

Common Errors in Digisonde Programming



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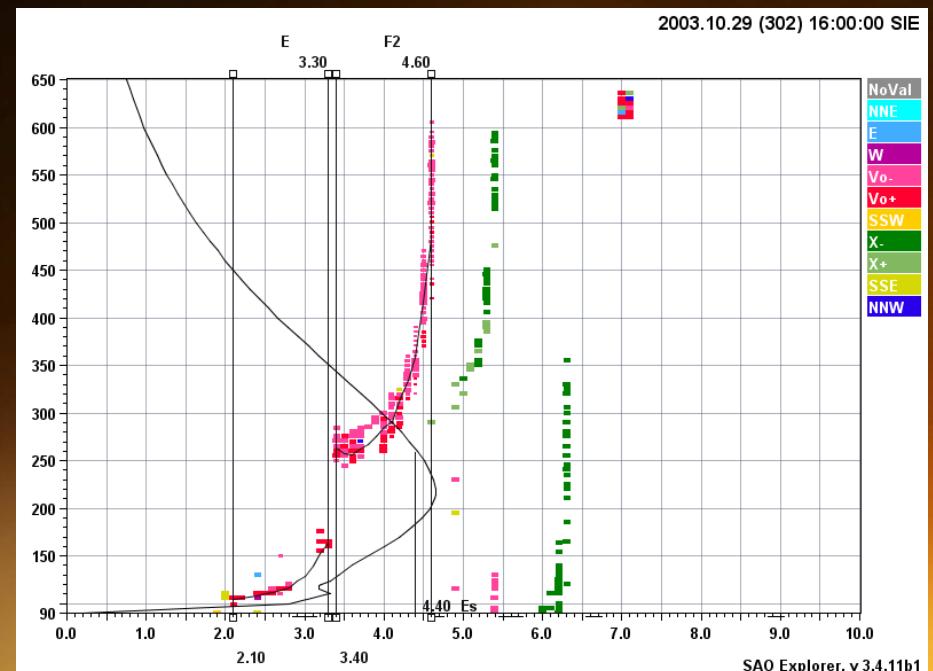
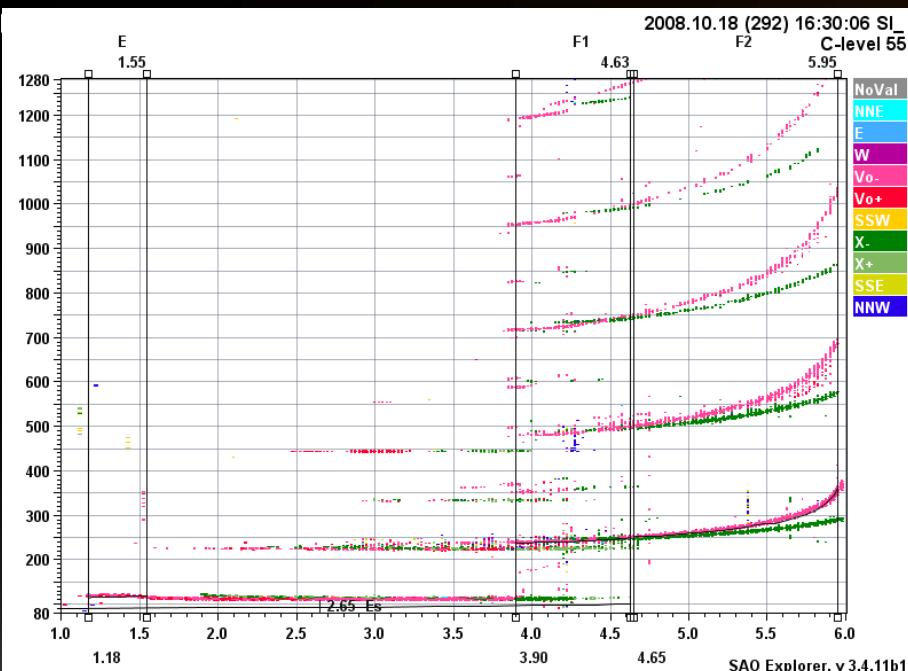
“What can go wrong” Presentations

