

# I-T-M Research In Canada and Opportunities for Swarm



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*Conners*  
Ground magnetometry  
Ionospheric current systems



*Fenrich, Mann, Rankin, Samson*  
MHD Modeling, FLRs  
CGSM Magnetometers



*Donovan, Knudsen, Skone, Yau*  
Space Flight Instrumentation  
Ground-based Optics  
GPS/GNSS



*Hussey, Kustov, McWilliams, Sofko, St. Maurice*  
SuperDARN and ISR Radars

Western

*MacDougall*  
CADI Ionosondes



*W. Liu, J. Manuel, G. Gratton*



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CADI Ionosondes



*Boteler, Newitt*  
Space Weather, Regional modeling

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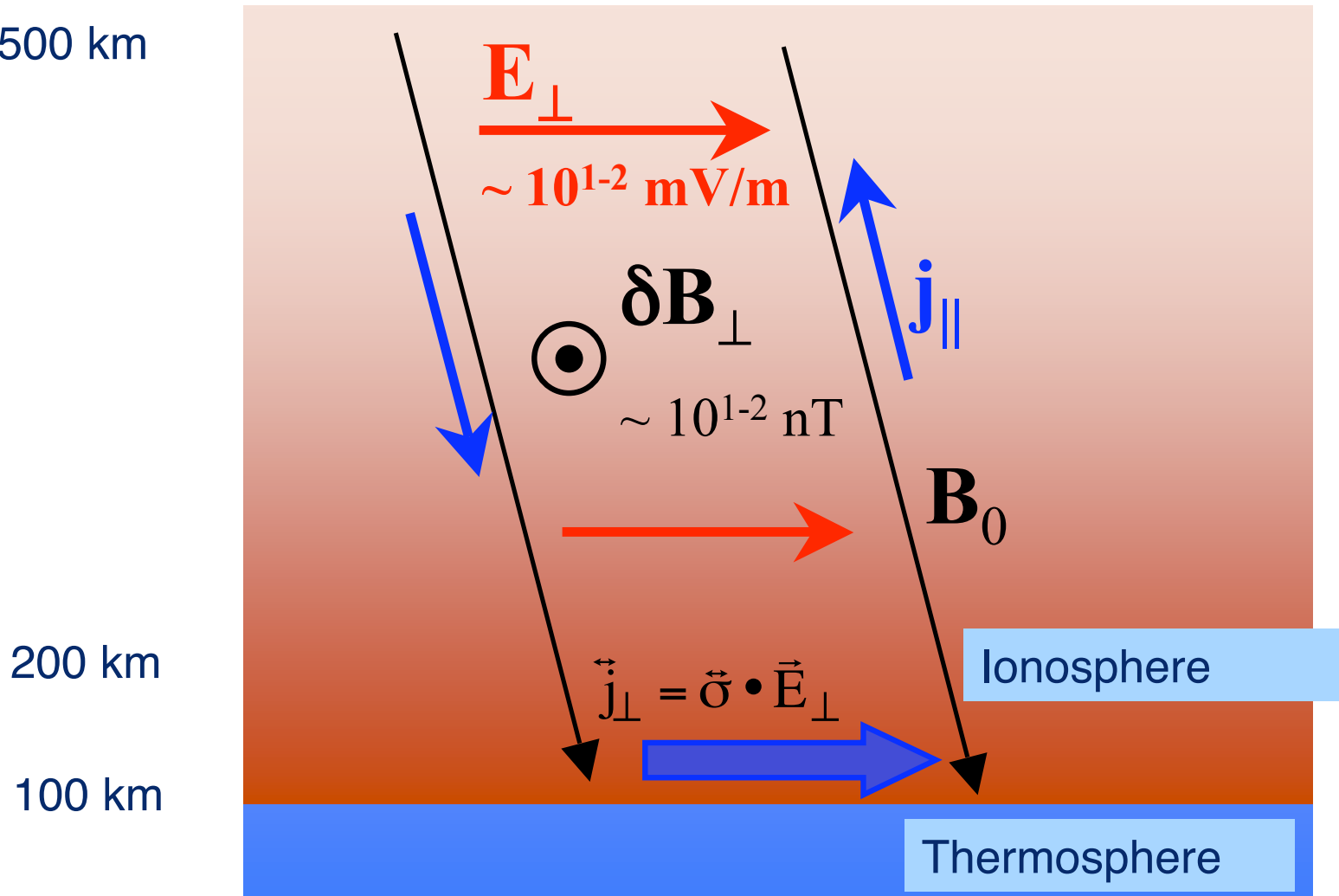
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**“One man’s noise is another man’s signal”**

