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These are preliminary lecture notes, intended for distribution to participants only.

DAYTIME

The composition of the upper atmosphere changes with height, and each of the atmospheric gases is ionised by a different part of the solar spectrum, so layers of ionisation are formed at different heights. There are usually three identifiable layers.

F2 Layer

F REGION

F1 Layer

E REGION

E Layer

D REGION

THE IONOSPHERE

THE IONOSPHERE IS THE REGION OF THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE WHERE THE AIR IS IONISED BY SOLAR RADIATION (MAINLY ULTRA-VIOLET.)

300 km

THE RADIATION IS ABSORBED IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING THE IONISATION. THEREFORE THE IONISATION DOES NOT EXTEND TO THE LOWER ATMOSPHERE, BUT IS CONFINED TO THE UPPER REGIONS.

THE GAS ATOMS AND MOLECULES ARE BROKEN UP INTO ELECTRONS AND POSITIVELY CHARGED IONS. THE REGION IS NAMED AFTER THE IONS BUT IT IS THE MORE MOBILE ELECTRONS WHICH PRODUCE THE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON RADIO WAVES.

200 km

The different levels of the atmosphere named by meteorologists are defined in terms of temperature changes with height. The main ionospheric layers are in the thermosphere, well above the troposphere and stratosphere; the levels at which significant "weather" effects occur.

THERMOSPHERE

100 km

MESOSPHERE

STRATOSPHERE

TROPOSPHERE

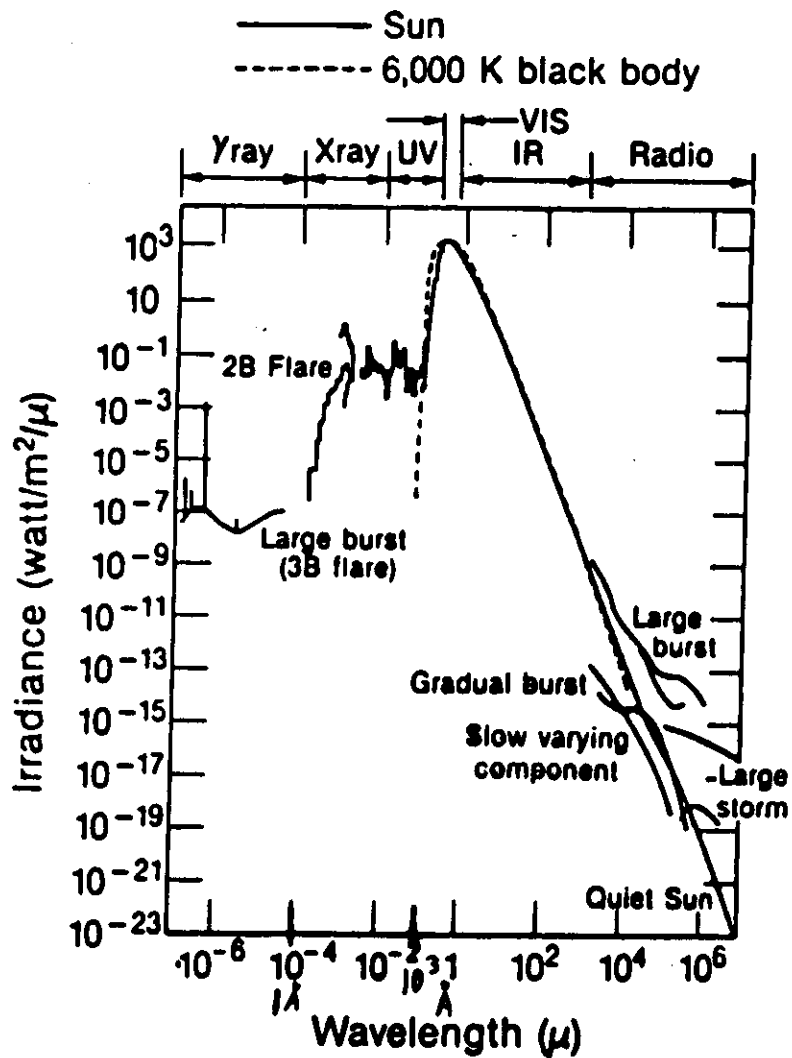
NIGHTTIME

F layer

When the sun sets, the ions and electrons in the lower layers quickly recombine, but in the upper part of the F region collisions are less frequent and some ionisation remains all night.

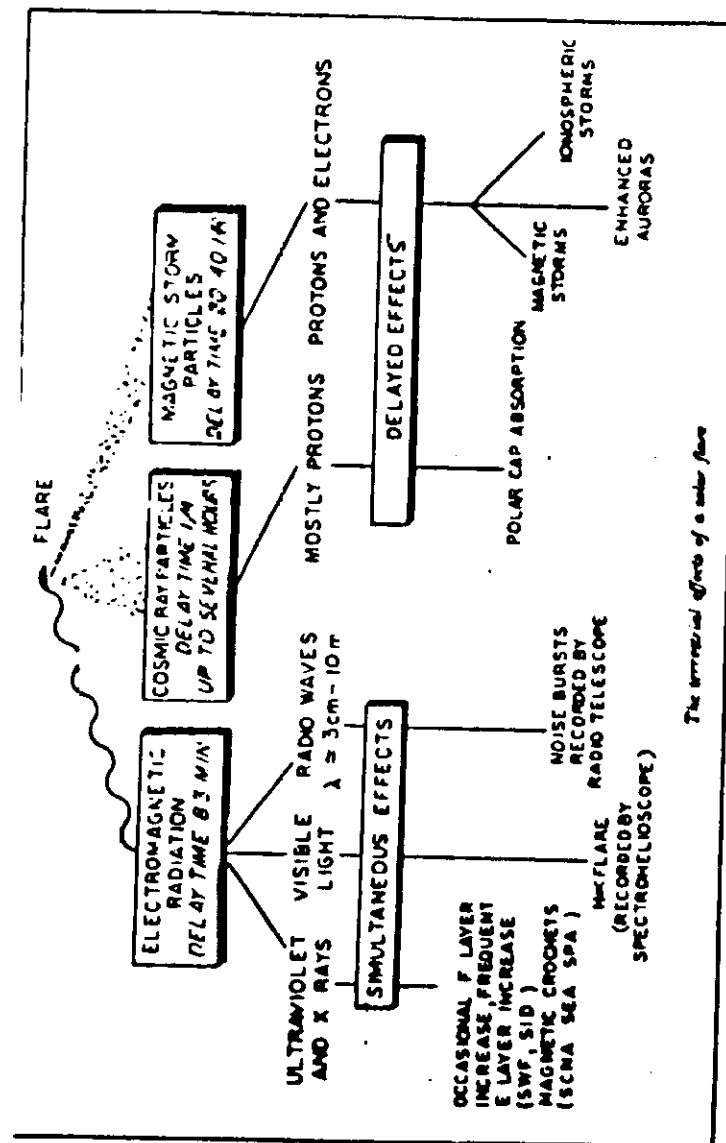
All layer and region boundary heights shown are for typical mid-latitudes. The heights change with time and geographical location.

(from Australian IPS, 1982)

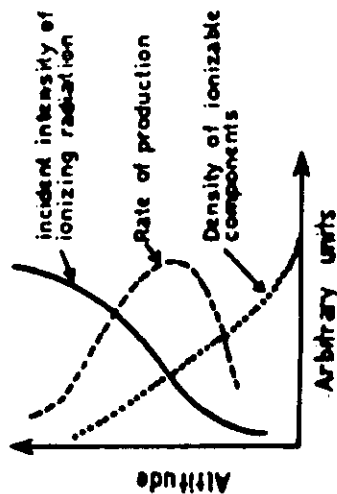


2. The spectrum of solar radiation (solid line), compared with that of a blackbody at 6000°K (dashed line), from Nicolson [1982].

- ≈ 200 - 900 Å (304 Å) O⁺
- ≈ 10 - 100 Å, 800 - 1026 Å (O₂⁺, H₂⁺)
- ≈ 1 - 10 Å N₂⁺, He⁺, O₂⁺, O₂⁻



A layer of electrons is produced when the sun's radiation falls on the neutral atmosphere and ionizes part of it. Different constituents of the atmosphere absorb ionizing radiation of different wavelengths and form the various layers of the ionosphere.

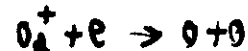


PRODUCTION OF IONIZATION

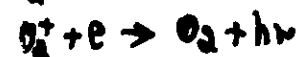
E & F1 REGIONS



RECOMBINATION:



DISSOCIATIVE RECOMBINATION



RADIATIVE RECOMBINATION

$$\text{Loss} = \alpha [X^+] N_e, \text{ since } N_e = N [X^+]$$

$$q = L = \alpha N_e^2$$

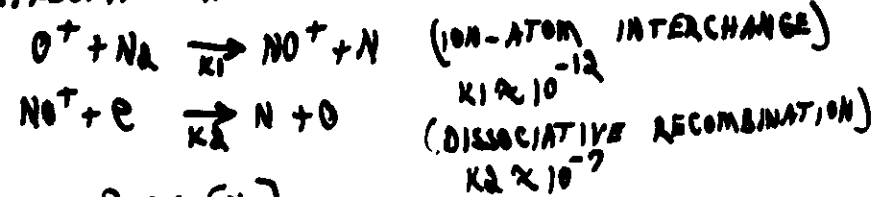
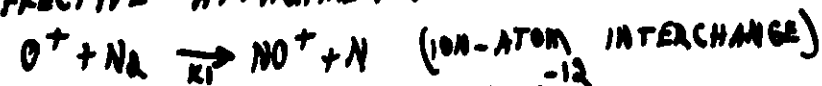
$$N = N_m \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} (1 - z - \exp(-z)) \right], \quad z = \frac{h - h_m}{H}$$

KNOWN AS AN α CHAPMAN LAYER,

F2 REGION

O^+ (MAJOR ION)

EFFECTIVE ATTACHMENT:



$$\text{EFF. } q \propto [N_2]$$

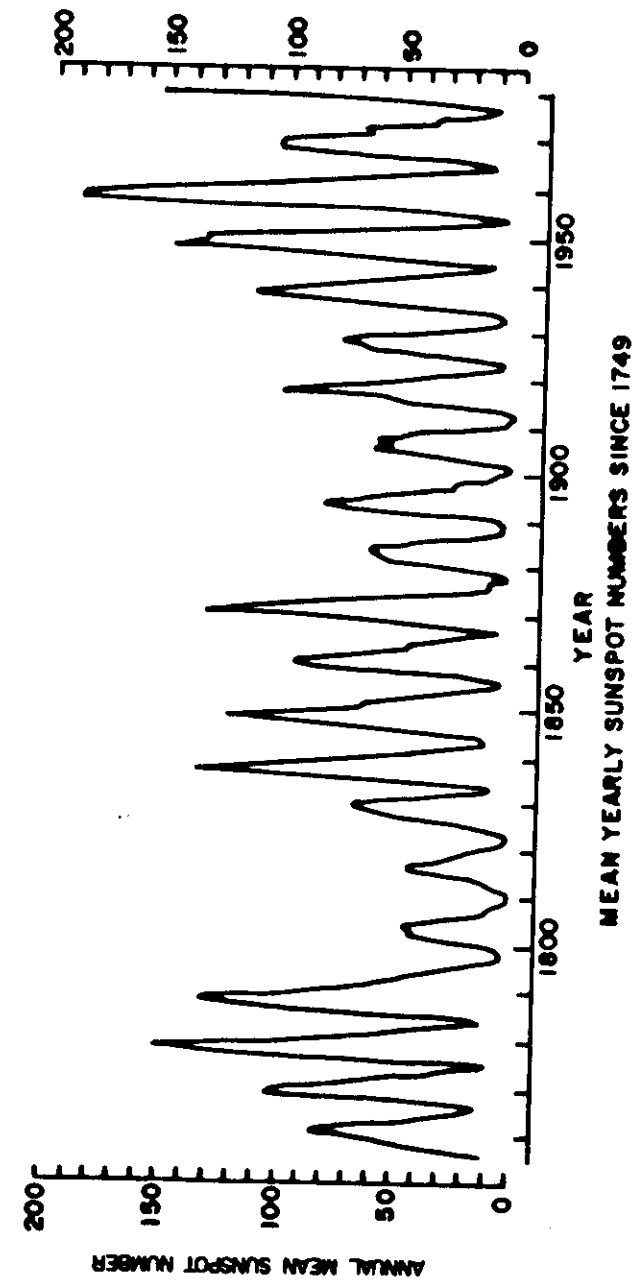
$$q = L = q N_2$$

$$N = N_m \exp [1 - z - \exp(-z)]$$

Table 10

Constituent	$\lambda(\text{\AA})$	IP (eV)	
NO	1340	9.25	E & F1
NH ₃	1221	10.15	
C	1100	11.3	
O	1026	12.1	E & F1
H ₂ O	985	12.60	
CH ₄	954	13.00	
H	912	13.59	F2
D	911	13.61	
CO ₂	899	13.79	
CO	885	14.0	F2
H ₂	804	15.41	
N ₂	796	15.58	
A	787	15.75	F2
Ne	575	21.56	
He	504	24.58	

(from S.J. Bauer, private communication)



