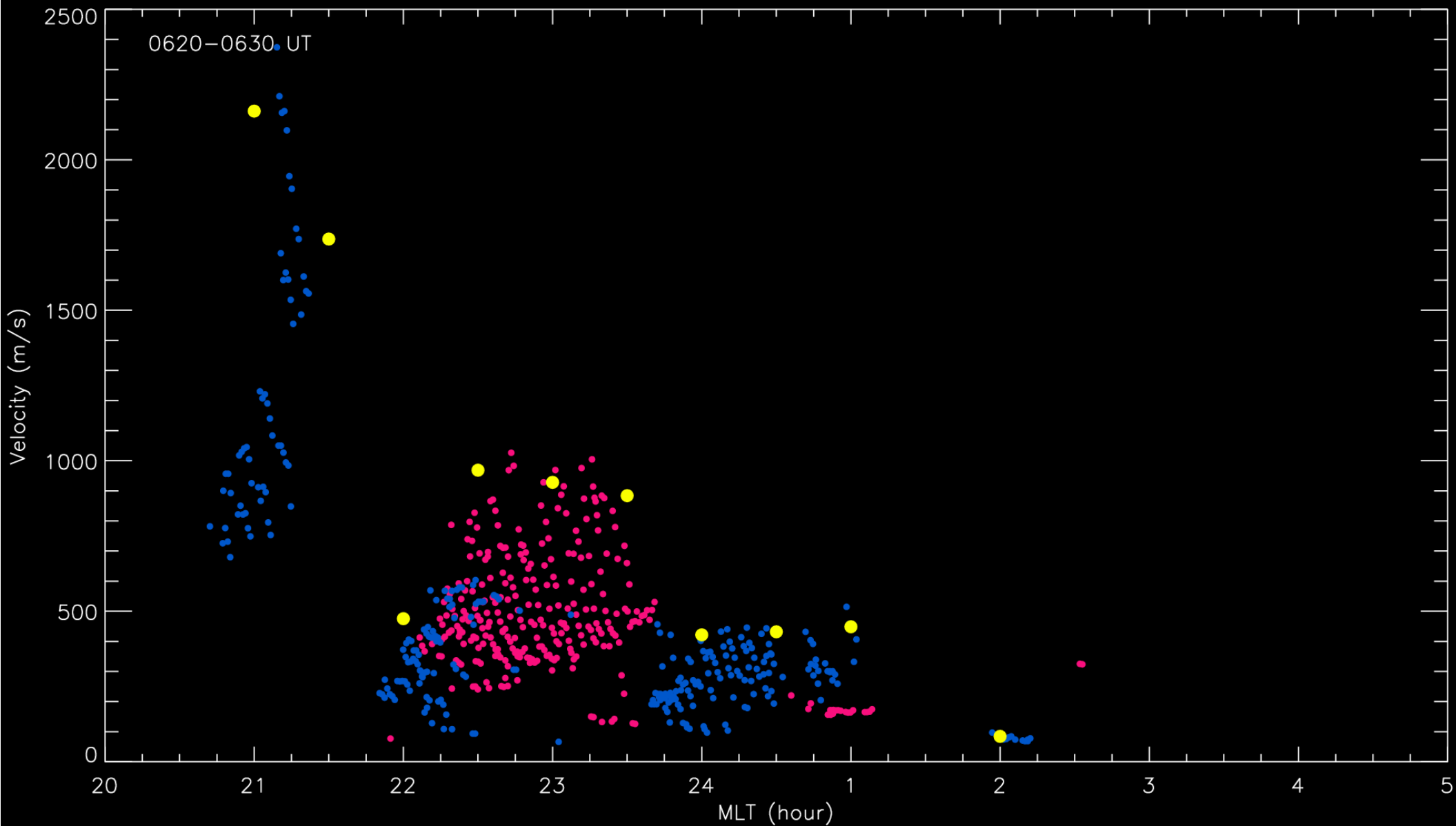
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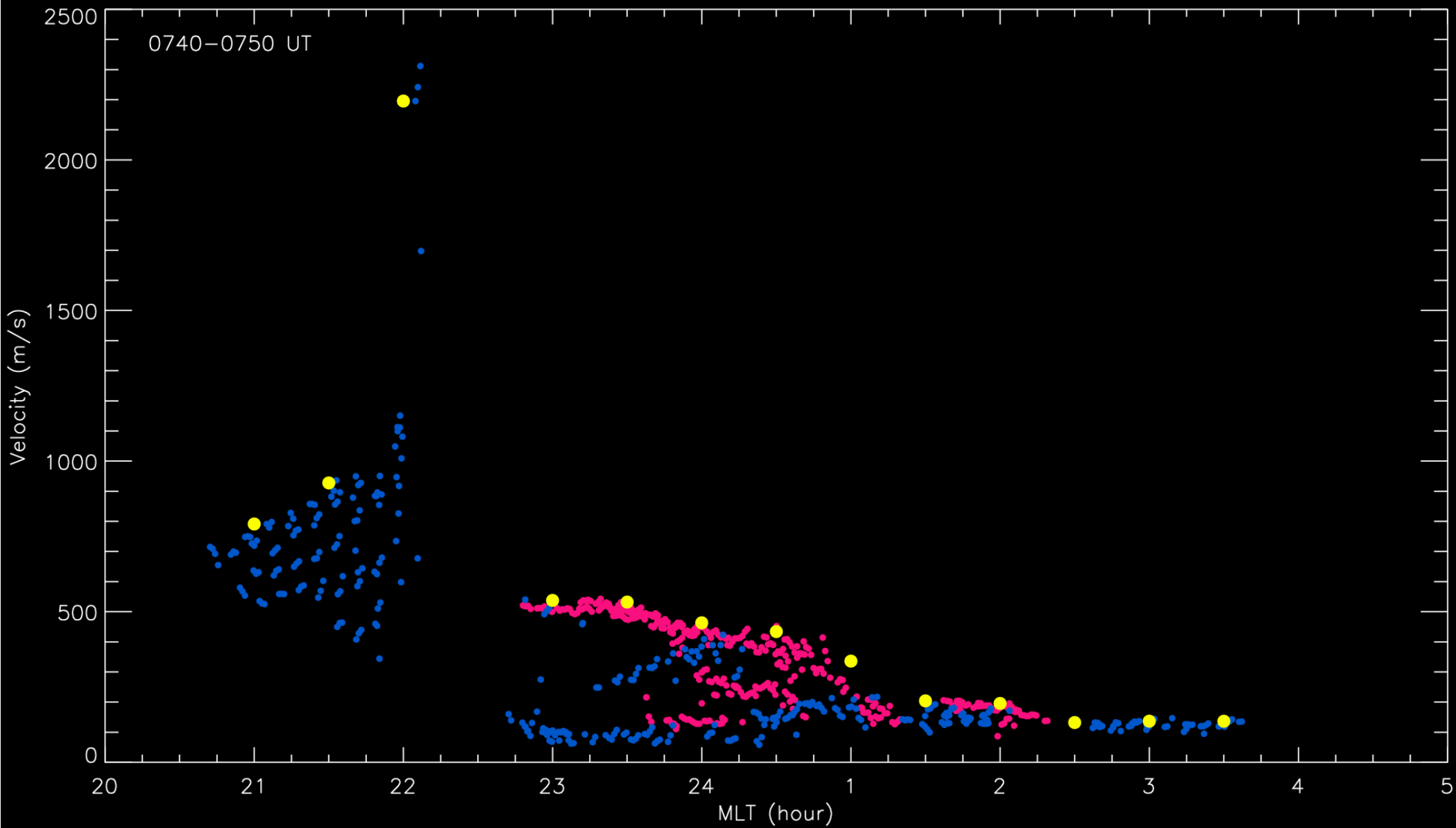
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velocity variation



