

Early calculations and discussions and
correspondence with Ellis about low
frequency observations. The experiments
were performed at Cambridge during winter
of 1955 and published in J.G.R. March 1956.

Low Frequency Studies

Below 2mc there seems very little possibility of measuring Cosmic Static because of the ionosphere. Even at vertical incidence the F_2 critical frequency practically never gets below 1mc. If lower frequencies are to be investigated it will be necessary to move the measuring equipment up above the F_2 layer either by means of a rocket or to the moon. One other possibility exists, at very low frequencies, below 10kc the skin depth of the ionosphere may be so large that it exceeds the physical depth of the ionosphere. In this case the ionosphere becomes partially transparent and some Cosmic Static may be measured.

On page 34 of Terman is given for a conductor

$$\text{Skin depth (cm)} = \epsilon = 5,033 \left(\frac{\rho}{\mu f} \right)^{1/2}$$

ϵ is depth in cm the current drops to $1/e$ of surface value

ρ is resistivity in ohms per cm cube.

f is frequency in cycles/sec

μ is permeability. = 1

On page 714 in Terman is given for ionosphere.
without magnetic field.

$$\sigma = N \frac{e^2}{m} \frac{v}{\omega^2 + \nu^2} \frac{1}{9 \times 10^{20}}$$

σ = conductivity in esu.

e = charge of electron in esu,

m = mass of electron in grams,

ν = number of collisions an electron makes per second with gas molecules,

$\omega = 2\pi f$ where f is in cycles per second.

$$e^2/m = 2.81 \cdot 10^{-13}$$

N = electrons/cc (page 712)

Table 2 page 714 gives

$$\nu = 8.5 \cdot 10^3 \text{ at } 200 \text{ km} \quad \nu = 1.7 \cdot 10^4 \text{ at } 150 \text{ km}$$

$$\nu = 8.5 \cdot 10^2 \text{ at } 300 \text{ km} \quad \nu = 4.3 \cdot 10^5 \text{ at } 100 \text{ km}$$

$$\nu = 1.2 \cdot 10^2 \text{ at } 400 \text{ km}$$

$$\nu = 2.8 \text{ at } 600 \text{ km}$$

On page 25 we find 1 abohm (esu) = 10^{-9} ohm

On pages 39 + 40 of NBS circular # 462 we have from charts

$$N = 10^{11} \text{ / cubic meter at } 100 \text{ km} \quad \text{These are ions}$$

$$N = 2 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ / " " " } 150 \text{ km}$$

$$N = 4 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ / " " " } 200 \text{ km}$$

$$N = 8 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ / " " " } 300 \text{ km}$$

$$N = 16 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ / " " " } 400 \text{ km (maximum)}$$

On page 714 of Terman we have from table 2,

$N = 1.2 \cdot 10^{13}$ molecules/cc. cm at 100 km

$5 \cdot 10^{11}$ " " " 150 "

$1.8 \cdot 10^{11}$ " " " 200 "

$2.4 \cdot 10^{10}$ " " " 300 "

$3.6 \cdot 10^9$ " " " 400 "

$8.8 \cdot 10^7$ " " " 600 "

Above 300 km the gas is mostly ionized so number of electrons and molecules are substantially equal. Thus at 400 km we have $3.6 \cdot 10^9$ /cc ions from this table and $1.6 \cdot 10^6$ /cc from NBS graphs. This is a large discrepancy. The number of molecules / cu. meter given by Terman page 714 & NBS page 36 do not agree

Height in km	Molecules / cubic meter	
	Terman	NBS
0	$2.7 \cdot 10^{25}$	$2.7 \cdot 10^{25}$
20	$1.9 \cdot 10^{24}$	$1.5 \cdot 10^{24}$
40	$8.6 \cdot 10^{22}$	$7.7 \cdot 10^{22}$
60	$4.2 \cdot 10^{21}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{22}$
80	$2.1 \cdot 10^{20}$	$9.6 + 9.6 \cdot 10^{20}$
100	$1.2 \cdot 10^{19}$	$9.8 + 7.8 \cdot 10^{19}$
120	$4.0 \cdot 10^{18}$ approx	$1.9 + 1.3 \cdot 10^{19}$

Terman states in text on page 714 that the maximum conductivity occurs at heights of 60 to 80 km in ionosphere. He means maximum losses.

