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Lecture Notes

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on

Equatorial Electrojet I and II

Regular daily variations of the geomagnetic field components have been known from the earliest very early data from geomagnetic observatories and these variations have been attributed to electric currents in the upper atmosphere. The establishment of geomagnetic observatory at Huancayo in 1922 showed an abnormally large solar daily variation at equatorial latitude and was attributed to very strong eastward ~~to~~ currents during the daytime at overhead the station. The establishment of few additional observatories at low latitudes led to the discovery of the enhancement of the daily variation over the dip equator within a very narrow belt of  $\pm 5^\circ$  (Egedal 1944). This enhanced eastward current was named by Prof Chapman as EQUATORIAL ELECTROJET.

In Fig. 1(a) and 1(b) are shown the location of geomagnetic observatories in Indo-USSR longitudes and the solar quiet day variations of the Horizontal (H) and Vertical (Z) components of the geomagnetic field as well as of the Declination at these observatories.

### Fig 1(a) and 1(b)

The latitudinal variations of the amplitude and phase of the diurnal and semi diurnal components of the daily variations of these geomagnetic field components are shown in Fig 2

The Declination ( $D$ ) at these observatories (which are all in northern hemisphere) showed positive values in the forenoon and negative values in the afternoon hours indicating southward currents in the morning and northward currents in the evening hours.

The Horizontal ( $H$ ) is maximum at noon at low latitudes and minimum at high latitudes at noon suggesting eastward current at low latitudes reversing to westward current beyond the latitude of Sahrawala. The amplitude of diurnal as well as semidiurnal component shows a maximum over the dip equator.

The vertical component ( $Z$ ) at all these observatories (except at Trinandrum) shows a minimum at noon characteristic of the northern hemisphere. The variation of  $Z$  and of  $H$  being similar at Trinandrum have been explained by Singh (B.P.) as due to induction effects in the subsurface geological features between India and the Sri Lanka and due to currents along the Palk Strait.

These features can be represented by the equivalent overhead current system as shown in Fig 3. One finds two loops of current Fig. 3.

system in the northern and southern hemispheres within the day time hours. The currents in the night time are too weak to be determined by conventional magnetometers. The foci of the current systems are located at about  $3.5^{\circ}$  latitudes and at hours either close to or slightly before noon. The direction of currents loop is anti-clockwise in the northern, and clockwise in the southern hemisphere.

The intensity of total currents, position of focus and the shape of the current loops vary with longitude, season, solar activity epochs and may be with long term secular variation effects. It is to be noted that at stations near the foci, one finds opposing currents in two directions and hence ideally there should be no variation of the horizontal field ( $H$ ). At equatorial stations the effects of the northern as well of the southern loops are in the same direction and hence very large variation of the  $H$  field is observed at these latitudes.

### Fig 4(a) and 4(b)

In Fig 4(a) and (b) are shown the daily variations of  $D$ ,  $H$  and  $Z$  at stations near the current focus

in Indian longitude. It is seen that the H field has significant daily variation and ~~at~~<sup>during</sup> some seasons becomes almost semi-diurnal in character. These features could be due to the distortions and the asymmetries in the Sq  $\delta$  current loops.

When the daily ranges of the H field at all available observatories are plotted against latitude one obtains a curve as shown in Fig 5 & slightly modified after

Fig 5.

Onnurechilli. Instead of smooth maximum of the daily range, one finds a very ~~wide~~ narrow maximum superimposed on the smooth curve one would interpolate from the data from non equatorial latitudes. This is the characteristic of the equatorial electrojet.

The features of H and Z variations at low latitudes can be explained on the basis of a band current flowing at 105 km altitude centred over the dip equator and with very small vertical extent. The theoretically derived variations of H and Z are shown in Fig 6. One would observe a maximum

Fig 6.

of H at the dip equator, with the width of the maximum corresponding to the width of

the band current. The Z variation would be zero at the centre and maxima at the edge of the current sheet. The sign of z variation would be opposite in the either side of the equator.

Prof Chapman (1951) had derived the curves for the latitudinal variations of H and Z within the electrojet regions on the basis of various shapes of the current profiles.

Prof Onnurechilli has worked extensively on the modelling of the current profiles to fit the observed ground and satellite magnetic field data. Theoretical modelling has been done by Segura and Porras, Richmond and McIntosh and many other scientists.

Fig 6.

Shows the position of some of the equatorial geomagnetic observatories. Note that all of these are located in DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. The difference between the geomagnetic equator (dipole) and the dip equator is the largest in West African regions pointing to special significance of geomagnetic research in the region.

Fig 8.

Shows the latitudinal cross section of  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta Z$  across the dip equator in CHAD based on the network of nine observatories operated for some time by the French scientists.

This is the only example of N-S survey of geomagnetic field across the equator ever attempted.

Fig 8.

shows the comparison of ~~satellite~~  
over the vertical profile of the current density  
of the electrojet by rocket borne proton precessor  
magnetometer compared with the theoretical  
expectation. Note the discrepancy, the theory  
predicts maximum ~~height~~ current at 100 km  
whereas all rocket experiments observe the  
maximum of current at 106-107 km.

Fig 9.

Note the height of the maximum current density  
at 106 km and half-width of about 250 km.

Fig 10

Latitudinal cross section of daily range of  $\Delta H$   
in Ethiopia on some individual days based  
on the array of magnetometers operated in the region

Fig 11

(a) the amplitude of sudden commencement  
of magnetic storms shows an enhancement  
over the dip equator during the day time and  
the enhancement is stronger in American  
than in Indian zone.

(b) The amplitude of magnetic颤动 (S.F.C)  
show enhancement at the equator, this  
being stronger in American than in Indian  
zone.

(c) In American zone the enhancement is  
largest at noon but significantly greater than  
one over at night during very high solar  
activity period.

Fig 12

shows the enhancement of sudden impulse  
over the dip equator based on the ~~Ethiopian~~  
chain of magnetometers

Fig 13

Two examples of S.S.C\*, sudden commencement  
magnetic storm in which first impulse is  
negative followed by the main positive  
impulse. These events are seen at low  
latitudes only between 08 - 16 local hours  
and only within regions few degrees from  
the equator. These are not seen at ~~tropical~~  
latitudes.

Fig 14

Comparison between latitudinal variations  
of  $\Delta H$  and the critical frequency of  $E_s$  layer  
(f<sub>c</sub>s). A close similarity suggests that  
 $E_s$  at low latitudes is associated with  
the equatorial electrojet.

Fig 15

Temporal variation in f<sub>c</sub>s > 5 MHz at  
few typical stations. At auroral regions f<sub>c</sub>s  
occurs mainly at night independent of  
season. At north temperate zone f<sub>c</sub>s is most  
frequent during <sup>and earth</sup> local summer day time. At

At equatorial stations  $E_s$  occurs during the daytime independent of season.

Fig. 16.

Temporal variation of occurrence of  $E_s$  > 5 MHz at few stations in African zone. Note equatorial type of  $E_s$  is observed at Gladysberg (at  $11^{\circ}N$ ) and Djibouti (Geom lat  $17^{\circ}N$ ) and not at Leopoldville (Geom lat  $3^{\circ}S$ ) or at Luira (Geom lat  $4^{\circ}S$ ). If one considers actual dip latitudes the discrepancies are resolved suggesting the close control of ground magnetic fields even at ionospheric heights.

Fig. 17

Shows the starting and ending of equatorial  $E_s$  in correspondence with the period when the geomagnetic field  $H$  is above the night line level.

Fig. 18

Example of an equatorial q-type of sporadic  $E$  reflections on an equatorial ionogram.

Fig. 19

Definition of  $E_s-q$  observed at low latitude equatorial electrojet stations.

Fig. 20

Showing that the disappearance of  $E_s-q$  are associated with the decrease of  $H$  and  $Z$  components of the magnetic field.

Fig. 21

Note the ionospheric drift at an equatorial station during the daytime is towards West

corresponding to the electric current being Eastward

Fig. 22

Comparisons between the daily variations of  $AH$  and  $E, F$  region drifts at an electrojet station showing very close association of ionospheric drift with electrojet current

Fig. 23.

The narrow region of the increased speed and axial ratio of ionospheric irregularities over the equator suggest their association with electrojet.

Fig. 24.

Note the gradual shift in the peak of electrojet occurring at 1040 h local during low sunspot years to 1210 h local during maximum sunspot years. This is due to increasing control of the electron density in the E region on the electrojet current with increasing sunspots.

Fig. 25

Plan of VHF forward experiment conducted in Peru during 1947 period. Note the circuit Tarapilla to Arequipa was associated with the scatter from the equatorial electrojet region over Huancayo.

Fig. 26.

Note that the strongest signals were recorded during the daytime irrespective of the season suggesting association with equatorial electrojet

Fig. 27

Comparisons of the temporal variations of  $\Delta H$  at Huancayo with the signal strength and fading rate of VHF forward scatter along Arequipa  $\rightarrow$  Trujillo path. Note the absence of VHF signals during large decreases of  $\Delta H$ .

Fig. 28.

The ionospheric drift measurements are solely due to phenomenon occurring in the electrojet layer and hence the data can be used unlike the ground geomagnetic field for studies related to electrojet during disturbed conditions. Note the decrease of ionospheric drift and hence the electric field with increasing  $K_p$  index.

Also decrease of decreasing drift velocities with increasing  $B_Z$  component of the interplanetary magnetic field.

Fig. 29.

Note the occurrence of afternoon depressions of the  $H$  field at equatorial stations.

Fig. 30

Fig. 31

Fig. 32

Fig. 33

Fig. 34

Note the counter electrojet are most common around 08 hr or 16 hr local time.

Fig. 35

Note the counter electrojet are more frequent at any station during minimum than maximum sunspot years. Further, these events are more frequent at Kadakaon than at Huancayo. These facts suggest anti-correlation between the frequency of occurrence of counter electrojets and  $\pm$  electrojet current strength.

Fig. 36.

Note two types of counter electrojet one moving with the sun along the longitude and other occurring at same UT at all stations.

Fig. 37

Magnetograms at two equatorial stations separated by 2 hours in longitude and two stations in the same longitude separated by about  $10^\circ$  latitude. This enables identification of solar time associated and storm time associated counter electrojet events.

Fig. 38

Note morning or afternoon counter electrojet are more frequent at lunar times about  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  hr.

Fig. 39

First examples of the associations between depressions in  $\Delta H$ , reversal of ionospheric drifts and the disappearance of equatorial Es.

Fig 40

Excellent example of the disappearance of  $E_{5-q}$  exactly when  $\Delta H$  decreased below its night level and  $E_{5-q}$  reappeared when  $\Delta H$  again increased above its night level.

Fig 41

Example of frequent disappearances and appearances of  $E_{5-q}$  during geomagnetic storms.

Fig. 42

Disappearance of  $E_{5-q}$  and appearance of  $E_{5-f}$  associated with counter electrojet event

Fig. 43.

Sudden disappearance <sup>or</sup> appearance of  $E_{5-q}$  with a time period of one minute.

Fig 44.

Rocket borne instruments giving data suggesting the  $E_{5-q}$  to be generated as a consequence of cross field instability.

Fig 45.

Rocket data showing disappearance of cross field instability during counter electrojet

Fig 46

VHF backscatter, F region vertical drifts compared with  $\Delta H$  and  $fE_{5-q}$  during several geomagnetic storms.

Fig 47.

Solar flare effects during counter electrojet event.

Fig 48.

Solar flare effect during a counter electrojet event showing negative excursion within limited latitude and longitude region

Fig 49

Effect of counter electrojet on the F-region of the ionosphere, decreasing the height of the F<sub>2</sub> region in synchronism with  $\Delta H$ .

Fig 50.

The  $E_{5-q}$  disappears not when  $\Delta H$  is below the night level but when the SR variation across the dip equator shows a minimum at the equator.

Fig 51

Disappearance of  $E_{5-q}$  when  $\Delta H$  at equator shows a minimum but the minimum value is significantly positive

Fig 52

Disappearance of VHF radar echoes from the F region during the negative values of  $\Delta H$  equatorial minus  $\Delta H$  at non electrojet stations on the same longitude.

Fig 53.

Relation between VHF backscatter doppler shift and  $\Delta H$  at low latitude stations. Note better correlation when  $\Delta H$  equatorial minus  $\Delta H$  at non equatorial station is used to define counter electrojet strength.

Fig 54.

Relationship between VHF of backscatters, doppler shift and  $\Delta H$  during disturbed conditions

Fig 55

Fig 56.

- (a) Note sudden reverseal of E and F region drifts at Licanara coincident with the reversal of IMF from southward to northward directions at 0345 LT on 3 July 1968.
- (b) Note sudden decrease of E and F region drifts coincident with sudden decrease of  $\Delta H$  &  $B_z$  in the afternoon hours associated with northward turning of the IMF.

Fig 57

An example showing the decrease in  $\Delta H$  at Huancayo coincident with northward turning of IMF

Fig 58

Comparison between the fluctuations of equatorial electrojet current at different longitudes and the fluctuations of IMF

Fig 59.

Correlation between changes in  $B_z$  and electrojet current

Fig 60

A compressed state of magnetosphere is more favourable to produce large  $B_z$  changes in electrojet due to fluctuations in  $\Omega$  of IMF.

Fig 61

A large fluctuation train in A Mat Huancayo at Thule and of IMF latitude,

Fig 62

An example showing close relationship between the fluctuations of the electric field in the night side of the equatorial region with the fluctuations in the electrojet in the day side.

Fig 63

Simultaneous fluctuations in the magnetic fields at equatorial and polar latitudes

Fig 64

Example showing changes in electrojet current associated with sudden commencement of geomagnetic storms

Fig 65

A close correlation between changes in  $\Delta H$  and the signal strength of VHF forward scatter signal during different forms of SSC.

Fig 66

Example showing that SSC's are associated with impact of solar plasma changing IMF near the magnetopause from south to north directions.

Figure-1. Map showing the locations of magnetic observatories whose data are used in the present analysis.

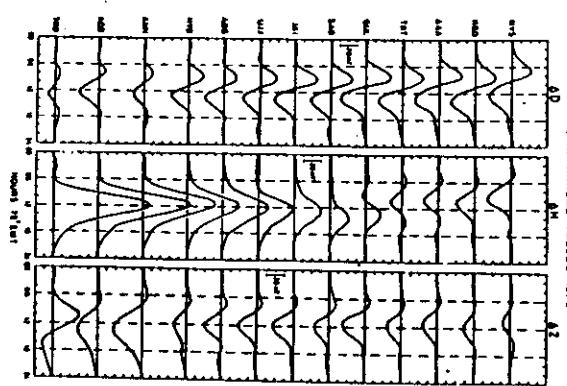
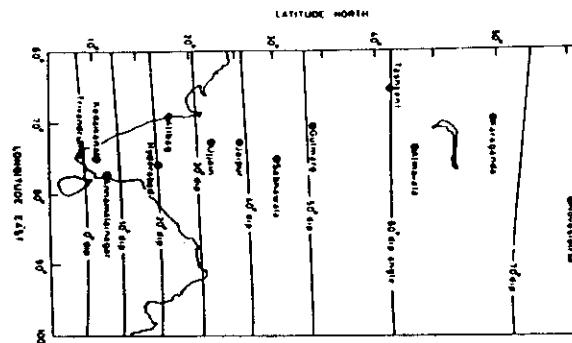


Figure-2. Solar quiet-day variations in geomagnetic field components D, H and Z at magnetic observatories along Indian longitudinal belt for the year 1978.

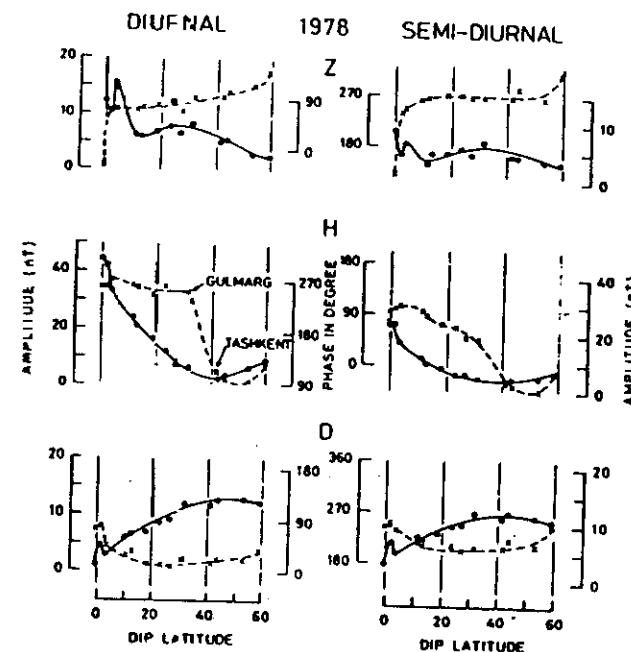


Figure-3. Latitudinal variations of the amplitude (solid line) and phase (broken line) of the diurnal and semi-diurnal terms of daily variations in the three geomagnetic components D, H and Z.

Fig. 2

Fig. 1(a)

Fig. 1(b)

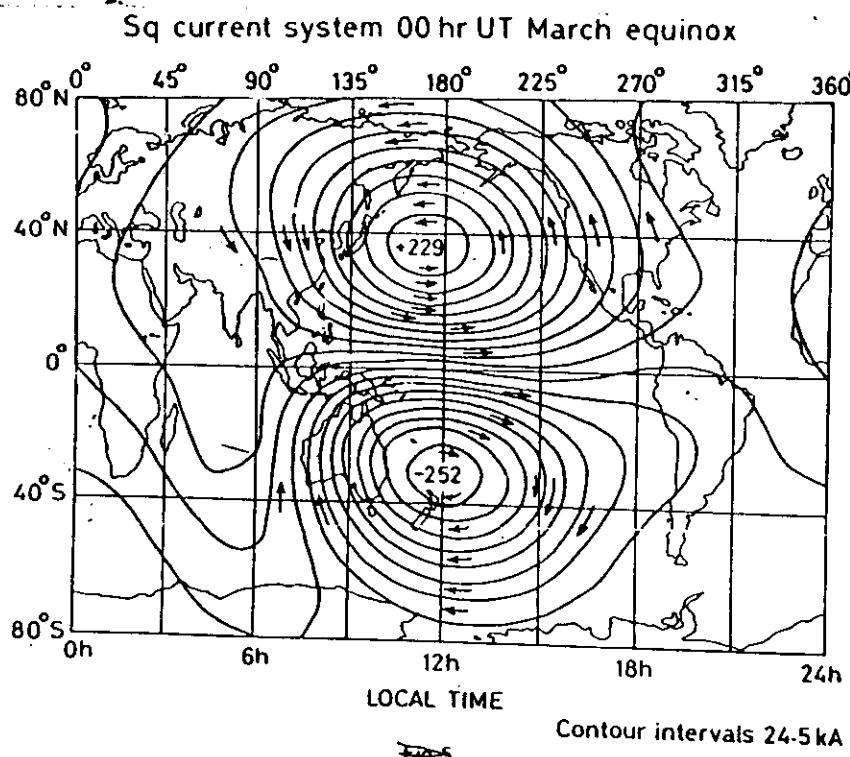
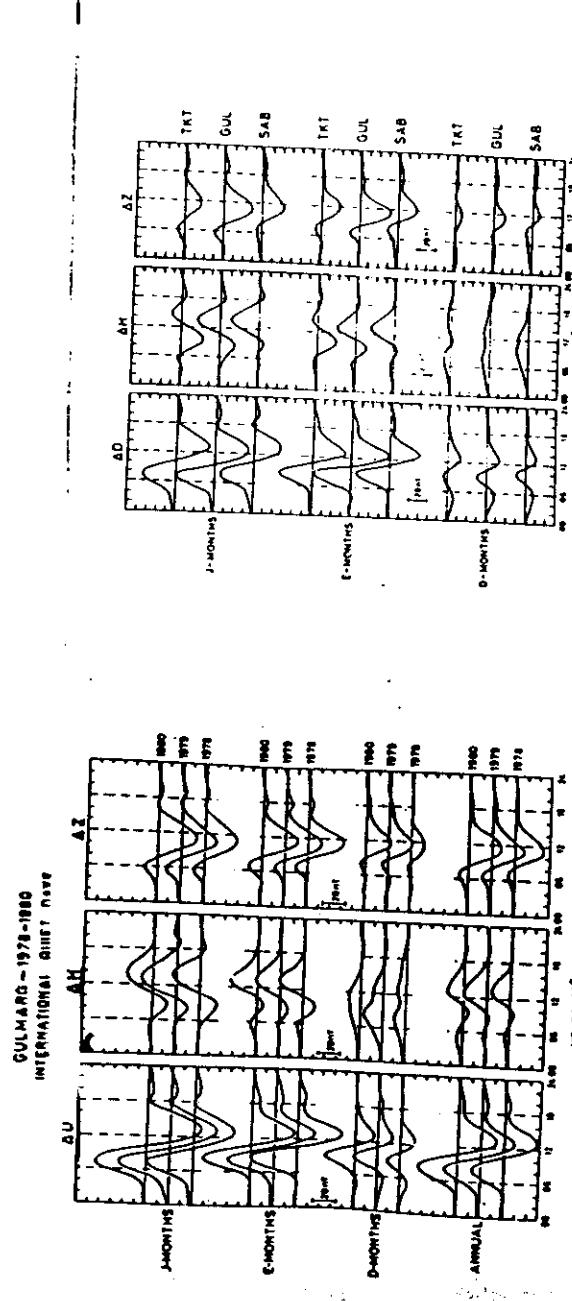


Fig. 3.