# Ionospheric Current Systems

500 km



# Relation Between $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ in the Ionosphere

$$\nabla_x \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J} = \mu_0 \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E}$$

**1-D:**

$$j_x = \sigma_p E_x \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{J} = 0 : \frac{\partial}{\partial x} j_x = -\frac{\partial}{\partial z} j_z \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_p & \sigma_h & 0 \\ -\sigma_h & \sigma_p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu_0} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta B_y = j_z = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \int \sigma_p E_x dz \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\delta B_y}{\mu_0 E_x} = \int \sigma_p dz \quad (4)$$

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*Sugiura* [GRL, 877, 1984]

# Relation Between **E** and **B** in the Ionosphere

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## Some exceptions:

- 1) Non-uniform  $\sigma$
- 2)  $f > 0.1$  Hz [Knudsen et al., JGR, p77, 1992]
- 3)  $\lambda_{\perp} < \sim 2$  km [Forget et al., JGR, p1843, 1991]

## Ways to estimate $\Sigma_p$ :

- 1) Models for  $\sigma(n_e, \nu, m_i, \mathbf{B})$ 
  - solar illumination
  - precipitation
  - collision frequencies
- 2) Incoherent-scatter radars + models
- 3) Ground-based cameras + models

# Canadian GeoSpace Monitoring - CGSM



## Ground-based observations of ionospheric electrodynamics

### CGSM

- 10 Fluxgates (*Alberta*)
- 8 Induction Coils (*Alberta*)
- 26 Riometers (*Calgary*)
- 4 MSPs (*Calgary*)
- 10 ASIs (*Calgary*)
- 3-4 HF Radars (*Saskatchewan*)
- 6-8 CADIs (*Western Ontario*)

F10.7 Solar Flux Monitor (*NRC*)  
FDAM/SSDP (*Alberta*)