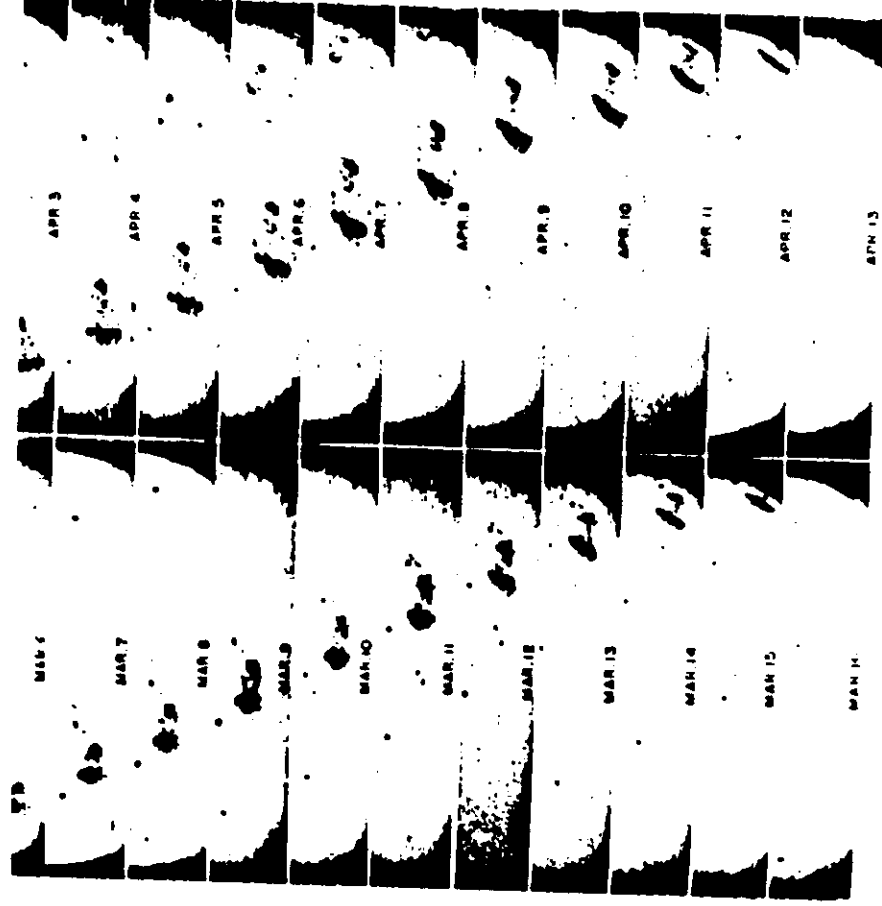
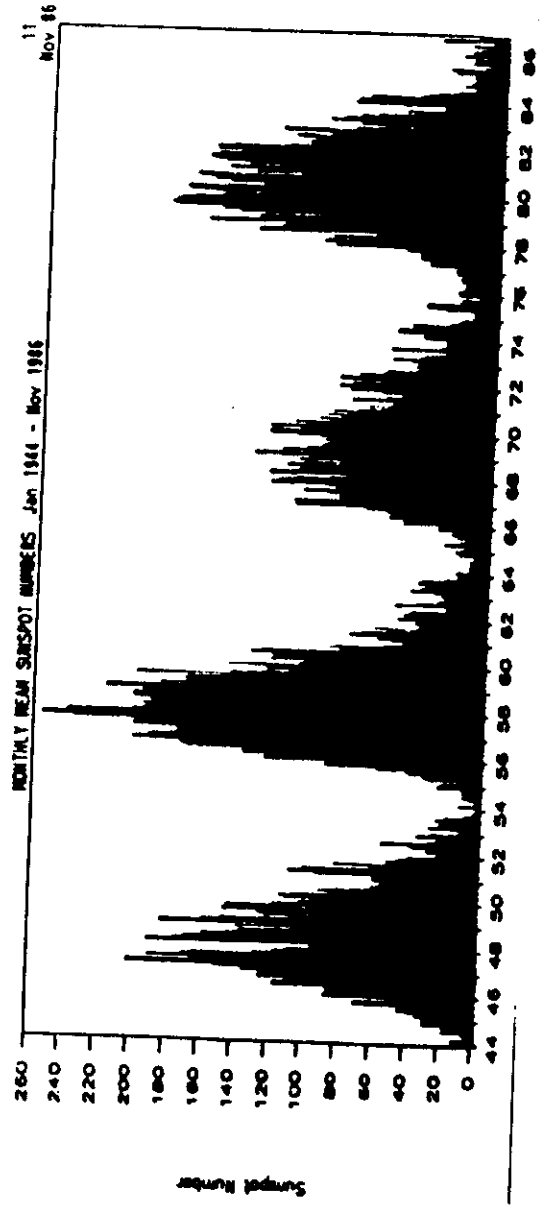


Fig. 1-4. Progress of sunspot group of Figs. 1-2 and 1-3 across the solar disc as shown by daily photographs over a 5-week period. (Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories photograph).

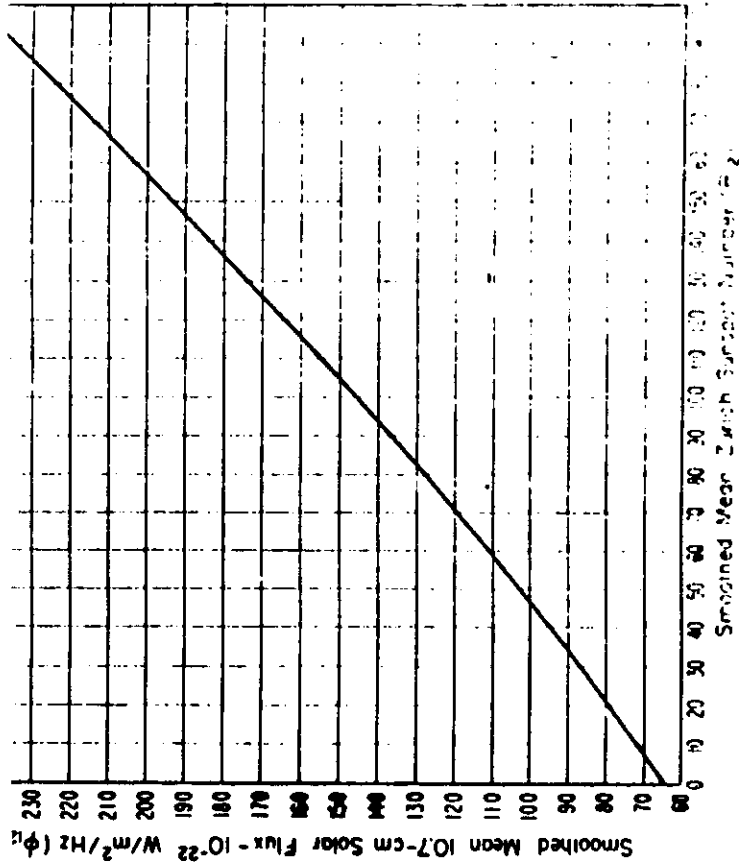


FIG 2 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SMOOTHED MEAN ZURICH SUNSPOT NUMBER AND SMOOTHED MEAN 10.7 CM SOLAR FLUX

$SSN = \sqrt{K1 + K2 \cdot FLUX} - K3$ (from ITS-OT/TRER 13, Sept. 1971)
 $K1 = 93,918.4$; $K2 = 1,1173$; $K3 = 406.37$
 OR: $FLUX = 63.75 + 0.228 \cdot SSN + 8.95 \times 10^{-4} \cdot SSN^2$

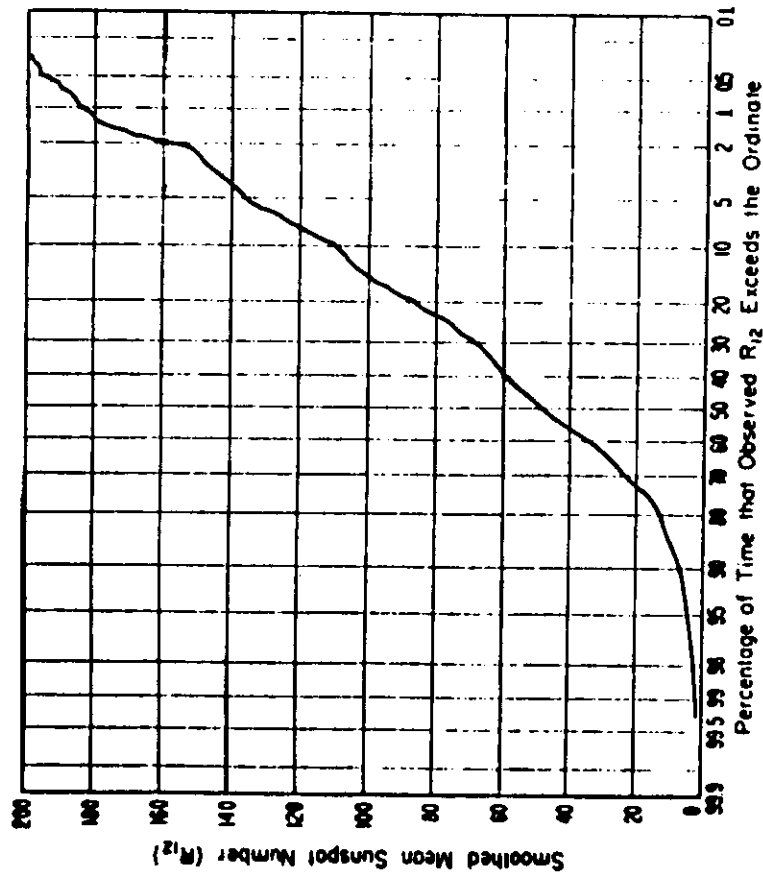


FIG. 1 CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF SMOOTHED MEAN ZURICH SUNSPOT NUMBERS, 1834-1969 (from ITS-OT/TRER 13, Sept. 1971)

APPLETON - HARTREE FORMULA FOR REFRACTIVE INDEX:

$$n^2 = 1 - \frac{X}{1 - jZ - \frac{Y_T^2}{2(1-X-jZ)} + \sqrt{\frac{Y_T^4}{4(1-X-jZ)^2} + Y_L^2}}$$

If $jZ \ll 1$ and neglecting the magnetic field, i.e. $Y_L = Y_T = 0$.

$$n^2 = 1 - X$$

If we just neglect collisions, we have:

$$n^2 = 1 - \frac{2X(1-X)}{2(1-X) - Y_T^2 \pm \sqrt{Y_T^4 + 4(1-X)^2 Y_L^2}}$$

FOR $n=0$; $X=1$ or $X=1 \pm Y$... ? reflection etc.

If we put $\theta=90^\circ$

$$n^2 = 1 - X \quad (+ \text{sign}) \rightarrow X=1$$

$$\text{or } n^2 = 1 - \frac{X(1-X)}{1-X} \quad (- \text{sign}) \rightarrow X=1 \pm Y$$

ELECTRON GYROFREQUENCY, f_H :

$$f_H = \frac{|e|}{2\pi m} B = 28 * B_0 \quad (B_0 \text{ in } \gamma \text{ (GT)})$$

$$\text{e.g. for } B_0 = 50,000 \gamma, f_H = 1.4 \text{ MHz.}$$

PLASMA FREQUENCY, f_N :

$$f_N^2 = \frac{e^2 N}{\epsilon_0 m 4\pi^2}$$

$$f_N^2 = 80.5 N$$

f in MHz

N in el/m^3

$$\text{e.g. } f \approx 9 \sqrt{N}, \text{ for } N = 1 \times 10^{12} \text{ el}/\text{m}^3,$$

$$f = 9 \times 10^6 = 9 \text{ MHz.}$$

DEFINE:

$$X = \left(\frac{f_N}{f} \right)^2, \quad Y = \frac{f_H}{f}, \quad Z = \frac{\nu}{2\pi f}$$

$Y_T = Y \sin \theta$, $Y_L = Y \cos \theta$, θ is the angle between the ray path and the earth's magnetic field.

