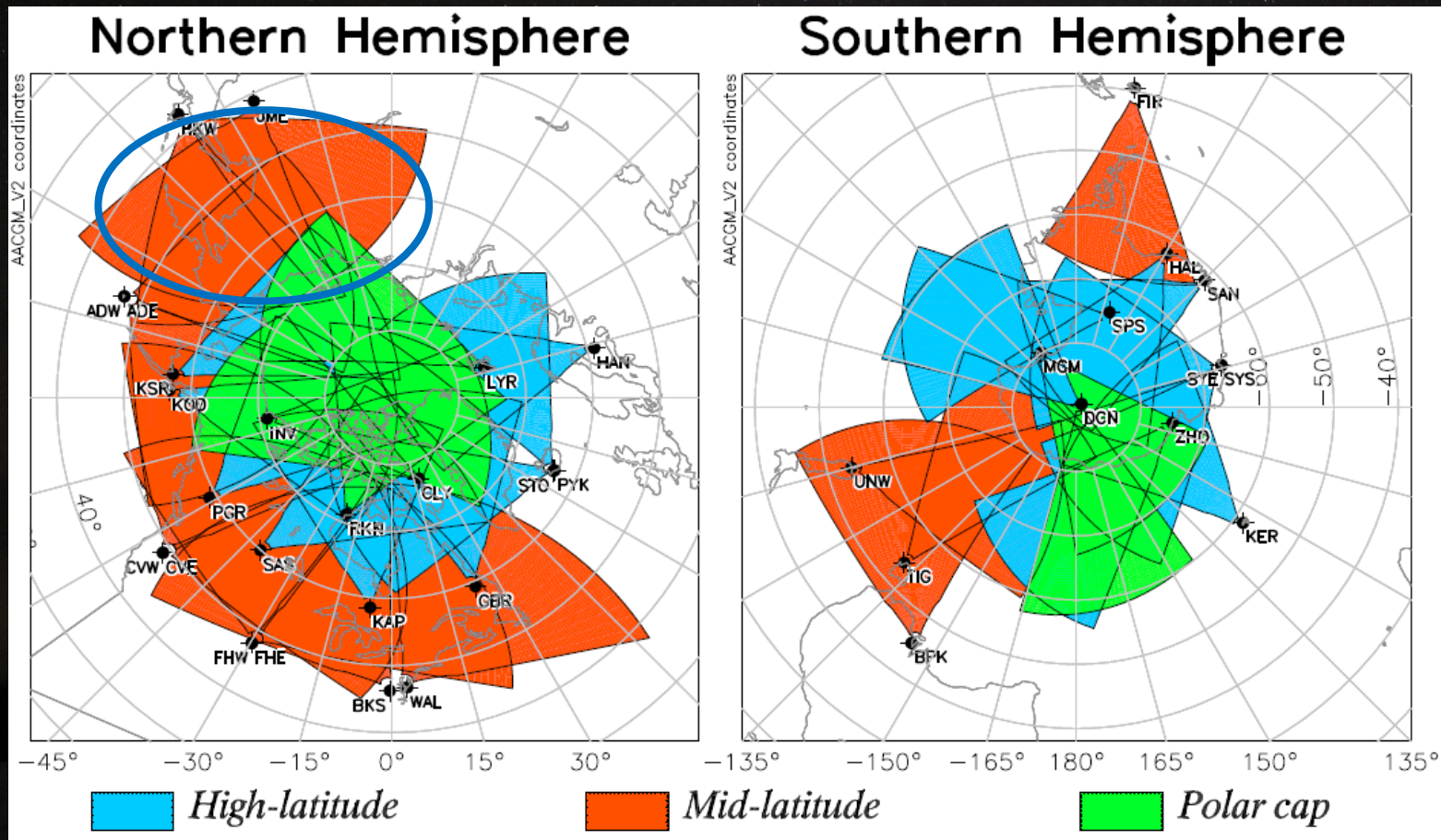


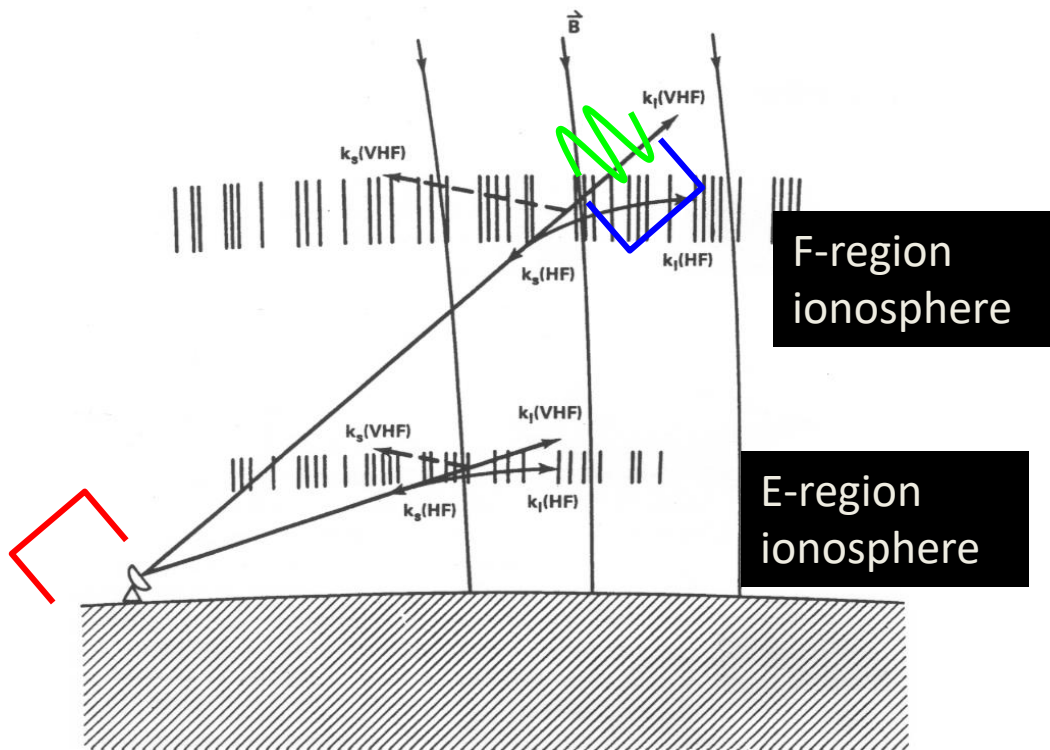
SuperDARN HOPLレーダーの現況報告



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Low latitude aurora behind the SuperDARN HOP East radar (2015.3.17 1610 UT)

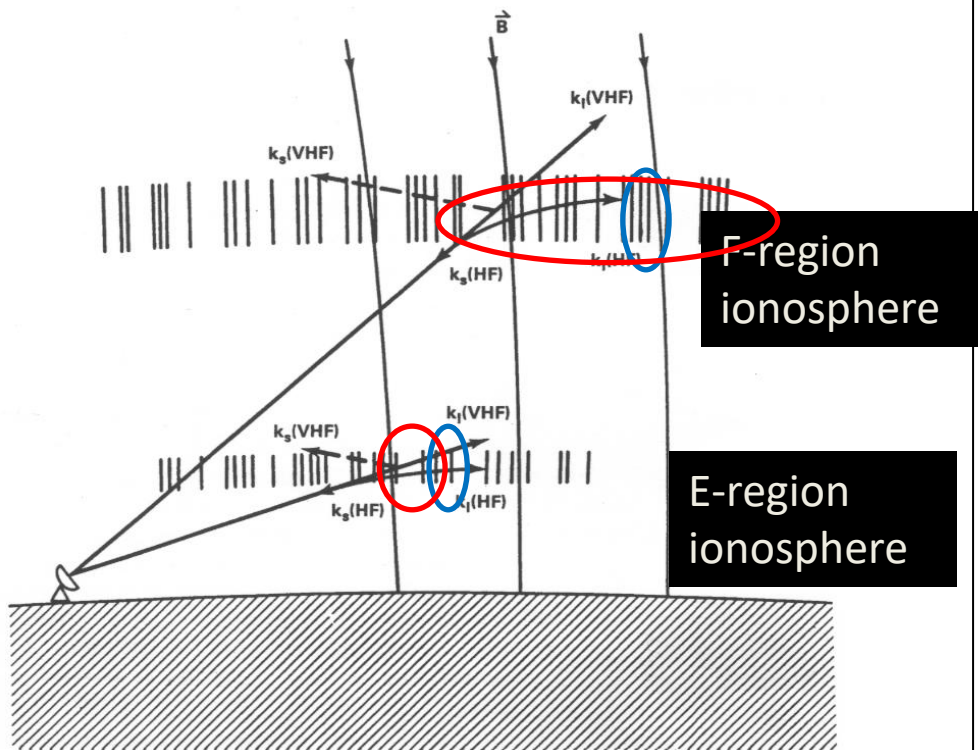
High Frequency (HF) radar: measurement of ionospheric convection velocity using Ionospheric scatter



Adapted from Greenwald et al., SSR, 1995.