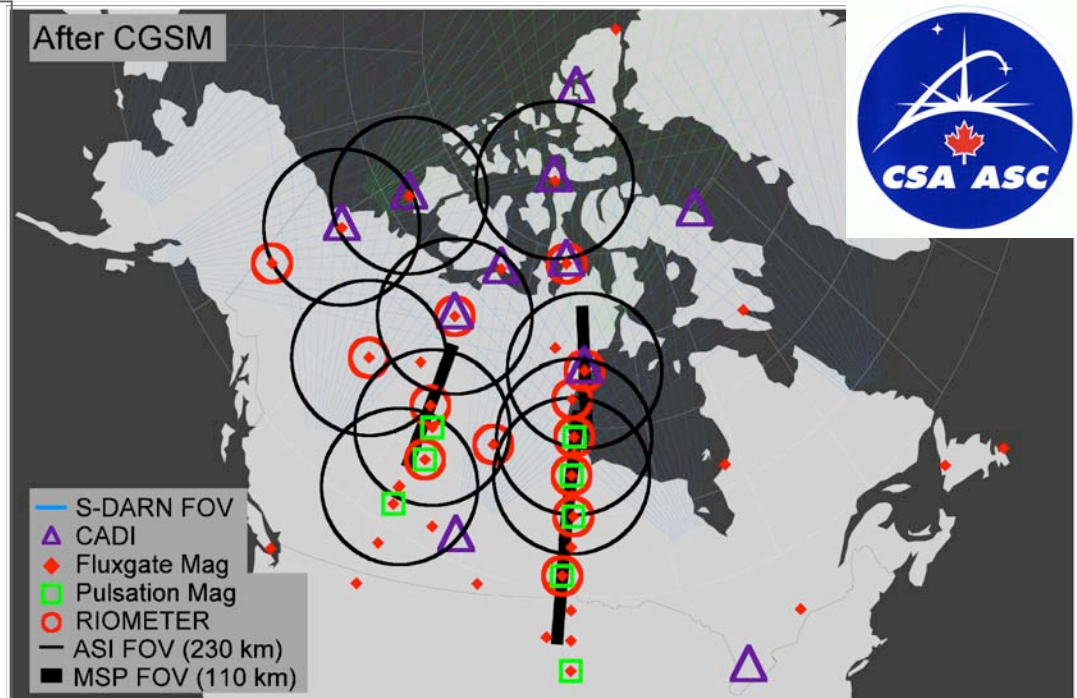
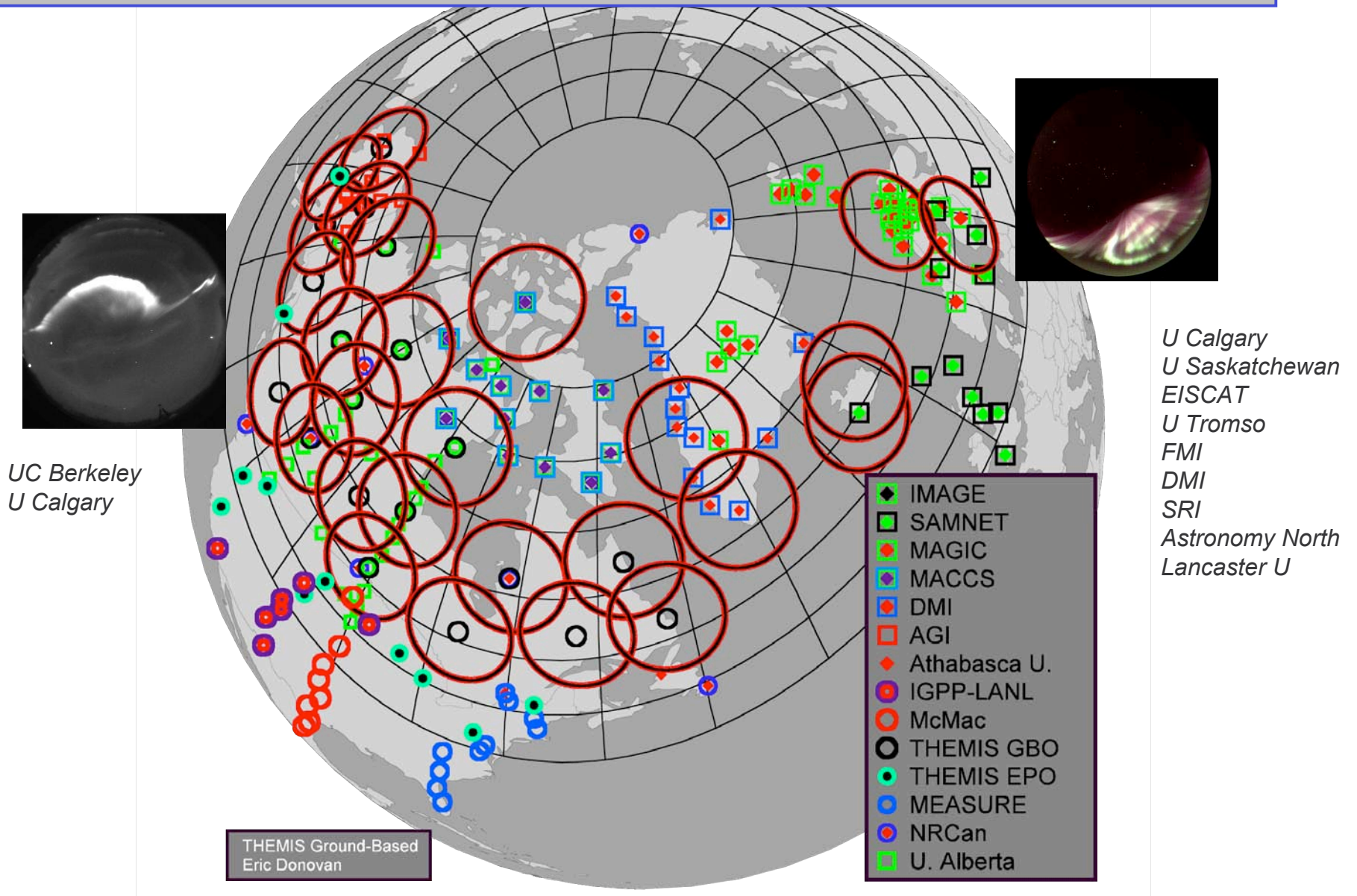