- Digisonde programming mistakes – IG
- Hardware troubleshooting with BIT and DCART – RH
- Lightning Protection – IL
- Software troubleshooting – IG
- Computer security and Windows XP – RH
- How to find out your digisonde is not working right - IG

Outline

- Errors that can happen to any Digisonde
- Errors that cannot happen to Digisonde 4D
- Error in programming 4D

Things that can go wrong



Gain Control

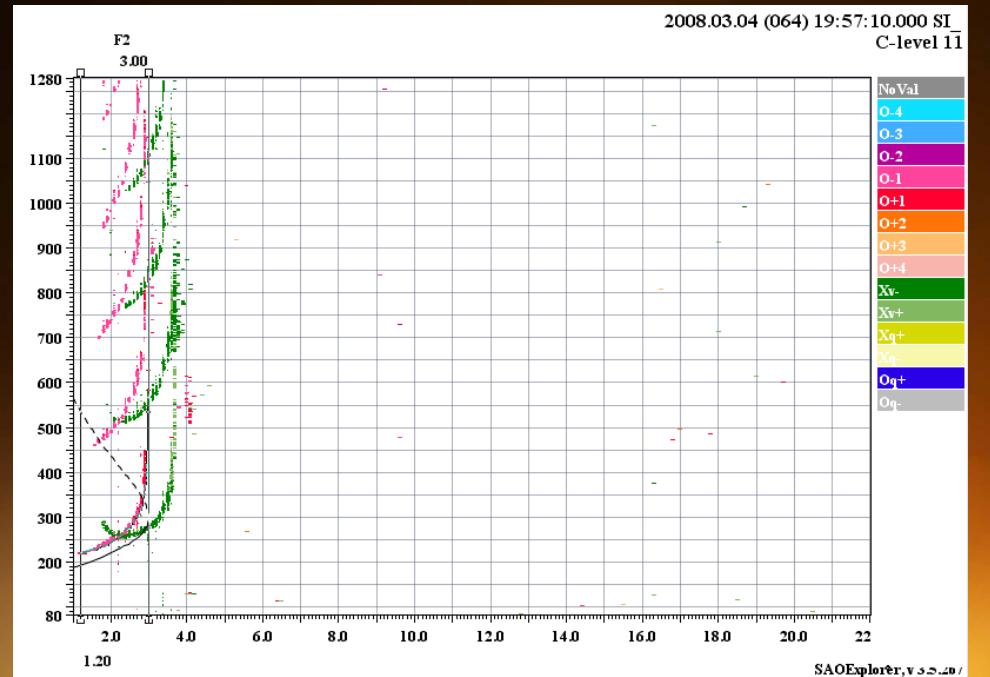
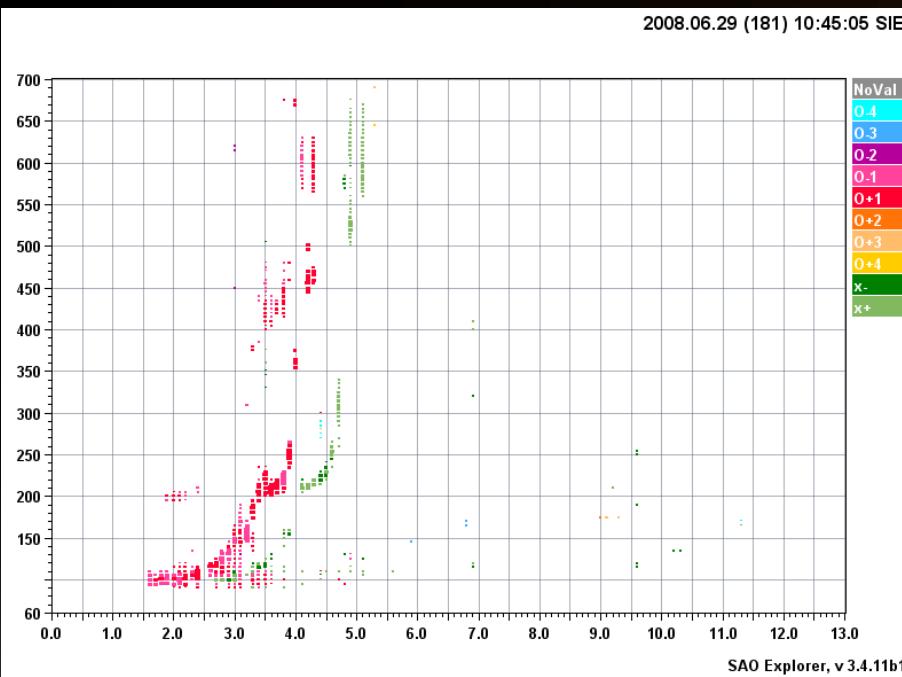
DIGISONDE AUTOGAIN SELECTION PER FREQUENCY IN 6 DB STEPS