- Emit the radar wave toward the ionosphere.
- Waves are backscattered by ionospheric irregularities.
- Using Doppler shifts, ionospheric convection velocities can be measured.

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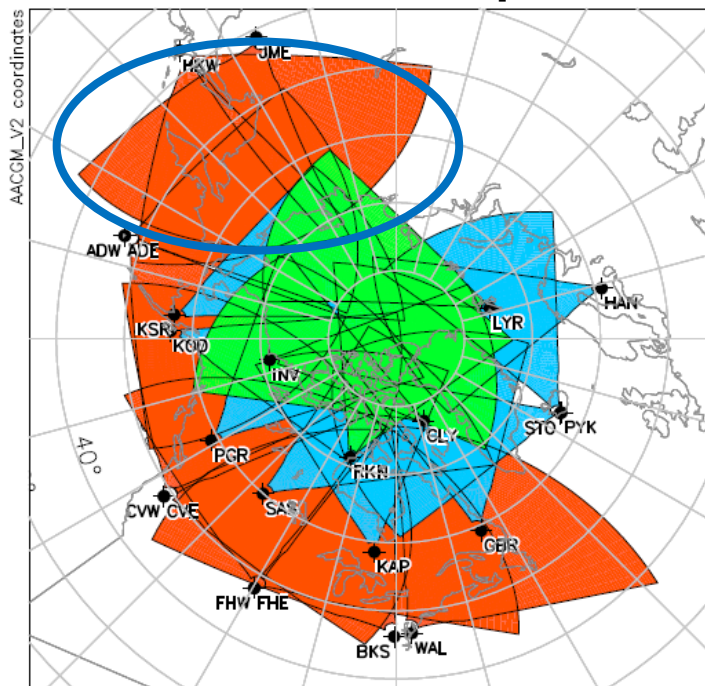
- **Note:** at the backscatter region, the radar wave vector should be **perpendicular** to the ambient geomagnetic field
- Thank to the reflection at ionospheric height, **HF radars** can cover much wider regions than **VHF radars**, so that it is possible to monitor ionospheric dynamics over much larger areas – **Ray Greenwald magic**

Super Dual Auroral Radar Network (SuperDARN)

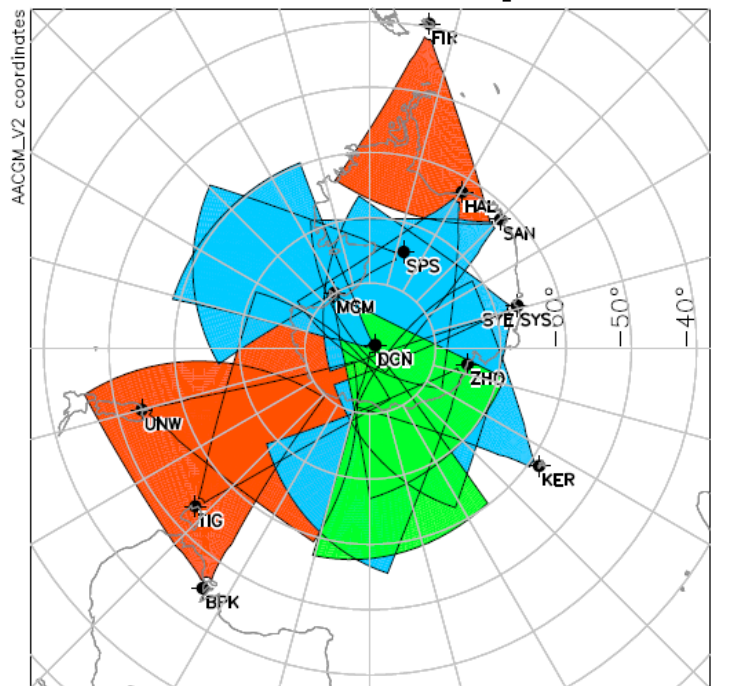
From vt.superdarn.org website

Standard temporal resolution: 1-2 min

Northern Hemisphere



Southern Hemisphere



High-latitude

Mid-latitude

Polar cap

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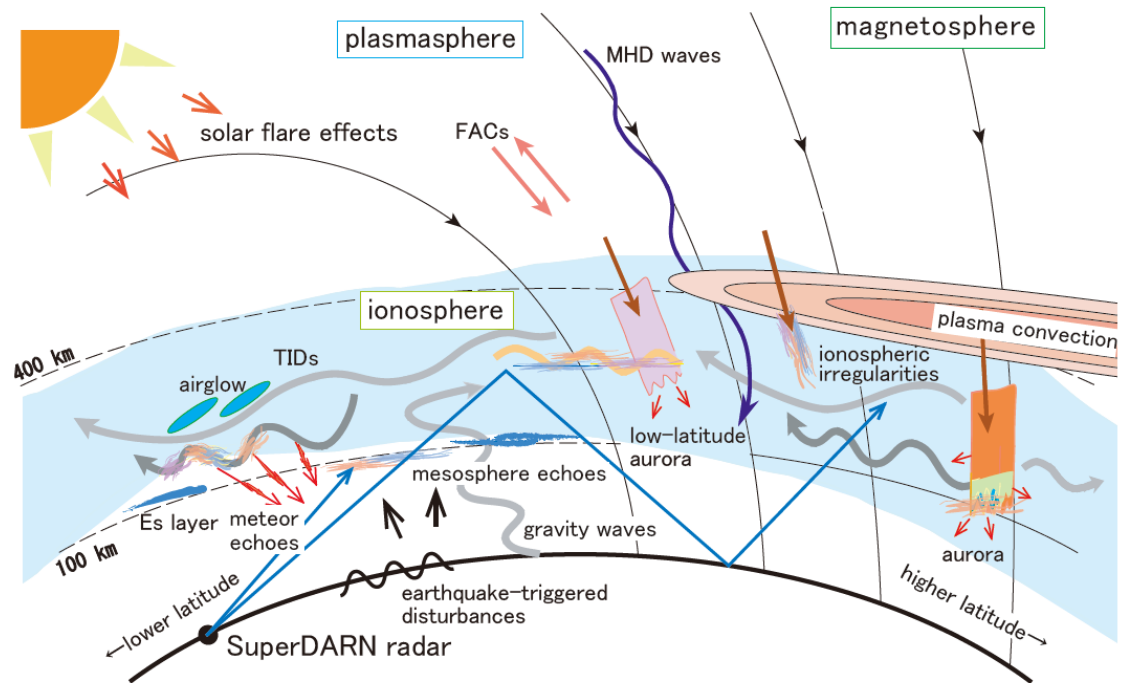
The radars use basically the same hardware architecture, same operation software, same schedule, same data format and same data analysis software, provide important information for the space weather / geospace dynamics studies.

Review of the accomplishments of mid-latitude SuperDARN

(Nishitani et al., 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40645-019-0270-5>)

