# Shared Slides for High-Latitude I-T Processes

Thursday 10:00-12:00, Mesa C/Hilton

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# Jiang Liu, UCLA

## Dawnside Auroral Polarization Stream (DAPS) Jiang Liu, L. R. Lyons, Chih-Ping Wang, et al., UCLA



# DAPS Examples

- Two events in the post-midnight sector.
- Bright arc indicates that the R2 current is enhanced.
- Bottom event:
  - The DAPS is immediately poleward of an Omega band's bright arc [Liu et al. 2018 (2017GL076485)].
    - Omega bands are the most significant auroral structure in the post-midnight to dawn sector—they cause ~1000 nT of geomagnetic perturbation.
  - The DAPS's magnetospheric counterpart may trigger an instability to produce the Omega bands.



# **Open Questions**

- Under what conditions is DAPS strong?
- Is conductivity gradient necessary for the steep flow gradient of DAPS?
- How does DAPS differ from the background convection?

# Larry Lyons, UCLA

### FLOW CHANNEL DRIVEN ENHANCEMENT OF SAPS AND DAPS, AND CONTROL OF SUBSTORM ONSET AND ITS LONGITUDINAL EXPANSION

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## RCM modeling of bubble introduced at tail outer boundary

[Yang et al, 2014; Wang et al., 2018]

- B, E drifts spreads bubble azimuthally near-Earth transition region
  - E and V<sub>E</sub> increase with bubble spreading
  - Dawnside: within bubble/R1 (DAPS). (Liu et al., 2018)
  - Duskside: within R2/SAPS equatorward of bubble (Makarevich et al., 2011; Lyons et al., 2015; Gallardo-Lacourt et al., 2017)
  - Gives longitudinally extended upward j<sub>11</sub>
- Onset instability via large change in entropy gradient??
  - Extends E-W due to bubble spread??
- Can measure flows, not bubble

## Poker FLAT ISR, ASI

#### Azimuthal diversion of streamer flow Streamer 16 Mar 2013



#### Flow channel directly to onset 21 November, 2012 0803:20 onset



#### DAPS increase: onset eastward expansion 15 March 2013, 1051:15 UT onset



SAPS increase, flow to surge: onset westward expansion



# Russell Landry, UNM

## Storm-time DMSP Poynting flux measurements and conductance estimations

#### Russell Landry Christos Christodoulou University of New Mexico

- Integrated DMSP measured Poynting flux during 44 geomagnetic storms (2000-2012)
- Used storm main phases with defined Newell boundaries



- Estimated conductance from particle precipitation spectra
  - Fang et al. (2010) electron impact ionization rates
  - Fang et al. (2013) ion impact ionization rates
  - Assume chemical equilibrium, Rees (1989) recomb. coeff.s
  - T<sub>e</sub> and NO<sup>+</sup>, O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> concentration ratio from IRI
  - T<sub>n</sub> and neutral density from MSIS
  - Solar conductance from Moen and Brekke (1993)





- Main phase
- Southward B<sub>7</sub>
- Both Hemispheres

Integrated P.F. Integrated J.H. = 89.4%



# Michael Negale, SDL

#### Tracking Polar Cap Patches Using a Reconstructed Ionosphere M. Negale<sup>1</sup>, J. Holmes<sup>2</sup>, T. Parris<sup>2</sup>, D. Ober<sup>2</sup>, E. Dao<sup>2</sup>, R. Kelly<sup>1</sup>, V. Eccles<sup>1</sup>, J. Hines<sup>1</sup>, and T. Pedersen<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Space Dynamics Laboratory, <sup>2</sup>Air Force Research Laboratory



- GPS lonospheric Inversion (GPSII)
  - North West Research Associates (NWRA)
- Reconstructed the high-latitude ionosphere
  - 22 January 2012 during a moderate geomagnetic storm triggered by a coronal mass ejection.
- Results shown for two GPSII reconstructions:
  - GNSS, Ionosondes, SuperDARN
  - GNSS, Ionosondes, SuperDARN, DMSP, and RISR-N
- Solutions obtained every 5 min from 20 24 UT
  - 78 GNSS receivers, 5 Ionosondes, 4 DMSP satellites, and 5 SuperDARN radars.







