

# Ionospheric Response to Intense Interplanetary shocks

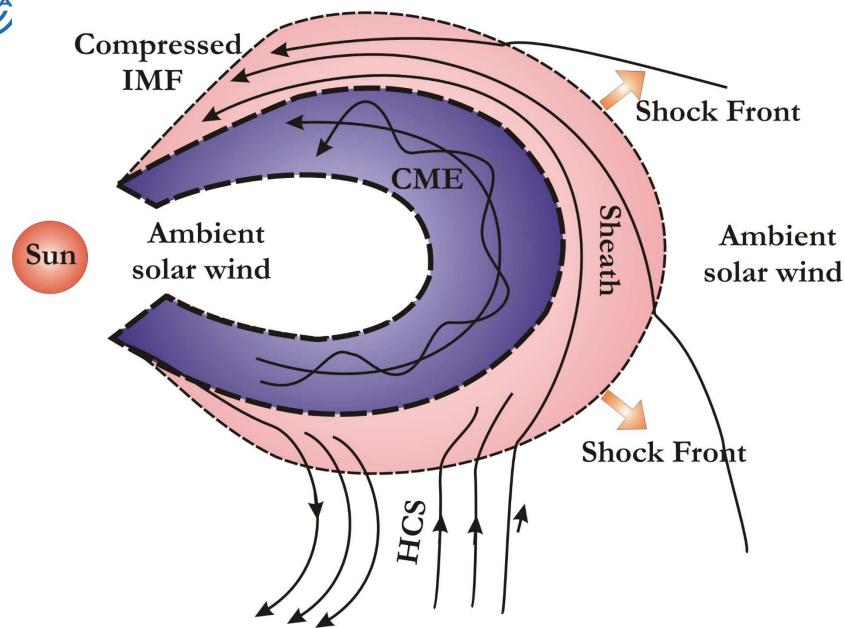
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### **Interplanetary Shock Structure**







"It should be noted that what is actually observed in the solar wind as well as in the magnetosphere and ionosphere is not the electric field E, but the plasma bulk flow velocity V. The electric field is in most cases inferred by the use of the MHD approximation  $E = V \times B$ .

The description in terms of E rather than V is, however, <u>traditional</u> and possesses some mathematical and conceptual advantages. For this reason, we refer to the electric field in this paper. It has been argued by Vasyliunas [2001, 2005a, 2005b] that in strictly physical terms, E is merely a consequence of V, the latter being determined by the stress acting on the plasma."

Tsurutani et al, JGR 2008

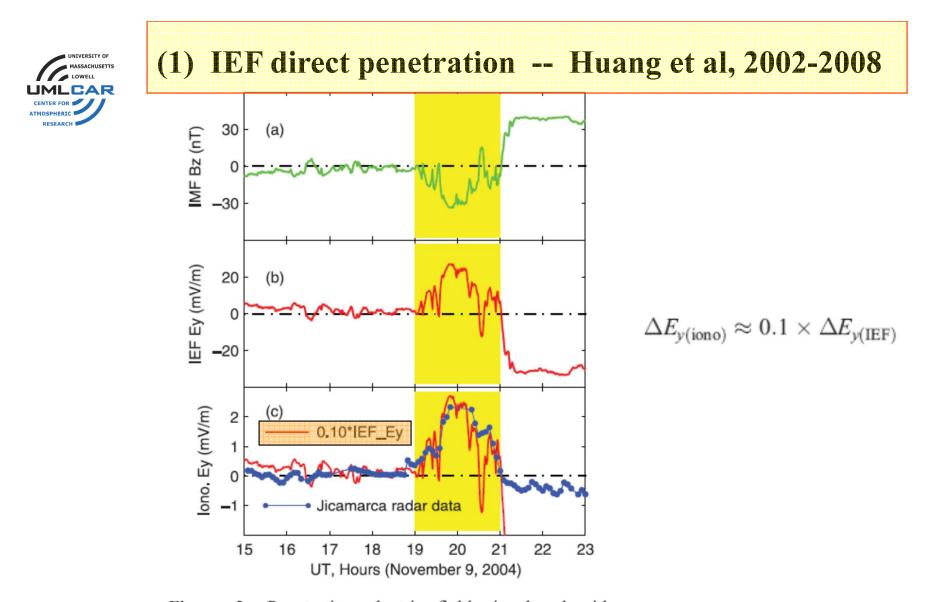
Energy input from Solar Wind Ram Pressure --Tsurutani and Gonzalez, 1995

The amount of solar wind energy input into the magnetosphere/ ionosphere has been estimated to be

# 0.1 to 0.4% of the solar wind ram energy,

#### that is 1.0-6.3 x 10^20 erg/s

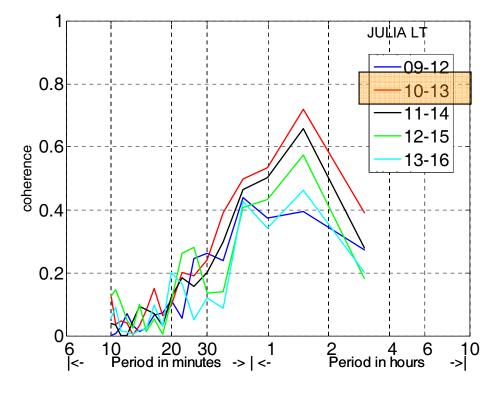
[Tsurutani and Gonzalez], 1995, Borovsky and Steinberg [2006]



**Figure 2.** Penetration electric fields in the dayside equatorial ionosphere over 2 hours on 9 November 2004. From top to bottom are the IMF  $B_z$ , IEF  $E_y$ , and ionospheric electric field eastward ( $E_y$ ) component measured by the Jicamarca incoherent scatter radar. The shaded interval denotes the occurrence of the penetration electric field.



(1) **IEF direct penetration** -- Penetration Characteristics of the Interplanetary Electric Field to the Day-time Equatorial Ionosphere



#### Data during 2001 to 2008

Interplanetary electric field (IEF) data, ACE

Equatorial ionospheric electric field (EEF) data

Jicamarca Unattended Long-term Investigations of the Ionosphere and Atmosphere (JULIA) radar, Peru

Manoj et al, 2008



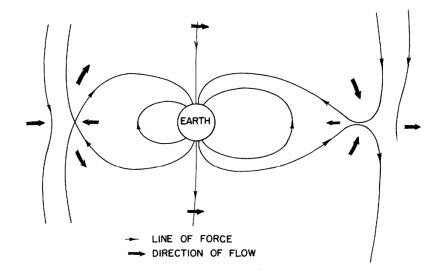


FIG. 1. Interplanetary plasma flow in a plane containing neutral points.

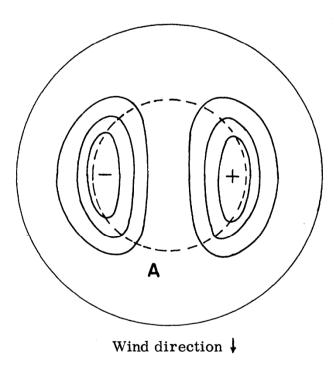
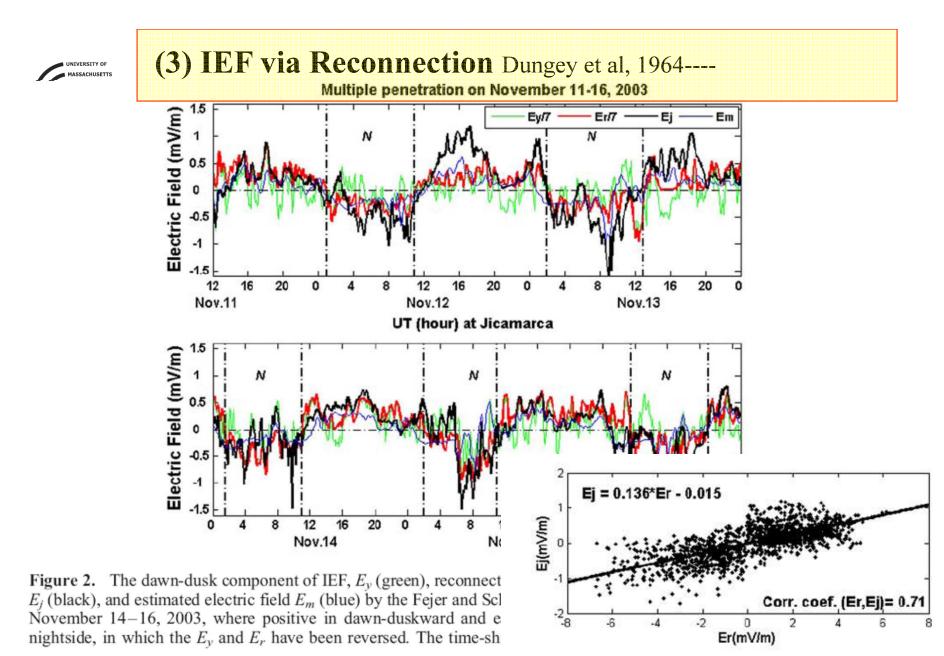


FIG. 2. Equipotentials in northern hemisphere for plasma winds of Fig. 1.