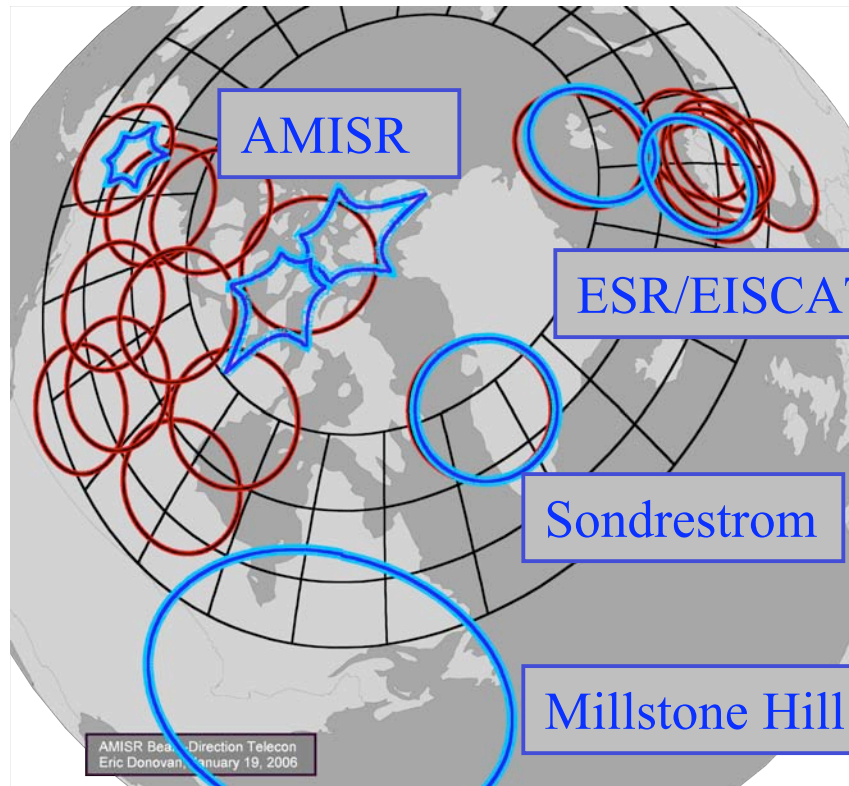
Figure: Eric Donovan

# Ground-based networks relevant to Swarm

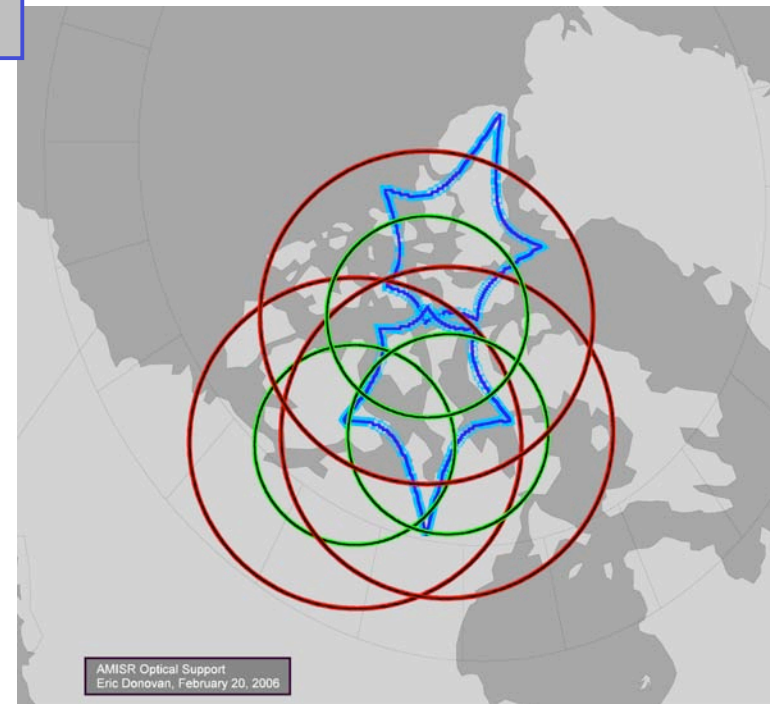




# Incoherent Scatter Radars

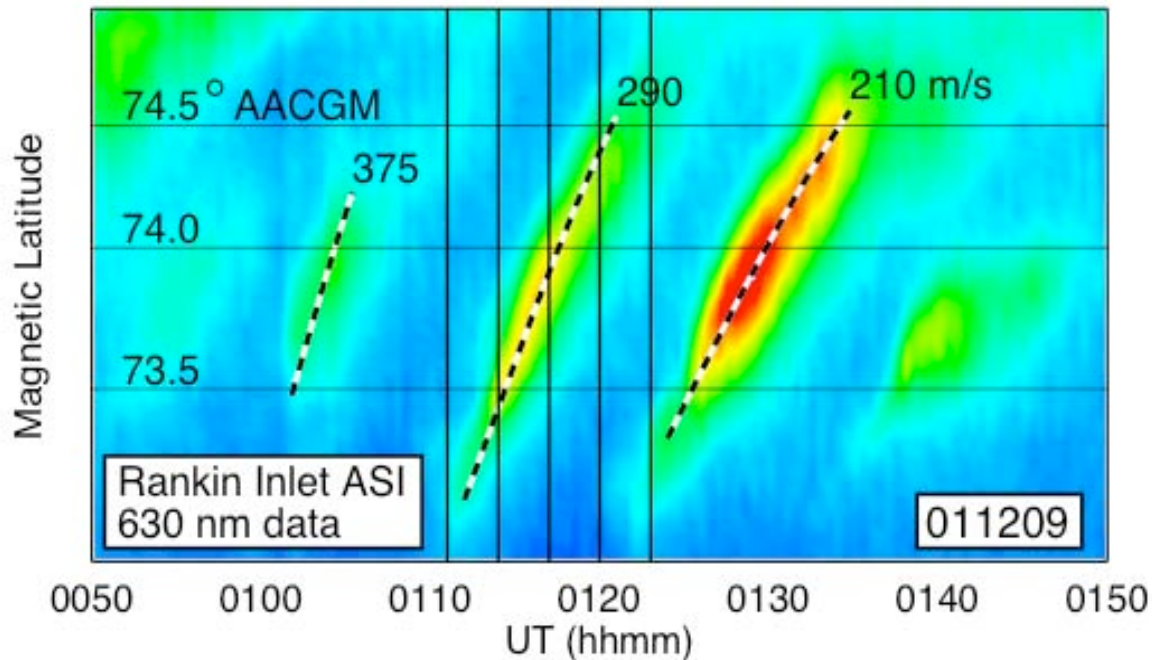


- $n_e(z)$ ,  $v_i(z)$ ,  $T_i(z)$ ,  $T_e(z)$ , others