## Joaquin Diaz Peña, BU

We can use AMISR capabilities to do a 3D map of the density by interpolation.

- Patches can then be identified and characterized including their altitude structure.
- Approximate velocity of the plasma can also be obtained by this method.
- By Including OMTI images a better understanding of events is acquired.

This particular event had steady Bz positive and By negative and several auroral arcs (red line)

High latitude reconnection should be expected.





By approximately following the center, and thus moving in **the frame of reference of the F region patch** we can create a time series (going from darker to lighter color in the figure) to study the time evolution of the patch as it moves towards the OCB.

- Maximum density remains steady through time
- Both temperature and pedersen conductivity remain steady in time **until the patch touches the auroral arc.**
- At this time there is an enhancement in temperature and low altitude density.

The sudden low altitude density enhancement occurs in a time interval of less than 4 minutes. This affects the lower altitude pedersen conductivity.





#### F region patch touches aurora

We can estimate the **height integrated Pedersen**.

- Conductivity is a constant 2 S above 180 Km.
- Below 180 Km it is shown to spike when touching the arc, surpassing the values above and thus dominating the total value

By assuming a neutral wind at rest, it is possible to compute an approximate Joule heating rate in the frame of reference of the patch.

A pass from DMSP F16 happened at the same time going over RISRN, and energy deposition is calculated on its orbit It shows the highest energy inside the auroral arc at 4mW/m2.





#### **Conclusion:**

- op enhancements leads to an large local Joule heating at the peak of the F region and below.
- AMISR has great capabilities to study the small scale dynamics of the polar cap.
- There is a need to use both modeling and observations to discern between if the movements are due to diffusion, transmort, convection, etc.

# Zihan Wang, UM

Segmentation of SED by Boundary Flows Associated with Westward Drifting Partial Ring current (Sep 7, 2017 storm)



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## Field line tracing to the magnetosphere



Polar cap patch: On open magnetic field lines and connected to the solar wind.

SED base: On the inner edge of the partial ring current.

The boundary flow region: Mapped to the outer boundary of the partial ring current (poleward boundary of Region 2 FACs in the ionosphere). This proves that the segmentation was due to the boundary flows located between the Region 1 and Region 2 FACs.

#### How the boundary flow segments the SED plume? Transportation or local loss?



The plasma parcel at the center of the boundary flow at 2300 UT was traced backward in time to 2130 UT to identify its source region.

Two different phases: Growing phase between 2130 and 2225 UT, decaying phase between 2225 and 2300 UT.

Growing phase: Plasma was lifted to higher altitudes. Projection of the northward convection flows in the vertical direction.



Decaying phase: Enhanced frictional heating due to boundary flow led to the electron density decrease in the whole F layer.

#### Conclusion

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- Enhanced boundary flows between Region-1 and Region-2 FACs segment SED plume into patches.
- Localized plasma loss due to enhanced frictional heating within boundary flows.
- During this process, no IMF variations or transient reconnections are required.

# Ying Zou

## Effects of Substorms on High-Latitude Upper Thermospheric Winds

Ying Zou (BU/UCAR), Y. Nishimura, L. R. Lyons, M. Conde, R. H. Varney, V. Angelopoulos, S. Mende



### Motivation: obtain 2D synoptic map of thermospheric wind perturbations of substorms.

Instrument Kaktovik Toolik Lake Poker Flat HAARP

- One observational example
- Before onset, winds are westward.
- Following onset, winds are accelerated east- and westward at and equatorward of the auroras, respectively.
- The accelerated winds are 100-200 m/s from pre-substorm quiet time condition.





# Olga Verkhoglyadova, JPL

# Importance of Magnetosphere-Ionosphere-Thermosphere coupling at meso- and small-scales

#### O. P. Verkhoglyadova, X. Meng, D. Ozturk<sup>1</sup>, J. Semeter<sup>2</sup>, R. Varney<sup>3</sup>, A. Reimer<sup>3</sup> and S. Kaeppler

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 $\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla(\vec{S}) = 0 \qquad \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} [\vec{E} \times \vec{B}]$ 

- Coupling, energy transport in the geospace environment and e/m energy deposition in the ionosphere-thermosphere (IT) depends on temporal and spatial scales (Huang and Burke, 2004; Semeter et al., 2010; Lyons et al., 2016; Huang et al., 2016; McGranaghan et al., 2017+ )
- Physical mechanisms and efficiency of the magnetosphere-IT coupling also differ depending on their scale.
- Ignoring meso- and small-scale processes can lead to under-estimation of IT energy budget

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Across different spatial scales, there are different approaches for Joule heating estimates using satellite, rocket and ground-based measurements.

