Decameter Radioastronomy: from the Nançay Decameter Array to LOFAR

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- Discovery of Jovian Radio emissions (DAM) using Mills cross array at 22 MHz [Burke & Franklin, 1955], circularly polarized [Franklin & Burke, 1956]
  → cyclotron emission

- Synchrotron decimeter emission from radiation belts [Sloanaker, 1959]
  → magnetic field and magnetosphere

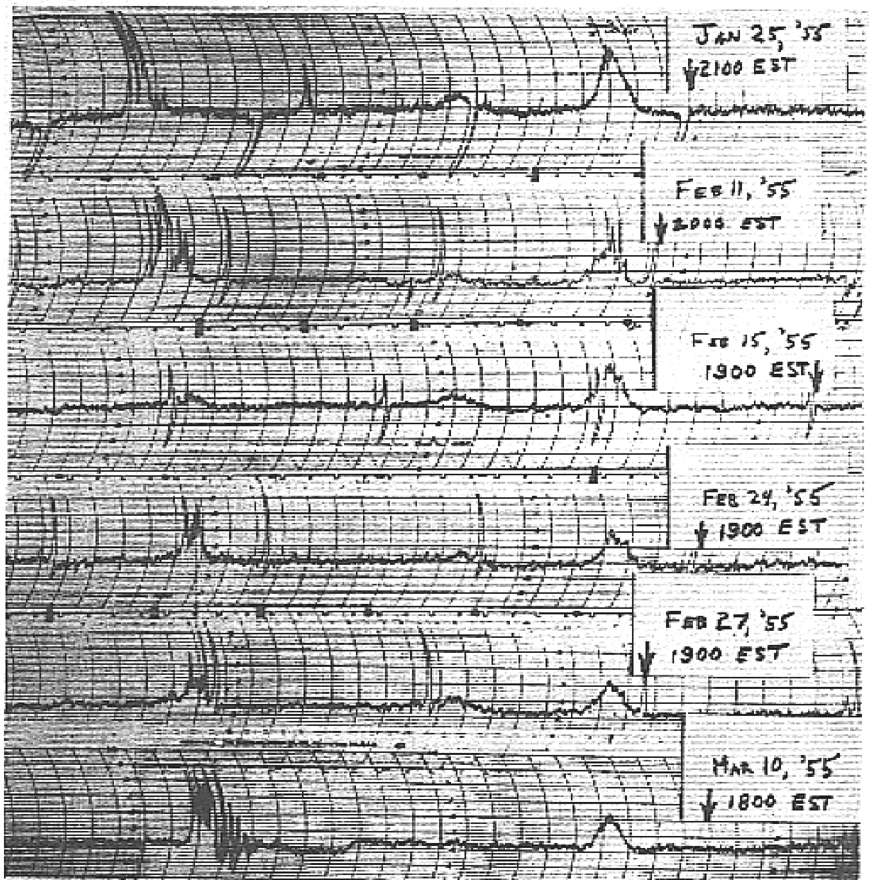
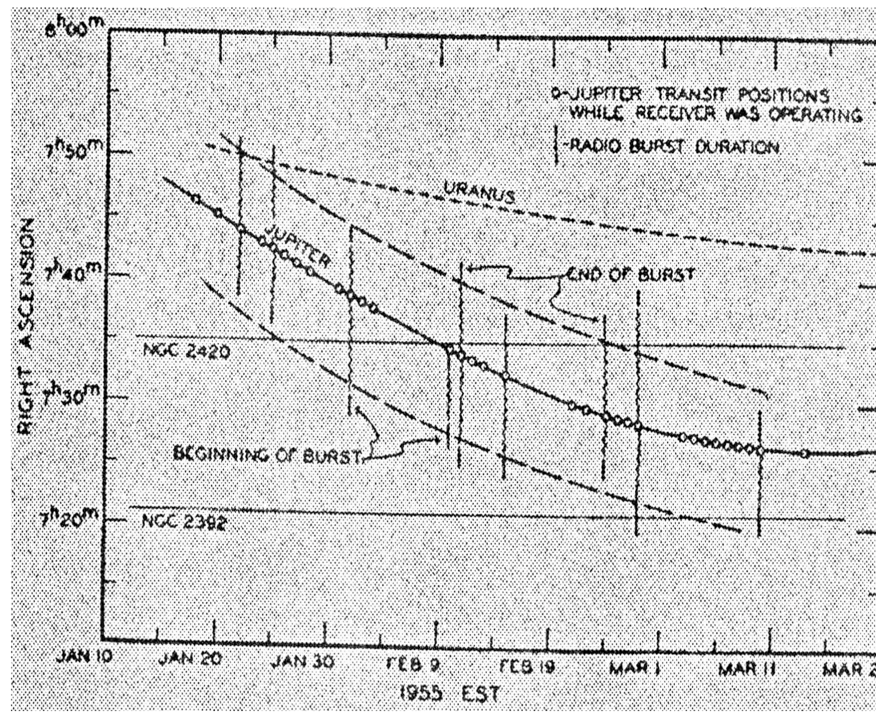
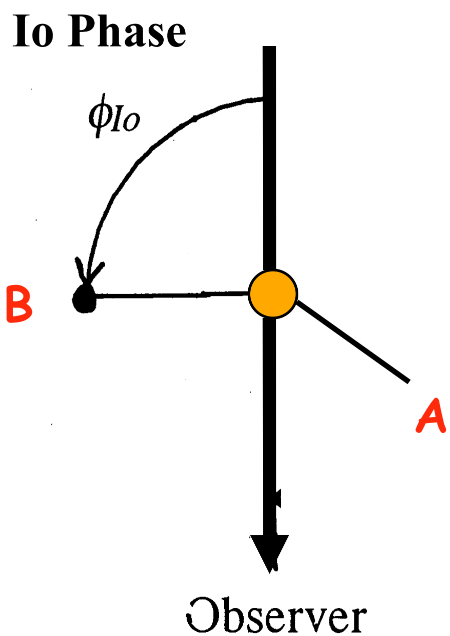


FIG. 2—Phase-switching records showing the appearance of the variable source



- Discovery of Io control [Bigg, 1964]



T_{Io}~42 hours

T_J ~10 hours

September 5, 1964 NATURE

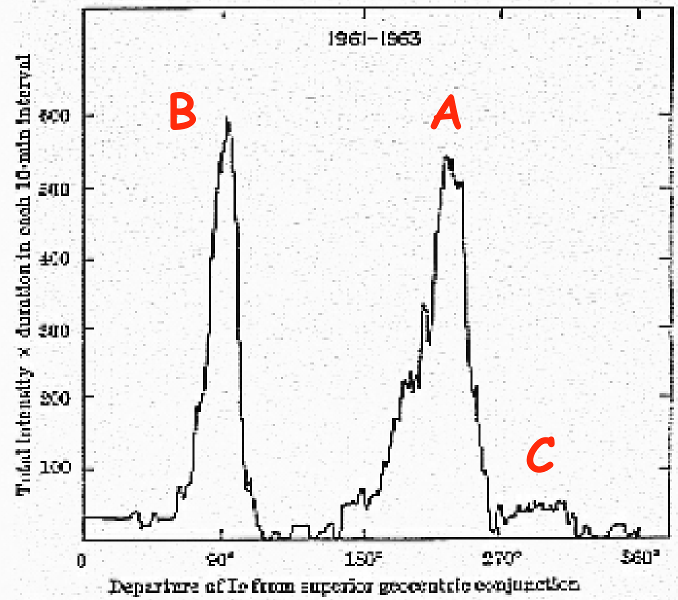


Fig. 4. Dependence of Jupiter's emission on the position of Io when only cases having top frequencies ≥30 Mc/s are considered

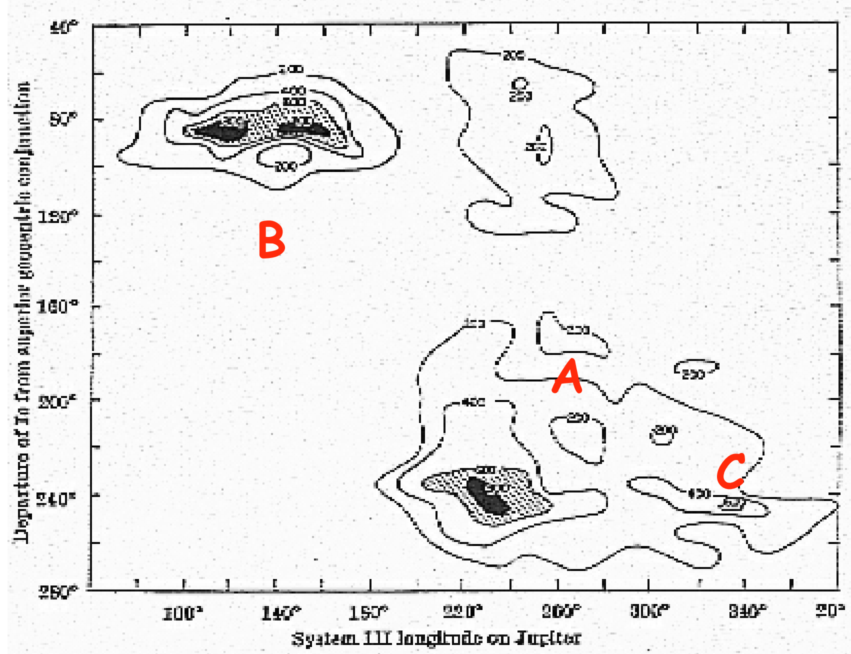
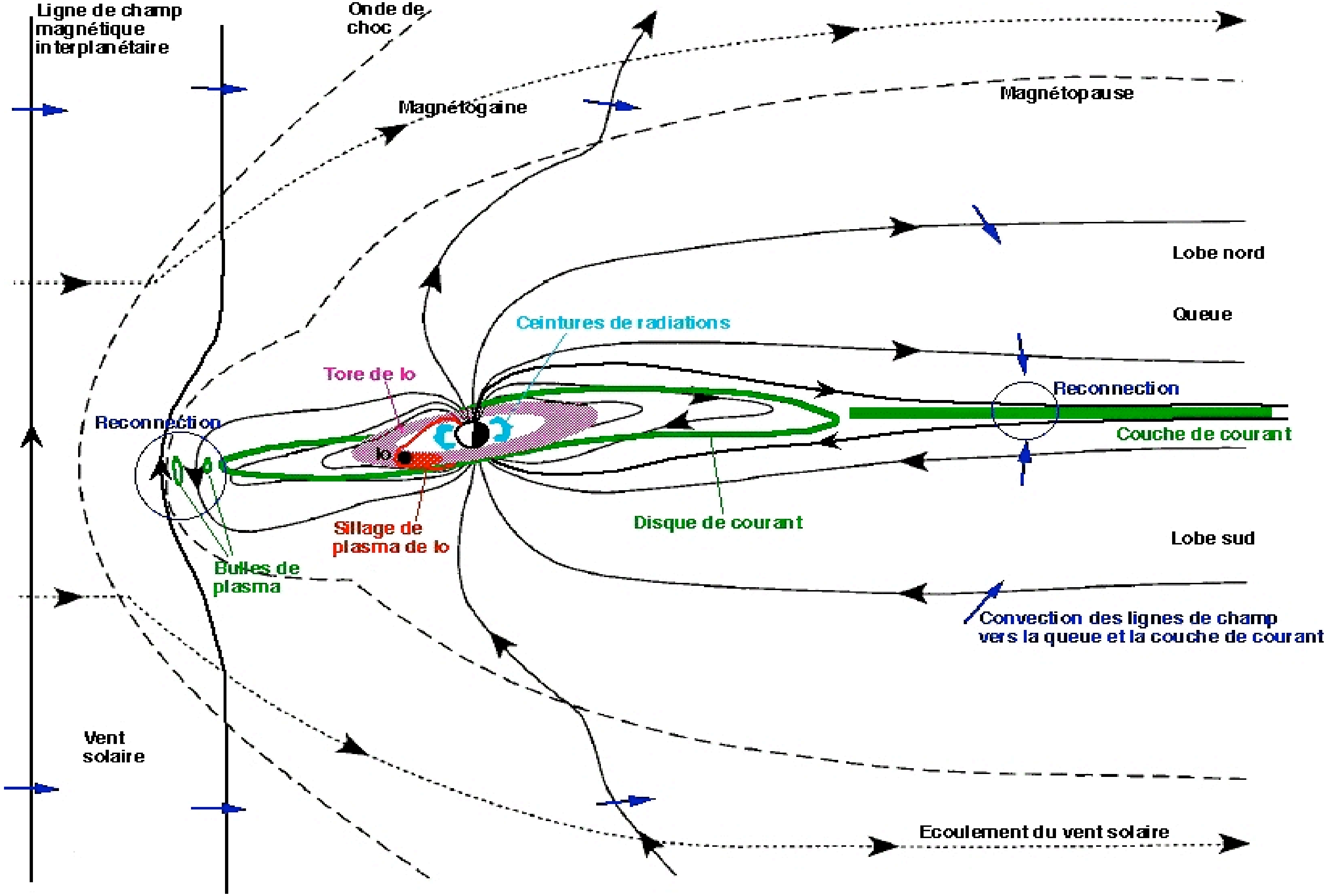
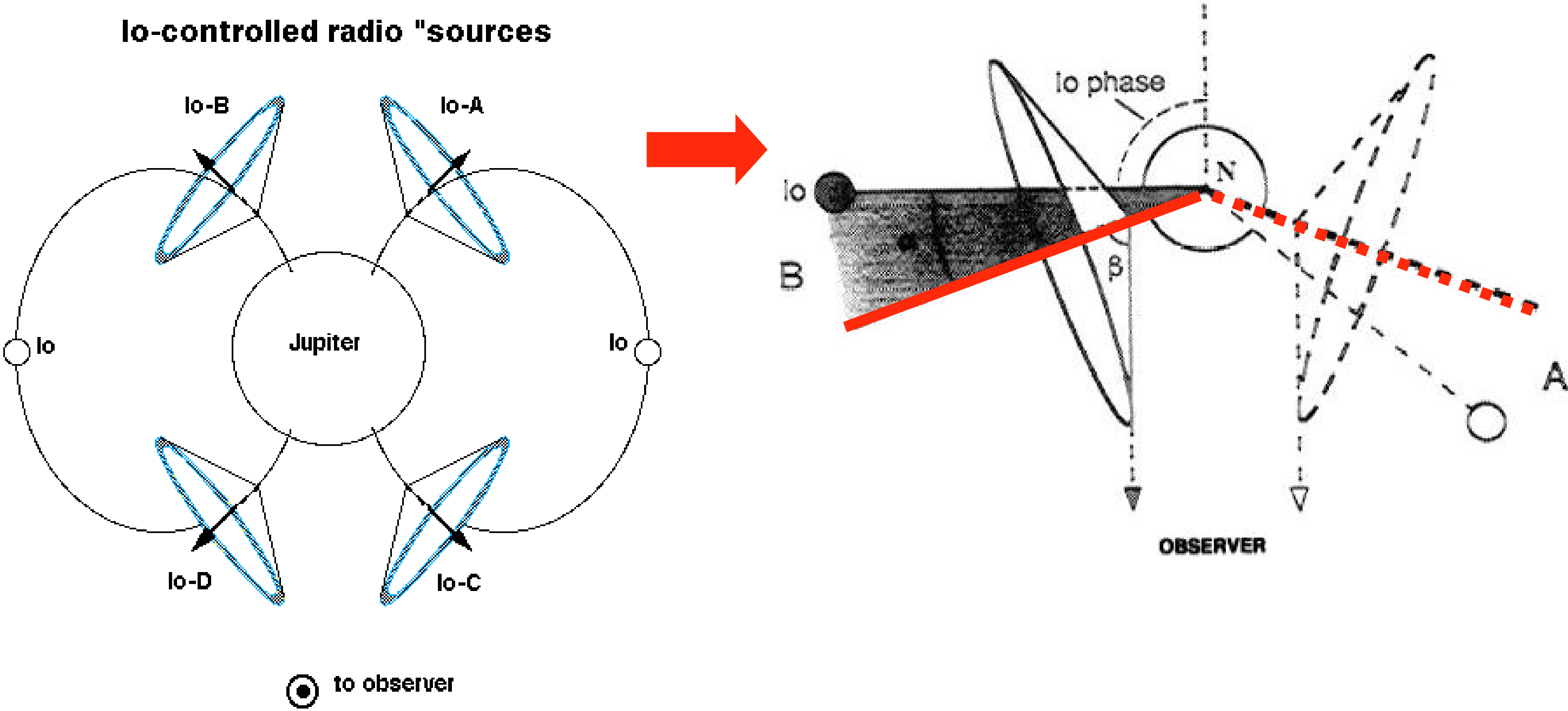


Fig. 5. The relationship between the position of Io and the orientation of Jupiter for the reception of decametric emission at the Earth

• Jupiter's magnetosphere



• Qualitative interpretation of Io « control »



- We focus here on DAM emission

  (there are also NRT studies of the synchrotron radiation)

- No angular resolution (λ/D)

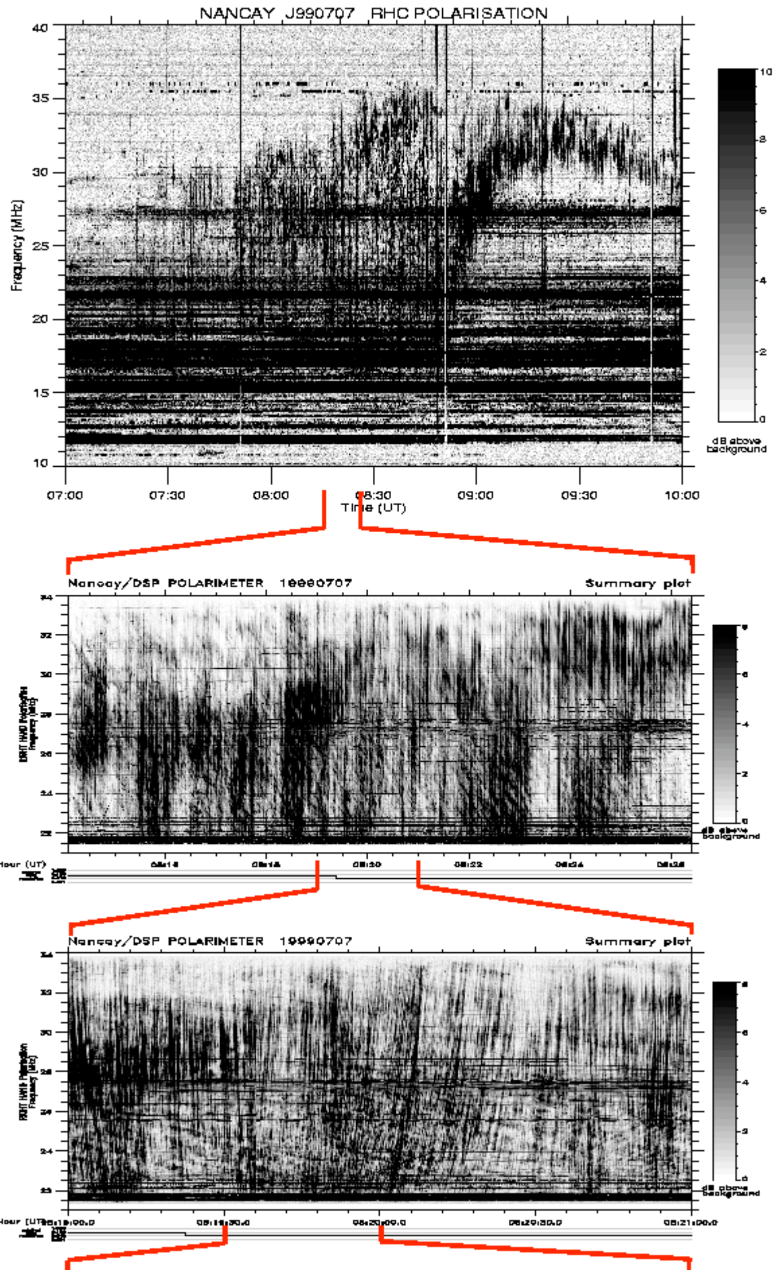
  → spectral studies

- Emission very sporadic, results from many superimposed modulations (seasonal, SW, Io, rotation, short term)

  + propagation effects

  → multi-scale dynamic spectral studies

Nested fringes modulations in Jovian DAM radiation



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10 s resolu

600 s disp
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120 s disp
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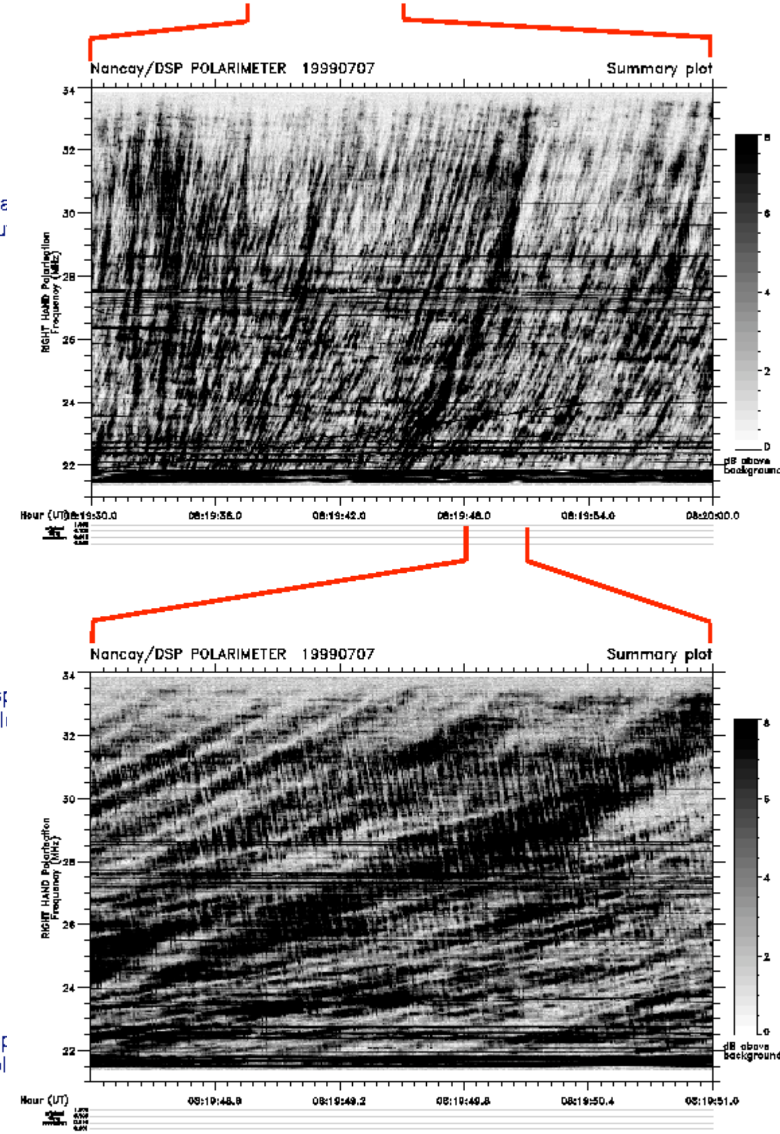
Nested fringes modulations in Jovian DAM radiation (continued)



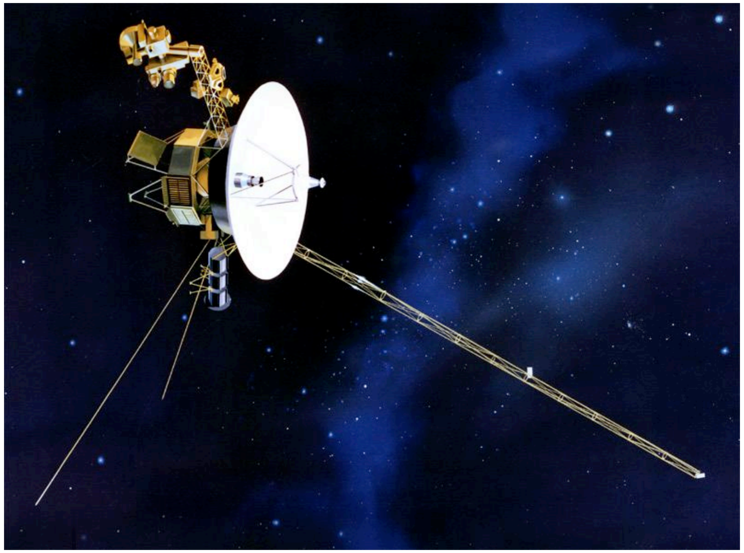
30 s display
30 ms resolution

2 s display
10 ms resolution

[Lecacheux, 2004]

- 4 epochs and corresponding results

(1) Early studies (<1990) :



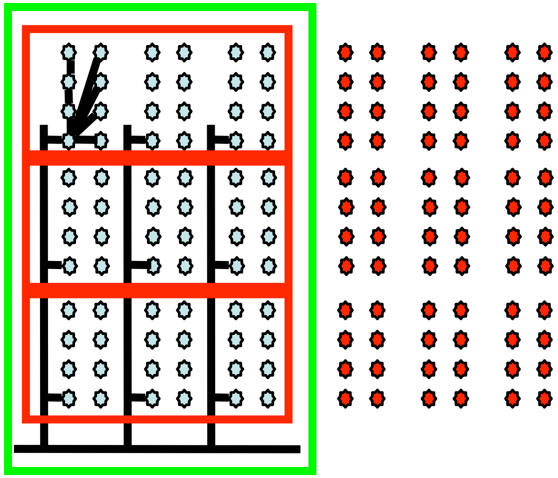
- Voyager launch : 1977
- Voyager @ Jupiter : 1978-79

[Warwick et al., 1979]

- Nançay Decameter Array : 1977+

[Boischot et al., 1980]

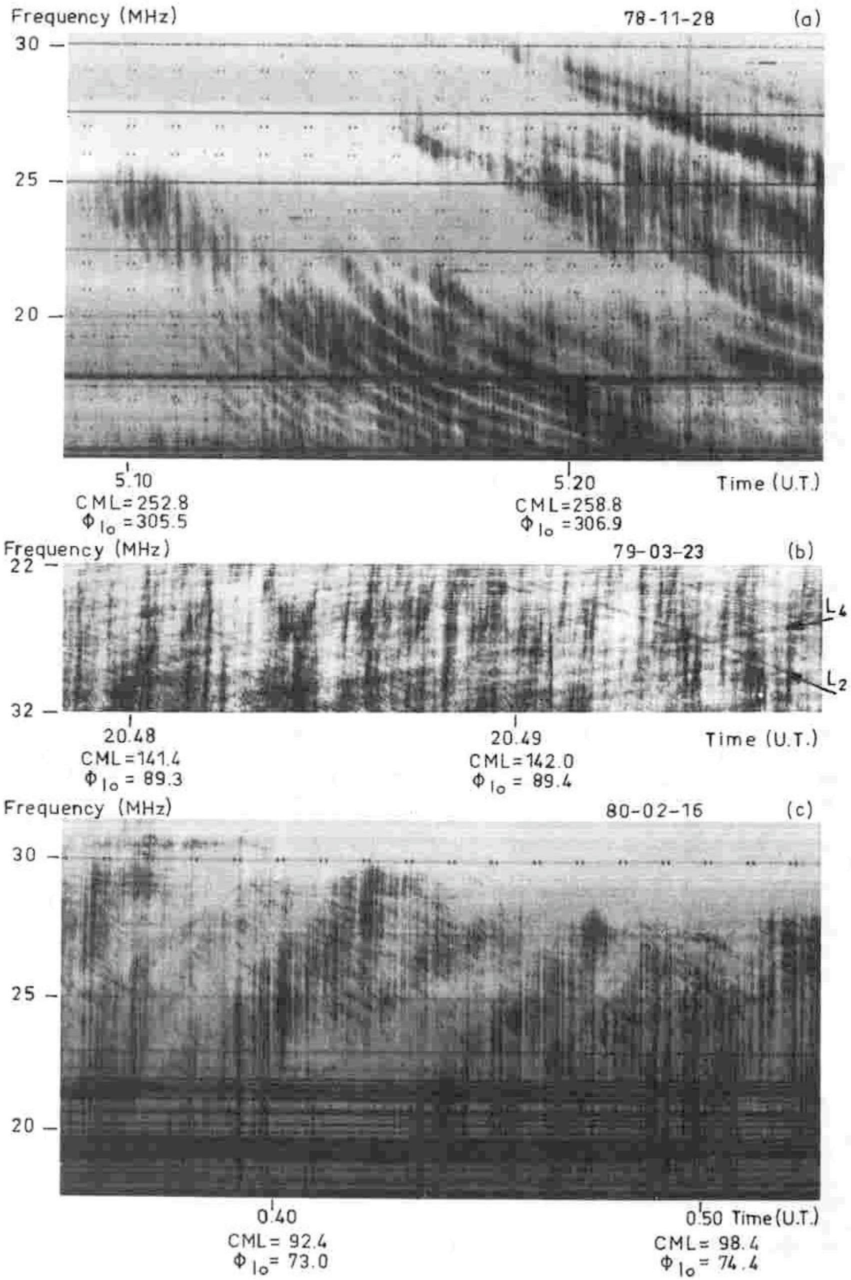
→ Nançay Decameter Array



- filled-aperture phased arrays allowing to derive calibrated fluxes
- 144 conical log-spiral antennas (~Clark-Lake) : 72 LHC, 72 RHC, over ~100m×100m field
- 10-120 MHz total band
- Beam of single antenna = 90° half power width
- Phasing scheme : analog beamforming through blocks of 8 antennas phased by 45° steps rotation + delay lines → Main beam ~6°×10°

  (beamforming optimized over ~1 octave)
- Gain = 25 dB (overall), 15 dB (1 block) , 6 dB (1 antenna)
- $A_e = 24\ \lambda^2 \leq 4000\ m^2$
- Computer-controlled electronic pointing, $-20° \leq \delta \leq +50°$, tracking time= meridian transit ±4h

→ « Routine » on facsimile



→ Catalogs and occurrence rates

[Leblanc & al.]