1. Introduction
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Suppl. Historical overview

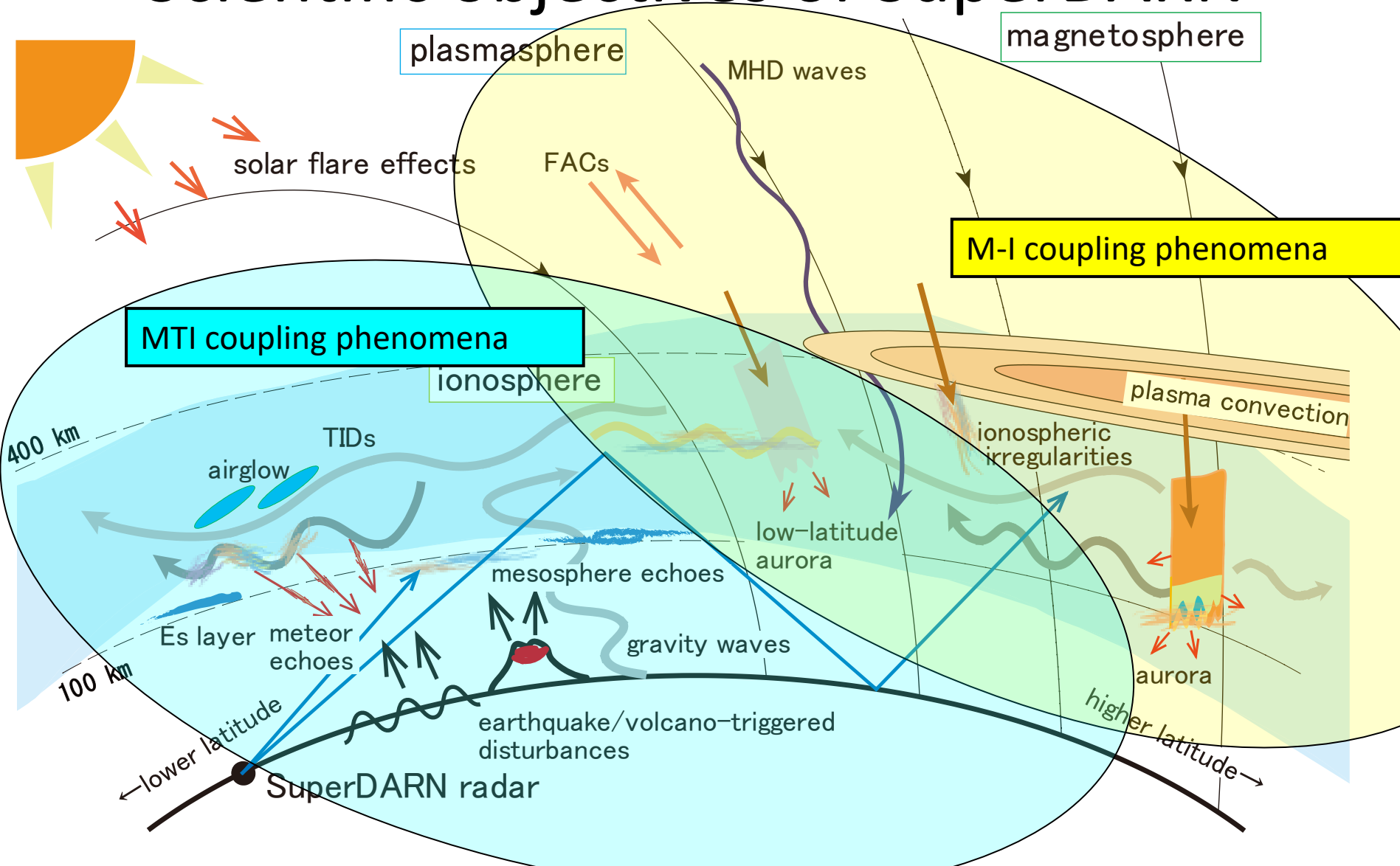


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Scientific objectives of SuperDARN



It is important to identify the effects both from above and below the ionosphere.

Modified from Nishitani et al. (PEPS, 2019)⁷

Ionospheric scatter (a,b) and ground / sea scatter (c) echoes

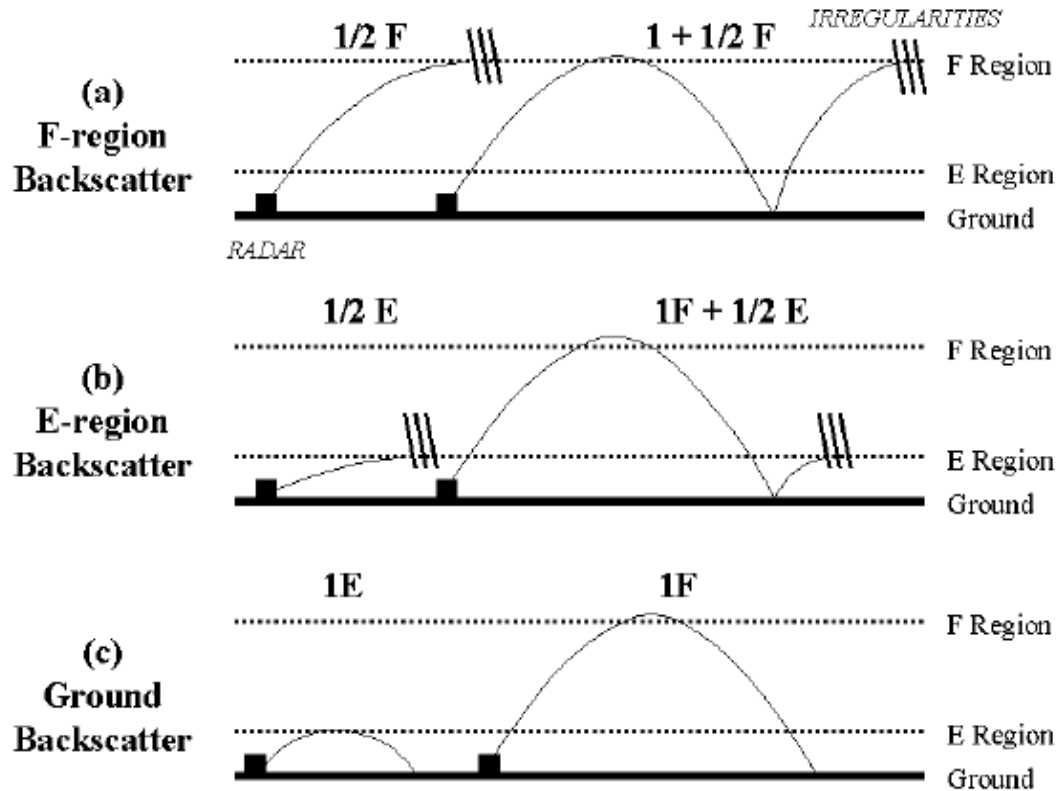
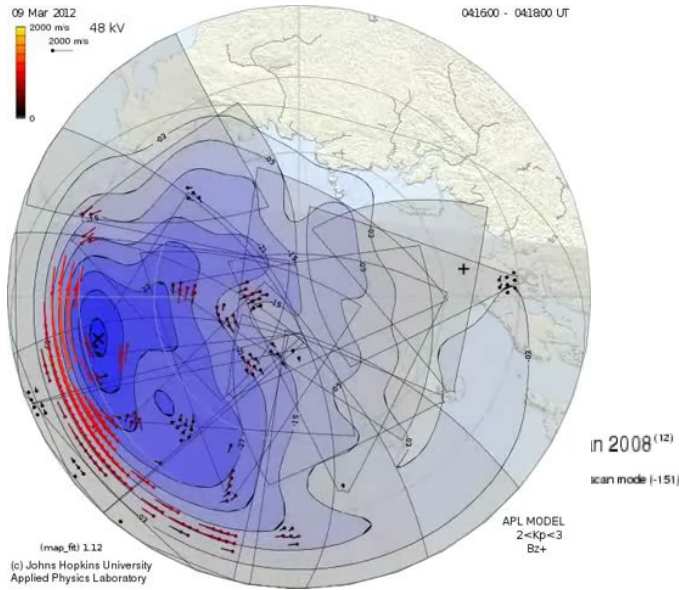


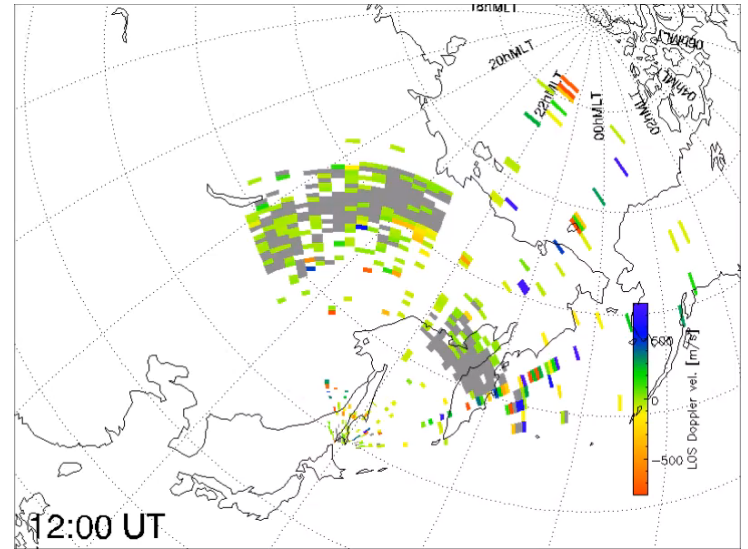
Fig. 1. Schematic diagram representing the typical propagation modes of SuperDARN HF radar signals backscattered from (a) F-region irregularities, (b) E-region irregularities, and (c) the ground.