CHART FOR DETERMINING ELEVATION & SLANT RANGE OF SATELLITE

ALL DISTANCES ARE IN STATUTE MILES — 5 STATUTE MILES EQUAL APPROXIMATELY 8 KILOMETERS

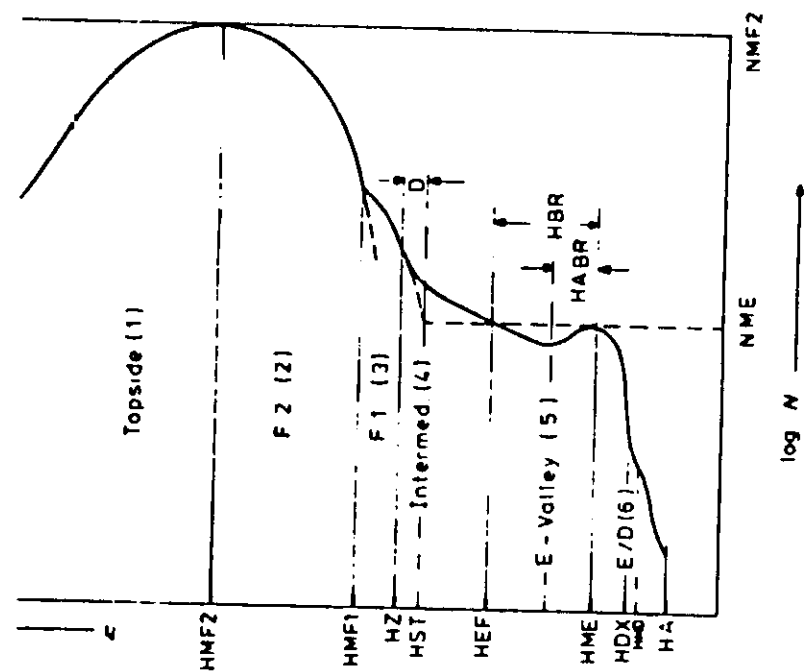
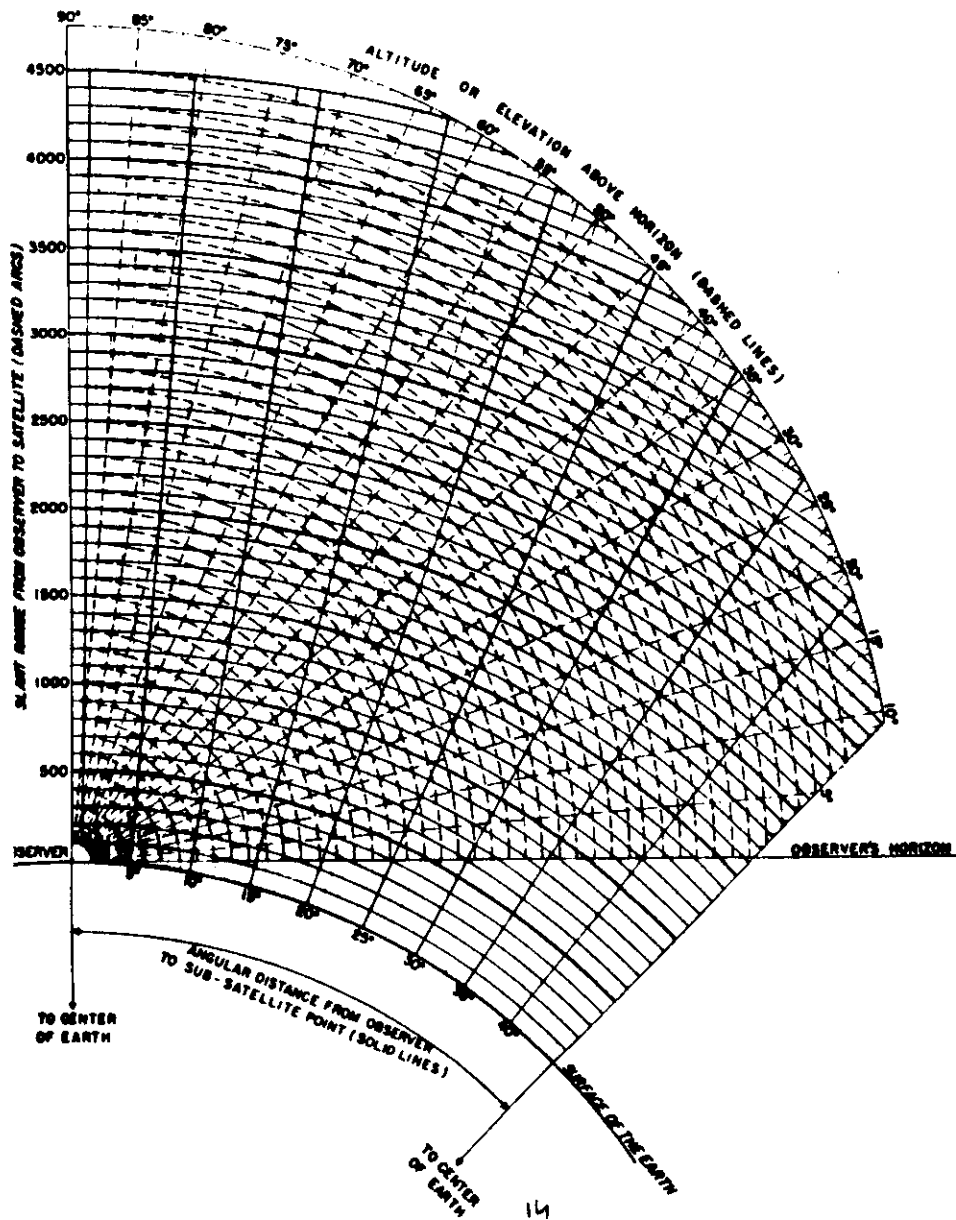
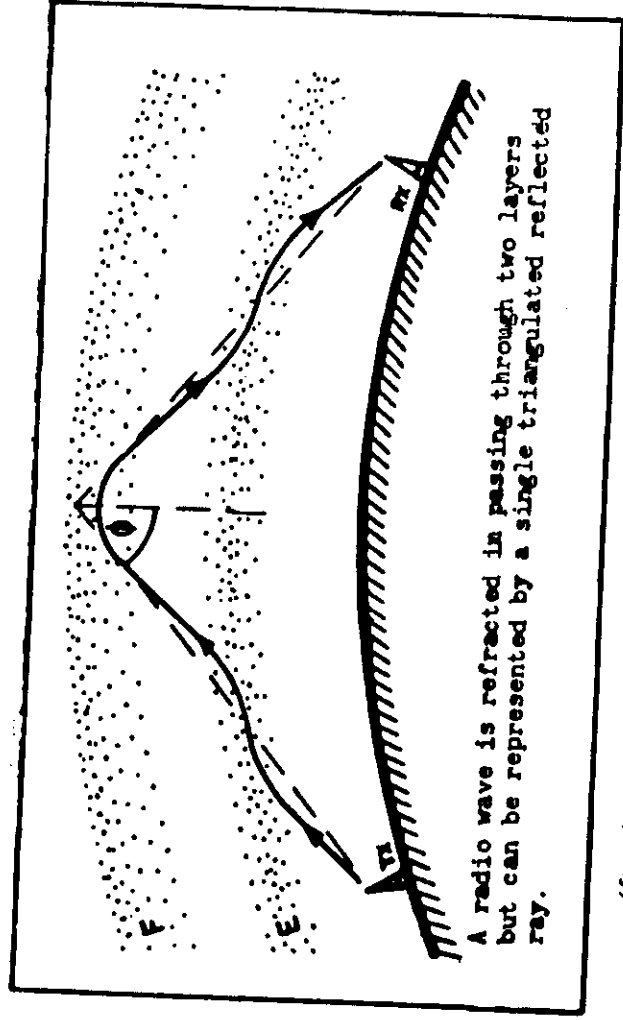


Figure 15d) $N_e(h)$ model used in the International Reference Ionosphere.



(from Australian, IPS 1982)

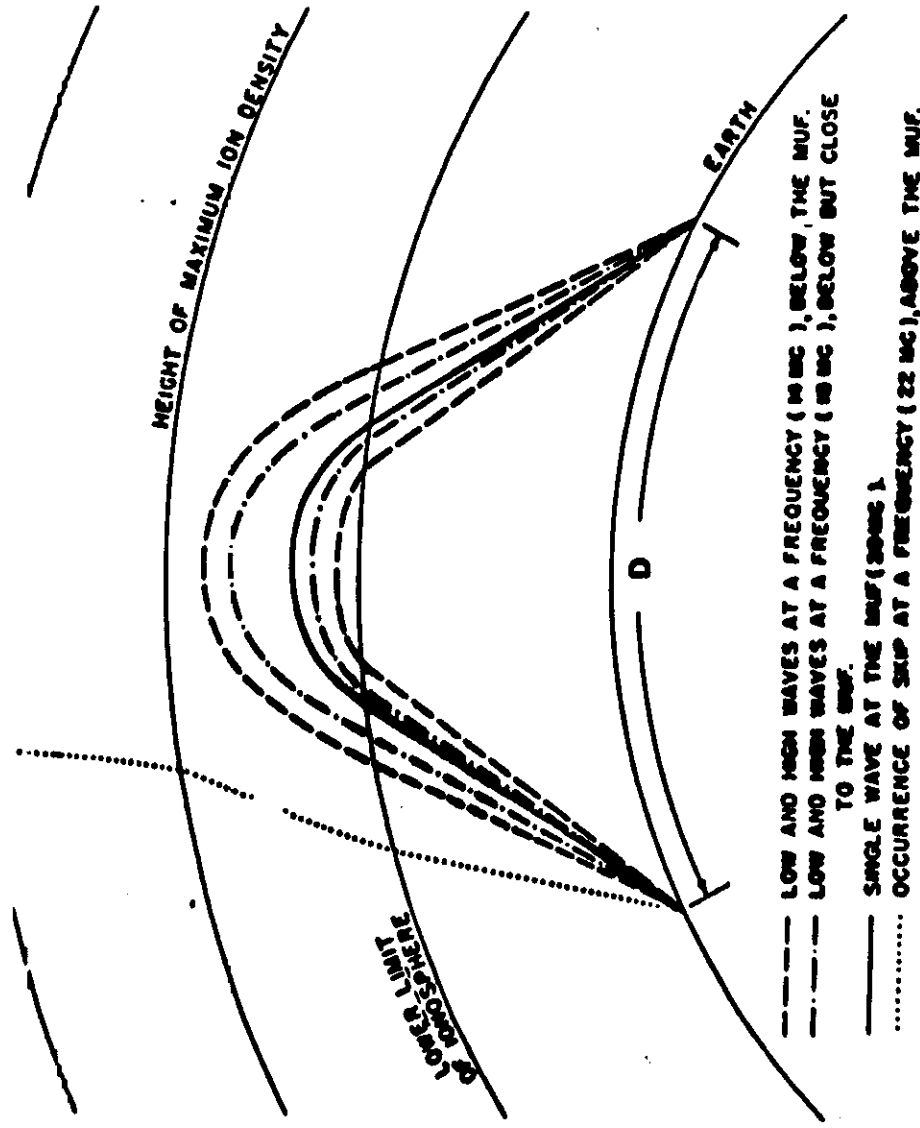
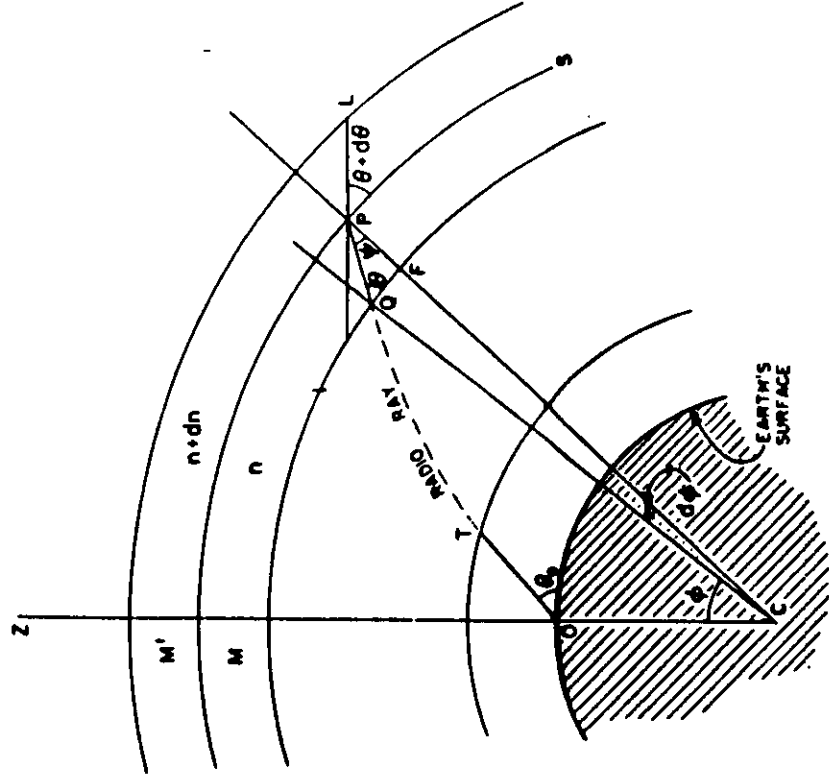


FIGURE 6.3. Fixed distance—varying frequency (curved earth, curved ionosphere assumed)

(from NBS 462, 1948)



Geometry for the derivation of Snell's Law in spherical coordinates.
(from Bean and Dutton, 1968)

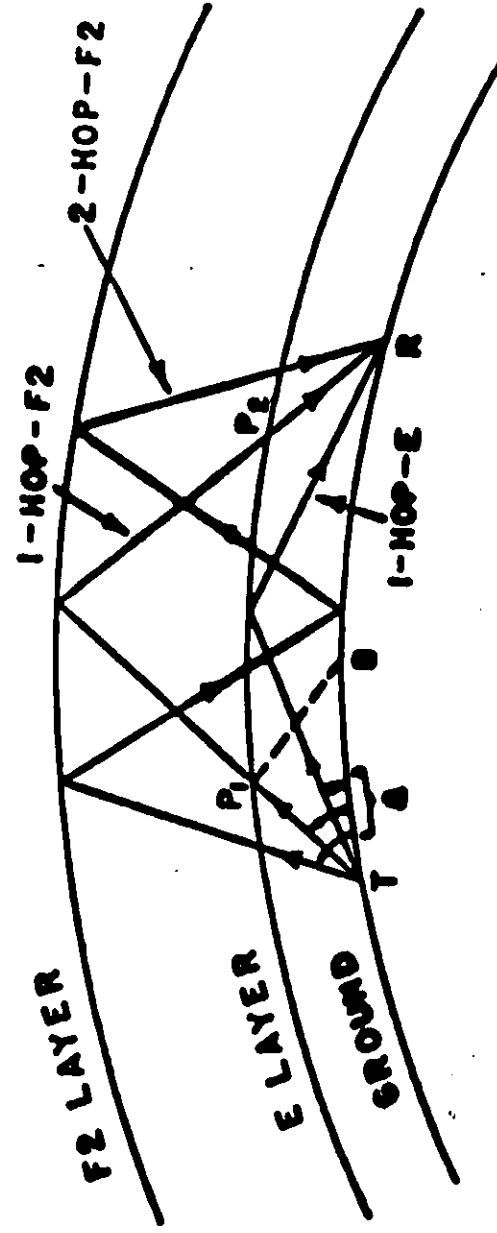
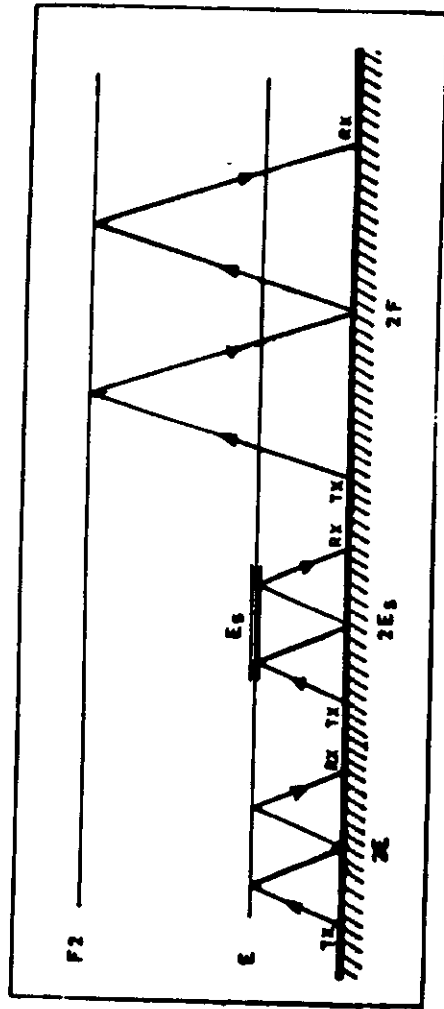
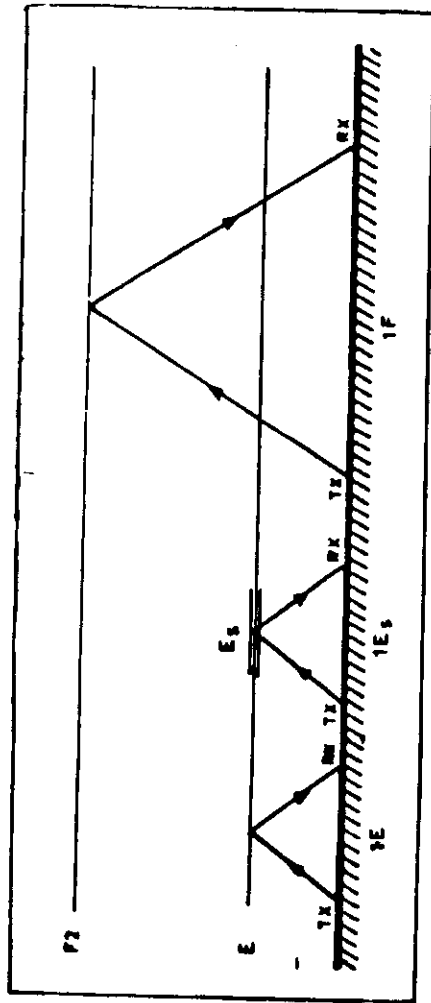
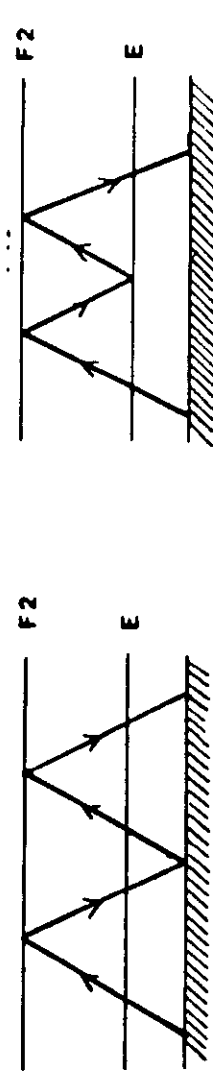


FIGURE 7.1. Modes of propagation.