Plots of mean seasonal and annual quiet-day variations in D, H and Z of Gulmarg during the years 1978, 1979 and 1980.

Figure 4. Mean seasonal quiet-day variations in D, H and Z at Srinagar, Gulmarg and Tashkent for the year 1978.

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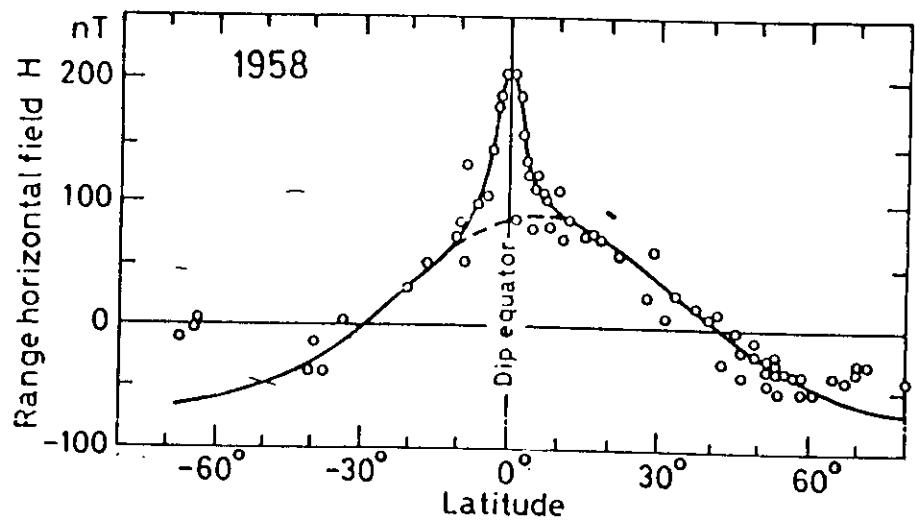
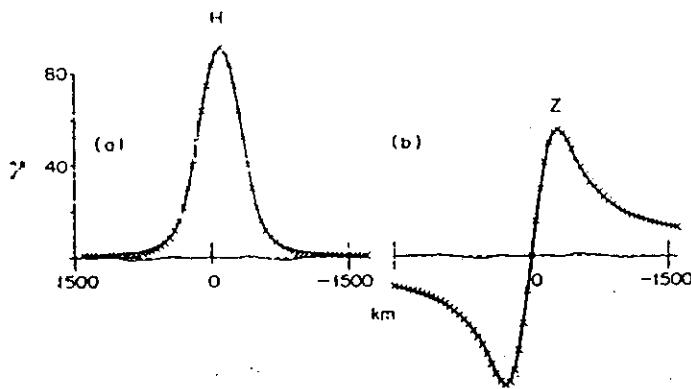


Fig. 6  
Fig. 5.



Profiles of the current distribution of the Richmond model (crosses) and profiles of the fourth-degree model (a) or parabolic model (b) which approximate the best that distribution. Profiles of residues with the same scale.

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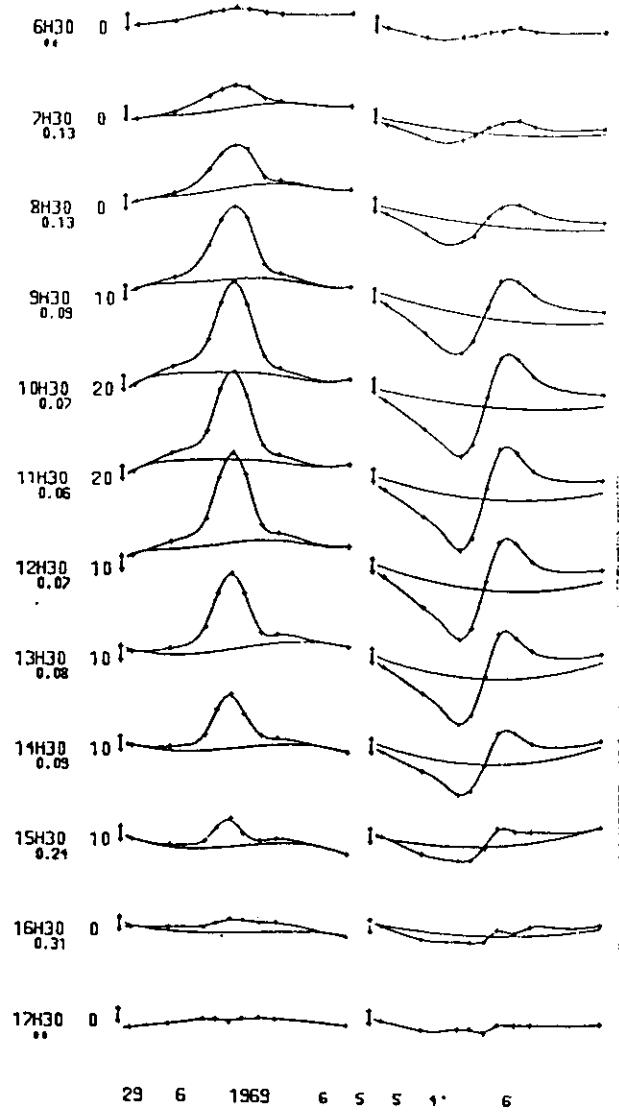
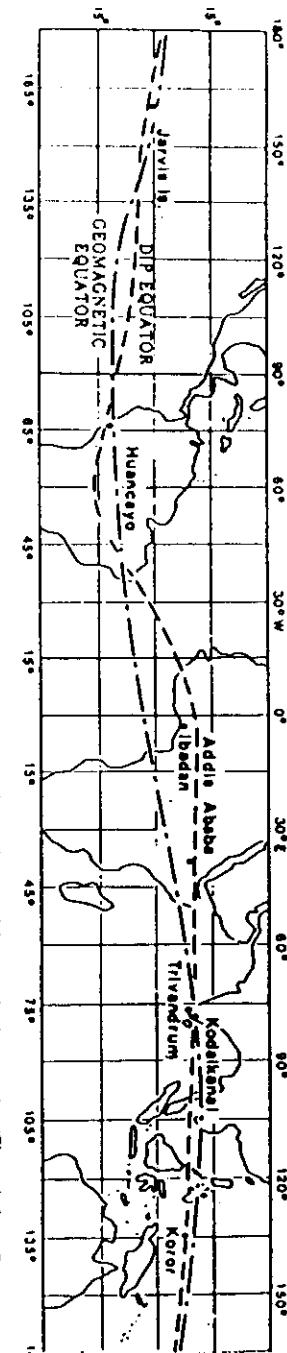
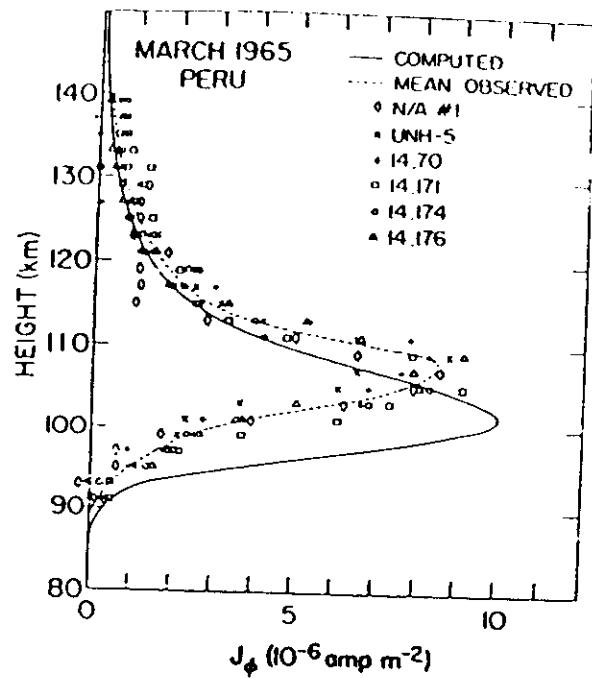


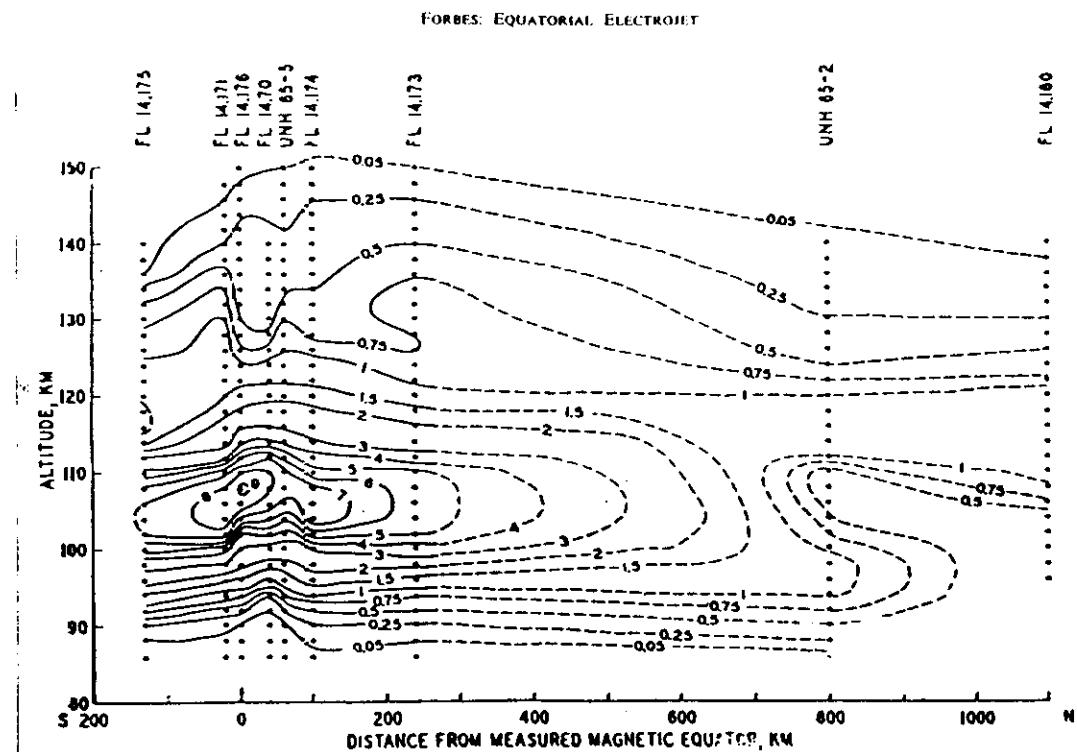
Fig 7





Observed and computed eastward current density profiles near noon at the dip equator off the coast of Peru in March 1965, normalized to  $\Delta H = 100 \gamma$  at Huancayo. Measured profiles are from Shuman [1970] (flight N/A #1), Maynard [1967] (flight UNH-5), and Davis et al. [1967] (flights 14.70, 14.71, 14.74, and 14.176). The theoretical profile is from Richmond's [1973a] theory (Figure is from Richmond [1973b]. Reprinted by permission of Pergamon Press.)

Fig. 8



Cross-sections profile of the equatorial electrojet obtained from nine rocket flights off the coast of Peru in 1965, normalized to yield  $\Delta H = 100 \gamma$  at Huancayo. Circles indicate locations of data points used to obtain the contours of current density in microampères per square meter. The right-hand portions of the contours are dashed to indicate uncertainty associated with the relative lack of data for this portion of the diagram. (Figure is from Davis et al. [1967].)

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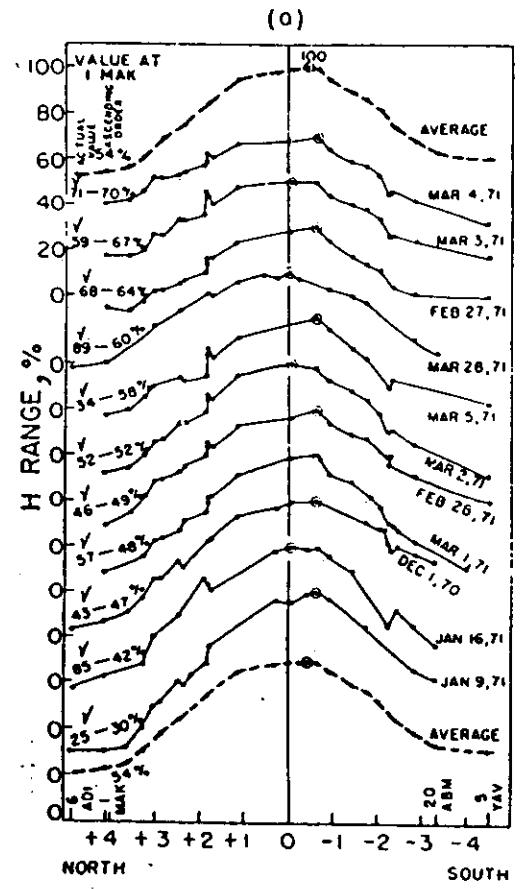
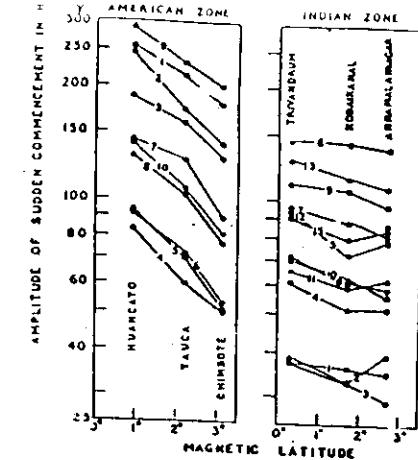


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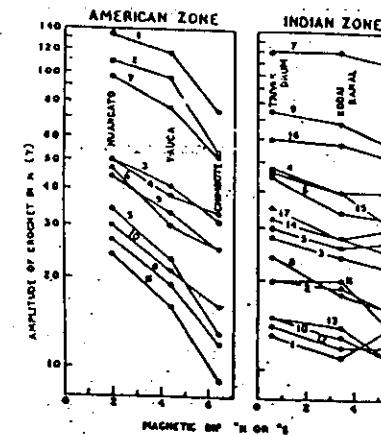
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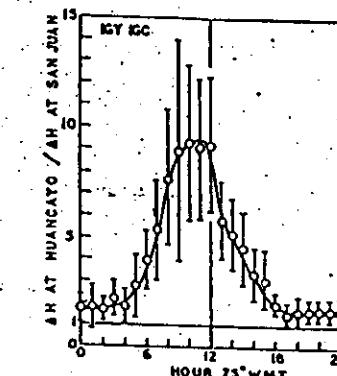
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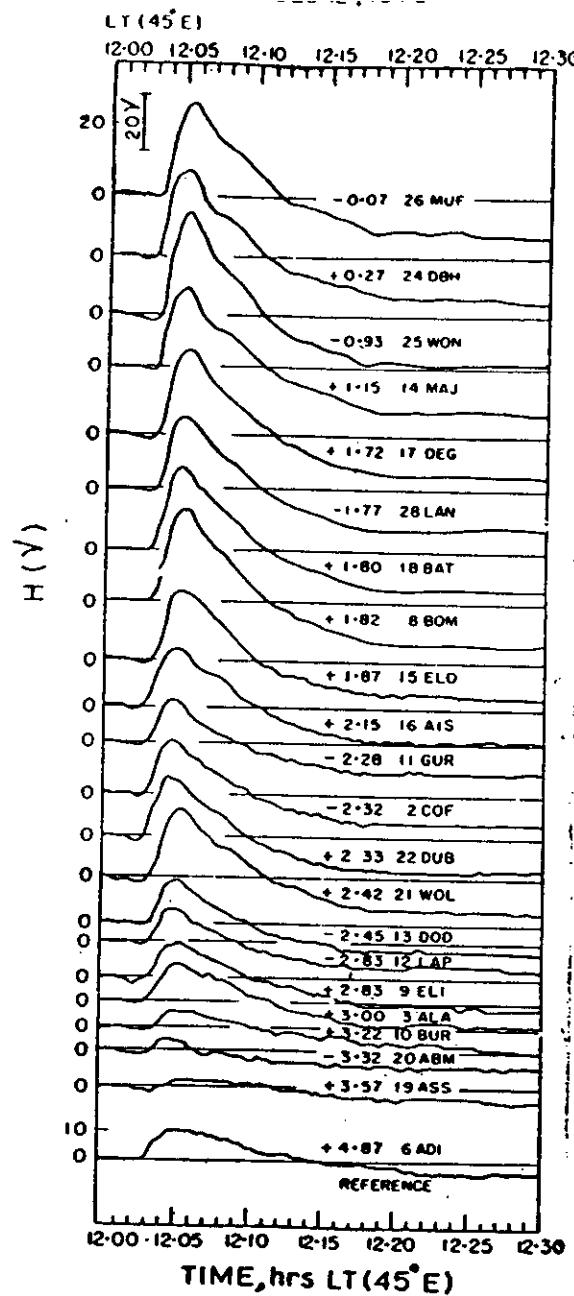
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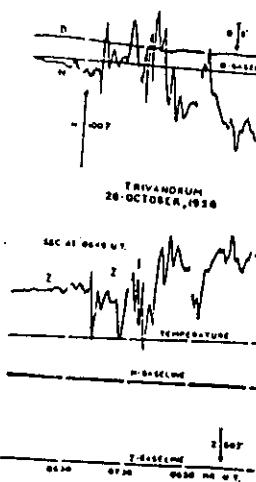
Variation of the ratio of  $AH$  at Huancayo to the same at San Juan at  
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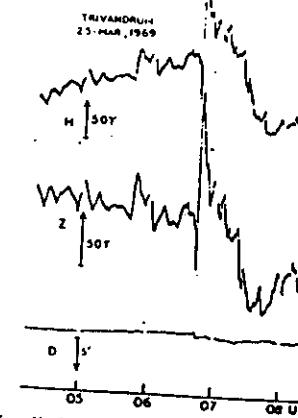


The sudden impulse (SI) in H on 12 Dec. 1970  
at 1203 hrs ET (45°)

Fig 12



The magnetoogram tracing on 28 October 1958 at Trivandrum showing SC - + event in all the three components of the geomagnetic field.



