

Characteristics of ionospheric disturbances after the 2022 Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption and their generation mechanism observed with GNSS-TEC and SuperDARN Hokkaido pair of radars

(SuperDARN 北海道-陸別第一・第二 HF レーダーと全球 GNSS-
TEC 観測から捉えたトンガ火山大規模噴火後の電離圏擾乱の特
徴とその発生機構について)

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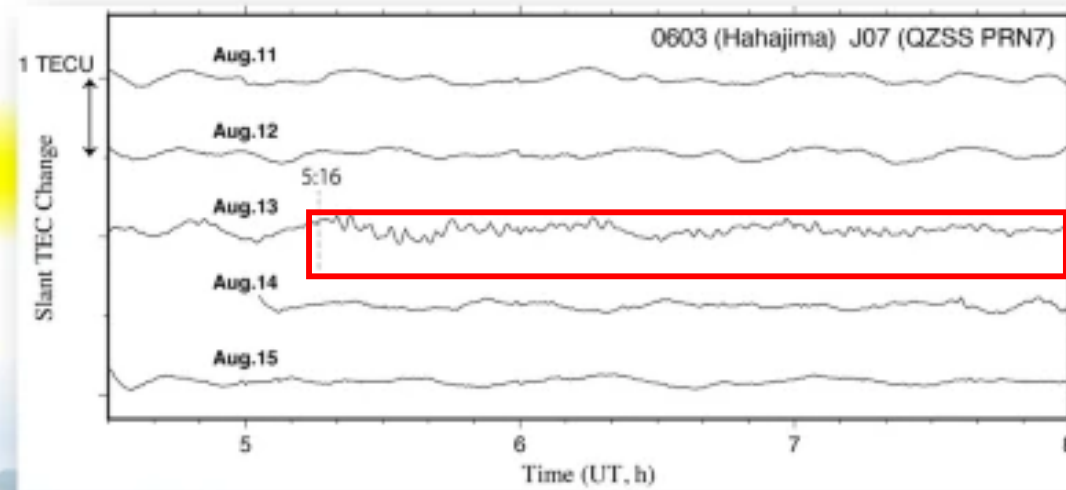
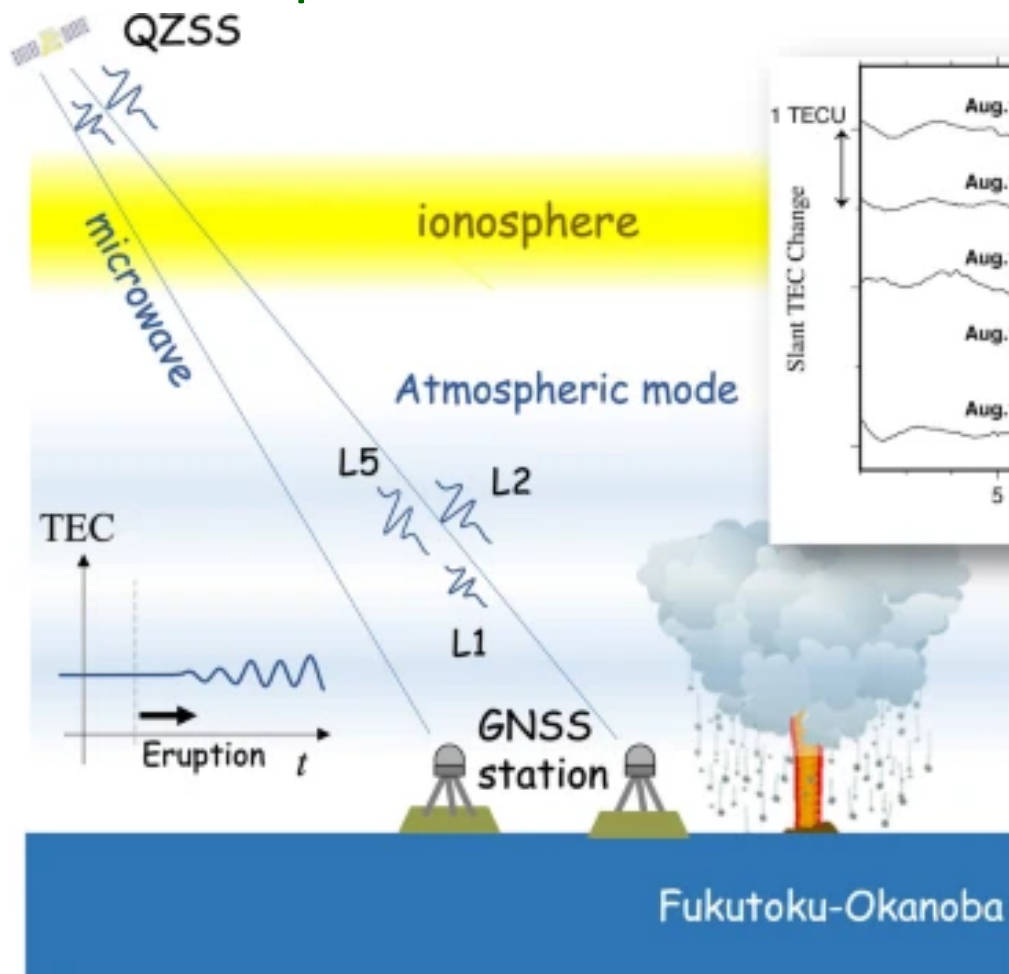
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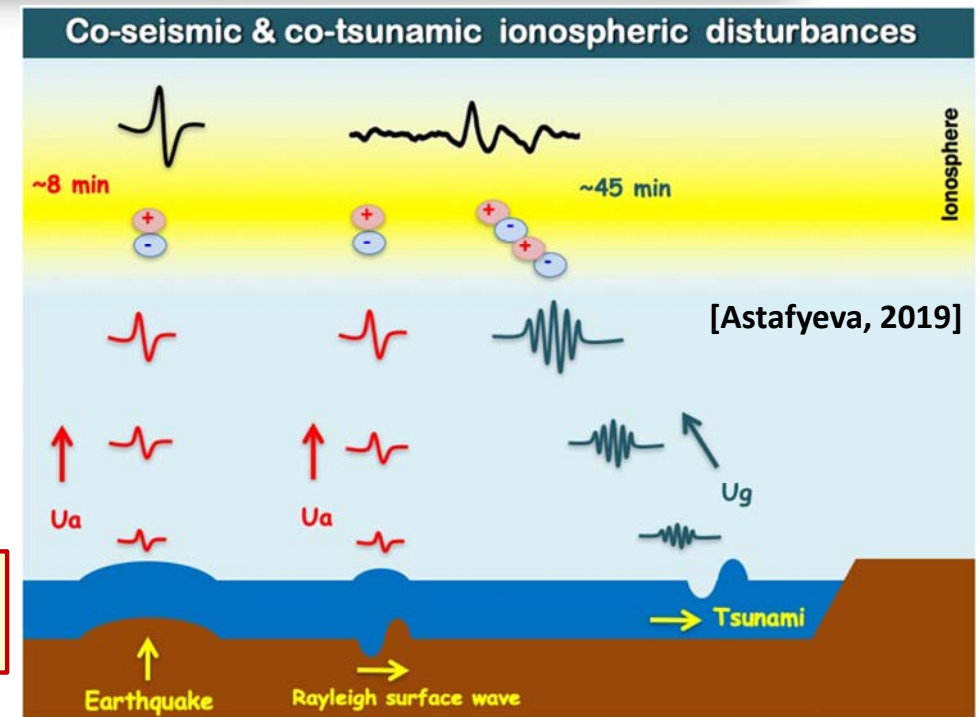
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1. Introduction