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velocity variation



Event Summary

May 13, 2012 0600-0800 UT

Sub Auroral Polarization Stream

Foster and Burke, EOS, 2002

2D velocity

1-min resolution

~5 hours MLT

(>7 hours MLT LOS)

Peak flows

Clausen et al., JGR, 2012

near 60°

(62° @ 21 MLT 57° @ 3MLT)

Foster and Vo, JGR, 2002

Erickson et al., JGR, 2011

~3° wide

westward flow ($-83^\circ \pm 7^\circ$)

>1 km/s (2D)

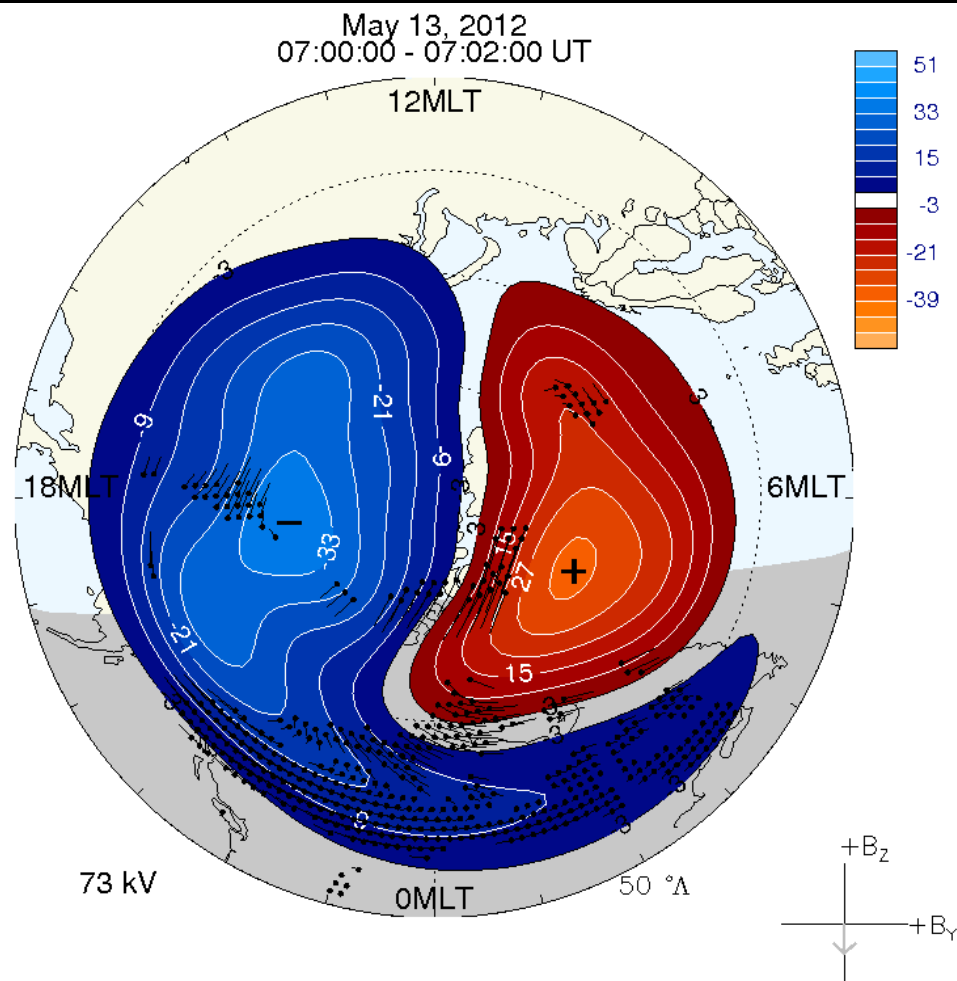
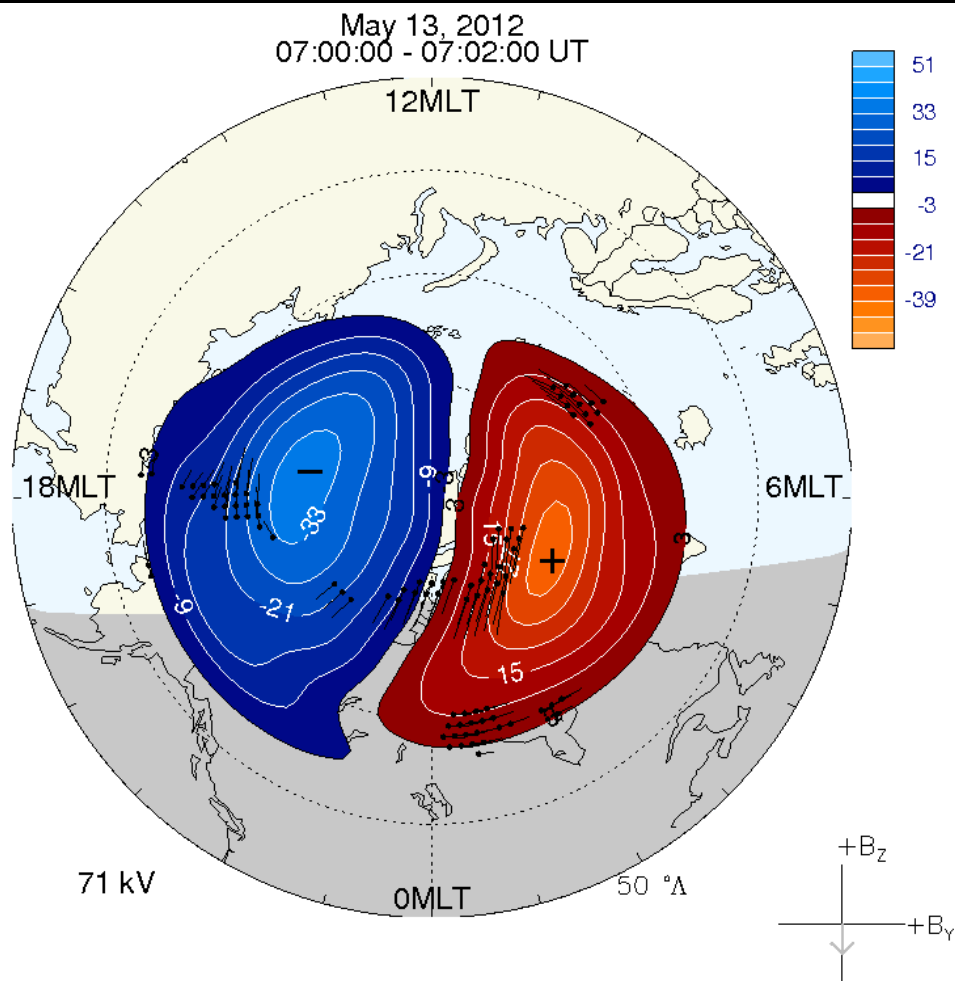
>2 km/s (inferred)

velocity variation with MLT: linear or exponential?

