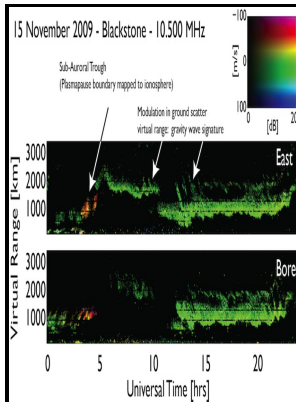


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Radio wave propagation aspects of the CUTLASS radar

Incoherent scatter returns come from free electrons in the ionospheric gas, or plasma, usually with a strong influence from the ions. Because the magnetic field lines behave like conducting wires, the only voltage easily allowed is across magnetic field lines. This likely freed some of the ions from the convection currents allowing them to travel equatorward due to their conserved angular momentum.

HF Backscatter off Travelling Ionospheric Disturbances Identified with Pactor

Since this is less than the certainty in the azimuths towards the backscatter sources, the data are plotted on a single figure with two x-axes for simplicity. We present results of Capon's method for estimation of in-beam images of ionospheric scattering structures observed by a small, low-power coherent backscatter interferometer. The advent of the Global Positioning System GPS with 24 satellites in 12 hour orbits at 20,000 kilometres, provides the opportunity to monitor on a global basis the variation of the ionisation content of the ionosphere and plasmasphere.

Incoherent Scatter Radar

This allowed a unique opportunity to compare the auroral convection currents determined by the SuperDARN radar stations to the Pactor derived locations of the backscatter source. Introduction The backscattering of radio waves has been a useful form of propagation and well known to shortwave enthusiasts for decades. ISR and GNSSs provide complementary information about the ionosphere.

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These electric fields have associated voltages as high as 200 000 V and ionospheric currents as great as 1 000 000 A, yielding power levels of 2×10^{11} Watts, more power than any artificial generator on earth. Two modes were designed to specifically probe the D-region electron density and also to derive winds. In crossed electric and magnetic fields in vacuum, ions and electrons exhibit the motion shown schematically.

Incoherent Scatter Radar

Useful insight into the backscatter phenomenon is revealed in the figure above when one compares the Doppler velocities for all the backscatter observations to the signs in the time derivatives of the local f^oF_2 values. With such a large antenna the feed is moved rather than the dish, with

zenith angles of 20° attainable at Arecibo.

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In the figure above, radar data from the Goose Bay, Newfoundland, CANADA showed TID signatures in the range versus time power data.

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