#### Wei et al, GRL 2008

Figure 3. The scatter plot of reconnection electric field and equatorial zonal electric field during November 11-16, 2003. The solid line represents the least-square fit of the data.

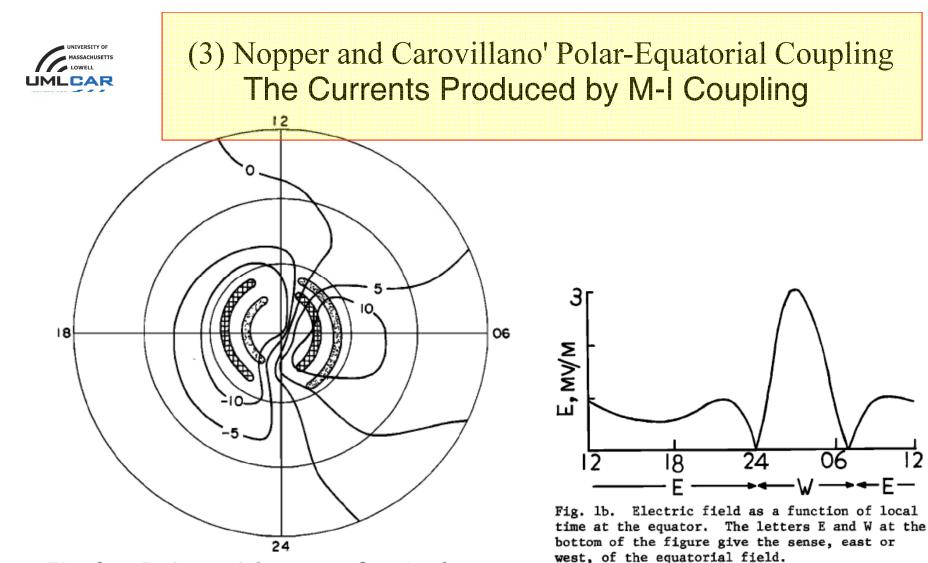


Fig. 2a. Equipotential pattern of region 1 currents of  $10^6$  A at 72° and region 2 currents of  $5 \times 10^5$  A at 66°. This scenario approximates the quiet-time TRIAD observations.

Nopper and Carovillano, GRL,1978

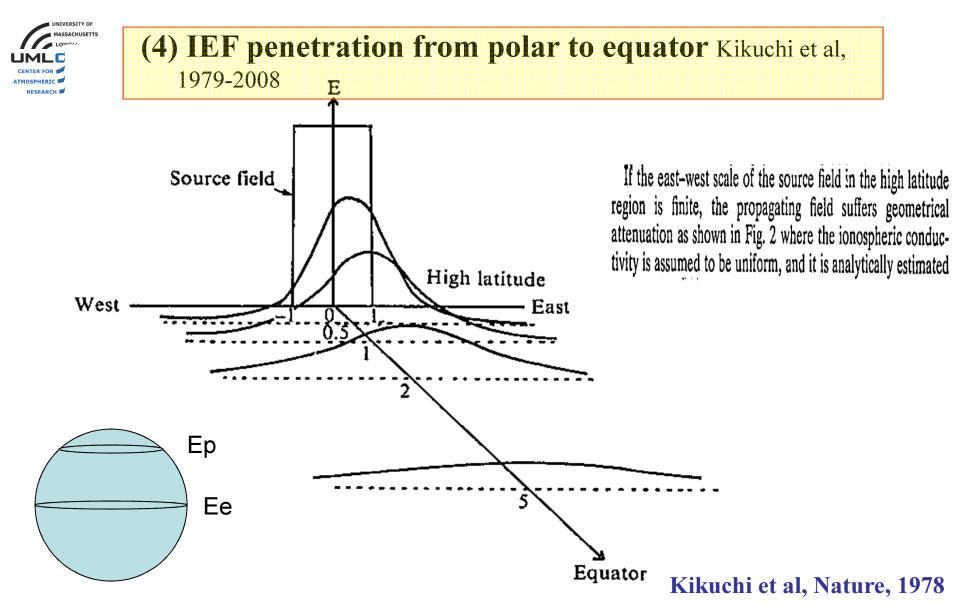
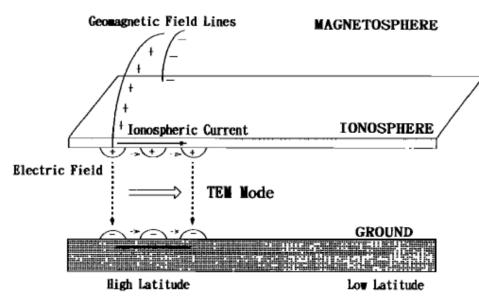


Fig. 2 Attenuation of electric fields due to finite scale of a source field. Distance in the north-south direction is normalised by the east-west scale of the source field.



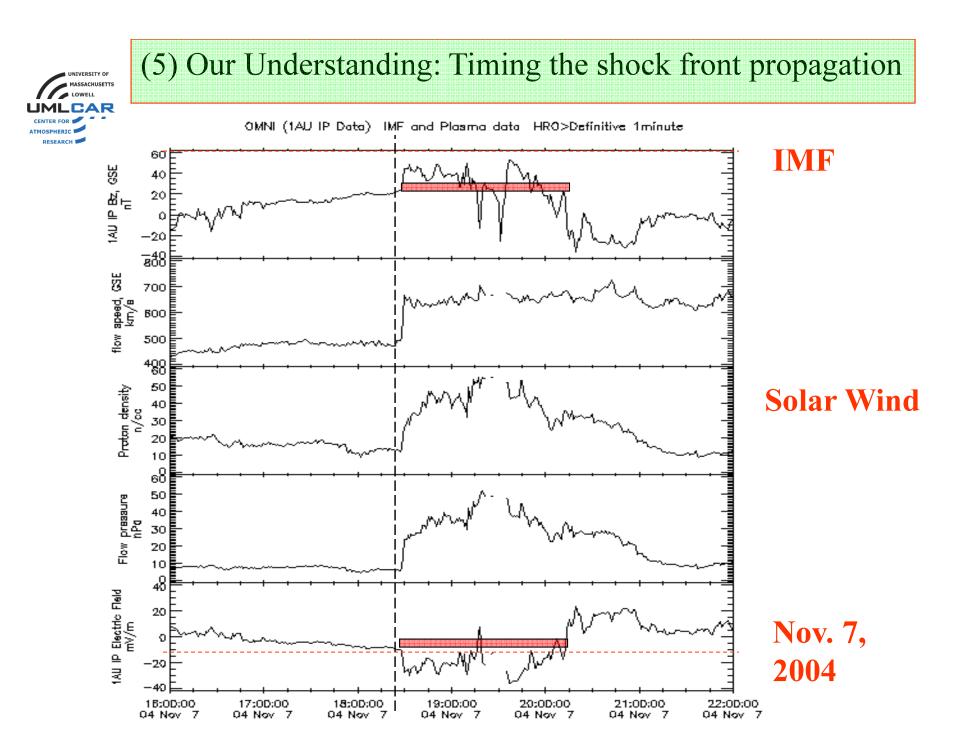
# (4) IEF penetration from polar to equator Kikuchi et al, 1979-2008



**Figure 10.** A parallel plane transmission line model composed of the isotropically conductive ionosphere and the Earth, which enables an instantaneous propagation of an auroral electric field to the equatorial ionosphere. An electric charge carried along the magnetic field line from the magnetosphere into the polar ionosphere induces a vertical electric field between the two conductive plates, which in turn propagates horizontally towards the low latitude with a speed of light, accompanying a TEM mode which does not suffer from attenuation.

the zeroth-order TM mode Propagating along the Earthionosphere cavity approximately at the speed Of light

[Kikuchi, 1979, 1996]