Large-Scale Convection

high-latitude

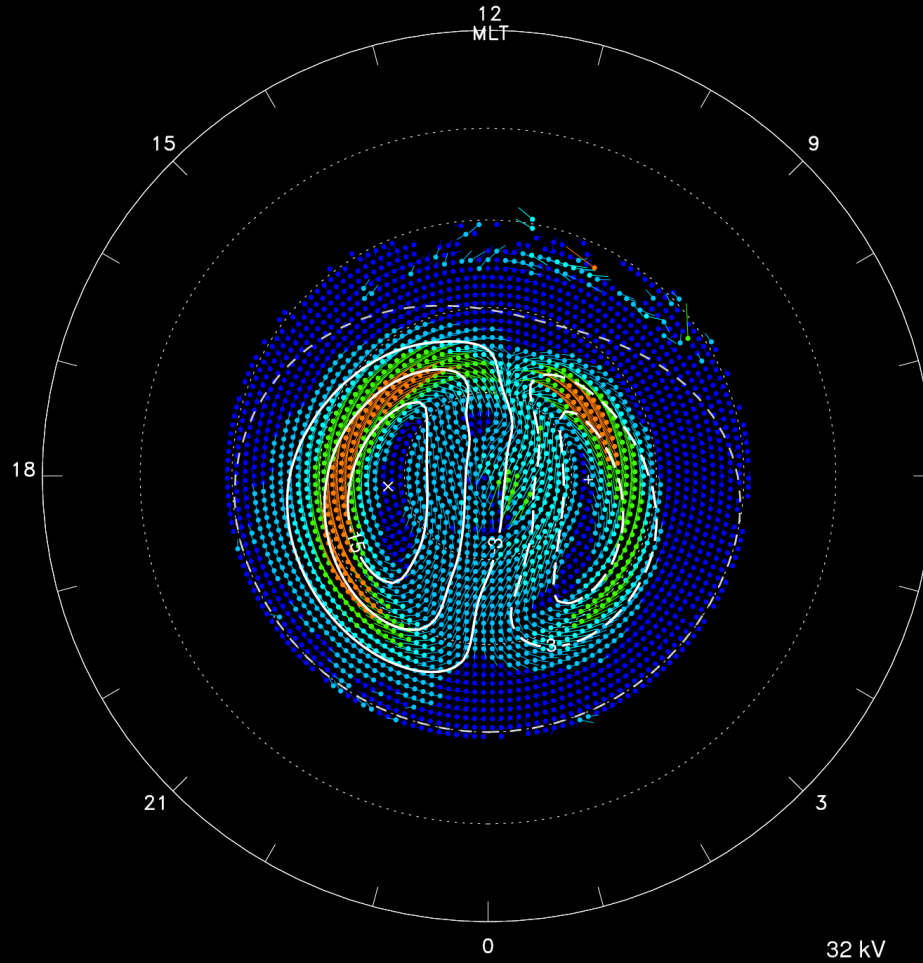
all radars



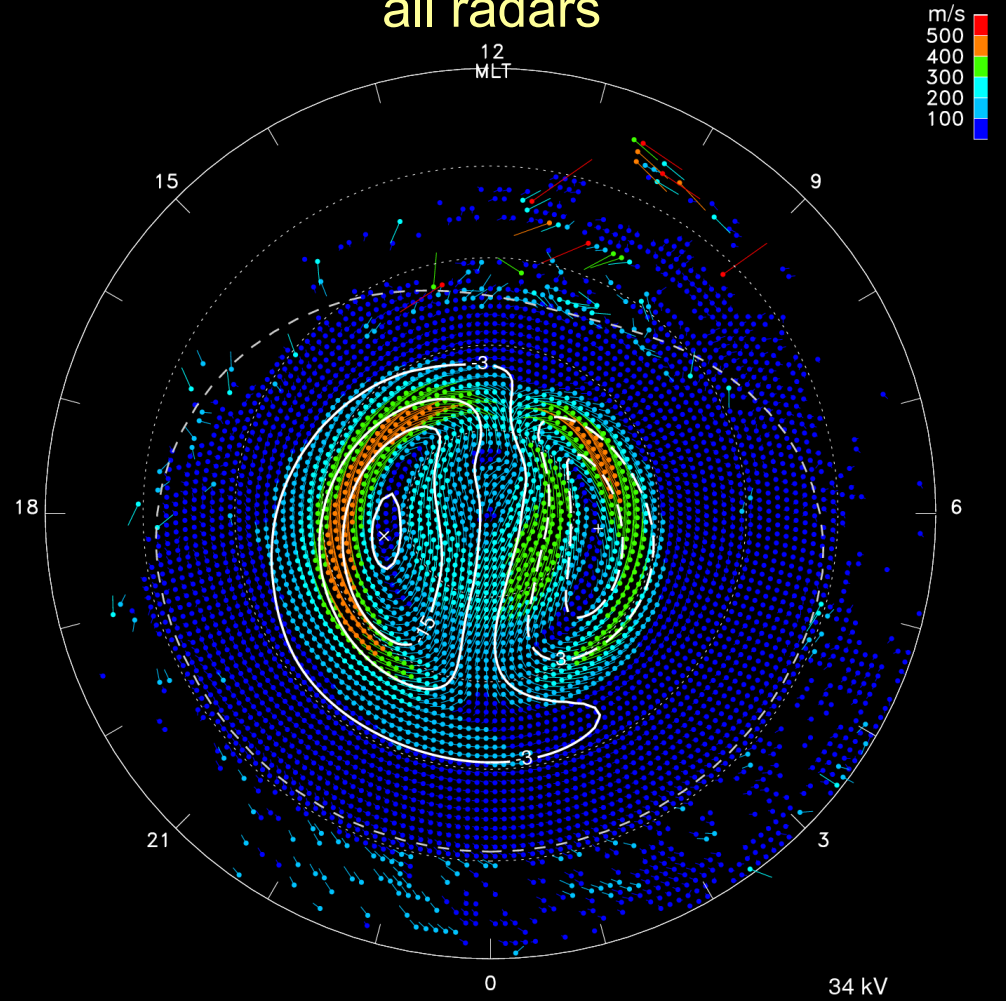
Average Convection

2009-2011

high-latitude



all radars

