

## Scaled Experiments in NRL SPSC for Satellite Measurements

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#### **Dimensionless Parameter Covered in SPSC**



## Space Plasma - Space Chamber Parameter Comparison

parameter	ionosphere	RB (L = 2)	NRL SPSC
plasma density (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	<b>10</b> <sup>3</sup> – <b>10</b> <sup>6</sup>	~ <b>10</b> <sup>3</sup>	$10^4 - 10^{12}$
electron temp. (eV)	~0.3	~1	0.1 – 4
ion temp. (eV)	~0.3	0.3	0.05
magnetic field strength (G)	~0.3	~0.04	up to 750 G (SC) & 250 G (MC)
plasma freq. (Hz)	<b>10<sup>5</sup> - 10</b> <sup>7</sup>	$5 \times \mathbf{10^5}$	$10^6 - 10^{10}$
ion gyrofrequency (Hz)	~30 (0+)	$3.8  imes \mathbf{10^4}$ (H <sup>+</sup> )	~10 <sup>3</sup> - 10 <sup>5</sup> (Ar <sup>+</sup> )
electron gyrofrequency (Hz)	~ <b>10</b> <sup>6</sup>	<b>10</b> <sup>5</sup>	$10^6 - 10^9$
ω <sub>pe</sub> /Ω <sub>e</sub>	0.1 – 10	5	0.01 - 50
ω/ν <sub>en</sub>	> 1	>> 1	~5 - 600
β	<b>10</b> <sup>-7</sup> - <b>10</b> <sup>-4</sup>	<b>10</b> <sup>-5</sup>	<b>10</b> <sup>-7</sup> - <b>10</b> <sup>-3</sup>

















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- Malaspina et al., JGR 2015 Up to 95% of boundaries showed broadband waves
- Divin *et al.*, JGR 2015 Detailed analysis of LH waves at a dipolarization front



### Divin *et al.* Identified Lower Hybrid Drift Instability as Source of Observed Lower Hybrid Waves







- $(k_{\hat{x}}\rho_e, k_{\hat{y}}\rho_e) \sim (-0.6, 0.3)$
- LHDI modes should be damped

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#### Local Approximation Predicts Instability Threshold

$$\overline{\omega}^{3} + \left(2\frac{\delta^{2}}{1+\delta^{2}}\frac{\overline{V}_{0}}{\overline{k}_{y}} - \overline{k}_{y}\overline{V}_{0}\right)\overline{\omega}^{2} - \overline{\omega} + \overline{k}_{y}\overline{V}_{0} = 0$$

$$\overline{\omega} = \frac{\omega}{\omega_{LH}}, \delta = \frac{\omega_{pe}}{\Omega_{e}}, \overline{V}_{0} = \frac{v_{E}}{\omega_{LH}L_{E}}, \overline{k}_{y} = k_{y}L_{E}$$

$$ax^{3} + bx^{2} + cx + d = 0$$
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Diamagnetic Drift Frequency:  $\omega_{De,i} = kv_{De,i}$ Shear Frequency:  $\omega_s = \frac{dv_E}{dx}$ 

$$\Delta = 18abcd - 4b^3d + b^2c^2 - 4ac^3 - 27a^2d^2$$

If  $\Delta < 0$ , then 1 real solution and two complex conjugate solutions

Effects of Nonuniform B on EIH

- Increased growth rate
- No effect on wavelength



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# Reanalysis Shows that Sheared Flows Can Drive Observed Lower Hybrid Waves



#### **Relevant Parameters**

Density	$n = 3.8 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^{-3}$	
Magnetic Field	$B_z = 26 \text{ nT}$	
Ion Diamagnetic Drift	$V_{Di} = 1.9 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$	
Electric Field	$E_x = -20 \text{ mV/m}$	
E×B Drift	$v_E = 1.7 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$	
Electric Field Gradient Scale Length	$L_E = 54 \text{ km}$	
Wave Vector in E×B Direction	$k_y = 3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^{-1}$	

#### **Analysis Results**

$$\omega_s = 8.5 \text{ vs } \omega_{Di} = 8.7$$

- LHDI:  $k_y \rho_e \sim 1$
- EIH:  $k_y L_E \sim 1$

$$k_y \rho_e = 0.3 \text{ vs } k_y L_E = 1.6$$

 $\Delta = -9.3$ 

• Propagates in E×B direction

# Conditions above threshold to drive EIH and wavelength scaling more consistent with EIH.