1.1 Ionospheric disturbances after the volcanic eruptions



[Heki and Fujimoto, 2022]



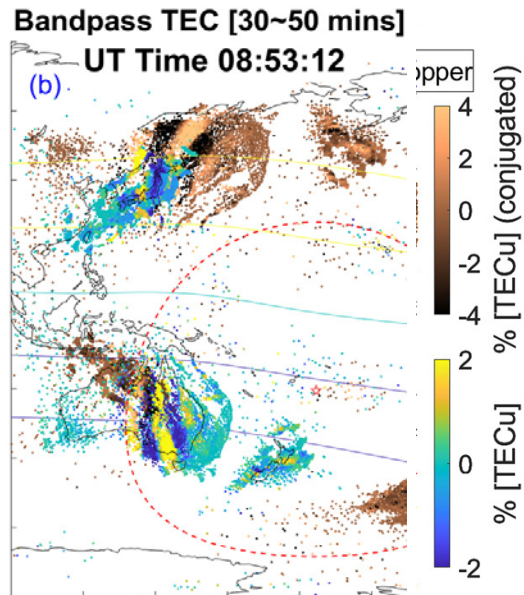
TEC variation after Fukutoku Okanoba volcanic eruption on 13 August 2021

The neutral atmospheric oscillation due to acoustic waves and gravity waves generates plasma density perturbations.

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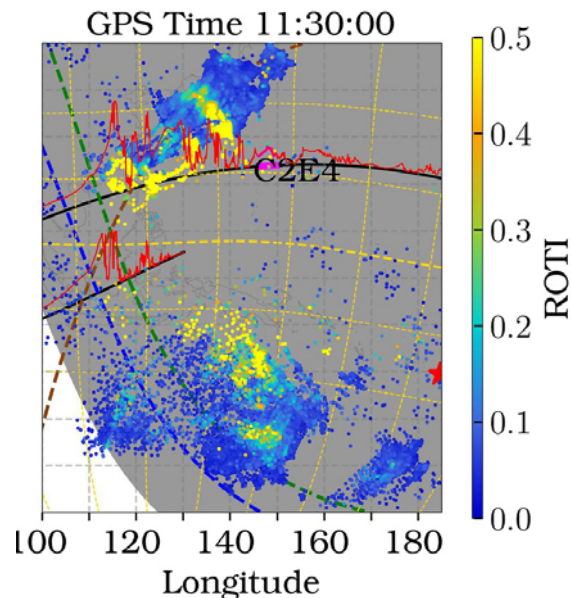
1.2 Ionospheric disturbances after the Tonga volcanic eruption

1. Traveling ionospheric disturbances (TIDs)



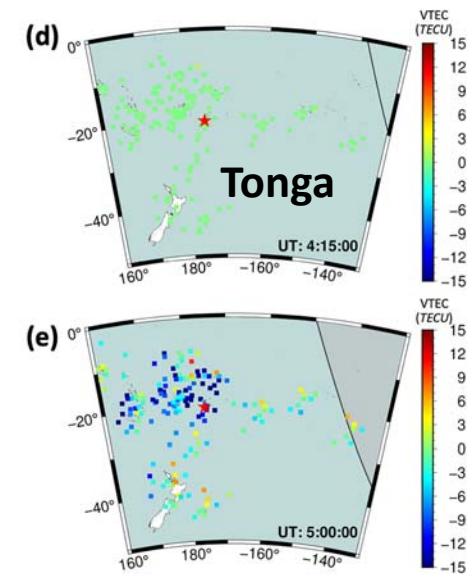
[Lin et al., 2022]

2. Equatorial plasma bubbles (EPBs)

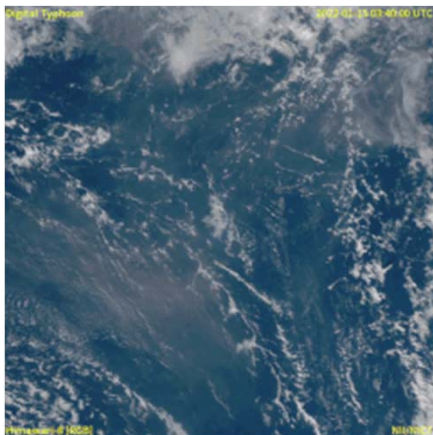


[Rajesh et al., 2022]

3. Electron density hole around the volcano



[Astafyeva et al., 2022]



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Purpose of this study

We clarify the generation mechanism of magnetic conjugacy of TIDs after the 2022 Tonga volcanic eruption using GNSS-TEC, SuperDARN Hokkaido pair of radars, and Himawari-8 satellite observation data.