(from MRS C, regular 462, 1948)

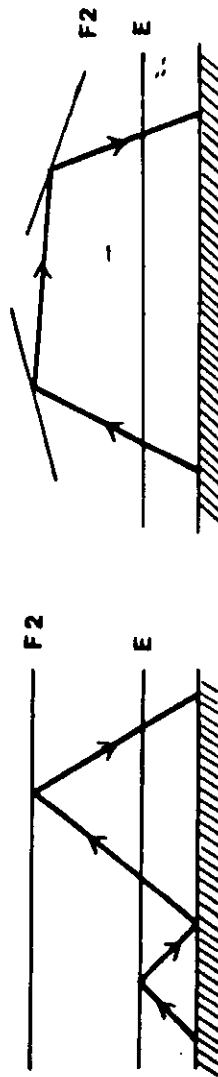


(from Australian IPS, 1982)



a) $2 F_2$ mode

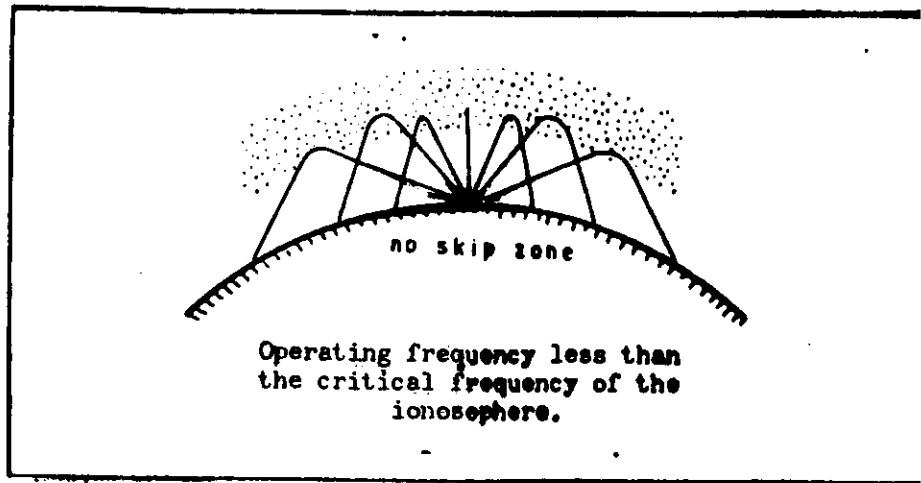
b) M-mode



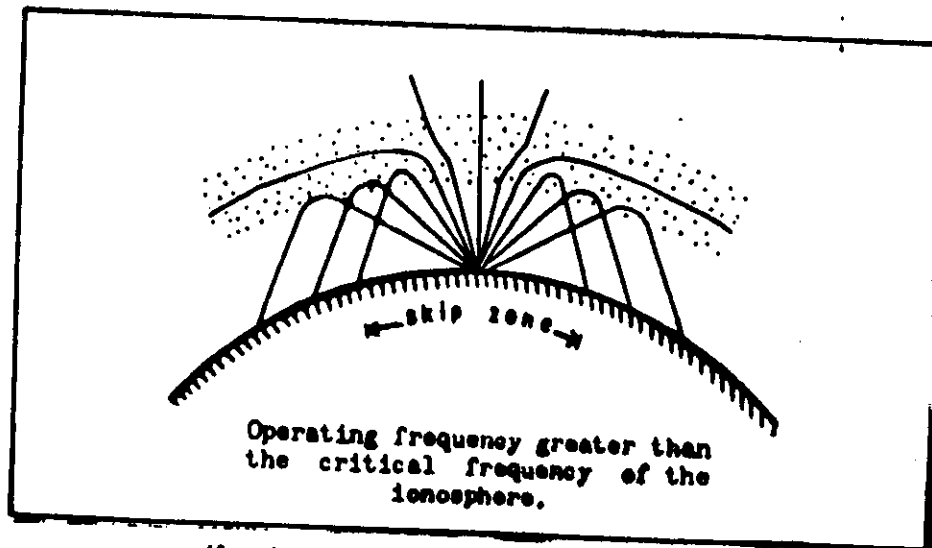
c) $1E + 1F_2$ mode

d) Mode in an ionosphere with tilts

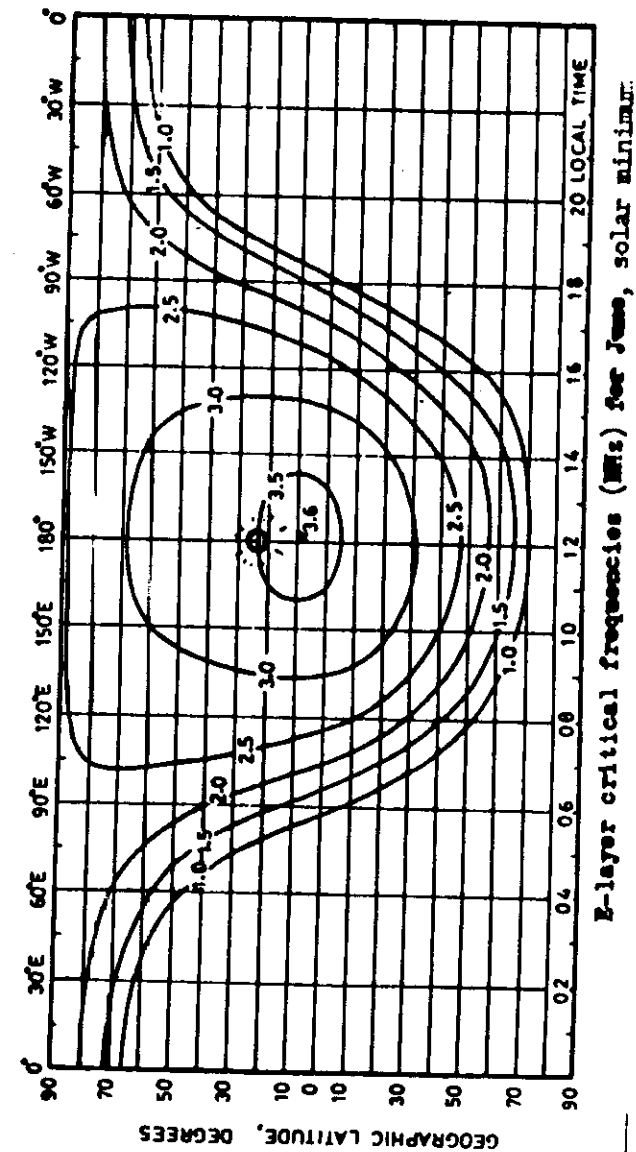
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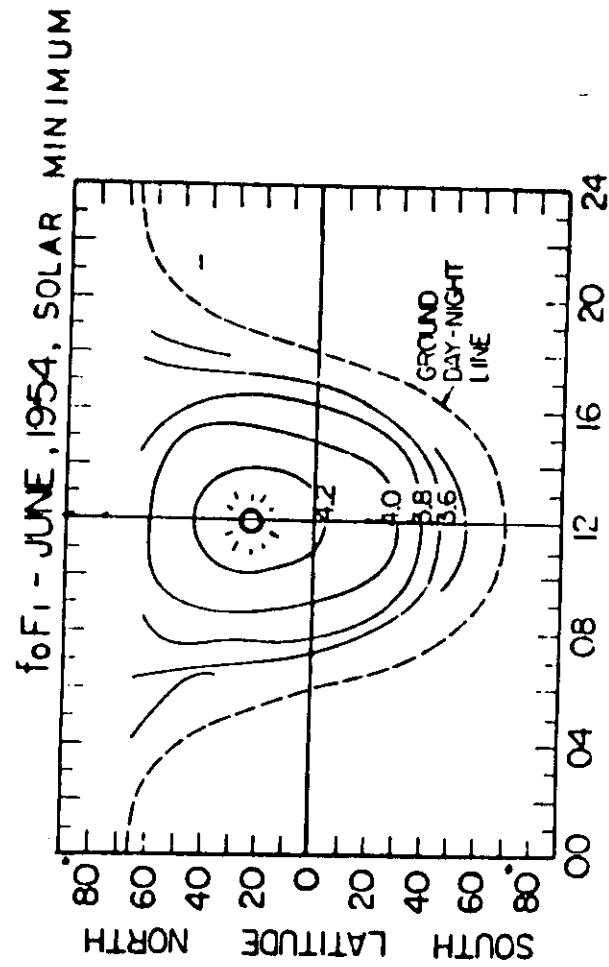
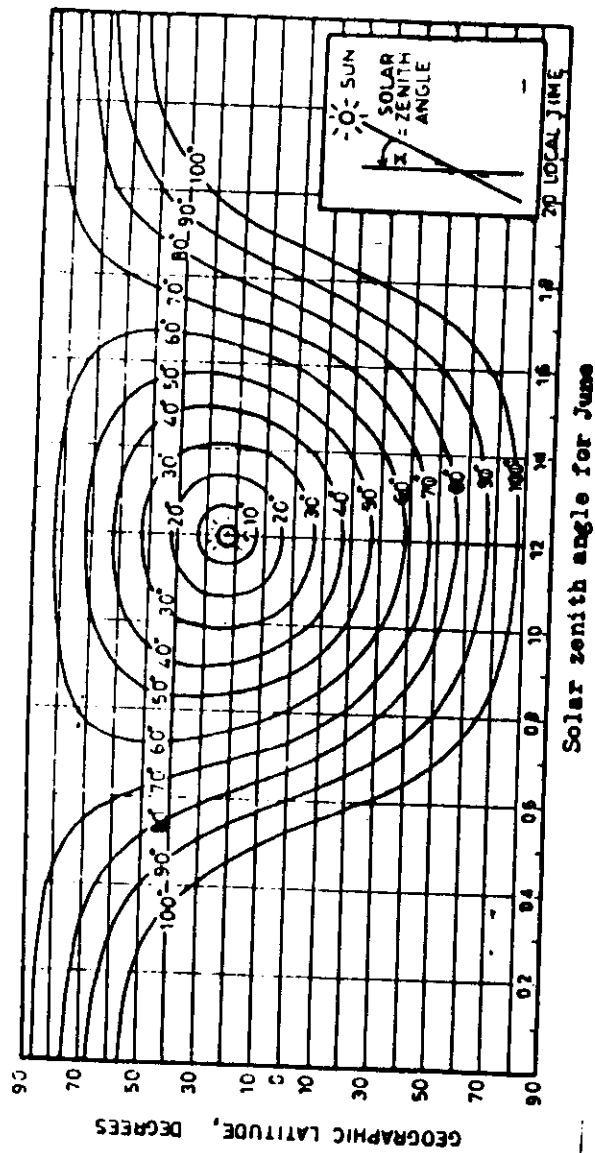


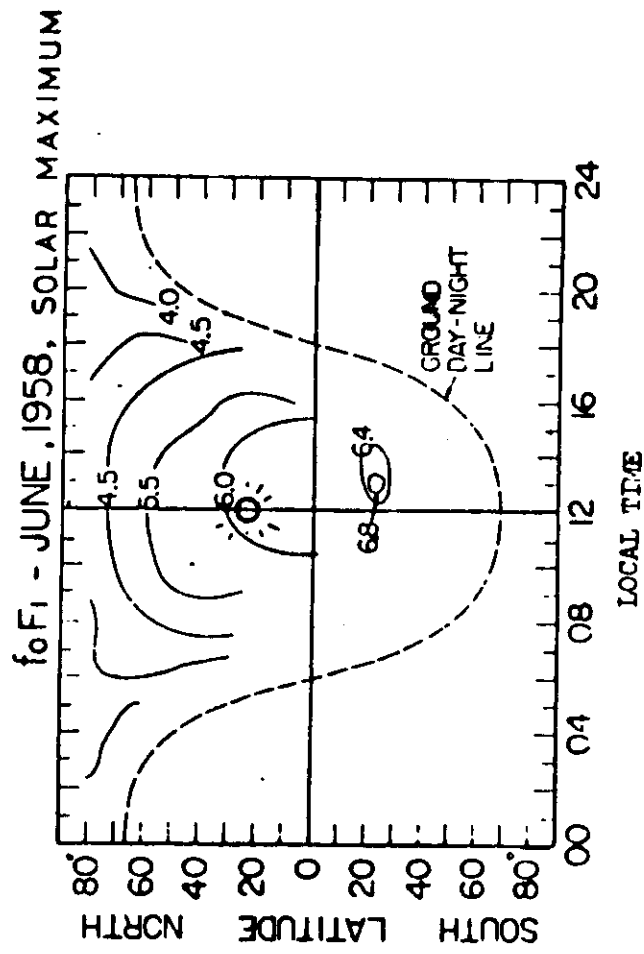
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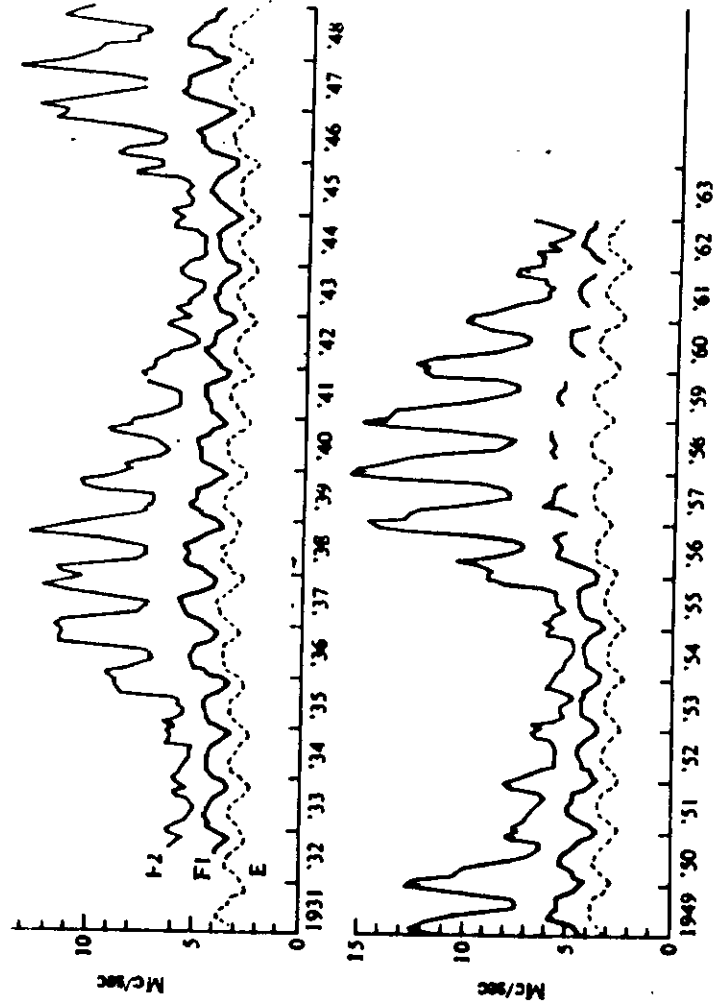
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F1-layer critical frequencies(MHz)



Long term variations of critical frequencies at Slough, England (Davies 1969).