The general shape of the N vs height curve is probably correct in NBS charts. There seems to be an error in the abscissa calibration. These values should be multiplied by

$$\frac{3.6 \cdot 10^9 (\text{Terman at 400 km})}{1.6 \cdot 10^6 (\text{NBS charts at 400 km})} = 2.3 \cdot 10^3$$

Thus we have NBS adjusted

$$N = 2.3 \cdot 10^8 / \text{cc at } 100 \text{ km}$$

$$N = 4.6 \cdot 10^8 / \text{cc " } 150 \text{ "}$$

$$N = 9.0 \cdot 10^8 / \text{cc " } 200 \text{ "}$$

$$N = 1.8 \cdot 10^9 / \text{cc " } 300 \text{ "}$$

$$N = 3.6 \cdot 10^9 / \text{cc " } 400 \text{ "}$$

The conductivity is determined by value of

$$\frac{N \nu}{\omega^2 + \nu^2}$$

If frequency = 10 Mc, $\omega^2 = 3.9 \cdot 10^9$

Height km	N cc	ν sec	ω^2	$\frac{N \nu}{\omega^2 + \nu^2}$	
100	$2.3 \cdot 10^8$	$4.3 \cdot 10^5$	$18 \cdot 10^{10}$	$.54 \cdot 10^3$	$= 5.4 \cdot 10^2$
150	$4.6 \cdot 10^8$	$1.7 \cdot 10^4$	$2.9 \cdot 10^8$	$.19 \cdot 10^4$	$19 \cdot 10^2$
200	$9 \cdot 10^8$	$8.5 \cdot 10^3$	$72 \cdot 10^6$	$1.9 \cdot 10^3$	$19 \cdot 10^2$
300	$1.8 \cdot 10^9$	$8.5 \cdot 10^2$	$72 \cdot 10^4$	$3.8 \cdot 10^2$	$3.8 \cdot 10^2$
400	$3.6 \cdot 10^9$	$1.2 \cdot 10^2$	$1.4 \cdot 10^4$	$1.1 \cdot 10^2$	$1.1 \cdot 10^2$

Taking a maximum value of $1.9 \cdot 10^3 = \frac{Nv}{\omega^2 + \nu^2}$

$$\sigma = \frac{2.81 \cdot 10^{-13} \cdot 1.9 \cdot 10^3}{9 \cdot 10^{20}} = .61 \cdot 10^{-30} \text{ emu}$$

$$= 1.6 \cdot 10^{30} \text{ abohms/cm cube}$$

$$\rho = 1.6 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ ohms/cm cube}$$

$$S \text{ skin depth} = 5,033 \left(\frac{1.6 \cdot 10^{21}}{10^4} \right)^{1/2} = 5 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 4 \cdot 10^4 = 2 \cdot 10^8 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 2 \cdot 10^6 \text{ meters} = 2 \cdot 10^3 \text{ km}$$

If this be true the thickness of the ionosphere is small compared to skin depth at 10 kc and it should be transparent vertically at this and lower frequencies. The difficulty is that there seems no good value for the electron density.

There is nothing about low frequencies in NBS circular #462. See second paragraph page 1 for statement.