Y. Leblanc *et al.*

TABLE I. — *Catalogue.*

DATE YY/MM/DD	DOY JJJ	OBSERVATIONS TIME UT HHMM - HHMM	CML III (1965.0)	IO PHASE	WIDTH MHZ	EMISSIONS TIME UT HHMM - HHMM	CML III (1965.0)	IO PHASE	WIDTH MHZ
78/ 1/ 3	3	1930 - 24 0	240 - 51	119 - 157	10 - 50	2054 - 2156	299 - 338	131 - 139	10 - 30
78/ 1/ 4	4	0 0 - 230	51 - 142	157 - 170	10 - 50				
78/ 1/ 4	4	1930 - 24 0	39 - 202	322 - 1	10 - 50				
78/ 1/ 5	5	0 0 - 230	202 - 293	1 - 22	10 - 50				
78/ 1/ 5	5	1930 - 24 0	189 - 353	166 - 204	10 - 30	1959 - 2320	207 - 328	170 - 190	10 - 28
78/ 1/ 6	6	0 0 - 146	353 - 57	204 - 219	10 - 30				
78/ 1/ 6	6	19 0 - 24 0	322 - 143	5 - 48	10 - 40	22 9 - 24 0	76 - 143	32 - 48	10 - 20
78/ 1/ 7	7	0 0 - 2 0	143 - 216	48 - 65	10 - 40	0 0 - 039	143 - 167	48 - 53	10 - 20
78/ 1/ 7	7	19 0 - 24 0	113 - 294	209 - 251	10 - 40	1941 - 2013	137 - 157	215 - 219	10 - 35
						2117 - 24 0	195 - 294	220 - 251	10 - 35
78/ 1/ 8	8	0 0 - 056	294 - 328	251 - 259	10 - 40	0 0 - 056	294 - 328	251 - 259	10 - 35
78/ 1/ 9	9	1930 - 24 0	72 - 235	260 - 299	10 - 50				
78/ 1/10	10	0 0 - 230	235 - 326	299 - 320	10 - 50	010 - 219	241 - 319	300 - 318	10 - 20
78/ 1/10	10	1930 - 24 0	223 - 26	104 - 142	10 - 50	20 6 - 20 8	244 - 246	109 - 109	10 - 13
						2036 - 2242	262 - 339	113 - 131	10 - 20
78/ 1/11	11	0 0 - 230	26 - 116	142 - 163	10 - 50				
78/ 1/11	11	1930 - 24 0	13 - 176	300 - 346	10 - 50	2320 - 2330	152 - 158	340 - 341	10 - 15
78/ 1/12	12	0 0 - 130	176 - 236	346 - 0	10 - 50				
78/ 1/12	12	1845 - 24 0	137 - 327	145 - 189	10 - 40	2037 - 24 0	204 - 327	161 - 189	10 - 28
78/ 1/13	13	0 0 - 2 0	327 - 40	189 - 206	10 - 40	0 0 - 036	327 - 349	189 - 194	10 - 20
78/ 1/13	13	19 0 - 24 0	296 - 110	351 - 33	10 - 40	1933 - 2010	318 - 343	355 - 2	12 - 15
						2248 - 23 9	74 - 87	23 - 26	10 - 15
						2325 - 24 0	96 - 110	28 - 33	10 - 30
78/ 1/14	14	0 0 - 1 0	110 - 154	33 - 41	10 - 40	0 0 - 057	110 - 152	33 - 41	10 - 30
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78/ 1/15	15	0 0 - 2 0	268 - 341	237 - 253	10 - 40				
78/ 1/15	15	19 0 - 24 0	237 - 59	38 - 80	10 - 40				
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78/ 1/16	16	19 0 - 24 0	28 - 209	241 - 284	10 - 40				
78/ 1/17	17	0 0 - 2 0	209 - 282	284 - 301	10 - 40				
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78/ 1/26	26	0 0 - 2 0	125 - 197	316 - 333	10 - 40				
78/ 1/26	26	17 0 - 24 0	21 - 275	100 - 159	10 - 40	1935 - 1948	115 - 123	122 - 124	15 - 30
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						2330 - 2339	262 - 263	156 - 156	14 - 17
78/ 1/27	27	0 0 - 2 0	275 - 348	159 - 176	10 - 40				
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78/ 1/28	28	0 0 - 2 0	66 - 138	3 - 20	10 - 40	029 - 035	83 - 87	7 - 8	15 - 25
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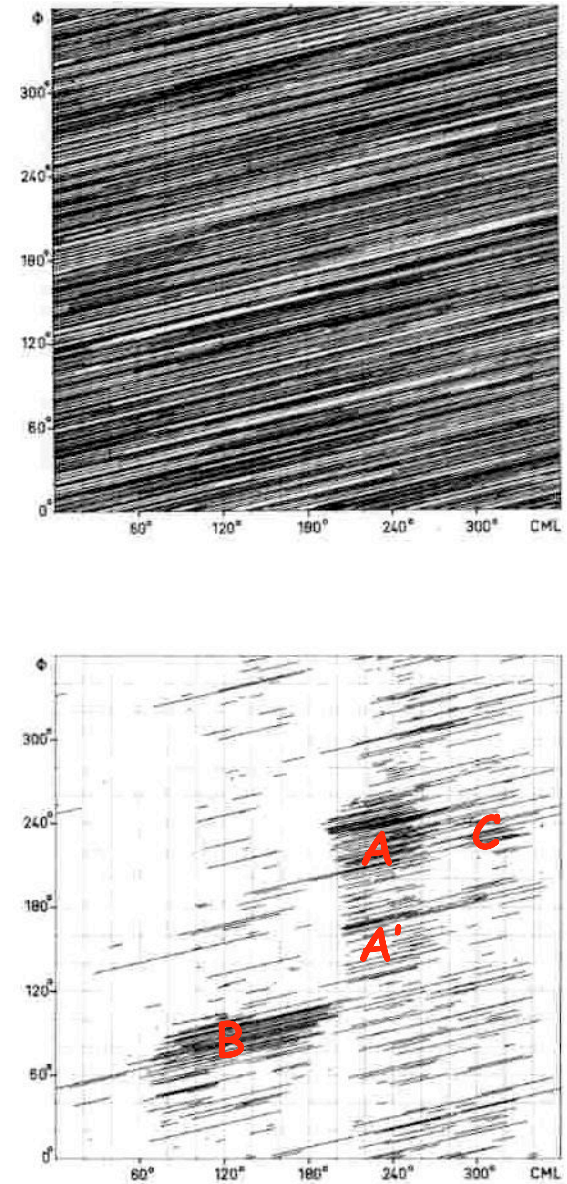
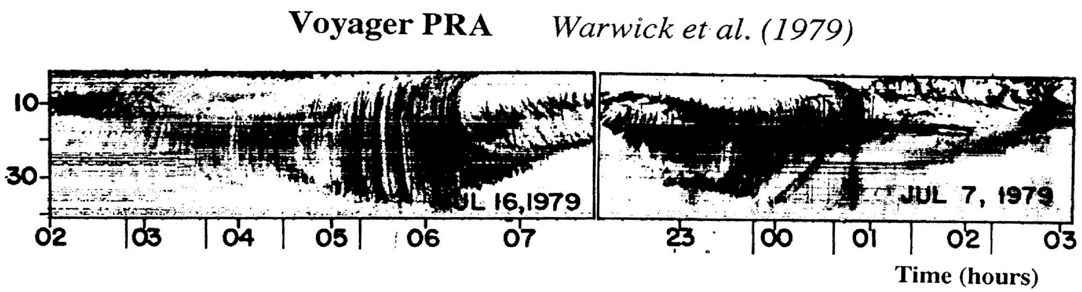
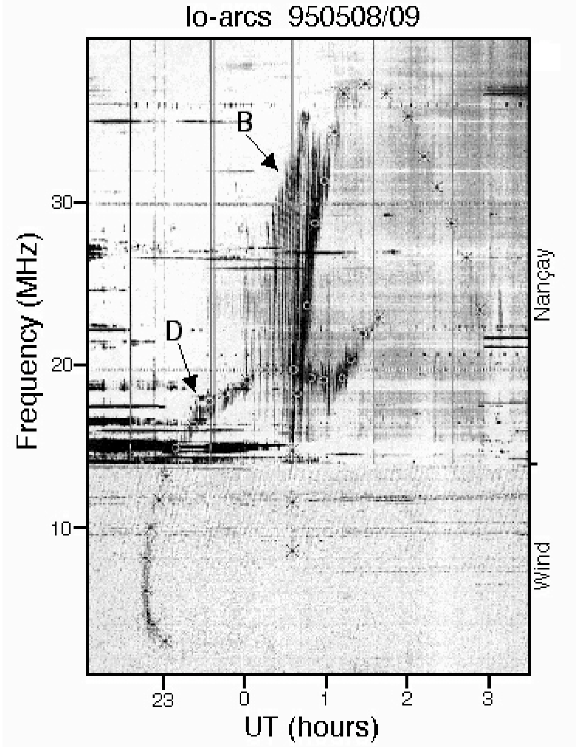


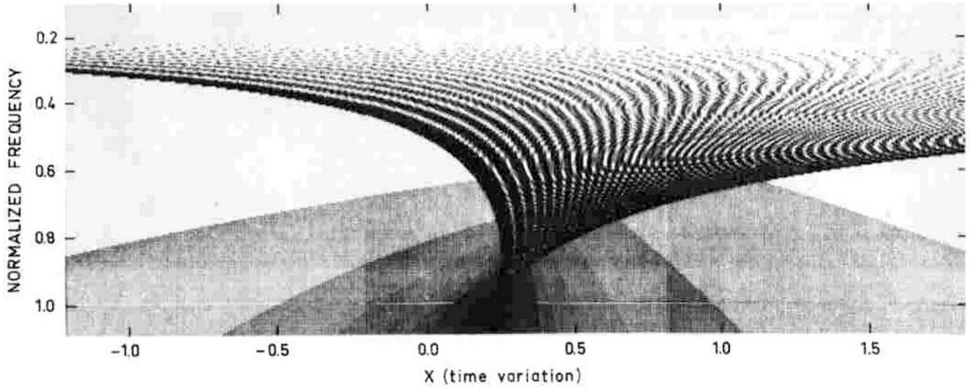
FIGURE 6. — The CML and Io-phase diagram for the period of January 1978 to December 1979. a) the observation tracks ; b) the emission tracks.

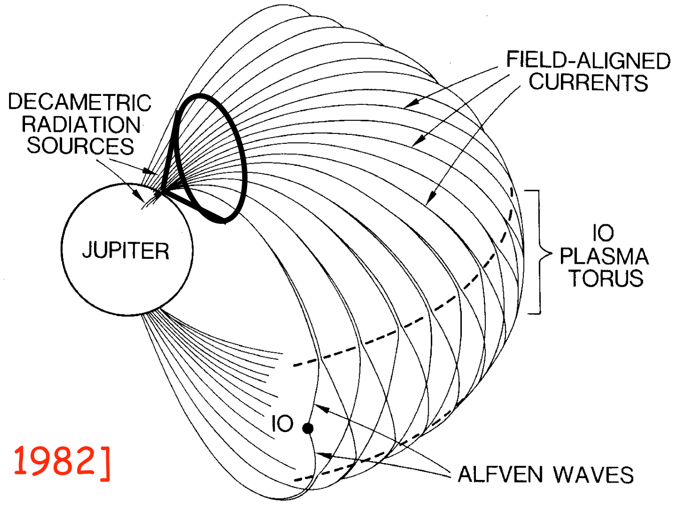
→ Radio « arcs » phenomenology :





Diffraction caustics ? [Lecacheux & al., 1981]





Alfvèn waves ? [Gurnett & Goertz, 1982]

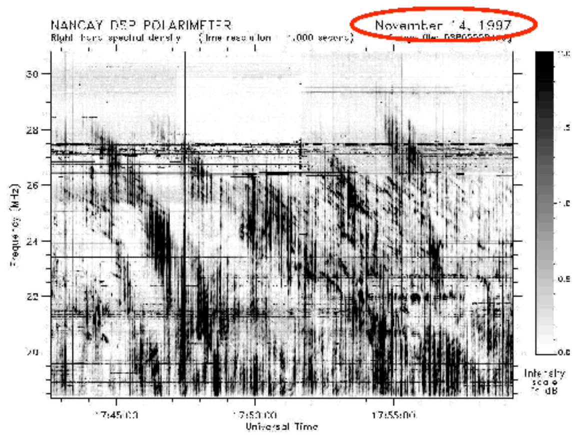
→ Interplanetary scintillation studies :

Source locations, distributed / f

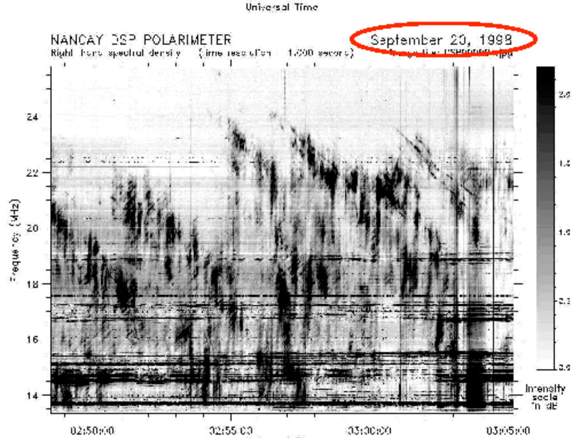
[Genova & Boischot 1981]

Interplanetary scintillations (IPS) of Jovian DAM radiation

[Douglas and Smith (1967)
Slee and Higgins (1968)
Warwick (1967)
Genova and Leblanc (1981)]



Jupiter
far from
opposition



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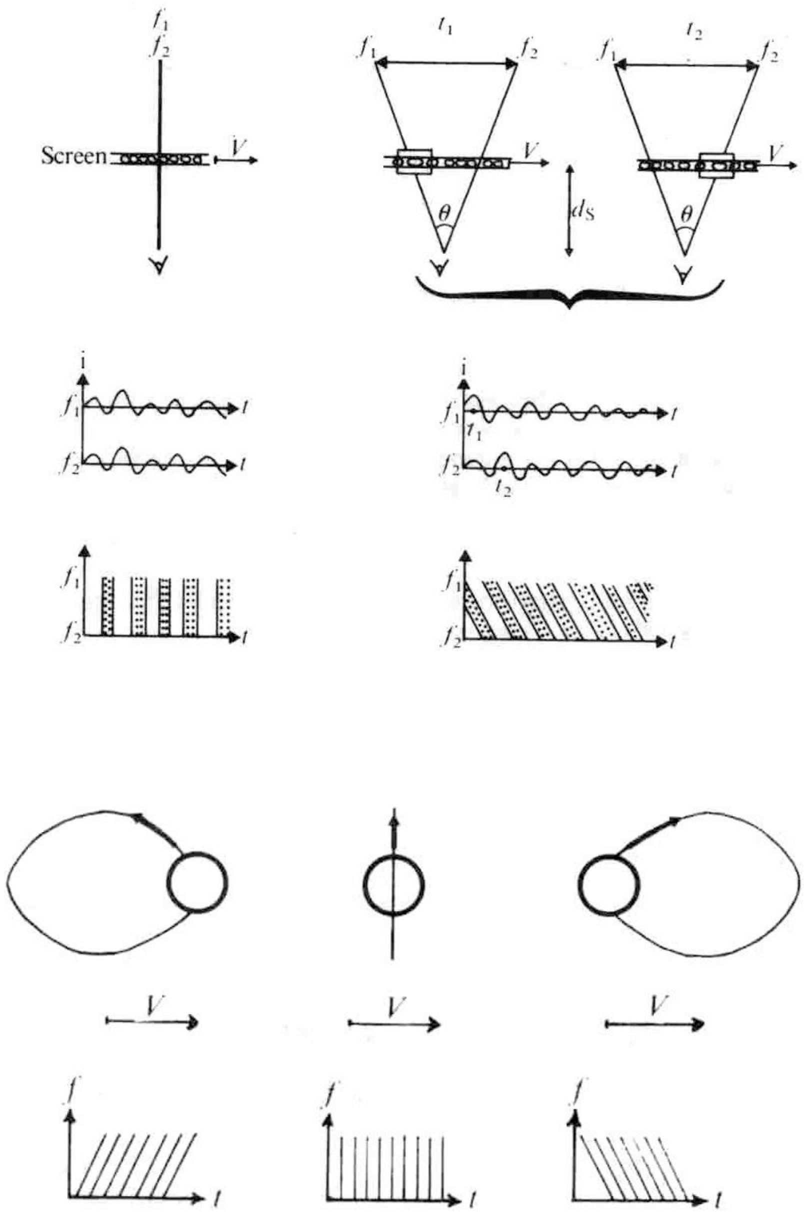
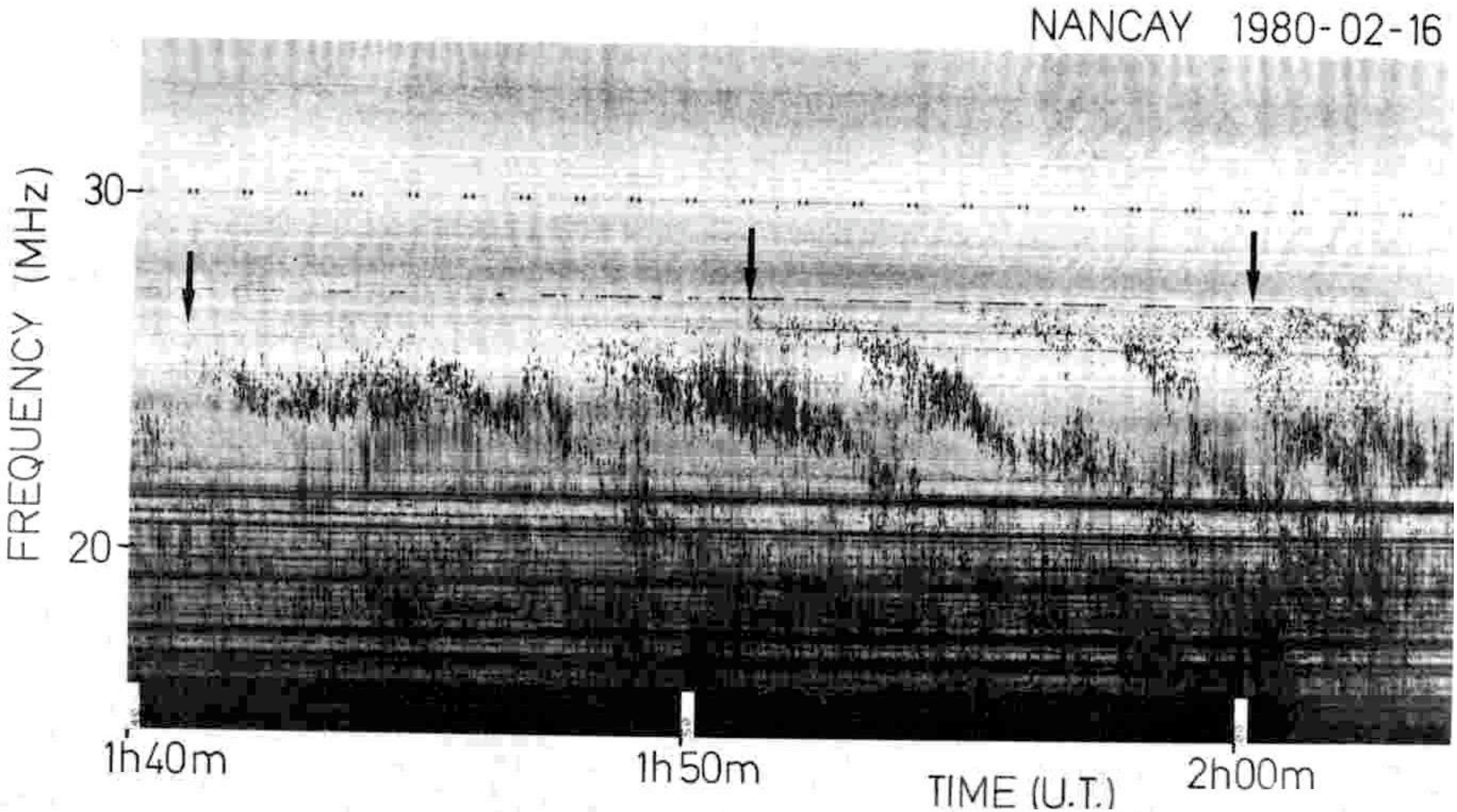


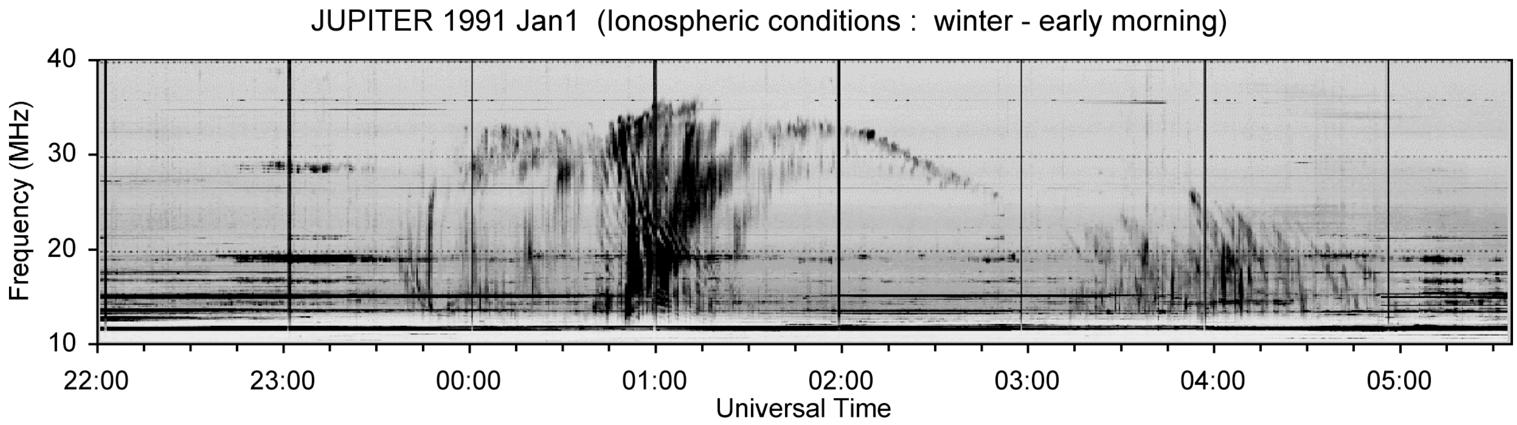
→ Short (« S ») bursts :

Energetic electron bunches ? [Genova, Leblanc & al.]

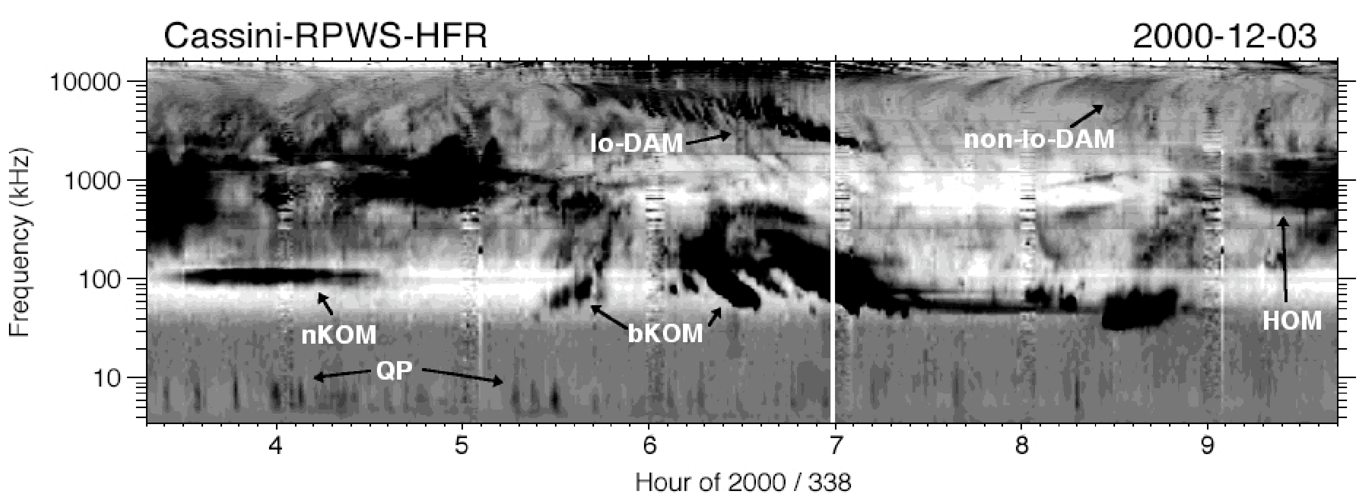


(2) Recent past (1990 - 2000) :

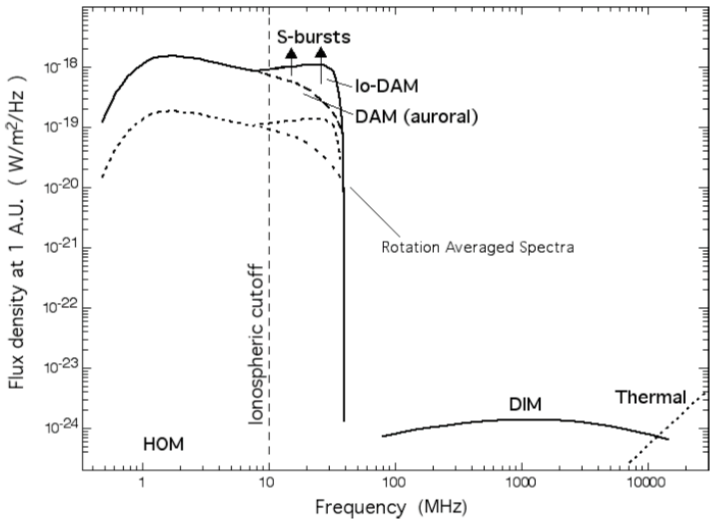
- Digital « Routine » (www.obs-nancay.fr → decameter array)
- Digital swept-frequency polarimeter
- Acousto-Optical spectrograph [Rosolen, Denis…]

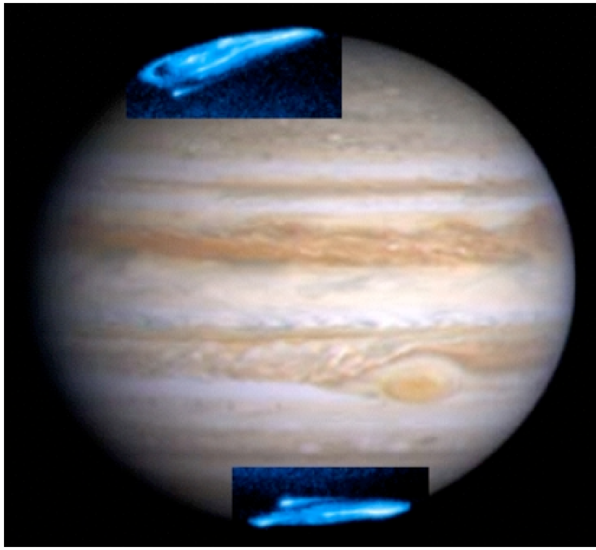


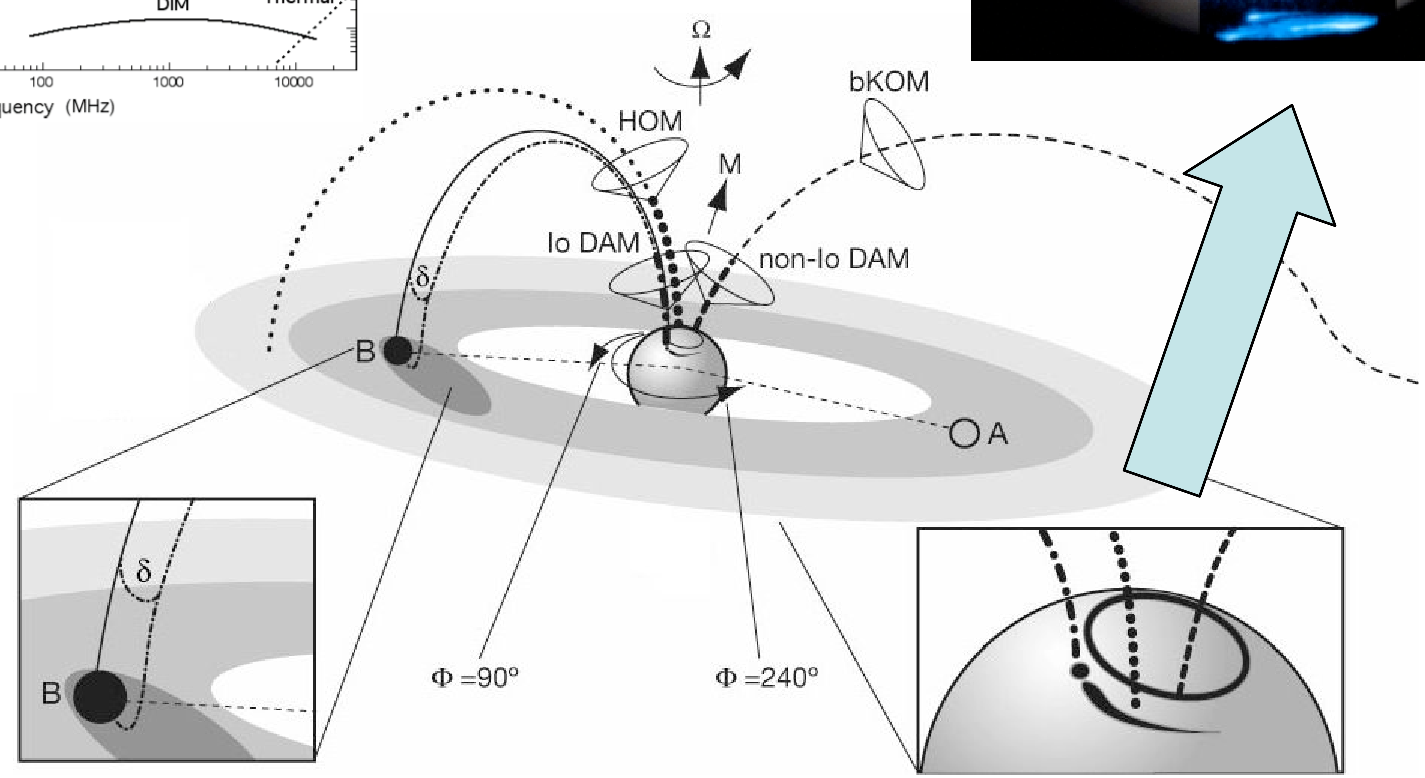
+ Ulysses, Galileo, Cassini



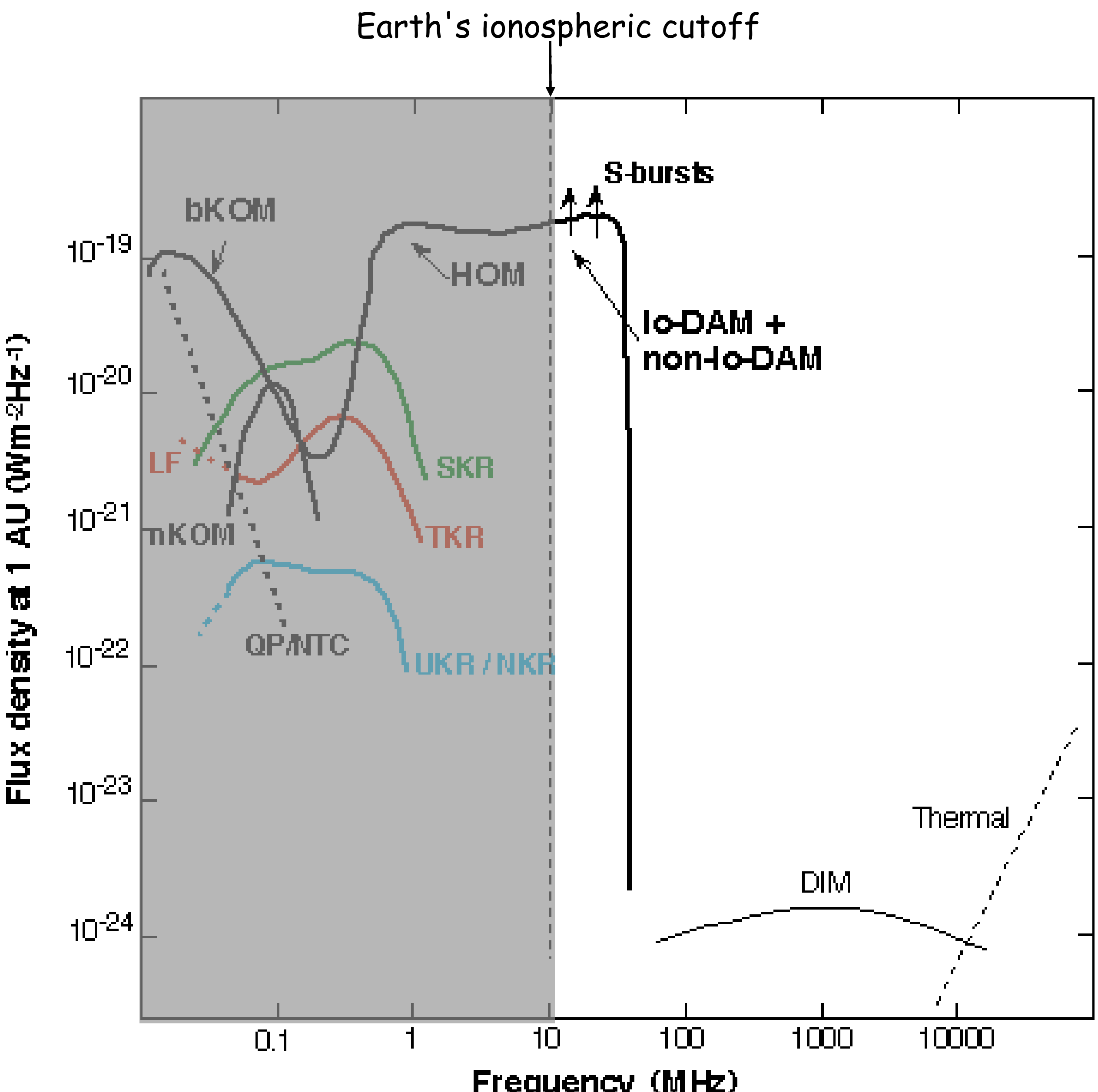
- Jovian Radiosources spectra, locations and beaming
- Multi-λ studies & ground-space complementarity