An exceptionally large SSC - + event in all the three components of geo-magnetic field recorded at Trivandrum on 25 March 1969.

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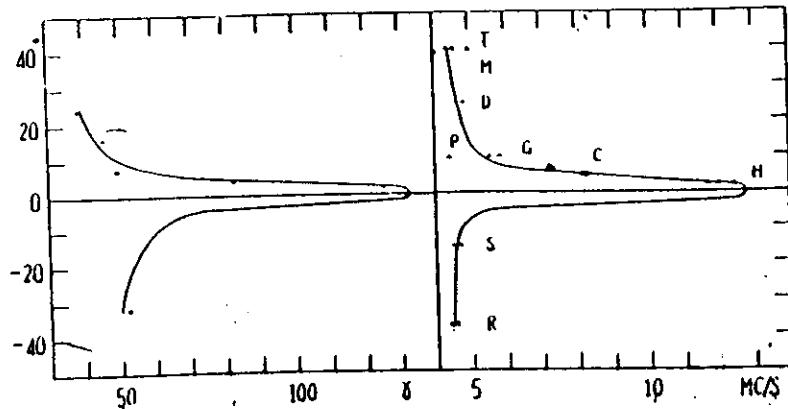


Fig. 3 Distribution of ranges of daily variation of the horizontal magnetic force (left part - after J. Egedal) and distribution of  $f_{Es}$  in the day-time (right part), near the magnetic equator. Names of stations are shown in Fig. 1. Ordinate: magnetic dip.  
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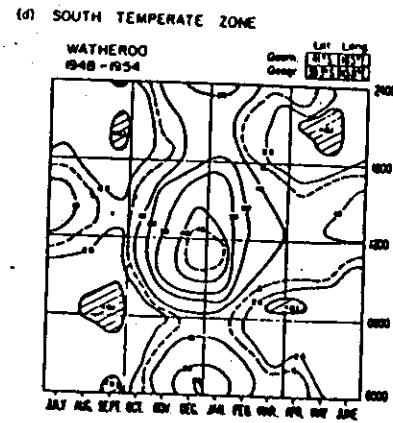
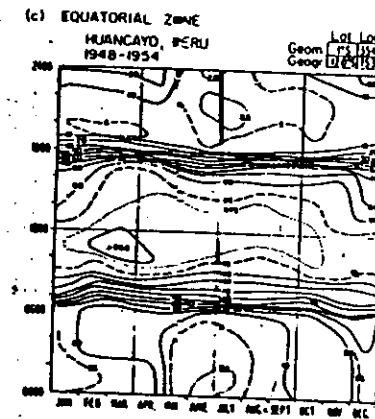
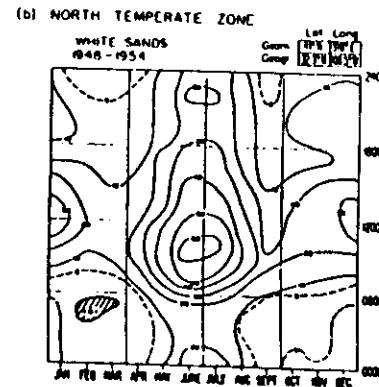
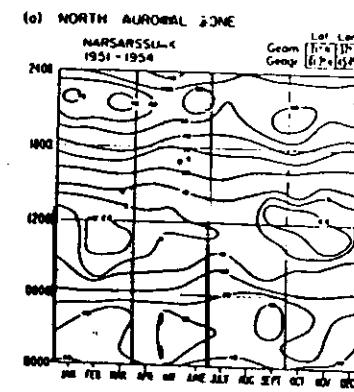
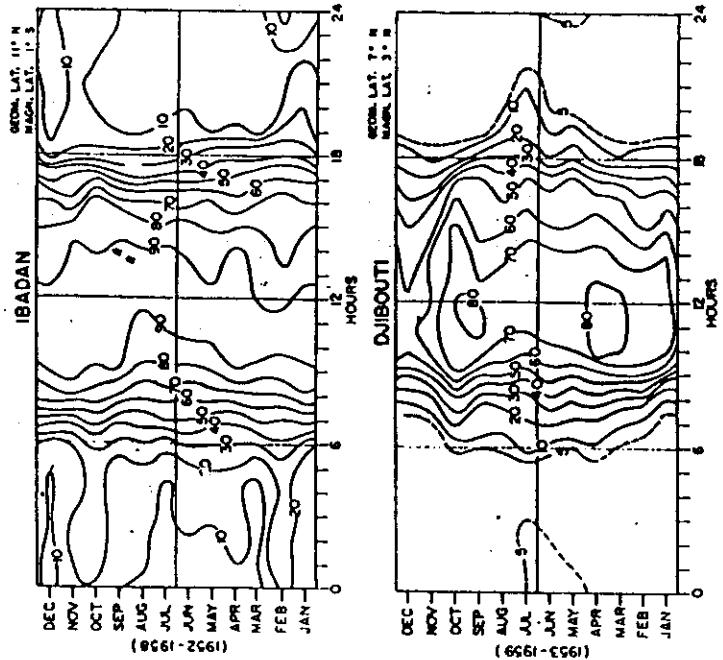
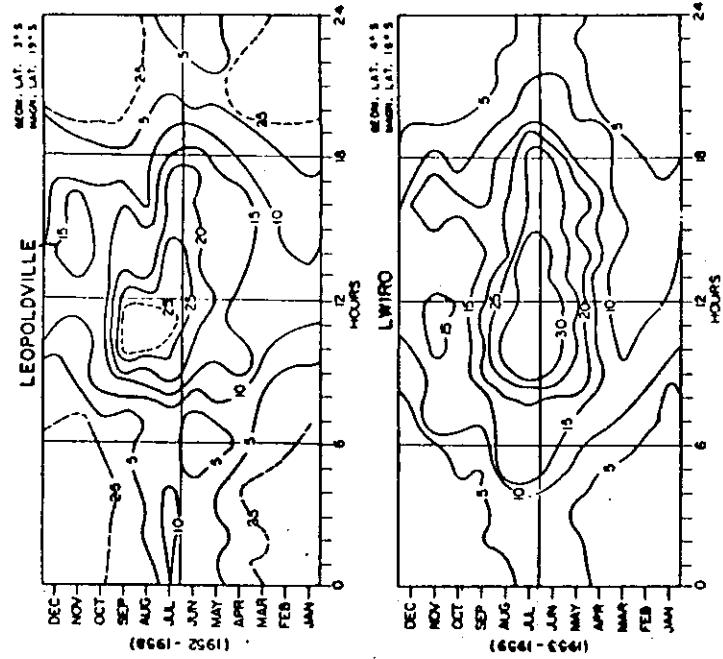


Fig. 1 Sample temporal variation in  $E_s$  in terms of percentage of time for which  $f_{Es}$  exceeds 5 Mc/s



were magnetically quiet, the  $A_p$  value being 4 on the 20th and 5 on the 23rd. At none of the three hourly intervals on these days did the  $K_p$  figure reach even 3. The symmetrical ring current effect on these days, according to Sugiura and Cain (1970), was not more than 15  $\gamma$ . Thus it is reasonable to assume that the geomagnetic field changes on these days, were primarily due to currents flowing in the ionospheric dynamo region.

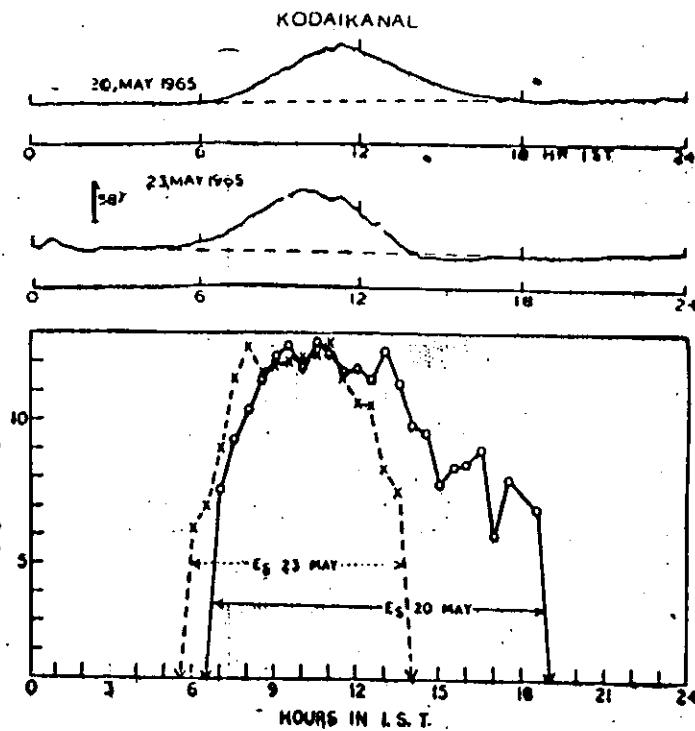
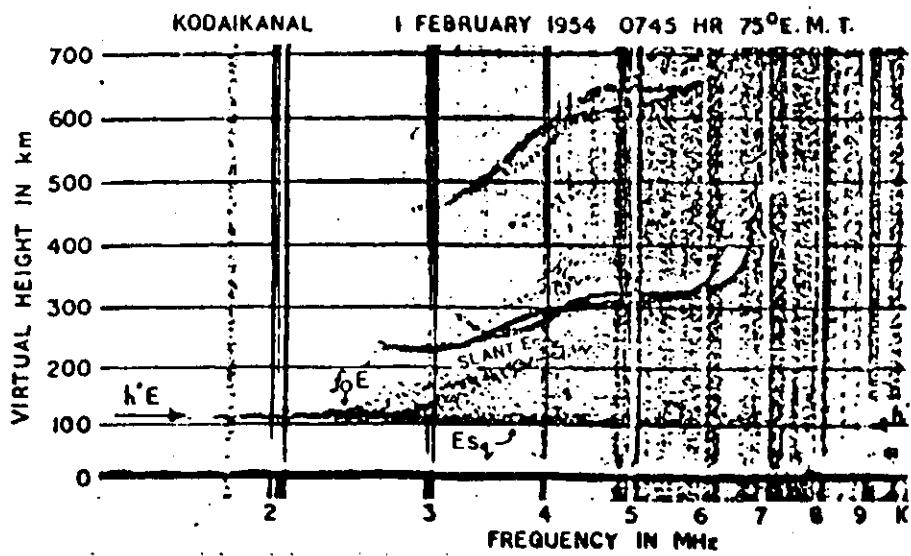
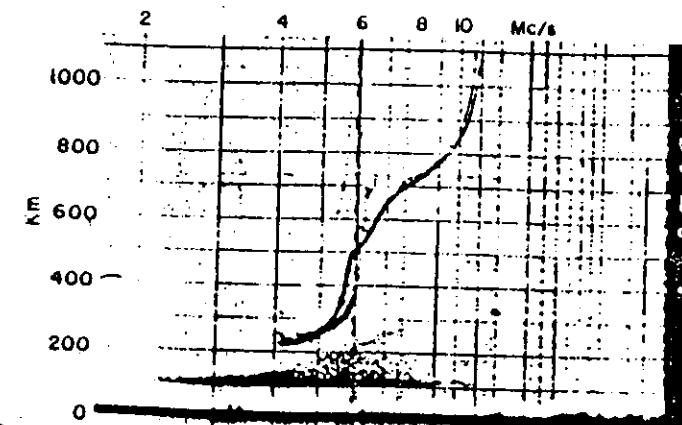


FIG. 3. Daily variations of  $f_0E$  at Kodaikanal on two magnetically quiet days with different periods of duration of the eastward equatorial electrojet current.



Typical day-time ionogram at Kodaikanal showing the normal E-region as well as the equatorial ( $f_E$ ) as types of sporadic E reflections



EQUATORIAL Es AT HUANCAYO  
1530 DEC. 29, 1957

$E_s$  at Huancayo is shown on the ionogram reproduced as Fig. 1. The characteristics of  $E_s$ -q are given below.

- It regularly occurs during the daylight hours in a narrow belt along the magnetic equator.
- It is always partially transparent to probing radio waves; that is, it never blankets radio reflections from higher layers.
- It usually shows a well-defined lower edge lying between 100-110 km giving scattered and diffuse echoes above the principal echo.
- In well-developed cases, the diffuse echoes are contained below a sharp upper boundary that starts at about  $f_E E_s$  and increases in height with increasing frequency.
- The maximum frequency returned, ( $f_E E_s$ ), usually ranges from 8 to 13 Mc/s primarily depending on the proximity of the ionosonde to the magnetic equator.
- Multiple echoes are not observed.

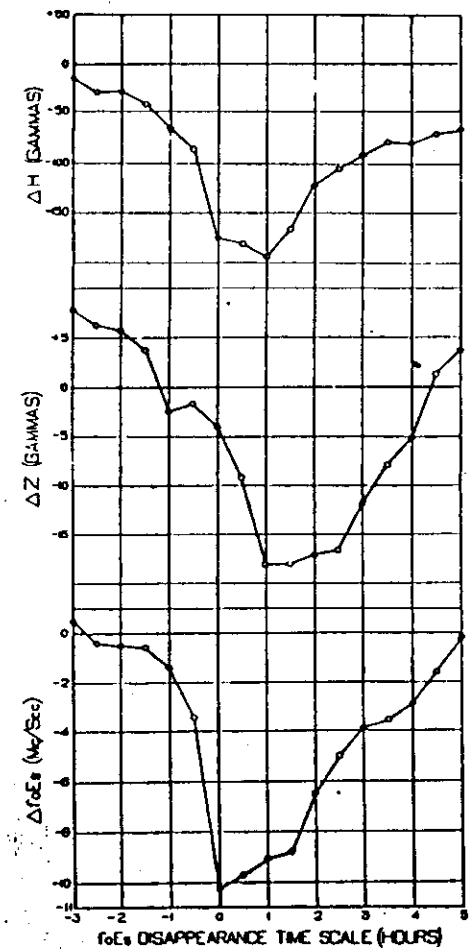


Fig. 20. Departures in  $H$  and  $Z$  components of earth's magnetic field with those

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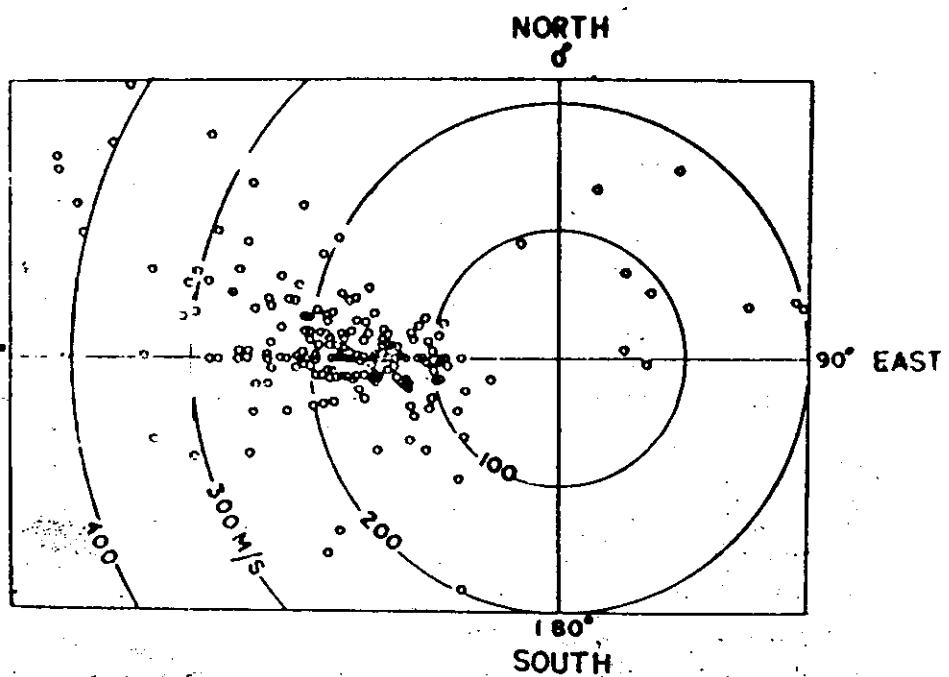


Fig. 21: Vector plot of the E-region drift speed at Thumba during daytime hours of Jan-Feb 1964 (after Rastogi et al 1972).

Fig. 21

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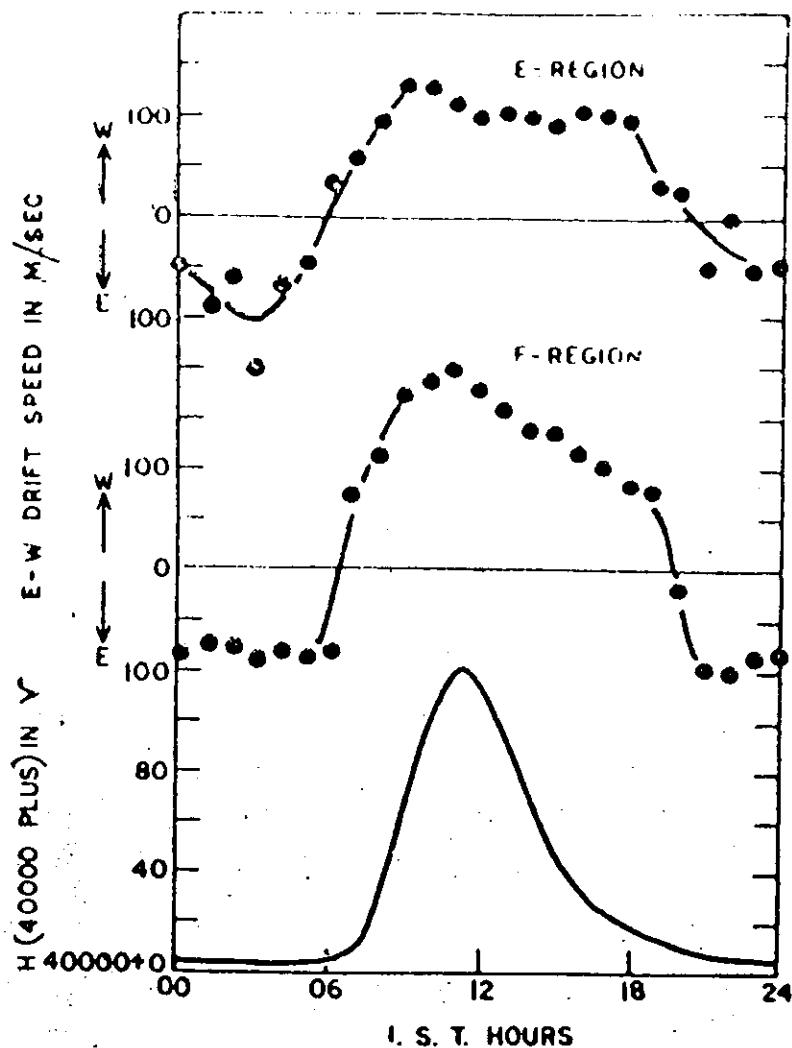


Fig. 2: Annual mean daily variations of the E and F region eastward drift velocity (Thumba) and the geomagnetic H component (Trivandrum) averaged for the period 1968-69 (after Rastogi et al. 1972).