At very low frequencies (Terman page 719) where the wavelength is large compared to distance a large change in index of refraction exists, there reflection occurs from the ionosphere. The situation is quite similar to a mirror, ^(page 733) where the wave is turned back by eddy currents. If the thickness of the mirror is small and its conductivity poor, a considerable part of the wavefront will pass thru similar to the partial reflecting mirrors used in interferometers to split the light beam.

at 10 Mc the wavelength is 30 km. This is comparable to the effective thickness of the bottom of the E layer, see page 714. Thus transmission is accomplished by reflection at this frequency, see page 733. Probably the ionosphere is partially transparent in the vertical direction at 10 Mc. No data on vertical soundings is available, all communication takes place at relatively small angles by means of vertically polarized waves. Such waves cannot be launched vertically.

To measure 10 Mc waves from vertical it will be necessary to use a very large loop or else some type of horizontal dipole. These may be hung between some large hills or mountains. Something hung across Grand Canyon might do.

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References on Very Low Frequency Measures.

"Ionospheric Propagation of Very Low Frequencies"

Bracewell, etc. Proc. IEE, Part III, May 1951, p 221-236

This contains references to measures on lightning down to about 10 kc and estimates to 3.5 kc on page 222.

Data on 16 kc vertical reflection + absorption on page 226-227

According to figure 4 page 226 + summary (a) page 235

the reflection coefficient of the ionosphere is near unity

at 16 mc. Absorption during the day reduces the conversion coefficient which is strength of wave

at ground or apparent reflection coefficient. A few extra and substantiating comments are made on page

99 of March 1952 issue.

From the information outlined here the experiments show that the ionosphere will be a nearly perfect shield to Cosmic Static coming in at 16 kc. If the ionosphere becomes transparent due to skin effect the frequency is much less than 16 kc, perhaps 1 kc.

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Wailuku, Maui
T.H.

Future Experiments by Grote Reber

Cosmic Static should be followed down to the lowest possible frequencies primarily because of the cosmological implications as outlined in my letter of May 22nd 1952 to Schauer.

The limitation in this procedure will be the ionosphere. There is virtually no possibility of penetrating the ionosphere by means of low frequencies. See letter of October 6th 1952 by Helliwell to me. ^{(See paragraph 4 under (A))} Thus the low frequency limit will be set by the minimum ionization on a winter night at solar activity minimum.

The lowest critical frequencies are in region of 1.5 mc. These however occur rarely even during the most auspicious circumstances above. Also it will be desirable to measure rays coming in from lower angles than the zenith. If it is desired to get down to an angle of ϕ degrees from zenith the operating frequency must be

$$f = f_c \sec \phi$$

If $\phi = 60^\circ$, then $\sec \phi = 2.0$. Thus the lowest frequency

will be at least twice fc.

Since criticals below 2mc are quite rare even in winter and practically non-existent in summer it will be necessary to choose a higher frequency. Near solar activity minimum the summer criticals on Maui were below 3.0mc for 10% of time and below 4.0mc for 50% of time during two hours (5-6 am) during 1952. This seems like the smallest length of time suitable for making observations profitable. By filling in with good hours during the equinoxes it should be possible to cover all around the sky. Thus the lowest operating frequency should be not less than two times 3 megacycles or 6mc , at this frequency complete coverage of sky down to an angle of 60° from zenith of observer should be possible.

If the observer is located on the equator the sky could be covered from $+60^\circ$ to -60° declination. Thus the entire milkyway would be observable, at 6mc or higher frequency from one location.

To get to the very lowest possible frequency of 2mc , only rays near the zenith will come in for a few hours during winter. Thus many observers at different latitudes will be needed. At northern latitudes the observer will be able to see a region of the sky about 6 to 10 hours ahead of sun when sun is between 1600 and 2000 RA. This region will be from 0600 to 1400 RA.

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at southern latitudes the region will be 6 to 10 hours ahead of sun when sun is between 0400 and 0800 RA. This region will be from 1800 to 0200 RA.

at the equator there will be two regions as above where the north and south equinox.

The total part of the sky thus visible will be, if $\phi = 20^\circ$ and $\sec \phi = 1.07$ or $f = 1.07fc$.