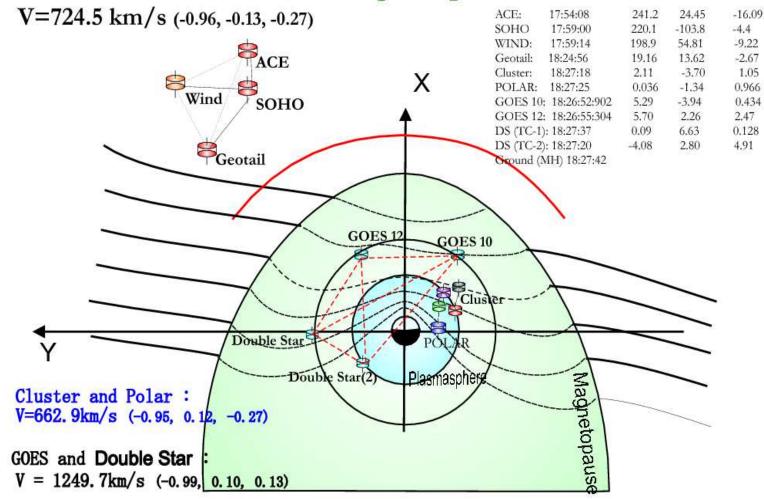




Zong et al, 2008

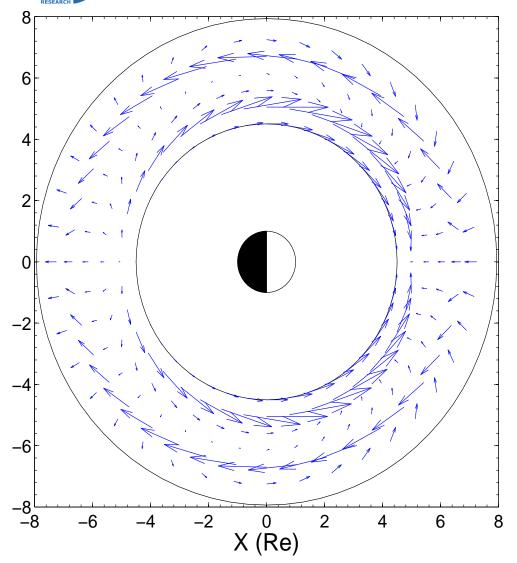
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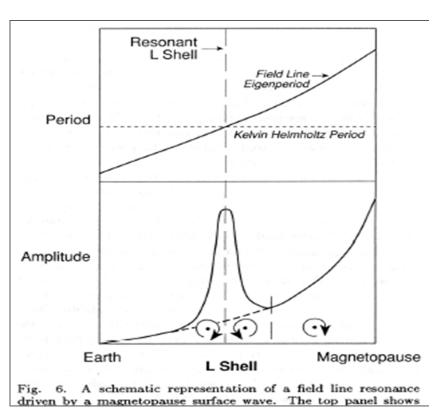
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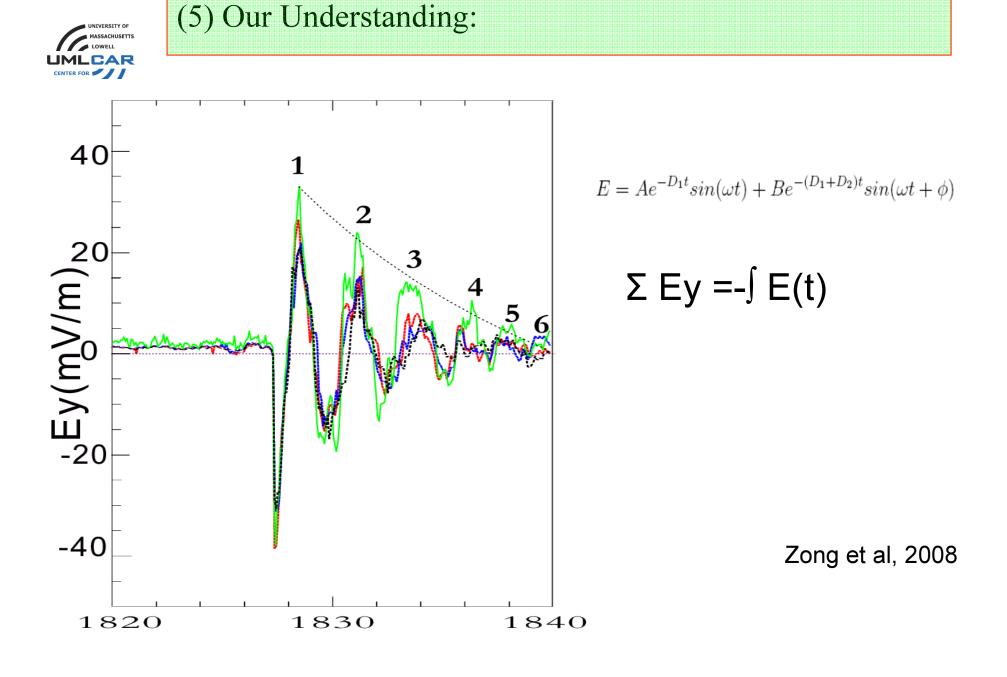
#### (5) Our Understanding: Field Line Resonance





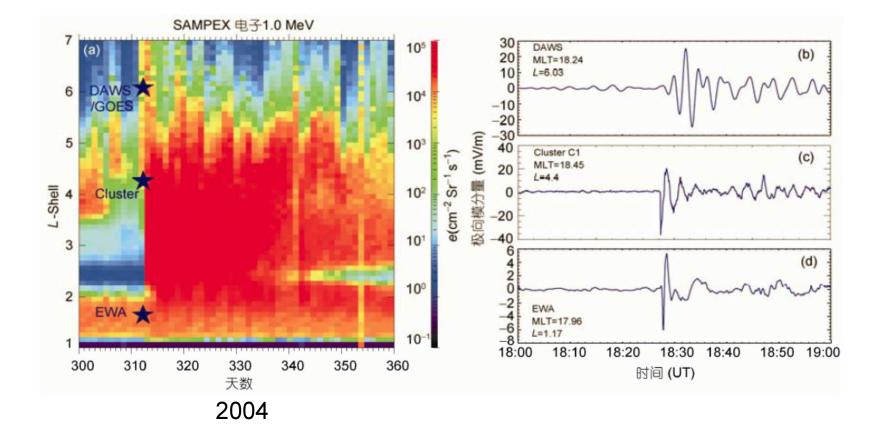
Yang et al, 2008 Zhang et al, 2008

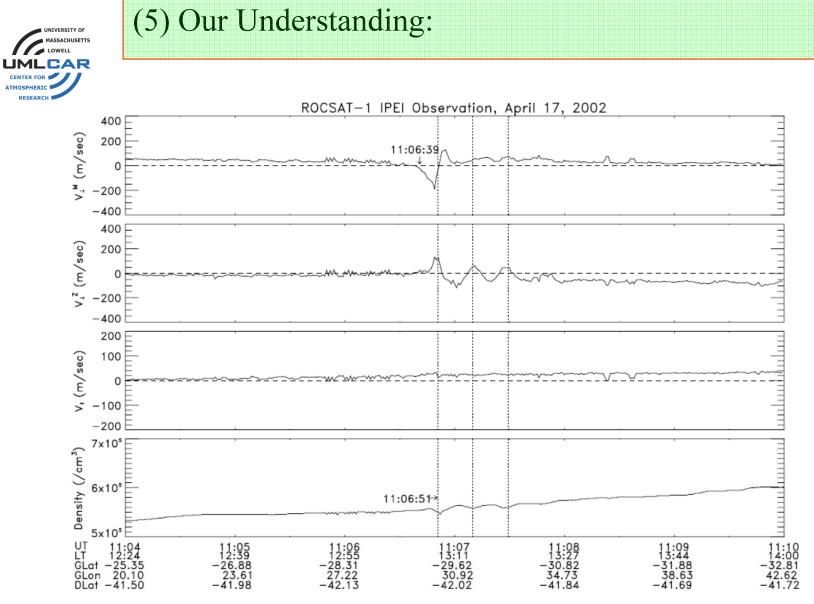
Plasma drift velocity driven by solar wind pressure impulse





### **ULF Poloidal Mode Electric Field**





**Figure 2.** Topside ionospheric flow and density variations that indicate the SI induced Pi-1 pulsations. The arrow is drawn to indicate the arrival of the SI impact. A time reference is set on the first dotted line which is drawn at 1106:52 UT and the following two dotted lines are separated by 19 s.



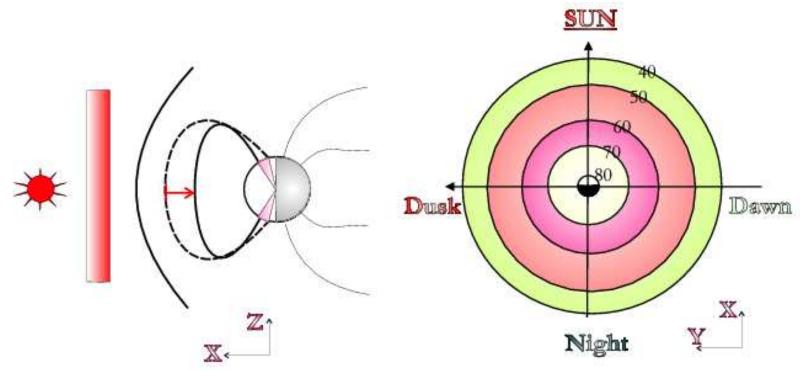
### Observations

- Motivation
- ---- dayside aurora
- ---- shock aurora
- ---- Interplanetary Shock
- Jan 21, 2005 (1710UT), Dst=- 101 nT
- Nov. 7, 2004 (1828UT) Dst=-373 nT