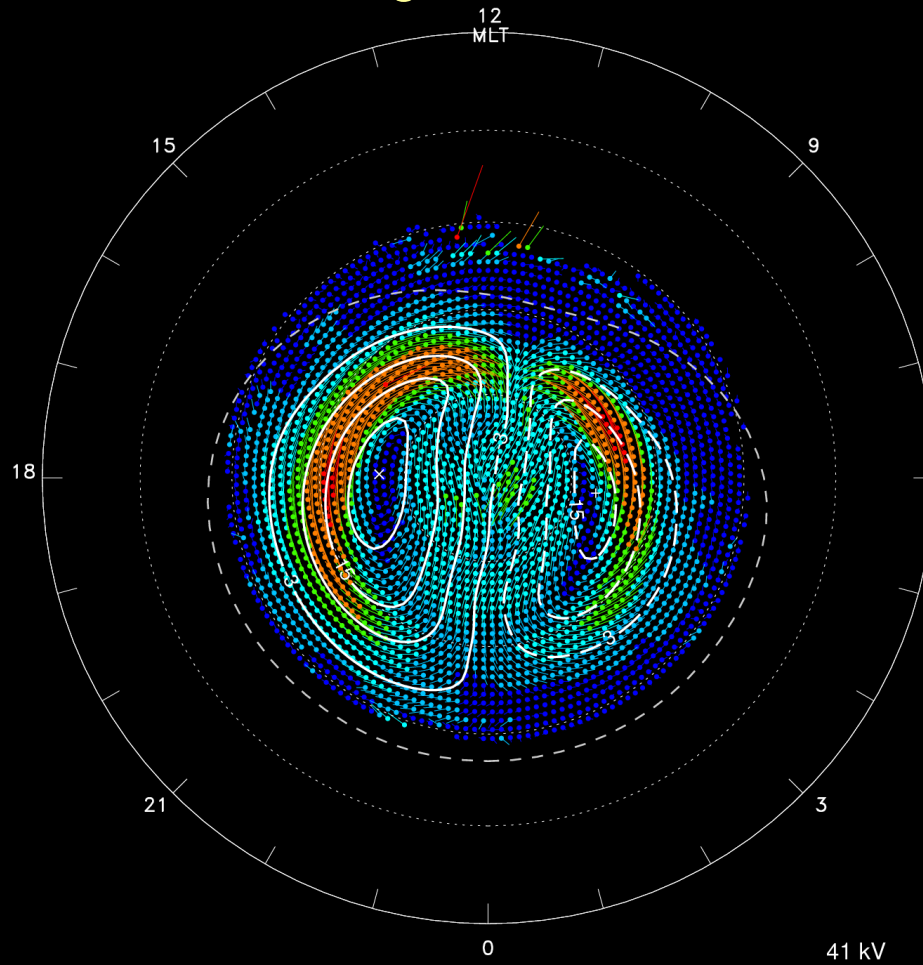


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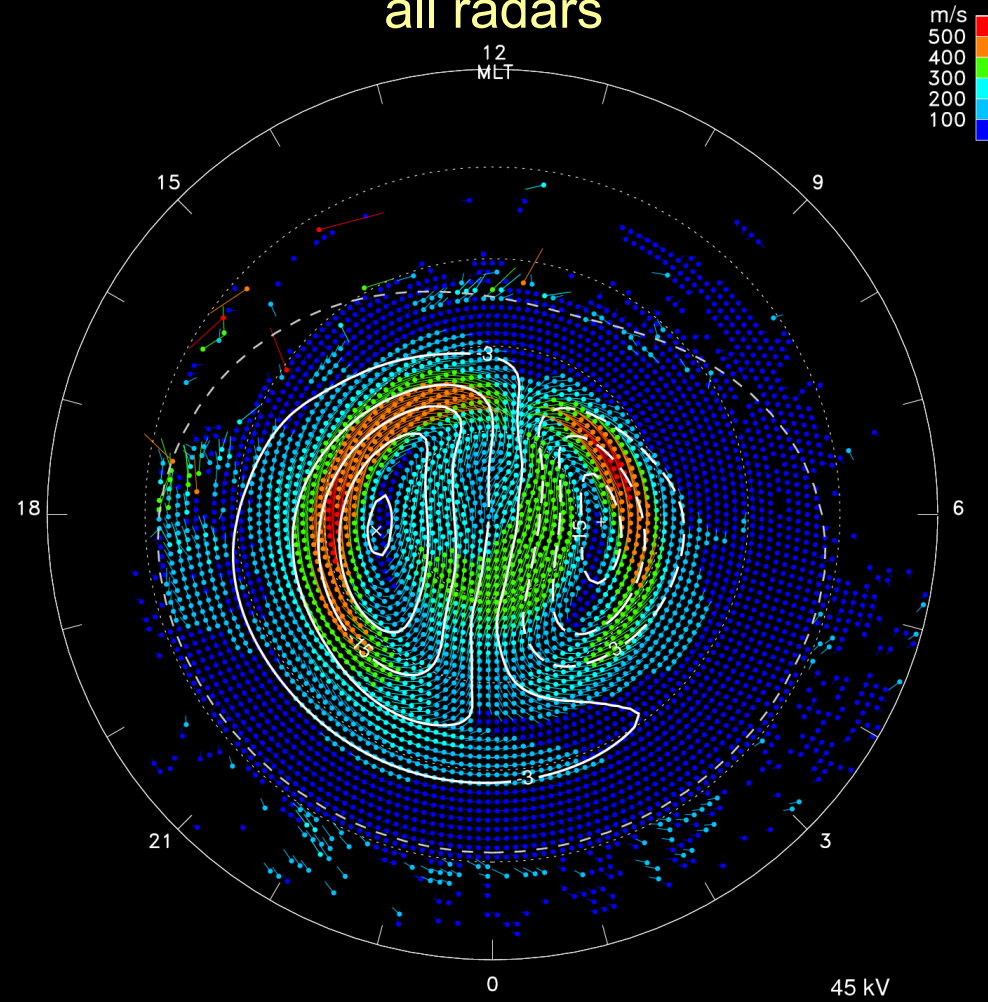
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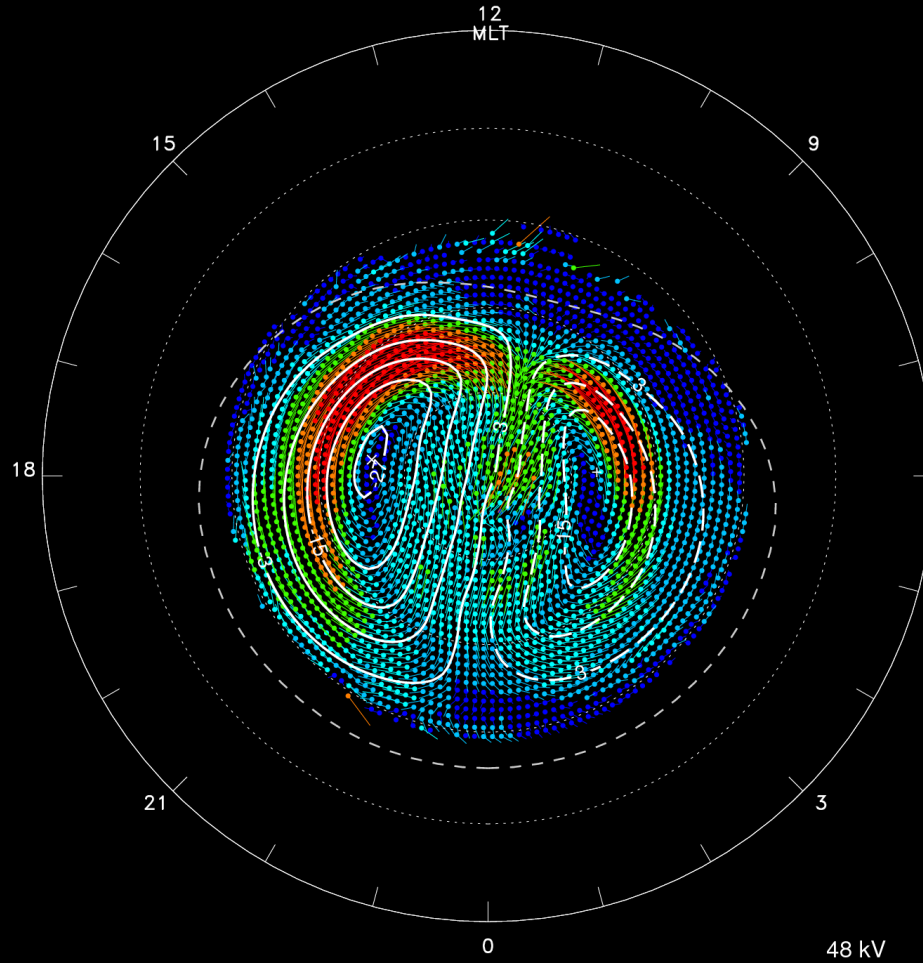