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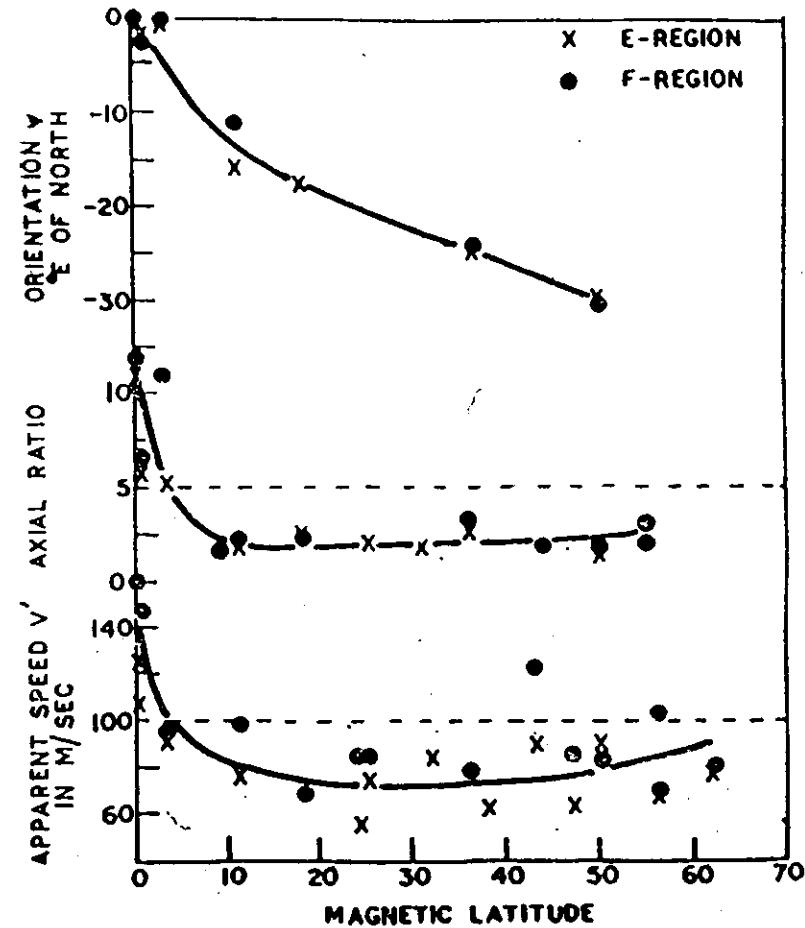


Fig. 3: Latitudinal variations of the drift speed elongation ratio and the orientation of the ground diffraction patterns (after Rastogi et al. 1972).

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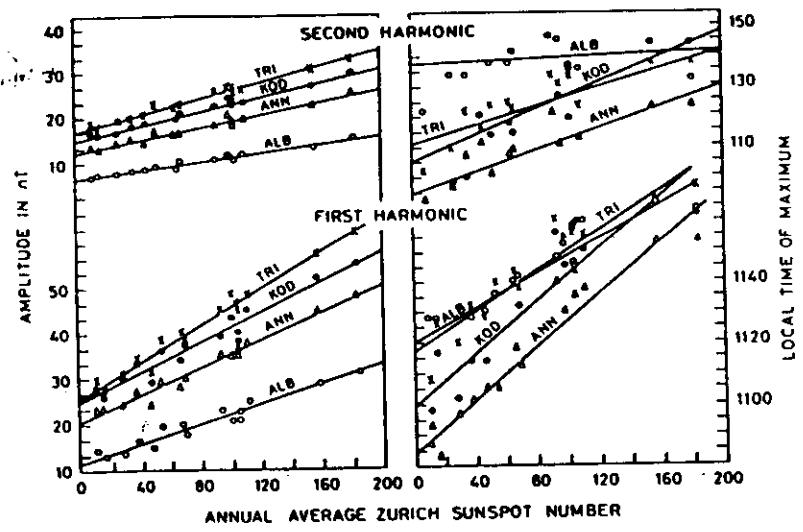


Fig. 9. Amplitudes and phases of the diurnal and semidiurnal components of the daily variation of  $H$  at four Indian stations as a function of annual average Zurich sunspot number. (Figure is from Rastogi and Iyer [1976]. Reprinted by permission of University of Tokyo Press.)

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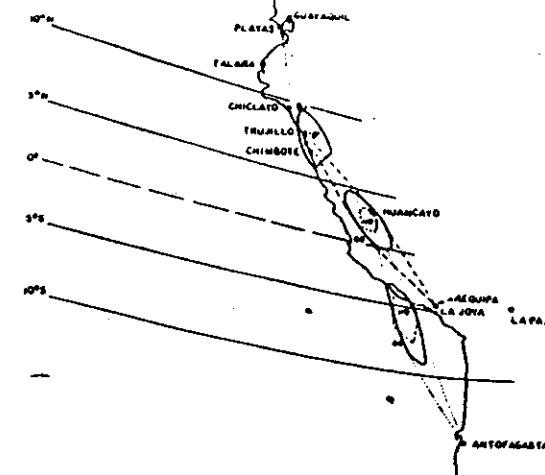


Fig. 2. Magnetic isolines along the west coastal area of South America, with the approximate loci of antenna-beam intersections computed for the height (in kilometers) adjacent to each locus. The diagram is for three propagation paths in the E region.

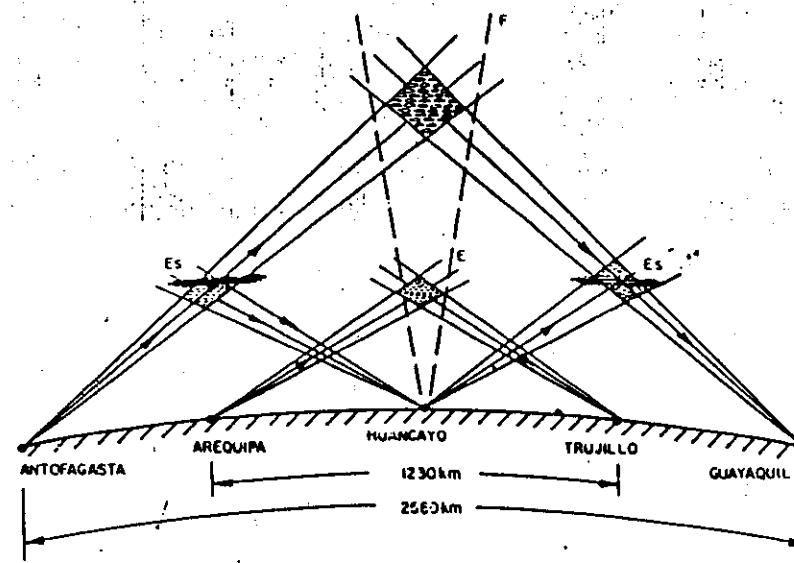
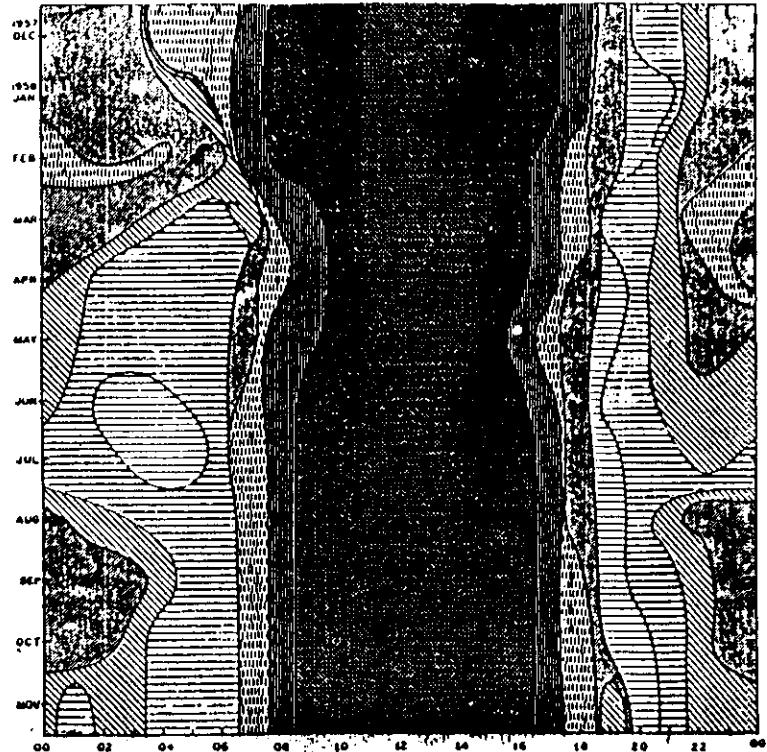


FIGURE 2. Schematic diagram of the vertical cross sections of antenna beam intersections along the west coast of South America, indicating four of the propagation paths referred to in this paper.



ARQ → TRU Temporal variation of the decibel level exceeded 10% of the time  
FIGURE 15. Contours showing the temporal and seasonal variation of the range of signal strength exceeded 10 percent of the time over the central path.

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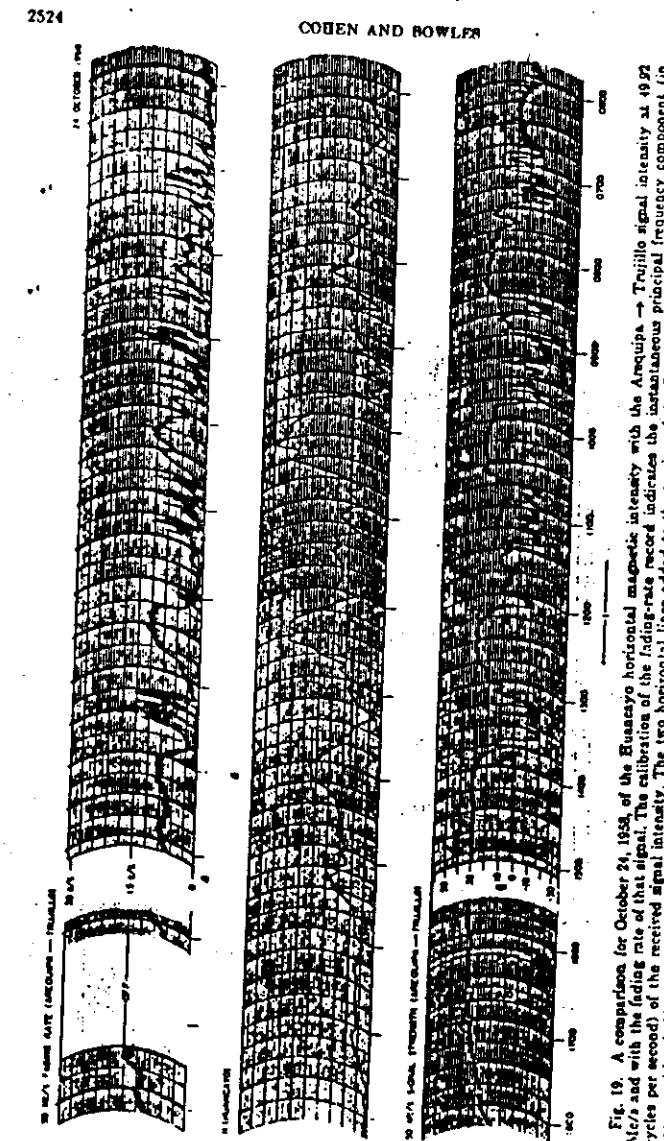


Fig. 19. A comparison for October 24, 1958, of the Huancayo horizontal magnetic intensity with the Arequipa → Trujillo signal intensity at 49.27 Mc/s and with the fading rate of that signal. The calibration of the fading-rate record indicates the instantaneous principal frequency component (in cycles per second) of the received signal intensity. The two horizontal lines added to the traces of the Huancayo magnetogram are estimates of the apparent 'thresholds' of horizontal magnetic field strength during the period for which they were drawn.

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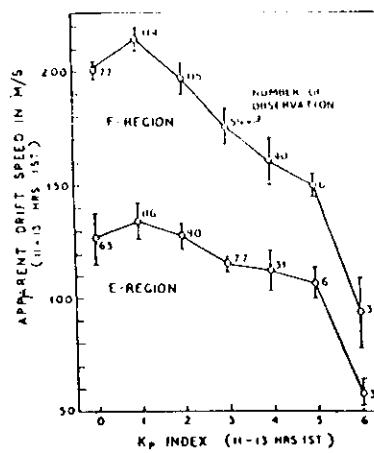


Fig. 1 The relation between apparent drift speeds in the E and F regions over Thumba and the magnetic  $K_p$  index for the year 1964.

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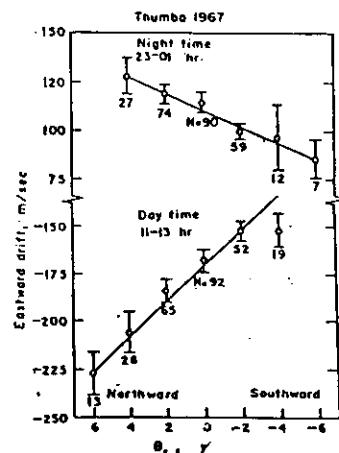
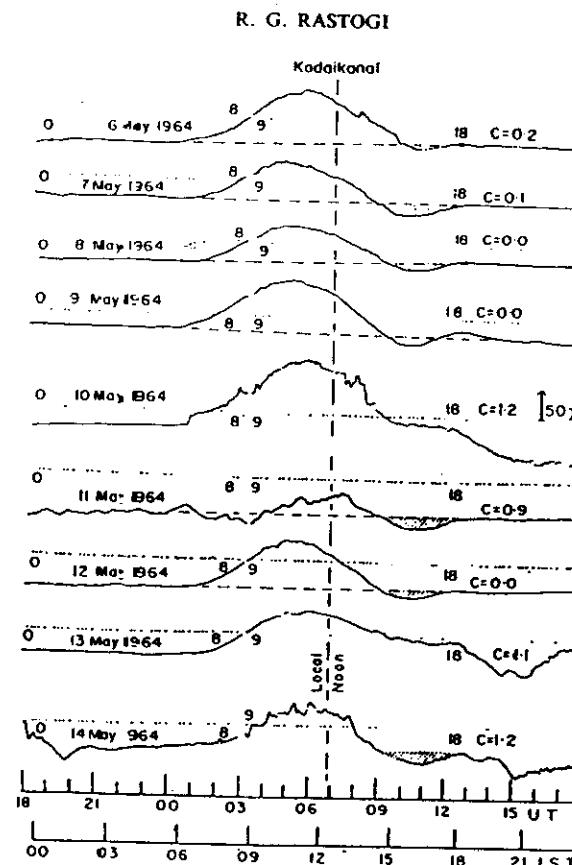


Fig. 1. Variations of the eastward component of the ionospheric F-region drift speed at Thumba during daytime (11-13 LT) and during nighttime (23-01 LT) with interplanetary magnetic field component ( $B_z$ ) perpendicular to the ecliptic plane. Northward  $B_z$  is taken as positive and southward as negative.

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REPRODUCTION OF H MAGNETOGRAMS AT KODAIKANAL ON SERIES OF DAYS FROM 6 TO 14 MAY 1964 SHOWING THE AFTERNOON DEPRESSION OF H.  
It is to be noted that on disturbed days (10 and 13 May 1964) there is no minimum in the afternoon although there is evidence of the effect around those hours.

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## Westward Equatorial Electrojet During Daytime Hours

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The phenomenon of the depression of the geomagnetic horizontal field during the daytime hours of magnetically quiet days at equatorial stations is described. These events are generally seen around 0200 and 1600 LT, being more frequent during the evening than the morning hours. The evening events are more frequent during periods of low solar activity and in the longitude region of weak equatorial electrojet currents. The latitudinal extent of the phenomenon is limited to the normal equatorial electrojet region, and on some occasions the phenomenon is not seen at both stations, separated by only a few hours in longitude. During such an event the latitudinal profile of the geomagnetic vertical field across the equator is reversed; the ionospheric drift near the equator is reversed toward the east. The  $q$ -type of sporadic  $E$  layer is completely absent, and the height of the peak ionization in the  $E_1$  region is decreased. It is suggested that these effects are due to a narrow band of current flowing westward in the  $E$  region of the ionosphere and within the latitude region of the normal equatorial electrojet due to the reversal of the east-west electrostatic field at low latitudes.

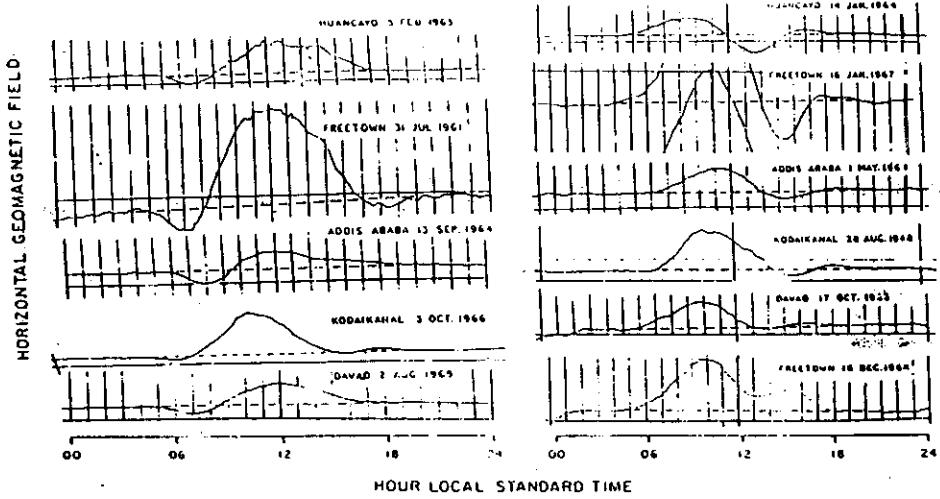
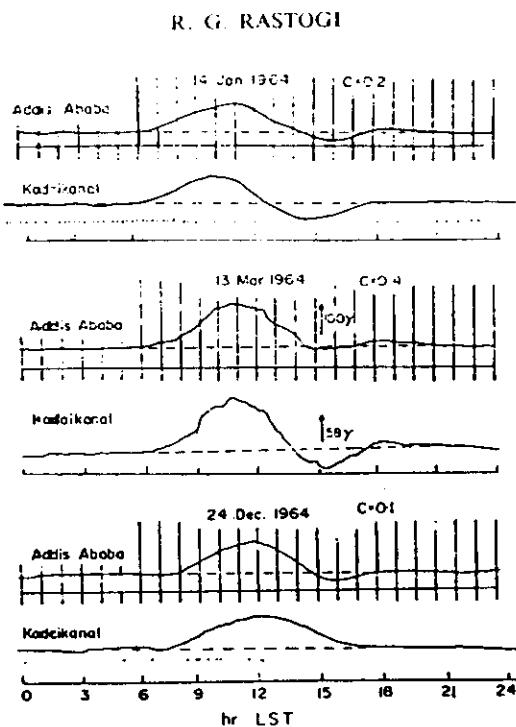


Fig. 1. Examples of daytime depressions in the  $H$  field at equatorial stations (a) during the morning hours and (b) during the evening hours.

Fig. 30



REPRODUCTION OF MAGNETOGrams AT ADDIS ABABA AND KODAIKANAL SHOWING THE OCCURRENCE OF AFTERNOON DEPRESSION IN  $H$  AT ONE OR BOTH THE STATIONS.