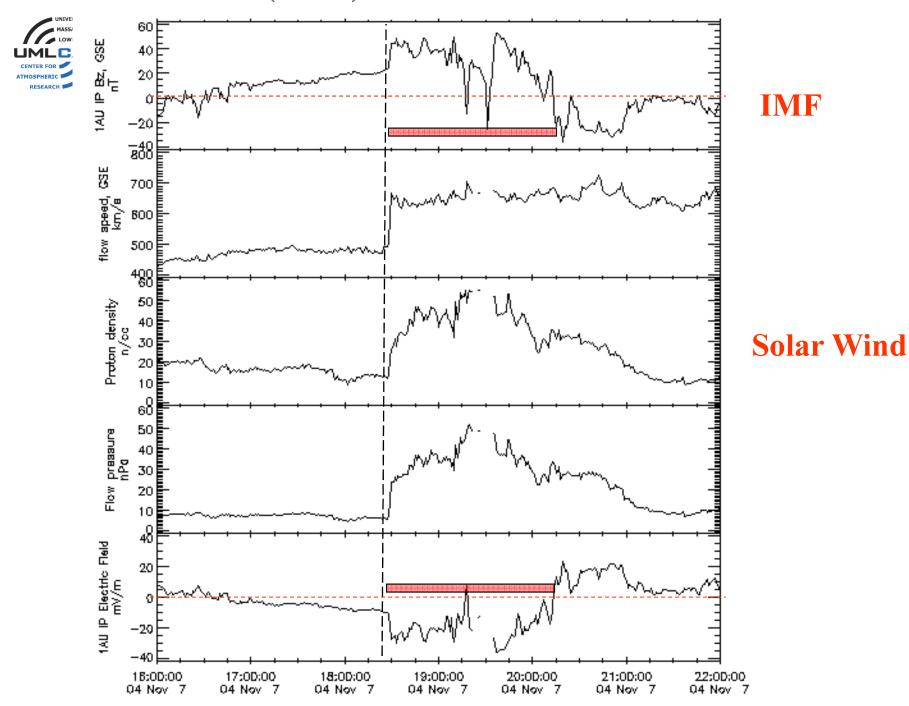


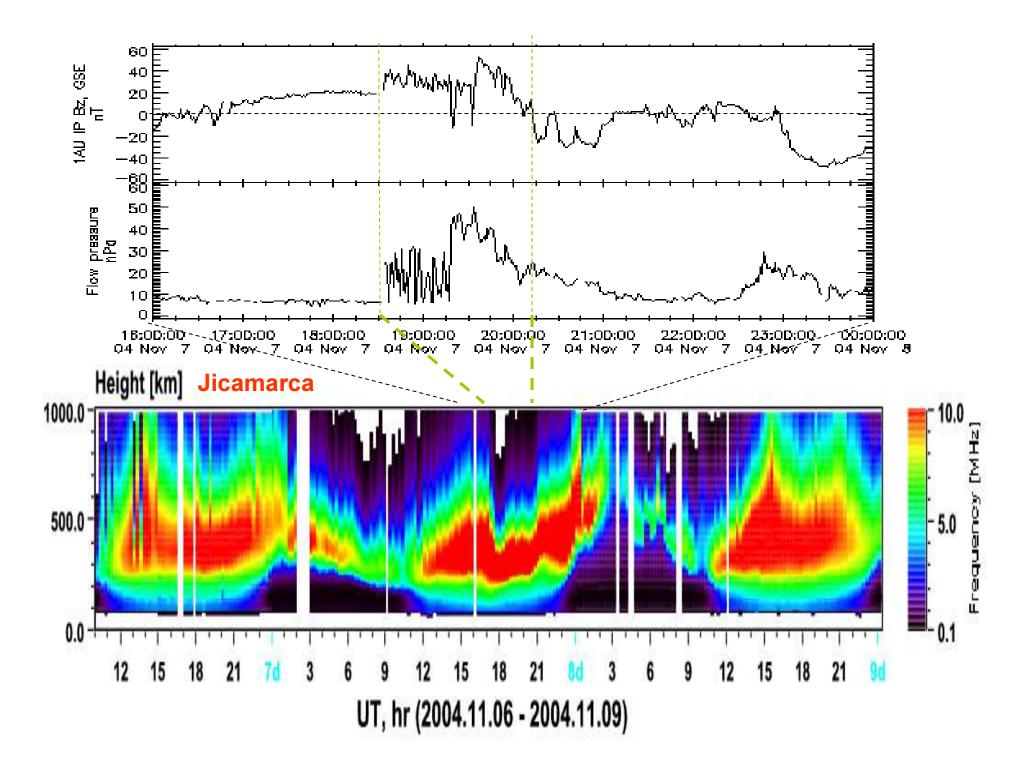






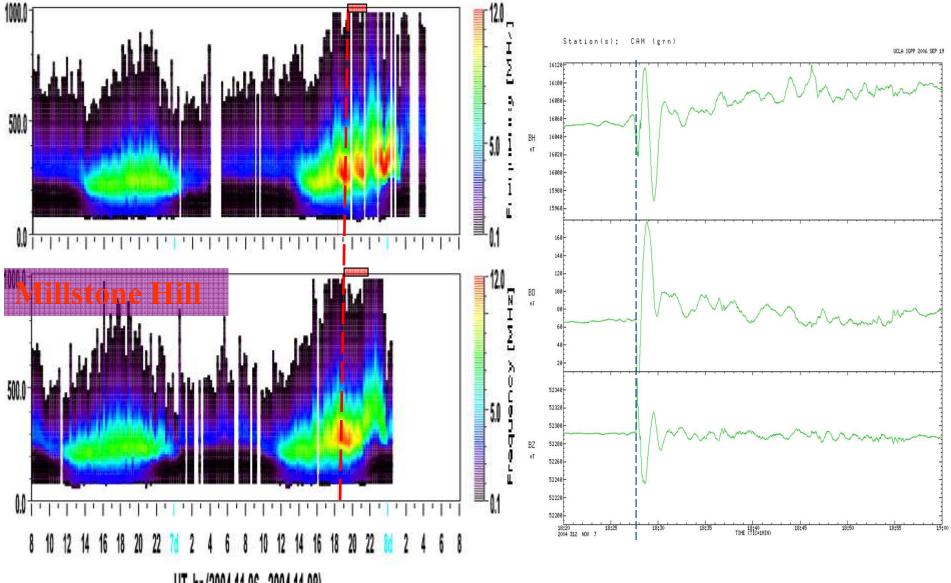
### 2. Global Ionosphere Response









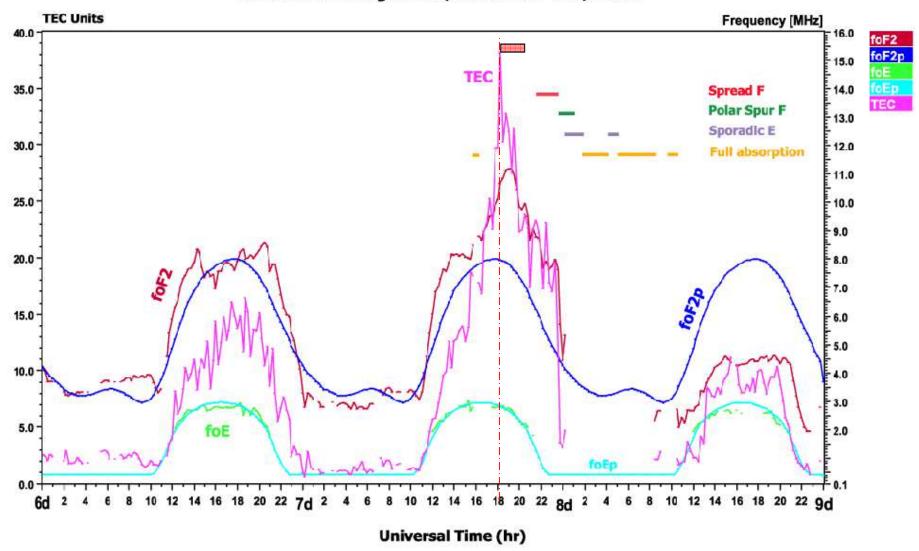


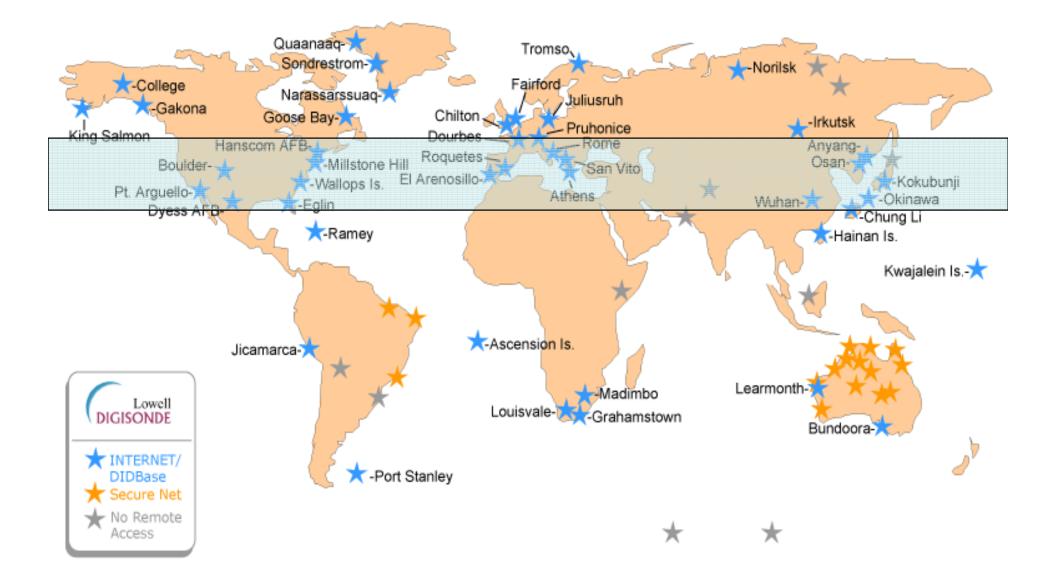
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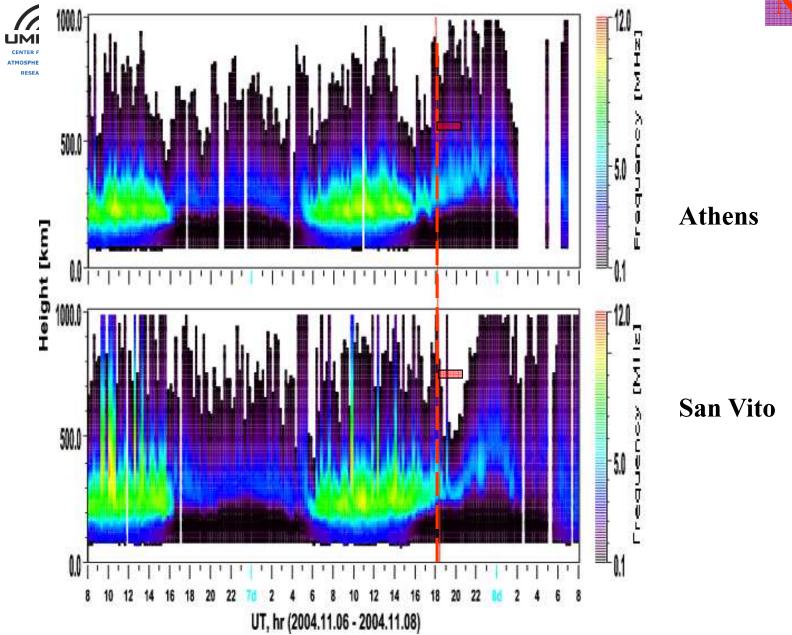