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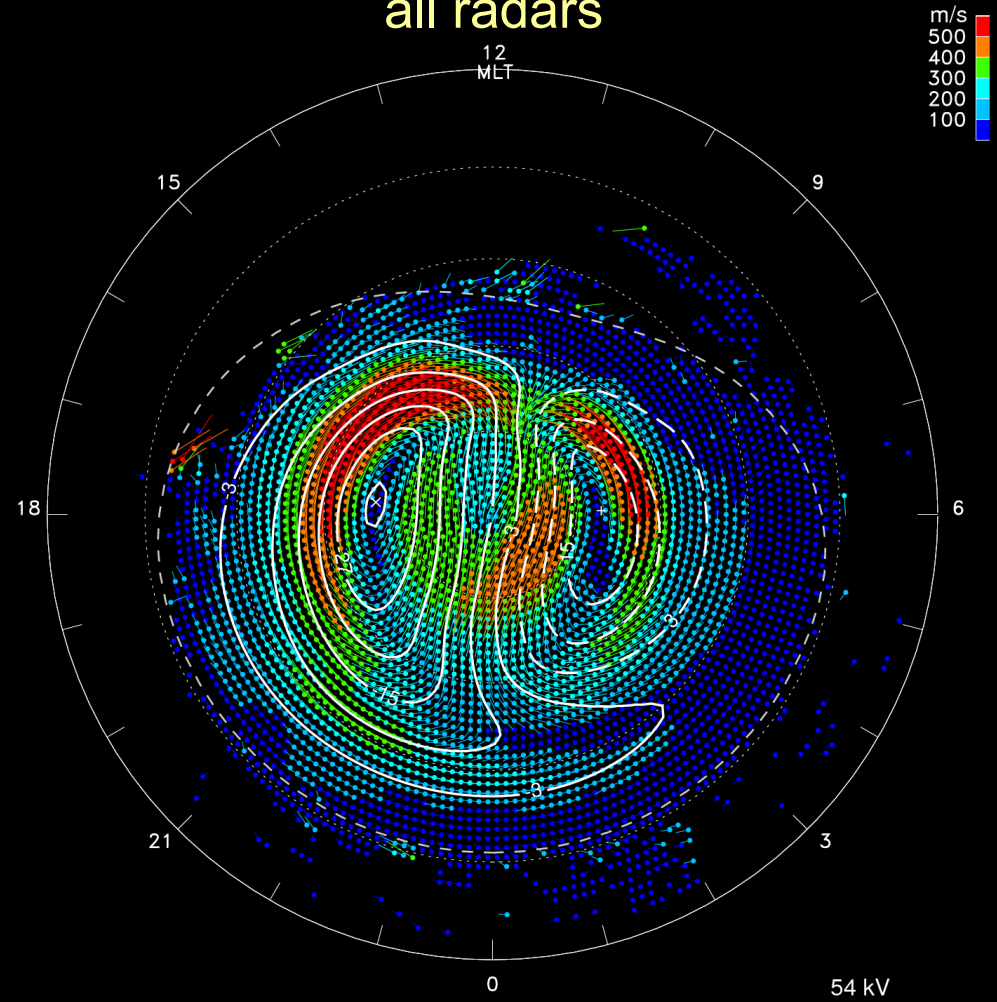
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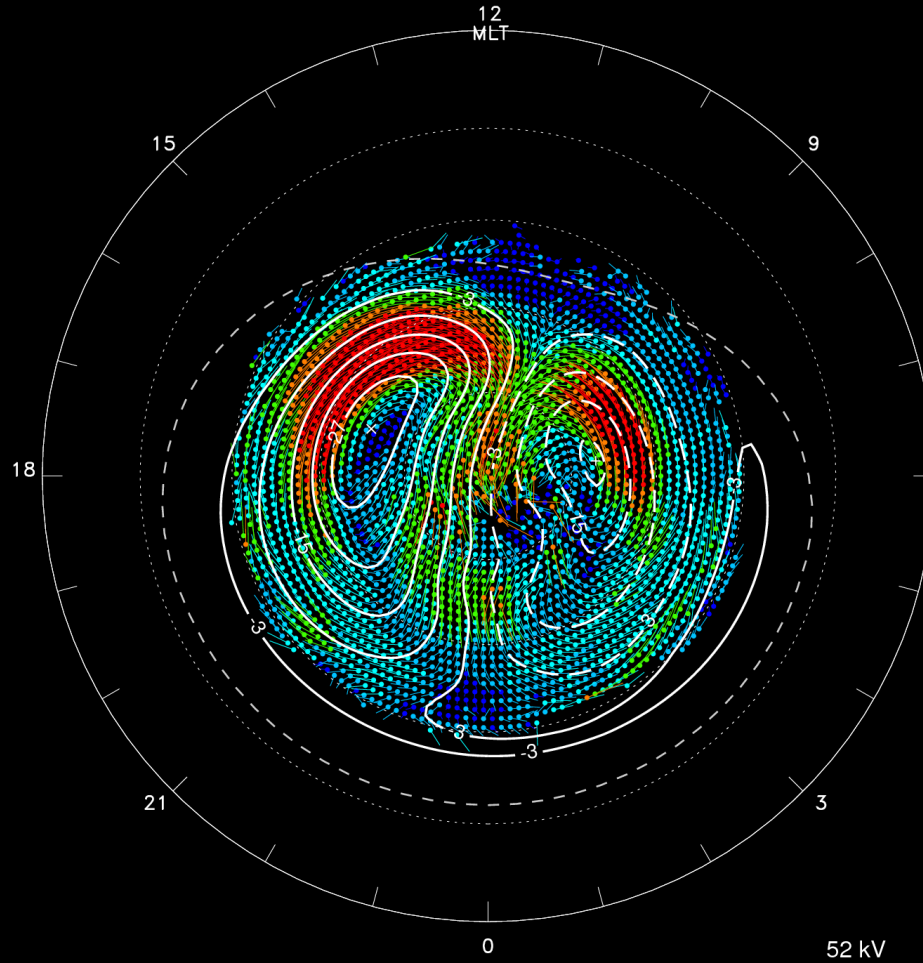