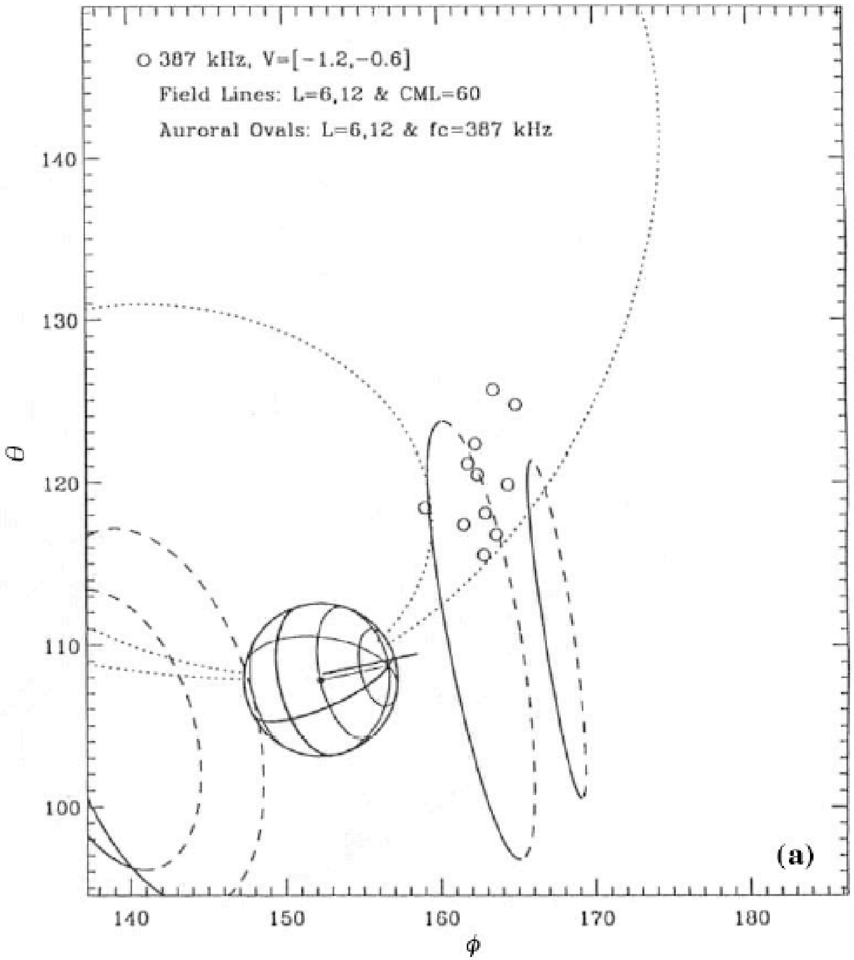
• Planetary radio emissions spectra

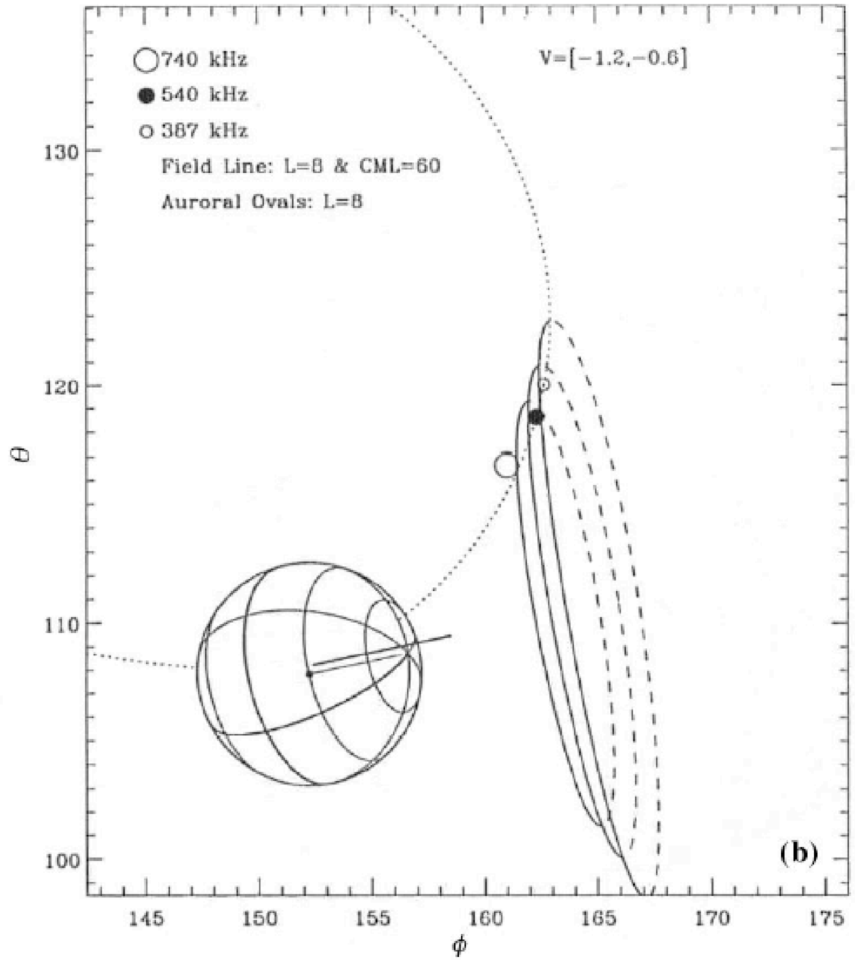


[Zarka, 2000]

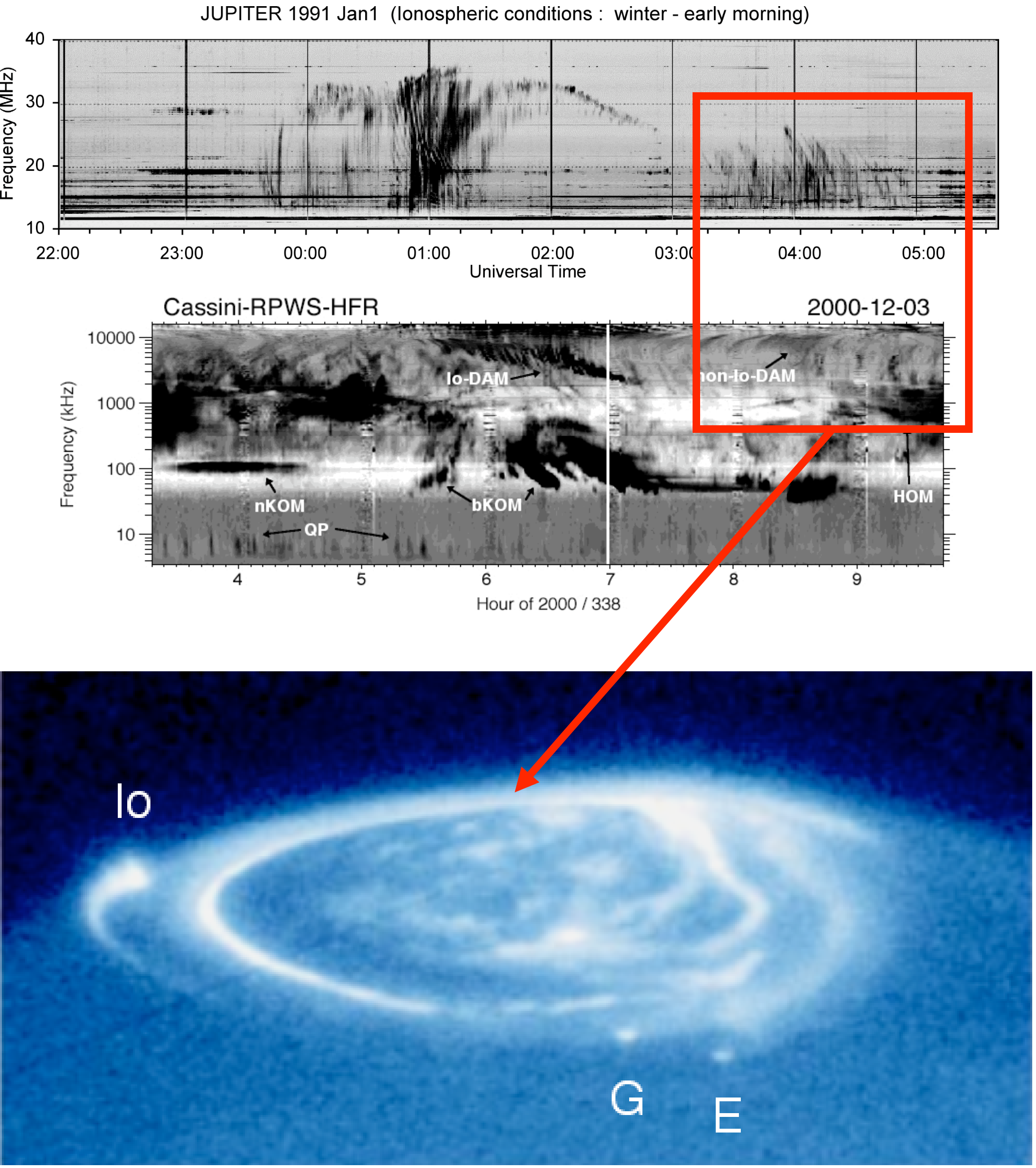
→ Gonio-Polarimetry of Jovian high-latitude radiosources

→ $f=f_{ce}$ (cyclotron-maser emission)





→ Main aurora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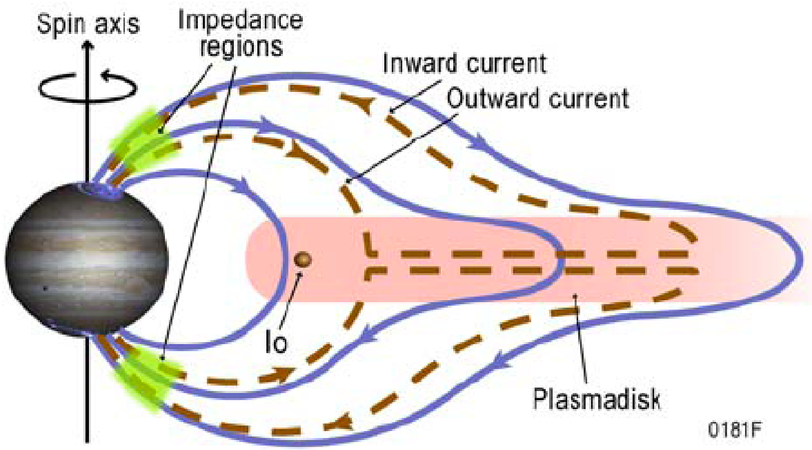
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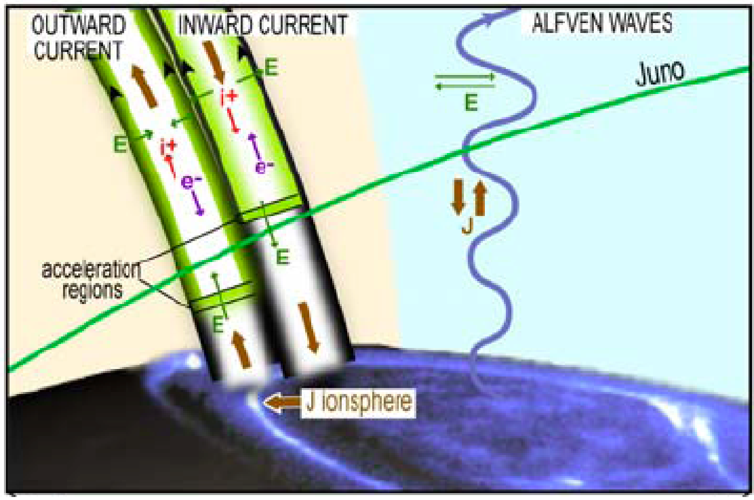
OUTWARD CURRENT
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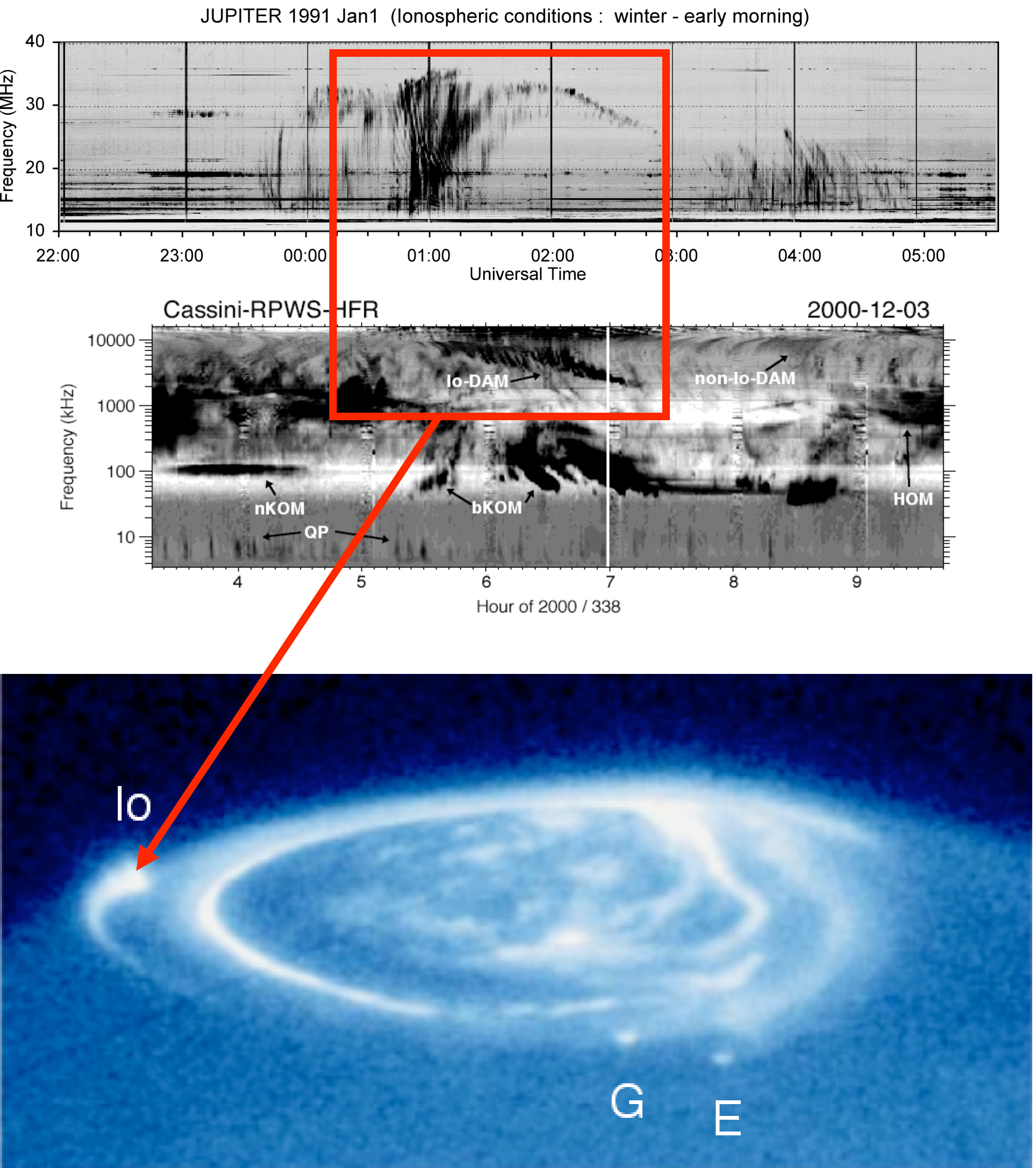
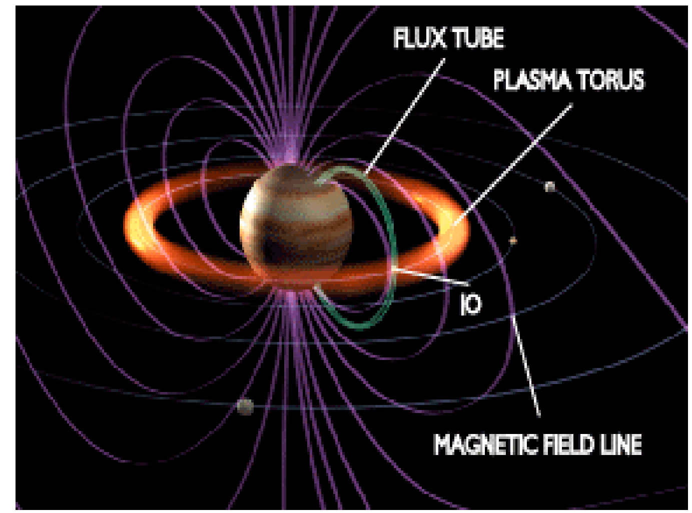
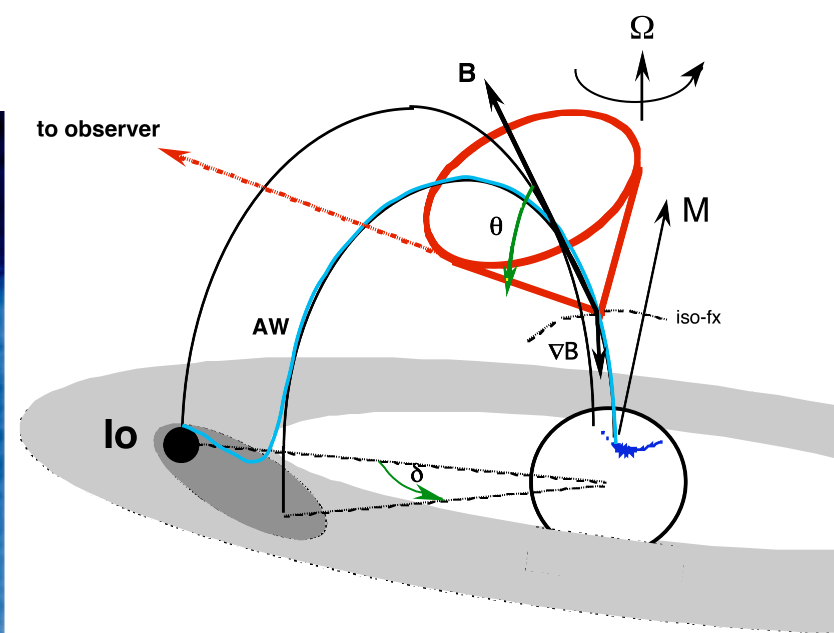
→ Io-induced emissions

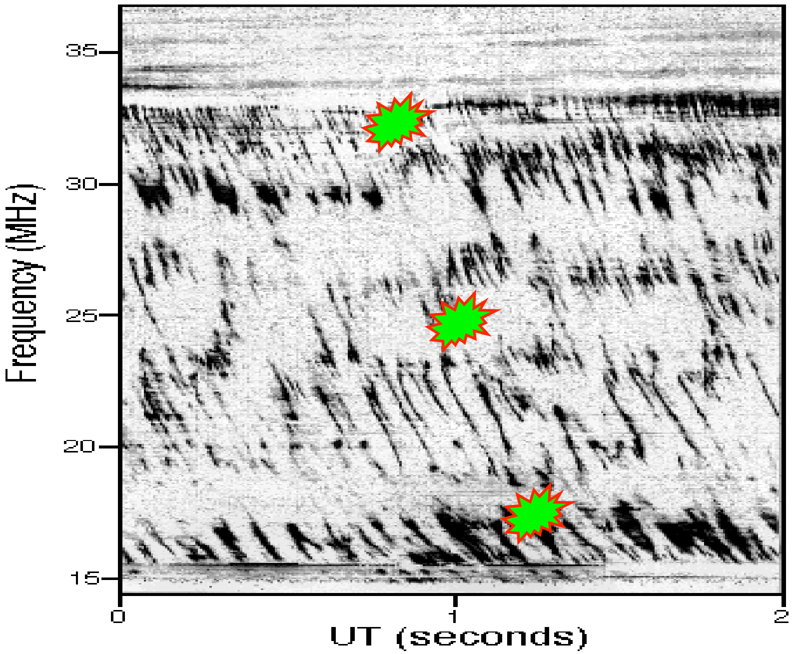
→ Alfvén waves produced « at » Io, accelerate electrons

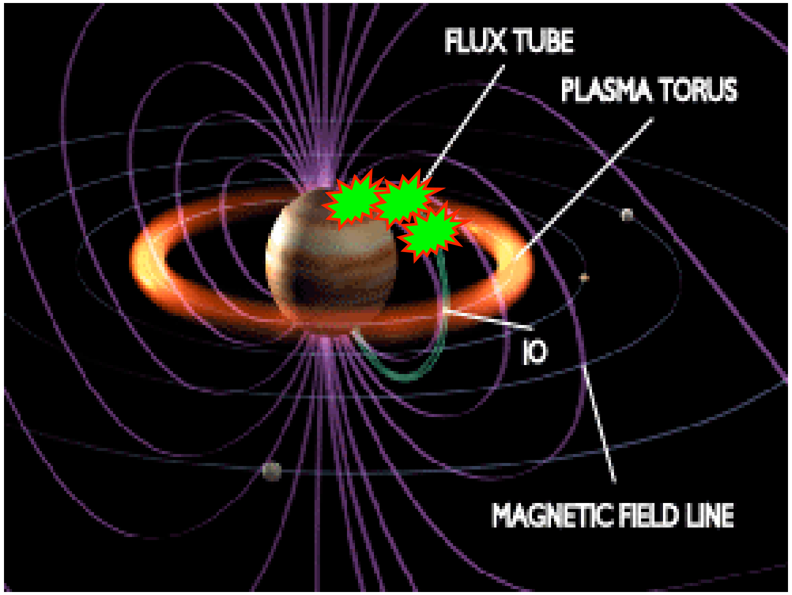


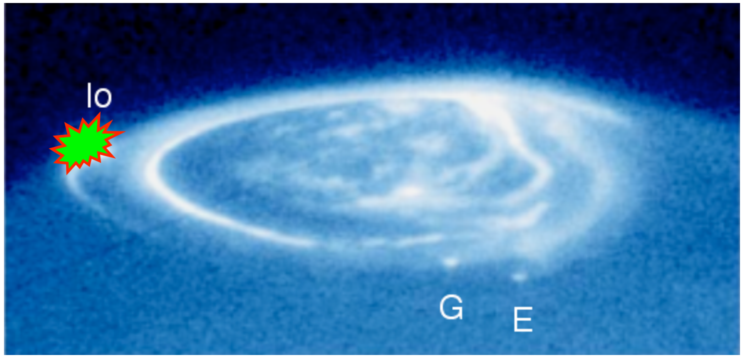


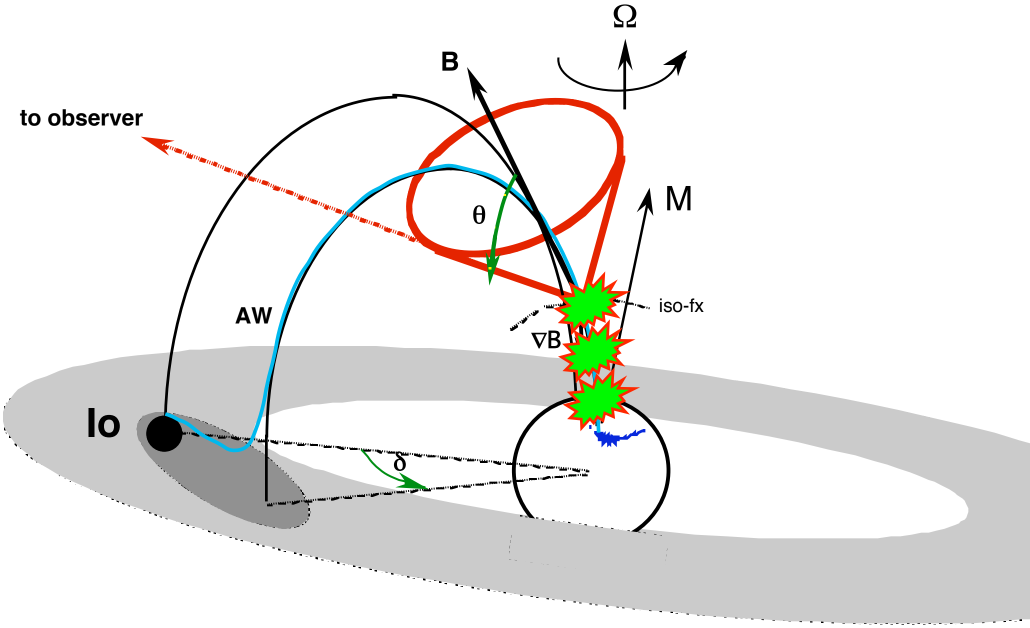


→ Io-induced emissions

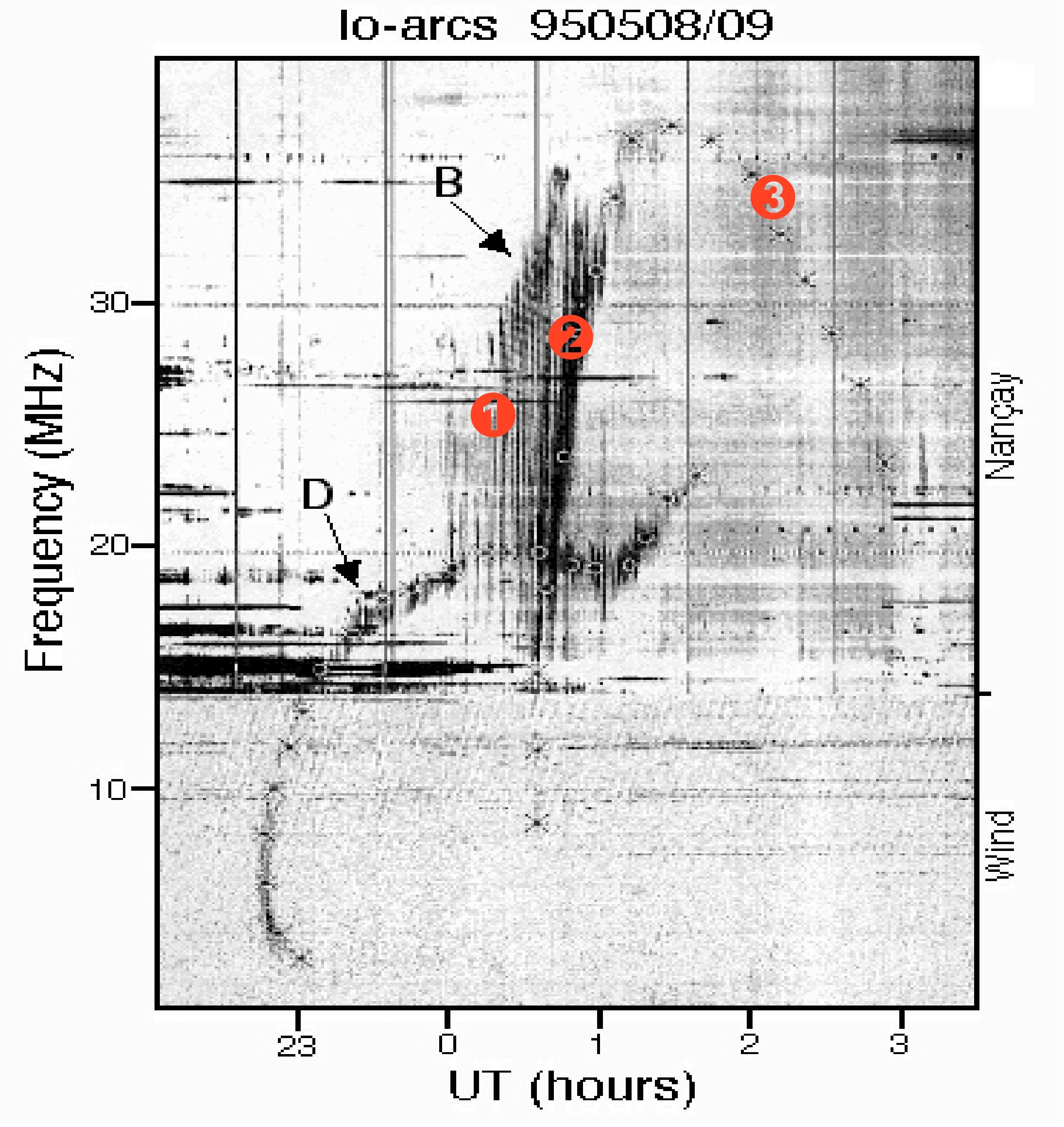








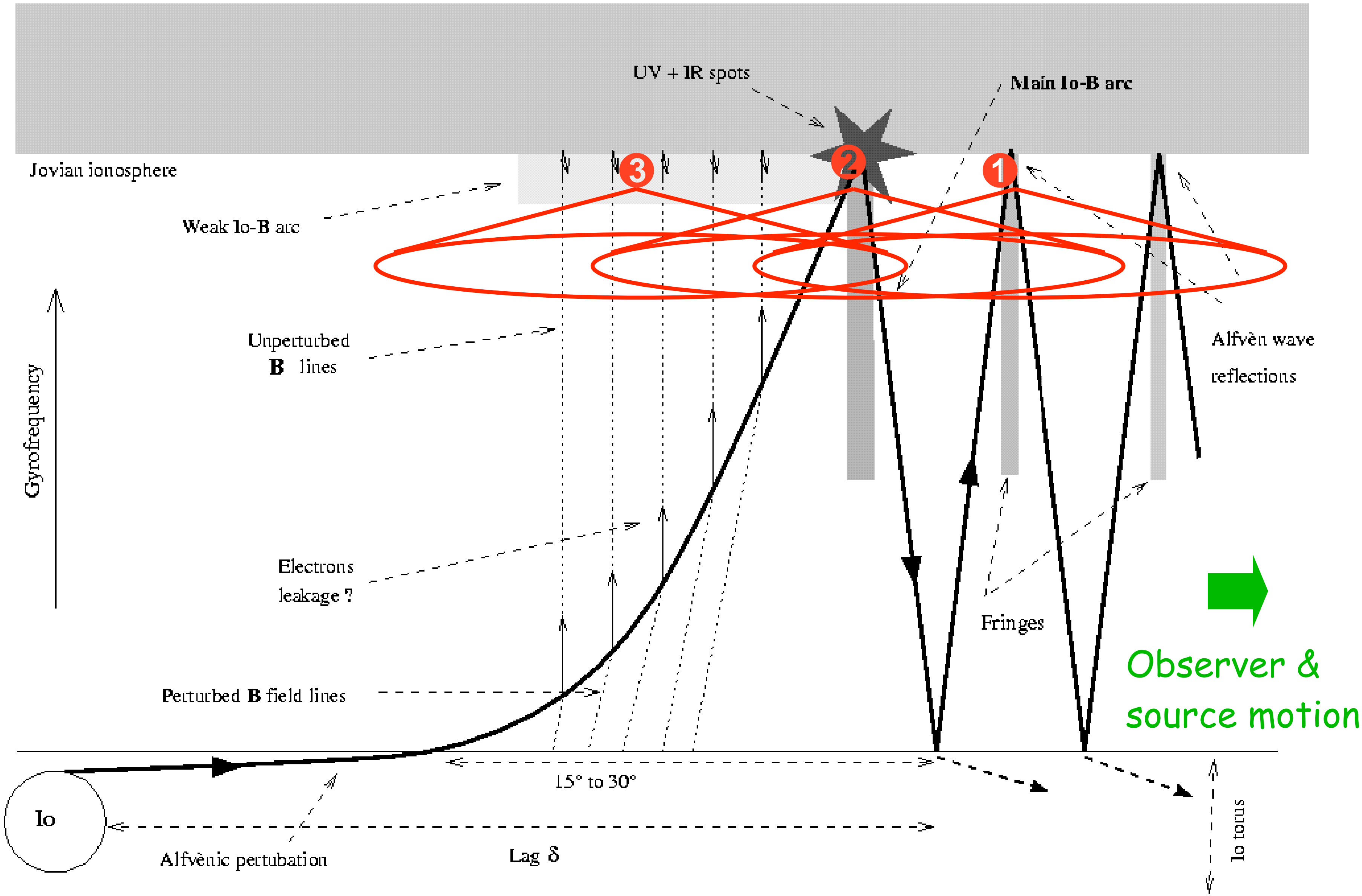
→ Radio Arcs shape : Magnetic field topology + beaming