Millstone Hill Digisonde, November 6-8, 2004

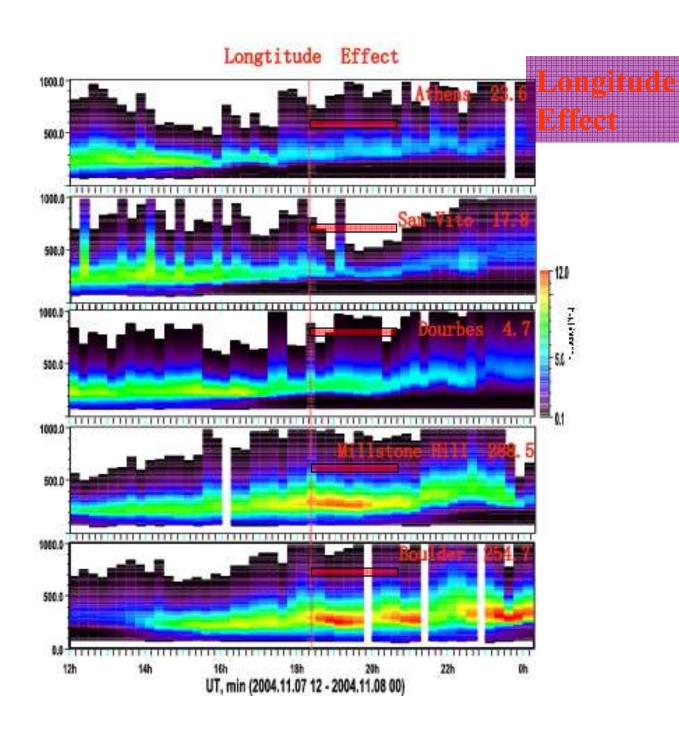


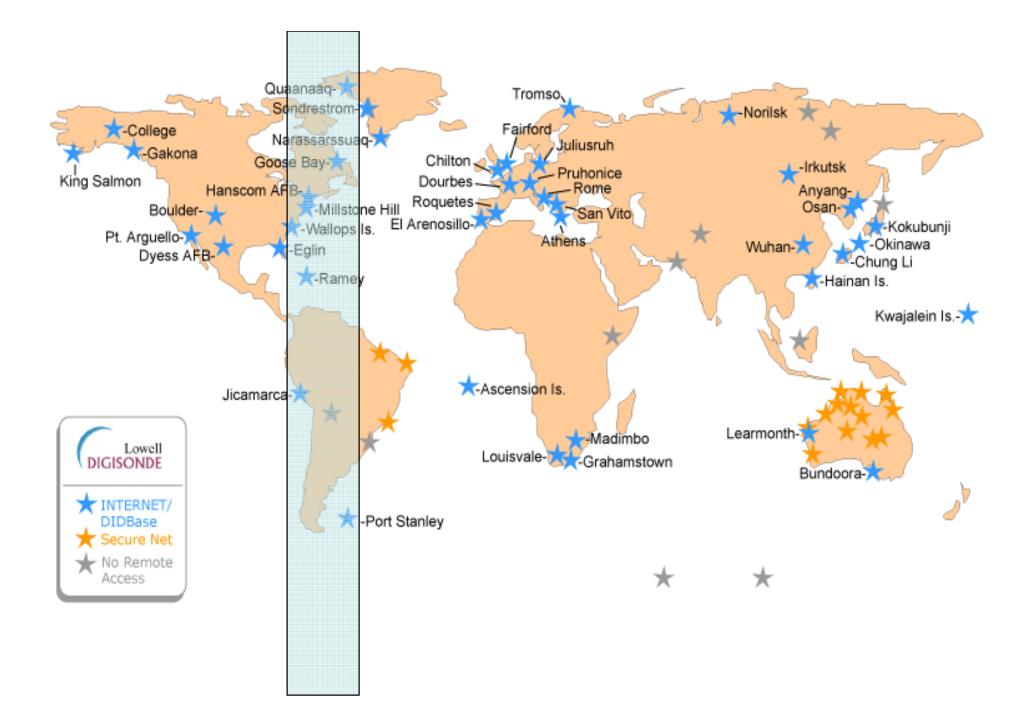


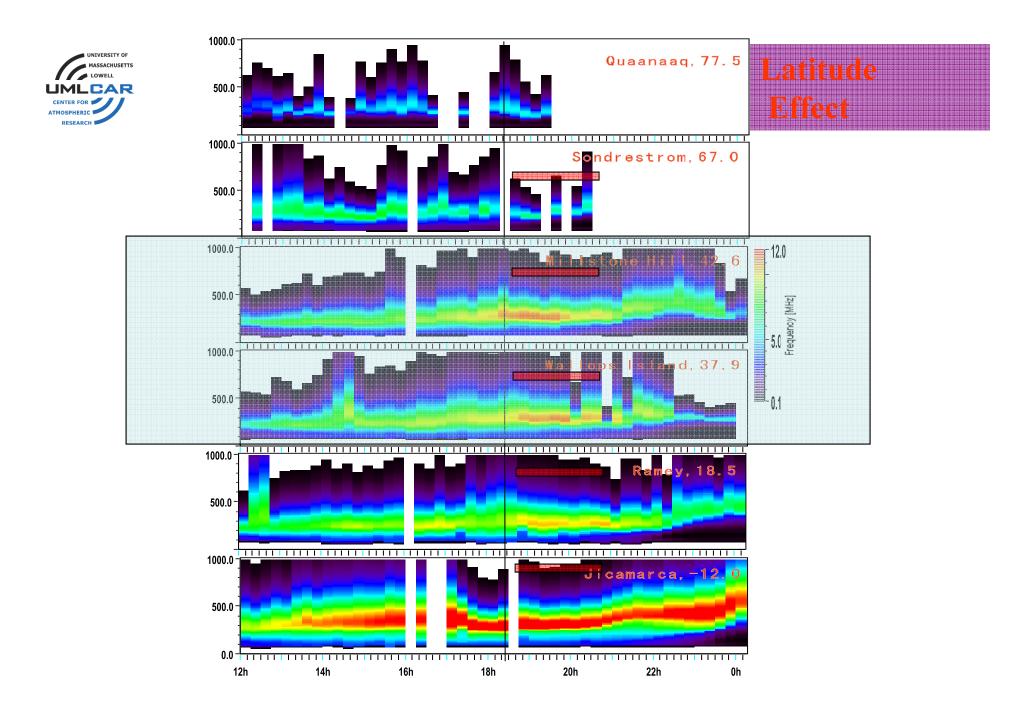


Night Side





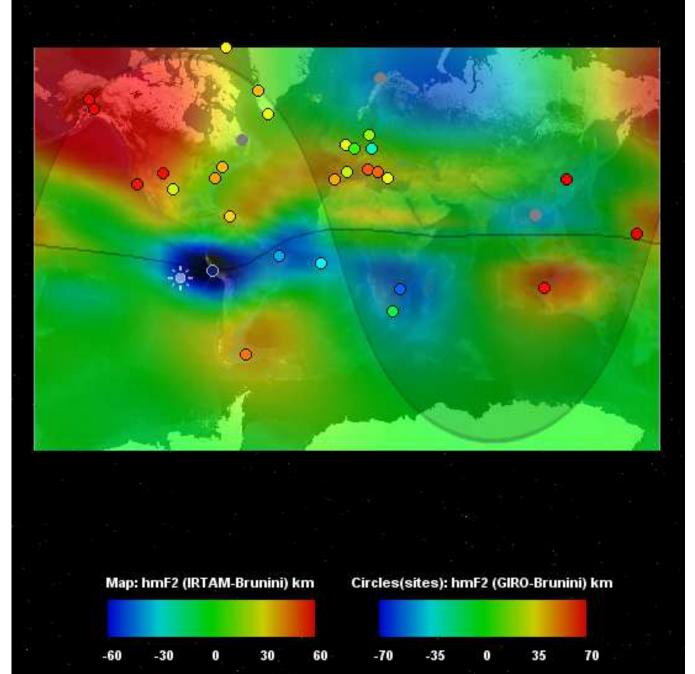


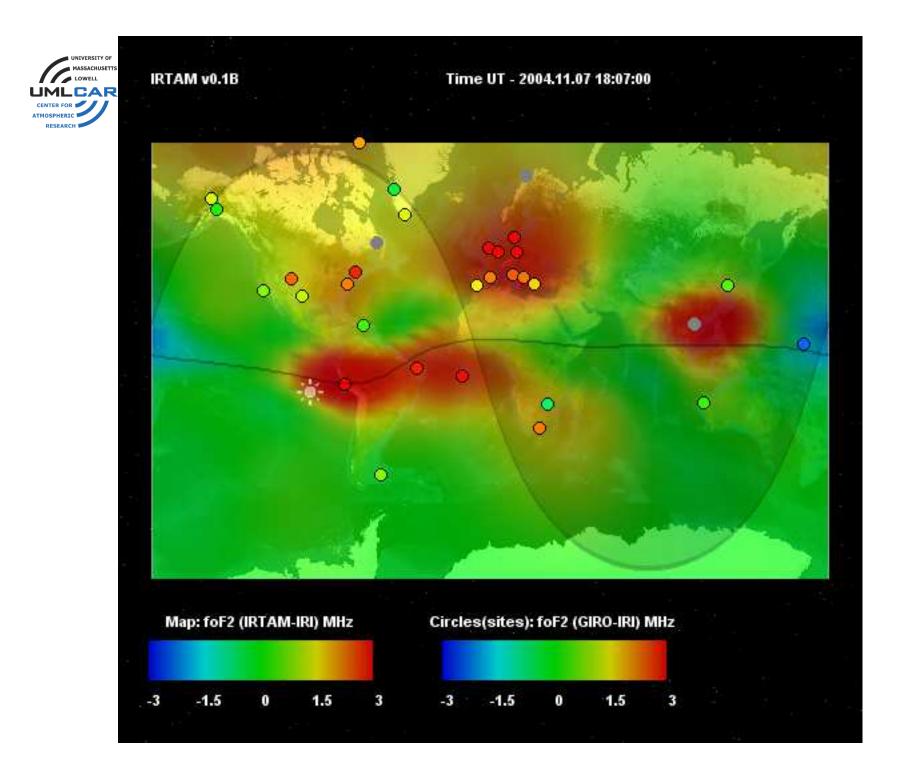