Chisham and Pinnock, Ann. Geo., 2002

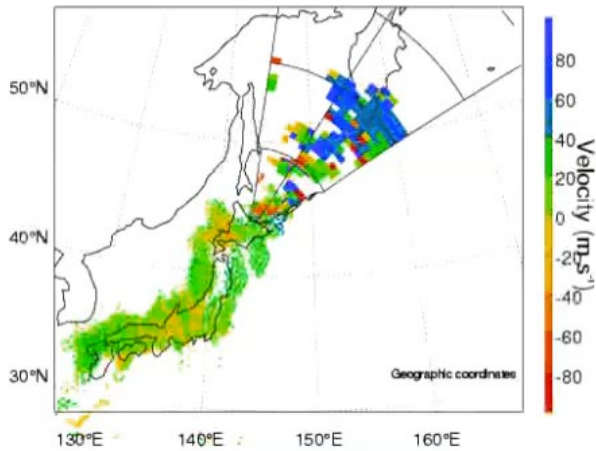
Examples of SuperDARN radars observations



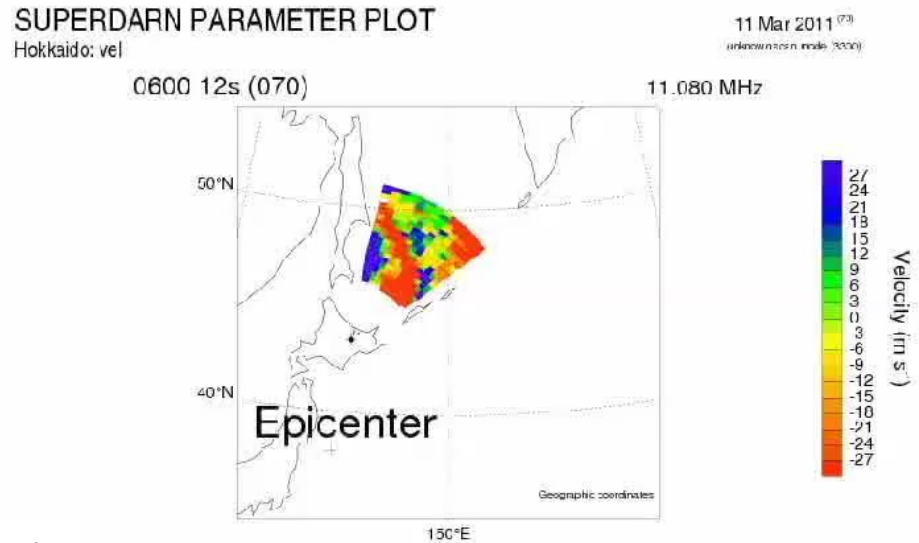
Global convection (SuperDARN)



Sub-Auroral Polarization Streams



Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances (TID)
 (+GEONET)



Coseismic Ionospheric Disturbances

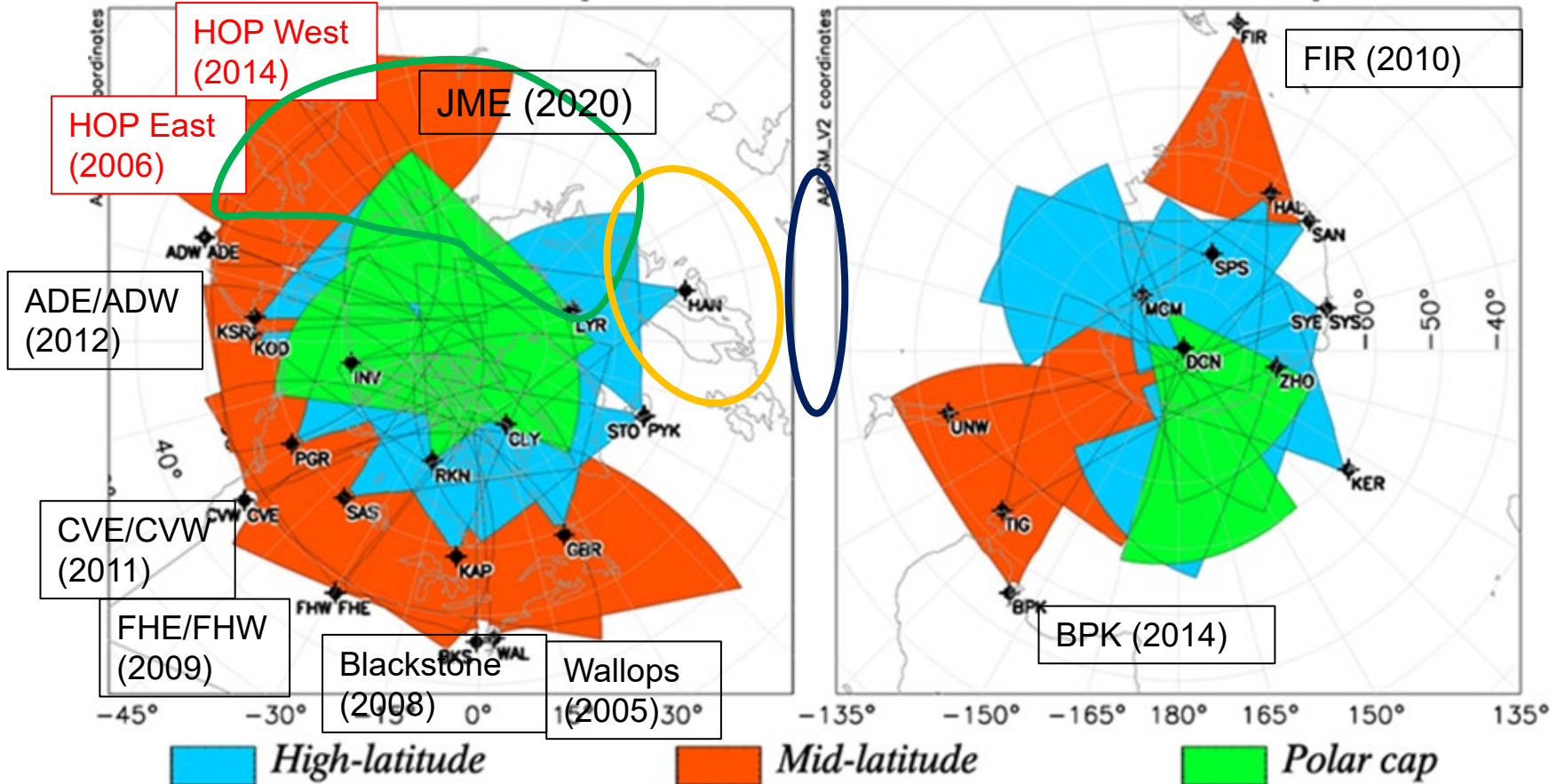
SuperDARN history: high-, mid- and low/equatorial latitudes

Region	Auroral lat.	Mid-lat.	Polar lat.	Low / eq. lat.
1980s	<p>First HF radar at Goose Bay (1983) Greenwald et al. (1985) – design</p>			
1990s	<p>Official beginning of SuperDARN (1995) Greenwald et al. (1995) – Overview of SuperDARN</p>			
2000s	<p>Chisham et al. (2007) – review of (mainly high-lat.) SuperDARN</p>	<p>First mid-latitude SuperDARN at Wallops (2005)</p>	<p>First PolarDARN at Rankin Inlet (2007)</p>	
2010s		<p>Nishitani et al. (2019) – review of mid-latitude SuperDARN</p>		
2020s -				<p>First equatorial SuperDARN in early 2020s?</p>

Further Expansion of (mid- and low-latitude) SuperDARN (planned or under construction)