IONOSPHERIC VERTICAL SOUNDING STATIONS

- = 1959 DATA IN WDC-A
- = 1961 DATA IN WDC-A

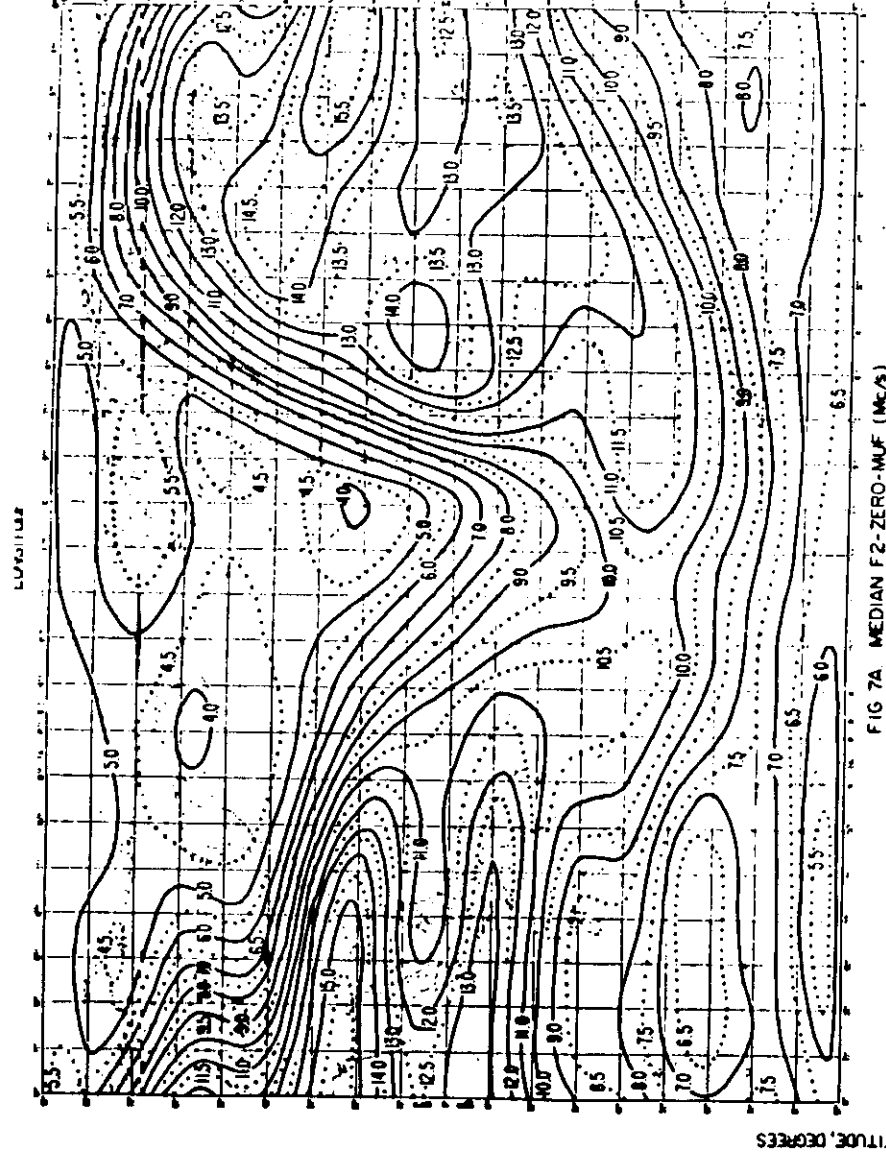
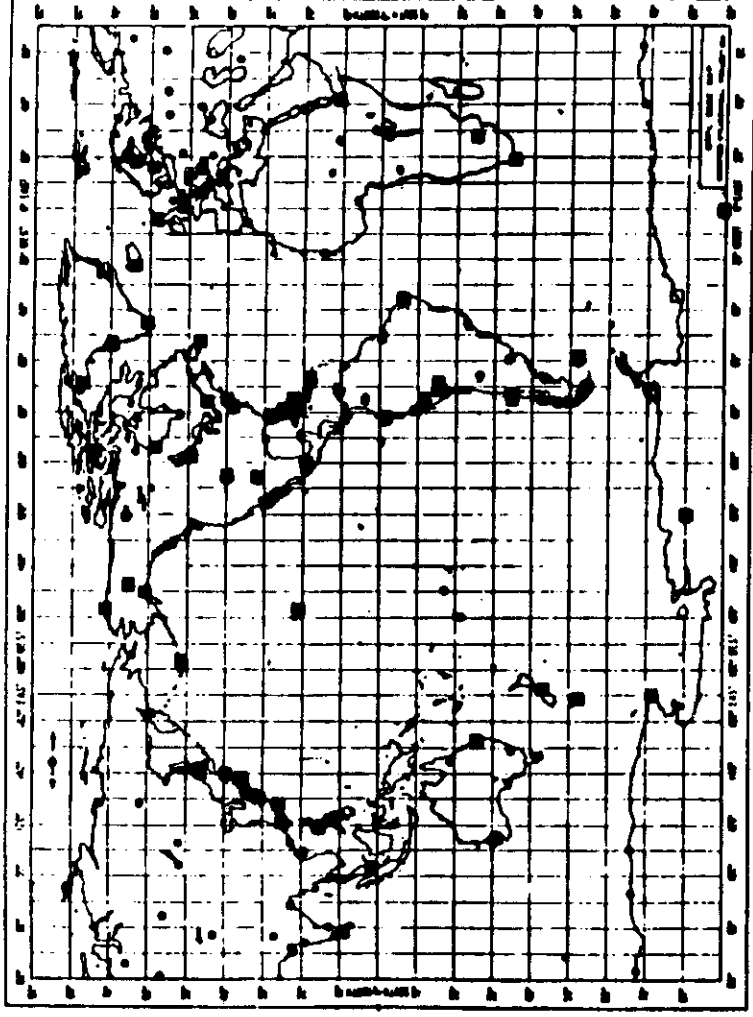


FIG 7A MEDIAN F2-ZERO-MUF (Mc/s)

(from NBS 90, 1962)

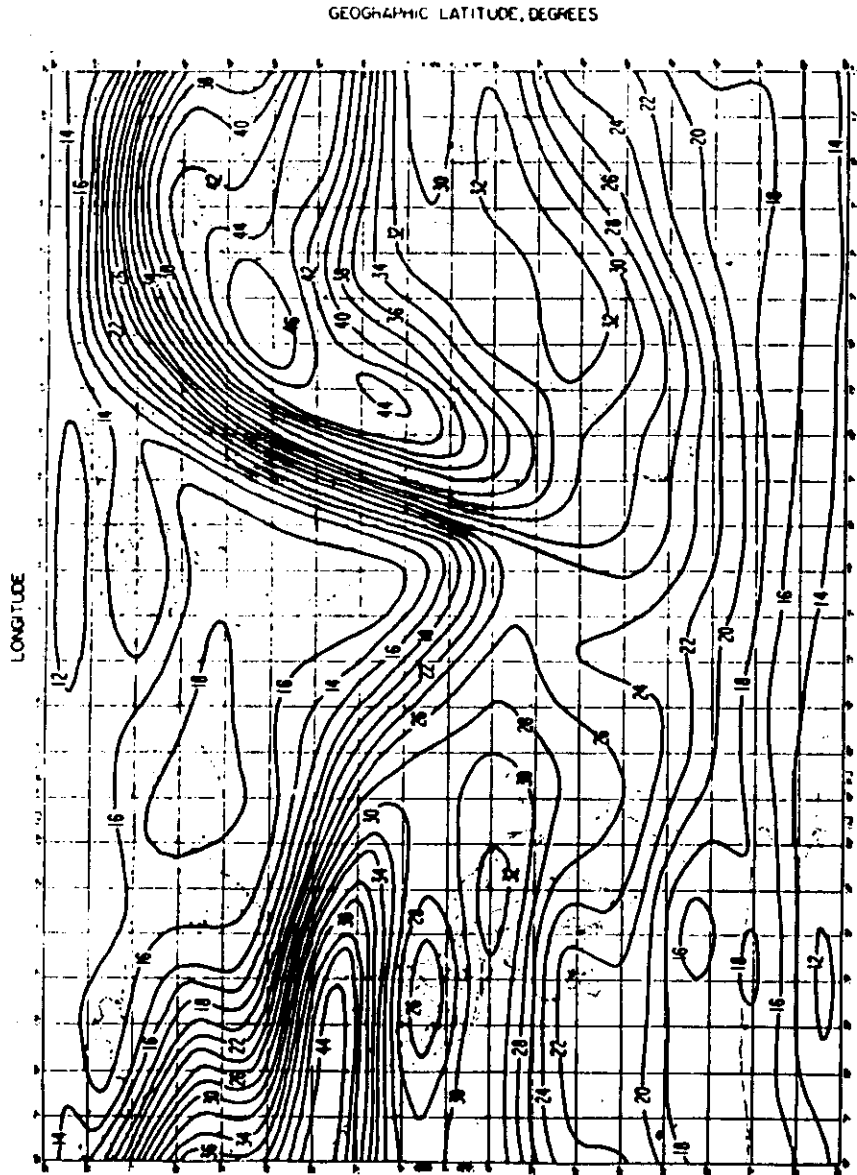
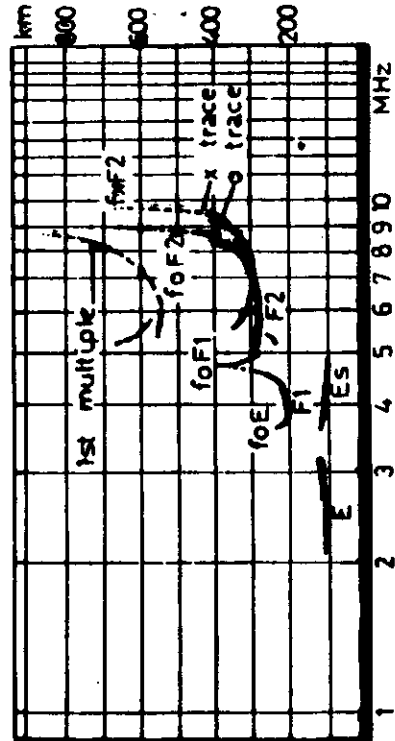


FIG. 7B MEDIAN F2-4000-MUF (Mc/M)
(from NBS 90, 1962)



11-2-11 11:11 AM



NORMAL DAY TIME MONOGRAM

The polarised ordinary (o) and extraordinary (x) components, the critical frequencies of the E, F1 and F2 layers, a sporadic-E layer and a multiple echo are shown.