→ Radio Arcs shape

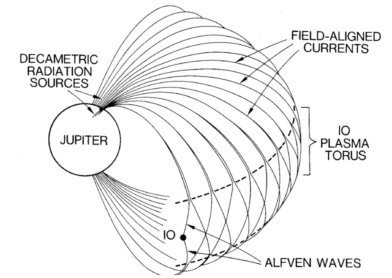
[Queinnec & Zarka, 1998]

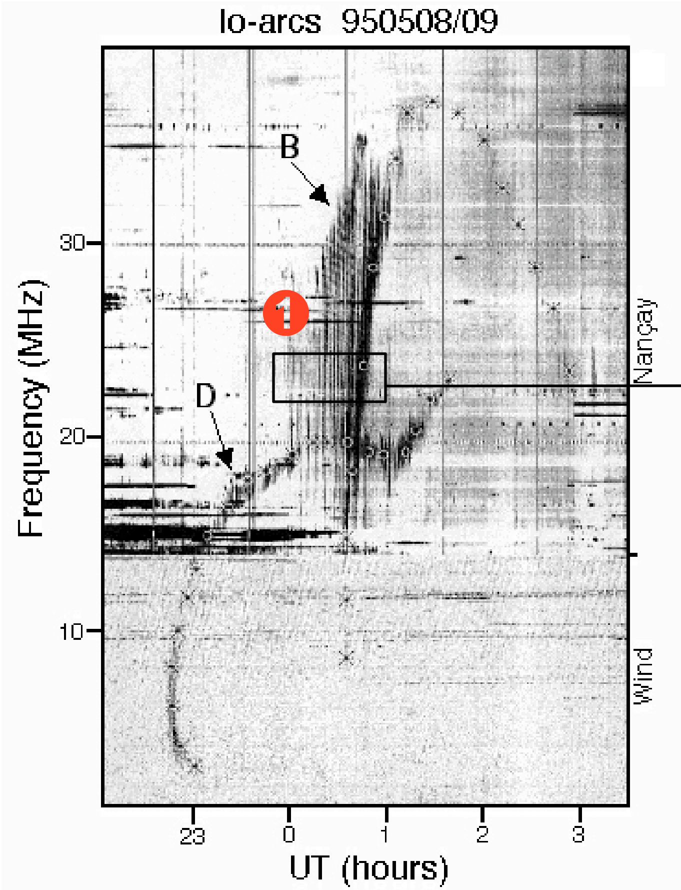
scenario #1

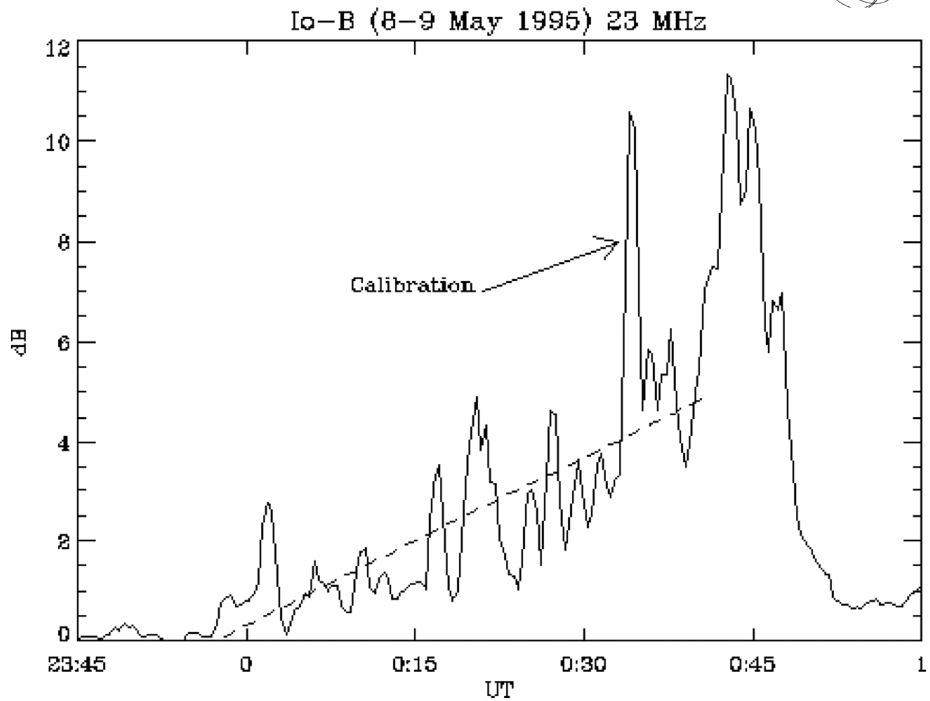


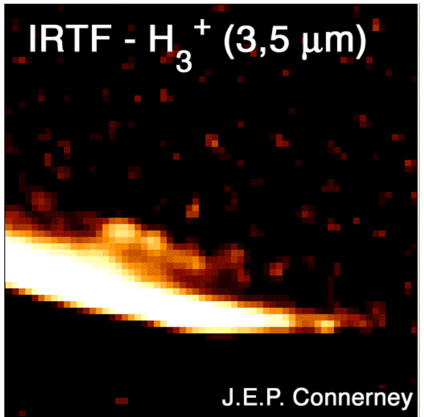
→ Arcs fringes : Alfvèn bouncing torus-ionosphere

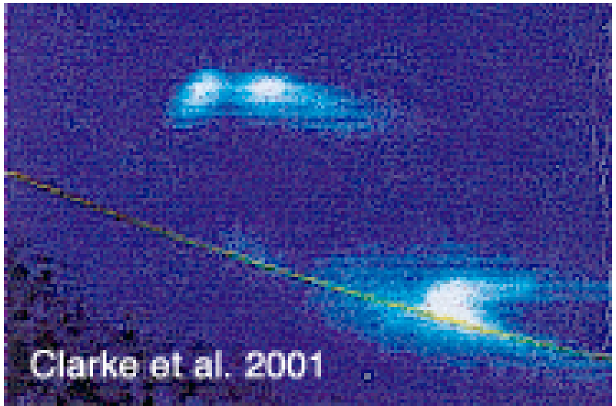
[Queinnec & Zarka, 1998]





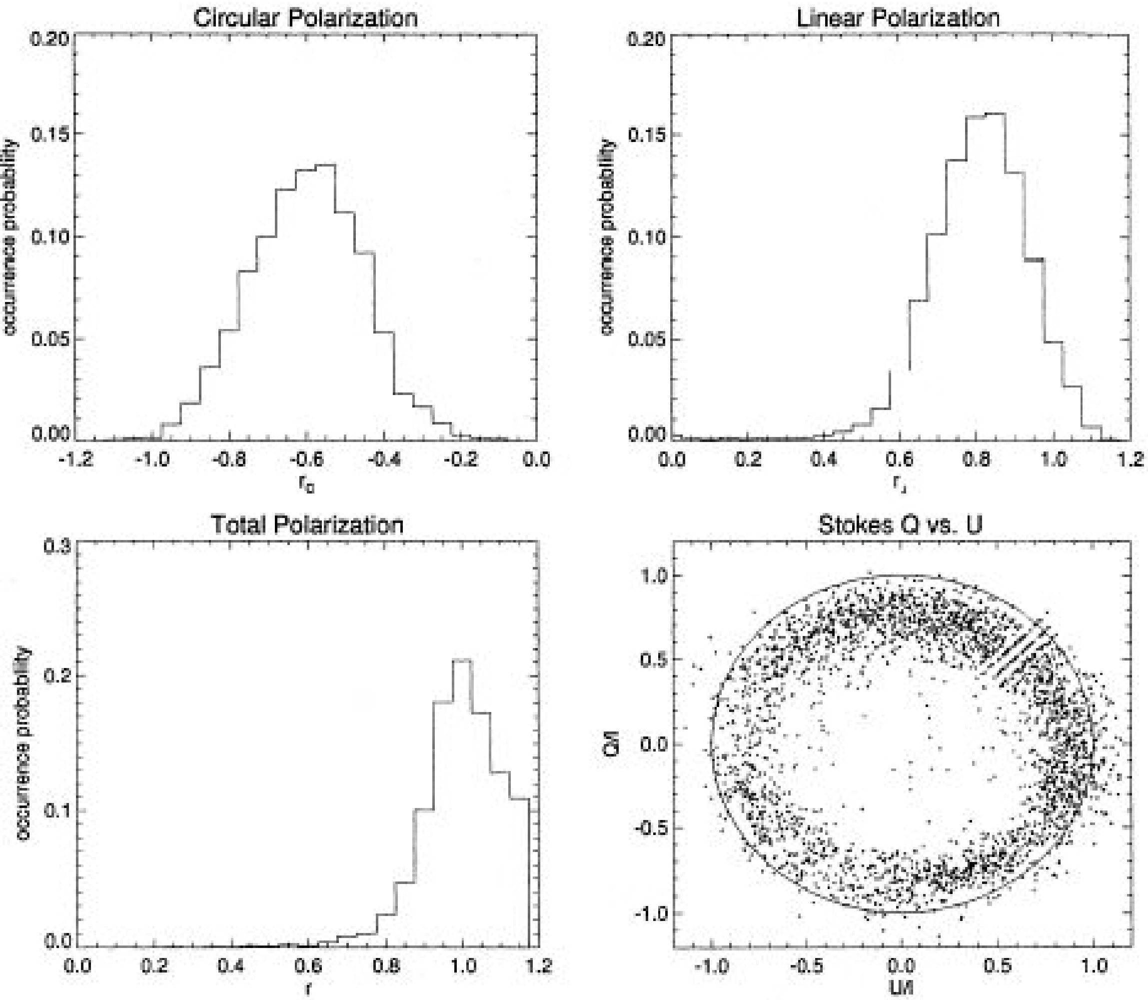


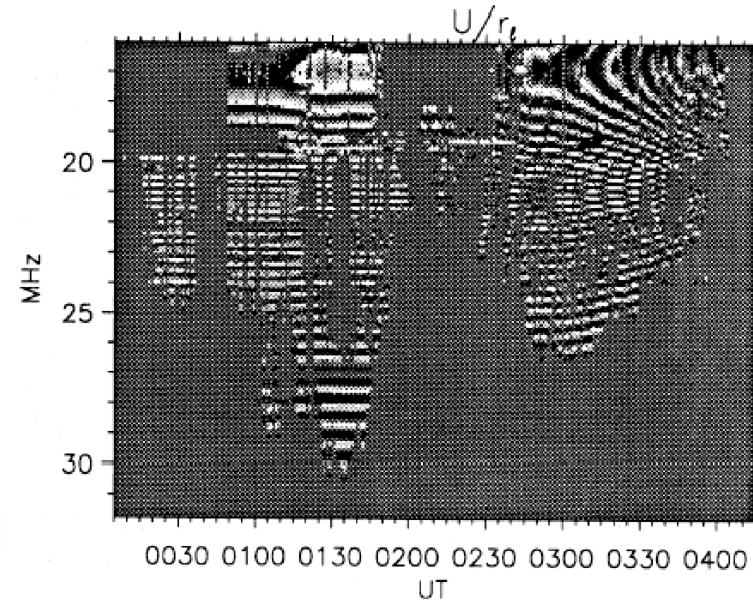


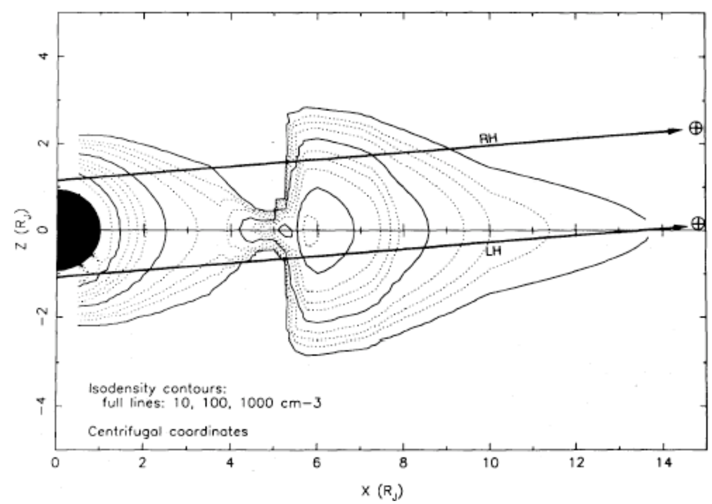


→ 100% elliptical polarization of DAM [Dulk & al., 1992, 1994]

→ implies plasma depleted ($N_e \leq 5$ cm^{-3}) source regions [Lecacheux, 1988]



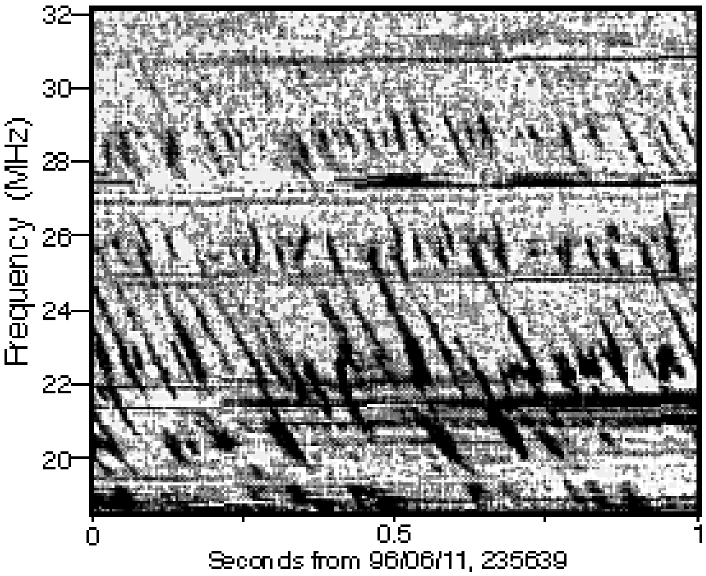


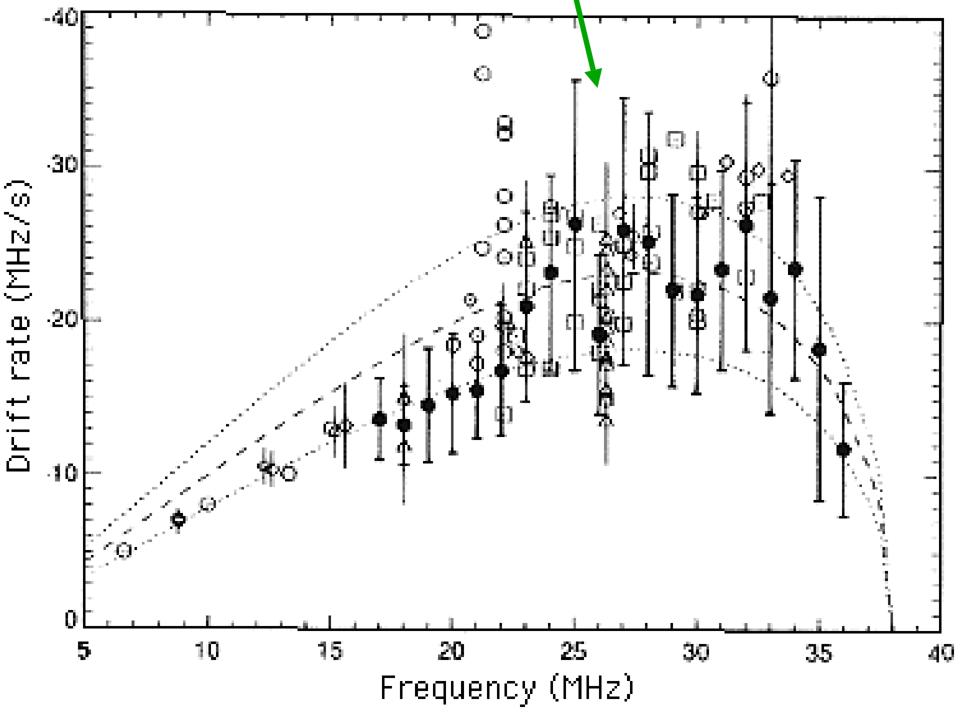


→ Massive measurements of S-bursts drift rates df/df(f)

5±2 keV electron bunches in adiabatic motion

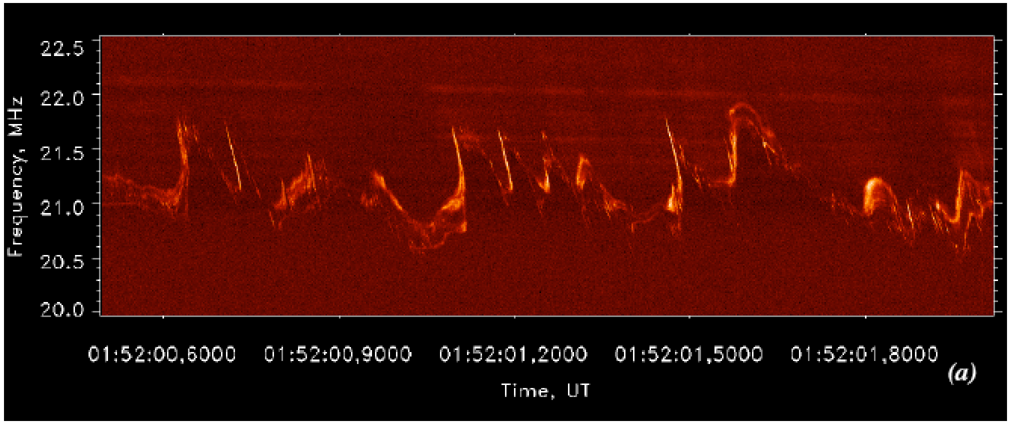
[Zarka & al., 1996]

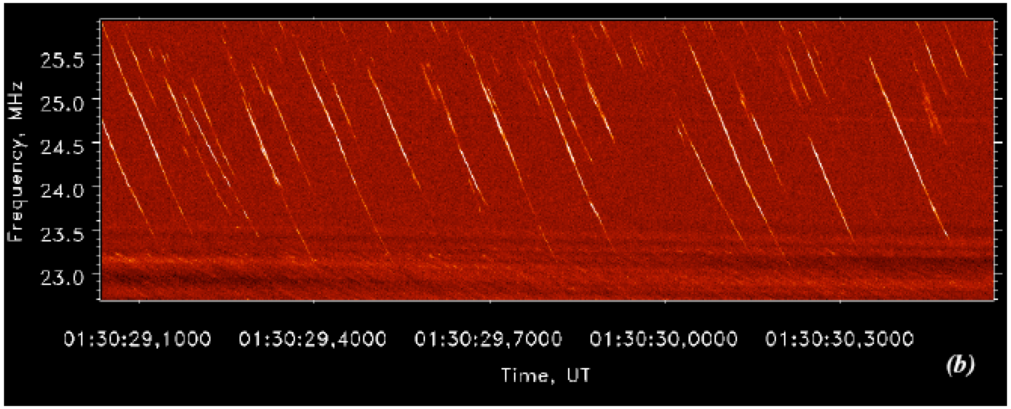




(3) Present :

- Digital DSP/FFT spectrograph (I) [Rosolen, Lecacheux…]
- Waveform capture (ROBIN)
- Digital DSP/FFT spectrograph (II) = « Reconquête » [Denis…]
- DRAFTA/UTR-2 [Ryabov et al.]

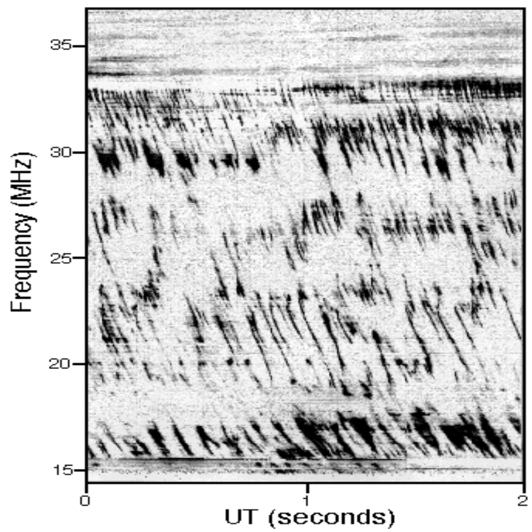




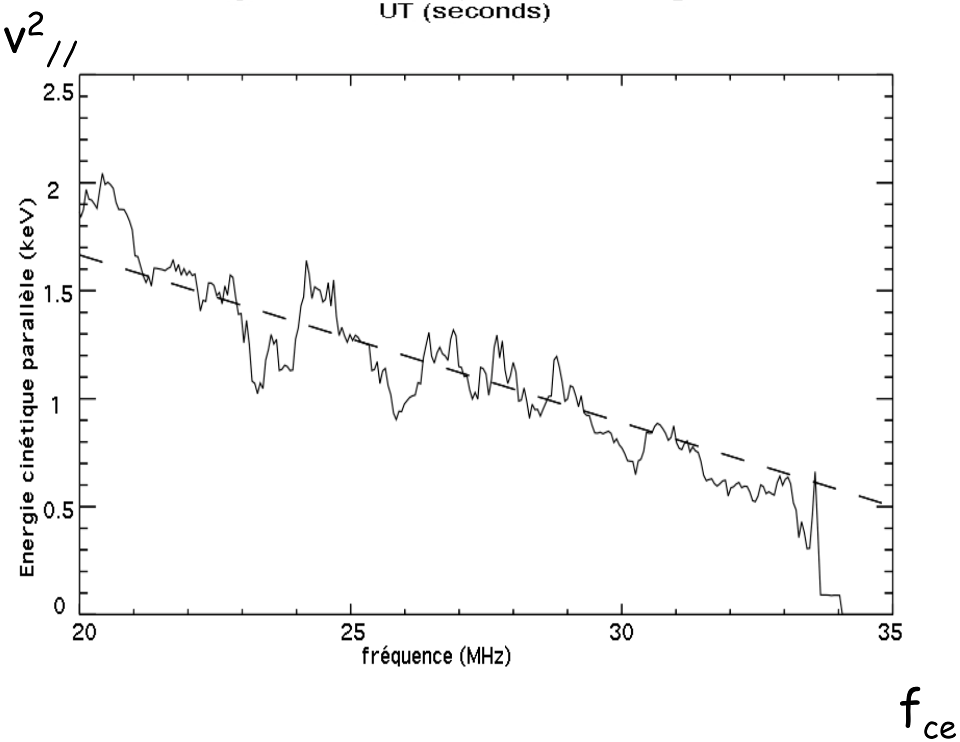
+ theoretical modelling

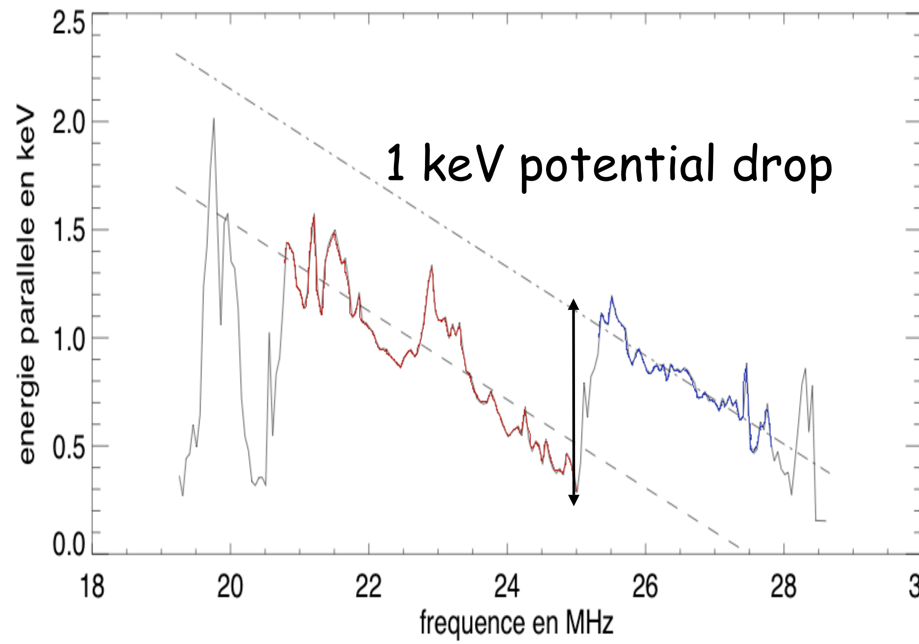
→ Potential drops & accelerations along Io flux tube ?

[Hess & al., 2007a]

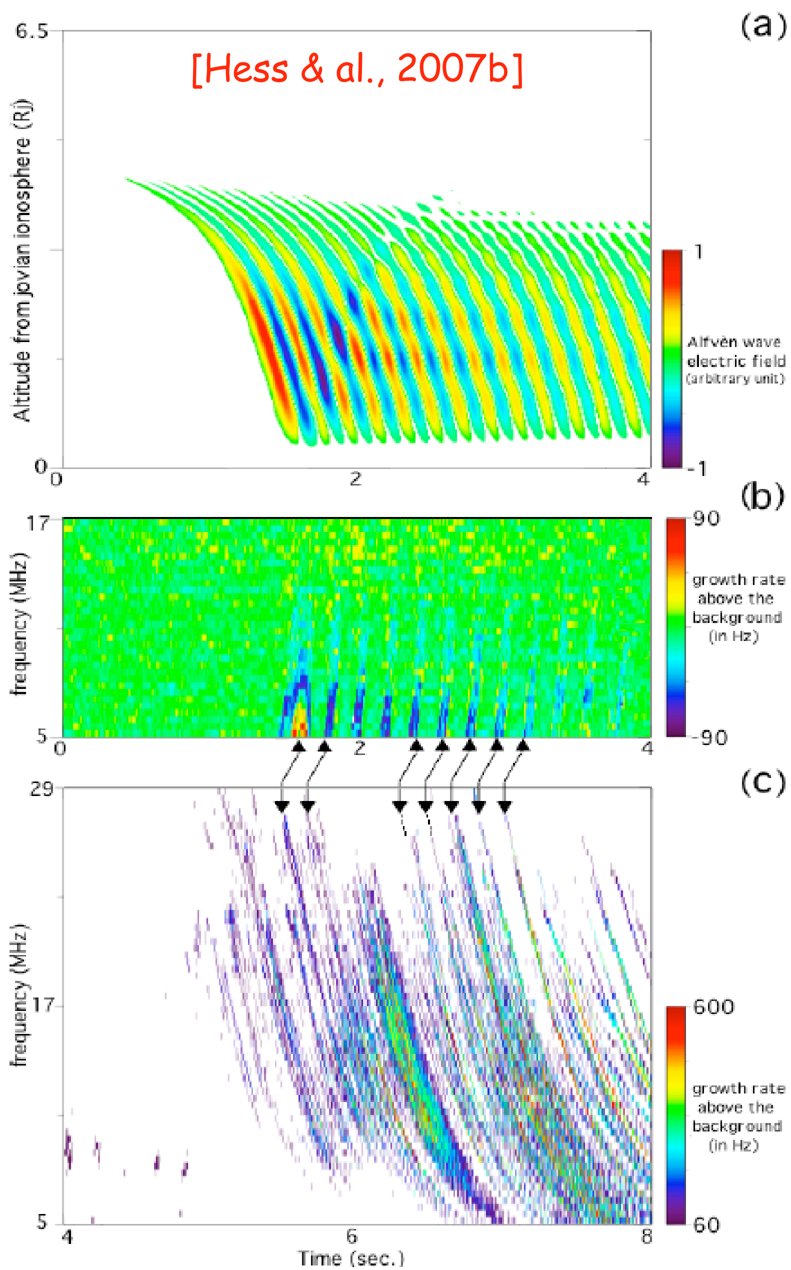


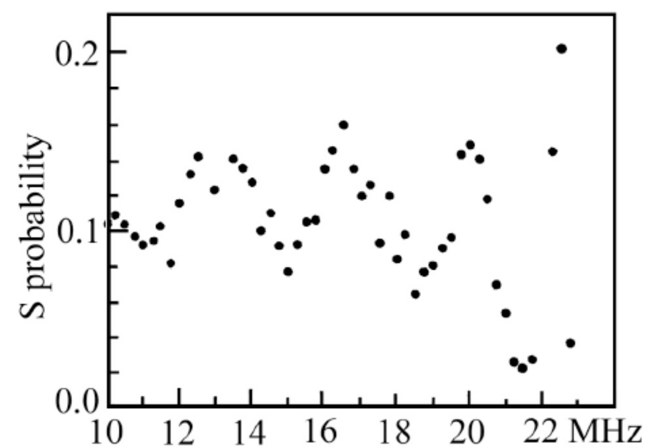
adiabatic motion → $v^2_{//} = v^2 - v^2_{\perp} = v^2 - \mu . f_{ce}$





→ Electrons acceleration by Alfvén waves ?