Latitude of observer.	Declination Range	R.A. Range.
+ 60°	+80° to +40°	0600-1400
+ 40°	+60° to +20°	0700-1300
+ 20°	+40° to 0°	0800-1200
0°	+20° to -20°	0900-1100
0°	+20° to -20°	2100 to 2300
- 20°	0° to -40°	2000 to 0000
- 40°	-20° to -60°	1900 to 0100
- 60°	-40° to -80°	1800 to 0200

These regions cover both galactic poles and entirely avoid the milkyway. Thus such a set of observations would not be very interesting. The unsatisfactory arrangement is due to fact sun is in milkyway at the extremes of its distance from the ecliptic plus fact ionosphere is most transparent only during a few hours before sunrise in winter. Due to peculiar nature of circumstances such an experiment does not seem profitable irrespective of the expense.

(see second following paragraph marked B)

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A To get to still lower frequencies there is a small possibility that an extraordinary ray of VLF cosmic static might come in along one of magnetic lines of earth to the earth's polar regions. Correspondence with Helliwell should be followed up to get some idea of attenuation of such a ray. The net result would not be very informative even if such a ray came in. This is because direction of ray would be determined by direction of earth's field at observer and not by direction of source in space.

B Getting back to the zenith experiment, it should be possible to check the intensity of some point sources and thus carry their spectral distribution down to about 2.0 mc. Unfortunately all of the best sources lie along the milkyway and are thus out of range. Of the ones listed by Mills (Aust. J. Sci. Res. Ser. D. 1952) only the ones in Virgo ($+12^{\circ}44'$ $+ RA 1228$) and Triangulum ($-60^{\circ}45'$ $RA 1610$) seem at all possible and these are out of the above ranges of position. Thus only the faint sources are available and these would be difficult to locate in general background. Again this setup does not seem profitable as all the most interesting parts of the sky are excluded.

To make successful observations at still lower frequencies it will be necessary to get outside the earth's atmosphere. However, even if it were possible to land on and observe from the Moon it is probable that not much improvement would be secured. This is because the moon probably has a small amount of atmosphere on the order of 10^{-5} that of the earth. It is much too small

to be detectable by visual occultations but seems to be present judging from Wells ionosphere observations of eclipse during September 1951. Thus the ionosphere on the moon will probably prevent any cosmic static at a frequency below 1mc from reaching the surface of moon. (5)

Apparently the only possibility in the foreseeable future is to measure cosmic static at the top of a rocket flight or much better, from a space station about 2000 miles above the earth. On such a space station all frequencies down to VLF could be measured. Furthermore, since there is no wind a very large antenna could be installed in form of a giant loop perhaps miles in extent.

Summing up.

A, at solar activity minimum, all the sky from $+60^\circ$ to -60° could be surveyed by an observer at the equator at 6mc. The polar regions could be covered by other observers at higher latitudes if desired.

B, at solar activity minimum, parts of the sky around the galactic poles could be surveyed by several observers stationed at different latitudes at 2mc. None of the milkyway nor any of the strong point sources would be available.

C, Near the earth's magnetic poles some VLF cosmic static might leak in to the surface of the earth along lines of magnetic force down to perhaps a few kilocycles. The direction of arrival would be determined by direction of magnetic lines.

D. a space station above the ionosphere would be the best place to conduct low frequency cosmic static experiments.

E. The moon would be very little improvement over the earth as a base of operation because of the probable ionosphere about moon.

10-31-53

Australia, Winter Characteristics

Stations

near
Agonic Line
Watheroo,
Hobart



Stations

East of
Agonic Line
Townsville,
Christchurch, etc.



Stations

West of
Agonic line
(none)

Northern Hemisphere Sources.