Northern Hemisphere

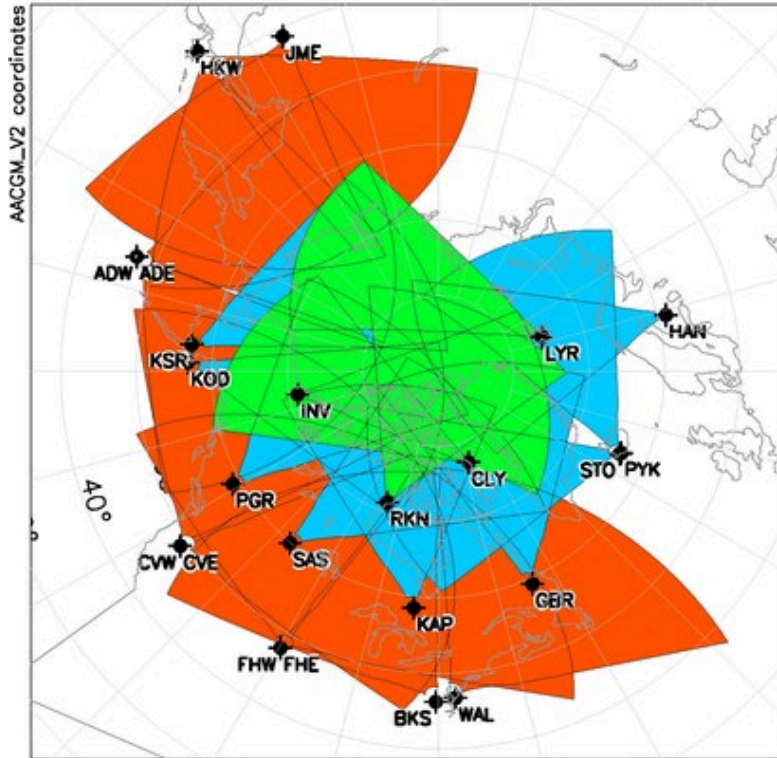
Southern Hemisphere



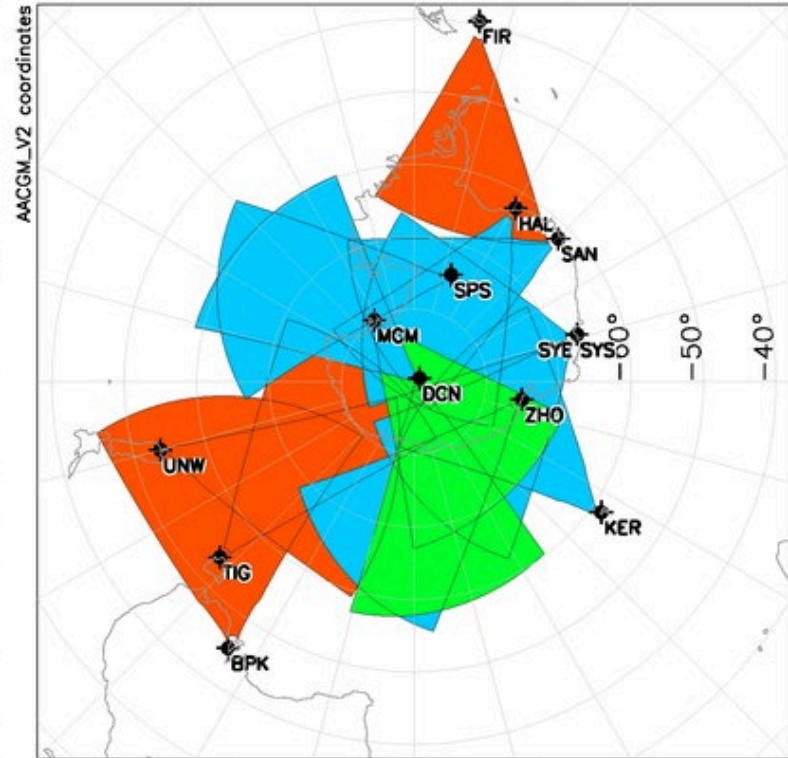
- China
- Europe
- USA-Nigeria

Super Dual Auroral Radar Network (SuperDARN)

Northern Hemisphere



Southern Hemisphere



High-latitude

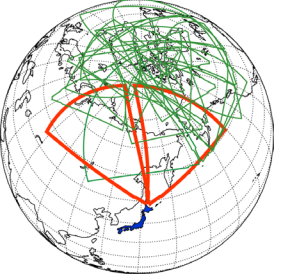
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Recent updates of the SuperDARN HOP radars



- Visit to the radar site (Aug 27-29). The HKW F14 antenna was found to be faulty. It was fixed by Abe Tsuushinsetsubi on November 6. The regular maintenance of the whole antenna system was conducted during the week of Nov 6-10.
- There was no error in the transmitter / receiver filter units during the August visit.
- URSI GASS 2023 optional tour visitors visited the HOK site (Aug 28).
- The plan of implementing a full imaging capability at the HOK radar is in progress (we get Kakenhi funding from 2022 FY).
- The network to the radar site often becomes faulty. We are planning to switch to the mobile network connection (a mobile phone relay antenna nearby the radar site is now under construction).

ホーム » お知らせ

URSI GASS 2023の陸別観測所・レーダーサイトへの見学ツアーが実施される

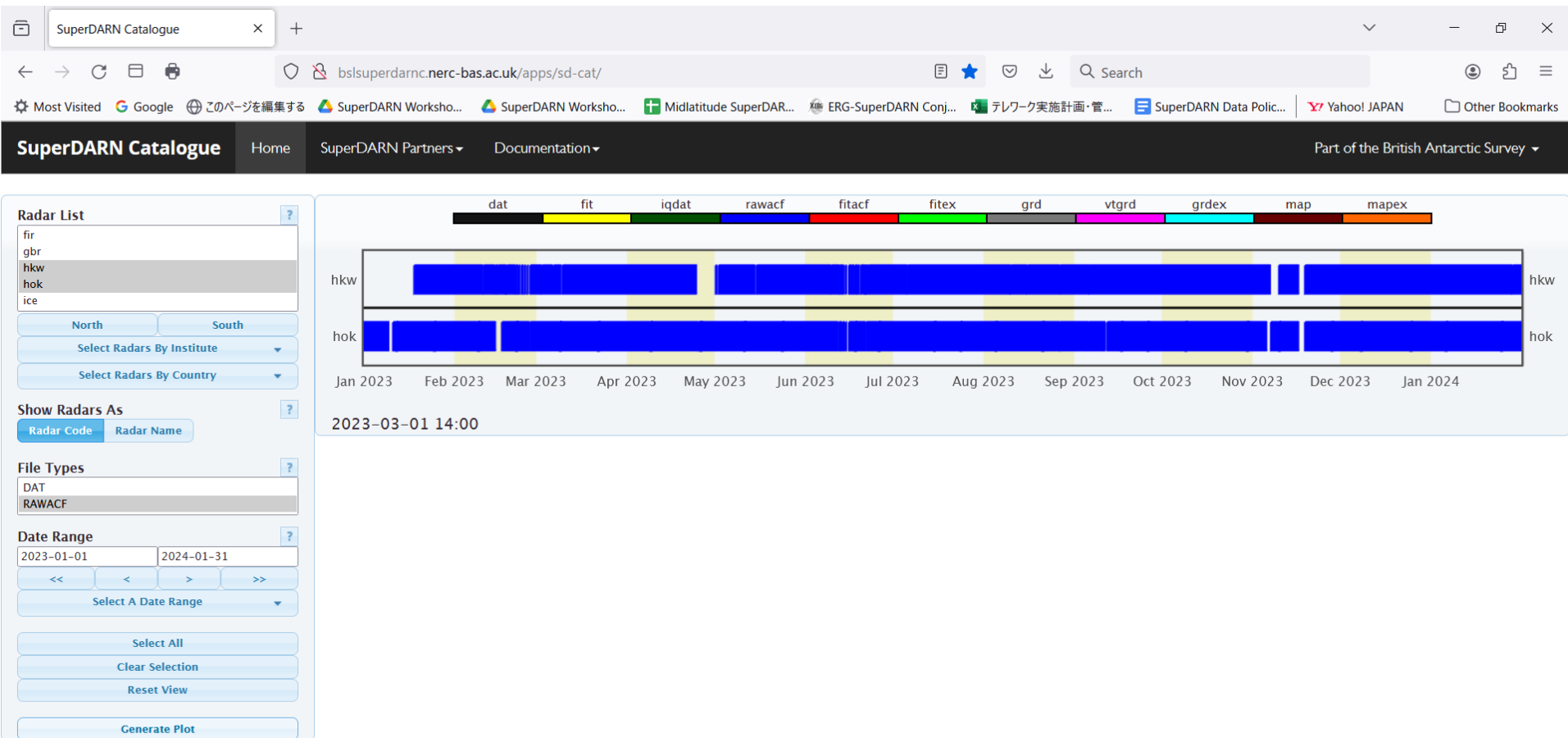
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札幌コンベンションセンターにて8月19-26日に開催された第35回国際電波科学連合総会（URSI GASS 2023）に引き続き、北海道足寄郡陸別町の名古屋大学宇宙地球環境研究所陸別観測所・同観測所附属SuperDARN短波ドップラーレーダーサイトにおける見学ツアーが8月28日に開催されました。SuperDARNレーダーは世界中に南北合わせて35基以上あり、陸別町には2基のレーダーが設置されています。ツアーには引率者を含めて計39名の参加者があり、午前中に陸別観測所および併設のりくべつ宇宙地球科学館を見学し、町中心部で昼食を取ったのち、そこから約20 kmの距離にあるSuperDARNレーダーサイトを見学しました。ツアー参加者はレーダー装置及びアンテナに興味深く見学し、活発に質問を行っていました。



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HOP radars archive (2023.02-2023.01)



Author: British Antarctic Survey - UK Polar Data Centre, NERC 2017

Implementation of imaging capability on some of the SuperDARN radars

- Several SuperDARN groups, including Nagoya Univ. (HOP East), are working on the plan of implementing a receiver on each antenna input and making post beam forming, so that temporal and spatial resolutions are improved by several times.
- There is still no standard way to achieve this.
- After the completion of such implementation, a new issue arises – how to handle / distribute a huge amount of data?