- Incoherent Scatter Radar (e.g., Thayer, 1998; Fujii et al., 1998; Fujii et al., 1999; Thayer, 2000, Cosgrove et al., 2009)
- Satellite-based: The Assimilative Mapping of Ionospheric Electrodynamics (AMIE) procedure (e.g., Lu et al., 1995; Chun et al., 1999; Knipp et al., 2004; McHarg et al., 2005)
- Rocket-based (e.g., Evans et al., 1977; Sangalli et al., 2009; Hurd et al., 2016)

$$\vec{\sigma_{p}E^{2}}$$
$$\vec{j} \cdot \vec{E} = \vec{j} \cdot \vec{E}' + \vec{V}_{n} \cdot \vec{j} \times \vec{B} \qquad \vec{V} = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{n_{\alpha}m_{\alpha} \langle \vec{V}_{\alpha} \rangle}{n_{\alpha}m_{\alpha}}$$

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## Joule heating at mesoscale



✓ JH estimation depends on spatial and temporal resolutions of the method

Energy transfer rate is scale-dependent (Thayer and Semeter, 2004) and resolutiondependent (Deng and Ridley, 2007; Deng et al., 2009; Cosgrove et al., 2009, 2011)

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# Dogacan Ozturk, JPL

## Modeling meso-scale electric field variability through GCMs

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meso-scale (500-100 km, <15 minutes)

- Global Circulation Models (GCMs) traditionally use empirical models for global estimates of **electric fields and conductivity** and significant work is ongoing to resolve meso-scale structures<sup>1</sup>.
- Missing meso-scale electric field variability (temporal + spatial) causes underestimation of energy input and dissipation in the high-latitude lonosphere<sup>2</sup>.

1 Codrescu et al. 1995; Deng et al. (2009); Cousins et al. (2013) 2 Cosgrove et al. (2009); Huang et al. (2014); Brinkman et al. (2016)

Our aim is to understand **the role of meso-scale electric fields in energy dissipation at high-latitude I-T system**. This talk summarizes our efforts in quantifying dynamic driving using ISR measurements and adapting a first-principles model to dynamical driving.



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### PFISR LOS velocity measurements can be used to derive Electric fields on a 2D grid\*.



PFISR aiding the ISINGLASS experiment with 15 beams operating [Clayton et al., 2019, JGR] →Calculate and subtract 30 min. average from measurements

E\_total=E\_background+E\_variability  $\rightarrow$ Down sample and calculate the potential differences in new grid (0.75°x0.75°)

 $\rightarrow$ Merge the calculated potentials with Weimer potentials to obtain a global potential pattern  $\rightarrow$ Drive **GITM1** with the new potential patterns  $\rightarrow$ Validate results with comparisons of PFISR Ne, Te, and Ti measurements along the beams

\* Procedure requires certain amount of beams, data courtesy of Roger Varney and Ashton Reimer.
 <sup>1</sup> Ridley, Deng and Toth, JASTP, 2006 jpl.nasa.gov

### Plasma profiles vary for different drivers.



Variability seems to play an important role in electron density above 150 km.



lon temperature estimates are improved above 200 km, once the background and total electric fields are employed.

## Key Points

- We are developing a framework that can utilize any local (meso-scale) 2D electric field measurement as input to run a global I-T model.
- Different drivers performed better depending on time and altitude.
- Electron density significantly underestimated below 200 km.

## Future work

- Investigate the effects of meso-scale electric fields on the **global energy budget** during active geomagnetic periods.
- Validation Studies: More events, more conjunctions, different sets of measurements
- Error and uncertainty quantification in measurement input and modeling results

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# Qingyu Zhu, UTA

# Impact of the binning methods on the high-latitude electrodynamic forcing: static vs boundary-oriented binning methods

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2019 CEDAR, Santa Fe

## **Introduction & Motivations**



- Empirical model ← data are typically binned according to their MLATs and MLTs (Static binning)
  - → Physically smeared → Joule heating underestimation
- Alternatively, data can be organized according to boundaries (Boundary-oriented binning)

Convection reversal boundaries

- → (CRBs)  $\rightarrow$  Electric potential
- Auroral boundaries
  (ABs) → Particle precipitation

#### Motivations:

 How are boundary-oriented binning results different from the static binning results?