Cygnus 20h RA, $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Dec.
 Cassiopeia 23h RA, $58\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Dec

21st of Month	Source on Meridian	
	Cygn.	Cas.
April	6a	9a
May	4a	7a
June	2a	5a
July	MN	3a
August	10p	1a
September	8p	11p

Declination	$40\frac{1}{2}$	$58\frac{1}{2}$
Field	.61	.61
Inclination	80	86
Latitude	$50\frac{1}{2}$	$62\frac{1}{2}$
Place	near Winnipeg	above Churchill

Hour	Summer	Median fo F ₂
MN	2.9	3.9
2a	2.8	3.5
3a	2.7	3.5
4a	2.8	3.3
6a	3.5	3.9

Northern Hemisphere Sources 12-21-53

March 21st 00h on meridian at noon
 23h on " " 11a Cas
 20h " " " 8a Cys

Apr 21st 00h on " " 10a
 23 " " " 9a Cas
 20 " " " 6a Cys

June 21st 00h " " " 6a
 23 " " " 5a Cas
 20 " " " 2a Cys

Aug 21st 00 " " " 2a
 23 " " " 1a Cas
 20 " " " 10p Cys

Sept 21st 00h " " " MN
 23h " " " 11p Cas
 20 " " " 8p Cys

21st of Month	Cys. on Meridian	Cas. on Meridian	Declination	Cys.	Cas.
Apr	6a	9a	Inclination	40 1/2	58 1/2
May	4a	7a	Lat.	80	86
June	2a	5a	Place	Winnipeg	Abol
July	MN	3a	Field	Winnipeg	Churchill
Aug	10p	1a	Hour +	.6 / name	.6 /
Sept	8p	11p	MN	Summer Median	to Fz
			2a	2.9	3.9
			3a	2.8	3.5
			4a	2.7	3.5
			5a	2.8	3.3
			6a	3.5	3.9

Summer 1945

123 days

Time	18	19	21	00	03	05	06	07	08
Last Observation	6	6	6	9	8	9	8	7	7
Total Observations	117	117	117	114	115	114	115	116	116
No. fo F ₂ due to Blanket E	1	1	2	2	4	1	3	2	5
Interpolated fo F ₂									

Number of Values fo F₂
fo F₂ < f 10% Time
" " 25% "
" " 50% "
" " 75% "
" " 90% "

Number of Days Spread F is	{	about	112	111	109	78	73	81	97	109	104
		Faint	1	2	6	21	27	26	14	5	4
		Moderate	1	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	2
		Strong	0	0	0	8	8	5	1	0	0

Percent of Observations Spread F is	{	about	98.2	98.2	94.8	69.7	65.8	71.7	86.6	95.6	93.7
		Faint	0.9	1.8	5.2	18.7	24.3	23.0	12.5	4.4	3.6
		Moderate	0.9	0	0	4.5	2.7	0.9	0	0	1.8
		Strong	0	0	0	7.1	7.2	4.4	0.9	0	0
Percent Time Present			1.8	1.8	5.2	30.3	34.2	28.3	13.4	4.4	5.4

Number of Days Blanket E is	{	Moderate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Strong	1	1	2	2	4	1	3	2	5