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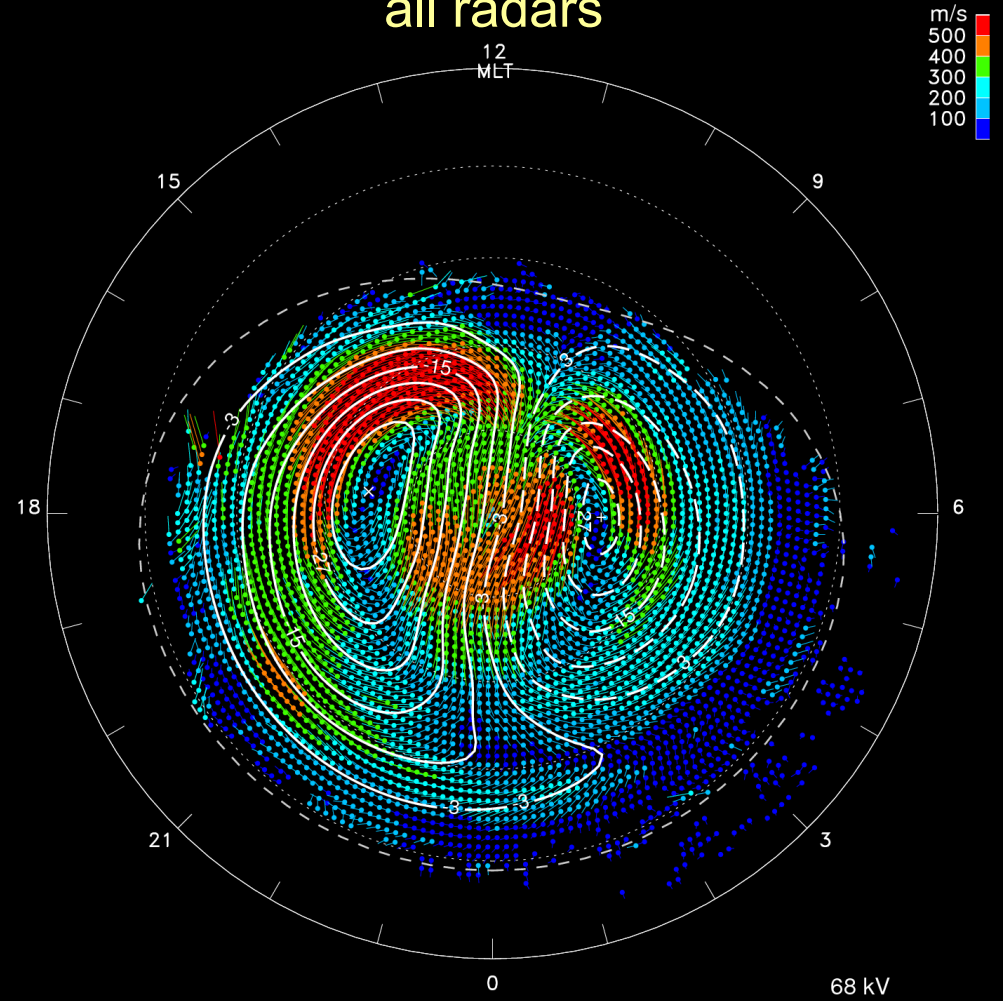
Average Convection