2. Observation data and analysis method

2.1 Observation data and model

Data/model	Purpose	Provider
GNSS-TEC	Ionospheric electron density variations	ISEE/NICT
SuperDARN radar (HOK, HKW)	Variation of ionospheric plasma flow	ISEE
Himawari-8 (Thermal infrared data : TIR)	Detection of surface air pressure waves in the troposphere	CEReS, Chiba-U
IGRF-13	Calculation of magnetically conjugate points	IAGA

2. Observation data and analysis method

2.2 Analysis method of Himawari-8 TIR grid data

○ Assuming that **cloud motion is much slower than the perturbation due to air pressure waves** triggered by the Tonga volcanic eruption, we derived the normalized derivation of TIR according to the following equation.

$$T_{avg}(t) = \frac{T_{bb}(t+10) + T_{bb}(t) + T_{bb}(t-10)}{3}$$
$$d_3(t) = \frac{T_{bb}(t) - T_{avg}(t)}{T_{avg}(t)}$$

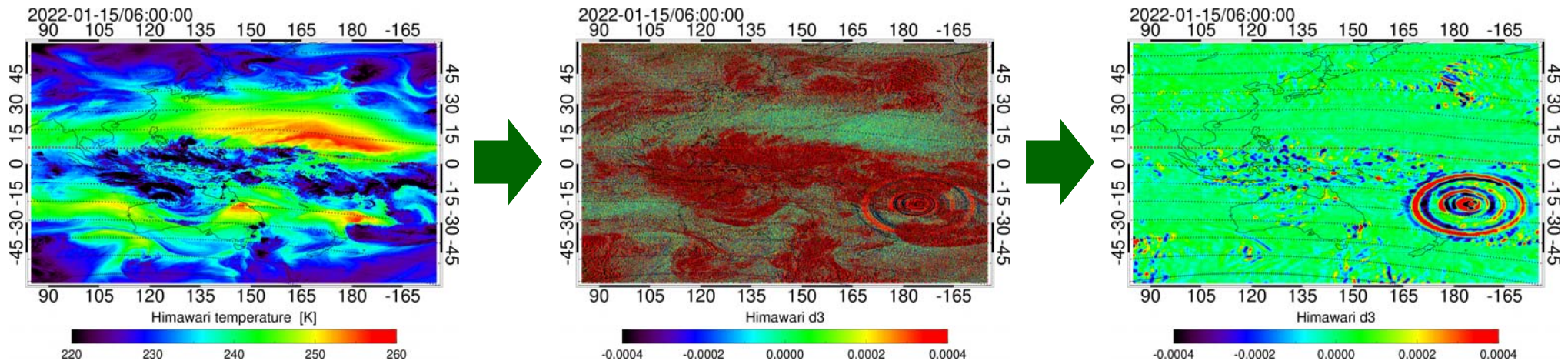
T_{bb} : Infrared temperature

t : Time

T_{avg} : Running average

d_3 : Normalized deviation

[Shinbori et al., 2022]