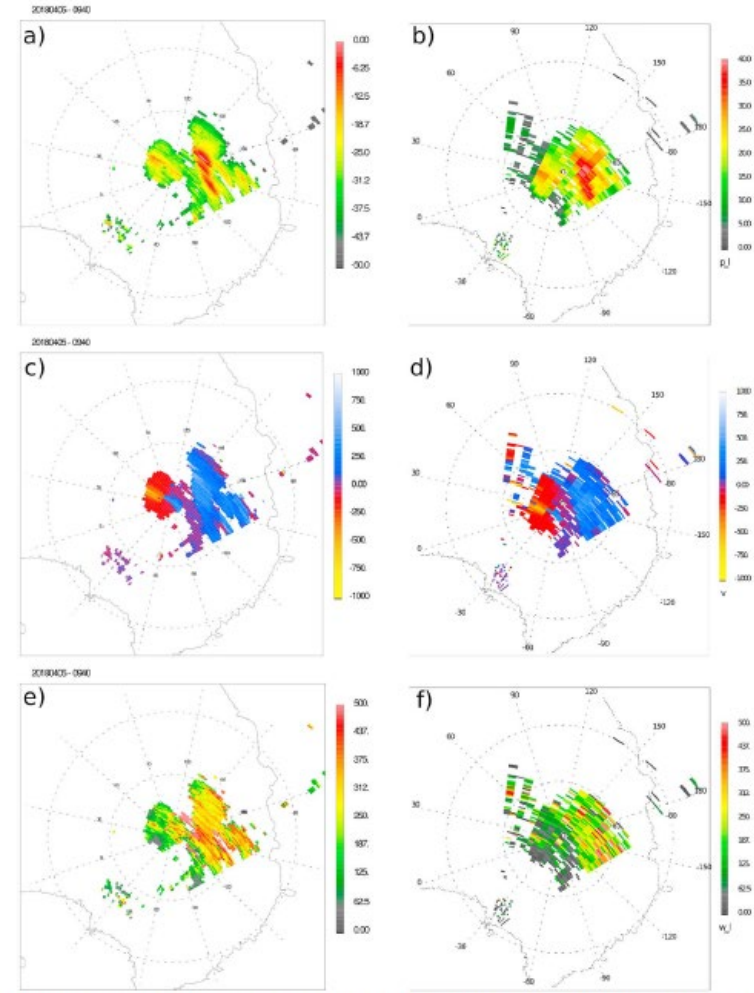
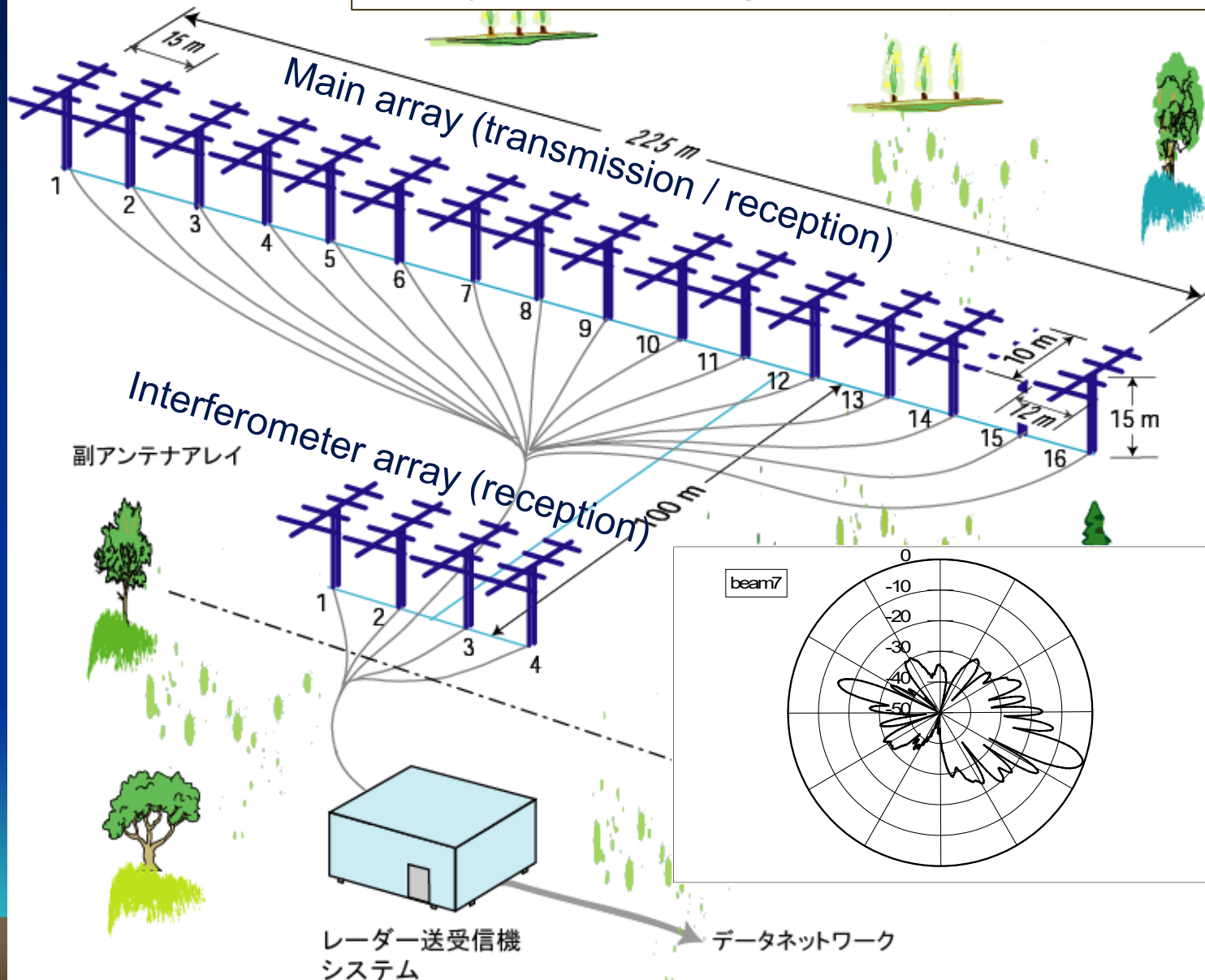


Figure 9. Left column shows imaging analysis, and right column shows standard Super Dual Auroral Radar Network processing of the same observations from the McMurdo radar at 0940 UT on 5 April 2018. The top row (panels a and b) shows signal-to-noise ratio, the middle row (panels c and d) shows velocity in meters per second, and the third row (panels e and f) shows spectral width in meters per second.

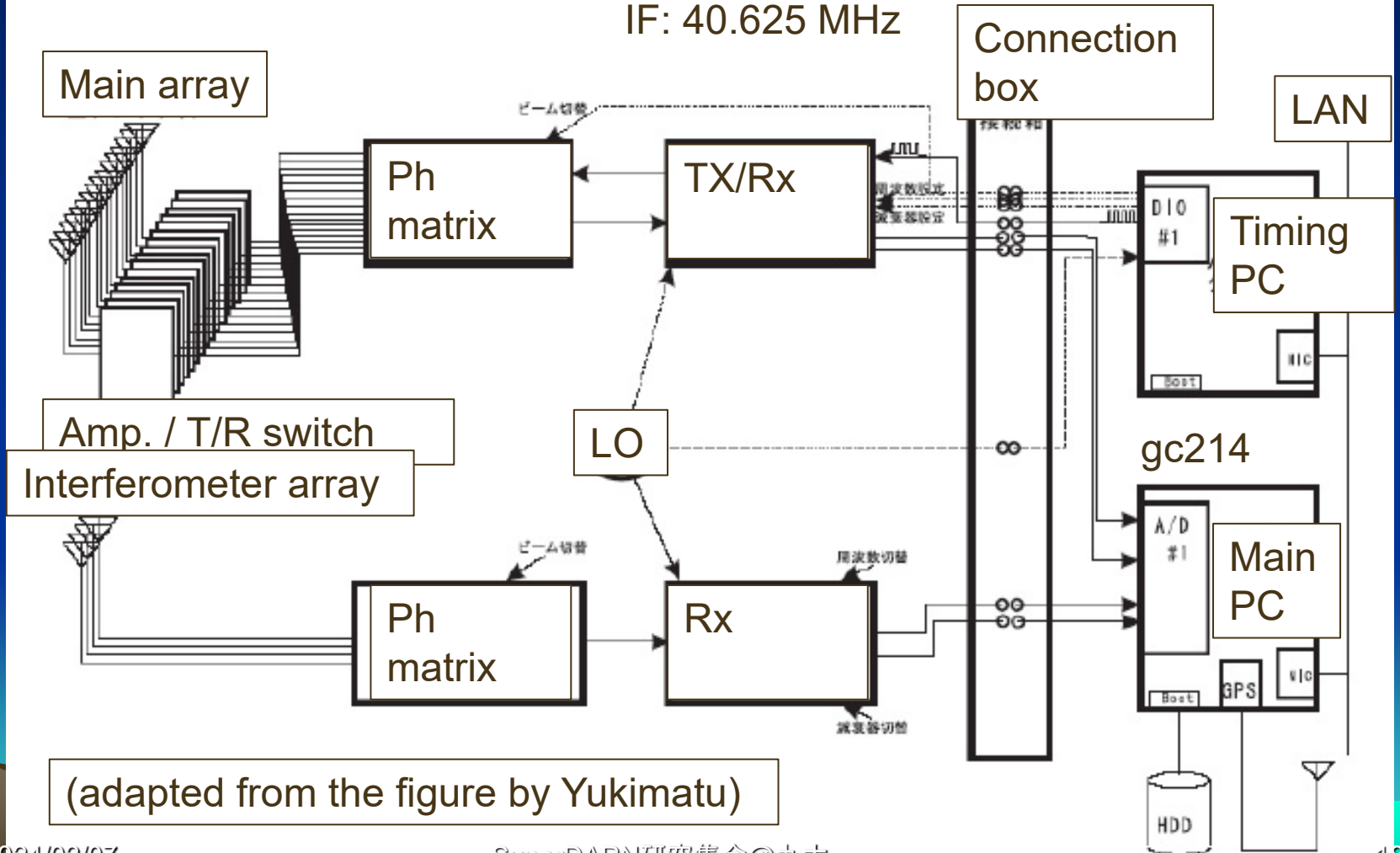
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Array of 16+4 log-periodic antennas