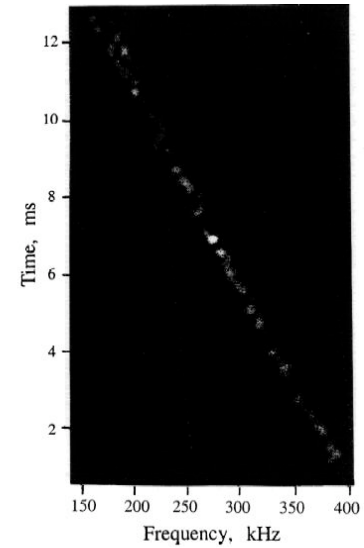


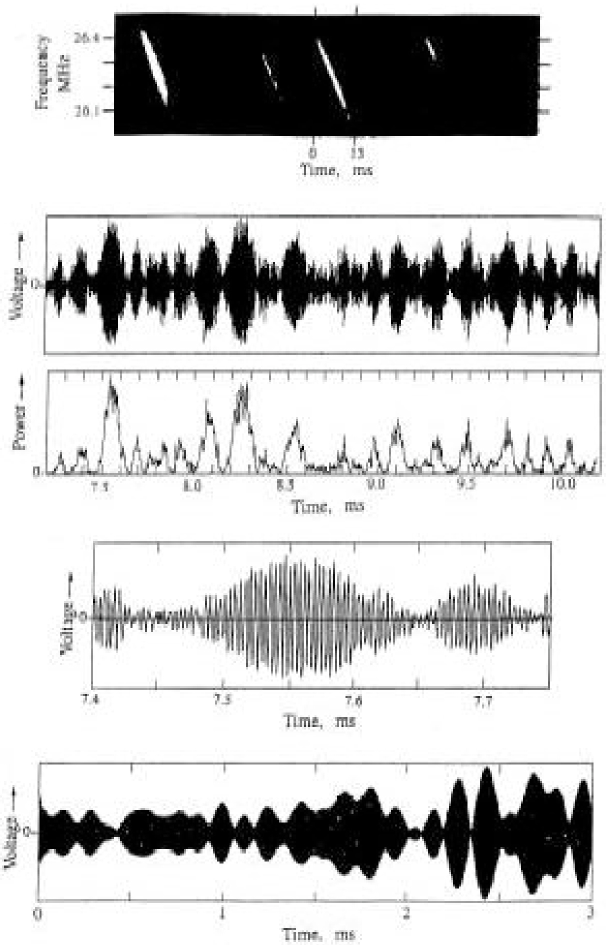
[Ryabov et al., 1985 ;
Ergun et al., 2005 ;
Arkhipov et al., 2006]

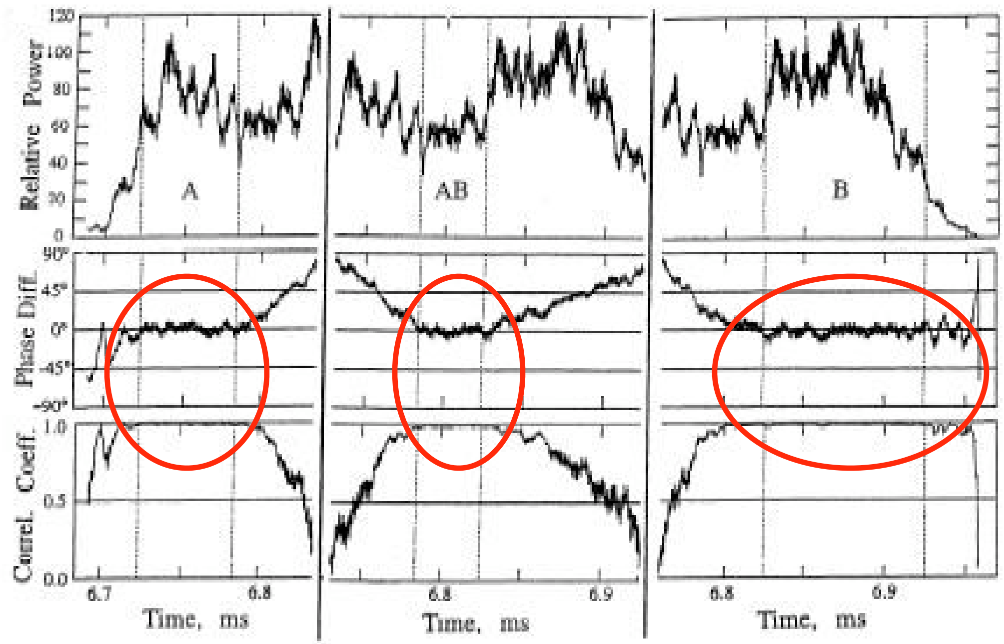
→ Waveform analysis on S-burst emission :

→ monochromatic time segments ? [Carr & Reyes, 1999]

→ narrow-band amplifier ? [Ryabov et al., 2007]

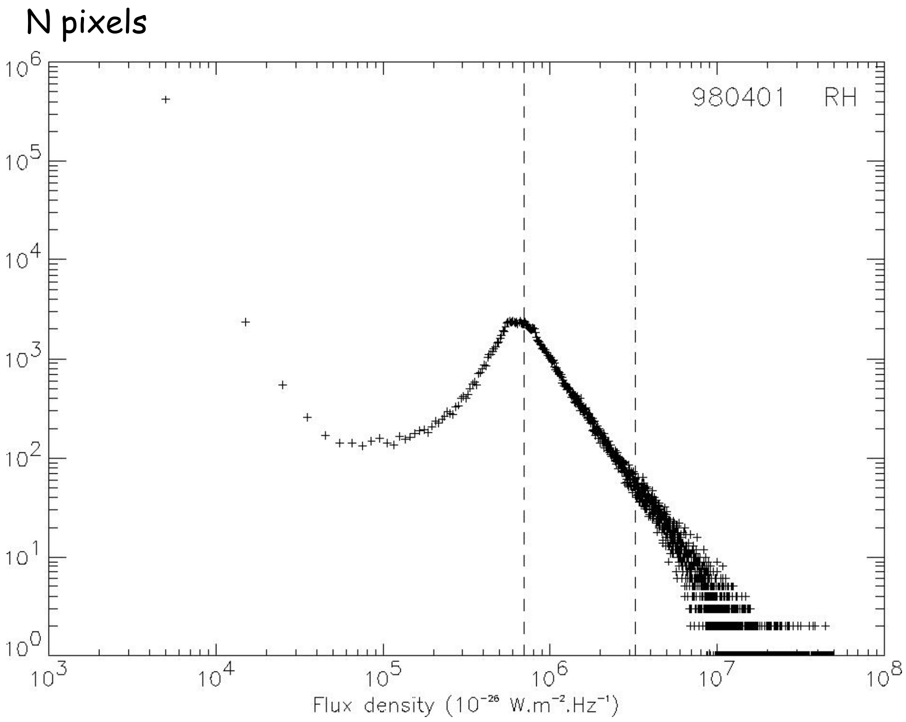


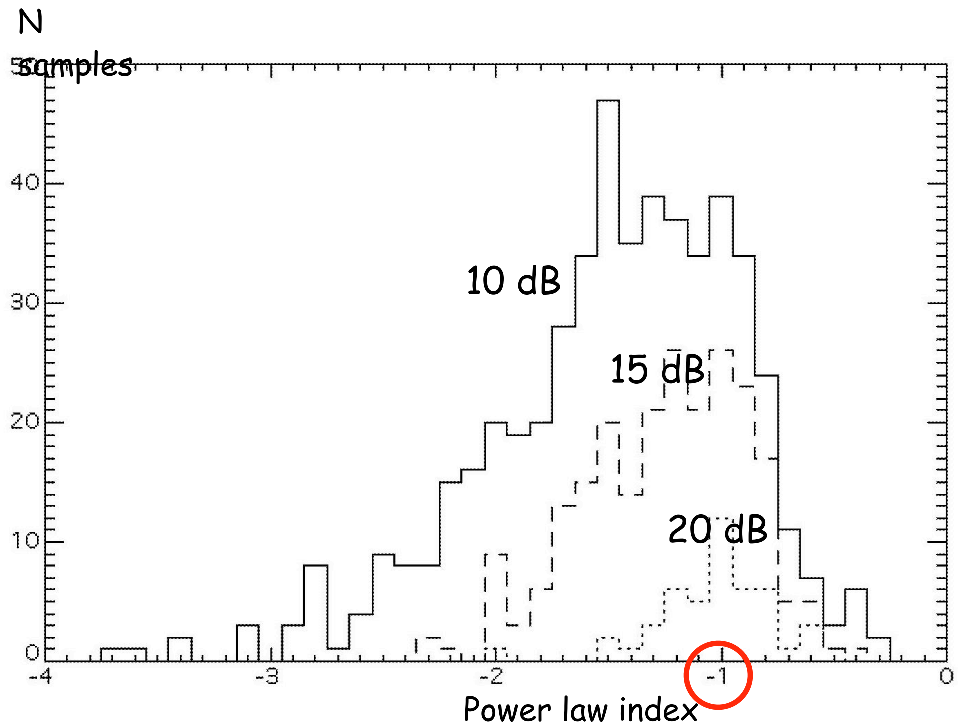




→ Power law distributions for S-burst intensities :

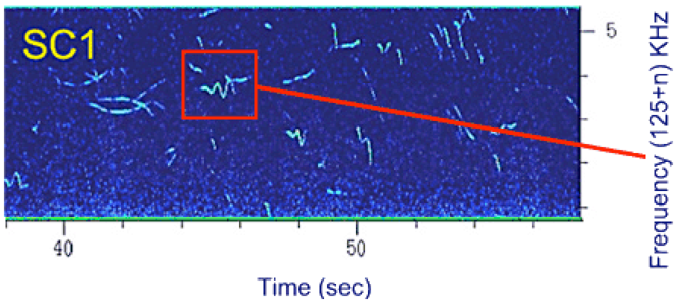
→ SOC ? [Queinnec & Zarka, 2001; Cohier, 2003]

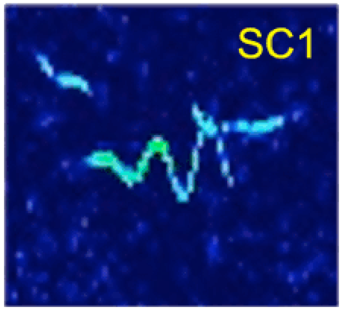




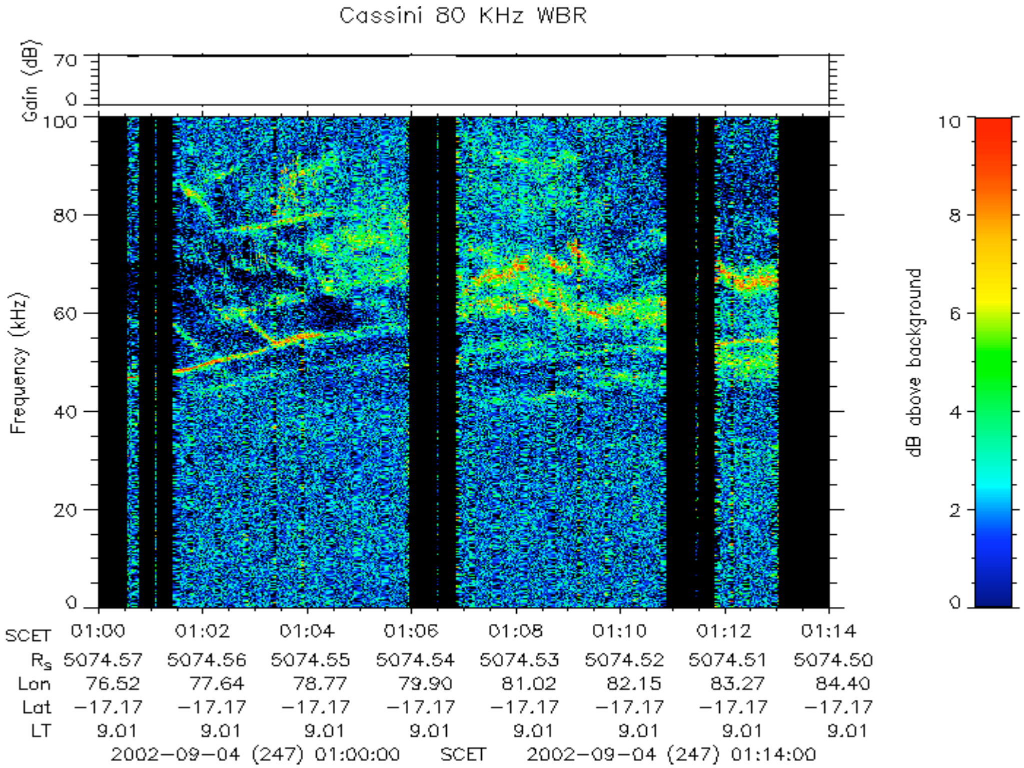
→ Fine structures of other planetary radio emissions

Earth: Cluster [Mutel & al.]

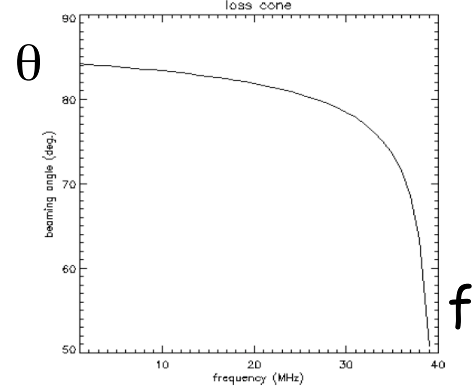


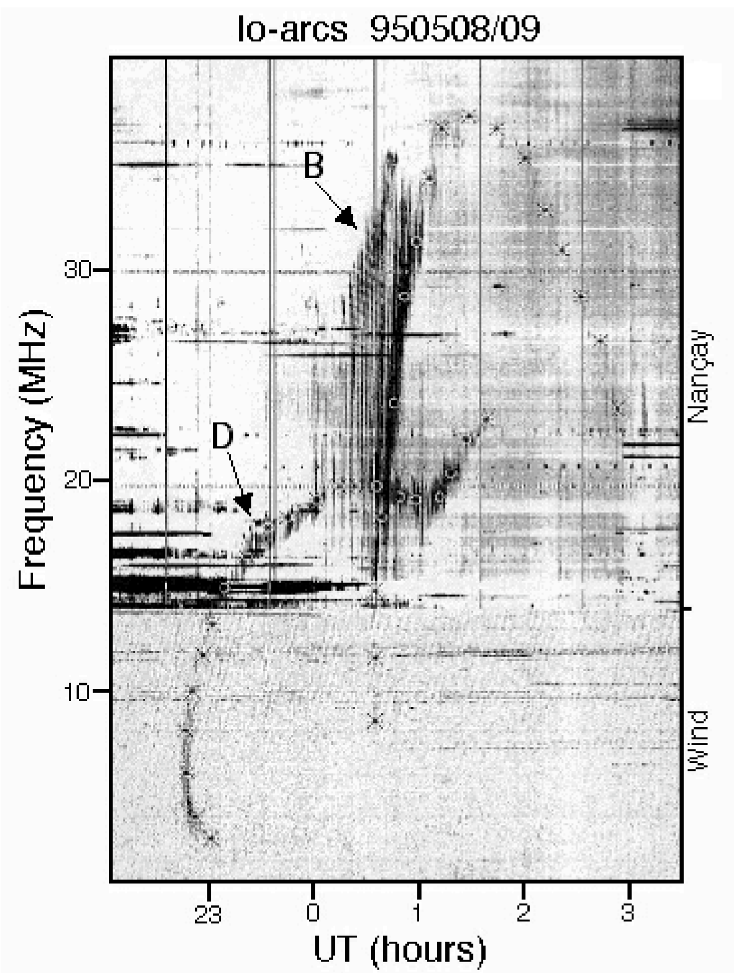


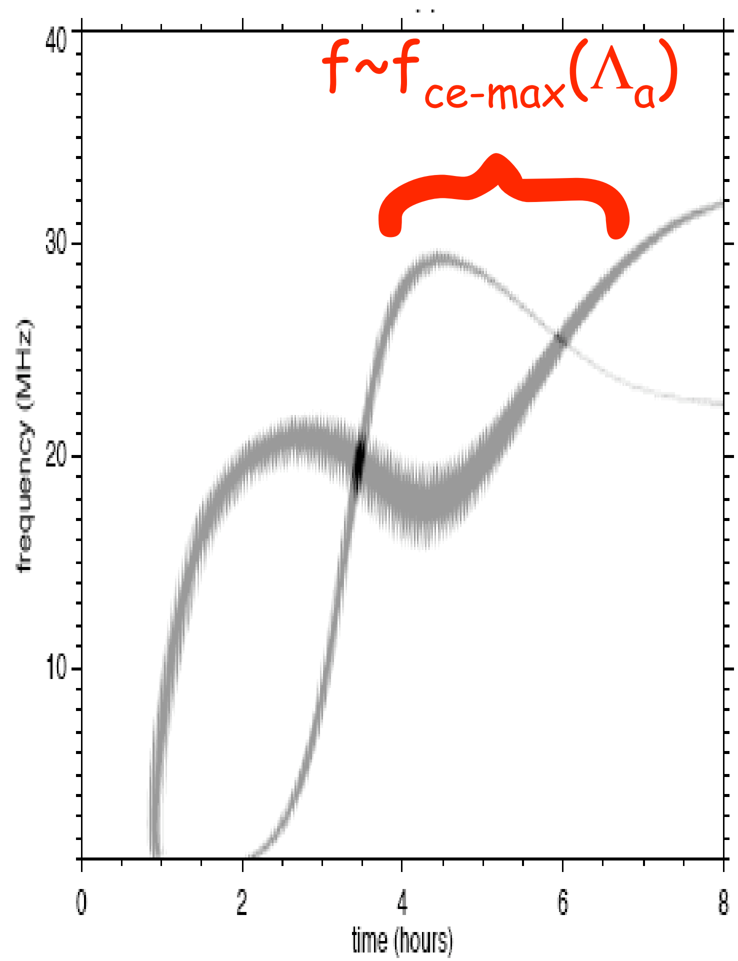
Saturn : Cassini [Kurth & al.]



→ Physical simulation of radio arcs

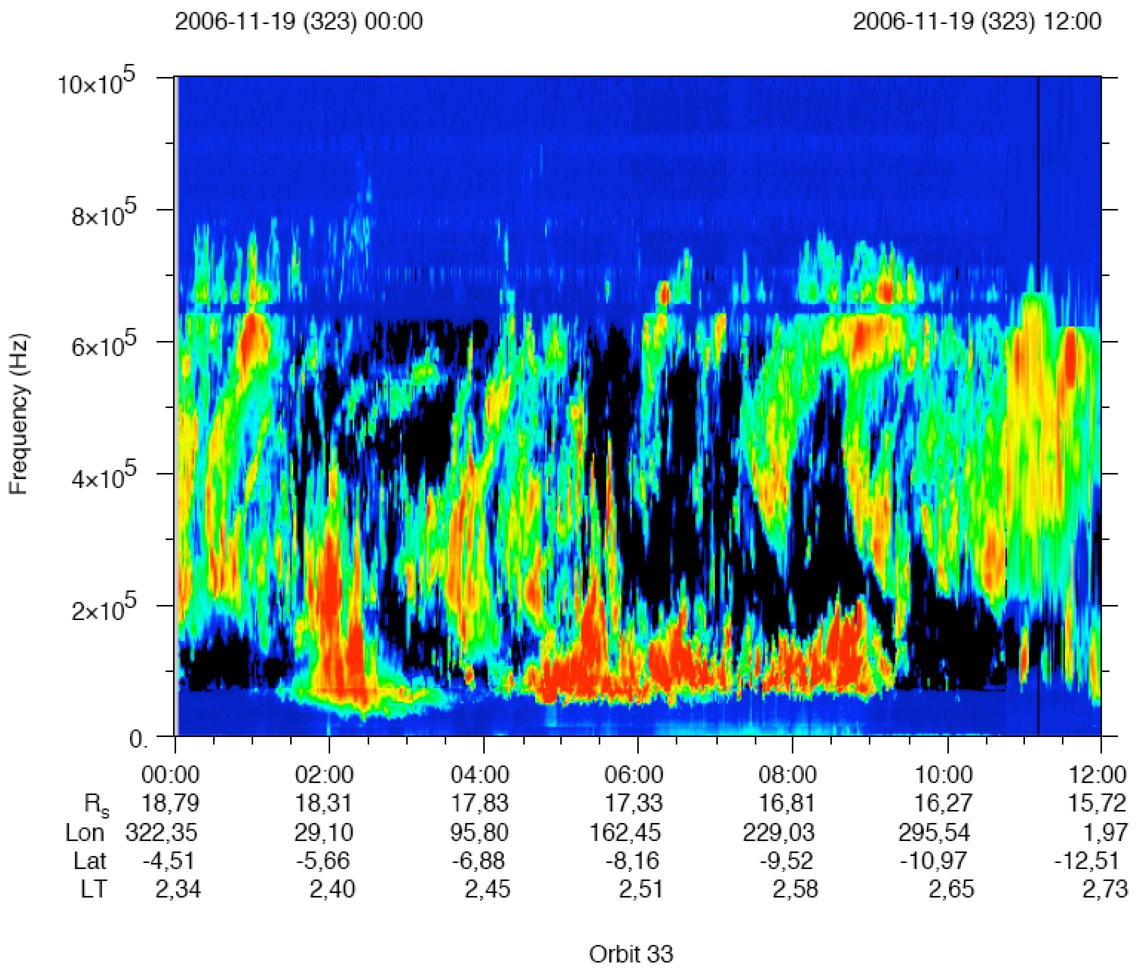






Io-B (N) and -D (S) arcs, Fixed equatorial observer, $\theta_{LC}(f) \rightarrow 70°$, $\delta\theta=1°$, CML=351°, $\Lambda°_{Io}=105°$, $\delta=30°$

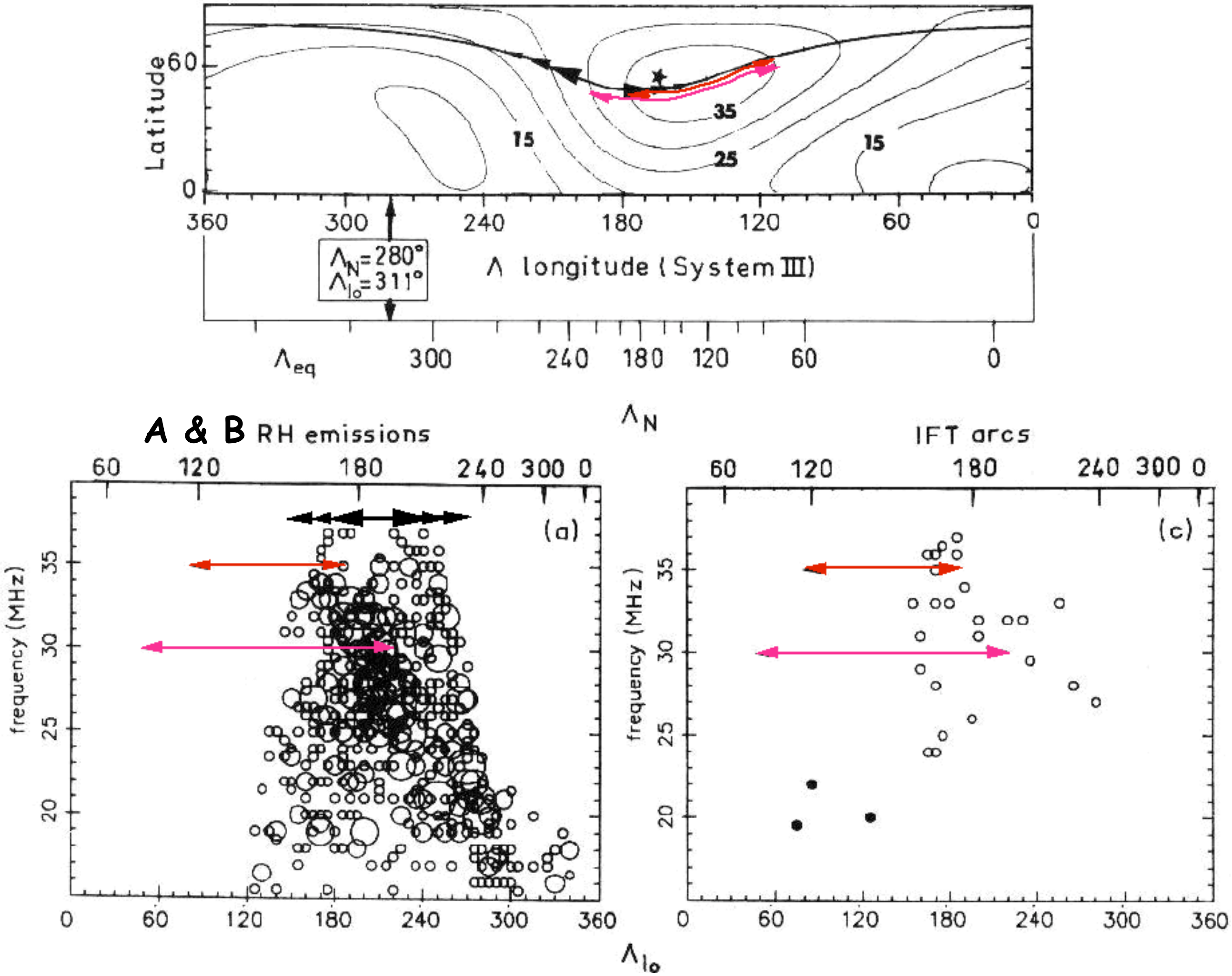
→ Saturn radio arcs



→ Comparison f_{max}(DAM) - magnetic field models

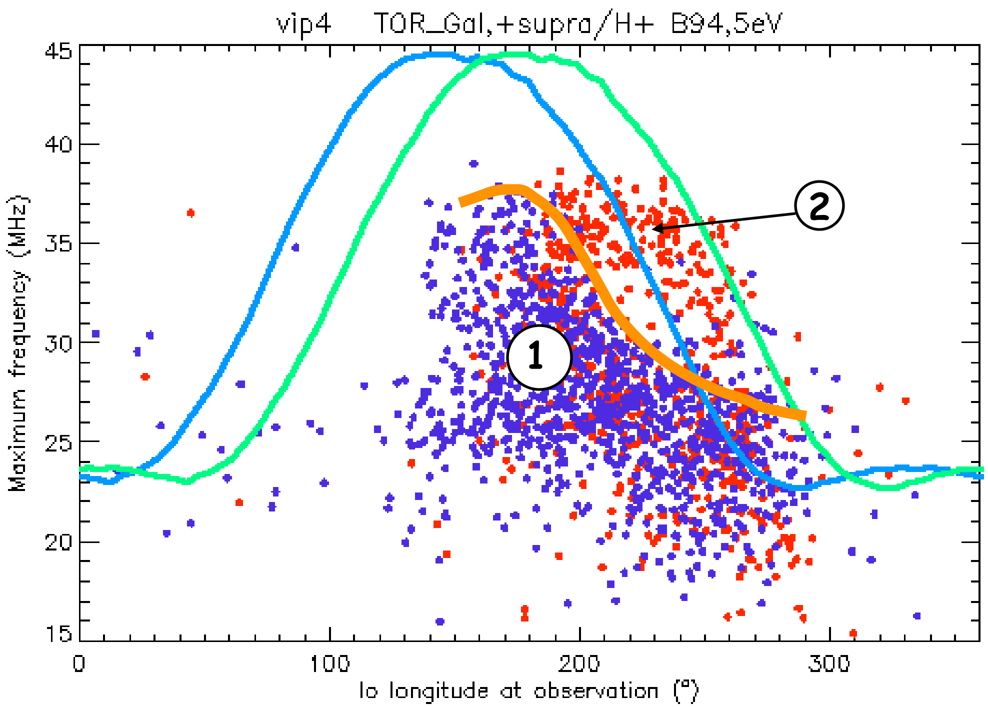
→ Inconsistency

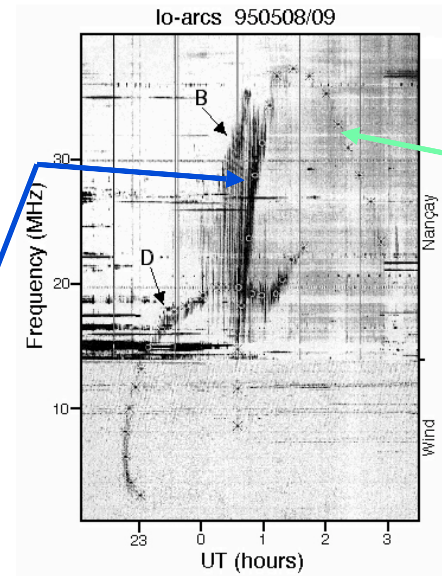
[Genova & Aubier, 1985]

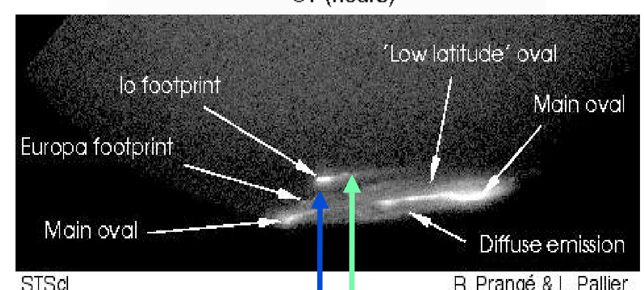


→ Inconsistency f_{max}(DAM) - magnetic field models [Genova & Aubier, 1985]

→ Solved as 2 radio emission populations, excited by Alfvén waves and slow shock / wake reacceleration currents [Zarka, Gerbault & al., 2002]







① Alfvèn waves → several keV electrons → intense radio arcs + UV/IR spot

② slow shock / wake reacc. J → ~1 keV electrons → radio & UV/IR "trails"

→ Strong constraints on Jovian magnetic field model

- Jupiter's radiophysics unveiled by 2 decades of decameter observations in Nancay

- Fast LF radio imaging of Jupiter's magnetosphere with arcsecond resolution

- Long baseline interferometry test on Jupiter with NDA and LOFAR

• LOFAR = future giant LF interferometer (of phased arrays) in construction in The Netherlands