Original data

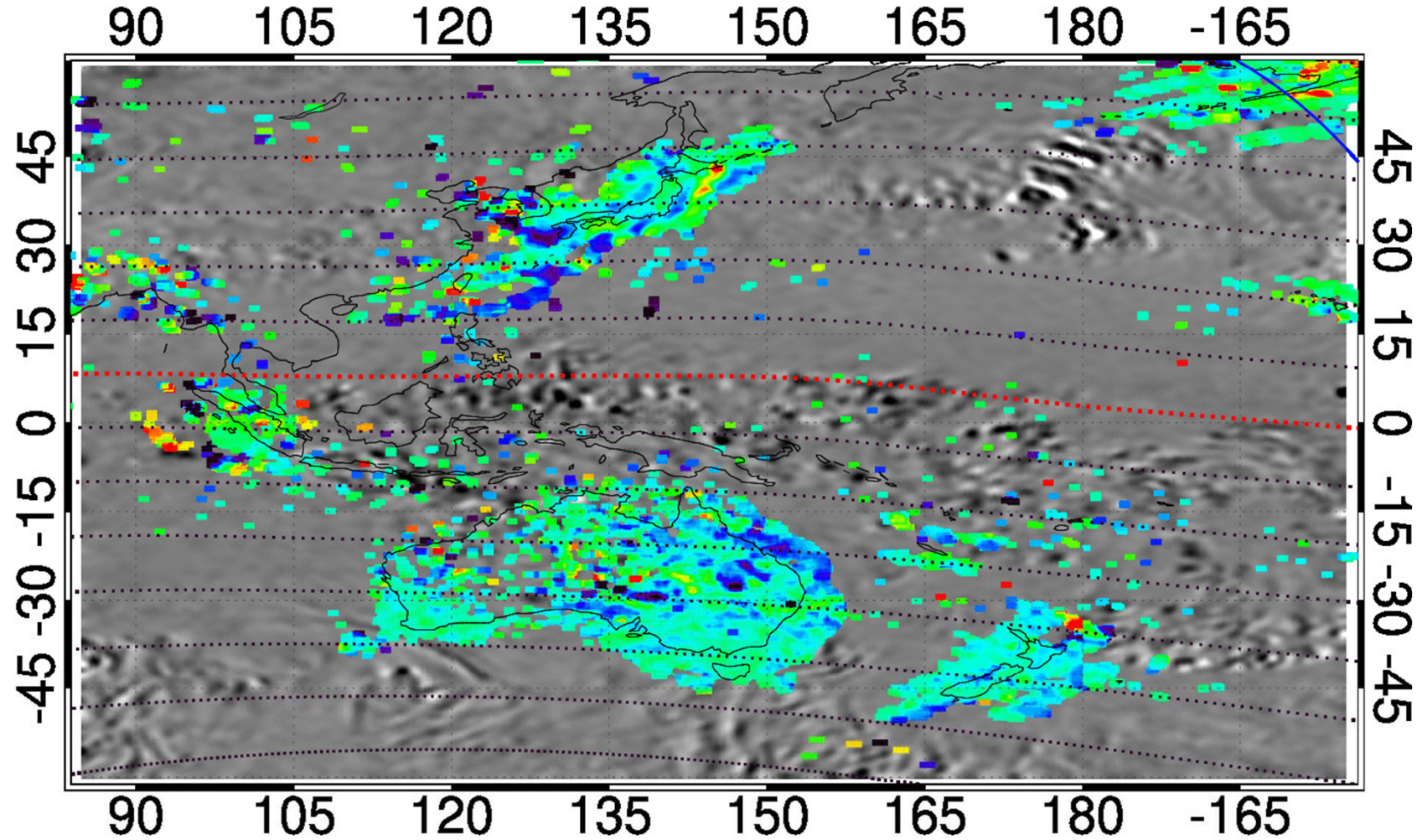
Normalized deviation

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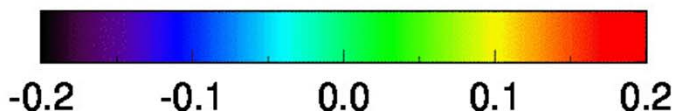
3. Results

3.1 TEC perturbation after the Tonga volcanic eruption

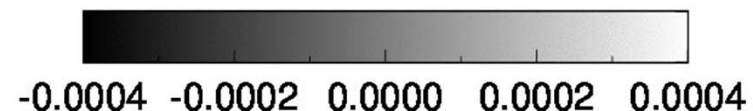
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Detrended TEC [$10^{16}/m^2$]



Himawari d3



3. Results

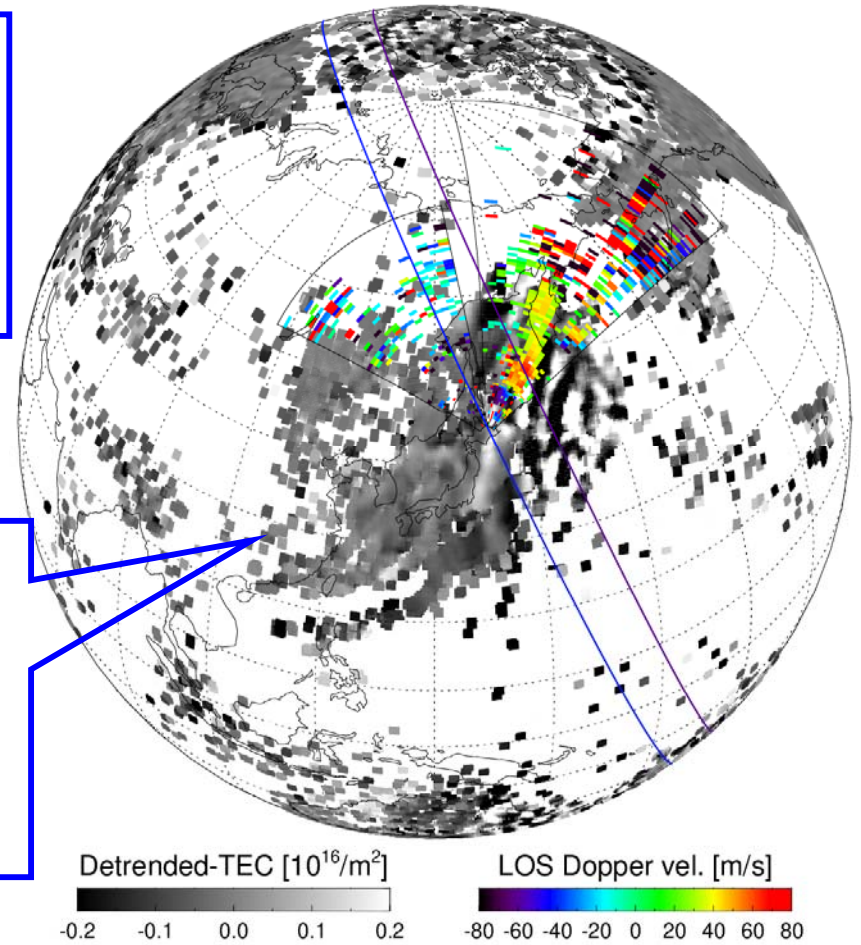
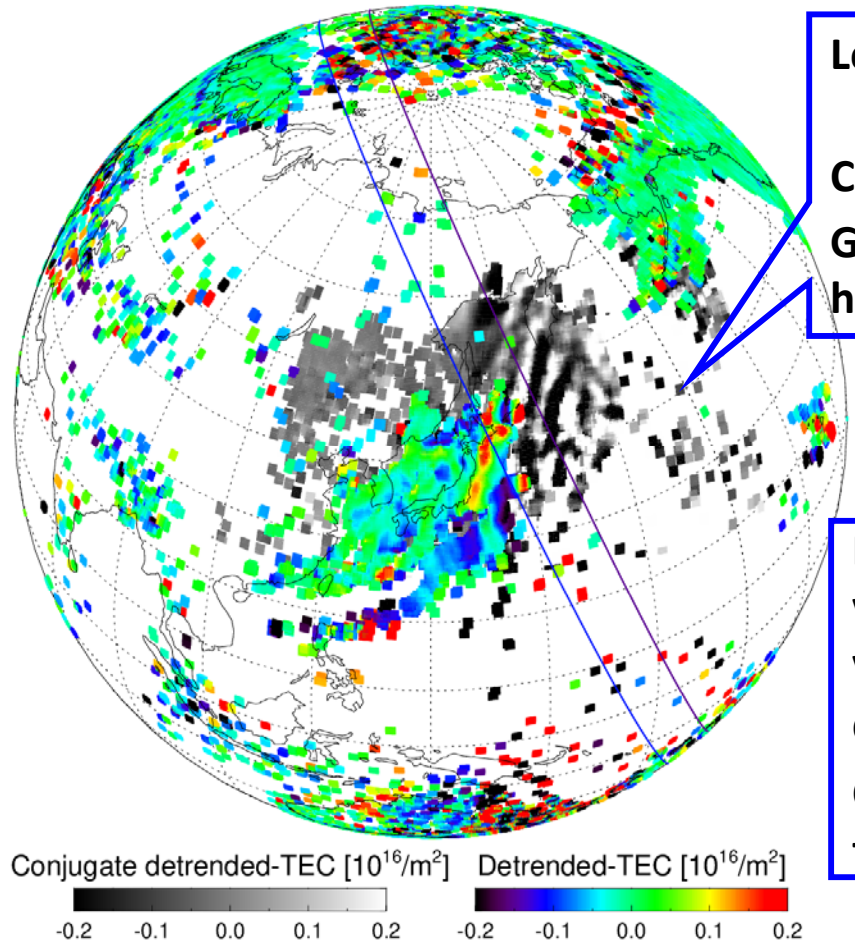
3.2 Magnetic conjugacy of TEC variations in both hemispheres