Figures: Eric Donovan

# Science Theme 1: Auroral arc electrodynamics

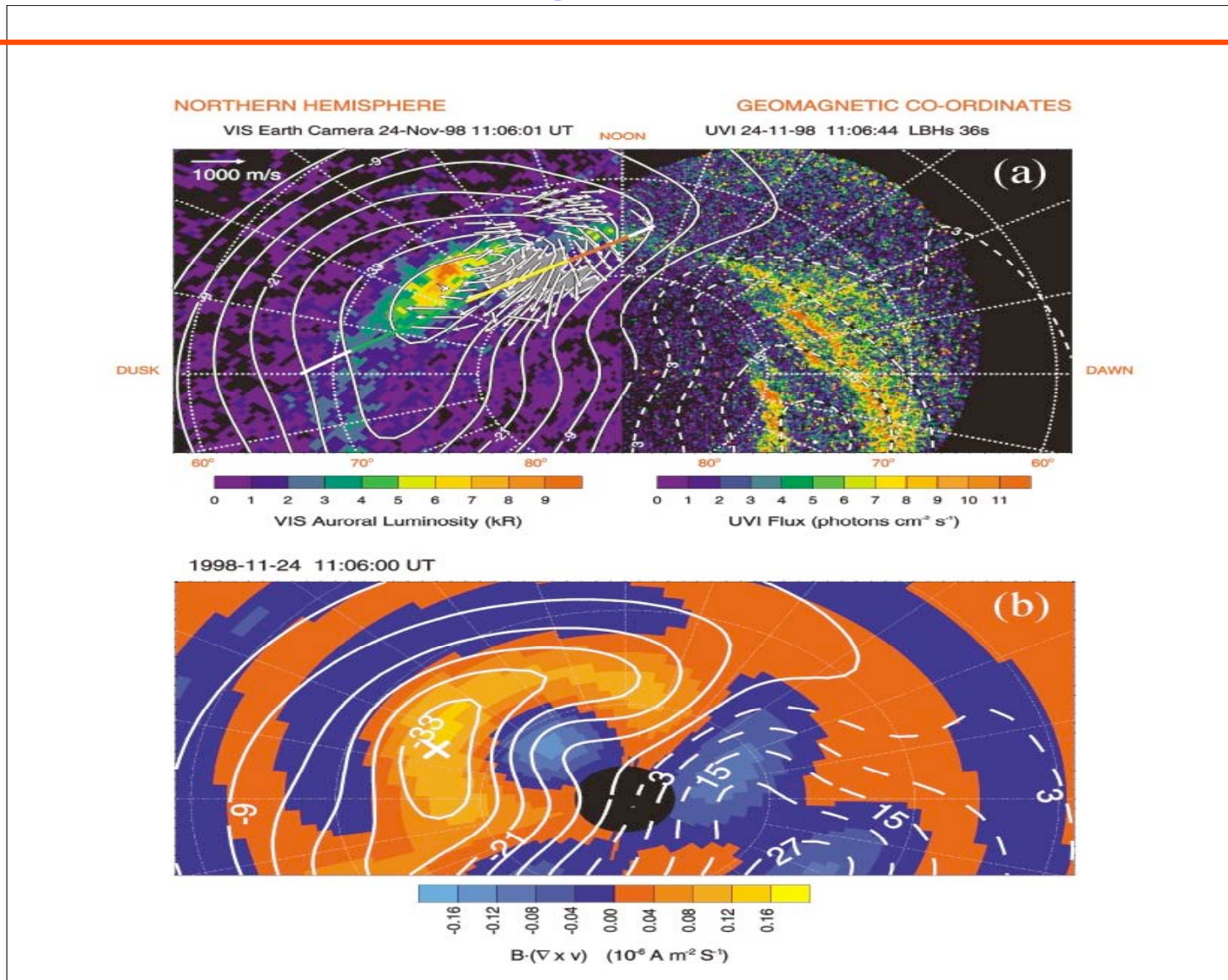


*Rankin et al. [2003]*

## Questions:

- Role of MHD waves and resonances
- Relation to large-scale plasma convection
- Current return to the magnetosphere