Fig. 31

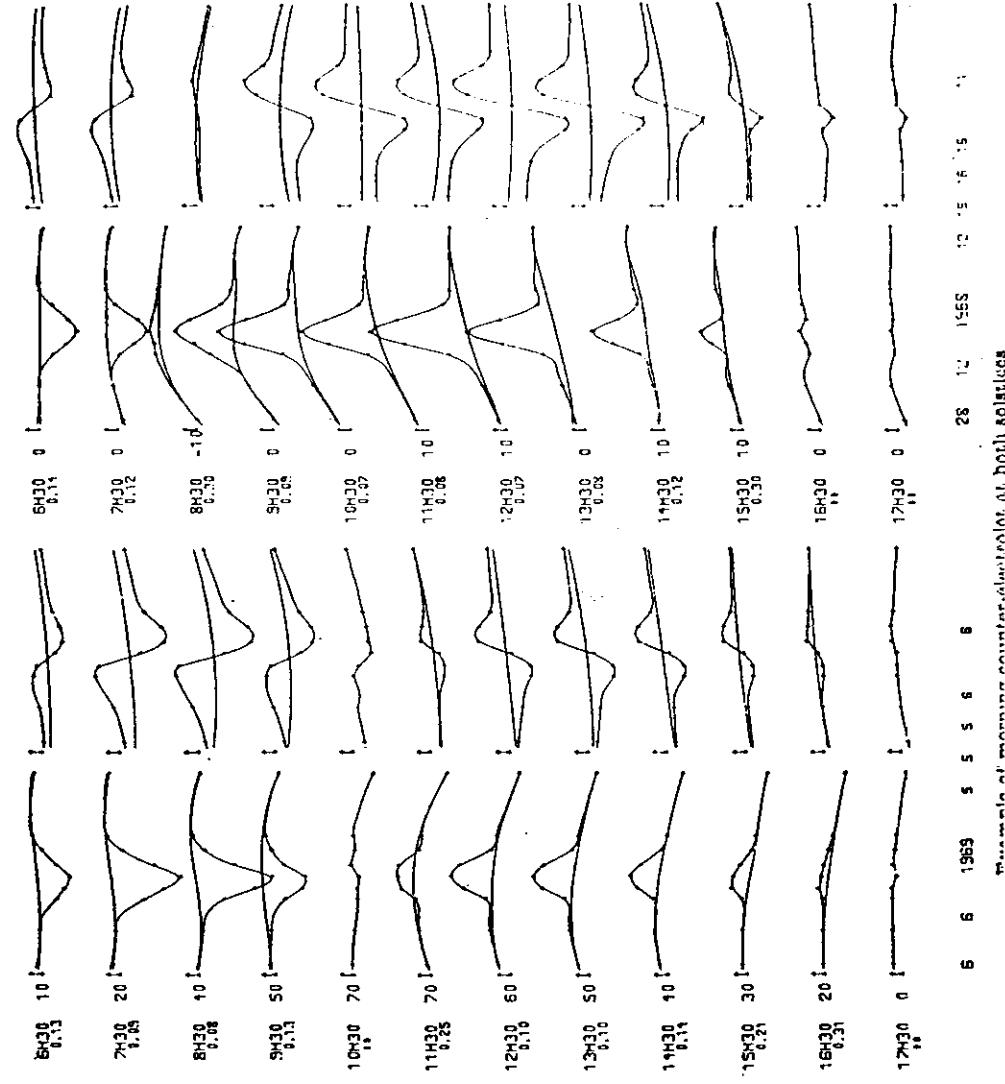


Fig. 32

Minimum of maximum count rate at both solstices

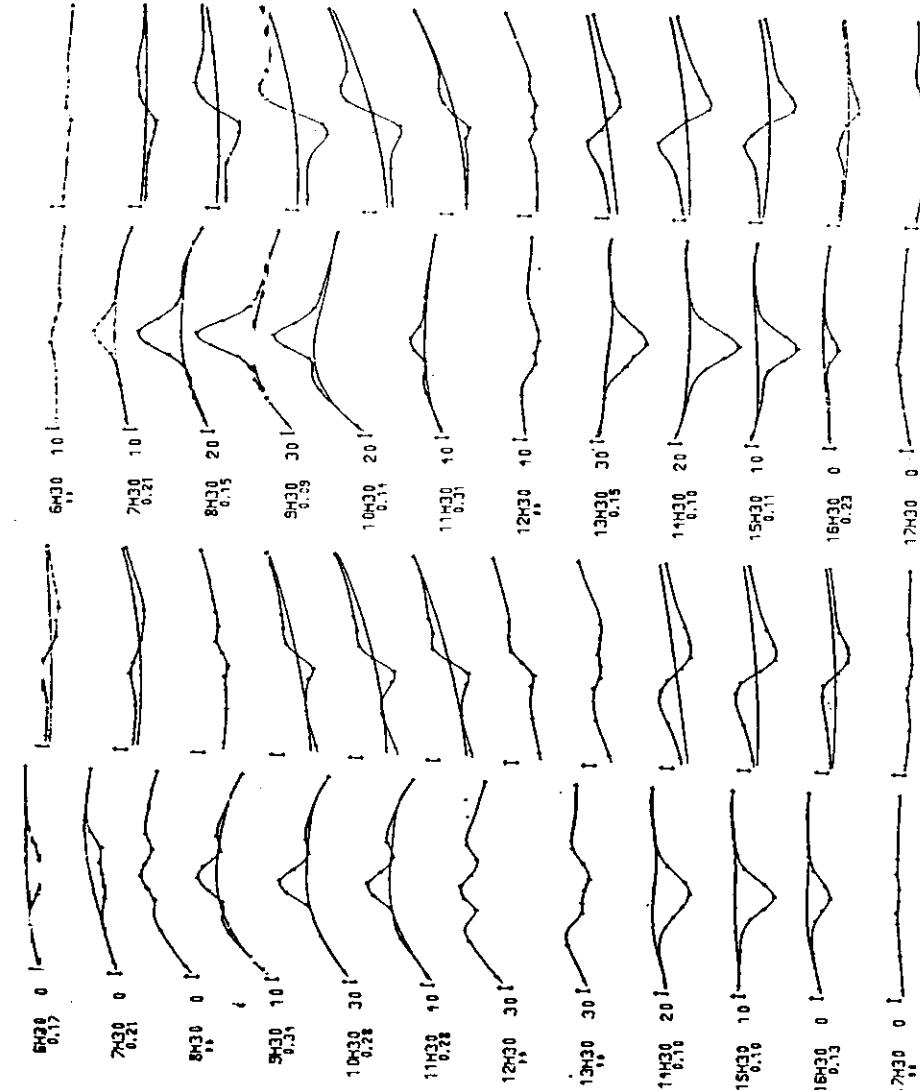
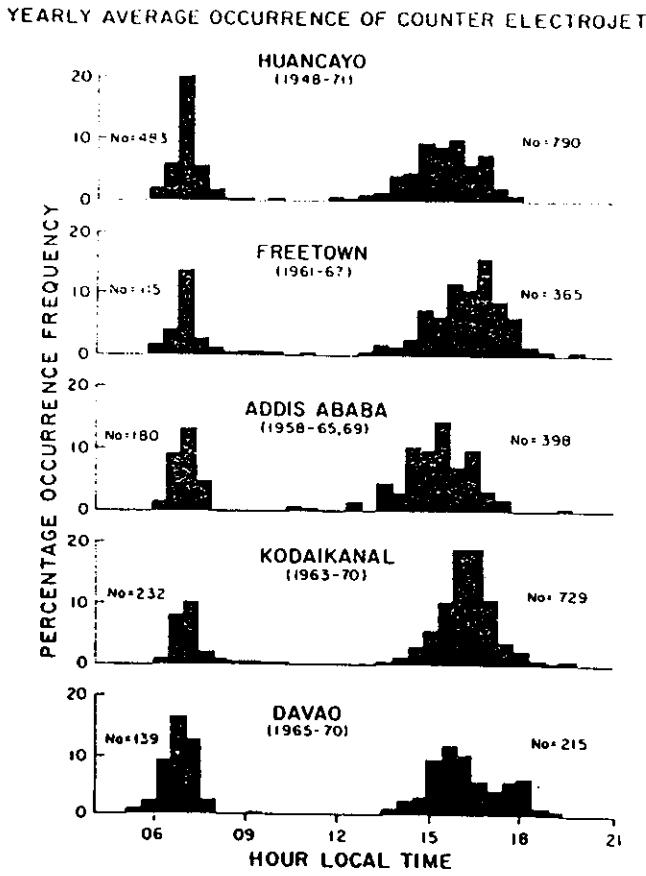


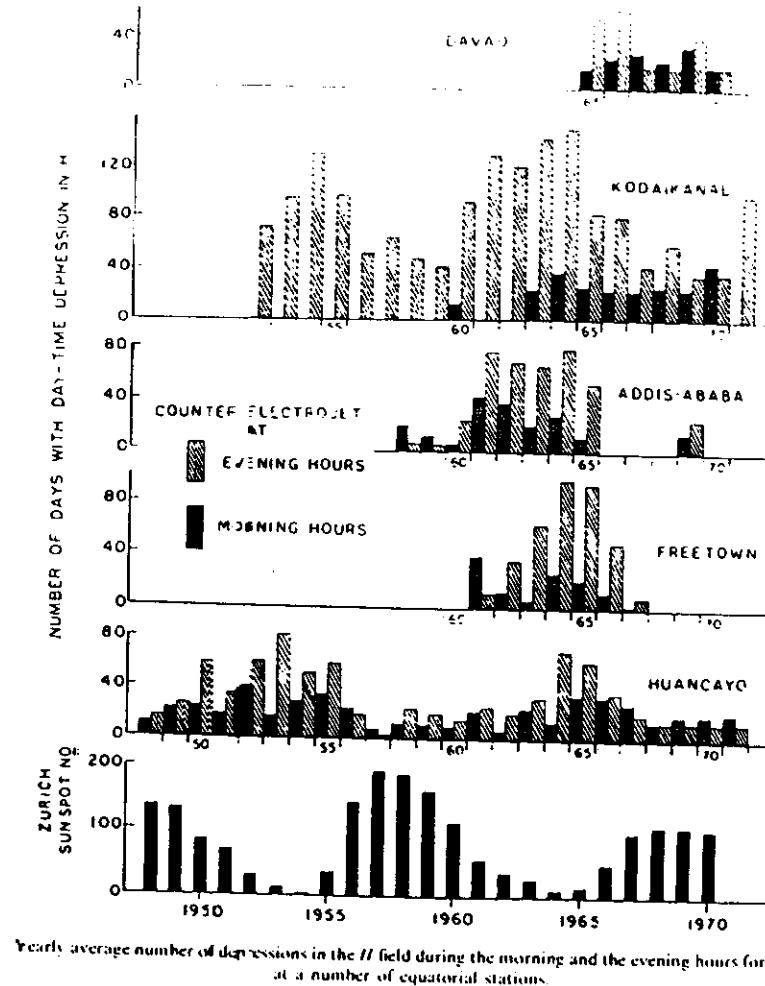
Fig. 33

Example of afternoon counter-electrojet at both solstices



Histograms showing the percentage occurrence frequency of the daytime depression in  $H$  at a number of equatorial stations during the morning and the evening hours.

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Yearly average number of depressions in the  $H$  field during the morning and the evening hours for different years at a number of equatorial stations.

Fig. 35

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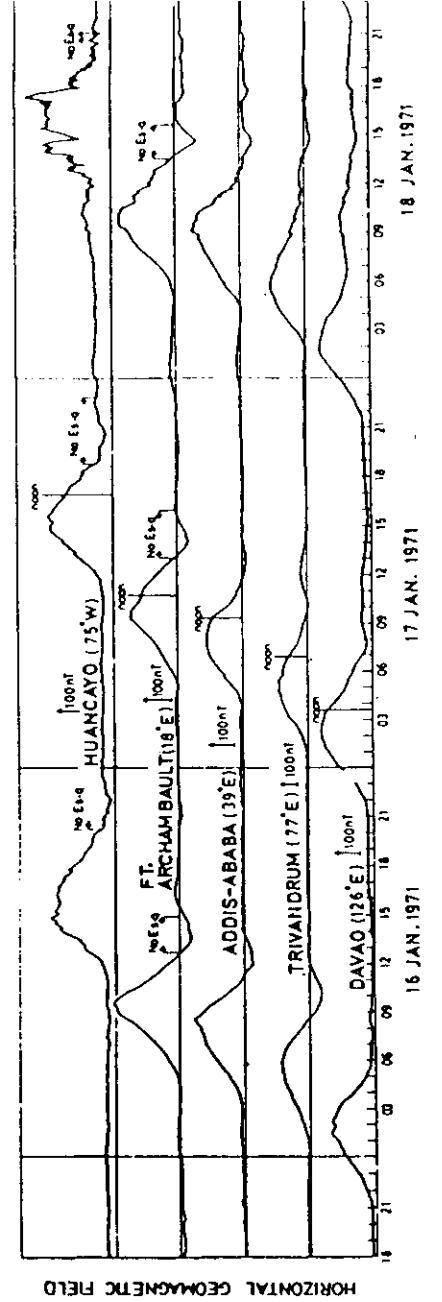


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$H$  magnetograms at equatorial stations Huancayo (75°W), Fort Archambault (18°E), Addis Ababa (39°E), Trivandrum (77°E) and Davao (126°E) on 16, 17 and 18 Jan. 1971. (Note a progressive counter electrojet on all these stations during local afternoon hours on 16 and 17 Jan. 1971. But the depression of  $H$  at Huancayo arc 1500 hrs UT on 18 Jan. 1971 coincident in universal time with smaller depressions at other stations.)

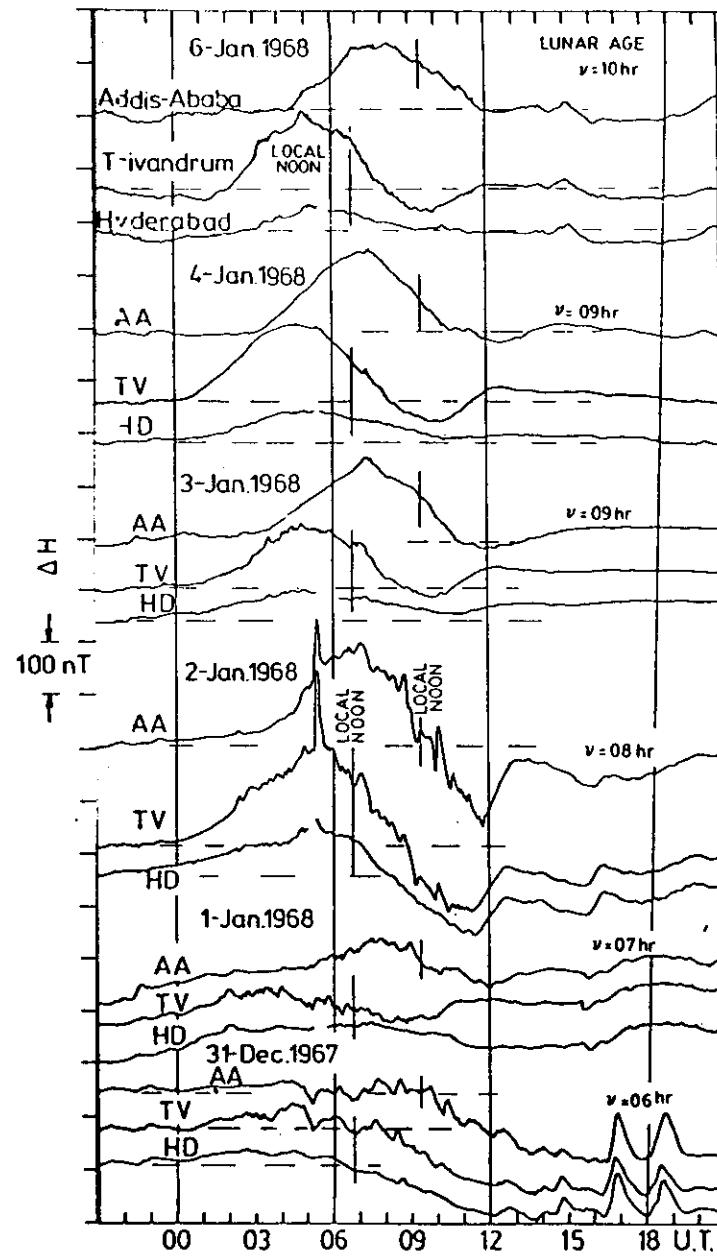
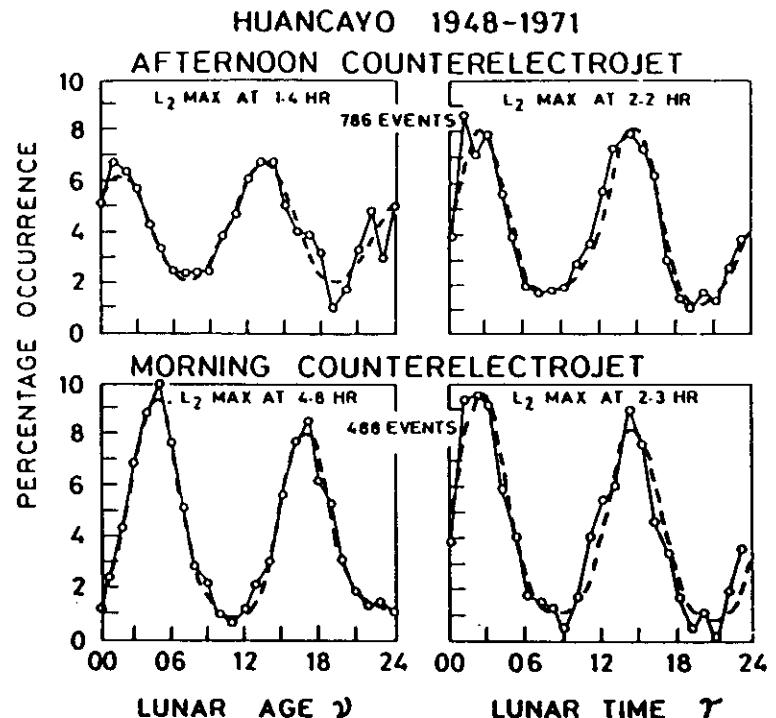


Fig. 37



Variation of the percentage occurrence of counterelectrojet effects in the daily variation of  $H$  at Huancayo during the morning and evening hours as a function of lunar age  $\nu$  and lunar time  $\tau$ . (Figure is from Rastogi [1974b].)

Fig. 38 JATP 36, 167 (1974)

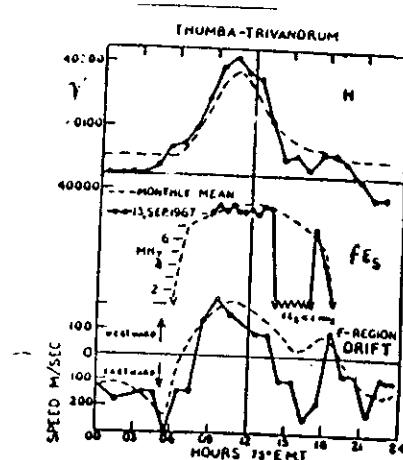


Fig. 3. Daily variations of  $H$ ,  $FE_S$  and East-West F-region drift at Thumba/Trivandrum on 3 September 1967 along their monthly mean variations showing the depression in  $H$ , disappearance of  $FE_S$  and reversal of drift occurring simultaneously.

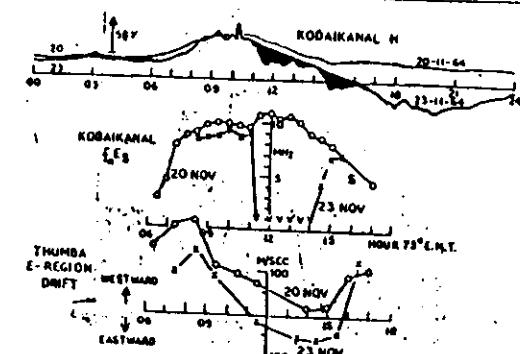


Fig. 4. Daily variations of  $H$  (Kodaikanal),  $FE_S$  (Kodaikanal) and E-W F-region drift at Thumba on a quiet (20-11-1964) day and a disturbed (23-11-1964) day. Note the depressions in  $H$ , disappearance of  $FE_S$  and the Eastward E-region drifts occur simultaneously in time.