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Left: TEC variation
Color → Original
Gray → Southern hemisphere

Right: Flow velocity and TEC variations
Gray: dTEC
Color: Plasma flow

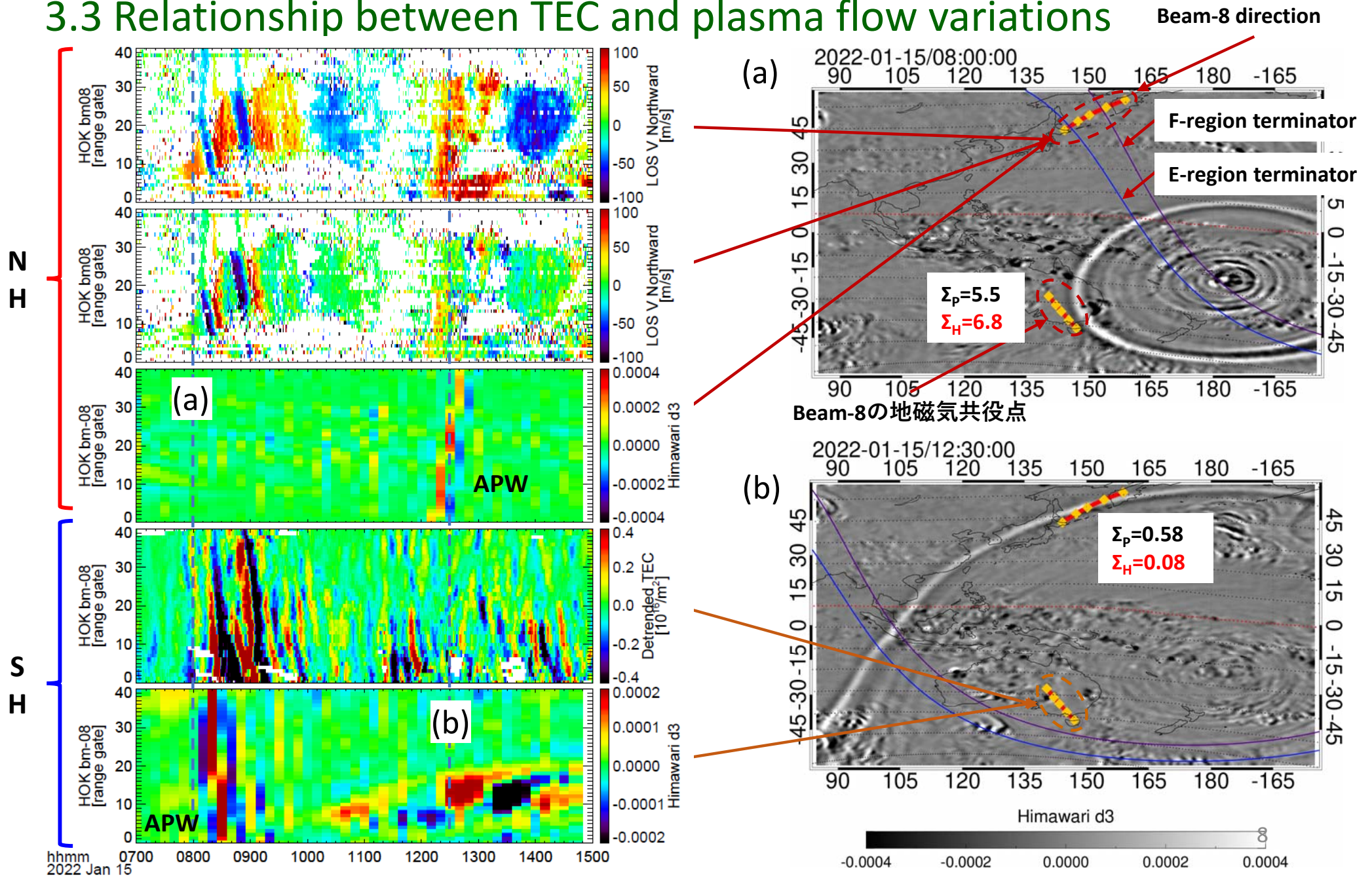


The wave structure is almost consistent in both hemisphere.

Southward plasma flow along the TEC waveform is observed.