2009-2011

high-latitude



all radars

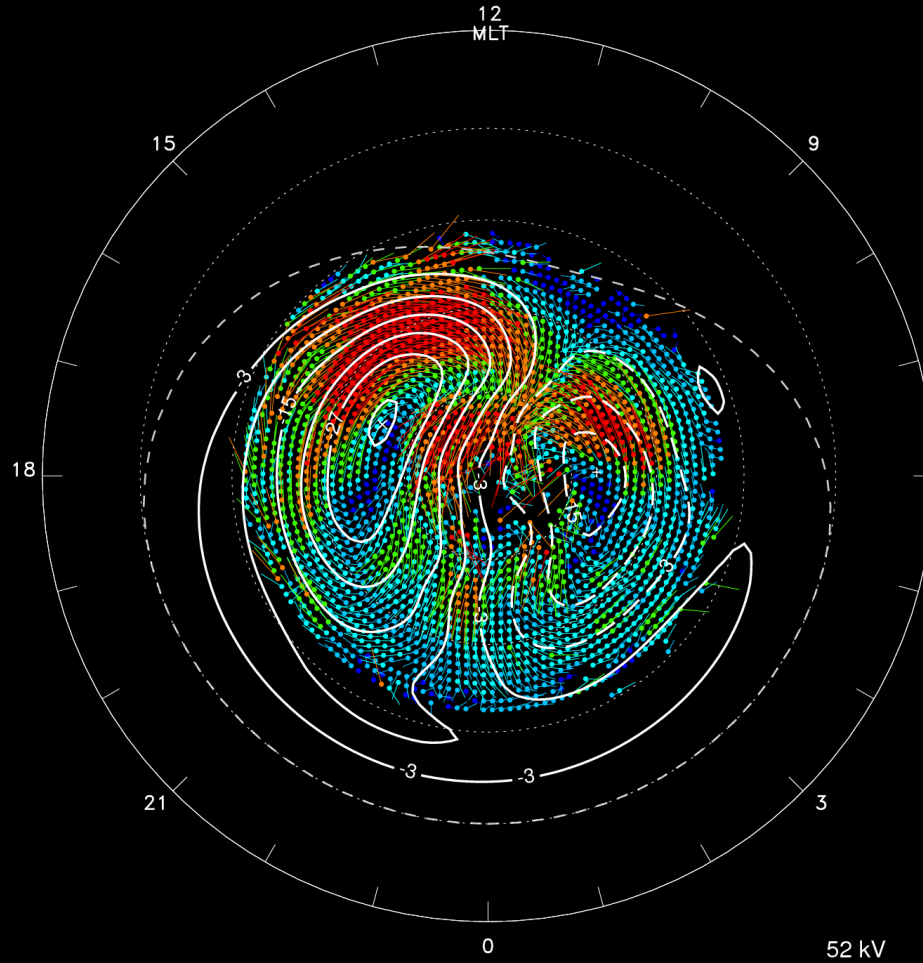


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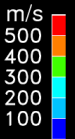
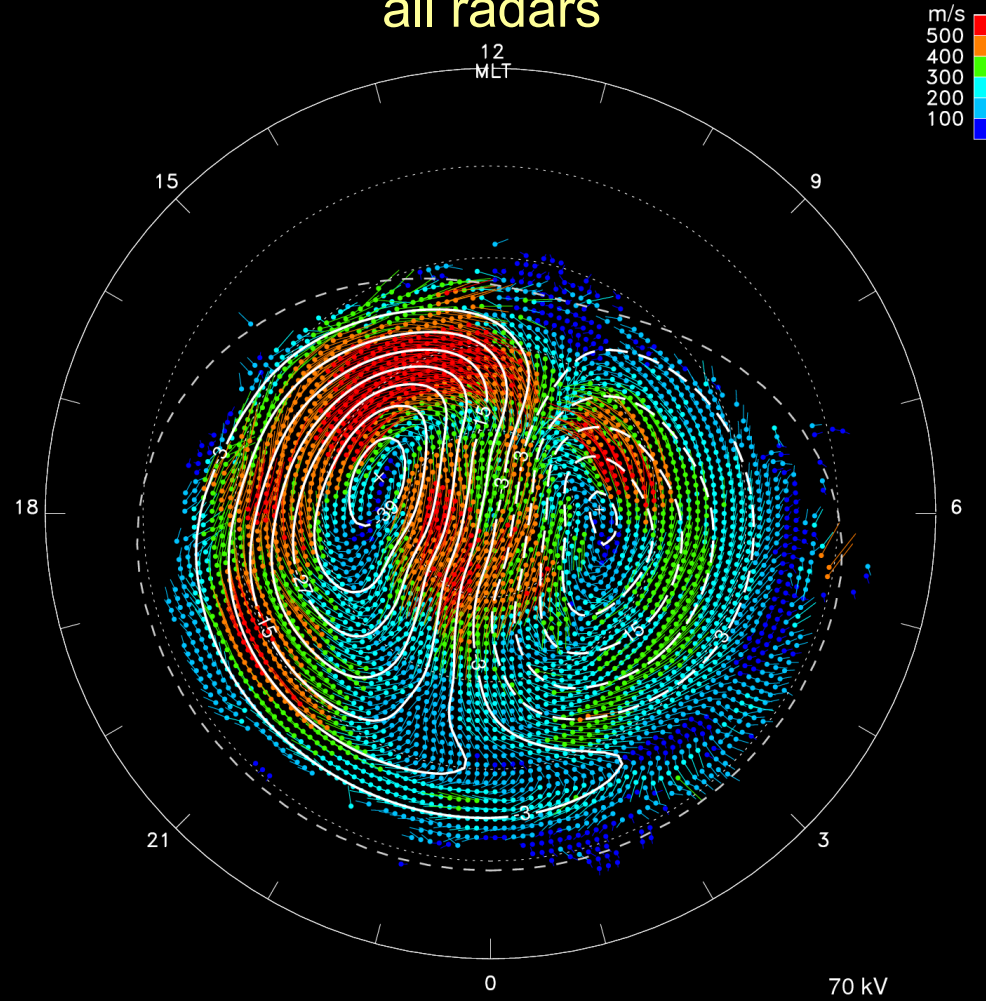
Average Convection

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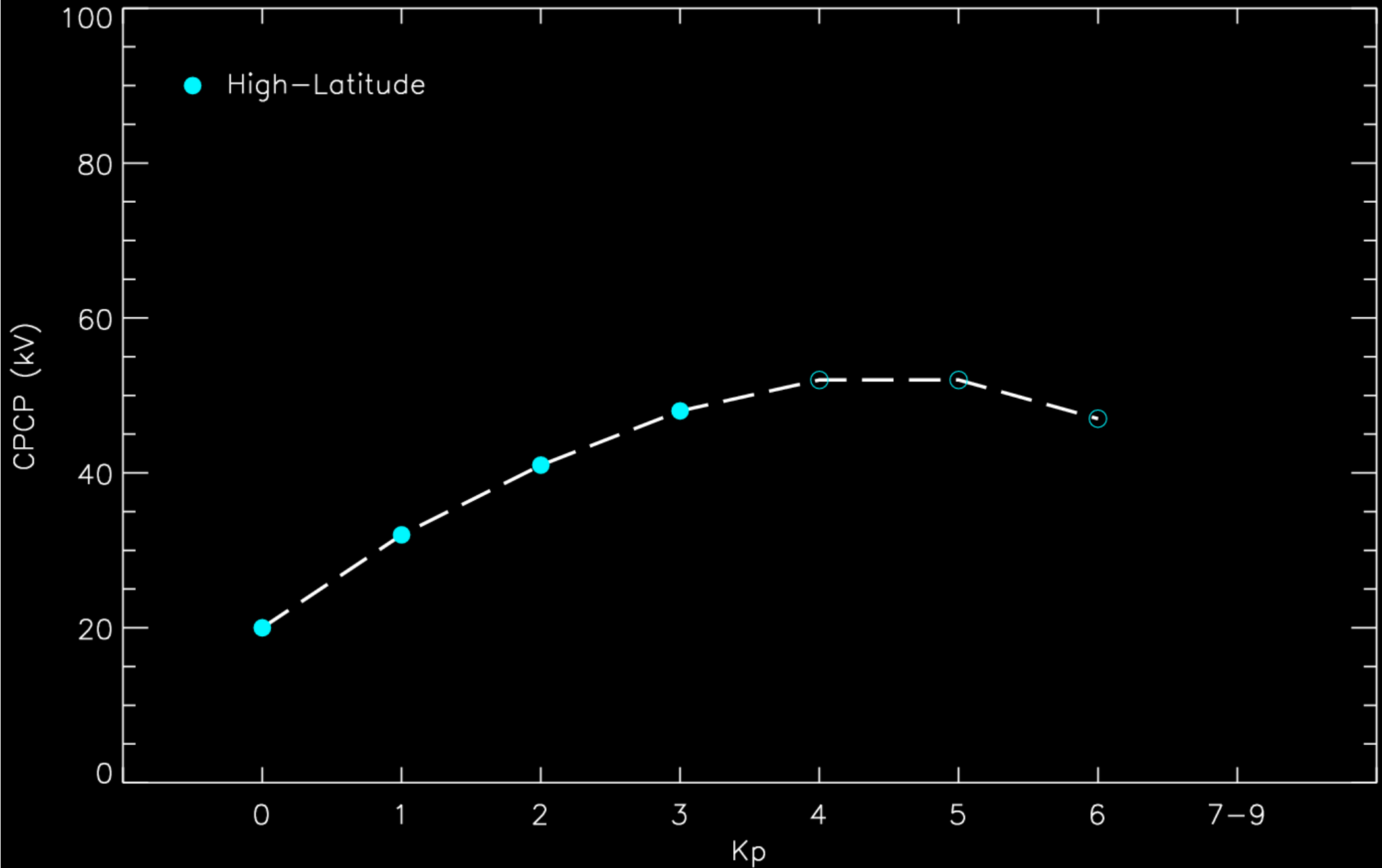
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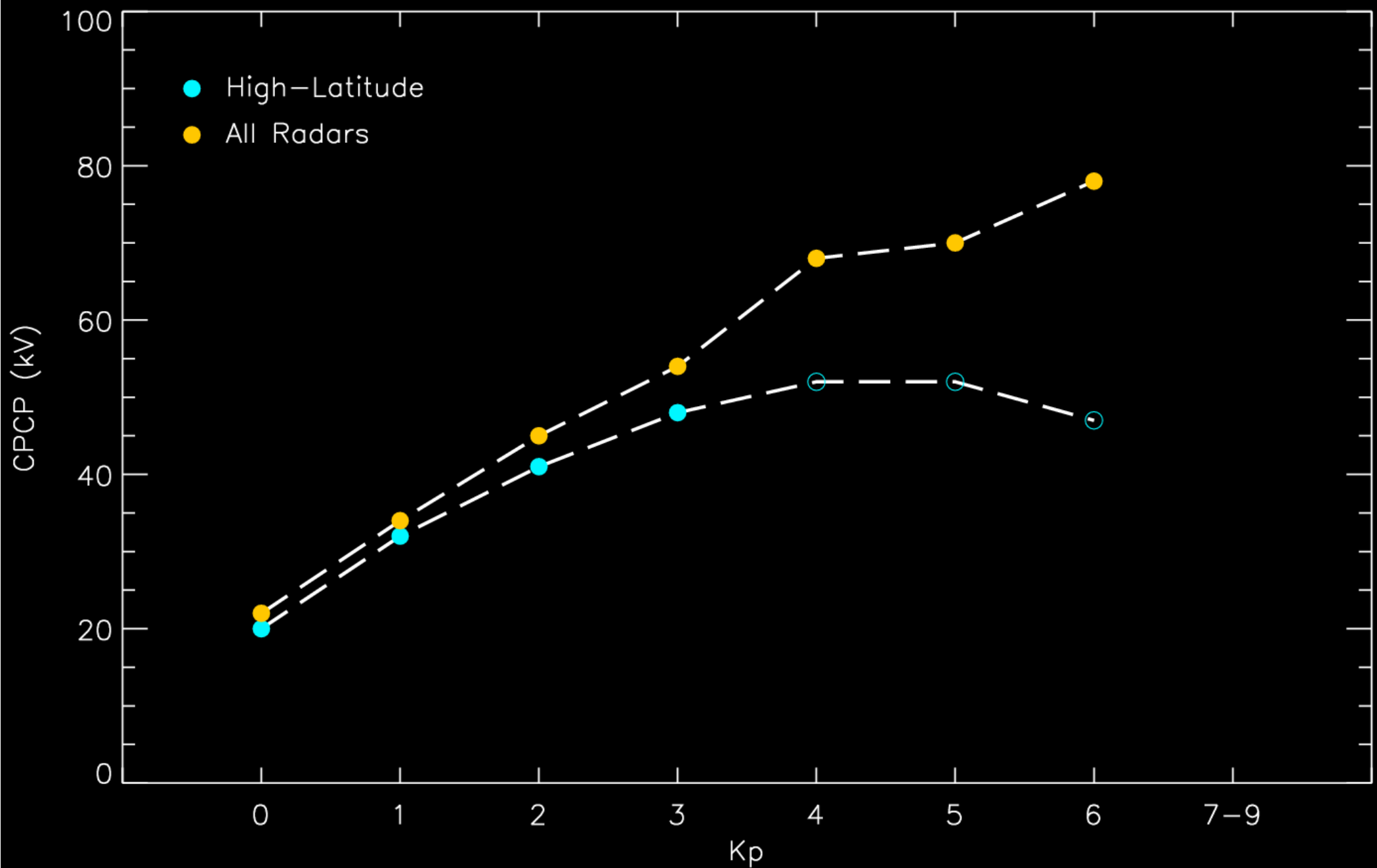
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Average Convection