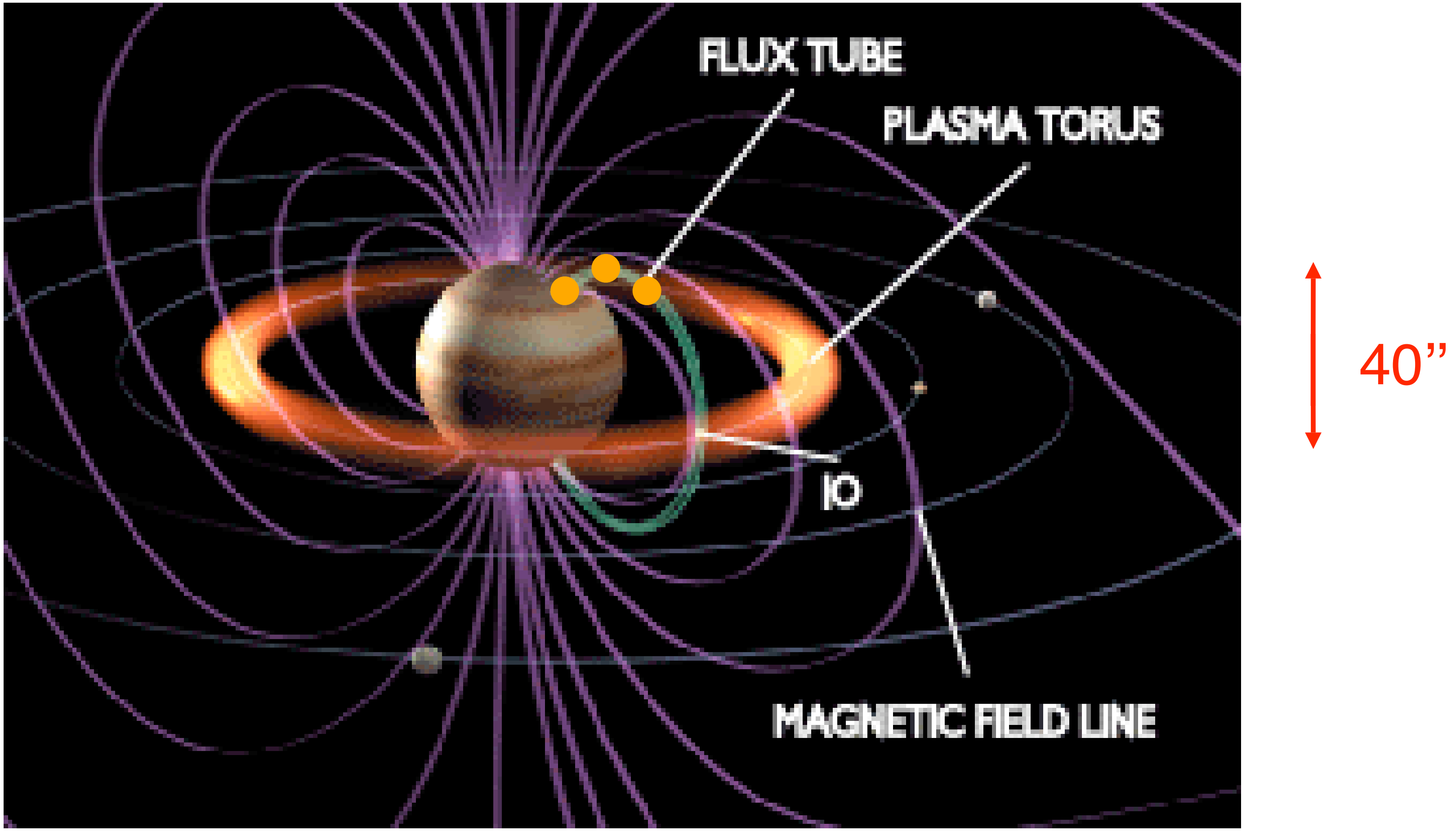
• Diameter ~100 km

• Frequency range = (10)30-80 & 110-240 MHz

• Resolution = 20" at 30 MHz, decreases as λ (3" at 200 MHz)

• Interest of 1" - 2" resolution (at 40 MHz), with high time resolution

→ Imaging of electron bunches (and potential drops) along B field lines



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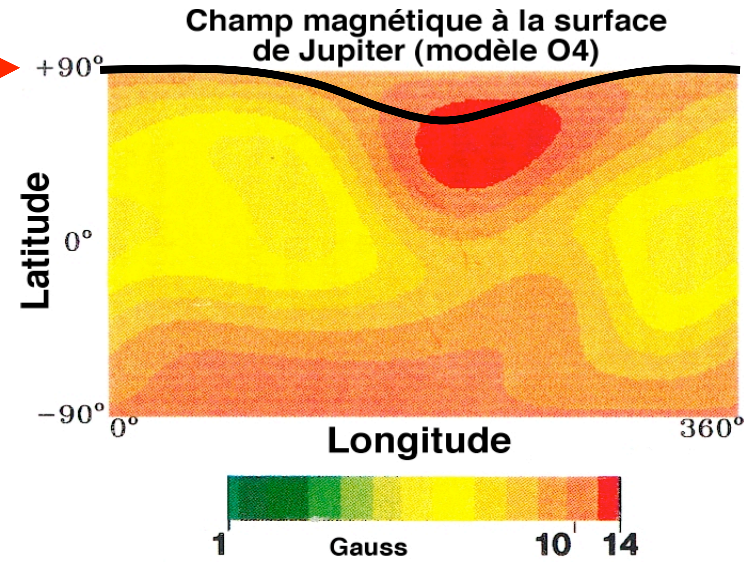
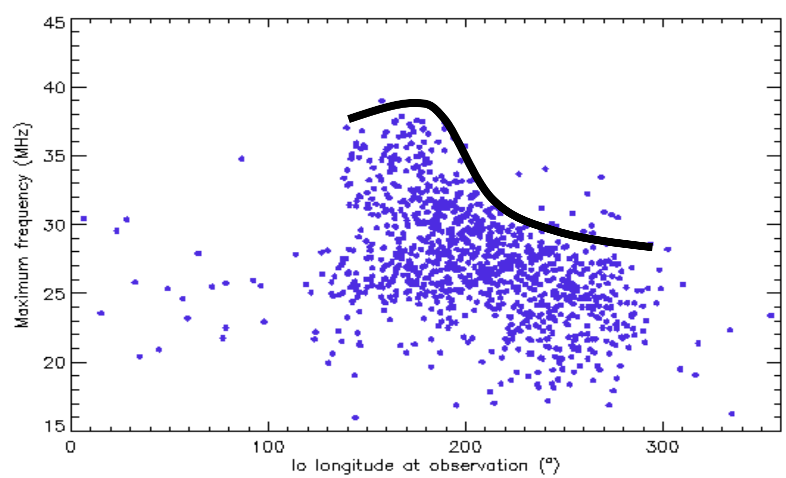
→ Mapping of surface magnetic field (f_{ce-max} (Λ))

	H4	VIP 4	Ulysses 17eV	O_6	O_4
dipole g_1^0	4,30103	4,205	4,109	4,242	4,218
g_1^1	-0,69932	-0,659	-0,679	-0,659	-0,664
h_1^1	0,23753	0,250	0,229	0,241	0,264
g_2^0	-0,16931	-0,051	0,071	-0,022	-0,203
g_2^1	-0,60970	-0,619	-0,644	-0,711	-0,735
g_2^2	0,46864	0,497	0,464	0,487	0,513
h_2^1	-0,54471	-0,361	-0,309	-0,403	-0,469
h_2^2	0,28911	0,053	0,133	0,072	0,088
g_3^0	-0,08512	-0,016	-0,051	0,075	-0,233
g_3^1	-0,45039	-0,520	-0,157	-0,155	-0,076
g_3^2	0,18676	0,244	0,251	0,198	0,168
g_3^3	0,07755	-0,176	-0,043	-0,180	-0,231
h_3^1	-0,25561	-0,088	-0,150	-0,388	-0,580
h_3^2	0,59221	0,408	0,457	0,342	0,487
h_3^3	-0,25877	-0,316	-0,217	-0,224	-0,294
g_4^0	-0,34354	-0,168			
g_4^1	0,07479	0,222			
g_4^2	0,08283	-0,061			
g_4^3	-0,06446	-0,202			
g_4^4	-0,13662	0,066			
h_4^1	0,08630	0,076			
h_4^2	0,27332	0,404			
h_4^3	-0,27452	-0,166			
h_4^4	0,02801	0,039			



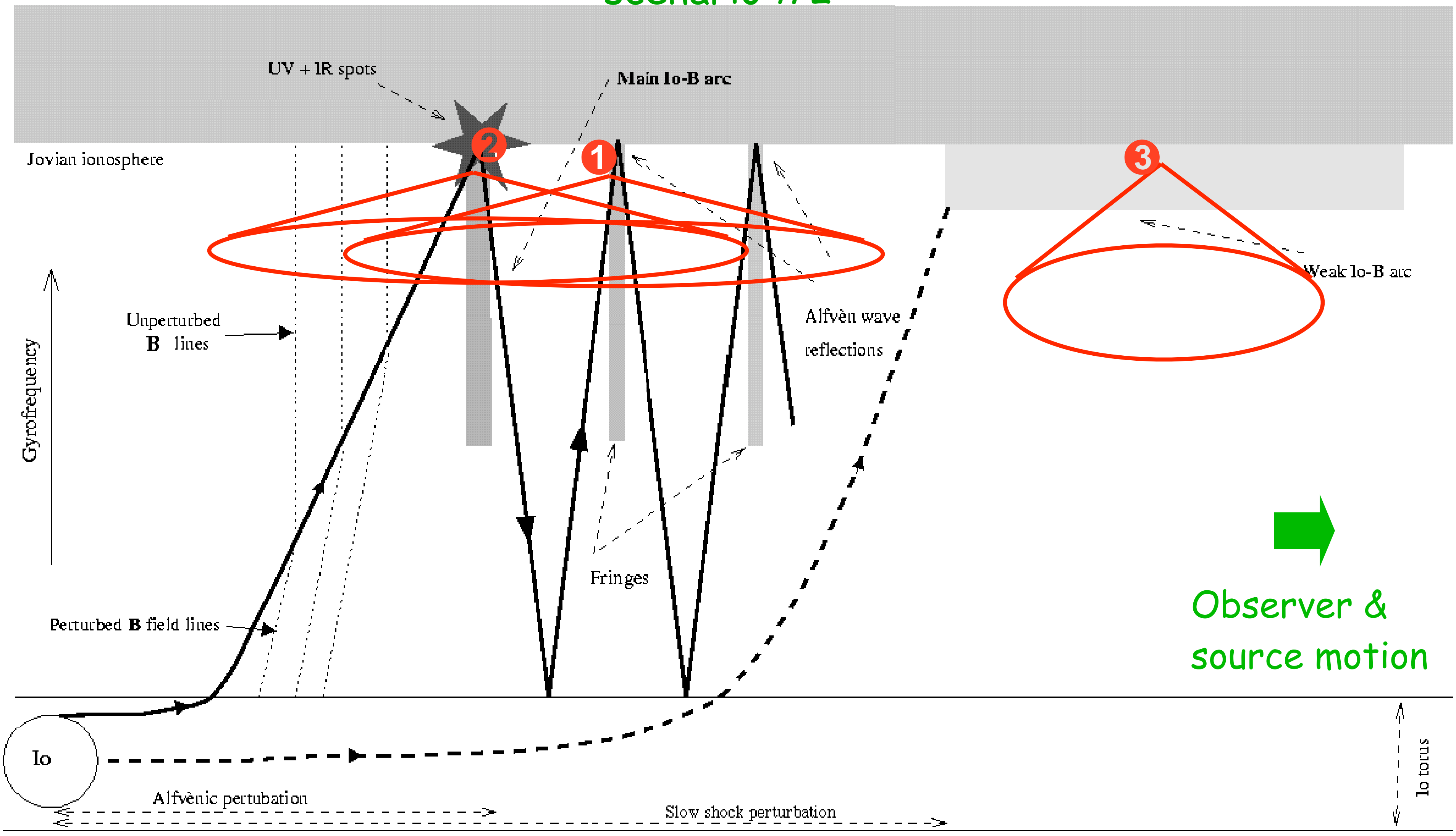


• Interest of 1" - 2" resolution (at 40 MHz), with high time resolution

→ direct measurement of radio beaming angles

→ physics of generation process

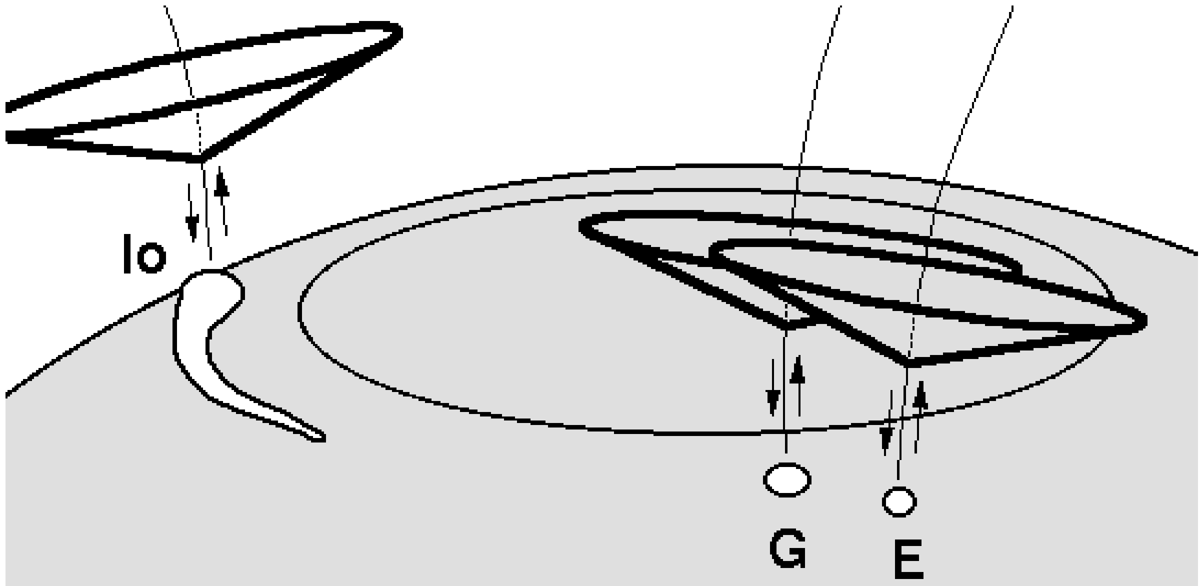
scenario #2

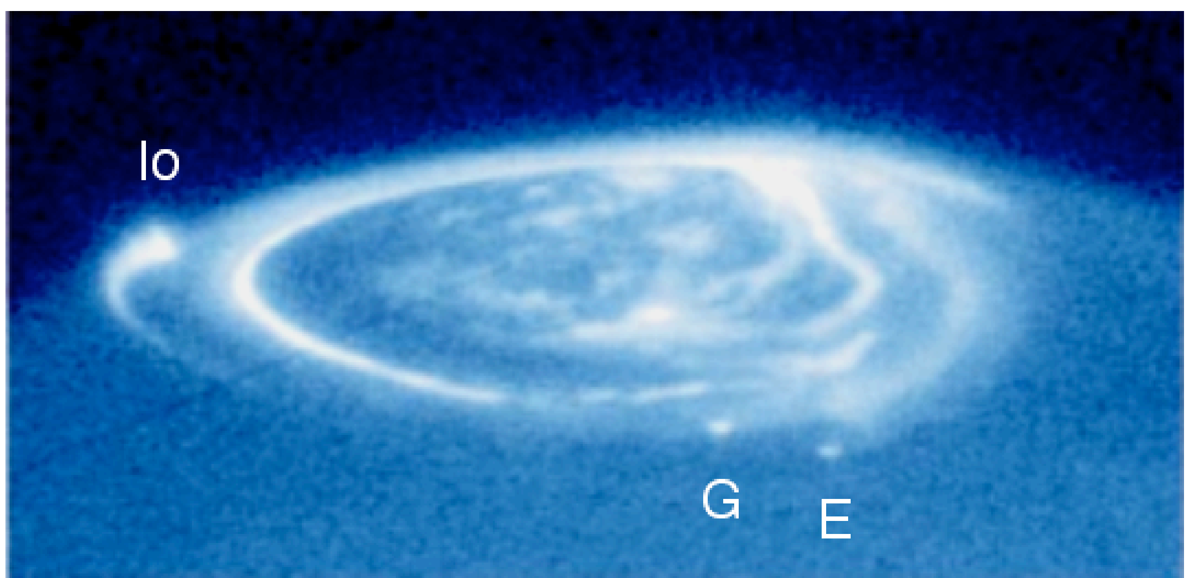


Observer & source motion

• Interest of 1" - 2" resolution (at 40 MHz), with high time resolution

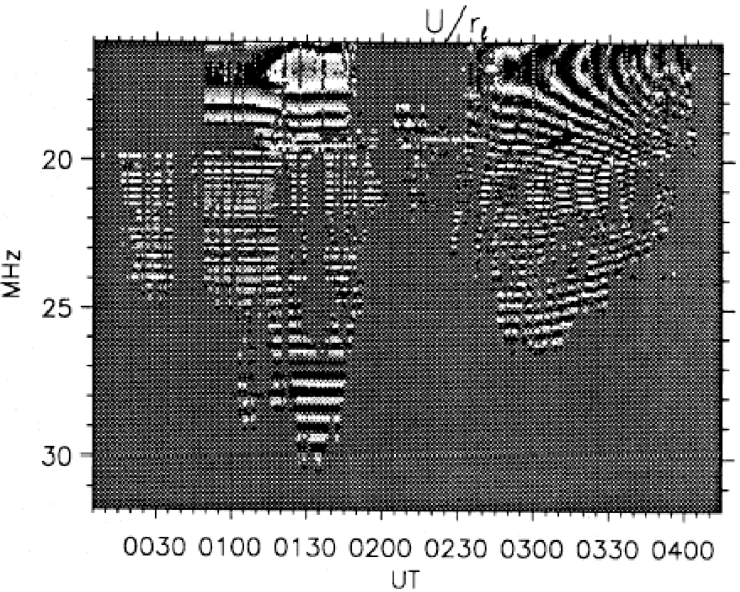
→ direct detection (& energetics) of Ganymede, Europe, Callisto-Jupiter radio emission

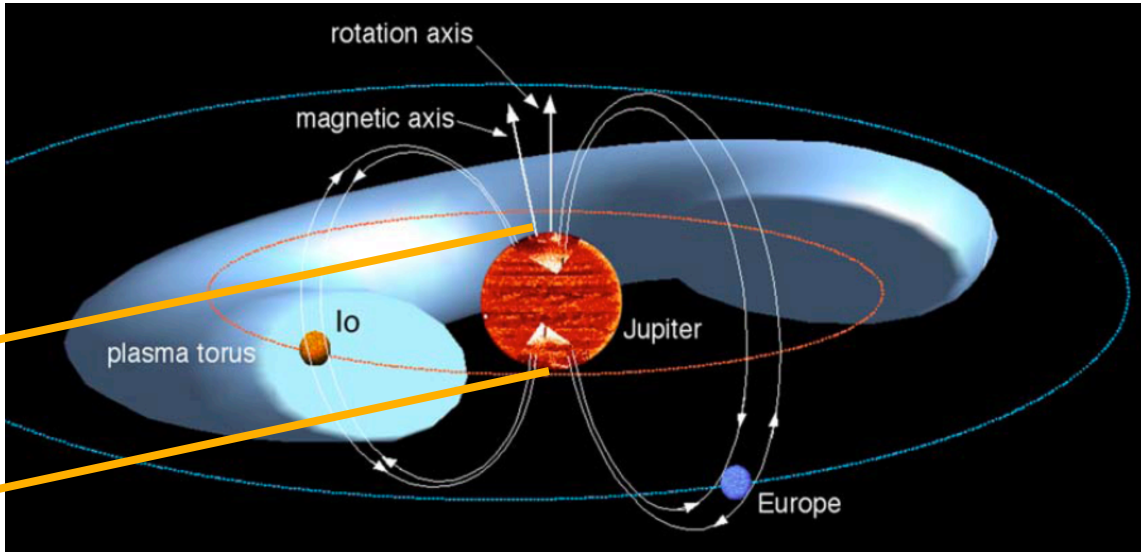




- Interest of 1" - 2" resolution (at 40 MHz), with high time resolution

→ torus ∫Ne versus longitude via Faraday rotation





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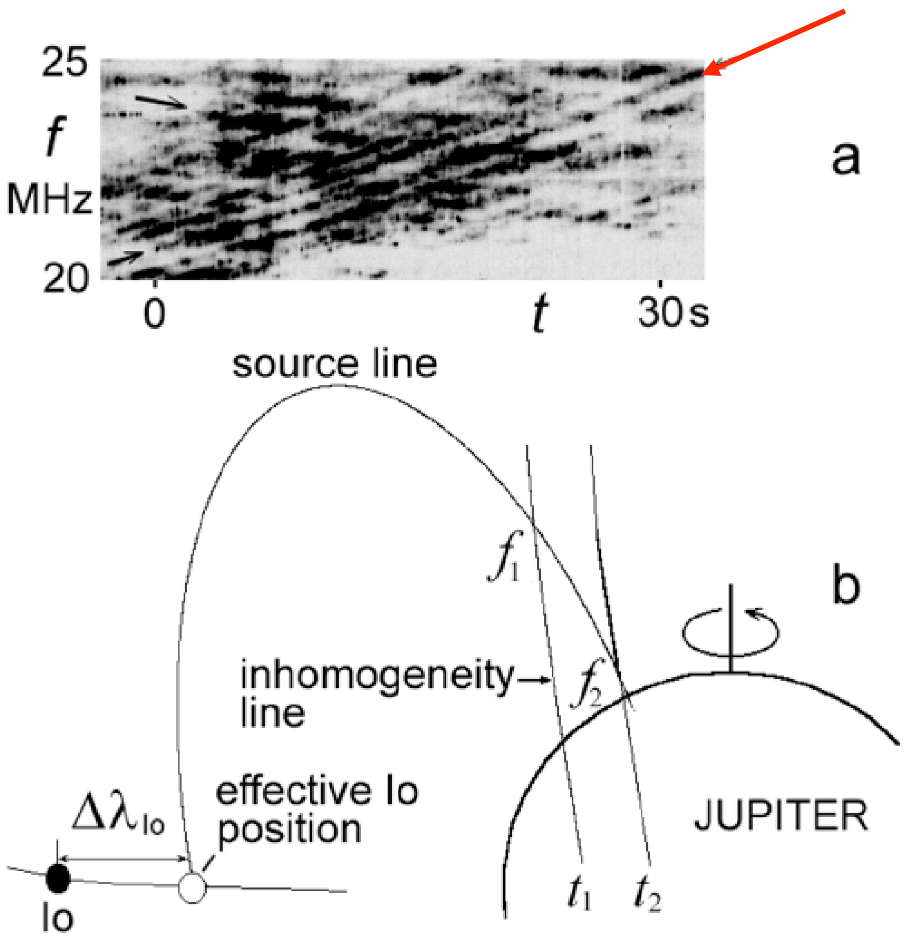
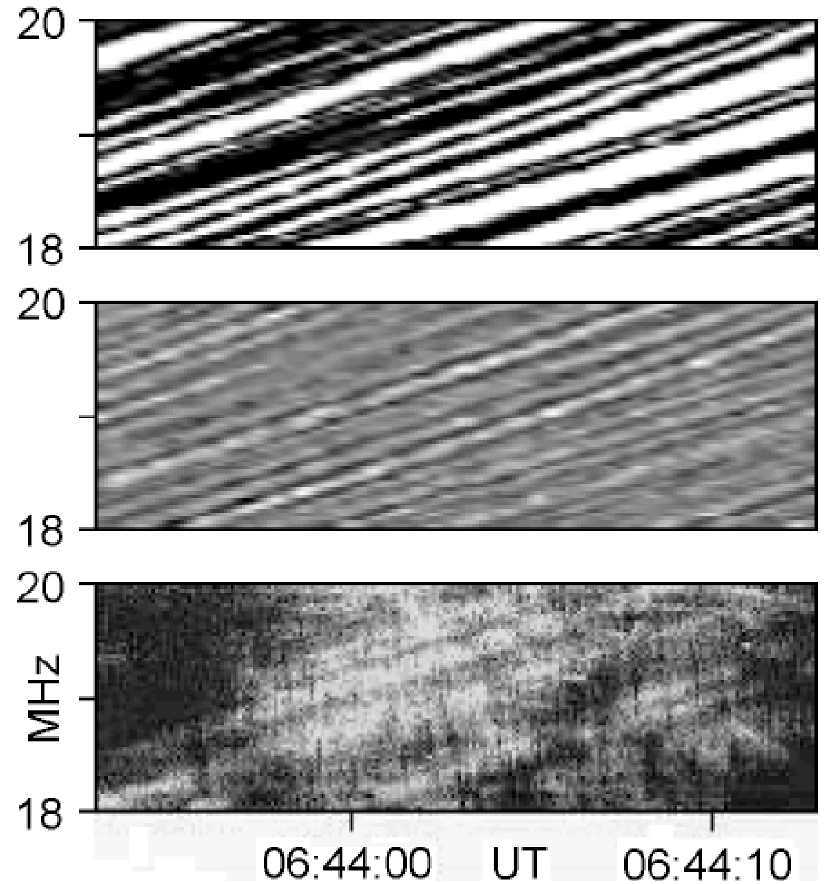
→ probing of inner magnetosphere with « modulation lanes »
(diffraction by plasma inhomogeneities ?)





[Arkhipov & Rucker, 2007]

+ multi-wavelength correlations (Radio, UV, IR, X)

→ LOFAR fast imaging should provide NEW remote information about Jupiter's magnetospheric structure and dynamics

- Fast radio imaging of Jupiter's magnetosphere at low-frequencies with LOFAR

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- A Science Case for an extended LOFAR

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  September 11, 2006

→ Instrumental constraints

- ❑ Arcsec (1"-4") resolution imaging of planetary disk environment

  (~10′, including Io's plasma torus)
- ❑ Frequency range = 10-40+ MHz (instantaneous)
- ❑ Spectral resolution = 10-50 kHz
- ❑ Time integration ~ 1-1000 msec (typical Jovian burst duration)
- ❑ Full polarization
- ❑ Emission intense, with bursts up to 10^{5-6} Jy, dynamic range 20-30 dB
- ❑ Observation sequences of minutes to tens of minutes (Jovian radio « storm » duration, source tracking), at intervals of days/weeks
- ❑ Partial predictability of Jovian radio emission
- ❑ RFI mitigation required + quiet ionosphere better

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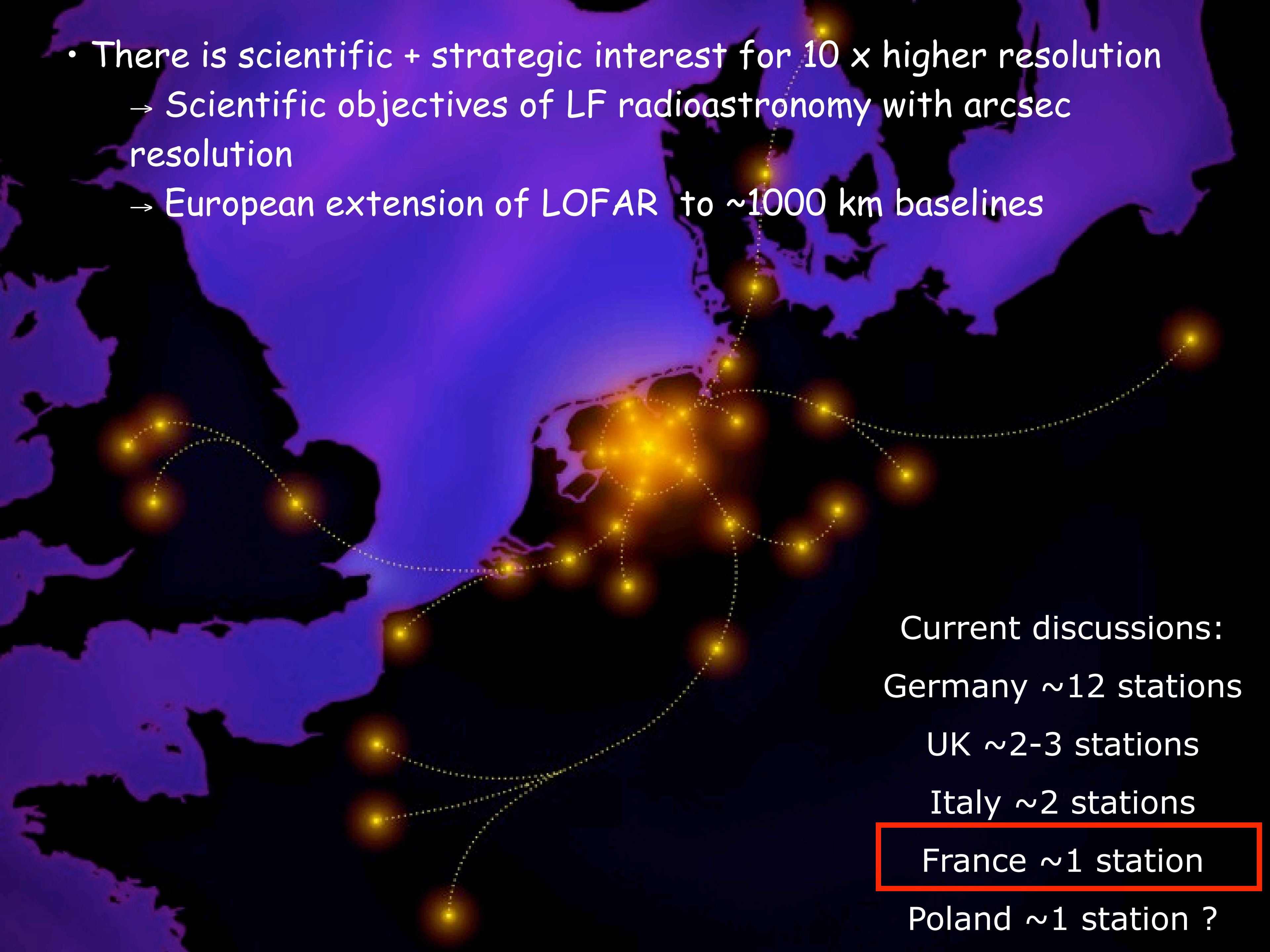
- Fast LF radio imaging of Jupiter's magnetosphere with arcsecond resolution

- Long baseline interferometry test on Jupiter with NDA and LOFAR

- There is scientific + strategic interest for 10 x higher resolution
  - → Scientific objectives of LF radioastronomy with arcsec resolution
  - → European extension of LOFAR to ~1000 km baselines



Current discussions:

Germany ~12 stations

UK ~2-3 stations

Italy ~2 stations

France ~1 station

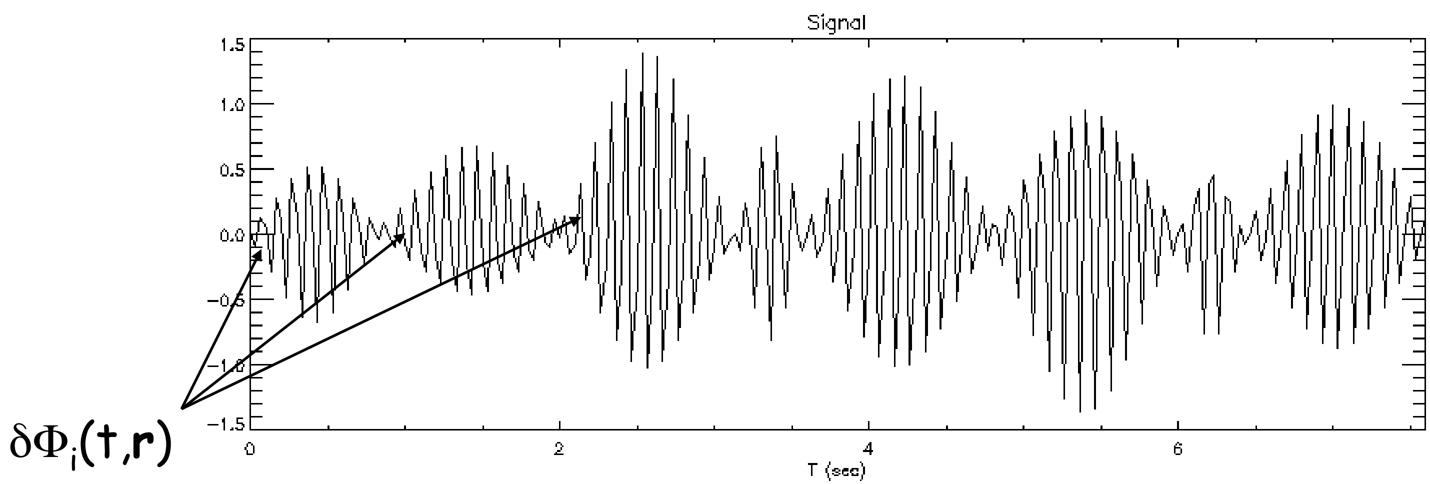
Poland ~1 station ?