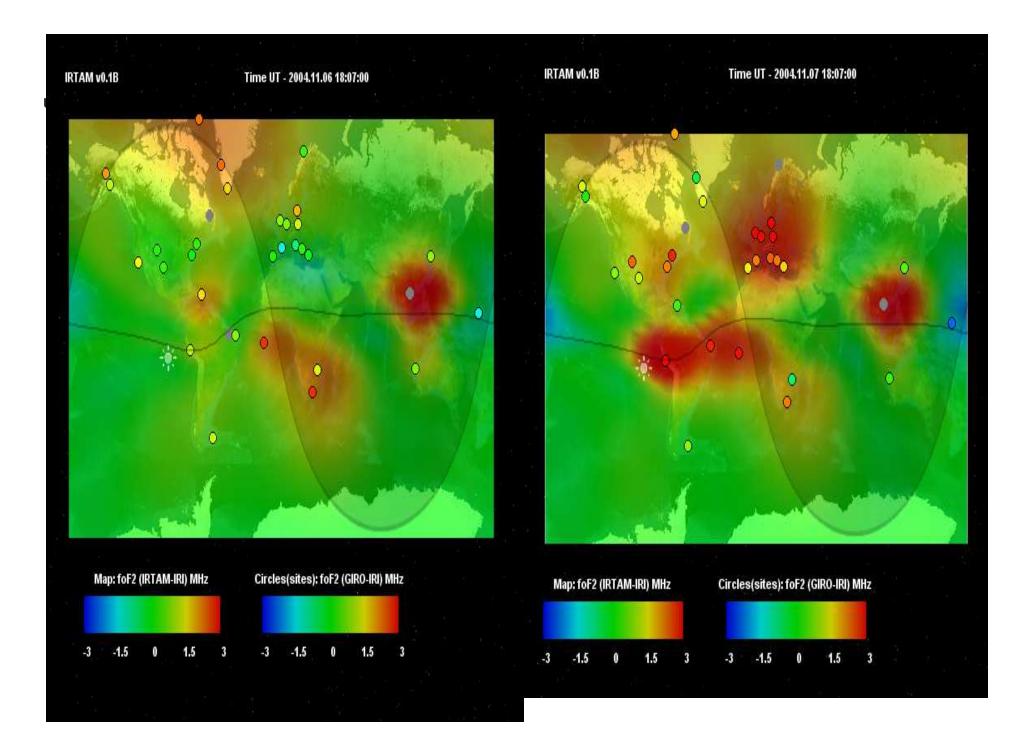


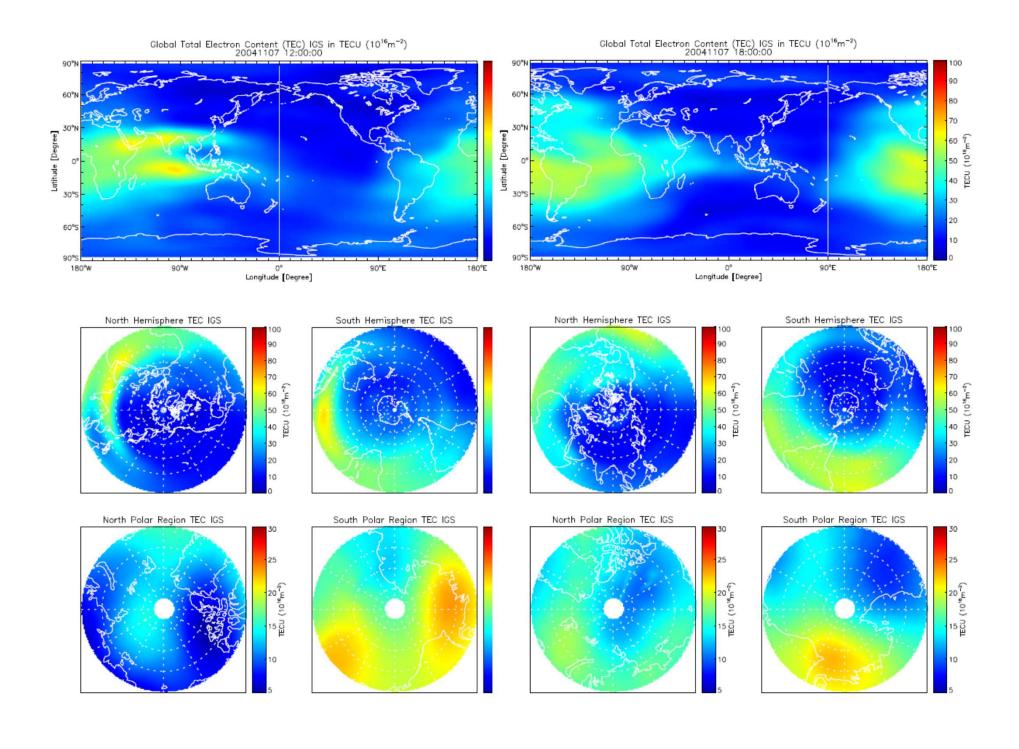
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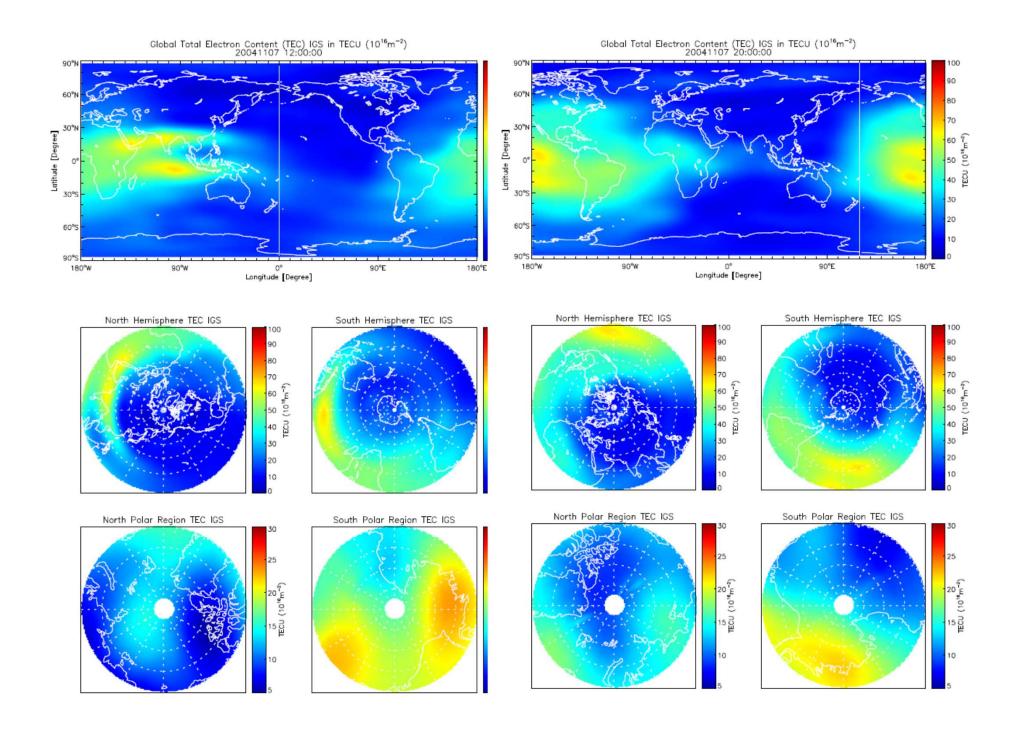
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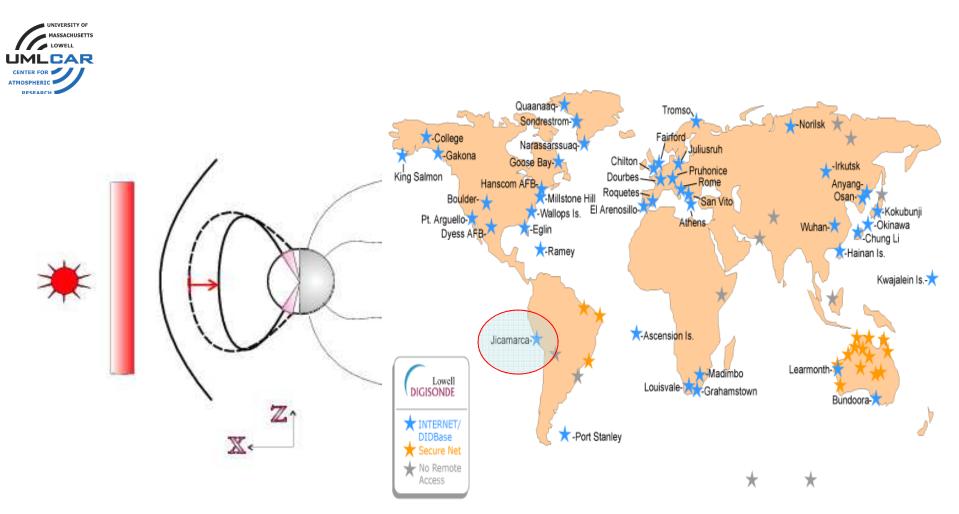