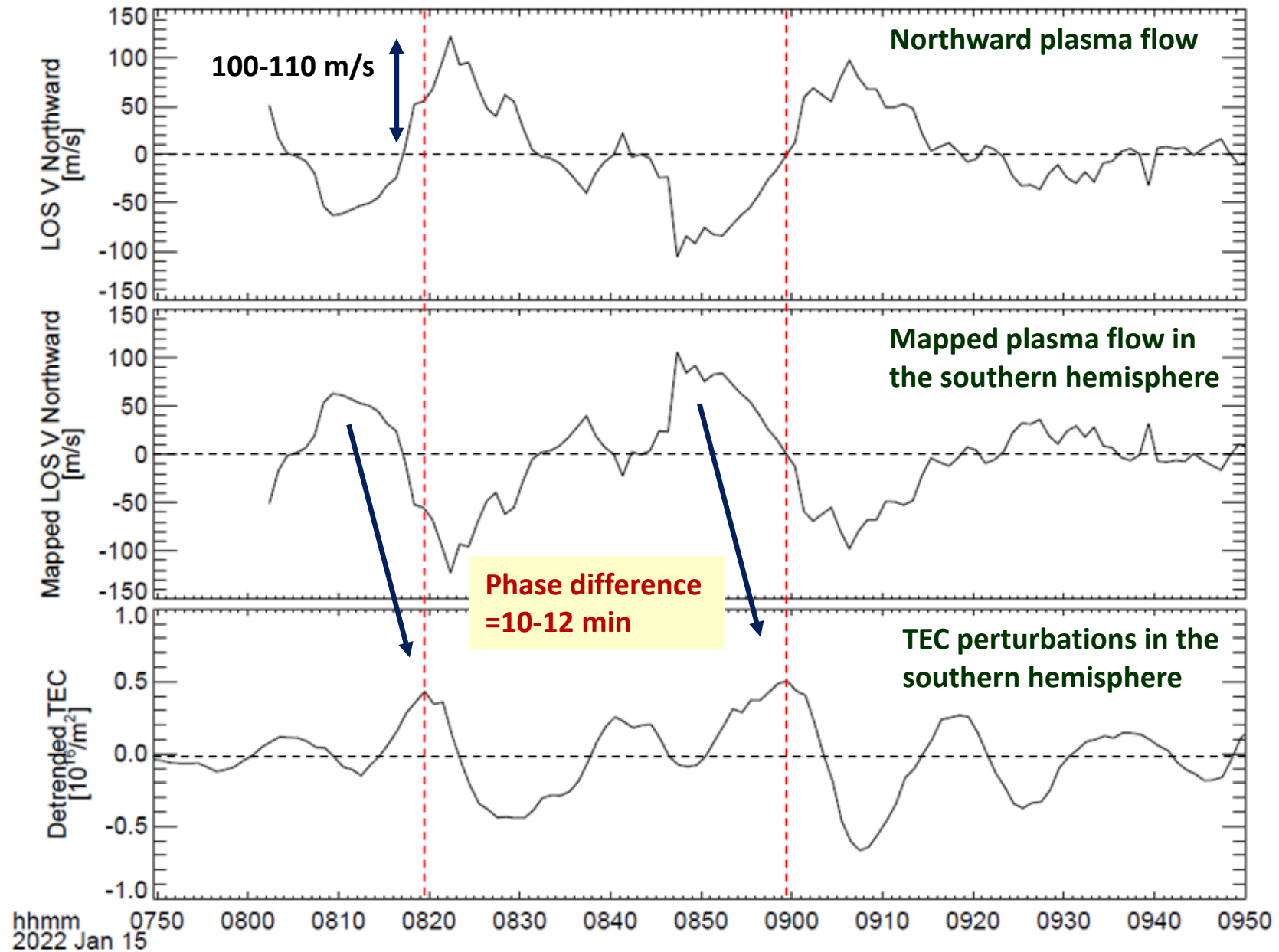
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3.3 Relationship between TEC and plasma flow variations



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4. Discussion

4.1 Physical meaning of a phase difference between the TEC and plasma flow perturbations

Mass conservation equation describing the variation of electron density in the ionosphere

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (n\mathbf{v}_E) = P - L$$

n : electron density, \mathbf{v}_E : electric field drift velocity, P : production, L : loss

Plane wave perturbation of n_e and \mathbf{v}_1

$$n_{e1}, v_1 \propto \exp\{i(\omega t - kx)\}$$

No production and loss

$$P = 0, L = 0$$

Relationship between n_e and \mathbf{v}_1 is written as follows

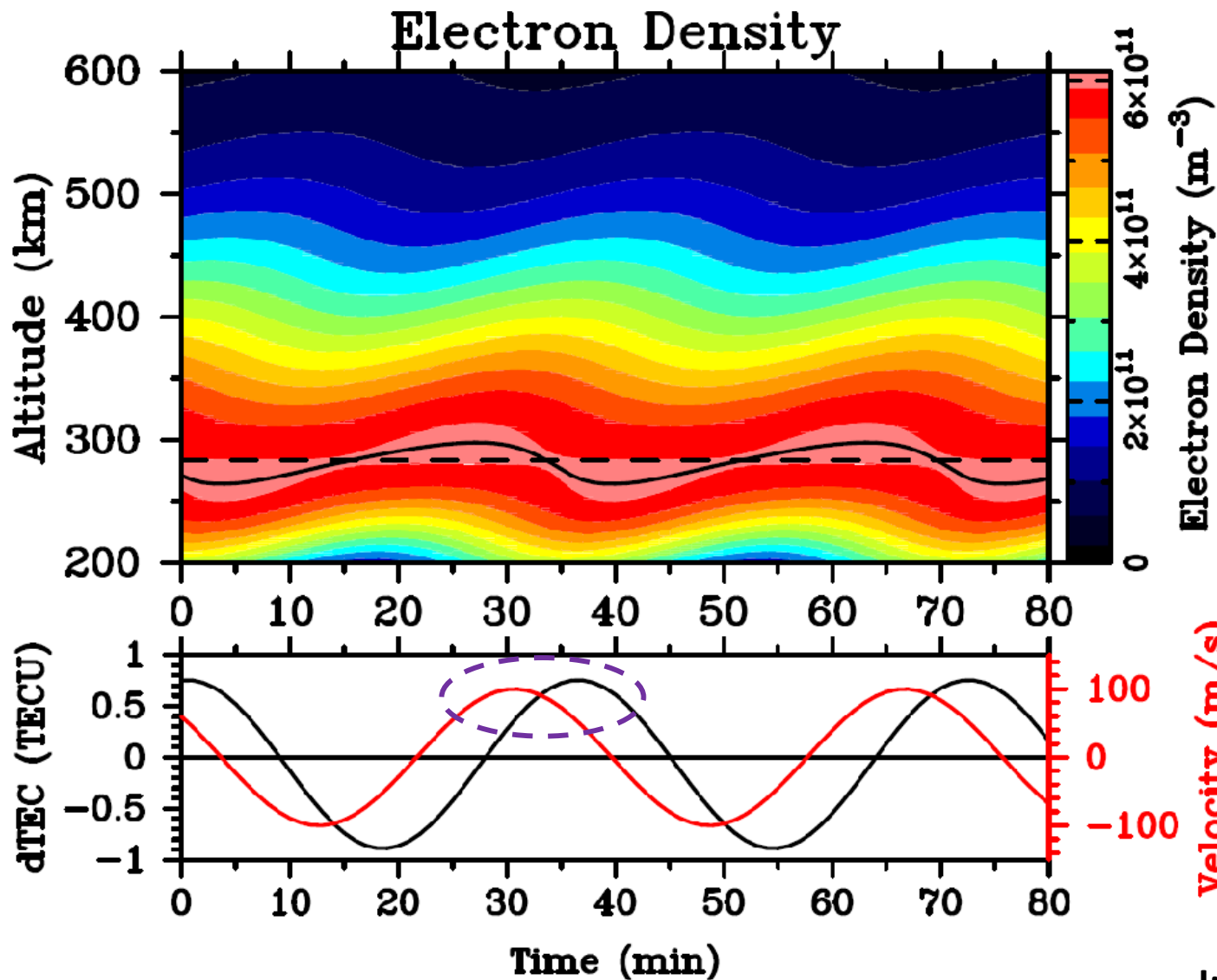
$$n_{e1} = -\frac{i}{\omega} v_1 \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial z} \cos I$$