Higher value means greater attenuation

Station : Gakona



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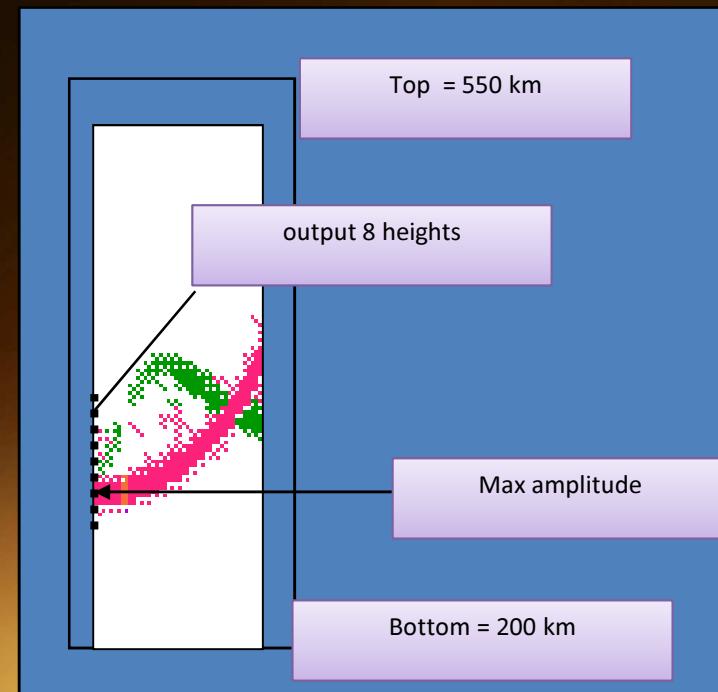


Other things that can go wrong

- Not using precision ranging in the ionogram mode
- Setting drift measurement with CIT below 10 sec (except polar locations)
- Leaving station site with Digisonde idling – watch for countdown!
- Leaving out list of restricted frequencies

Common Programming Issues

- Watch for drift selection window
 - Bottom height should not be too low (avoid E-layer echoes if you study F layer)



Errors that cannot happen in 4D

- A long list of errors in programming 4D are identified by DCART editors
 - Every field comes with allowed value range
 - Selections that are verified automatically
 - Frequency multiplexing
 - Choice of IPP to fit # of samples
 - Schedules without gain creation program
 - Features incompatible with data format and processing selection
 - RSF ionogram without beamforming
 - RSF ionogram with partial Rx array
 - Logarithmic frequency stepping, etc.
 - Zero starting range for measurement
- Warnings and color codes for potential problems
 - High data volume
 - Suppressed output of data files
 - Signal saturation label in raw data display
 - Tracker saturation condition in BIT
 - Radio silent programs

Error of 4D programming

- Use autogain evaluation program with wrong setting of the constant gain