[Chen et al., 2016]

[Credit to NASA]

 How much can Joule heating estimation be affected if high-latitude electrodynamic forcing patterns from different binning methods are utilized to drive a GCM?





#### Binning results: Static (Top) vs boundary-oriented (Bottom)



Increase cross-polar-cap potential (CPCP, ~12%)

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**Increase** the electric field magnitude near the CRB

### Impacts on Joule heating by using different binning results



Simulations - Run 1: GITM + static binning results Run 2: GITM + boundary-oriented (BO) results

#### • As compared with Run 1, in Run 2:

- Peak values of the Joule heating increase on both dawn and dusk sides;
- Hemispheric-integrated Joule heating increases by 18% even regions with intense Joule heating are more poleward;

#### Summary:

For moderate IMF BZSD cases:

- As compared with static binning method, BO method can:
  - Generate a more confined and intense electron precipitation pattern;
  - Increase the CPCP by 12%;
  - Increase the electric field magnitude near the CRB;
- As compared with the simulation driven by static results:
  - Joule heating increases by 18% if BO binning results are utilized to drive a GCM.

# Thank you!

# Ildiko Horvath, UQ



DMSP-F13 Scenario: an eastward flow channel (E-FC) developed at the prenoon particle precipitation zone's poleward edge. Within thisE-FC:

- the upward drift (VVER) locally enhanced to ~500 m/s,
- the R1-R2 FACs connected via equatorward Pedersen currents(J<sub>P</sub>) implying an equatorward electric field driving thisE-FC,
- the earthward Poynting flux (S<sub>0</sub>) locally maximized to ~20 mW/m<sup>2</sup> implying dayside magnetopause reconnection related energy deposition.



**DMSP-F13 detected particle precipitation regimes:** The earthward Poynting flux maximized within this E-FC appearing in the llbl regime but not within the cusp regime that was outside this E-FC.



#### OpenGGCM simulations for the eastward flow channel (E-FC) event detected by DMSP-F13 at 2339 UT on 31 August 2005:

OpenGGCM simulated dissipated Joule heating rate (Wdites; W/m2) at 2339 UT :



OpenGGCM simulated field-aligned currents (J1; µA/m2) and horizontal drift velocities (VHOR; km/s) at 2339 UT :



Conclusions: These CHAMP and DMSPF13 scenarios and the OpenGGCM simulations generated for the DMSP-F13 scenario demonstrate the good performance of OpenGGCM depicting dayside magnetopause reconnection and related earthward energy deposition. Thus, OpenGGCM was quite successful in reproducing the various M-I-T coupling processes underlying the development of localized neutral density enhancement.

# Meghan Burleigh, UM

# **ISINGLASS B**

## Initial conditions are important!





### Resulting O+ flux at 1000 km: (minus background):

- Upflows reach alt. in ~4 mins.
- DCE generates strong upflows
- Auroral arc drift "spreads" the upflow region
- Pre-heating effects from dynamic initial conditions
- Pre-heating significantly modifies the ion response
- Much of the ion source population has been already uplifted resulting in a smaller responses to DCE
- O+ flux from shear driven upflow
- The shear end results in downflow that overcomes subsequent upflow from DCE

# Influence of initial conditions

### E-region impacts:

- Shown at 125 km
- Electron impact ionization increases local densities
- Within 2 minutes, density differences are within 4%
- > Pre-heating has minimal influence

#### F-region impacts:

- Shown at 310 km
- DCE drives density cavities through temperature sensitive chemistry
- Density differences >35% persist to end
- > Pre-heating has a lasting influence



# Where is the upflow... really?

Realistic spatiotemporal variability is important when accurately determining the location and amount of upflow and potential outflow to the magnetosphere.



The location of maximum O<sup>+</sup> transport is dependent on energy source variability.