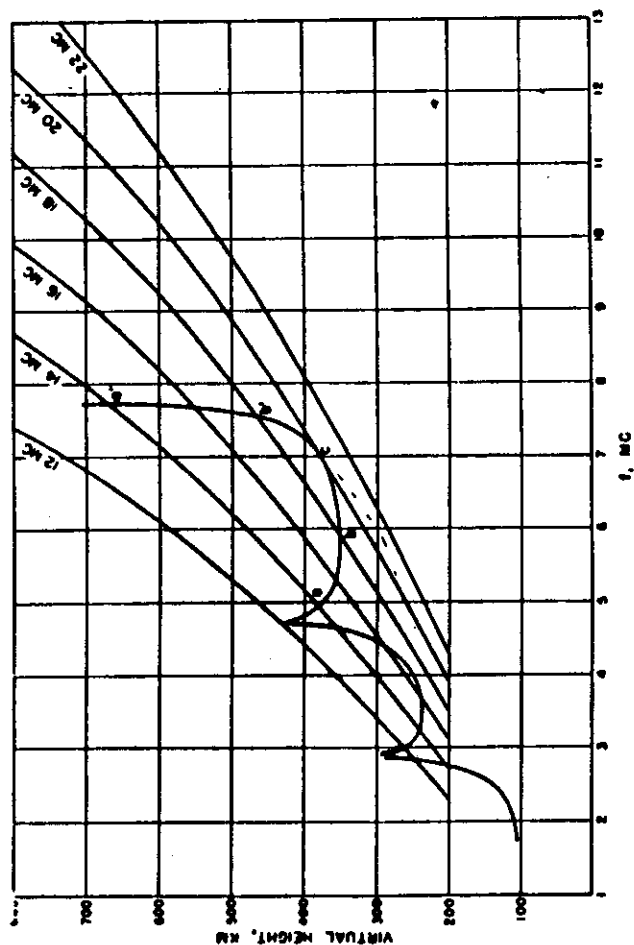
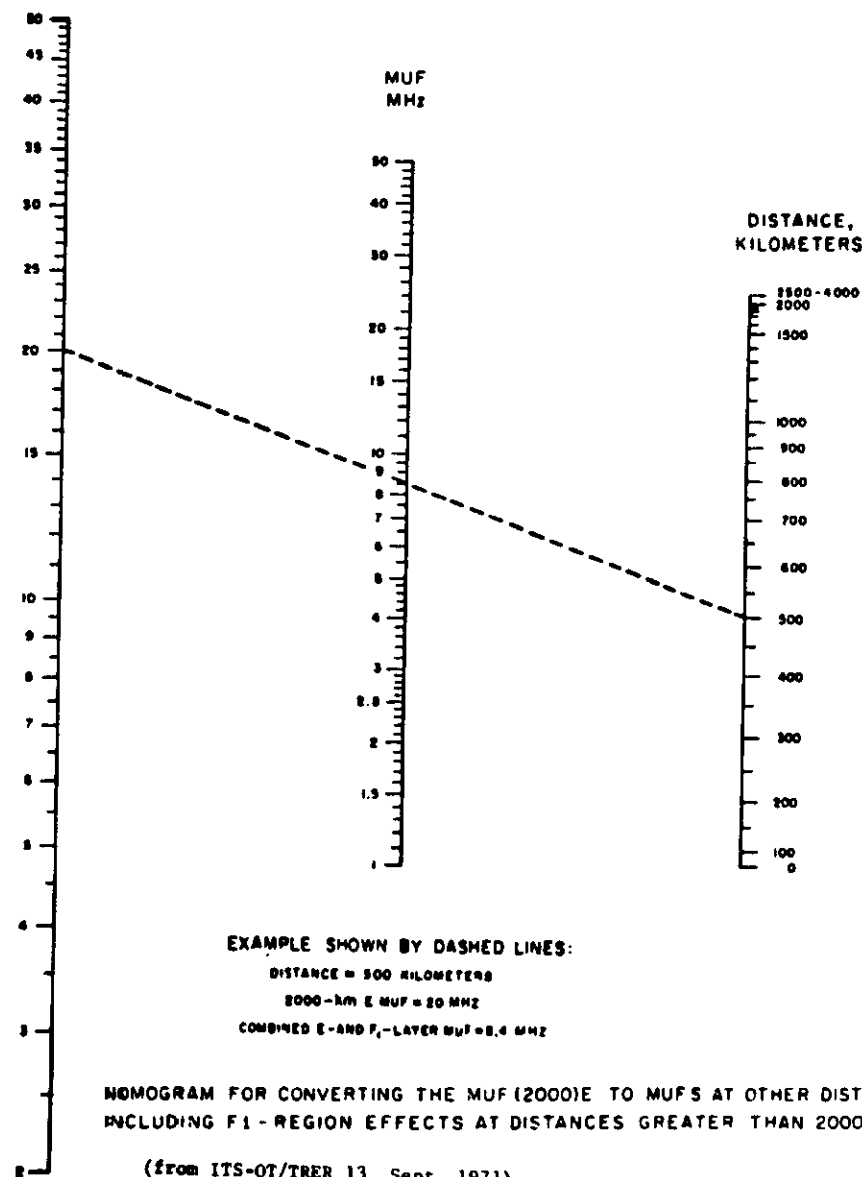
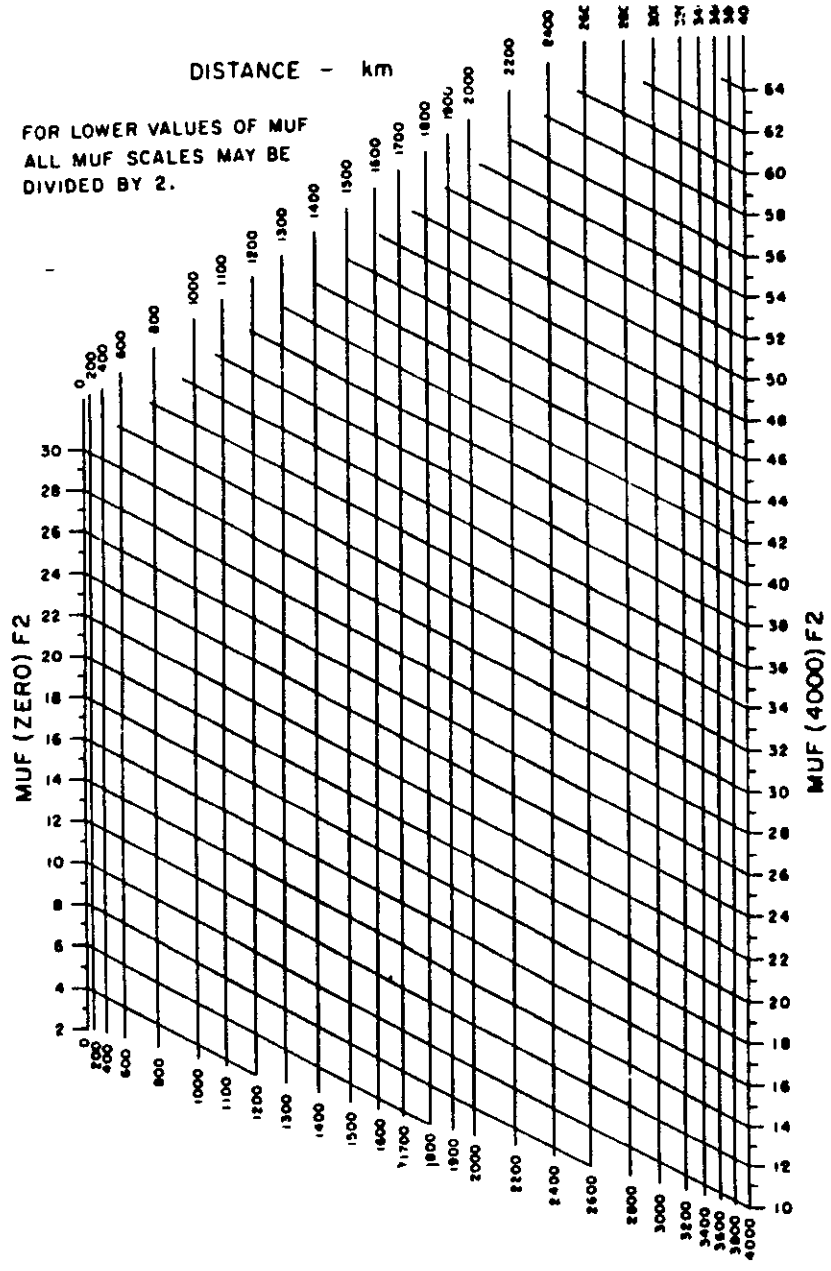


Figure 6.2. Family of transmission curves parametric in frequency for a fixed distance of 2,000 km superimposed on an A'f graph.
A flat earth and flat ionosphere assumed.





Nomogram for Interpolating Between MUF (ZERO) F2 and MUF (4000) F2 to Obtain MUFs at Intermediate Distances
(from IIS-OT/TRER 13, Sept. 1971)

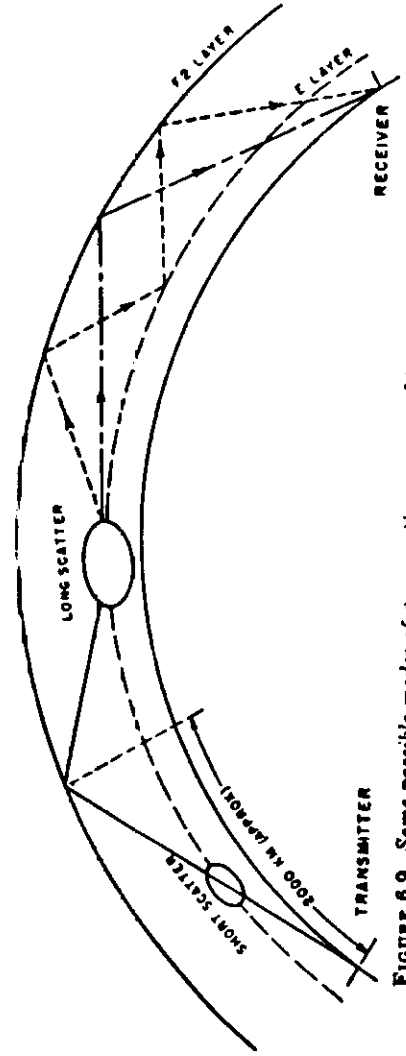
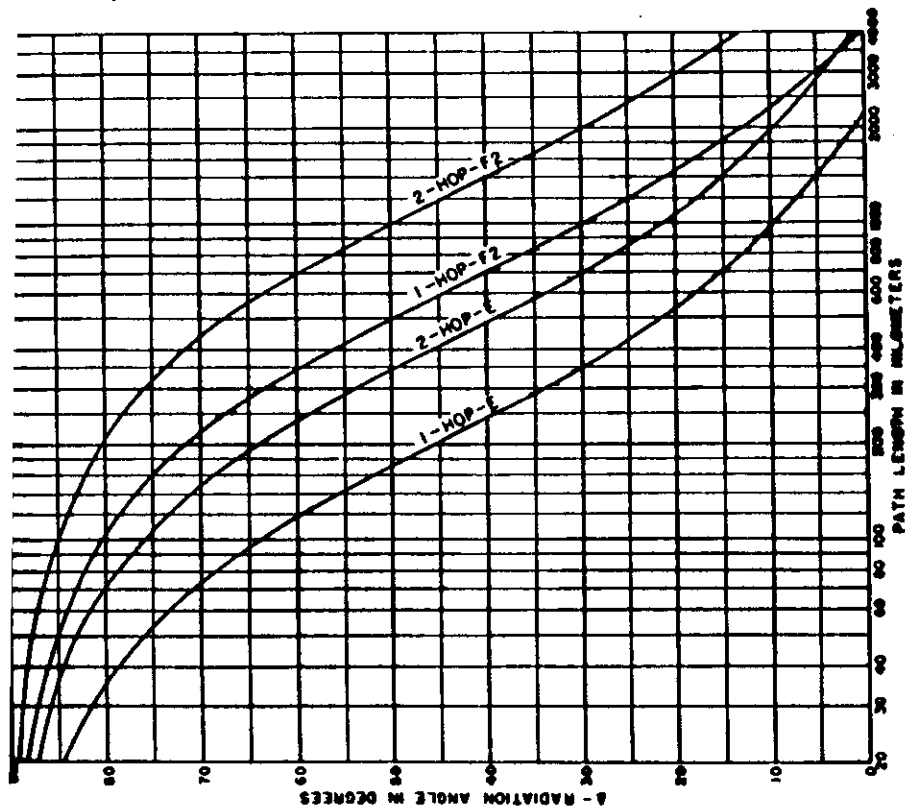


Figure 6.9. Some possible modes of propagation over great distances involving long scatter.

(from NBS Circular 462, 1948)



Radiation angle versus path length, based on virtual reflection heights, F2 layer—105 km, F2 layer—320 km.

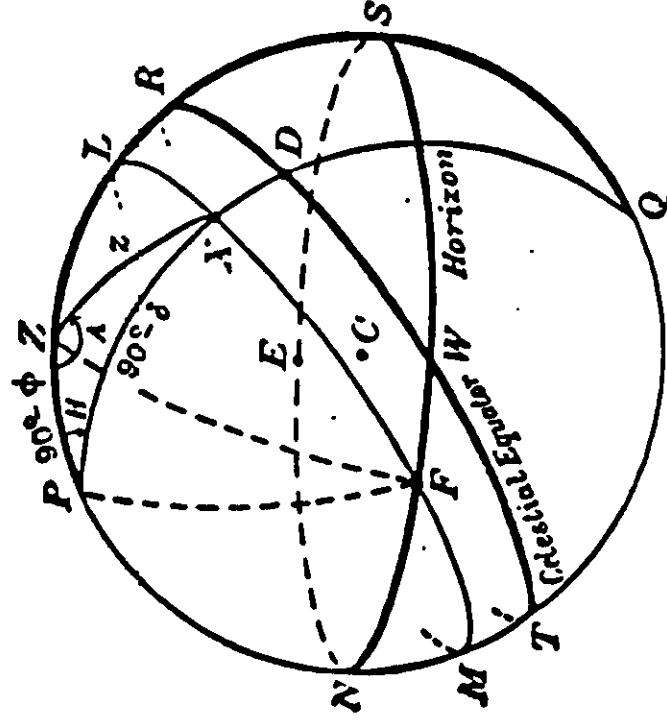
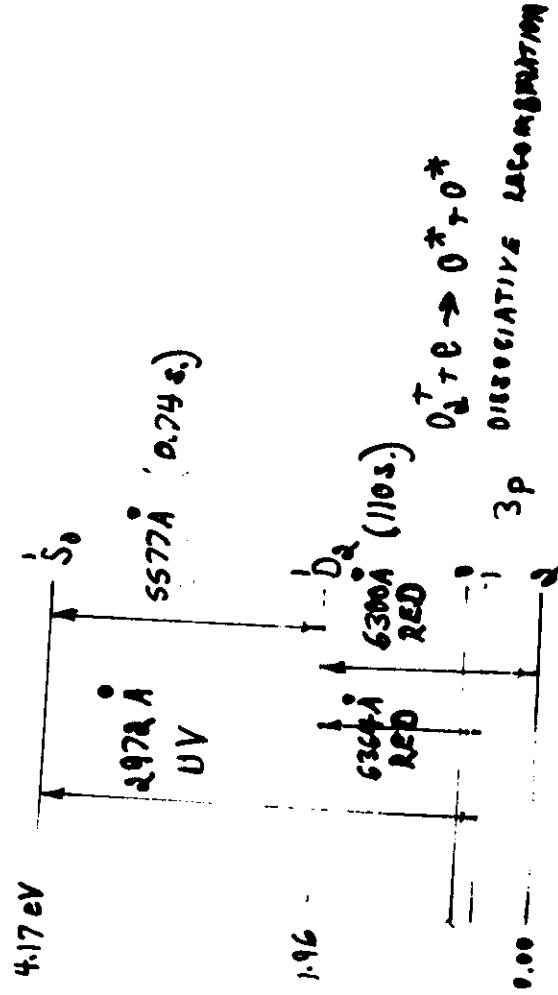
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Path Length Kilometres	Required Radiation (Elevation) Angles	Suitable Simple Aerial
0-200	60°- 90°	Horizontal dipole: broadside to required azimuth. 0.25 wavelength (λ) above ground.
200-500	40°- 70°	Horizontal dipole: broadside to required azimuth. 0.3 λ above ground.
500-1000	25°- 50° and 10°- 20°	0.25 λ vertical monopole, or horizontal dipole, broadside to required azimuth 0.5 λ above ground.
1000-2000	10°- 30° and low angles	Vertical monopole up to 0.3 λ long with ground screen.
2000-3000	5°- 15° and 20 - 30°	Vertical monopole up to 0.3 λ long.
> 3000	low angles	Vertical monopole up to 0.6 λ long with ground screen.

Examples of path lengths and simple aeriels suitable
for the required radiation angles.