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Summary

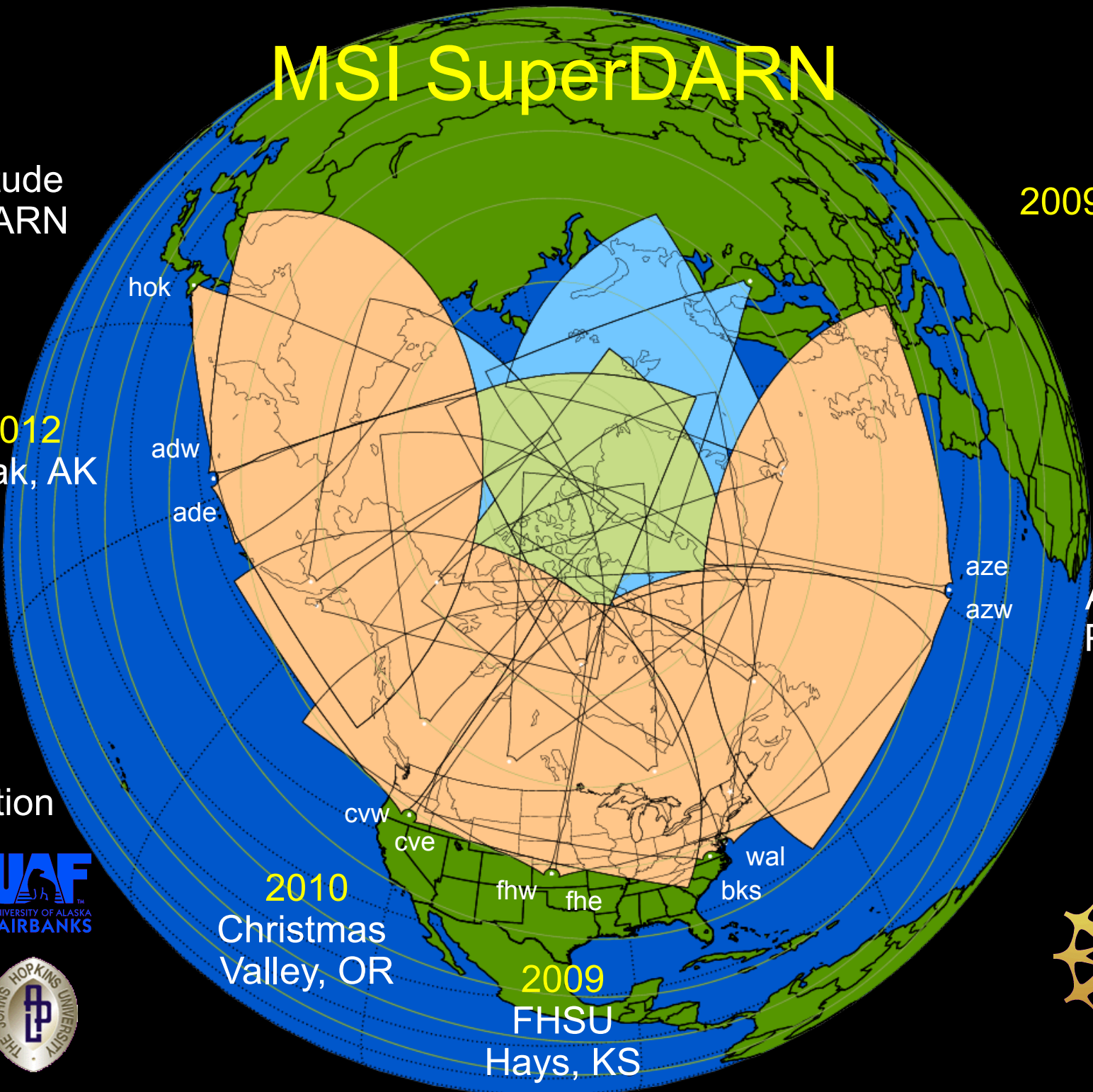
- Mid-Latitude SuperDARN extended observations
 - 50° and below
 - ~7 hours of MLT (soon to be >12)
- Regularly observe SAPS for $K_p \geq 2$
 - Continuously measure 2D flows
 - ~5 hours of MLT
- Distorted nightside convection $K_p \geq 1$
 - Westward flow at low latitudes
 - increased transpolar potential (increasing with K_p)
- Plasmasphere scatter
 - Plasmasphere Boundary Layer (PBL) proxy

MSI SuperDARN

Mid-Latitude
SuperDARN

>50°

2009-2012



2012
Adak, AK

2012
Azores,
Portugal

MSI
Collaboration



2010
Christmas
Valley, OR

2009
FHSU
Hays, KS