Percent of Obs. Blanket E is
{ Moderate
{ Strong
Percent Time Present

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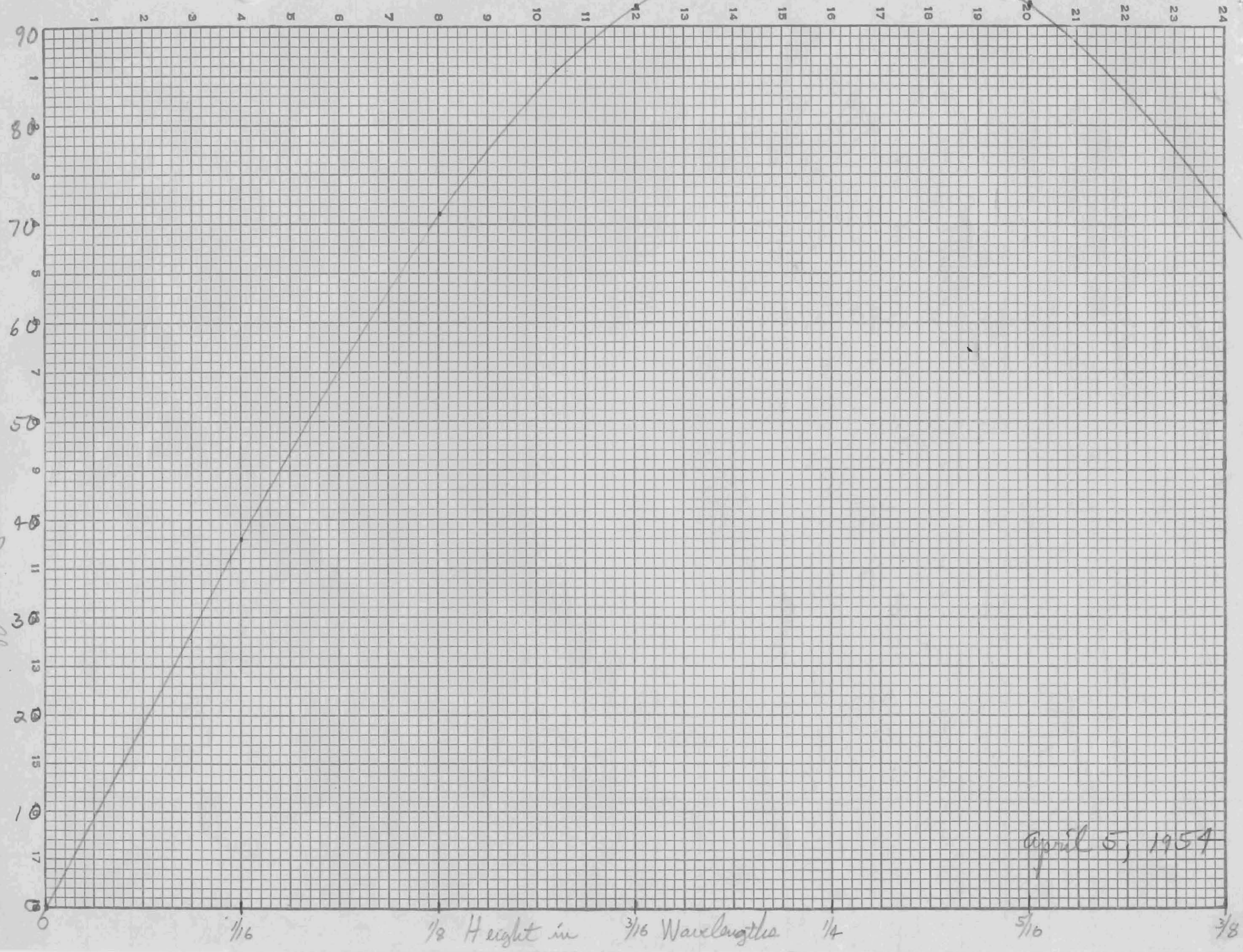
The efficiency increases linearly with height up to about $\frac{1}{10}$ wavelength where the efficiency is 60%. Above this the increase is more gradual. Thus there seems to be no point in using a height greater than $\frac{1}{10} \lambda$. At $\frac{1}{20} \lambda$ the efficiency is 30%. Below $\frac{1}{20} \lambda$ the antenna may have a very large amount of reactance which will be difficult to tune out.

At Hobart the night time criticals frequently drop below 1mc during winters near solar activity minimum. Thus it seems that an array designed for 2mc should be operative over six or more hours many winter nights. During the day it could be used to measure the temperature of the ionosphere similar to Pawsey et al experiments provided it was at an electrically quiet place far enough from Hobart. 2mc also seems to be an unused frequency in Australia. Thus empty channels might be readily found.