- Energy dissipation/Poynting flux

## Science Theme 2: Large-scale convection and FACs



Kathryn McWilliams, Univ Saskatchewan

# *Science Theme 3: Ion Heating and Outflow*

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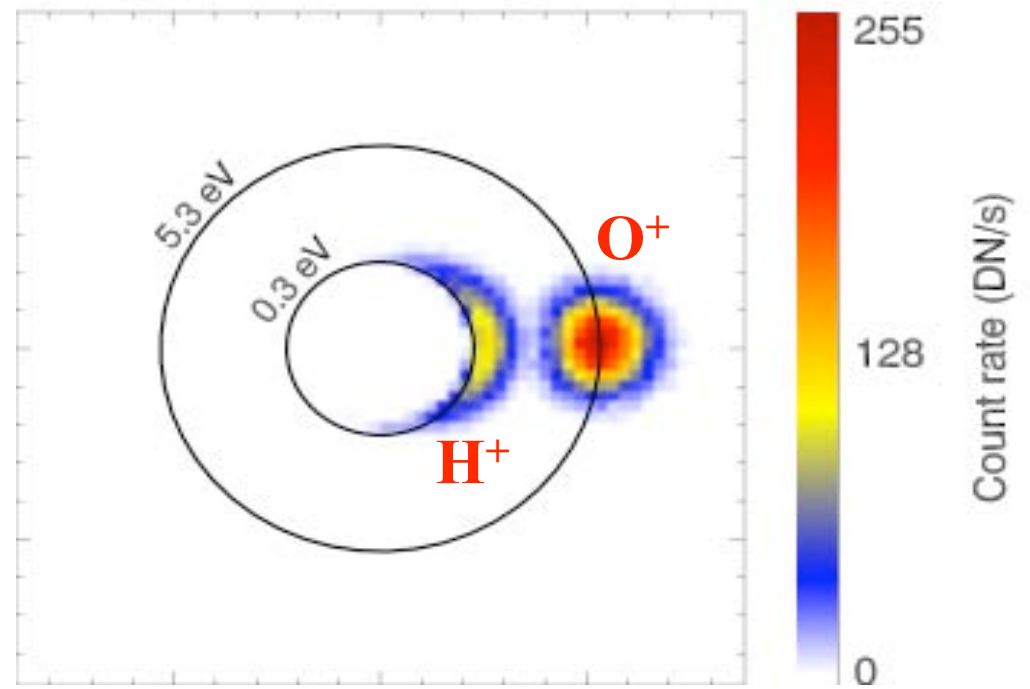
Sub-orbital velocity.