I : inclination of magnetic field lines

In a case of an external origin (ex. E-region dynamo), there is a phase difference of 90° between electron density and velocity perturbations.

4. Discussion

4.2 Simple ionospheric model calculation



- Input data
 - F10.7 : 115 (2022/01)
 - Velocity : 100 m/s
 - Period : 36 min
 - Location : 32.4°S, 142.7°E
- IRI model
 - TEC: 16.3 TECU
 - (Integration of electron density from 150 to 600 km)

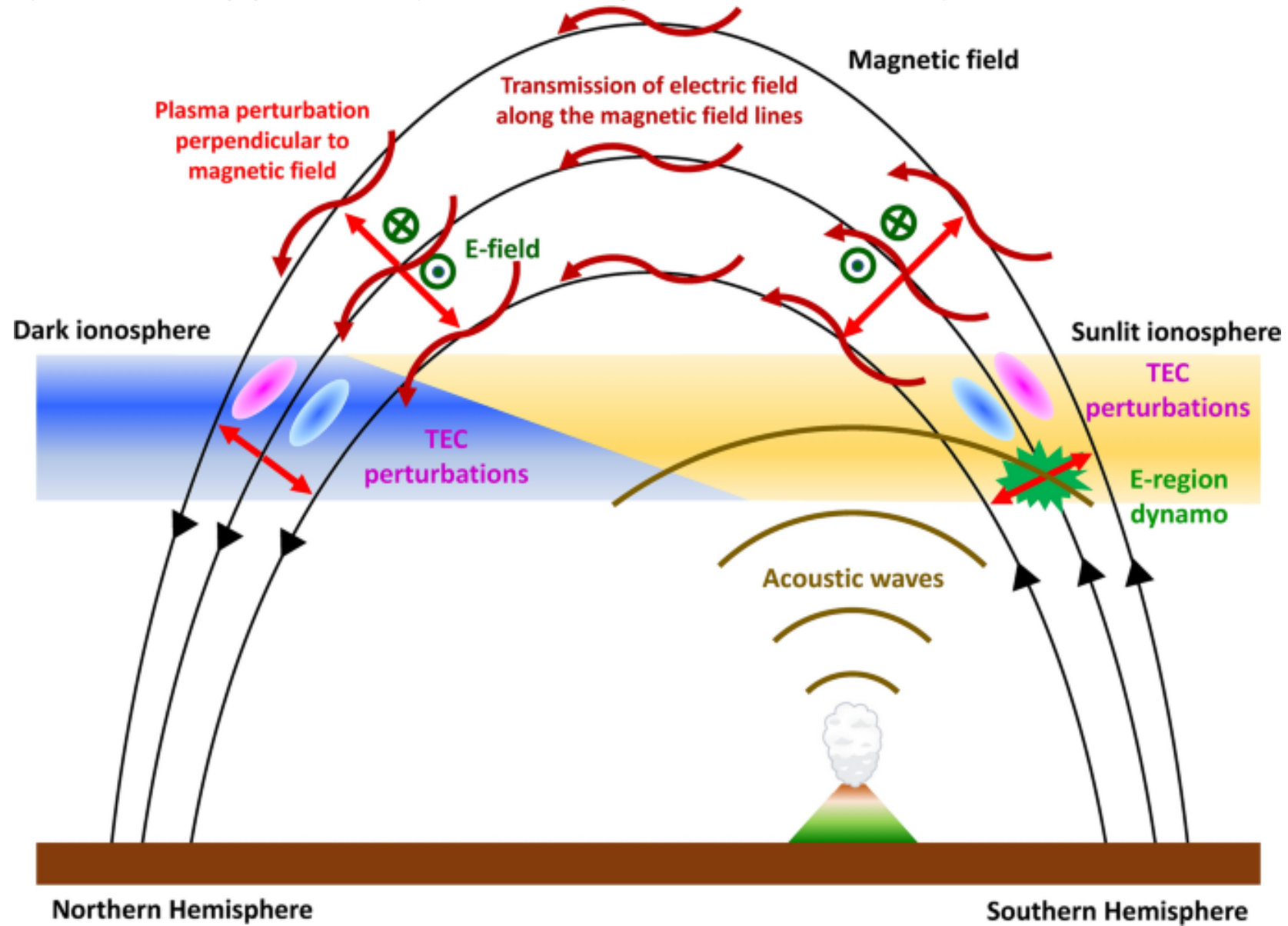
There is a phase difference of 7 min.

$$n_{e1} = -\frac{i}{\omega} v_1 \frac{\partial n_e}{\partial z} \cos I$$

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4. Discussion

4.3 Scenario of TEC and electric field perturbations in the ionosphere triggered by the Tonga volcanic eruption



5. Conclusions

1. Scientific aspect of a transition region from the atmosphere to space

The generation mechanism of magnetic conjugacy of TIDs after the Tonga volcanic eruption is a transmission of an external electric field to both hemispheres along the magnetic field lines.