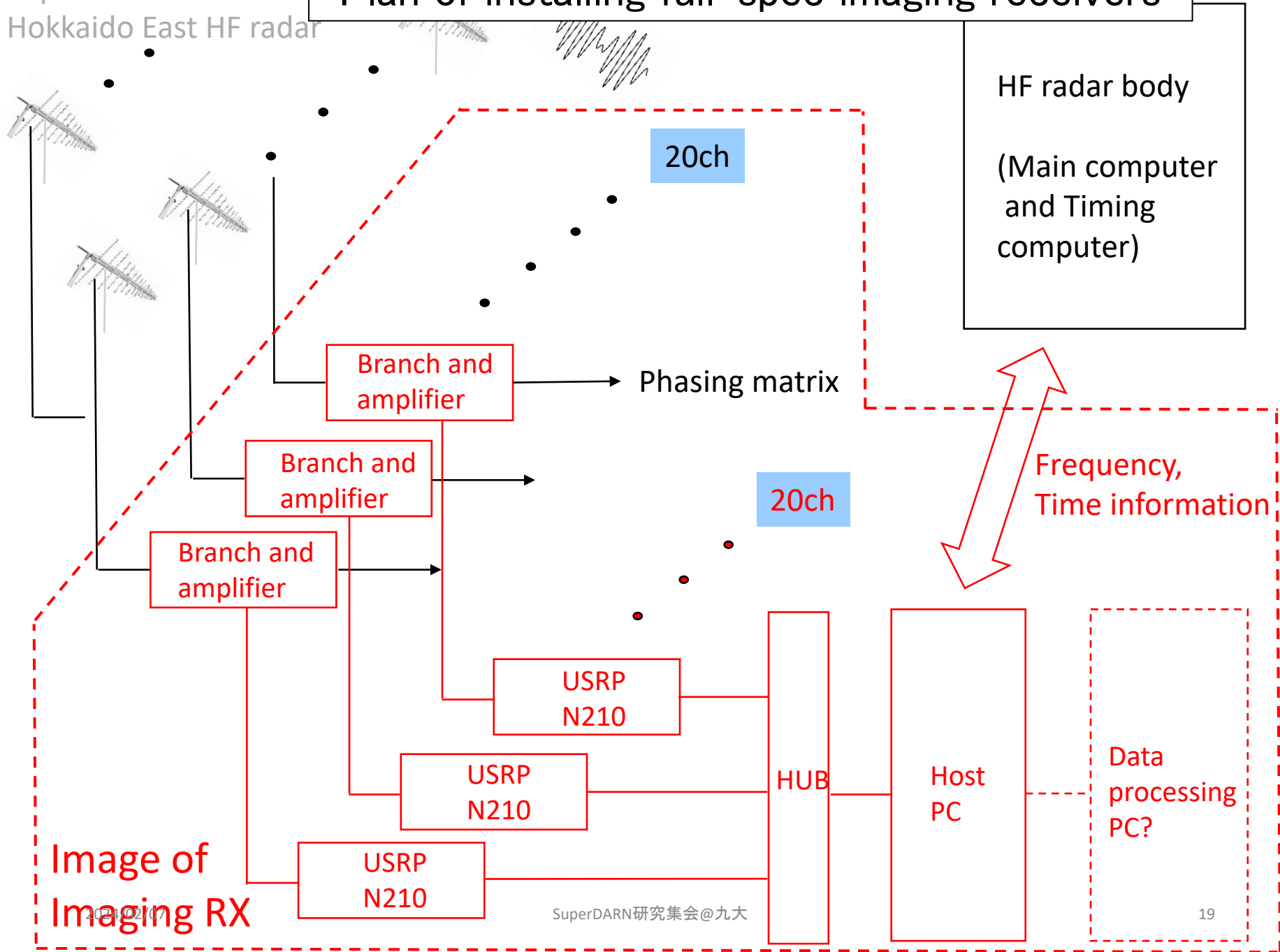
Current Hokkaido East / West radar Tx/Rx system

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IF: 40.625 MHz

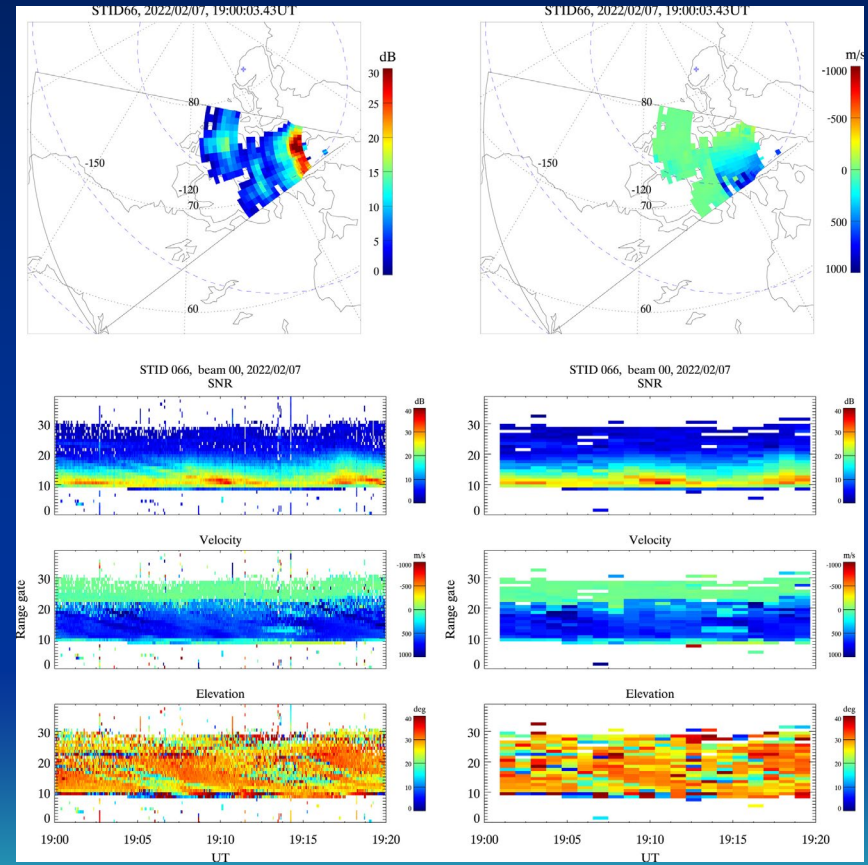
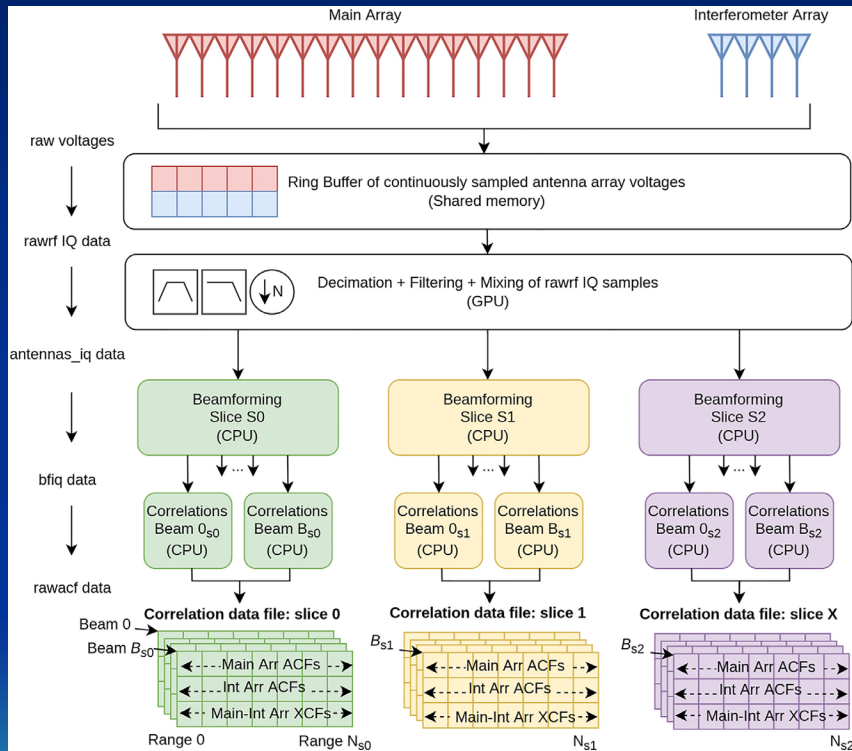


(adapted from the figure by Yukimatu)