• But ionosphere → propagation effects on LF radio waves (refraction, scattering scintillation), vary in $1/f^n$ with n=2-4

→ Random time variable phase shifts decorrelated at two distant locations (isoplanetic spot in ionosphere ~ km-10's of km at LF)

→ loss of phase coherency of the wave

→ no (phase) interferometry



• Question : which % of the time phase coherency is preserved, as a function of time and frequency ?

• Previous studies since 1965 : down to f=18 MHz, baselines up to 7000 km

- Jupiter @ 34 MHz, baseline 4300 km, δf=3 kHz [Dulk, 1970]

→ instantaneous source, if incoherent, «400 km at Jupiter = 0.1"

- Jupiter @ 18 MHz, baselines 218-6980 km, δf=2.1 kHz

[Brown et al., 1968; Lynch et al., 1972]

- Radiosources @ 81.5 MHz, baselines ≤ 1500 km [Hartas et al., 1983]

- Radiosources @ 20 & 25 MHz, baseline 900 km [Megn et al., 1997]

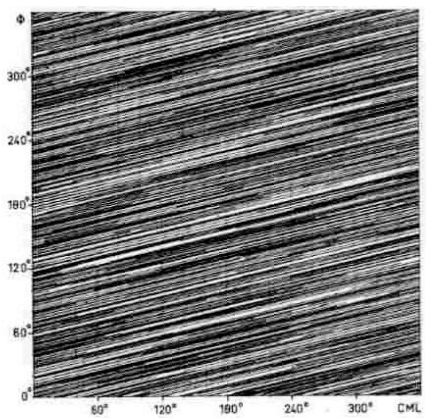
• But few studies, narrowband, heterodyne, analog observations with 1-bit a posteriori digitization & correlation.

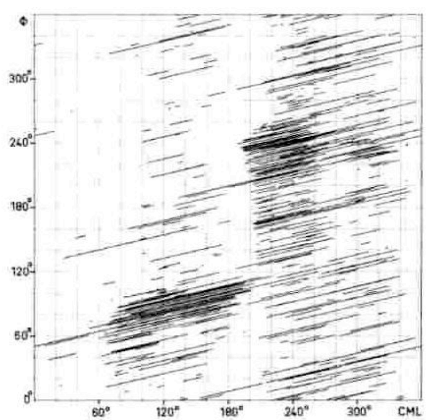
- Here : broadband, baseband, 12-14 bit digitization, today, at LOFAR site

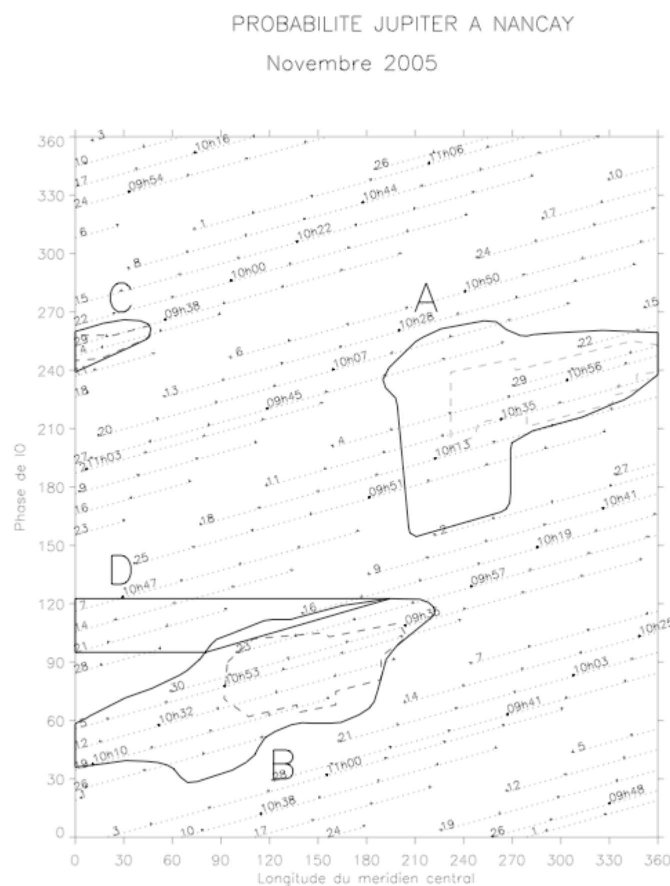
→ VLBI observations between Nançay and LOFAR proposed to ASTRON in 2004

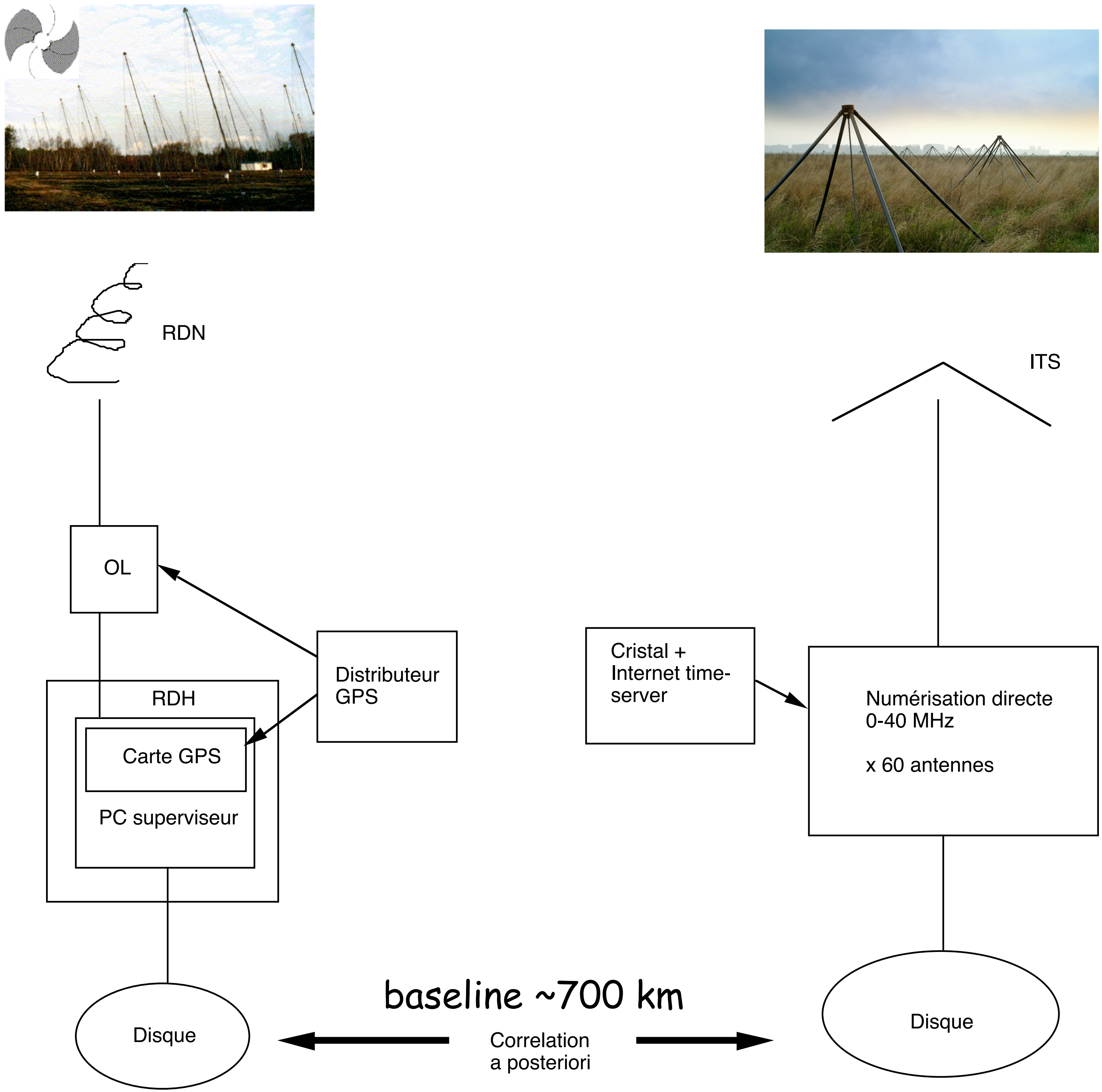
- Baseline = 700 km
- Target : must be intense (small antennas) and point-like (to get fringes)

→ best source = Jupiter, but sporadic and partly predictable





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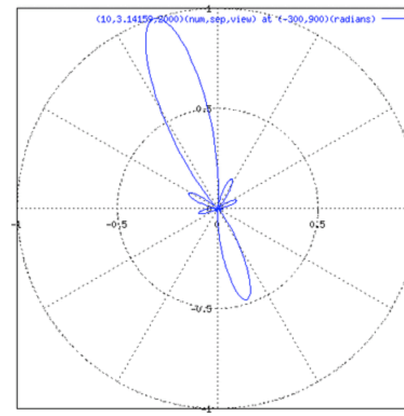
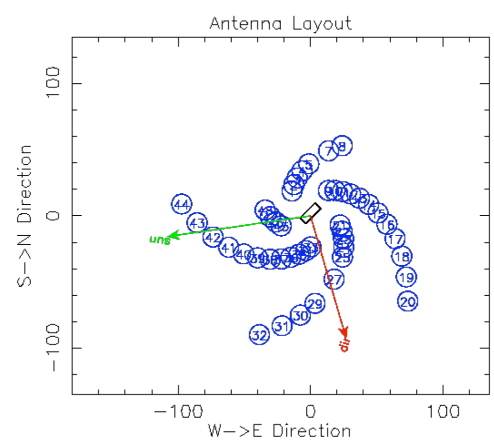
- Instruments

LOFAR-ITS : in Exloo, 30x2 V-dipoles, 5-35 MHz, 12-bit digitization, 80 Msamples/sec (12.5 nsec/sample), storage 1 Gb = 6.7 sec

offline digital beamforming (per time blocks of 0.2 msec with Hamming windowing, FT, phase gradient & reconstruction)

Time reference : crystal + Internet time server



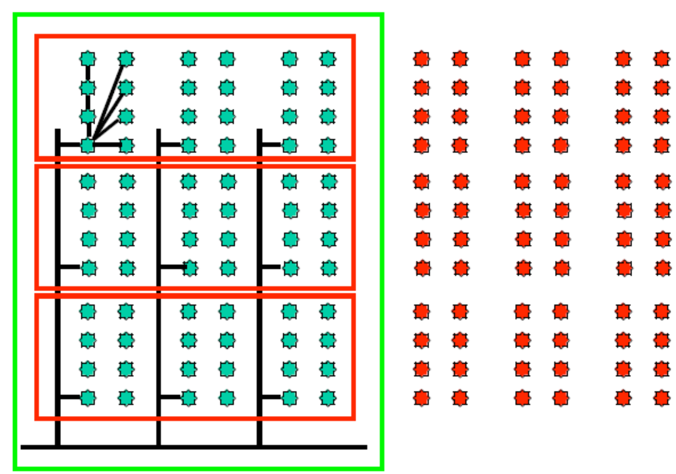


- Instruments

Nançay Decameter Array : 2x72 spiral antennas (RH & LH), 10-100 MHz, 14 bit digitization, 80 Msamples/sec, continuous storage.

analog real-time beamforming

Time reference : GPS + broadband noise generator On 5 msec / sec (+ UTC Radio France)



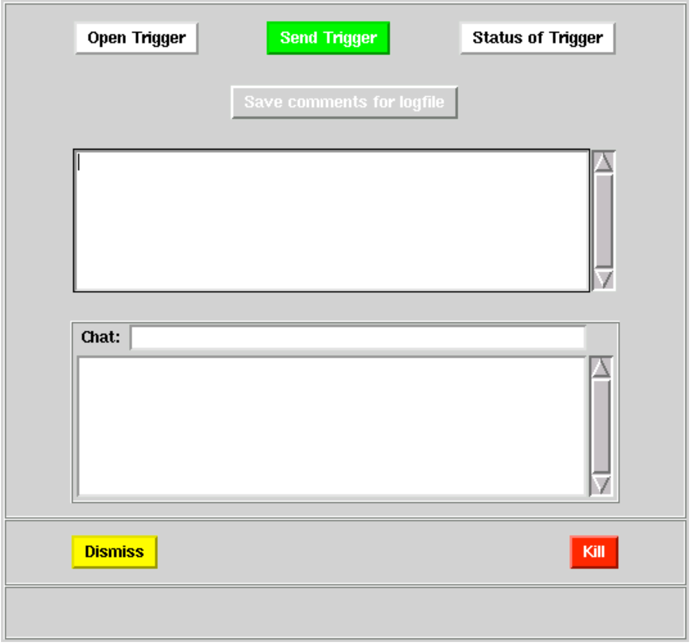
• Observations

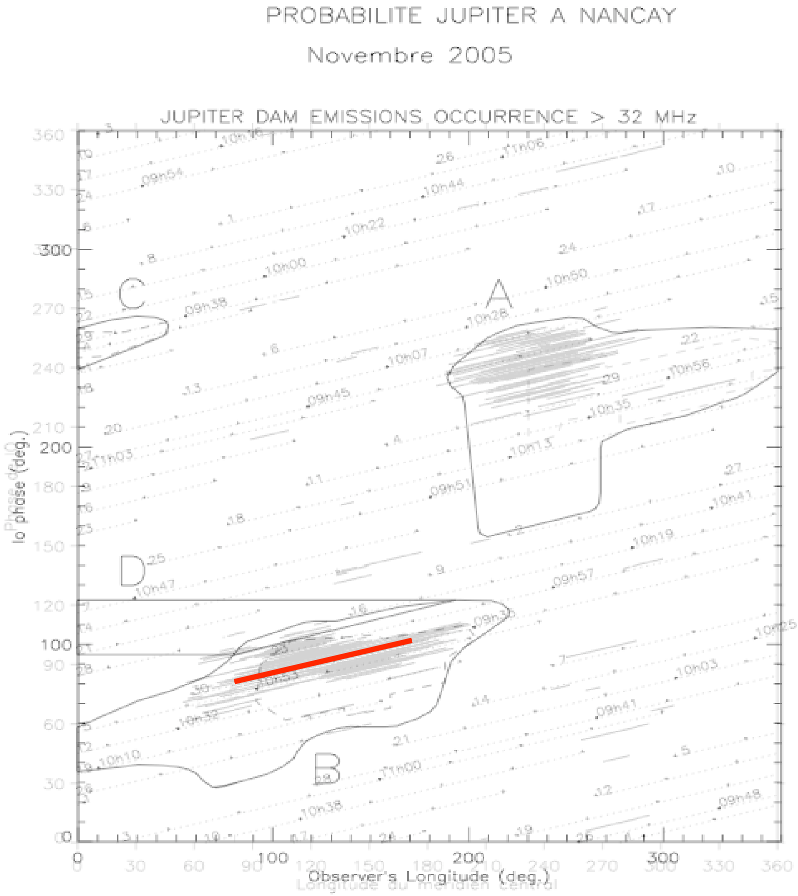
→ Triggering for simultaneous waveform capture + offline correlation

→ Remote control of ITS from Nançay (real-time display) via the internet for 6.7 sec snapshots

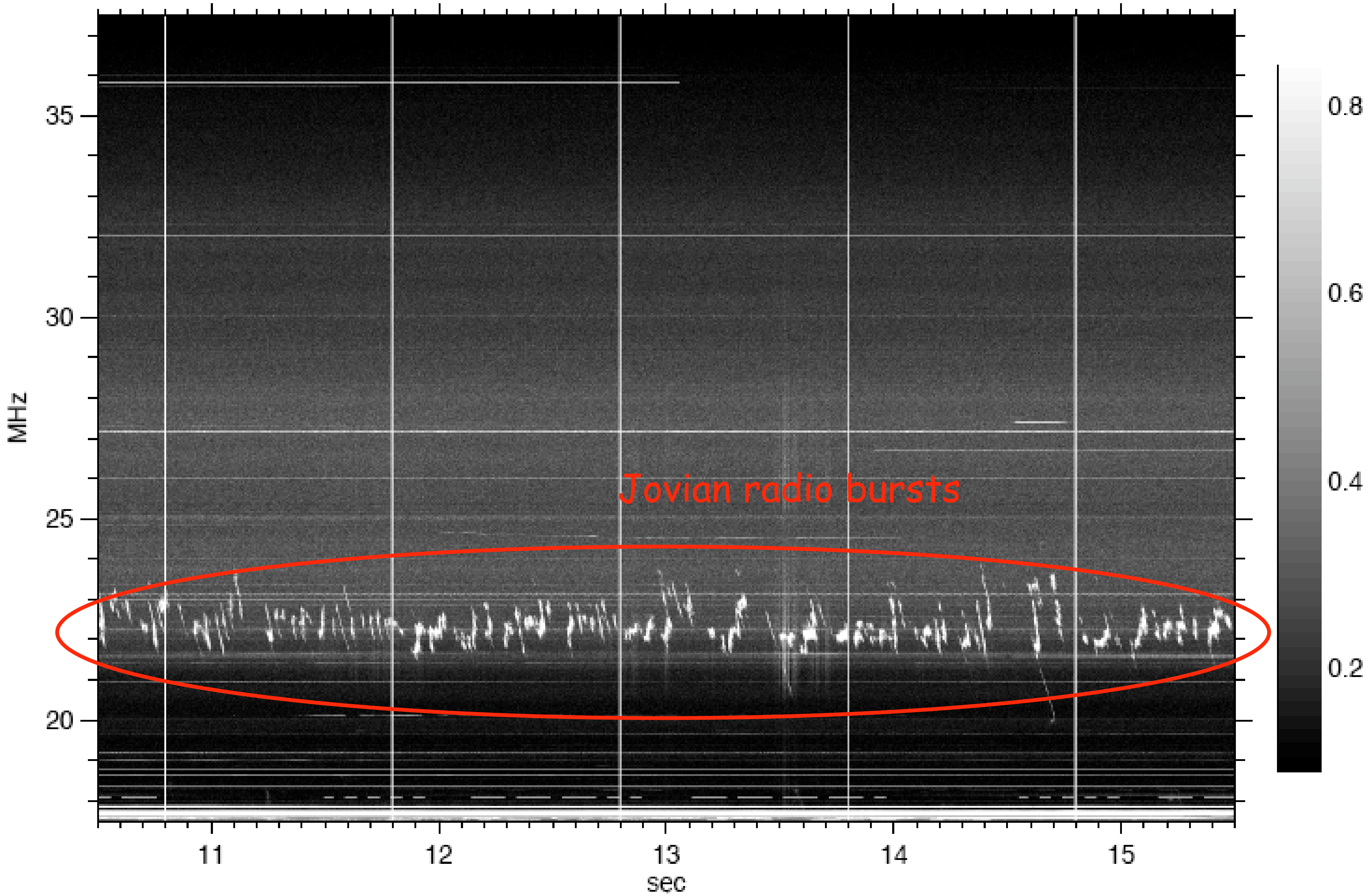
→ HF Jovian emissions (>32 MHz) occurrence probability ~100%

→ First successful observation 30/11

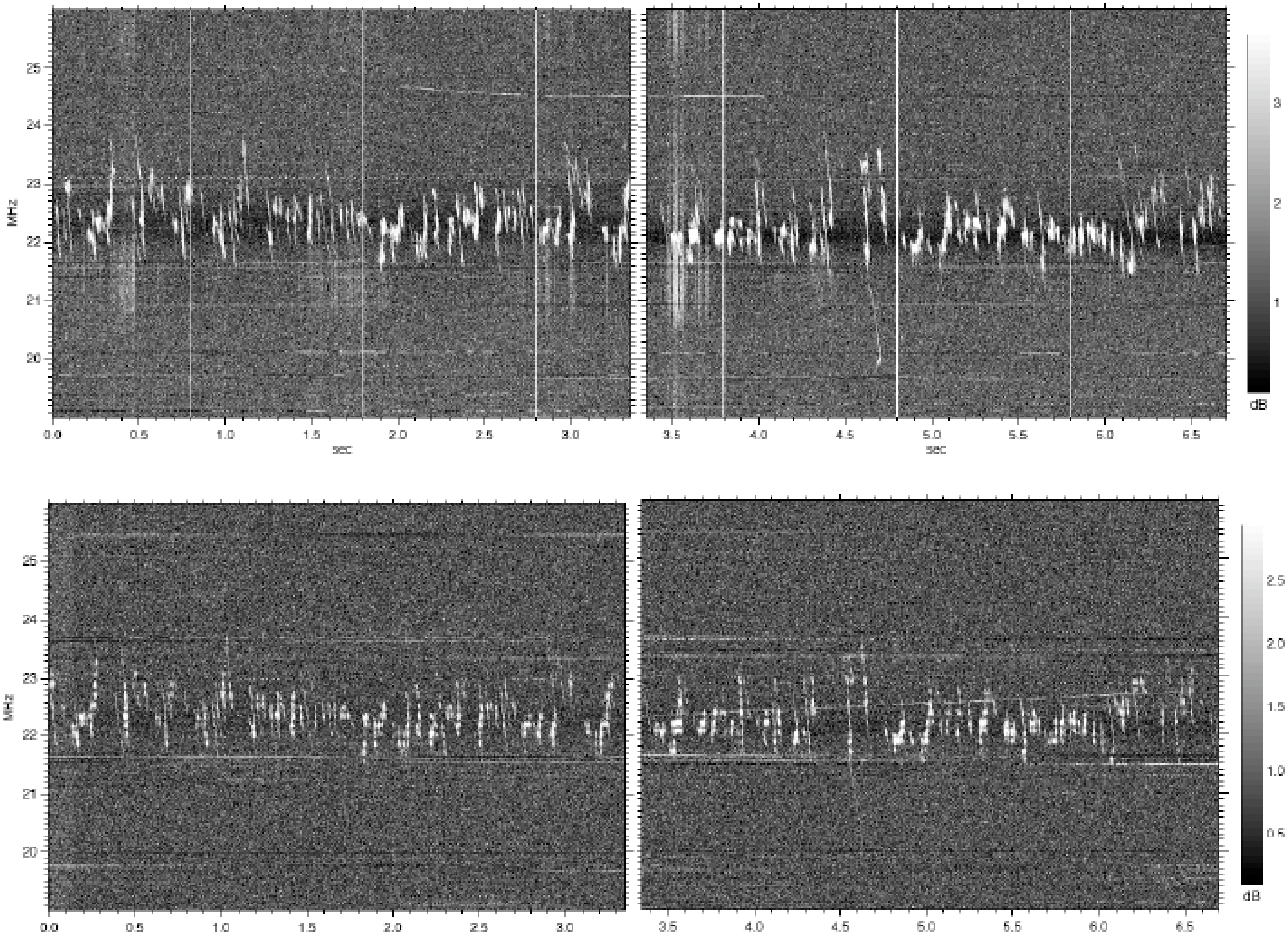




- Excerpt of an observation with Nançay Decameter Array

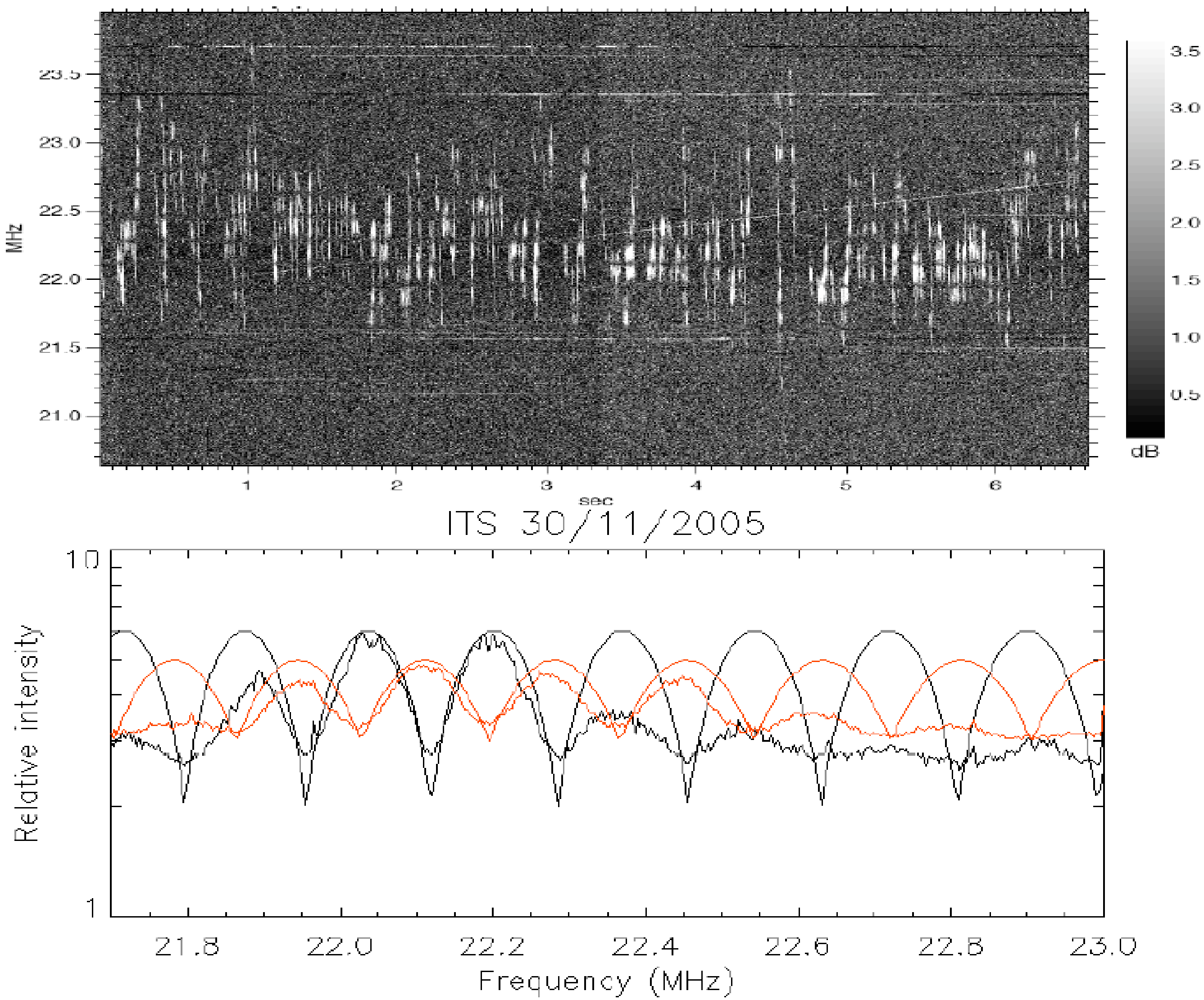


- Simultaneous Jovian S-bursts identified on dynamic spectra



• Faraday fringes on ITS (linear polarization) data

→ bands fitted (correlation better performed in/near band peak)

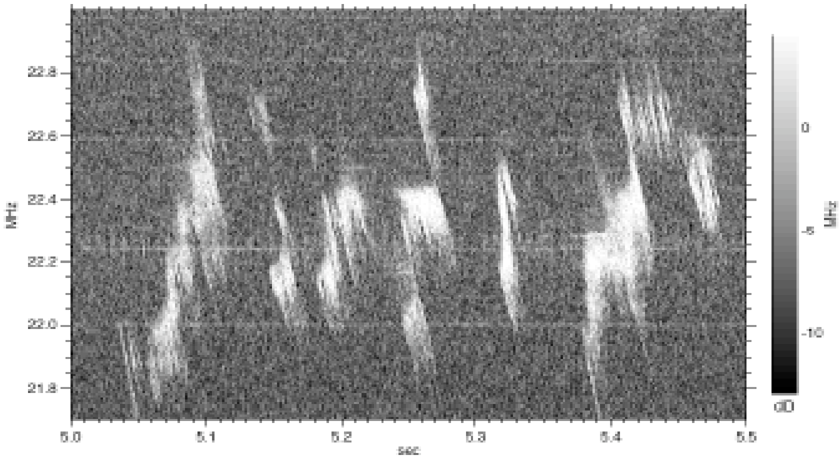


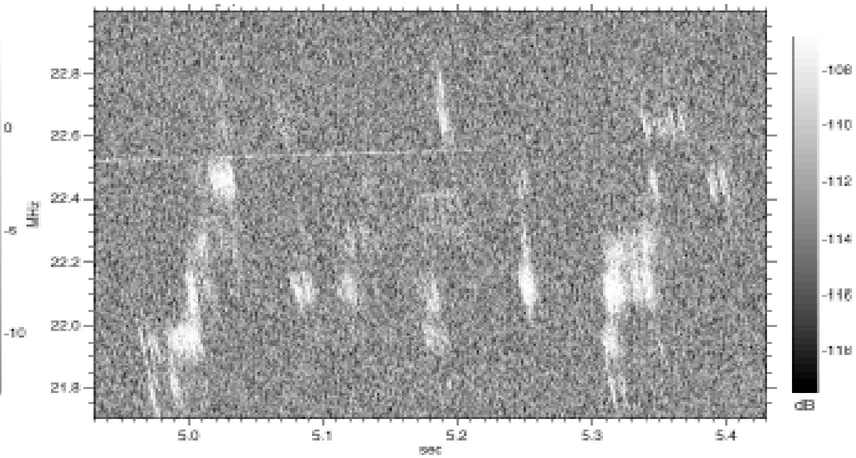
- Synchronization of data (absolute timing no much better than 1 sec) :

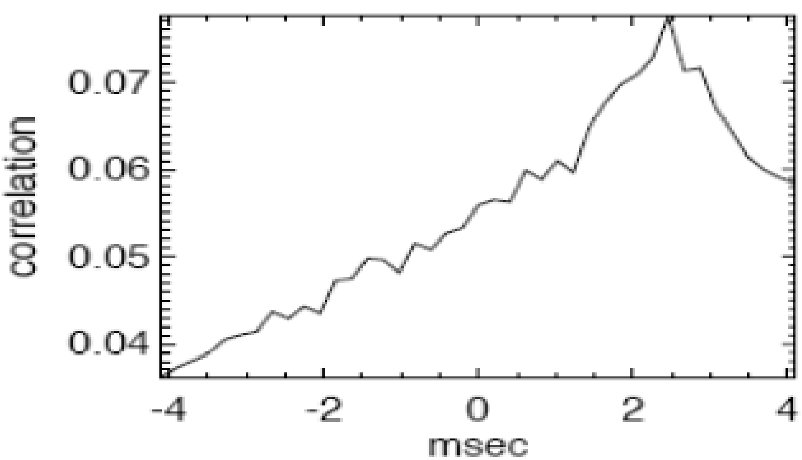
→ use S-bursts via cross correlation of dynamic spectral structures