The external electric field is an **E-region dynamo field** driven by neutral atmospheric oscillations in the sunlit region.

This generation mechanism is different from that of normal MSTIDs.

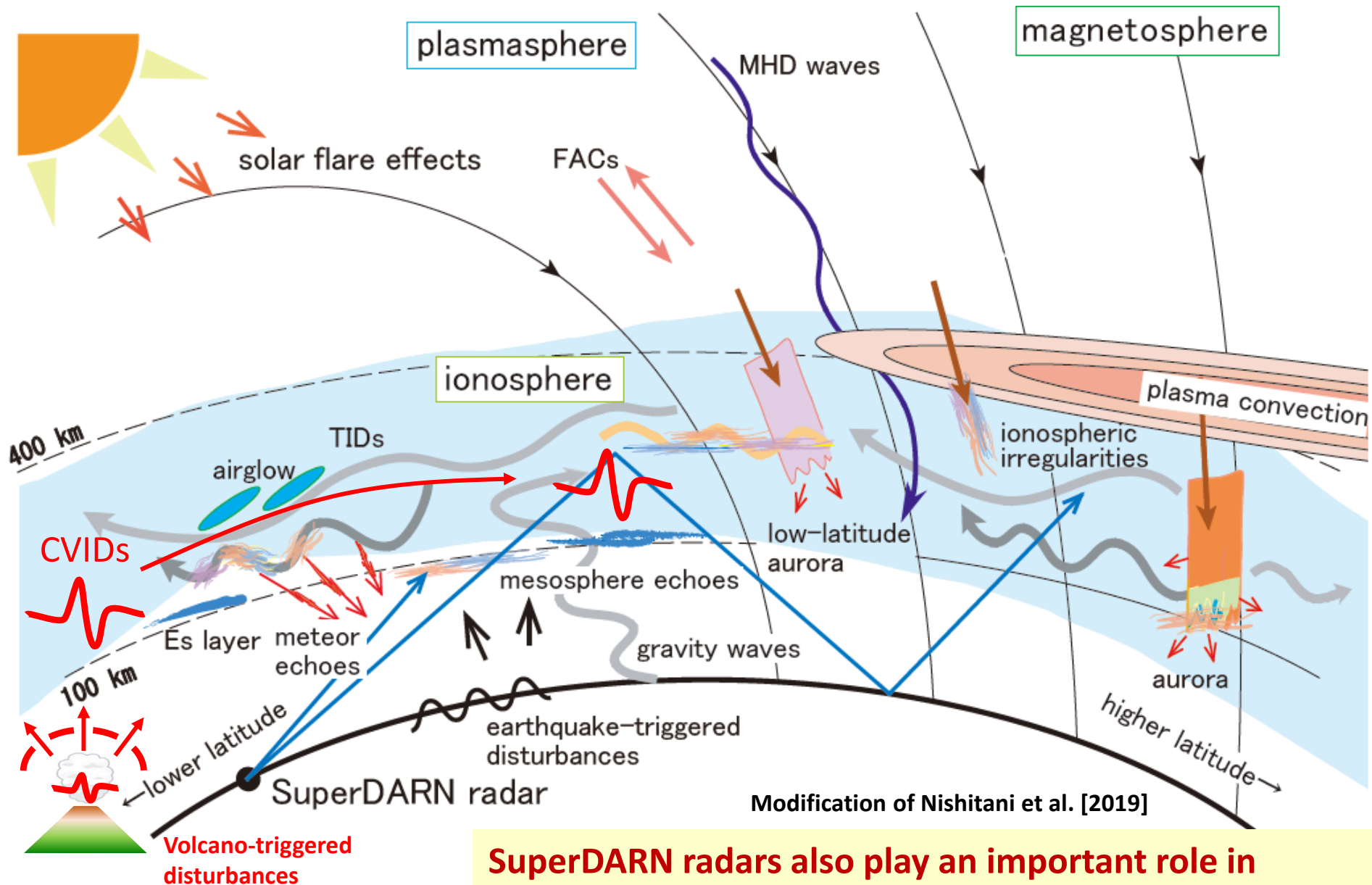
2. Disaster risk reduction

The propagation speed of electromagnetic fields that produce ionospheric disturbances is **much faster** than that of tsunamis, sound, and seismic waves.



Tracking information on ionospheric disturbances will help us to predict Tsunami before it arrives.

5. Conclusions



CVID: Co-Volcanic
Ionospheric Disturbances

SuperDARN radars also play an important role in understanding the coupling processes of lithosphere-atmosphere-ionosphere associated with volcanic eruptions.

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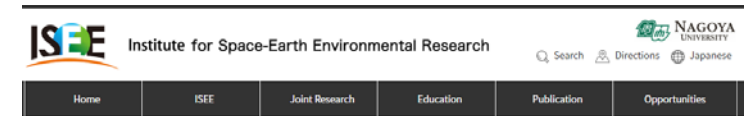


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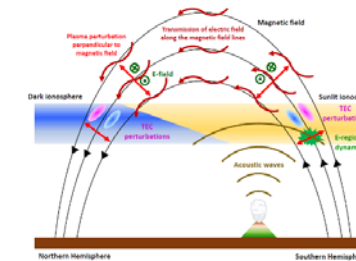
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A scientific paper titled "Electromagnetic conjugacy of ionospheric disturbances after the 2022 Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption as seen in GNSS-TEC and SuperDARN Hokkaido pair of radars observations" by Designated Assistant Professor Atsuki Shinbori of the Division for Ionospheric and Magnetospheric Research (DIMR), ISEE, was awarded Highlighted Papers 2022 by Earth, Planets and Space (EPS). "Highlighted Papers" are the excellent papers commended as highlighted papers (top 5% of 193 total papers in 2022) based on the recommendations of the EPS journal's editorial board. For a summary of this paper, please see the Nagoya University press release (<https://www.nagoya-u.ac.jp/research/info/result/2022/07/post-285.html>). Associate Professor Yuichi Otsuka and Associate Professor Nozomu Nishitani of the DIMR, ISEE, and Takuya Sori, a third-year doctoral student in the Graduate School of Science, Nagoya University, participate as co-authors of this paper.

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