Plan of installing full-spec imaging receivers

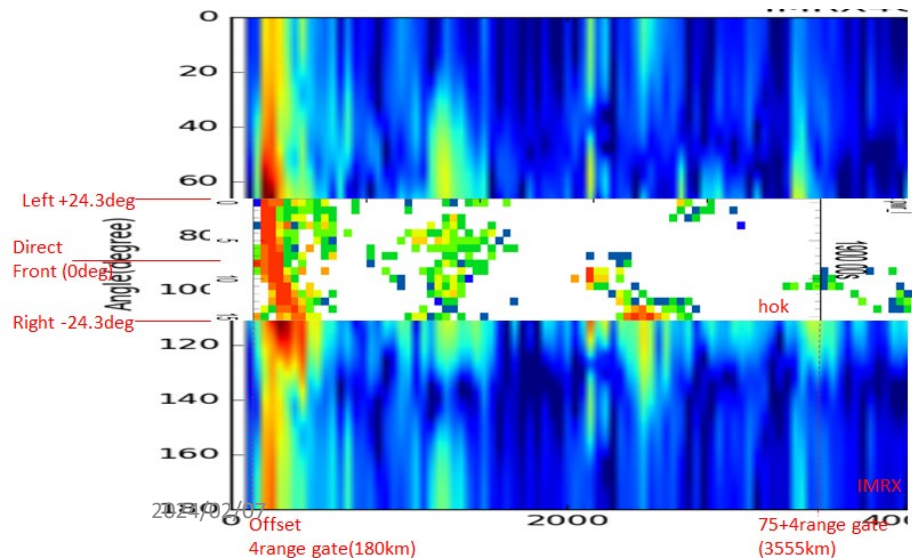
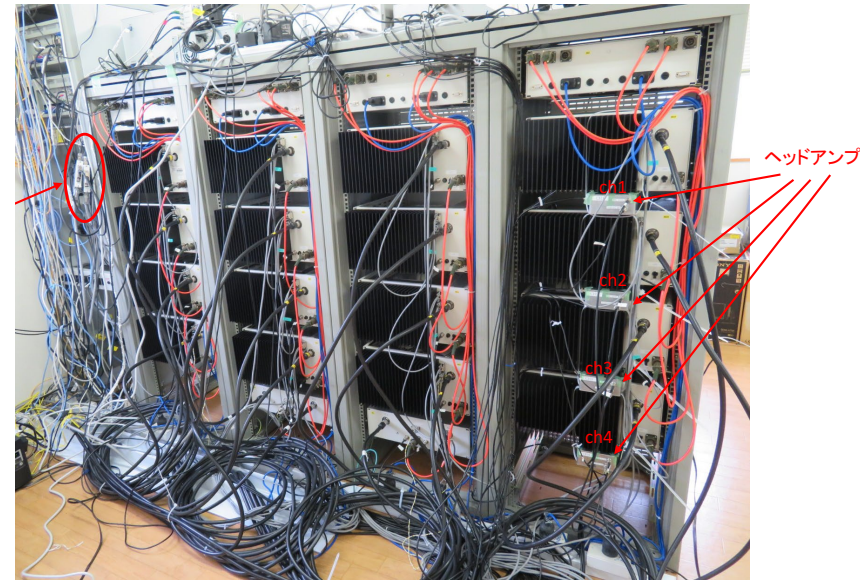


Borealis system at University of Saskatchewan: addition of imaging capability to the SuperDARN (McWilliams et al., Radio Sci., 2023)

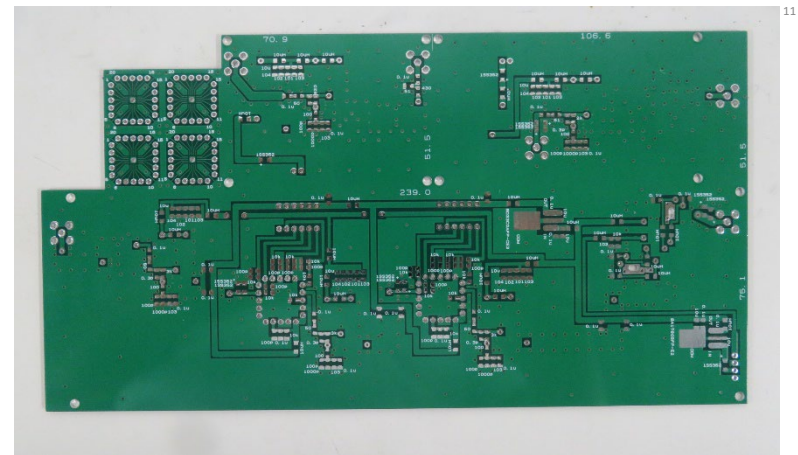


The imaging capability increases the temporal resolution of the data by several times, as well as the spatial resolution

Test of 4-ch imaging subset system (2020.07) design of the receiver board for 20-ch fullset



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Production of the full 20-ch system

- We obtained Kakenhi Kiban-B (22H01284, 2022-2026 FY) for producing and operating the full 20-ch (16 main array + 4 interferometer array) imaging system at HOK (SuperDARN Hokkaido East).

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人工衛星データ・ 地上観測データとの比較		←→			
成果のまとめ				←→	

Latest status of the HOP East imaging system



Progress of the imaging system

- We almost completed the production of:
 - Head amplifier x20
 - Main amplifier box x1
 - Signal splitter box x1
 - Interface box x1
 - Etc.



Progress of the imaging system

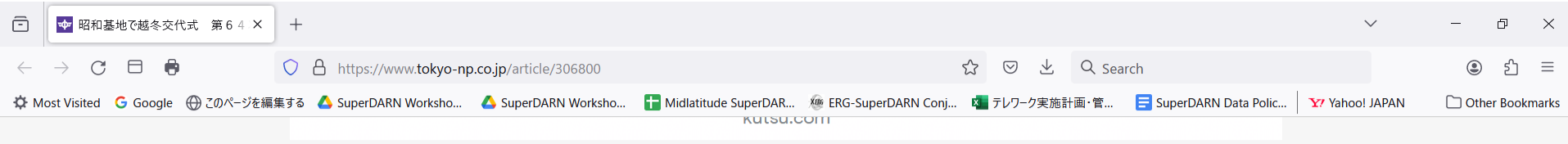
-Future (near-range) plans

1. Implementation of the units onto the 19-inch rack, prepare connection cables and attach to the units, and then complete the whole hardware system.
2. Repair the preexisting radar simulator (Direct Digital Synthesizer – DEDS), to prepare for the testing of the system (facing many difficulties!)
3. After completing 1 and 2, connect the system with the radar simulator, test the system using the preexisting 4-ch imaging receiver PC. Then test the operation of the amplifiers, and conduct the calibration of the gain, phasing, and delay.
4. If 3 is ok, purchase the PCs for the whole 20-ch operation.
5. Test the system using the PCs purchased in step 4.
6. Conduct the calibration of the system for the 20-ch data.
7. If 6 is ok, then make plans for processing the 20-ch data (compression, storage, etc.).
8. If 7 is ok, then consider the radar beam pattern (wide beam? Fixed beam 7?)

Summary

- SuperDARN Hokkaido East / West radars have been operating pretty well.
- We are funded for the development of the imaging receiver system (2022-2027FY).
- The network to the radar site (Wifi relay system) often becomes unstable (sometimes as slow as a few 10kB/s). We are planning to switch to a mobile connection.
- Topics during this meeting:
 - **Hosokawa et al., Overview of 2023 Arase-SD campaign**
 - **Hori et al., SAPS signature during 2022 Arase-SD campaign period**
 - **Shinbori et al., GNSS TEC-SD LOS relation during 2022 caterpillar event**
 - **Nishitani et al., Introduction of the 2022 caterpillar event**
 - **Watanabe et al., Dungey reconnection during northward IMF**
 - **Nishitani et al., Convection associated with low-latitude aurora events**
 - **Omori et al., Statistics of mid-latitude ionospheric convection**
 - **Matsuoka et al., Statistical characteristics of nightside MSTIDs**
 - **Yukimatu, -**

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Summary of the SuperDARN

- The SuperDARN is a powerful tool for studying space weather phenomena (**both from above and below**) using both ionospheric scatter and ground / sea backscatter echoes (in collaboration with other observation and modeling):
 - **Ionospheric scatter**: global / medium-scale convection dynamics, dynamo processes including the effect of lower atmospheric disturbance
 - **Ground / sea scatter**: Traveling Ionospheric Disturbances, solar flare effect on the ionosphere, ionospheric disturbances triggered by earthquakes / volcano eruptions
- The SuperDARN is making a progress in various ways even now - including the expansion of the coverage into the mid- / low-latitude regions, and the implementation of the multichannel (imaging) capability to improve the spatial / temporal resolution several times.

SuperDARN International Workshop 2023@Beijing

- May 20-24, 2024@Beijing International Convention Center (the week just before JPGU)
- Hosted by National Space Science Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Followed by the onsite school at the Siziwang Observatory of Space Weather in Inner Mongolia Province (new SuperDARN radar site), May 25-27
- More information please go to the conference website: <https://superdarn2024.casconf.cn>
- Registration deadline: 5 May 2024 (early bird: 20 April)
- Abstract submission deadline: 31 March 2024
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