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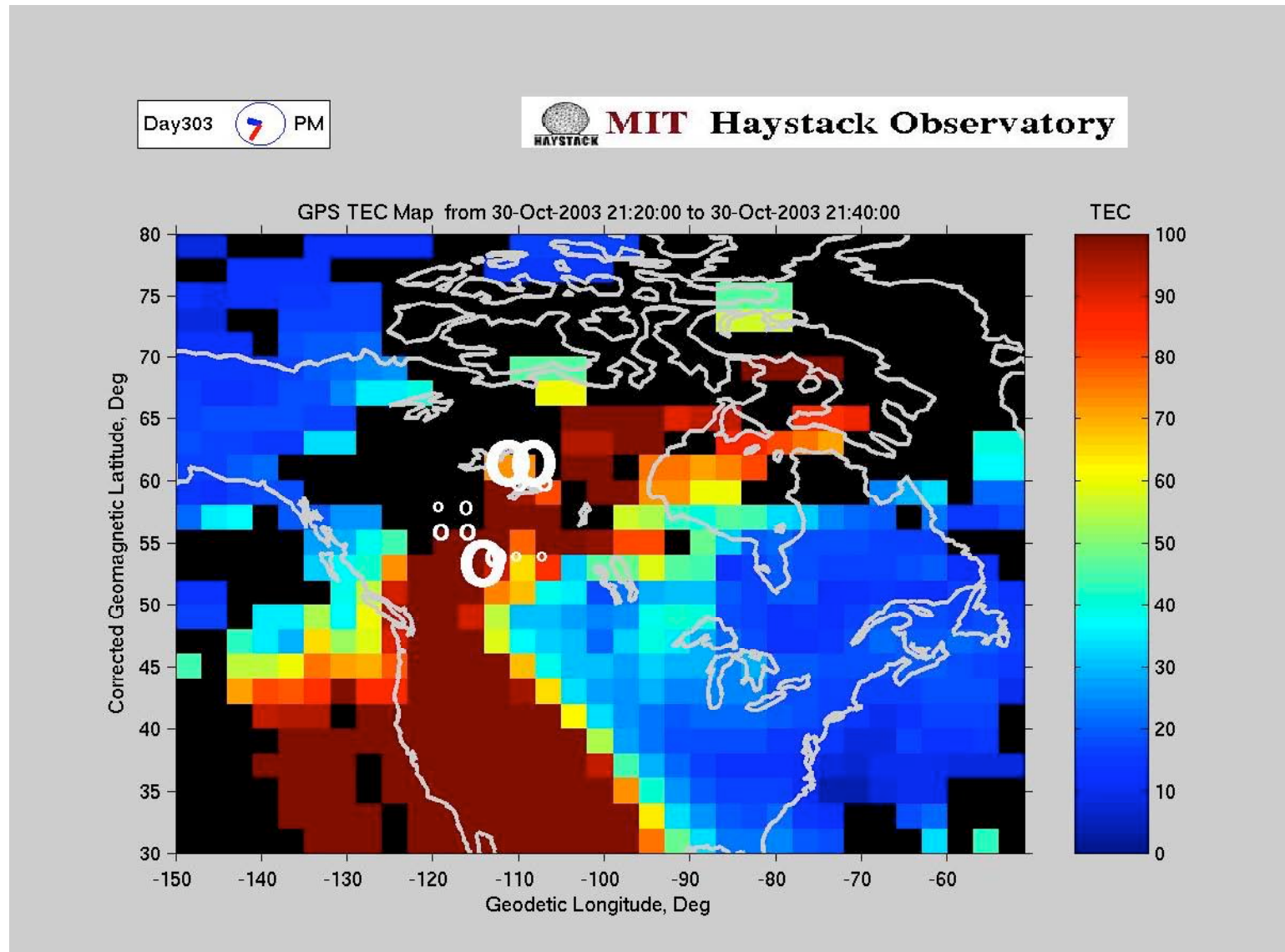
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Orbital velocity:

33% H<sup>+</sup> + 67% O<sup>+</sup>

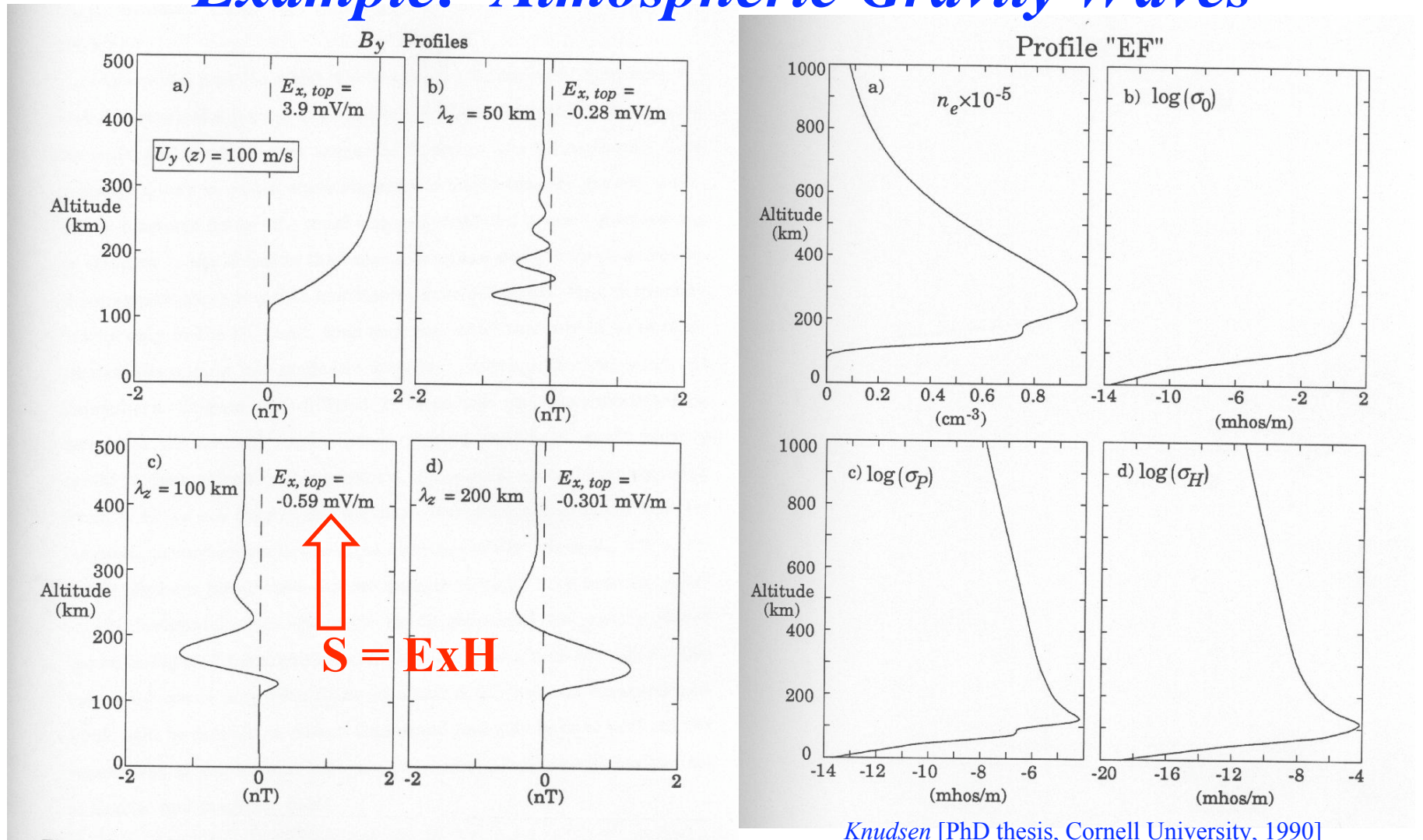


# Science Theme 4: Plasma structuring and instabilities



# Science Theme 5: I-T Coupling

## Example: Atmospheric Gravity Waves



Knudsen [PhD thesis, Cornell University, 1990]

# Summary

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## The Canadian Space Environment research program will contribute to and benefit immensely from Swarm

- 8 scientific research centers in universities and government will be actively involved Swarm-related research.
- Canada is home to the world's most extensive high-latitude array of ground-based magnetometers, cameras and radars.
- In-situ instrumentation (CEFI) will characterize ion drift velocity, ion temperature, electric fields, plasma density, ion composition, and ion distribution functions.
- $T_e$  and spacecraft potential will be measured in collaboration with the Swedish Institute for Space Physics, Uppsala.

⇒ See poster #2