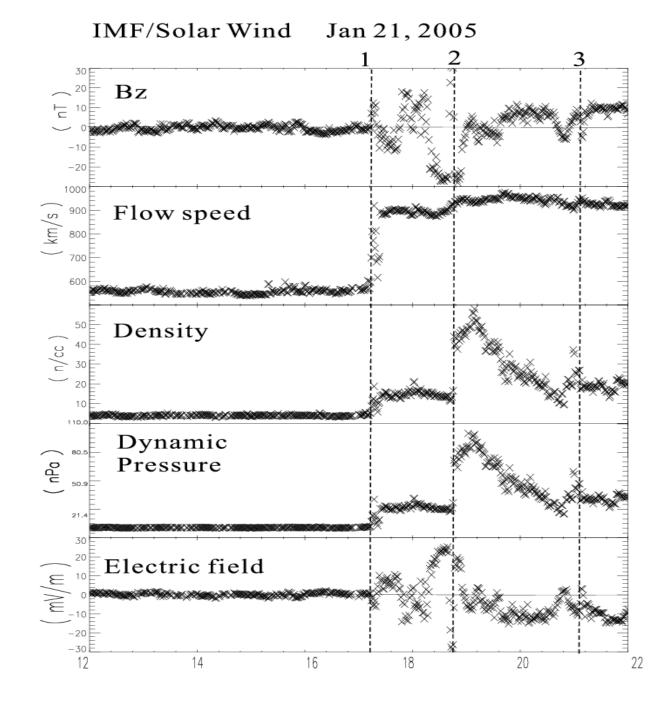


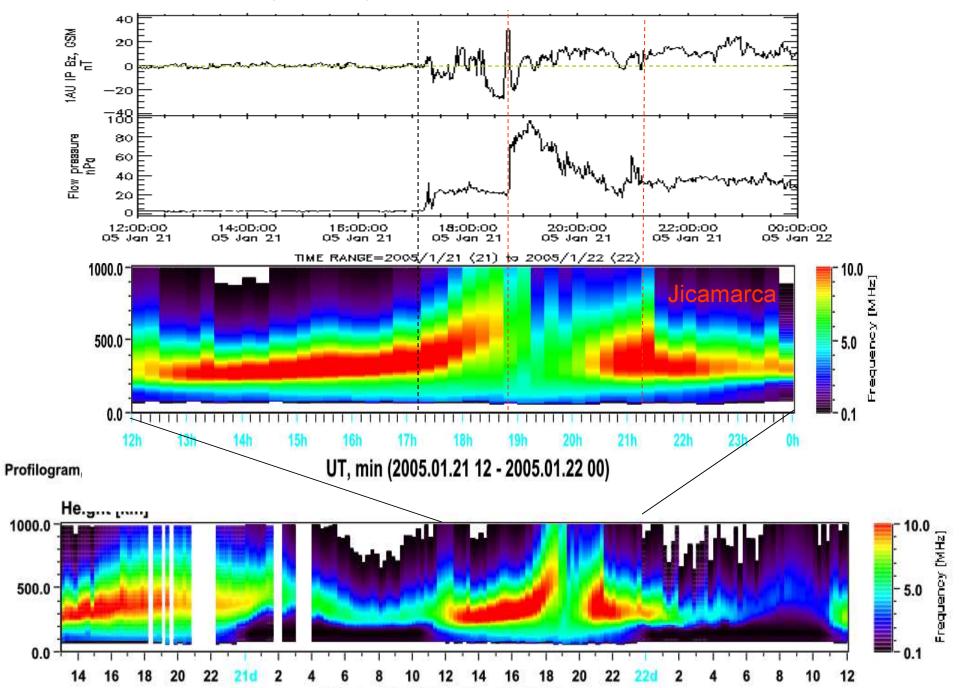




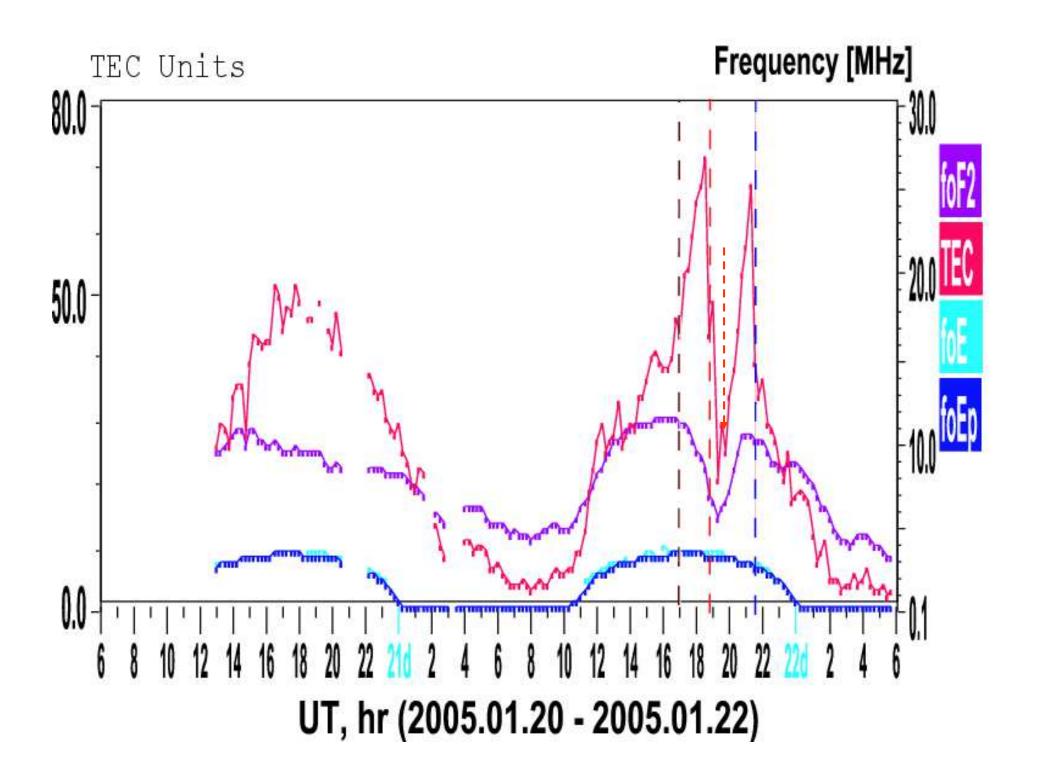
### **1. Equatorial Ionosphere Response**