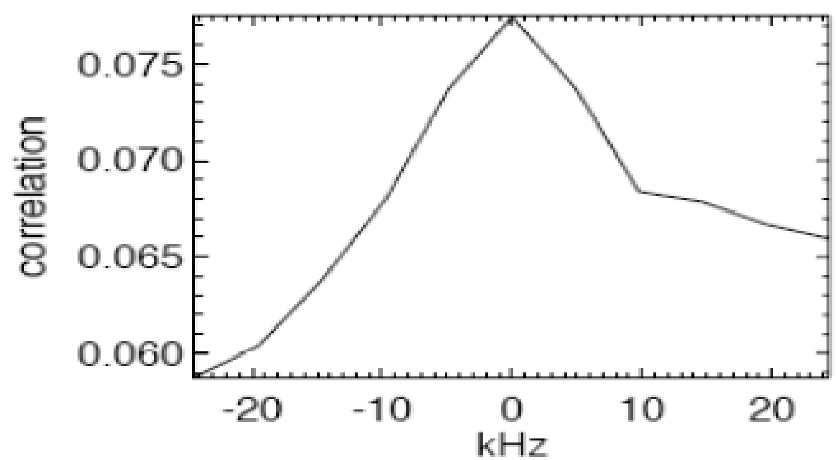
→ $\delta f \times \delta t \sim 1$ → increase of time resolution at expense of spectral resolution

→ ITS-NDA synchronization at ~microsecond level : $t_{Nançay}-t_{ITS}$=0.072379 sec









• Waveform cross-correlation

→ in Fourier space (Wiener-Khintchine)

→ filtering (Hanning), reconstruction of waveform (with 50% overlap), FT (Hannning), cross product by conjugate

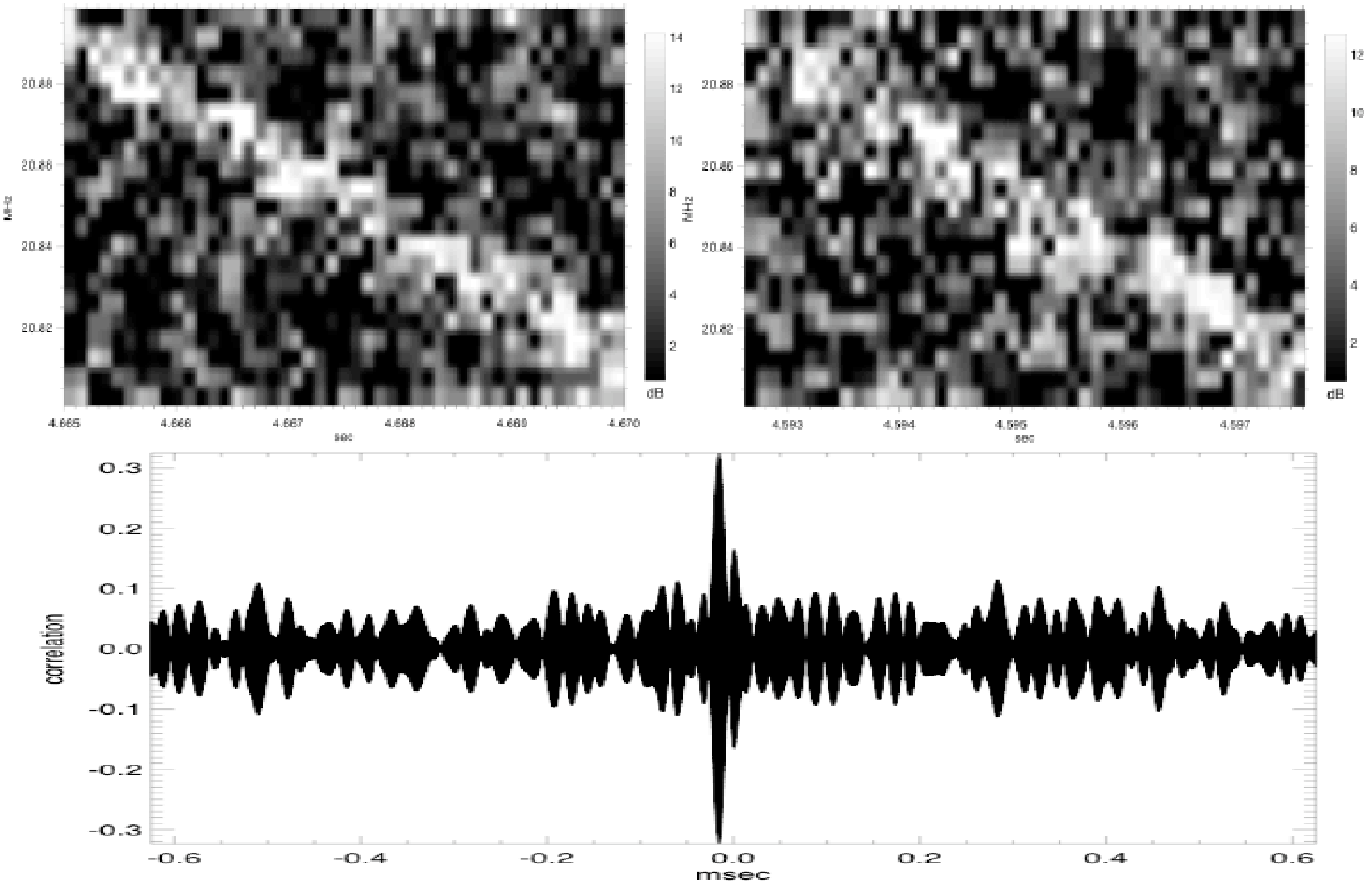
$$C = FT^{-1}[FT(W_N) \times FT(W_I)^*] / (\sigma_{W_N} \cdot \sigma_{W_I})$$

• Constraints on filtering : Jupiter bursts = wave packets of ~0.1 msec duration

→ band ≤ Faraday fringe width (100-150 kHz)

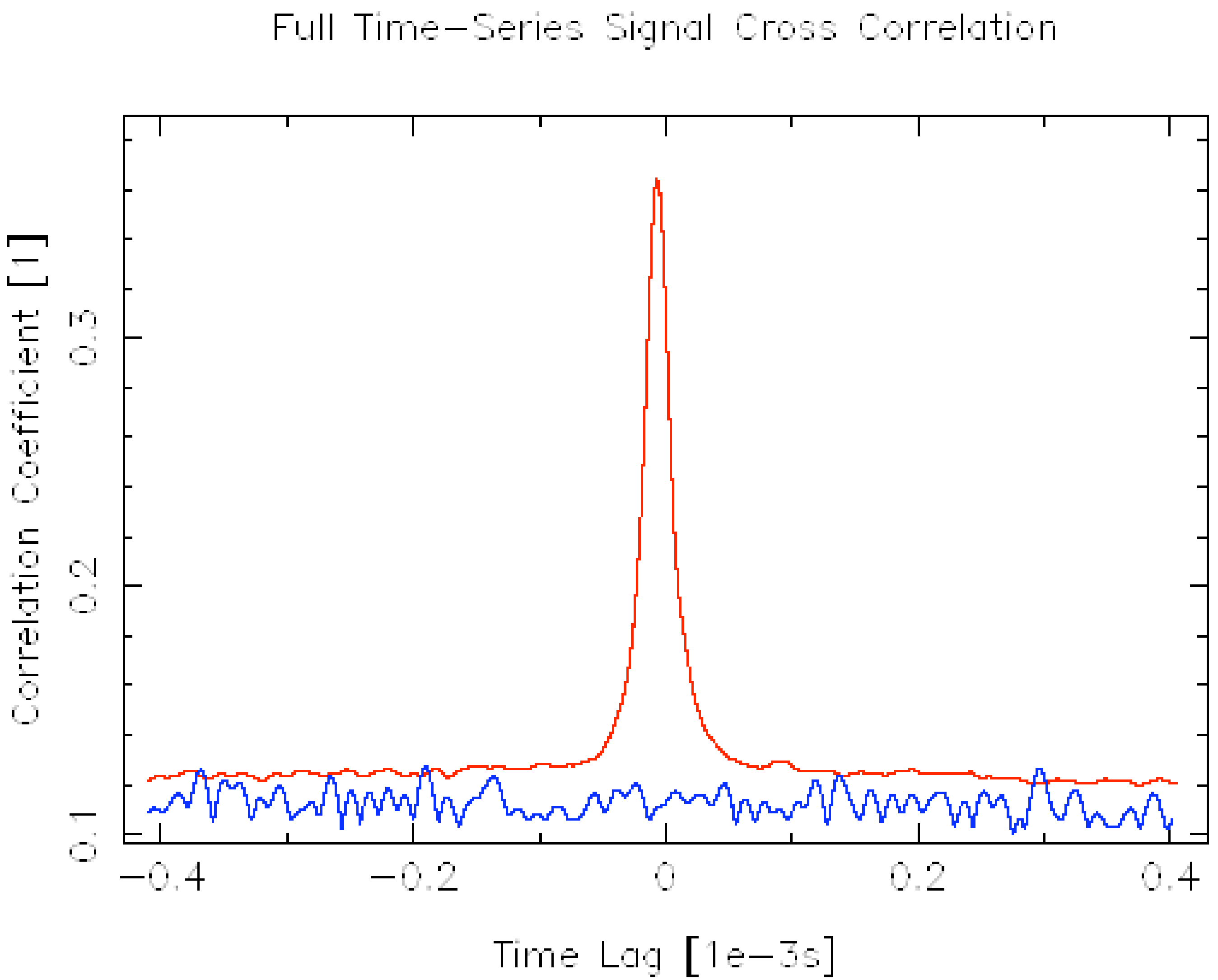
→ δt >> wave packets ~40 μsec, δf >> natural bandwidth of ~30 kHz

• Test on random data sample → correlation > 0.3

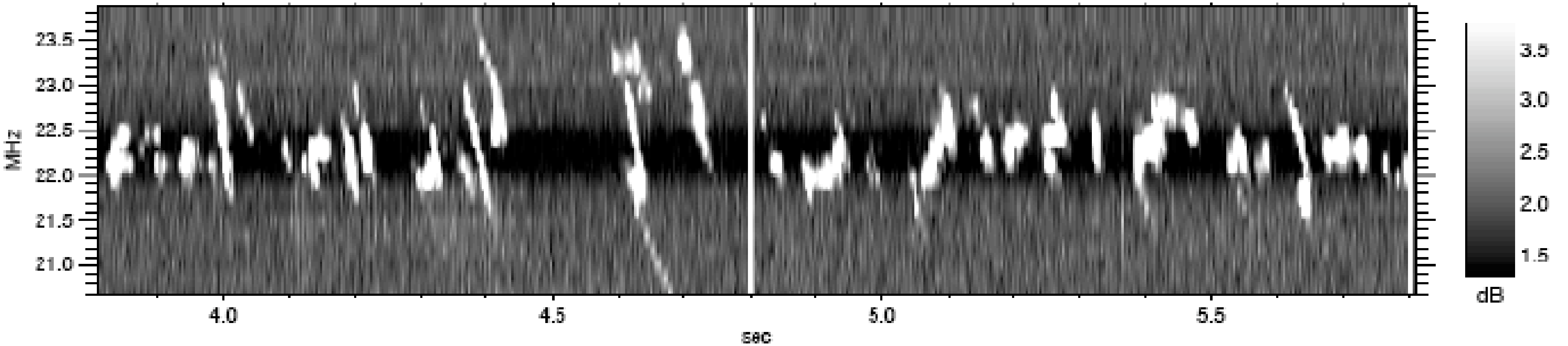


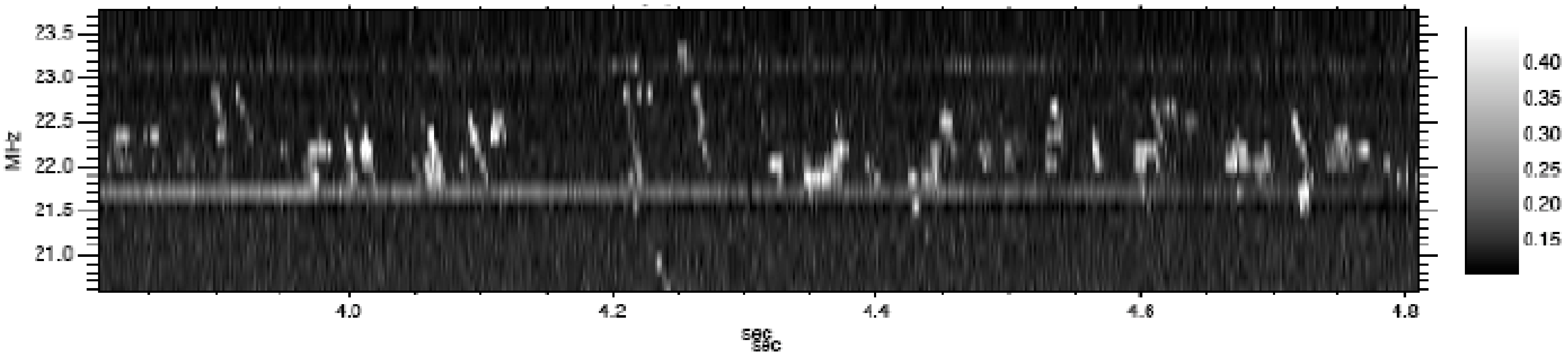
• Fringe integration method (Σ C_o + $C_{\pi/2}$) with integration over ~1000 correlation results on 1 msec time intervals

→ ~90 sigmas correlation peak

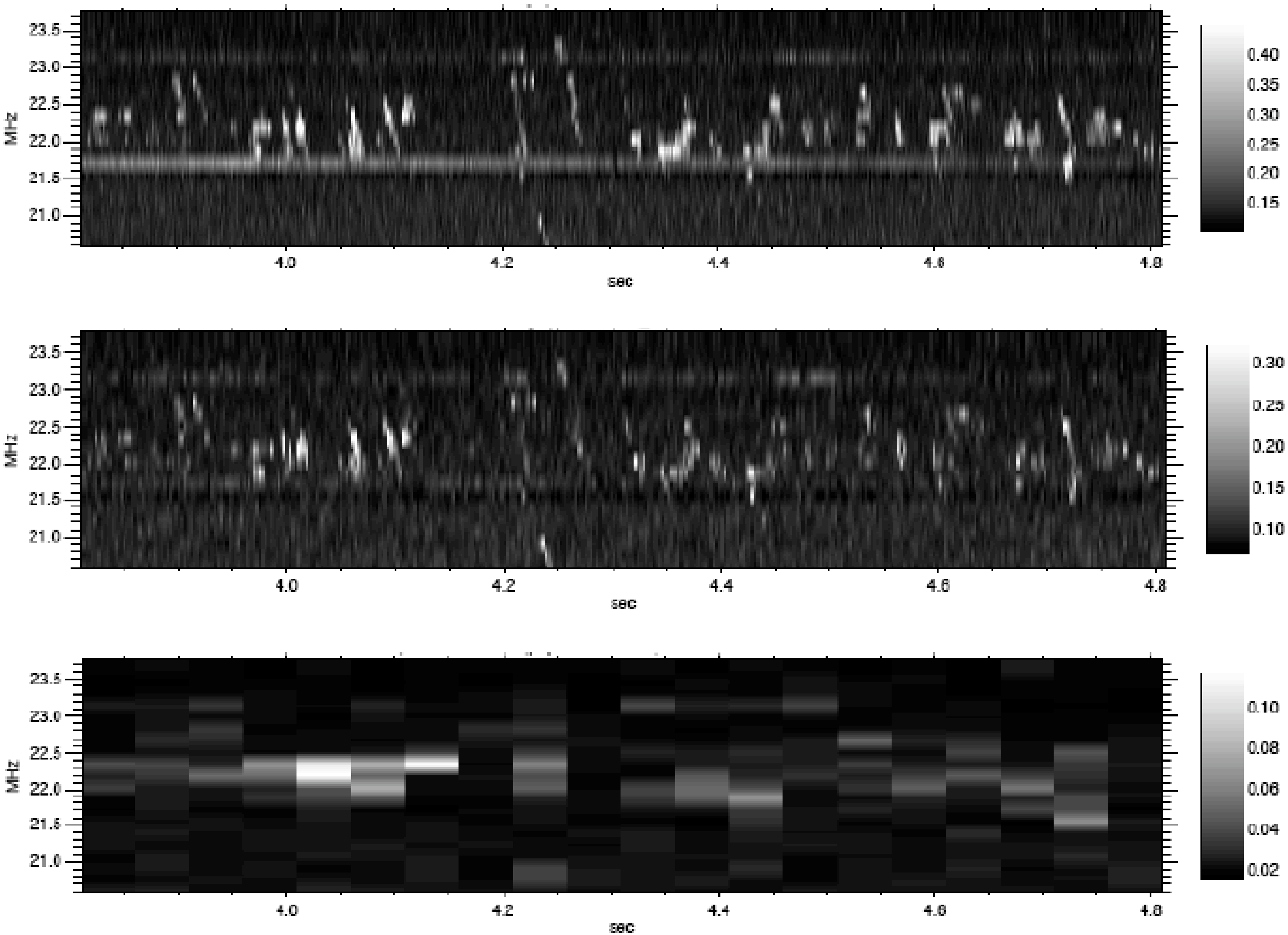


• Systematic study → C up to 0.5-0.7 where S/N high

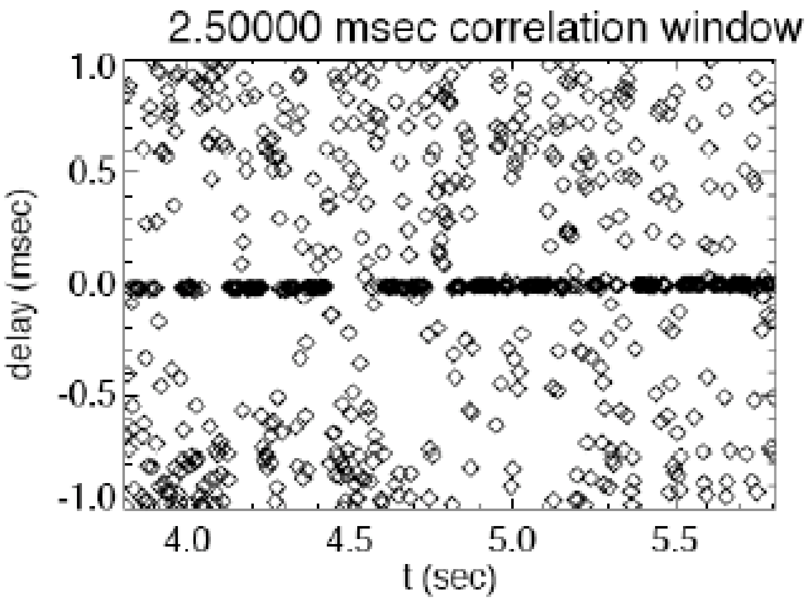


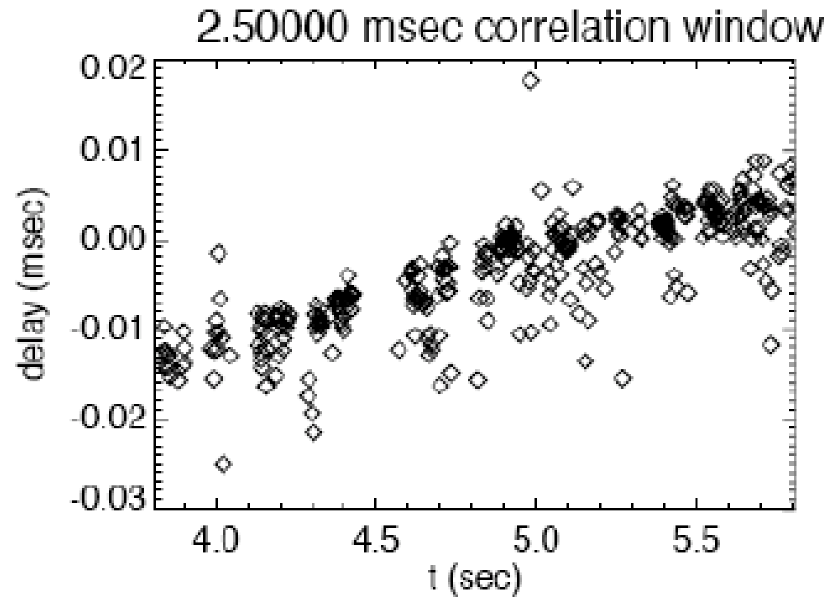


• Significant correlation up to >100 msec time window



• Drift of lag / t (8.8 μsec/sec)





→ Origin ?

- relative motion NDA / ITS (-177 ms^{-1} / -139 ms^{-1}) → 2.8 Hz spectral shift (≤100 nsec/sec)
- S burst source motion (20000 km/s //B at Jupiter → -370 nsec/sec)
- Earth rotation : +125 nsec/sec
- ionospheric & IPS effects «
- Test stability time base Nançay : 79999998 ±0.5 sps ; 1σ error = pixel/sec (10^{-8})
- Poor stability of ITS time base (crystal drift at 10^{-4} level)

→ causes dynamic spectral shift by ~191 Hz (~10 μsec/sec)

- Conclusions

→ Correlation fringes at ~22 MHz, confirm earlier results (presently in 2 cases / 2 = 100% ;-), with direct baseband digitization, broadband, 12-14 bits…, stable over 100's msec
→ Supports long baselines
→ No significant time variation of correlation found over 6.7 sec (2 files)

- Visibility $= C \times 2^{1/2} \; (k/G_\tau) \; ((S_1+N_1)(S_2+N_2)/S_1S_2)^{1/2}$

$2^{1/2}$: linear vs circular polarization correlation

k: ~1 (hardware)

G_τ: = 1 (correlation method with free lag)

consistently ≈ 1
→ unresolved source as expected (~4" resol at 700 km and 20 MHz)

- VLBI observations of Jupiter with the Initial Test Station of LOFAR and the Nançay Decametric Array

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• Nançay contribution to (u ,v) plane coverage

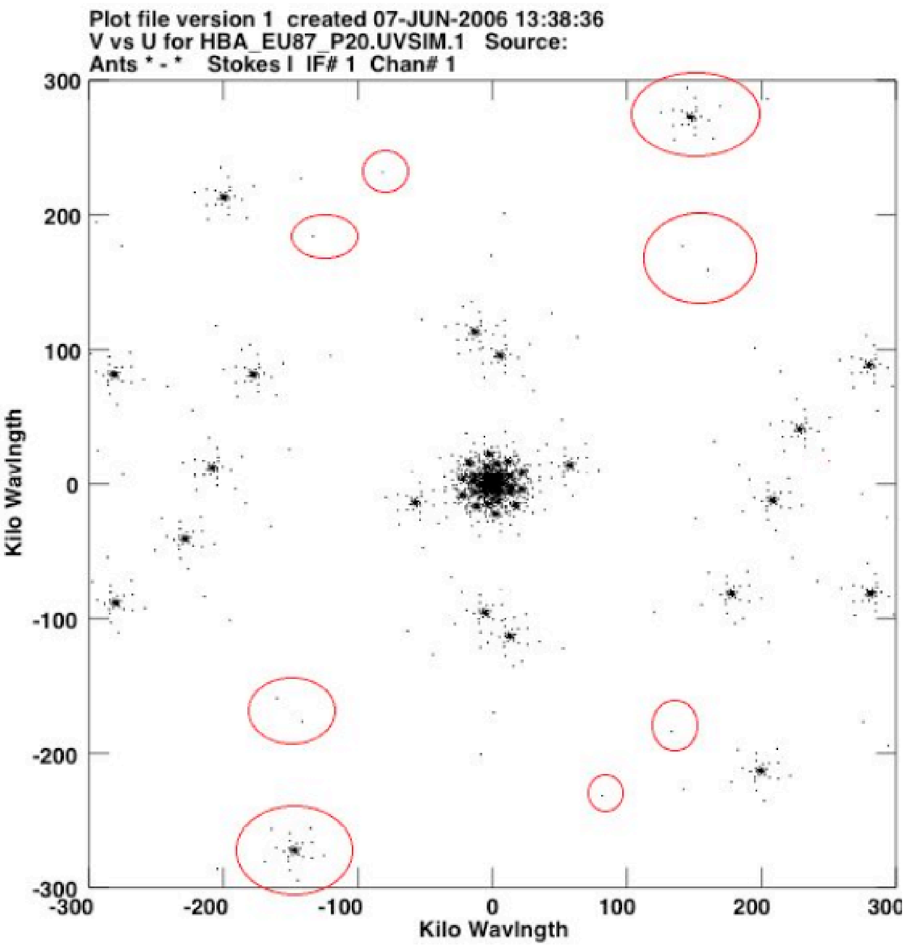


Figure 4 : simulation de couverture du plan u-v de LOFAR incluant les stations prévues en Allemagne et au Royaume-Uni. En rouge l'apport de la station de Nançay. Par intégration sur plusieurs heures, et grâce à la rotation terrestre la synthèse améliore encore la couverture du plan. Couverture instantanée pour H.A.=0 (limitée à une élévation de 45°) pour une déclinaison de 20° à 150 MHz.

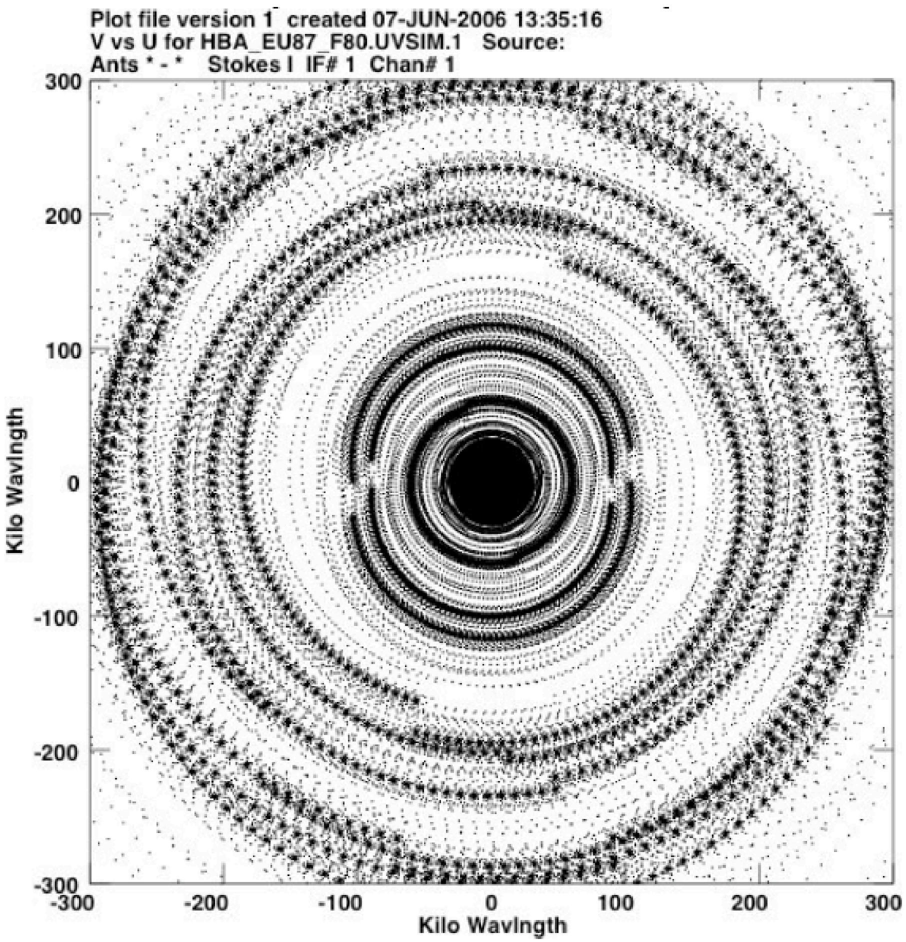
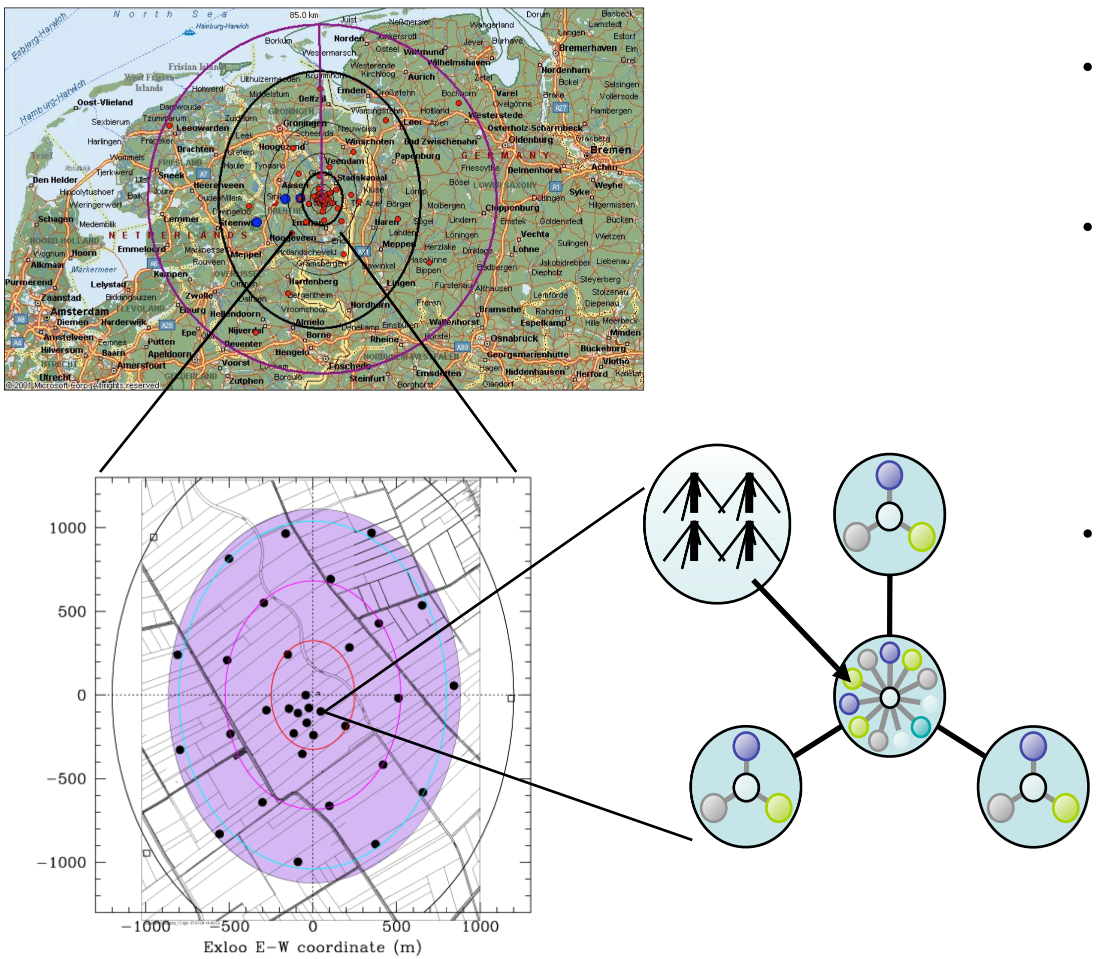


Figure 5 : Couverture du plan u-v pour une déclinaison de 80°, utilisant la rotation de la Terre pour une intégration pendant 8 heures.

• Further steps

→ More observations with CS-1 (since april) to have duty-cycle statistics

→ Observe weaker, permanent radiosources (Cas A or Tau A with core source size of resp. 3" and 1.5")



- S-1 operational since 2007 with “final” prototype hardware
- 96 dual-dipole antennas:
  - grouped in 4 clusters
  - with 6 sub-stations
  - of 4 dipoles each
  - distributed over up to 1 km
- Emulate LOFAR with 24 micro-stations at reduced bandwidth or single station at full BW