(from Australian IPS, 1982)

OPTICAL EMISSIONS



$$\cos Z = \sin \phi \sin \delta + \cos \phi \cos \delta \cos H$$

$$\sin \delta = \sin \phi \cos Z + \cos \phi \sin Z \cos A$$

(from Smart, 1960)

ϕ = latitude
 δ = celestial declination
 H = " hour angle
 A = azimuth
 Z = zenith distance ($90^\circ - \text{elevation}$)

Radius vector

$$\rho = a(0.998\ 327\ 073 + 0.001\ 676\ 438 \cos 2\phi - 0.000\ 003\ 519 \cos 4\phi + 0.000\ 000\ 008 \cos 6\phi)$$

One degree of latitude (m)

$$111\ 133.35 - 559.84 \cos 2\phi + 1.17 \cos 4\phi \quad (\phi = \text{mid-latitude of arc})$$

One degree of longitude (m)

$$111\ 413.28 \cos \phi - 93.51 \cos 3\phi + 0.12 \cos 5\phi$$

Figure of the Earth

Equatorial radius (primary)

$$a = 6\ 378\ 160\ \text{m}$$

Flattening factor for Earth (derived)

$$f = 1/298.25$$

$$= 0.003\ 352\ 89$$

Polar radius

$$a(1-f) = 6\ 356\ 774.7\ \text{m}$$

Square of eccentricity

$$e^2 = 0.006\ 694\ 54$$

Reduction from geodetic latitude ϕ to geocentric latitude ϕ'

$$\phi' - \phi = -11' 32''.743\ 0 \sin 2\phi + 1''.163\ 3 \sin 4\phi - 0''.002\ 6 \sin 6\phi$$

*The complete system of astronomical constants is given in *Supplement to the A.E.* 1968 (pages 45-75).

(from *The American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac* 1975.)

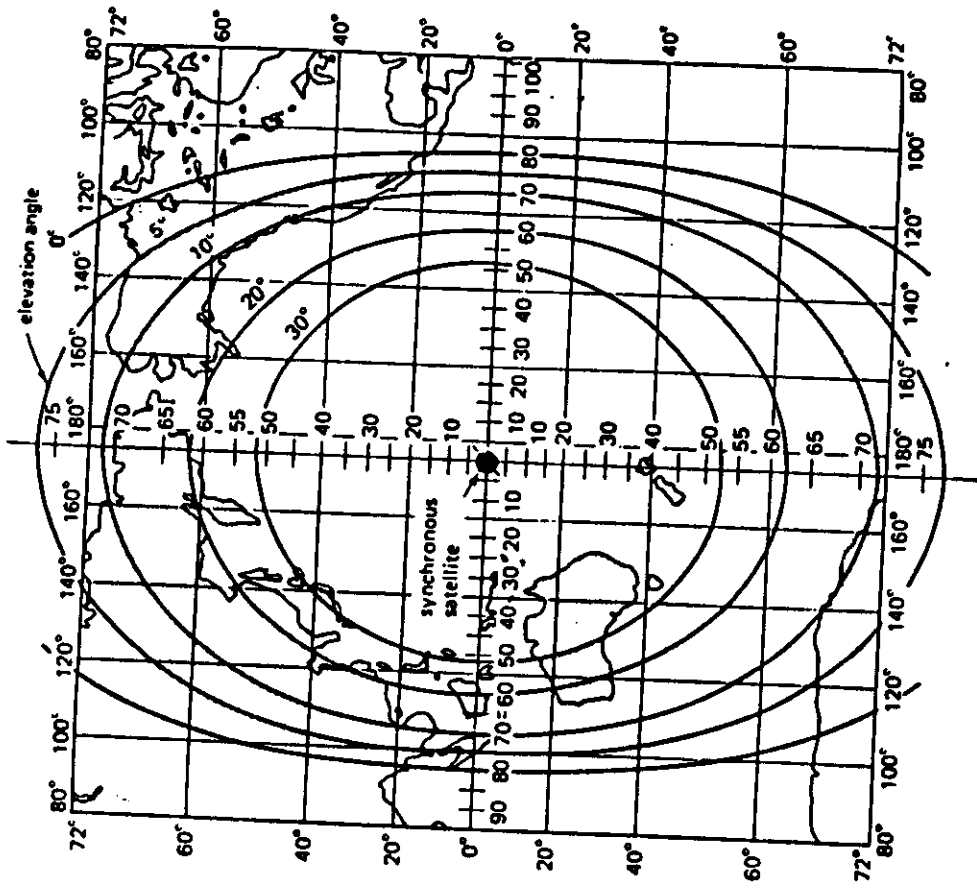


Fig. 6-15 Synchronous-satellite coverage pattern versus ground-station elevation angle

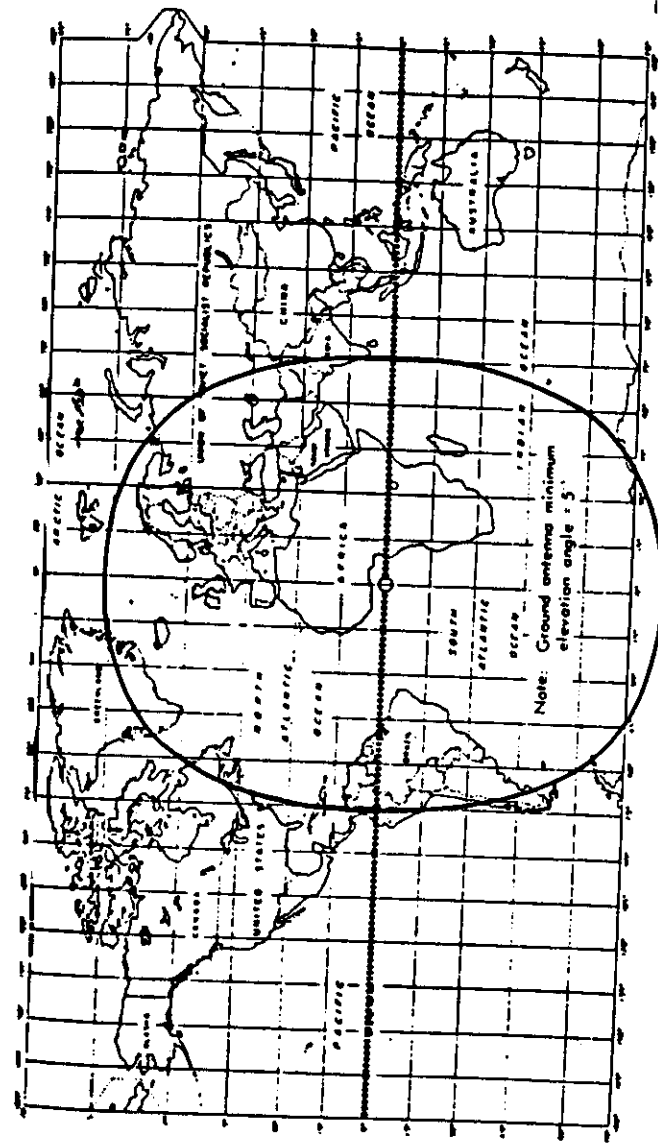


Fig. 8-16 Synchronous-satellite coverage pattern. A 5° elevation angle from the 19,310 nm synchronous altitude covers 25.8% of the earth's surface.

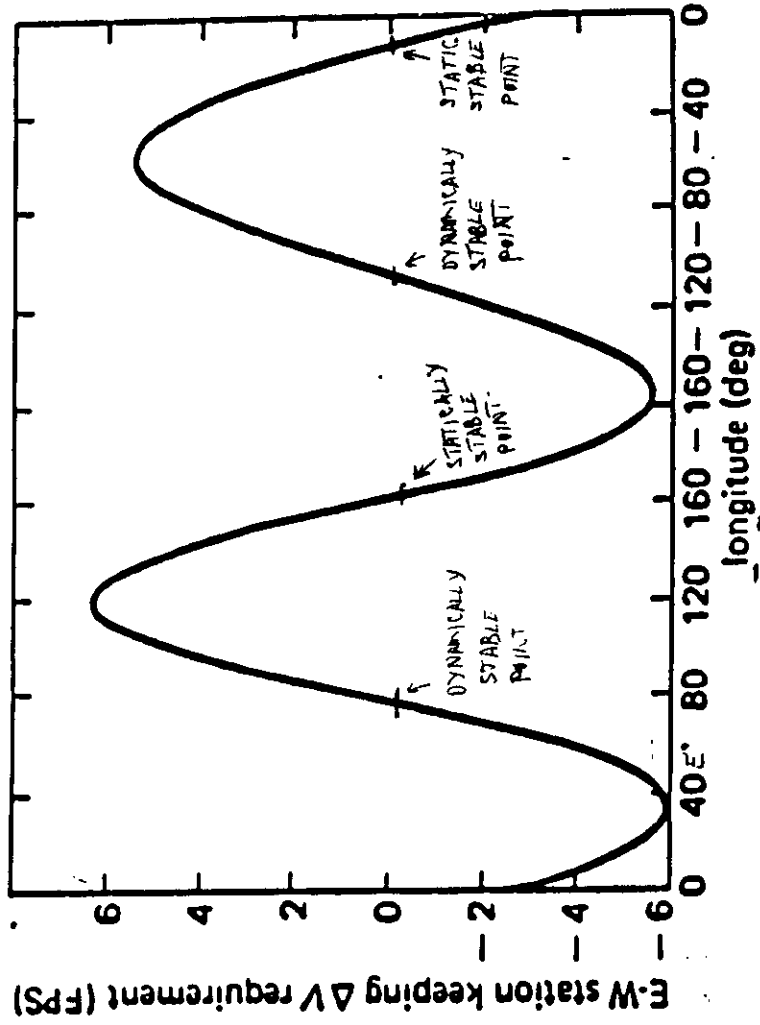


Fig. 6-3 Geosynchronous satellite east-west velocity corrections in feet per second [Isley and Duck article, reprinted from *Communications Satellite Technology*, P. Bargellini ed., by permission of the M. I. T. Press, Cambridge, MA, © 1974. All rights reserved.]

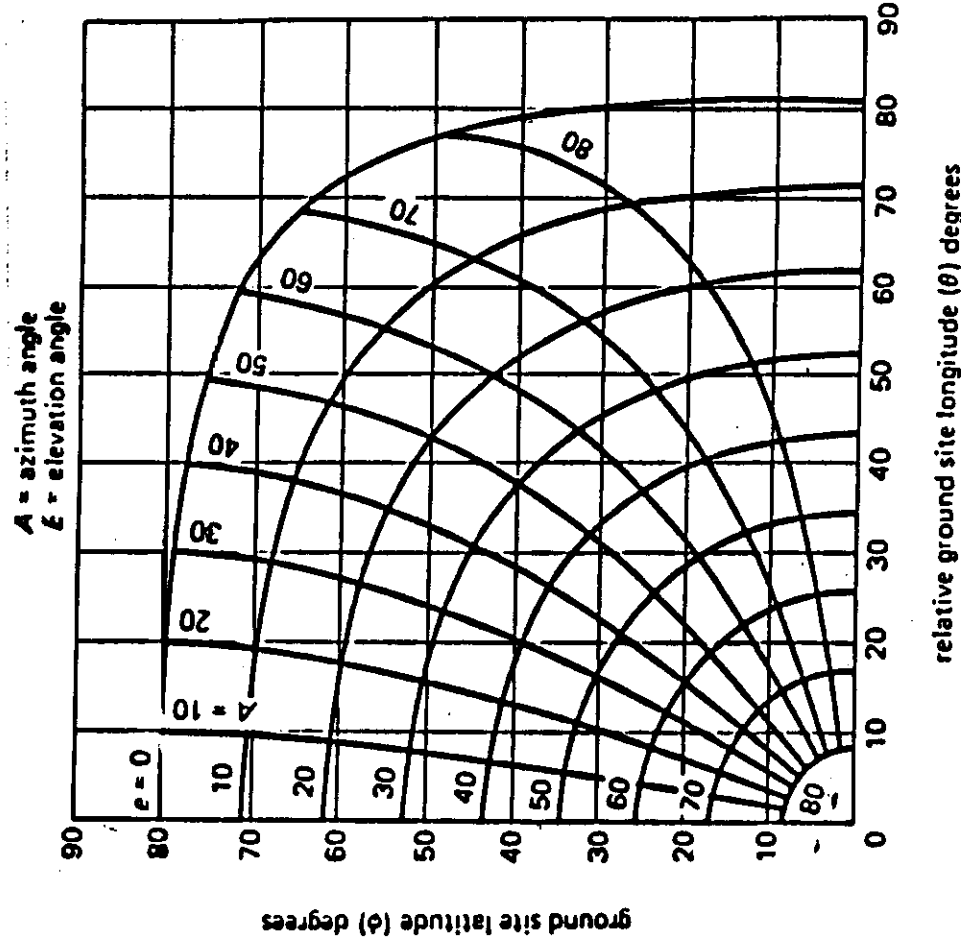


Fig. 6-18 Azimuth and elevation look angles to geostationary satellites [From F. L. Smith, 1972]