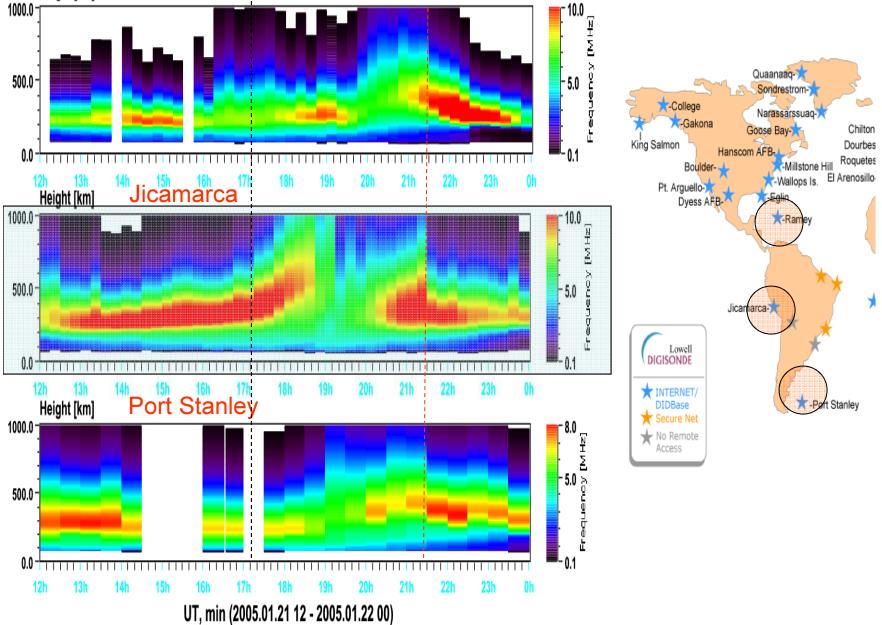
OMNI (1AU IP Data) IMF and Plasma data HRO>Definitive 1minute

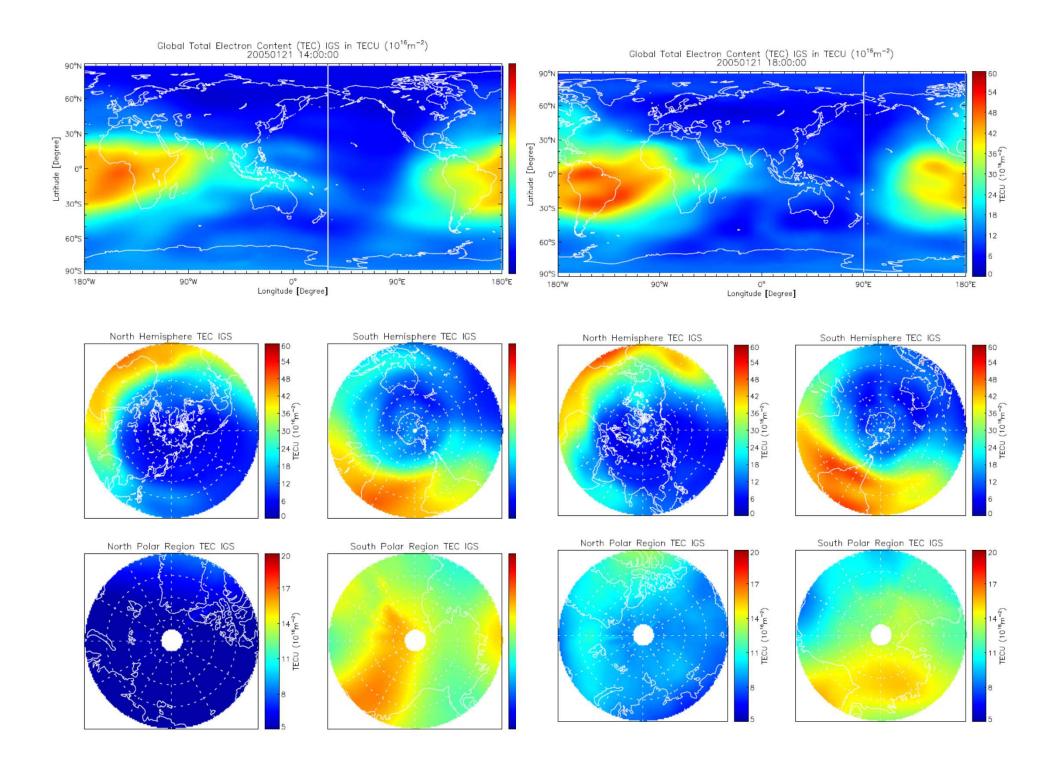


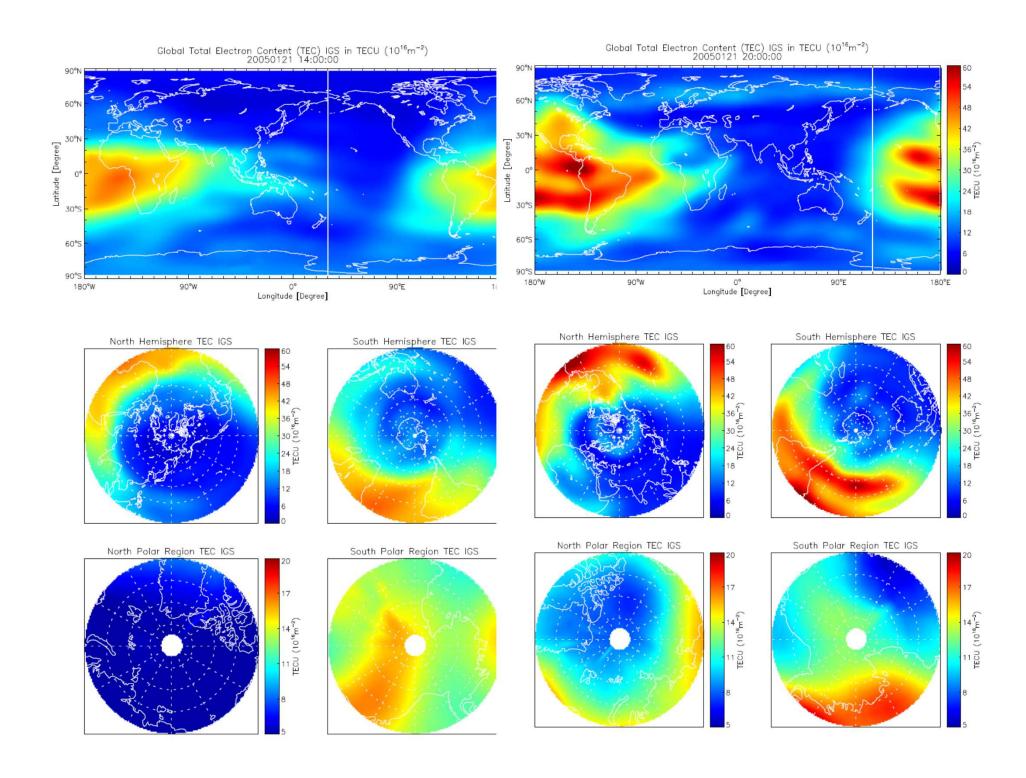
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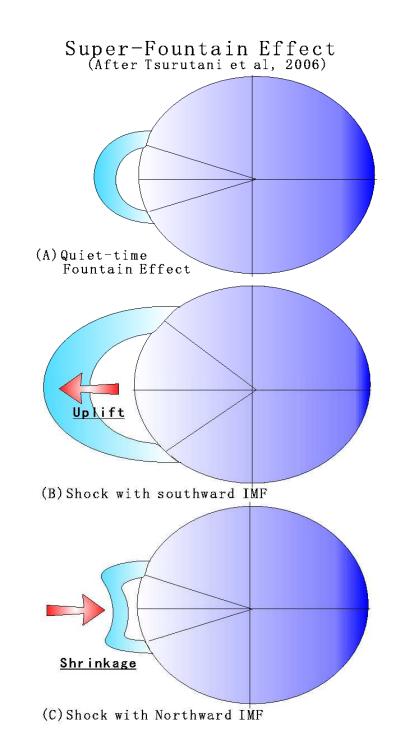
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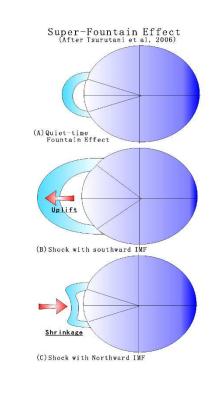




# Summary

#### Equatorial ionospheric response

- --- 1. quick response
  --- 2. rapid uplift (~ 66.7 m/s)
  --- 3. shrinkage (~ 42m/s)
  --- 4. TEC sudden dropout
  (The TEC is dropped from 72 TEC unit to 20 TEC unit, then recover to 68 TEC unit in about 2 hours)
- Midlatitude ionospheric response
  - --- 1. Longitude effect--- 2. Latitude effect



Frequency [MHz]

1.20 - 2005.01.22