Fig. 39

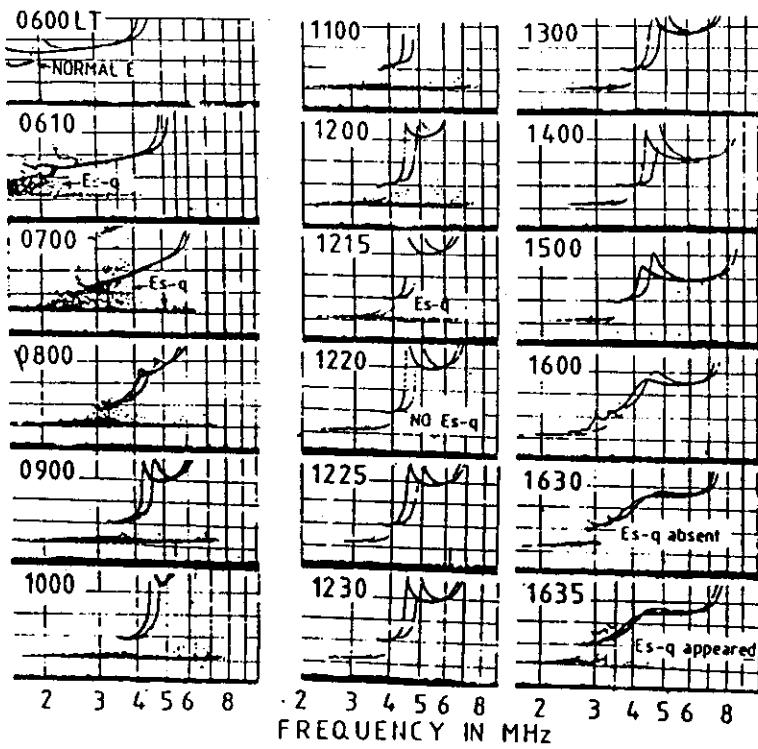
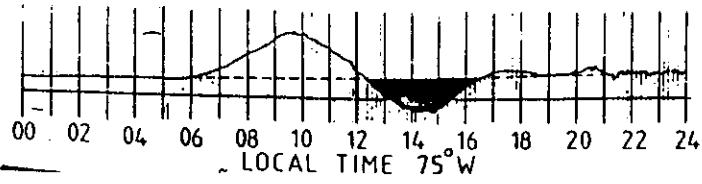


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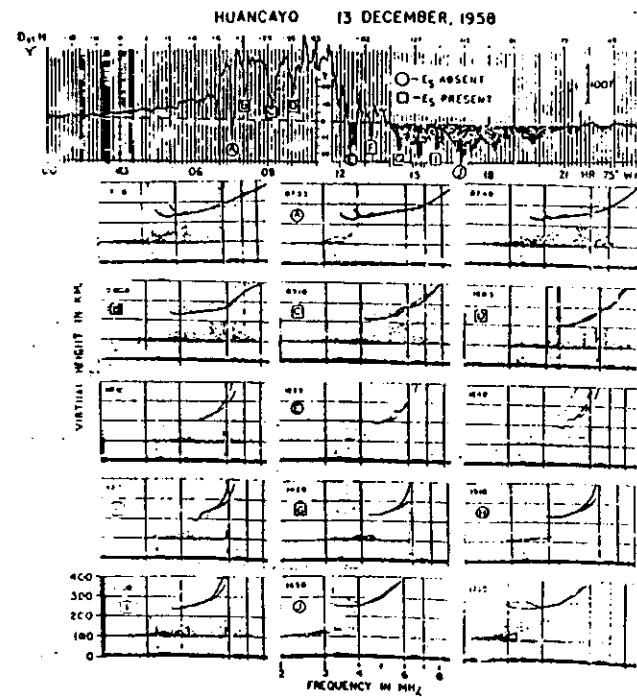


Fig. 41 Magnetogram and ionograms at Huancayo on a magnetic disturbed day (13th December 1958) showing the disappearance of Es at the times of sharp decreases of H.

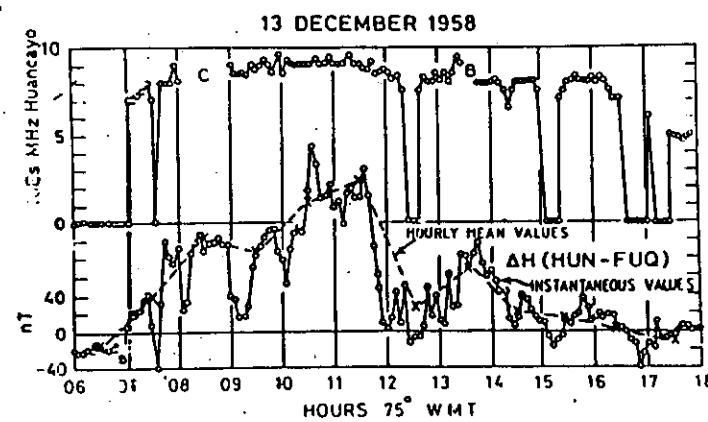


Fig. 42

APPARENT DRIFT VECTOR IN E-REGION  
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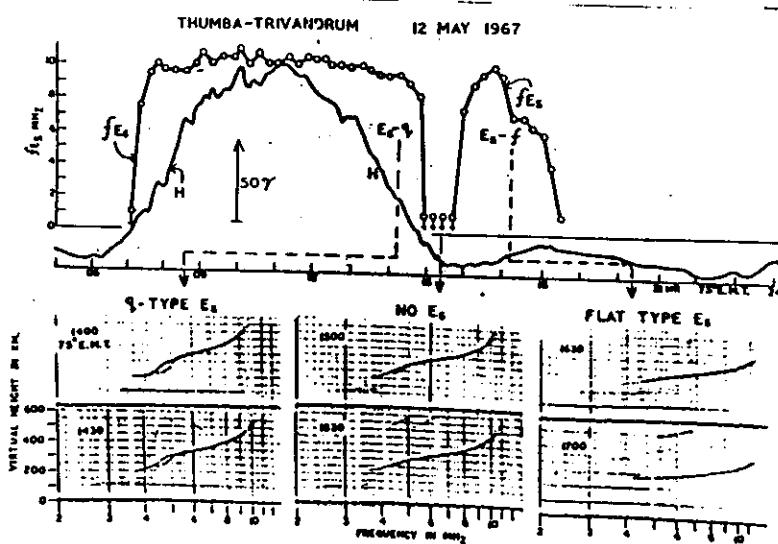
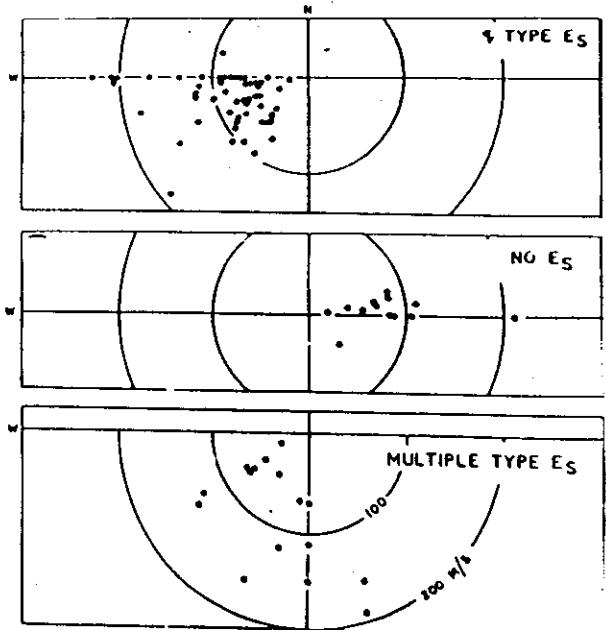


Fig. 42

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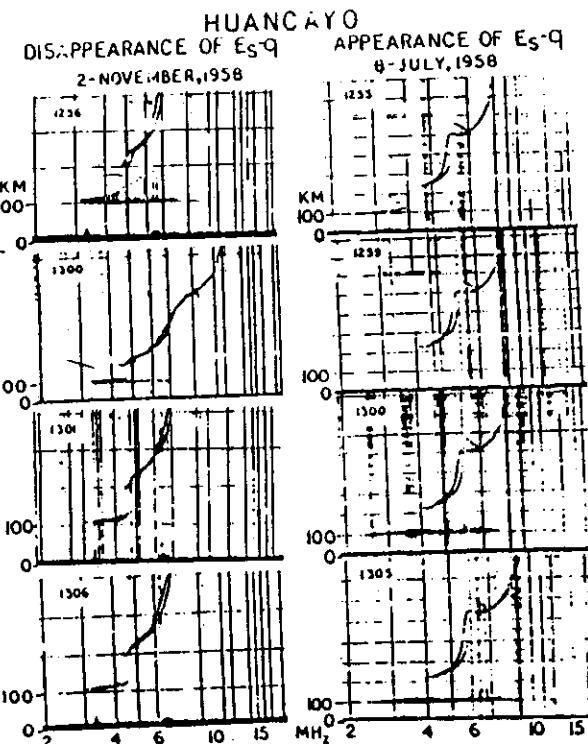


Fig. 1 : The sequence of vertical sounding ionograms at Huancayo showing the sudden disappearance of Es-q between 1300 and 1301 LT on 2 November 1958 and the sudden appearance of Es-q between 1259 and 1300 LT on 8 July 1958.

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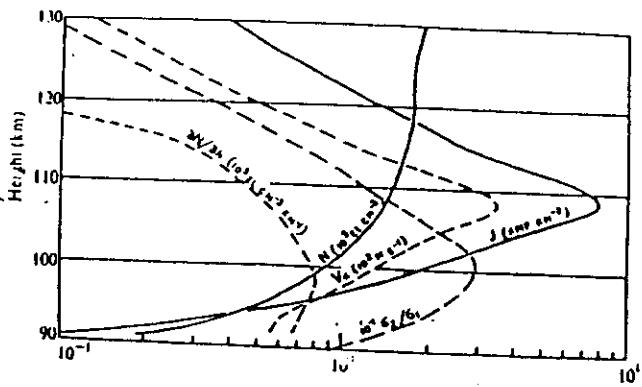


Fig. 2 Height profiles of electron density ( $N$ ), electric current ( $J$ ), electron density gradient ( $\partial N/\partial h$ ) and the vertical polarization field ( $E_p = \sigma_3/\sigma_1$ ) at the magnetic equator derived from rocket sounding data taken at 1100 h LT on March 12, 1965, off the coast of Peru ( $11.4^\circ S$ ,  $81.3^\circ W$ ) after Maynard<sup>7</sup>. The electron drift is a maximum around 108 km whereas the vertical electric field is a maximum at 100 km.

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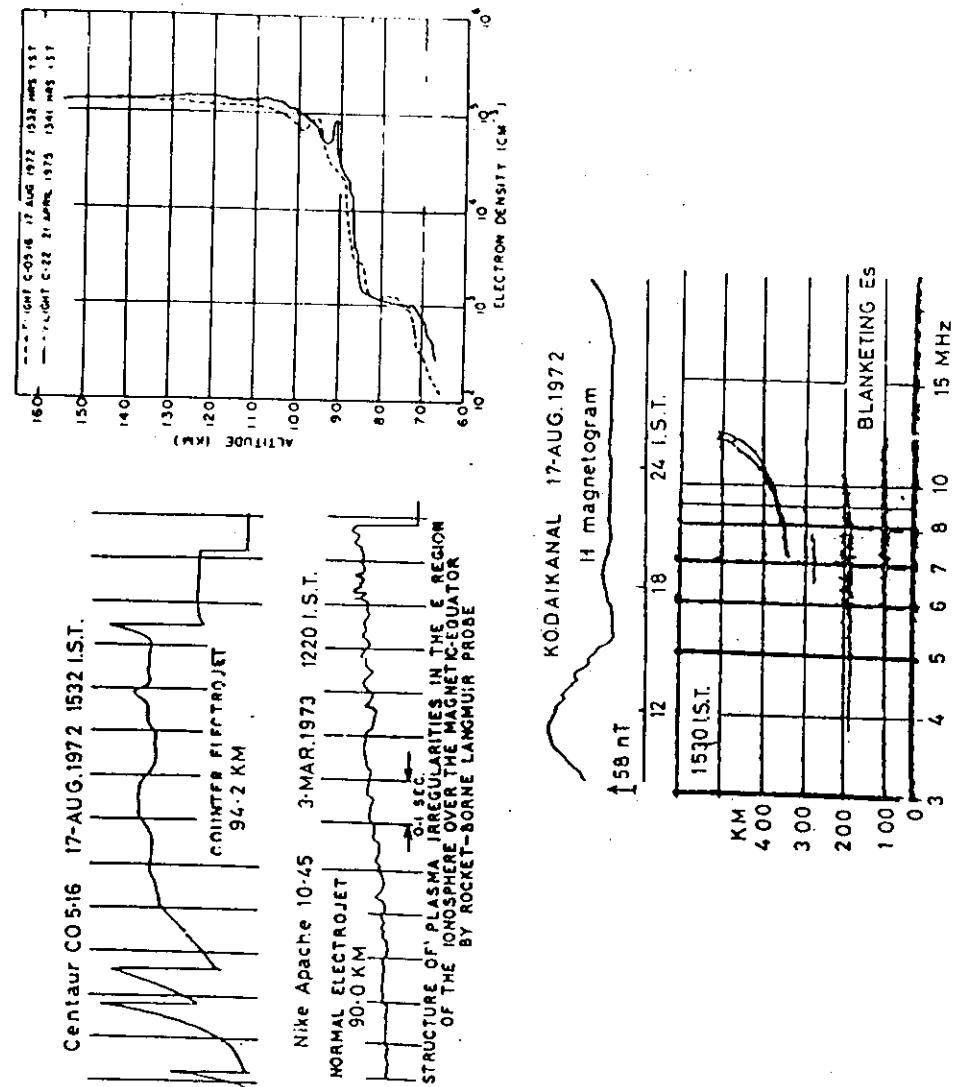


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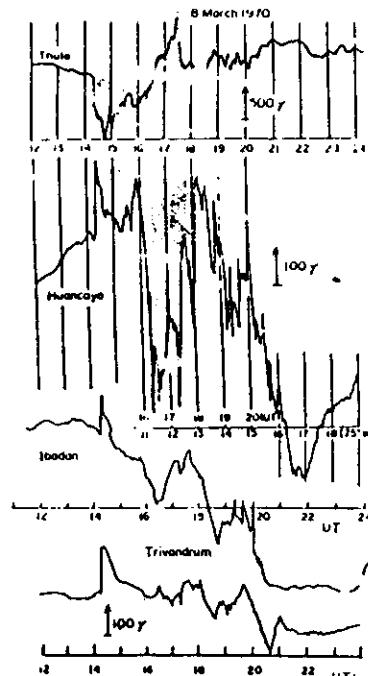


FIG. 4. THE VARIATIONS OF HORIZONTAL COMPONENT OF THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD AT EQUATORIAL STATIONS TRIVANDRUM, IBADAN AND HUANCAYO AND A STATION CLOSE TO THE NORTH POLE (TRUDE) DURING SC STORM STARTING AT 14:17 UT ON 8, MARCH 1970.

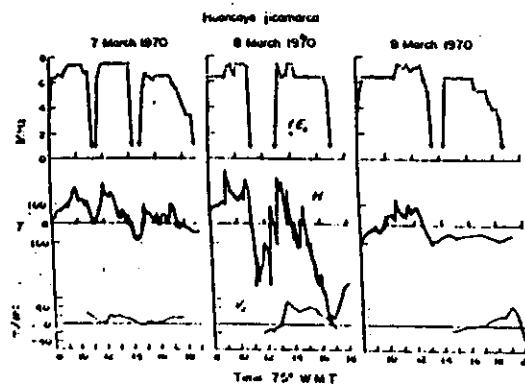


FIG. 2. VARIATIONS OF  $H$  FIELD AND  $f_i$  AT HUANCAYO COMPARED WITH THE VERTICAL  $F$  MILLION WEBERS ( $V$ ) AT JICAMARCA ON 7-9, MARCH 1970.

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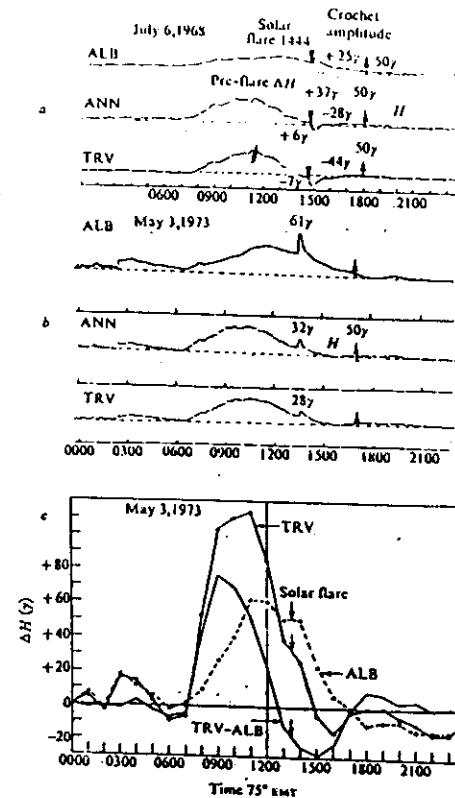
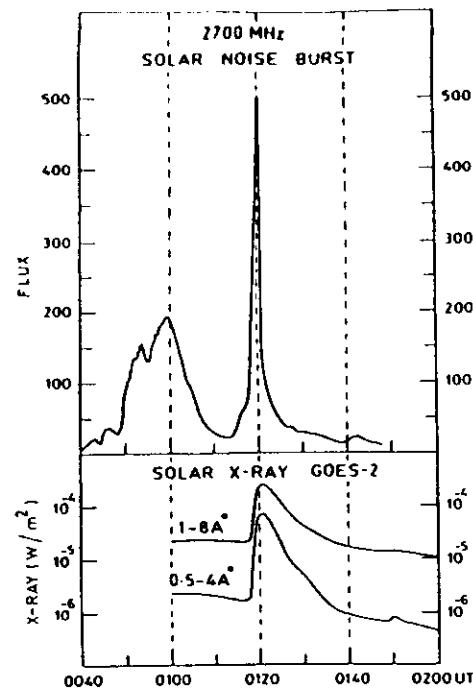


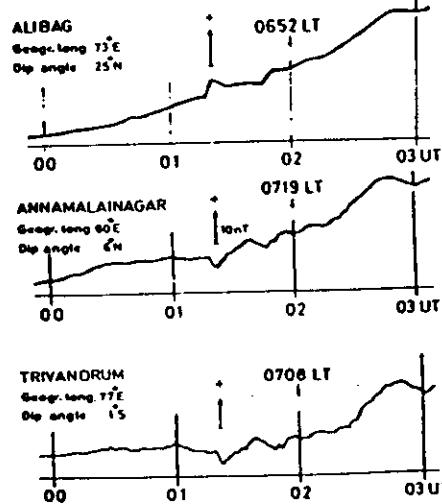
Fig. 1. a, Crochet effect in  $H$  at Indian stations during a complete counter-electrojet event on July 6, 1968, at Trivandrum (TRV), Annamalainagar (ANN), and Alibag (ALB). b, Crochet effect in  $H$  at Indian stations during a partial counter-electrojet event on May 3, 1973. c, Diurnal variations of the geomagnetic  $H$  field at TRV, ALB and TRV-ALB on May 3, 1973.