At 2mc the wavelength is 150 meters. A height of $\frac{1}{10}$ wavelength is 15 meters or about 50 feet. This is a convenient height for poles. Each dipole may be a cage about 85% of $\frac{1}{2}$ or 210 feet long. The pole spacing may be about $\frac{1}{4}$ or 120 feet. If the array is 2λ long east by west and 4λ long north by south it will have dimensions 985 feet by 1970 feet. The beam width will be 30° E-W by 15° N-S. Using phase shifters the beam could be swung $\pm 40^\circ$ from zenith. At latitude -43° this is from -3° to -83° which will cover most of southern sky.

It seems that if low frequency measures of Cosmic Static are ever to be made, they must be performed near solar activity minimum in Tasmania where the galactic center may be observed down to about 2 mc. Probably the thing should be given a whirl while the opportunity exists. No large capital layout should be made, partly because of expense, partly time and partly the speculative nature of the job.

Efficiency in Percent,



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sun at 06 on June 21st
06 on meridian at N

Cross 58 $\frac{1}{2}$

$$i = 86^\circ$$

lat 62 of one
Churchill

Cross 70 $\frac{1}{2}$

$$s = 80^\circ$$

lat. = 50 Wⁿ

$$5000 \text{ hc} = 600 \text{ m} = 1970 \text{ ft}$$

$$\lambda/4 = 492 \text{ ft}$$

$$2000 \text{ hc} = \lambda/4 = 123 \text{ ft.}$$

Dec 5 lat 00

06

6p
MN

$$225 + x = 4x$$

$$225 = 3x$$

$$x = \frac{225}{3}$$

75 $\frac{1}{2}$ min

300 max

$$LEW^2 = 1 \quad L = \frac{1}{w^2 c} = \frac{1}{(6.28 \cdot 5 \cdot 10^6)^2 \cdot 300 \cdot 10^6}$$

500

1000

Termine page 191

Handwritten notes: $\frac{1}{2}$ dipole
dipole

height	R_n	θ_0
.05 λ	82	9
.1	20	22
.15	42	47
.2	70	78
.25	90	100

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Forster Fig 1

Handwritten notes: $\frac{1}{2}$ dipole

spiral wire

height	R_n	θ_0
0	0	0
.062 λ	38	38
.125	70	70
.1875	92	92
.250	100	100

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The results of Pawsey et al. at 2mc show that the night time noise level is atmospheric arriving from a vast area (p 269). The level is always high (10^4 - 10^7 degrees) and very variable (p 268). The man made noise has values from zero to 10^3 degrees (p 268 & 270) during the day. It is completely lost in large atmospherics at night. These results were secured using a half-wave horizontal dipole from 0.08λ to 0.18λ above ground (p 269). The observations were made at a place 40 miles from Sydney which is an industrial city of $1\frac{1}{2}$ million population.

The same kind of night time conditions will be encountered at Hobart. Probably the man made noise will be no worse 11 miles from Hobart than that 40 miles from Sydney and thus be of no importance.

Obviously it will be folly to attempt to measure night time antenna temperatures much less than 10^6 degrees. Thus any schemes to detect the small amount of radiation coming through a hole in the ionosphere by longitudinal propagation are impossible using elementary antennas. If the antenna were large enough so that the beam were same size as hole and properly steered, then the scheme might work. The array should have very small side lobes to keep out atmospherics.

According to Ellis analysis the hole phenomenon will exist even if the critical (f_o) is above the gyro (f_h) frequency. Thus the hole experiment could be conducted at any part of solar activity cycle. The only requirement is that the operating frequency (f) be less than f_h .

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On the basis of the above discussion the hole experiment does not look feasible unless a very large array is used. It may be performed at any time.