Artificially stable DCE structures in the rocket datadriven simulations overestimate the total number of O<sup>+</sup> ions.

## Rachel Frissell, NJIT





- Nightside ULFs correlate to injection-driven drift-mirror instabilities, e.g., Cohen et al. [2016], Cooper et al. GEM2019 Poster, Soto-Chavez et al. [2019]
- ULF featuresseen AGO5 are directly related to solar wind ULFs (e.g., Urban et al. [2016])



## Ashton Reimer, SRI

## Summary:

- New low duty cycle capability for RISR-N due to installation of 200kW generator (NSF!)
- Nearly 24/7 continuous multiple beam operations since April 17, 2019 and operations are still going (64 days)!
- 57 days of data shown here contains:
  - 2 CMEs: 11 and 14 May, 2019
  - structured convection before, during, and after CMEs
  - F region density depletion associated with ion temperature enhancements during CMEs (outflow?)
- How do we best exploit low duty continuous measurements at RISR?



## Electron Temperature: 0 to 5000 K



## Electron Density: 1e9 to 5e11 m^-3



CME arrivals: May-11 and May-14

## Ion Temperature: 0 to 2500 K

## **Convection Velocity East Component**

### **Convection Velocity North Component**



## Nathaniel Frissell, NJIT

# **HF Antarctic Receiver**

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#### Objective: Study ionospheric variability with

- HF signals of opportunity
- Low-cost/Hobby Equipment (Citizen Science Access)

#### Equipment:

- Red Pitaya 125-14
  - HPSDR Emulator Software
  - GNU Radio
  - MIT Haystack DigitalRF
- Raven Single Board Computer (SBC)
- GPS for Time Stamping
- 1 TB Ruggedized SSD
- DXE RF-PRO-1B Active Mag Loop
  - o 0.1 30 MHz
- 120 W 32V Solar Panel
- AGO Batteries





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## RadioICE: A New HF Ionospheric Sounder in Antarctica

Alex Chartier, Ethan Miller CEDAR 2019, Santa Fe NM

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## Motivation

F-region density enhancements seen using Swarm in 2014-2018 [Chartier et al. 2018] Southern hemisphere totally opposite expectations (expected NH pattern shifted by six months) Need to validate from ground-based perspective

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### Experiment (tech demo)

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**February 2019:** Bistatic, multi-frequency HF sounder installed at McMurdo (Tx) and South Pole (Rx) System identifies F-region density enhancements in the southern polar cap

#### Results

12 frequencies from 2.6-16 MHz (only showing those with returns) Cadence: 1-minute Range res: 6 km Tx power: ~ 100 watts.

vHt: Virtual height (assumes mirror reflection at midway point between McMurdo and South Pole & 3E8 m/s group velocity)

#### McMurdois at UTC+12

- Consistent E-layer on 5 MHz, occasionally 6 MHz.
- Sporadic F-layer on 5-7 MHz occasionally in February, frequently in March, usually local afternoon
- F-layer multipath occurs frequently up to 500km range spreading visible
- Absorption prevalent at frequencies <5 MHz</li>
- Largest range returns at 5.1 MHz

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## Fall AGU Session: SA014 Pathways of Dynamic Magnetosphere Coupling to High-Latitude Ionosphere

#### Olga P Verkhoglyadova, Cheryl Y Huang, Michael Hartinger and Stephen R. Kaeppler

Magnetosphere-ionosphere (MI) coupling is one of the most important science topics for the near-Earth environment and space weather. Recent observational findings indicate that the MI coupling is inherently dynamic and occurs at multiple spatial scales. Understanding magnetospheric coupling to different ionospheric regions calls for innovative theoretical approaches and combined analysis of multiple datasets. We will re-examine the roles of possible coupling pathways (large and mesoscale fields, particles and ULF waves). How are these coupling mechanisms incorporated in drivers of physics-based models? What are the effects of coupling at different ionospheric altitudes and regions? How to quantify energy transport? How various precipitating particle populations contribute to local ionospheric conductivity? What is the role of ULF waves in MI coupling at different altitudes? What is the impact of the ionospheric feedback instability? Discussions of multi-instrument observations, including satellite conjunctions, ISR, SuperDARN, magnetometer chains, rocket measurements, and of modeling efforts are solicited.