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Fig 47



—(Top) Solar noise burst recorded at Penitentiary D.C. Canada (vide Solar Geophysical Data) on 21 June 1980; (bottom) solar X-ray measured aboard GOES-2 satellite on 21 June 1980

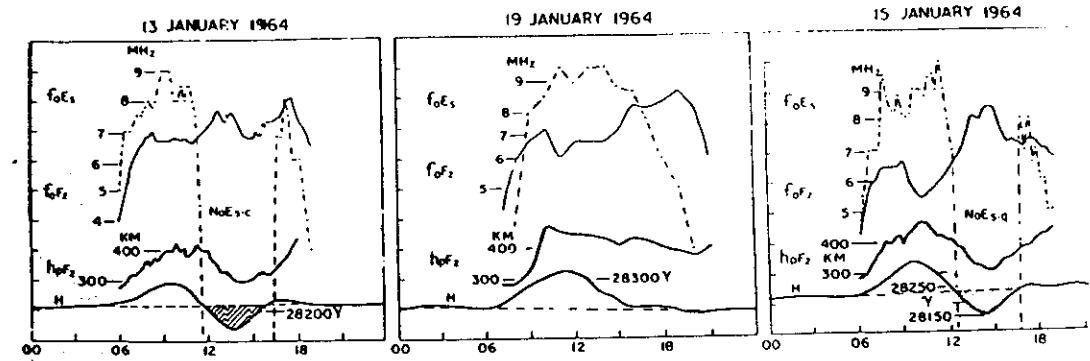


-Horizontal intensity variation recorded in the Indian zone on 21 June 1980 (Note the negative excursion at 0120 hrs UT at the electrojet stations and corresponding positive deviation at Alibag, outside and jet influence.)

-Horizontal intensity variations recorded at equatorial latitudes in different longitude zones on 21 June 1980

Fig 48

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The variations of the height of peak electron density in the F region ( $h_0F_2$ ), critical frequencies of the q type of  $E_1(f_0E_1)$  and of the  $F_2$  region ( $f_0F_2$ ) at Huancayo on a normal electrojet day (January 19, 1964) and on counter electrojet days (January 3 and 15, 1964).

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## Counter-electrojet and Esq disappearance

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**Abstract**—The disappearance of Esq type traces from ionograms at the magnetic equator during magnetically quiet periods is related to inverted latitudinal profiles of the regular daily magnetic variation (in its horizontal and vertical components). Latitude profiles obtained from a meridian chain of nine magnetometers across central Africa are compared with corresponding quarter-hourly ionogram sequences from Fort-Archanbaud-Sarl. (Chad). Between 0900 and 1800 LT, the magnetic reversal coincides exactly with the disappearance of Esq traces. This evidence gives additional weight to the hypothesis of a counter-electrojet current belt, located on exactly the same latitudes as the normal electrojet and probably flowing below it at the bottom of the E-layer. It agrees well with present theory on type II slow turbulent modes, and confirms the  $V_s \wedge B$  plasma instability mechanism as the cause of Esq inhomogeneities at this level.

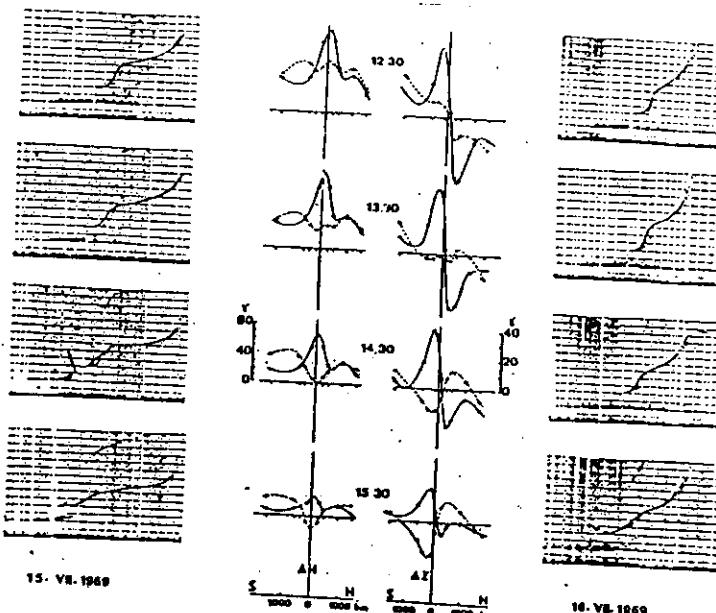


Fig. 1. Centre: latitude profiles of  $H$  and  $Z$  across the magnetic equator in central Africa. 15 July 1969, counter-electrojet day, broken line. 16 July 1969, normal day, solid line. Local time marked at the center of each horizontal row, increasing downwards. Sides: comparison with corresponding ionograms at Sarah (left) 15 July; (right) 16 July.

Fig. 50

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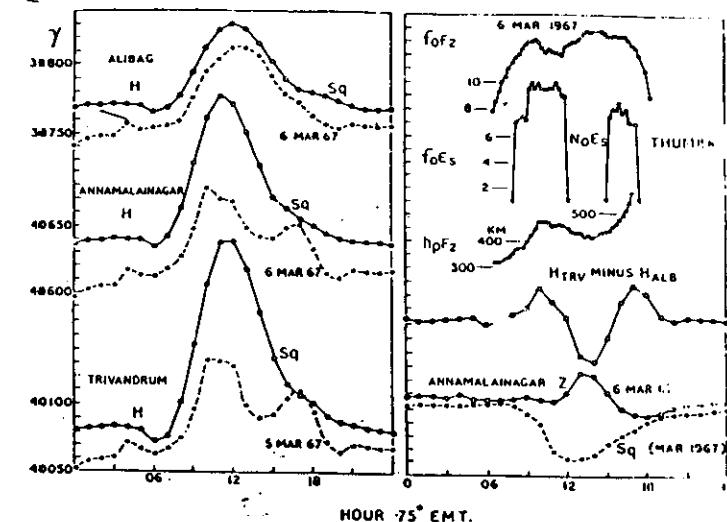
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## Westward Equatorial Electrojet During Daytime Hours

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The variations of the  $H$  field at low-latitude stations during a partial counter-electrojet effect. These are compared with corresponding changes in Esq layer and the height of the  $F_2$  region over the magnetic equator.

Fig. 51

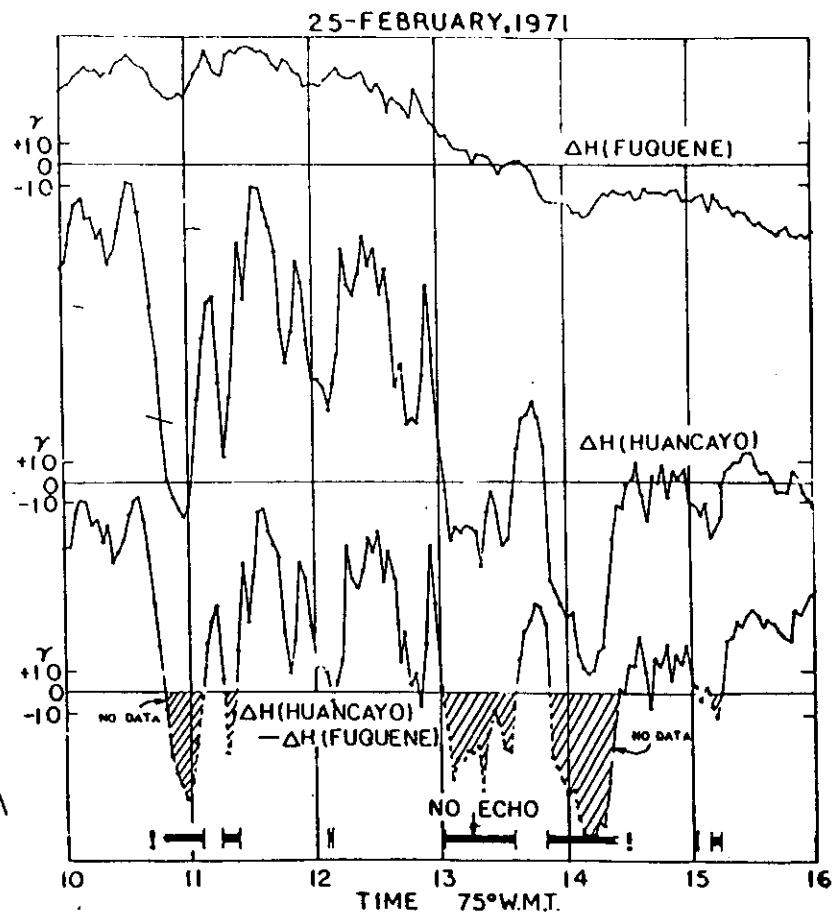


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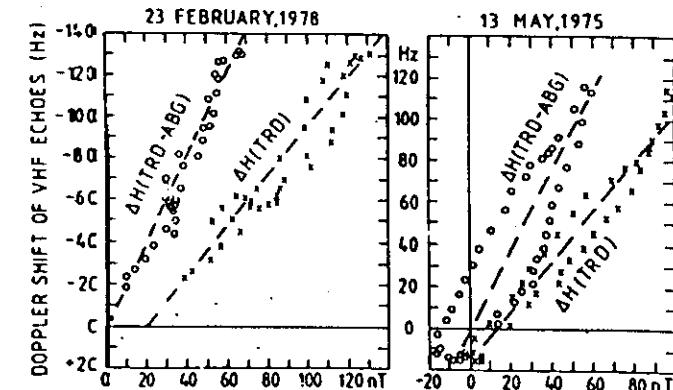
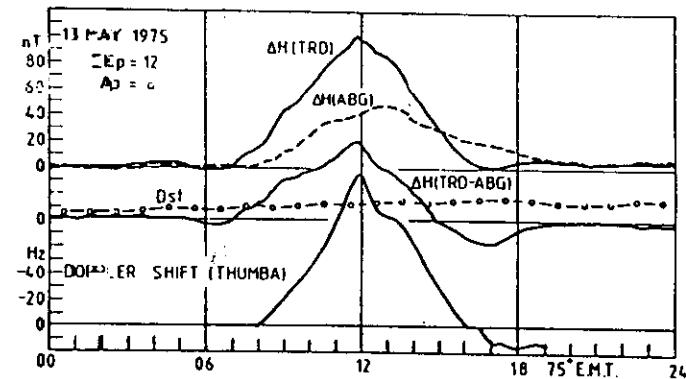
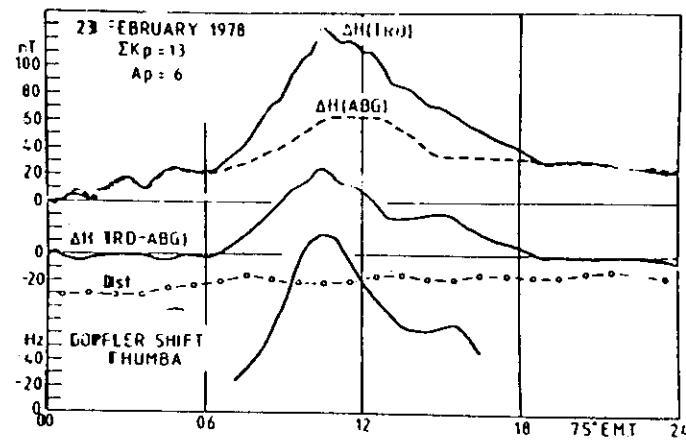
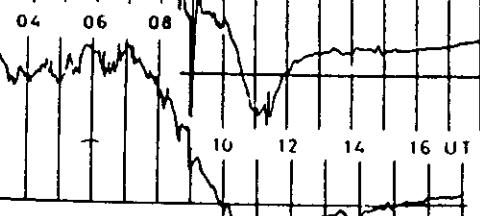


Fig 5.3

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$\Delta H$  100 nT

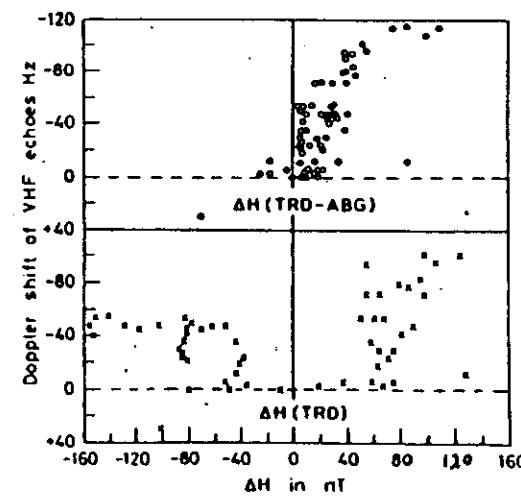
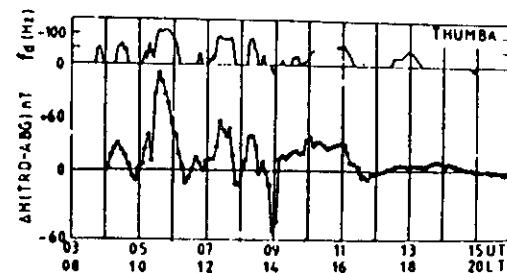
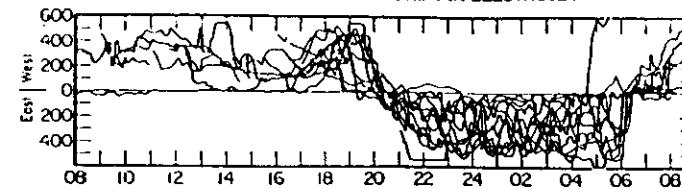


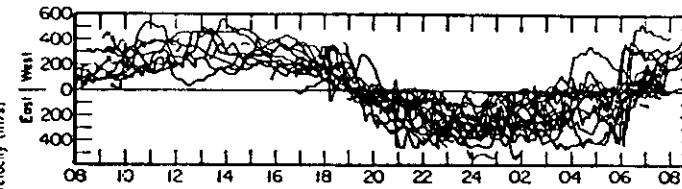
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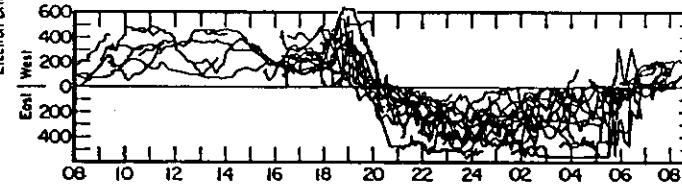
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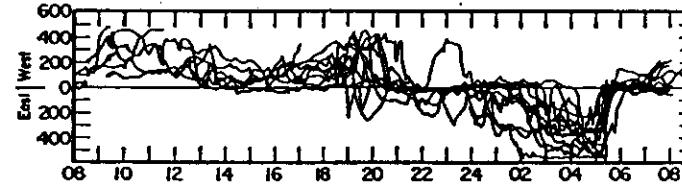
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Composites of type II drift velocities obtained at Jicamarca during the period 1967-1970. (Figure is from Balsley (1973). Reprinted by permission of Pergamon Press.)

Fig 55

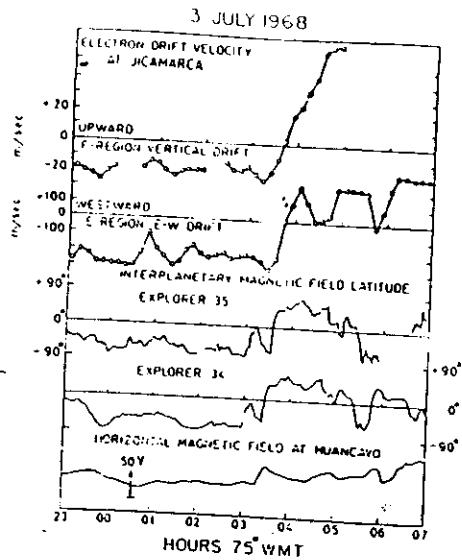


Figure 8 (a). The E region horizontal drifts and F region vertical drifts at Jicamarca during the nighttime on 3 July 1968 compared with the interplanetary magnetic field latitude at Explorers 34 and 35 satellites as well as the geomagnetic H field at ground observatory, Huancayo.

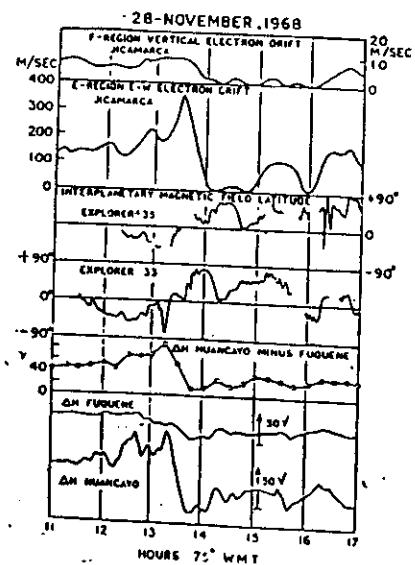


Figure 6 (a). The horizontal E region electro drifts and vertical F region plasma drifts at Jicamarca on 28 November 1968 compared with the changes in the latitude of interplanetary magnetic field at satellites Explorer 33 and 35. The geomagnetic fields at ground observatories Huancayo and Fuquene are also shown for comparison.

Fig 56

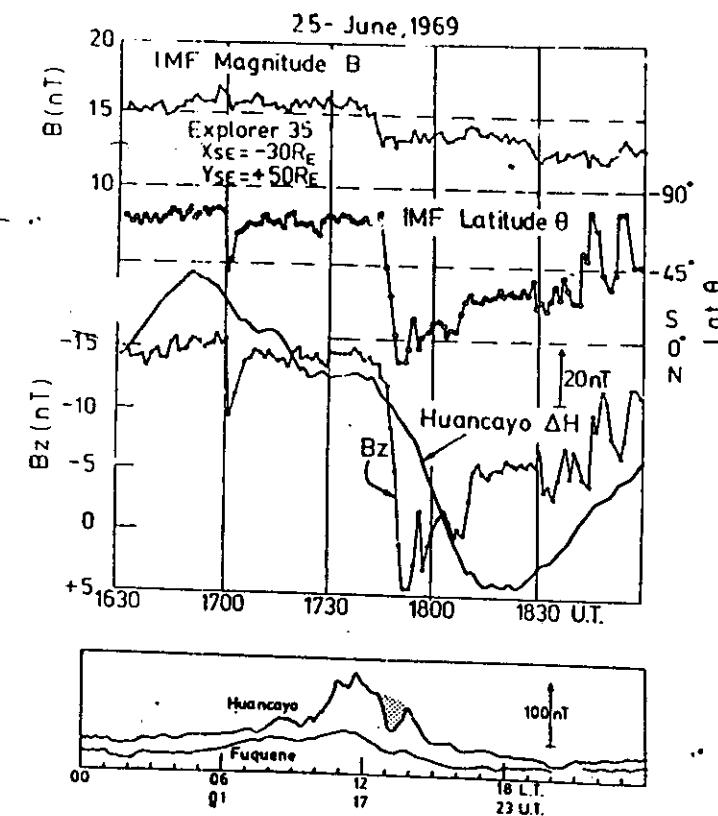


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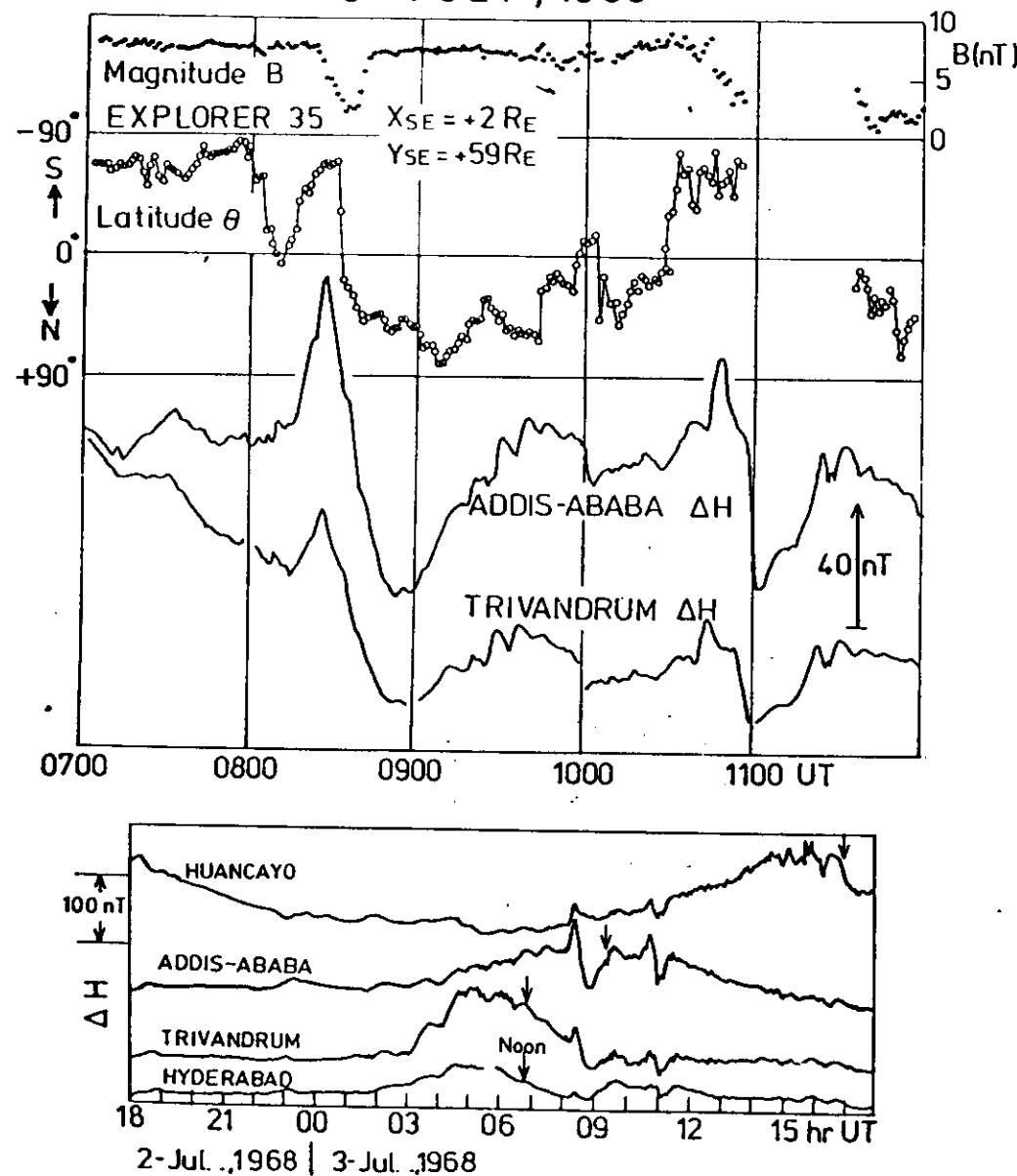