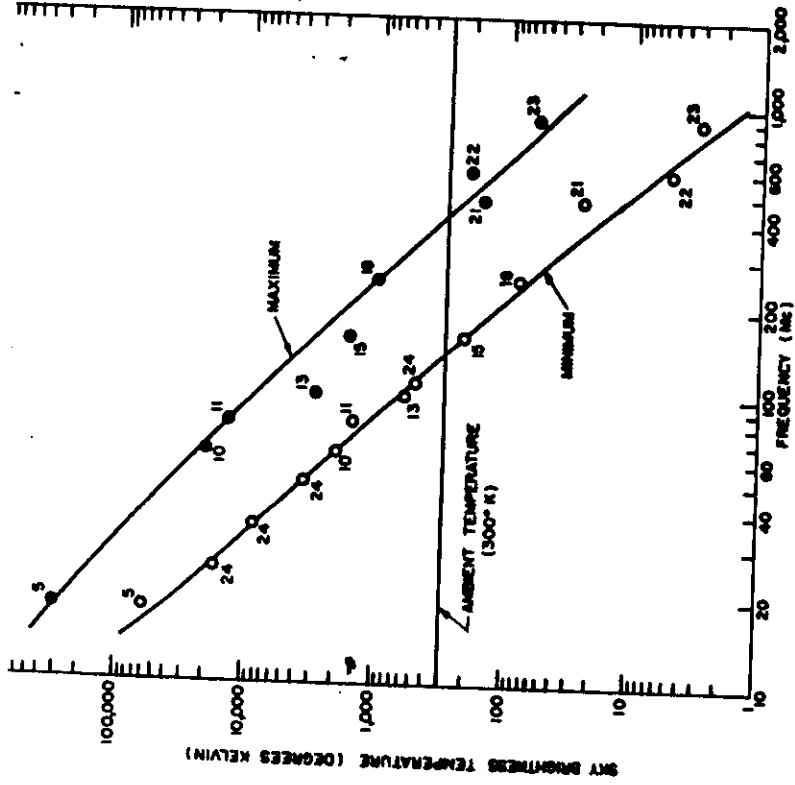
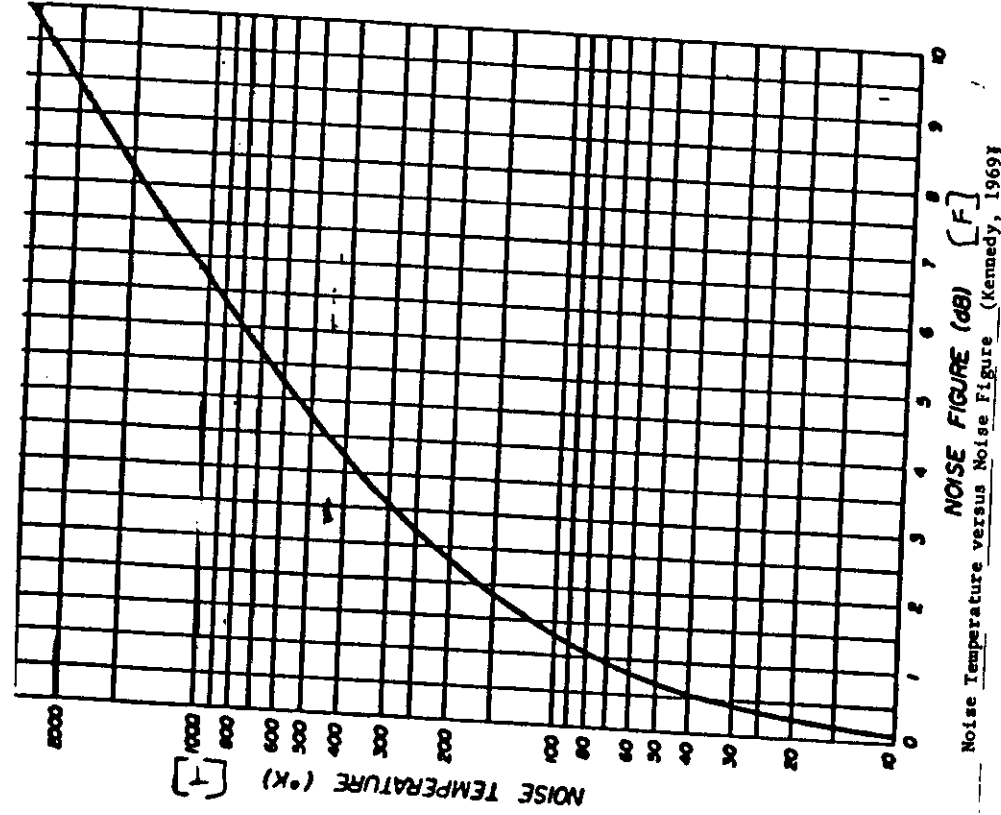


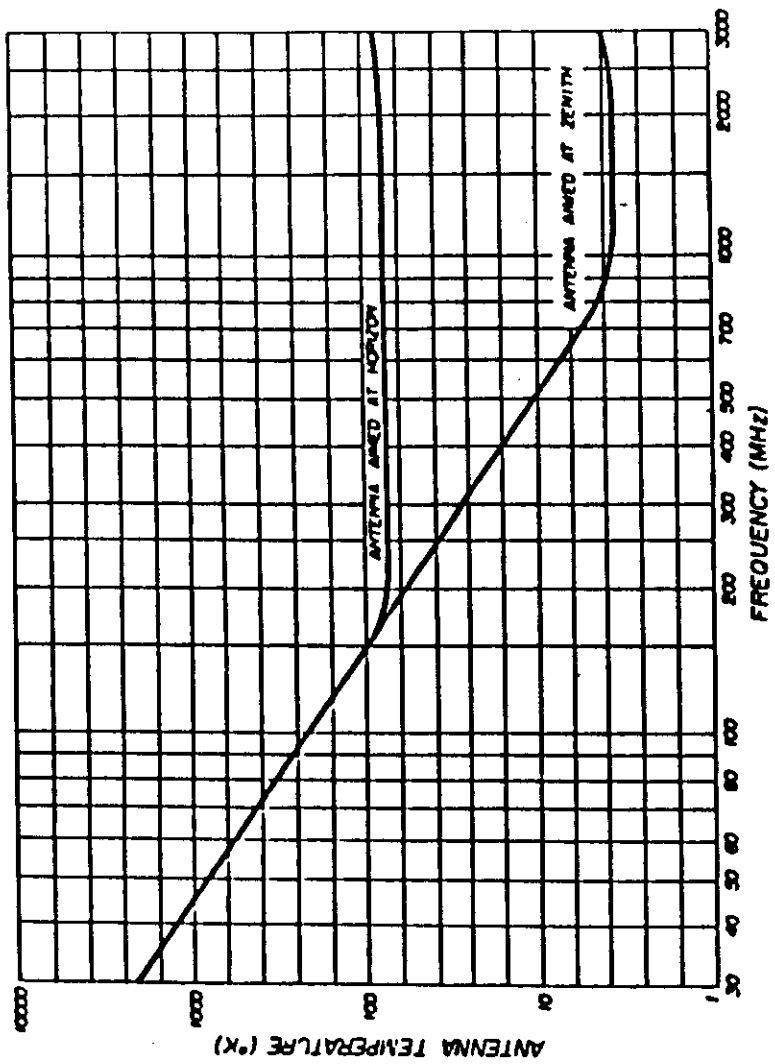
Fig. 21. Maximum and minimum sky temperatures as a function of frequency. The numbers adjacent indicate observers (see references).

(after Kraus, 1958)



Noise Temperature versus Noise Figure (Kennedy, 1969)

$$T = \left[10^{(F/10)} - 1 \right] \times 290^\circ$$



Minimum Expected Antenna Temperature as a Function of Frequency (Kennedy, 1969)

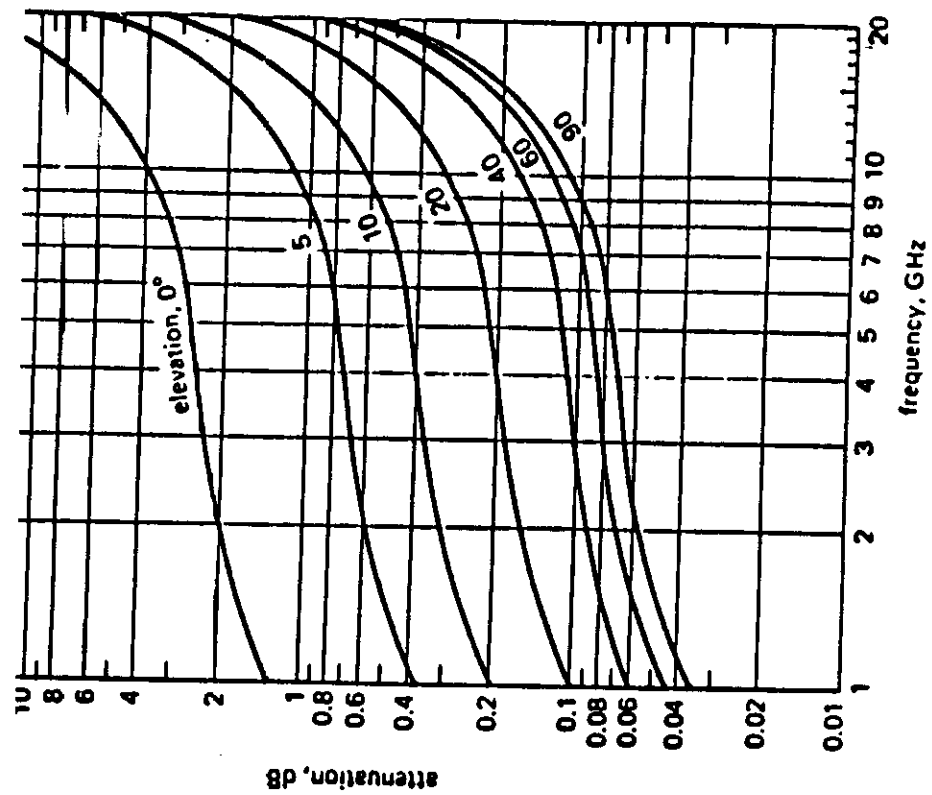


Fig. 6-32 Atmospheric attenuation due to oxygen and water vapor [From Benoit, 1968, 73-80]

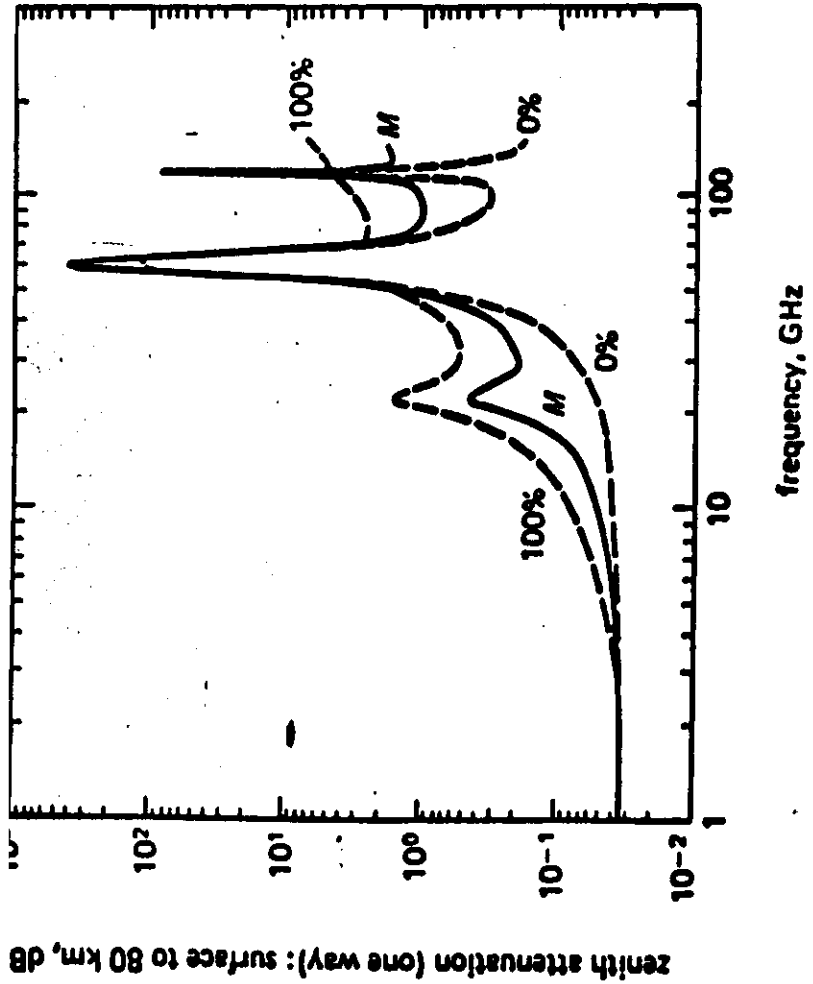
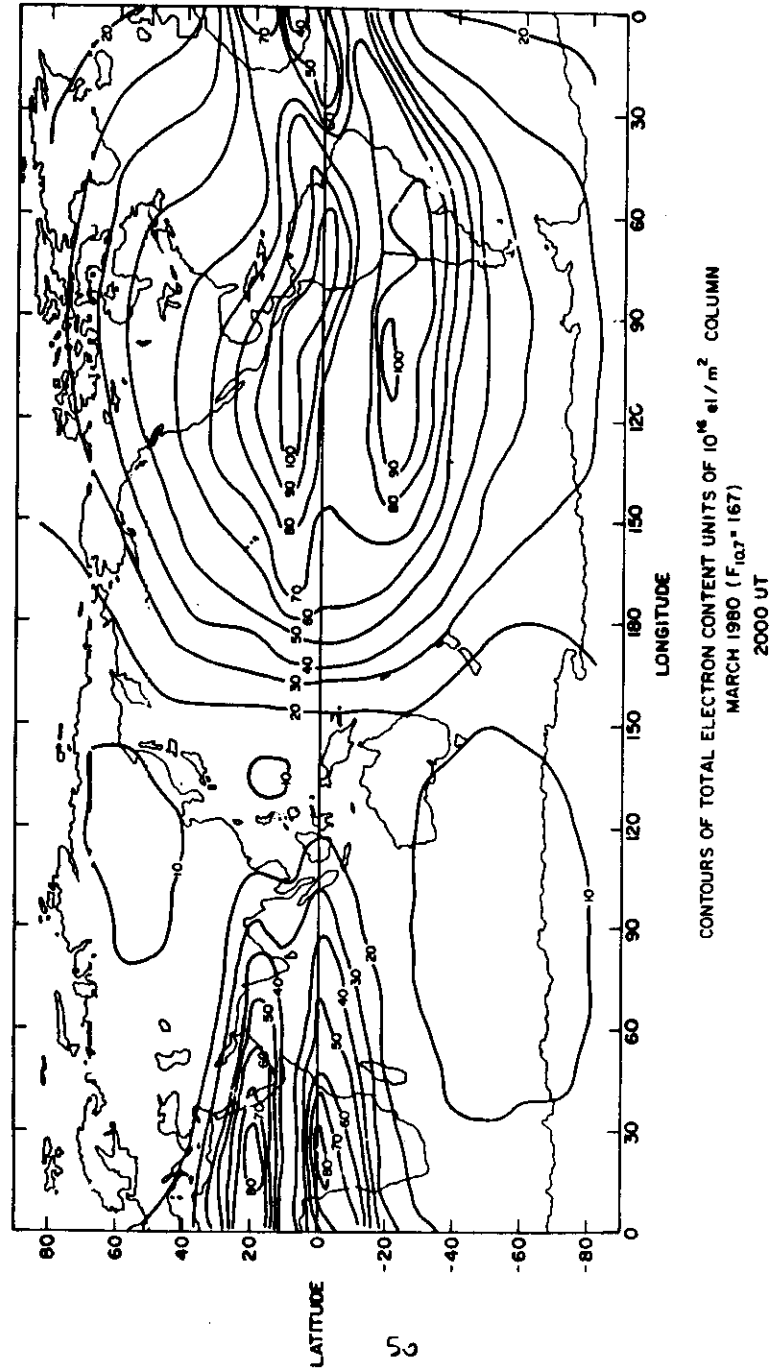


Fig. 6-31 Zenith attenuation versus frequency for various percent humidity [From Crane, 1971, 174]



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