An alternative experiment is to measure the Cosmic Static directly thru a transparent ionosphere at the lowest possible frequency. The array should be as large as practical and steerable. The cost of an array increases rapidly with height. The main advantage of height is greater sensitivity and ease of making the array broad band. Actually, sensitivity is of no importance as the received signals will be very large.

R.M. Foster gives information on the relative sensitivity versus height in his figure 1. The last line is the equivalent of a horizontal dipole over a perfect earth. These figures may be bisected by a vertical line thru the center representing the earth. The right hand side will now be the directivity pattern with vertical to the right. The height above earth of the horizontal dipole will be one half the spacing listed at top of respective column. The diagrams are in amplitude which corresponds to voltage. On this basis we have

Height	Efficiency	DB loss at vertical
$\frac{7}{16}\lambda$	.38	8.4
$\frac{3}{8}\lambda$	.71	3.0
$\frac{5}{16}\lambda$	.92	0.7
$\frac{1}{4}\lambda$	1.00	0.0
$\frac{3}{16}\lambda$	.92	0.7
$\frac{1}{8}\lambda$	.71	3.0
$\frac{1}{16}\lambda$	.38	8.4

April 6, 1954

Southern Spiry Available During Winter Night

Hobart, Tasmania 43° South

0000 RA is on meridian at noon March 21st

Date	Dec -63°, RA 1300 Plane of Galaxy Zenith Distance 20°S	Dec -52°, RA 1600 Plane of Galaxy Zenith Distance 9°S	Dec -41°, RA 1700 Plane of Galaxy Zenith Distance 2°N	Dec -20°, RA 1800 Plane of Galaxy Zenith Distance 23°N	Dec +8°, RA 1900 Plane of Galaxy Zenith Distance 51°N	Dec +33°, RA 2000 Plane of Galaxy Zenith Distance 76°N	
	Time on Meridian						
Jan 21st	0500	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	
Feb 21st	0300	0600	0700	0800	0900	1000	
Best Months	March 21st	0100	0400✓	0500✓	0600	0700	0800
	April 21st	2300	0200✓	0300✓	0400✓	0500✓	0600✓
	May 21st	2100✓	0000✓	0100✓	0200✓	0300✓	0400✓
	June 21st	1900	2200✓	2300✓	0000✓	0100✓	0200✓
	July 21st	1700	2000	2100✓	2200✓	2300✓	0000✓
	Aug. 21st	1500	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200
	Sept. 21st	1300	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000
	Oct. 21st	1100	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
	Nov. 21st	0900	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600
	Dec. 21st	0700	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400

✓ = Useful Times, that is Median $f_o F_2 < 2.5$ mc

Assume the beam can be swung N and S from zenith a distance equal to the $\sec^{-1} 1.5$. This is 48° . Thus the sky available from 43° south is from Dec $+5^\circ$ down to one degree below the south pole. It is also assumed the useful times are limited to those hours when the median $f_o F_2 \leq 2.5$ mc on 1952 basis.

Date	Local Time	RA span	Observing Hours
Feb 21st	0900 - 0500	1400 - 1500	2
March 21st	0300 - 0500	1500 - 1700	3
April 21st	0300 - 0600	1700 - 2000	4
May 21st	2200 - 0600	1400 - 2200	9
June 21st	2100 - 0700	1500 - 0100	11
July 21st	2100 - 0600	1700 - 0200	10
Aug 21st	0100 - 0700	2300 - 0500	7
Sept 21st	0400 - 0500	0400 - 0500	2

Using the optimum place in the southern hemisphere the sky will be limited to $\delta + 5^\circ$ to $\delta - 90^\circ$ and RA 1400 to RA 0500. The best months are May, June and July. The best regions are 1600 to 0100. Fortunately this covers the galactic center and an appreciable region thereabout. The center ($\delta - 25^\circ$, RA 1750) should be observable four months April 21st thru July 21st.

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Diagonal of lot 870'

Poles 187' apart

Diagonal of lot 30 N of E + S of W

by actual measure of lot at Cambridge