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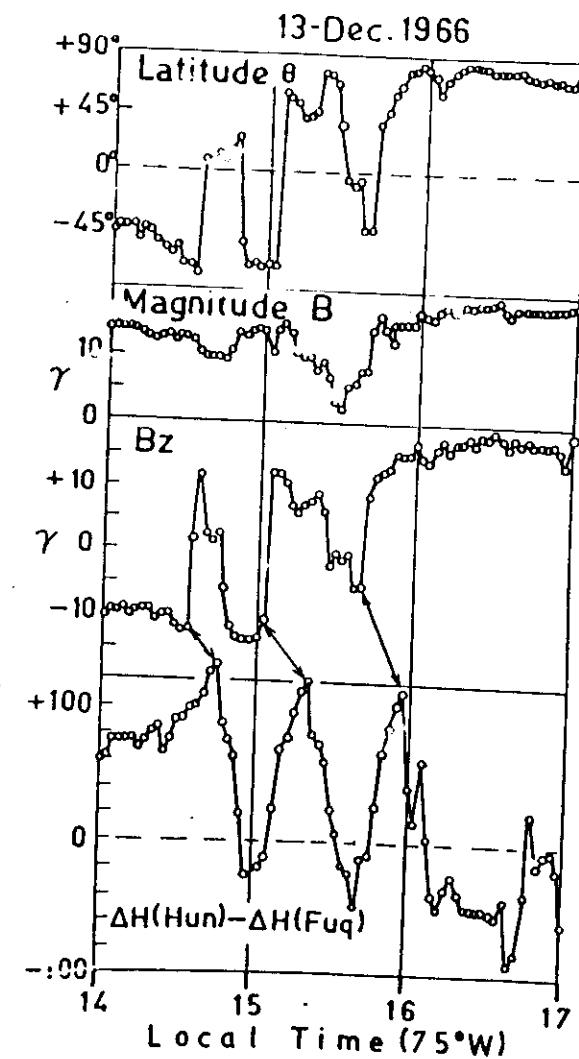
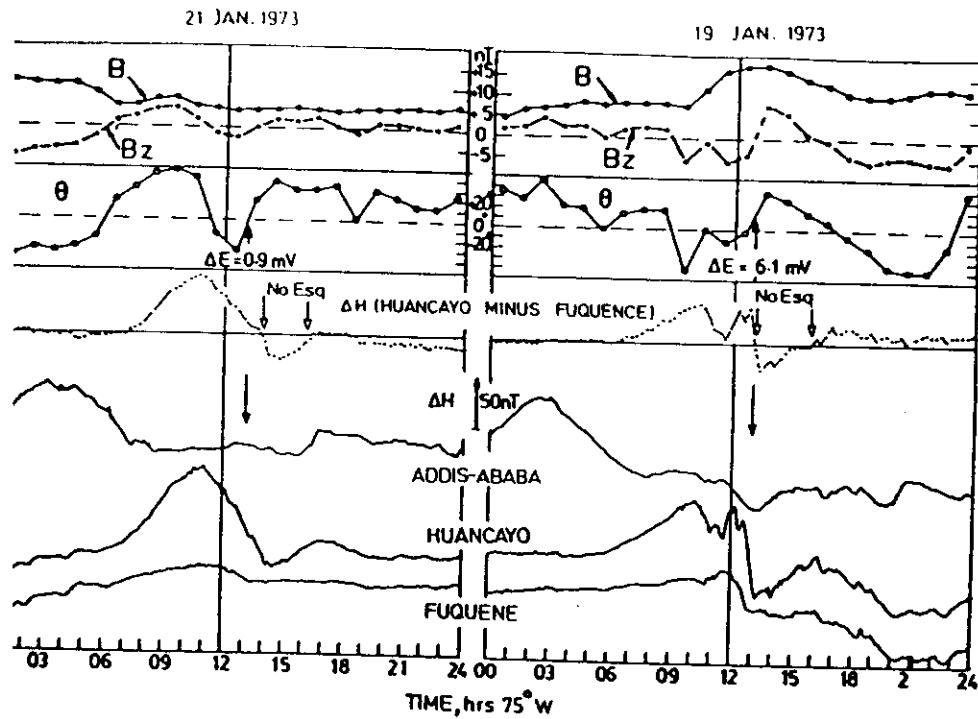


Fig 59



-Tracings of the magnetograms at Huancayo, Fuquene, Addis Ababa, Huancayo minus Fuquene and the hourly mean s of IMF components  $B$ ,  $\theta$  and  $B_z$  on 21 and 19 January 1973 [The counter electrojet at Huancayo on 21 January 1973 was of tidal origin while sudden decrease of  $H$  at Huancayo, Fuquene and Addis Ababa at 1300 hrs (75°WMT) on 19 Jan. 1973 was due to northward turning of  $B_z$  in the presence of a large value of  $B$ .]

Fig. 60

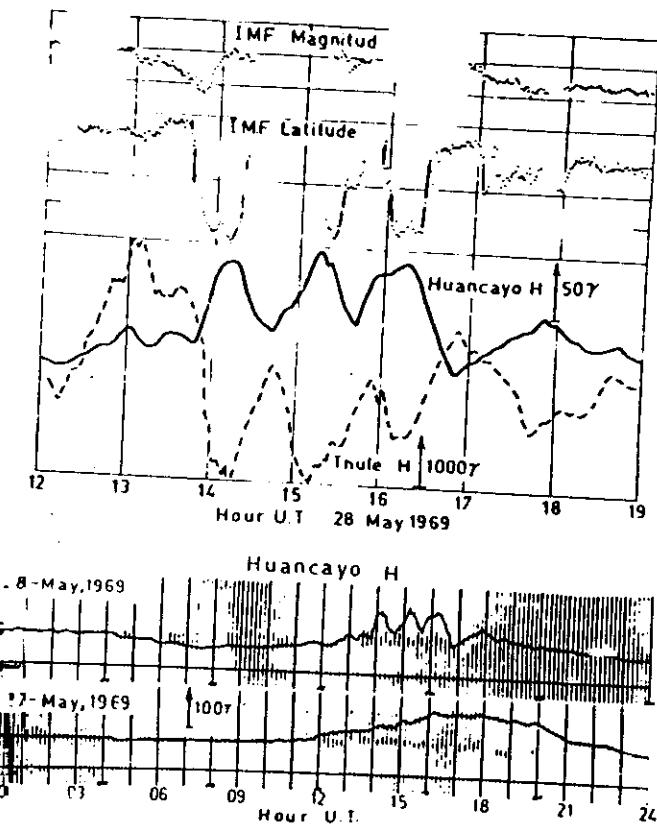
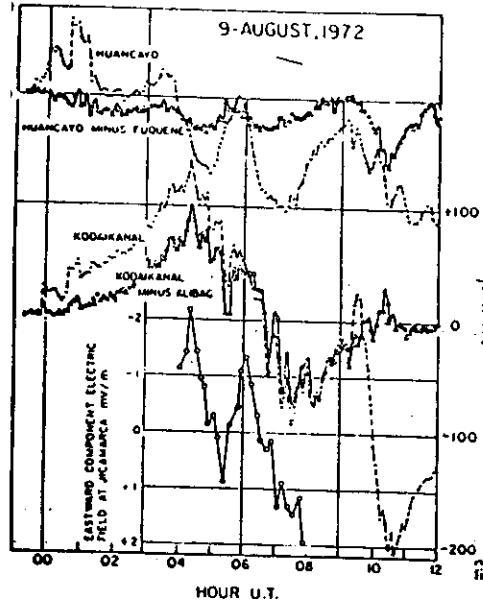


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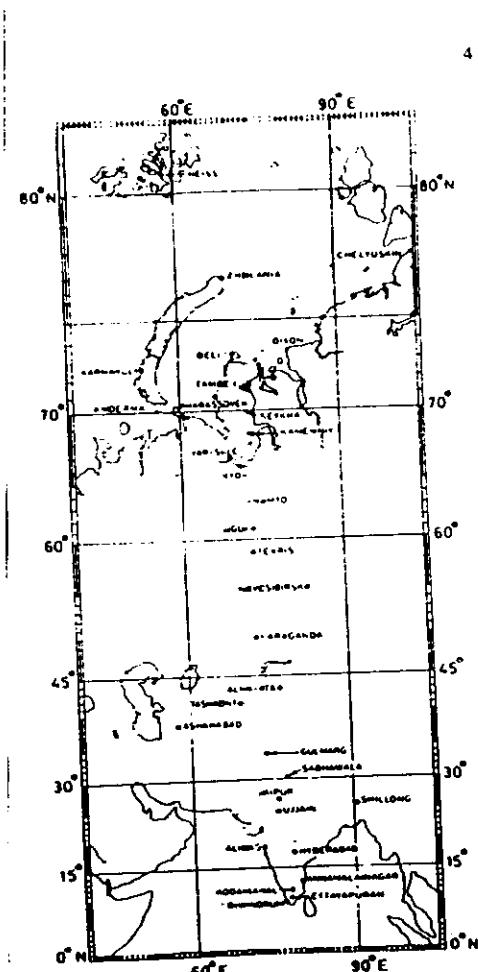
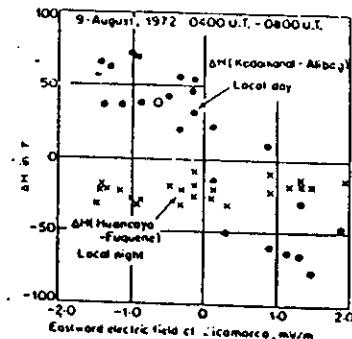


Plots of  $\Delta H$  (Huancayo minus Fuquene) and  $\Delta E$  (Kodikanal minus Jicamarca) compared with the corresponding values of the eastward electric field at Jicamarca.

Variations of the geomagnetic  $H$  field at Huancayo, Huancayo minus Fuquene, Kodikanal, Kodikanal minus Alibag compared with the corresponding variation of the eastward electric field at Jicamarca on 9 August 1972.

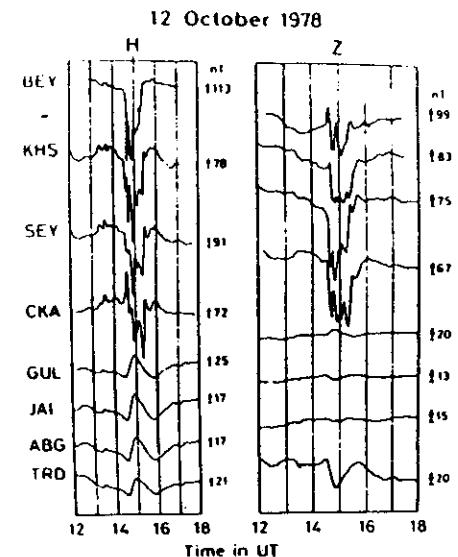
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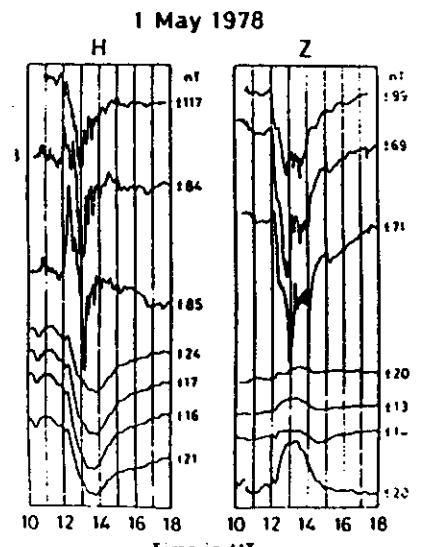


Map showing the locations of Indian and Soviet magnetometer stations in the 145° geomagnetic meridian zone.

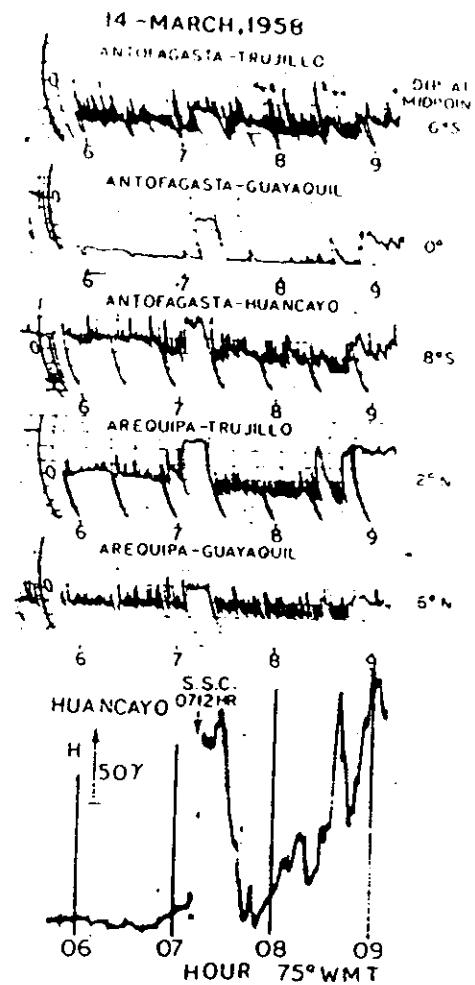
Fig 63



Magnetospheric substorm event of 12 October 1978. The length of the arrow for each station gives the scale factor.



Magnetospheric substorm event of 1 May developing during local evening hours. Format as for figure 2.



Changes in  $H$  at Huancayo associated with the ssc at 0712  
at  $75^{\circ}$  WMT on March 14, 1958, and its effect on VHF scatter  
propagation paths in Peru.

Fig 64

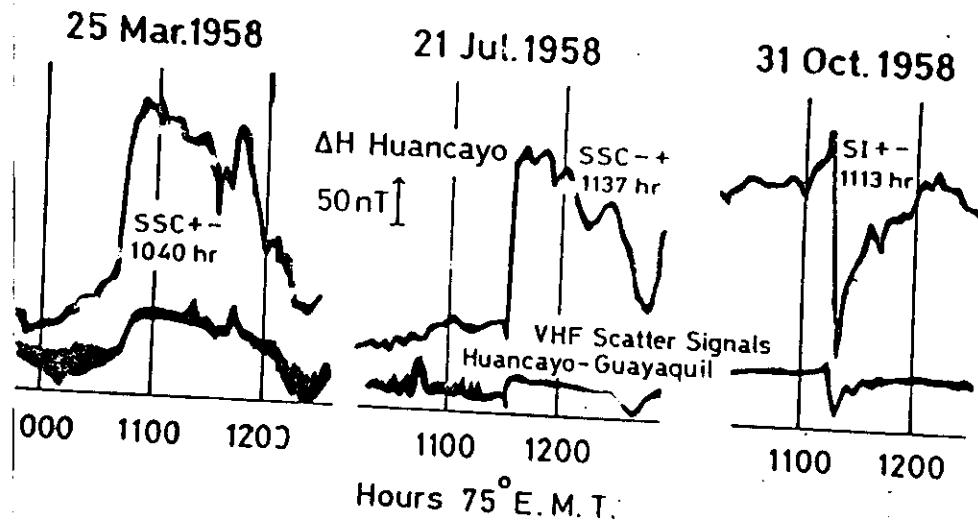
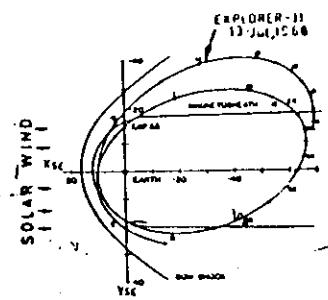


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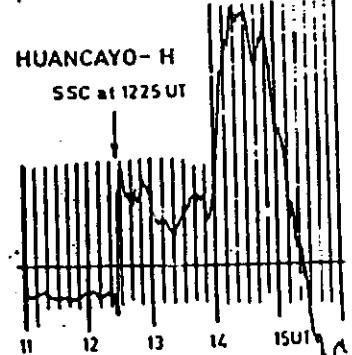
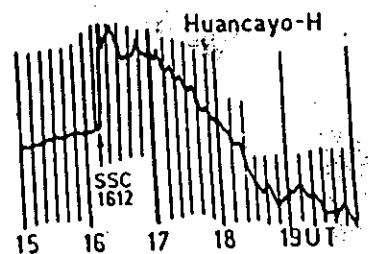
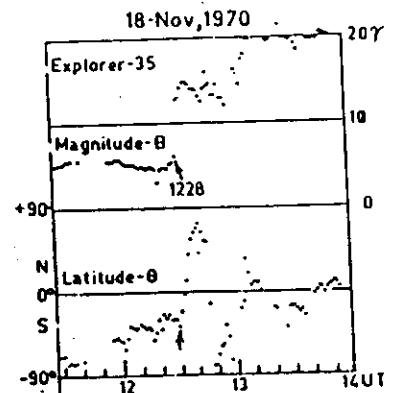
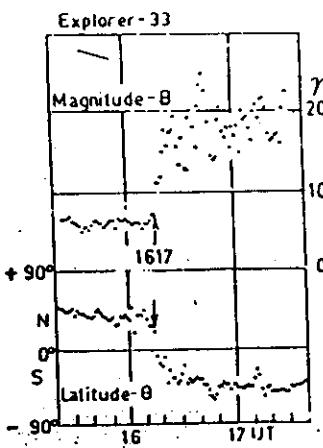
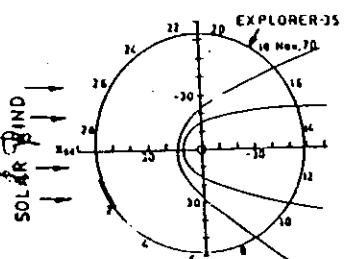


Fig 66