The USU-GAIM Data Assimilation Models for Ionospheric Specifications and Forecasts

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Brief Overview of USU Data Assimilation Models

GAIM-GM

Mid & Low Latitudes

GAIM-FP

Mid & Low Latitudes, with Drivers

Mid-Low Electro-DA → Ionosphere with Drivers

GAIM-High Lat

High Latitudes with Drivers

GTM-DA → Global Thermosphere

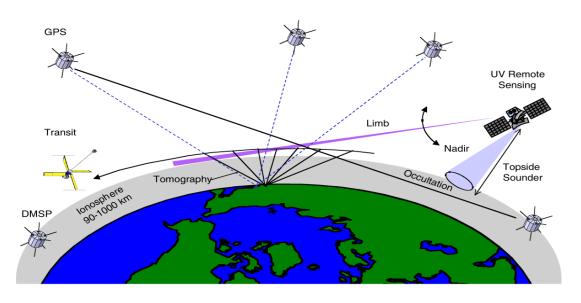
TWAM-DA → Thermosphere Wind

- All Data Assimilation Models are Physics-Based
- Spatial and Temporal Resolutions are arbitrary





GAIM Data Sources



Ionosphere	Electrodynamics	Thermosphere
Ground-Based GPS-TEC	Ground magnetometers	Satellite UV emissions
Satellite-Based GPS	DMSP cross-track	In situ neutral winds
Occultation	velocities	
Ionosonde and Digisonde	SuperDARN line-of-sight	Satellite accelerometer and
	velocities	drag
In situ N _e	Iridium magnetometers	FPI winds
911Å, 1356Å, limb, disk	ACE IMF, Dst	ISR Neutral parameters
(UV)		
Solar UV, EUV	Solar UV, EUV	Solar UV, EUV

Black: Data sources already being assimilated; Red: New data sources to be assimilated

GAIM-Full Physics

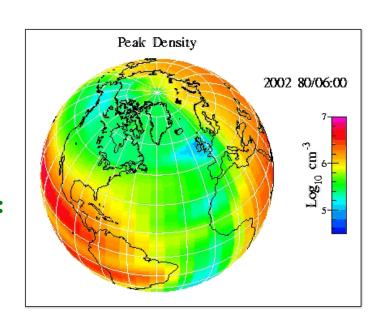
- Ensemble Kalman Filter (24-30 members)
- Physics-based Ionosphere-Plasmasphere Model (IPM)
- 5 Data Sources as shown on previous slide
 Additional Data Types that could be assimilated in GAIM-FP:
 - → Electric Field
 - → Neutral Wind
 - → Thermospheric Temperature and Composition
 - \rightarrow Etc.





GAIM-FP uses the full physics that is included in the physics-based model (IPM) in the data assimilation scheme

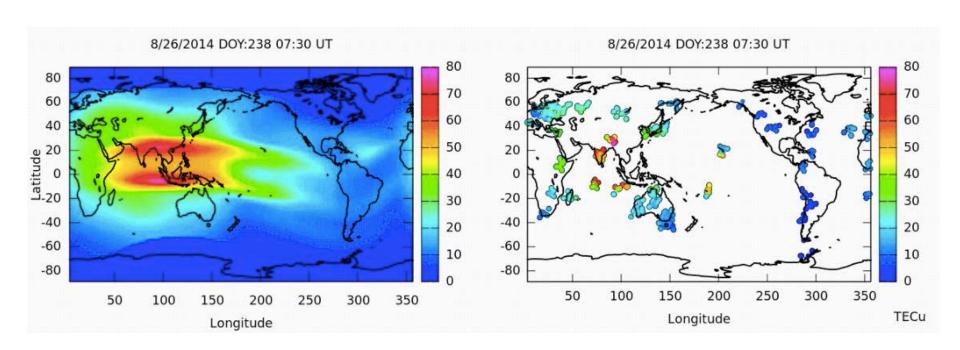
- 90-30,000 km
- Altitude, Latitude, Longitude Grids Set by User
- Six Ion Species (NO⁺, O₂⁺, N₂⁺, O⁺, H⁺, He⁺)
- Realistic Magnetic Field (IGRF)
- Some of the Physical Processes included in IPM:
 - Field-Aligned Diffusion
 - Cross-Field Electrodynamic Drifts
 - Thermospheric Winds
 - Neutral Composition Changes
 - Energy-Dependent Chemical Reactions
 - Ion Production due to:
 - Solar UV/EUV Radiation
 - Auroral Precipitation
 - Star Light





GAIM-FP Global Run

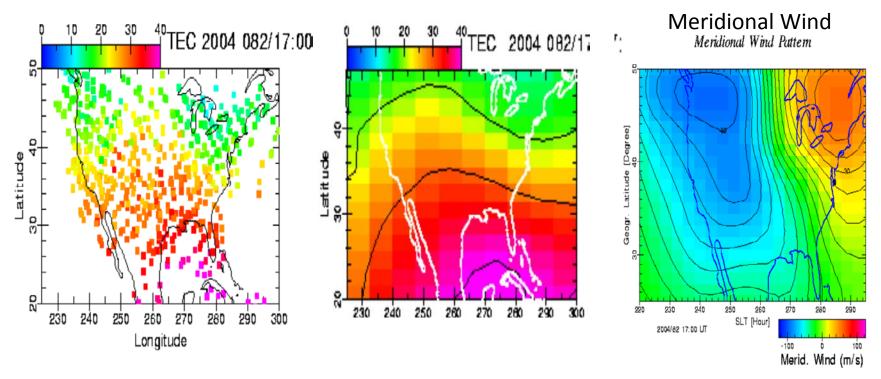
- 400 global TEC stations (IGS network) used in real-time at USU Space Weather Center
- Up to 10,000 measurements assimilated every 15- min
- 40-50 Ionosondes/Digisondes







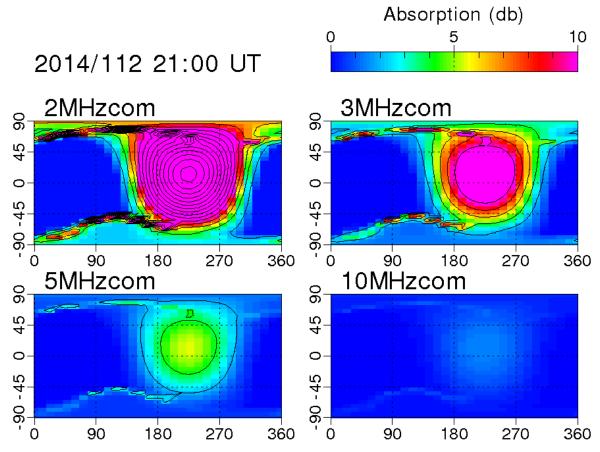
Reconstructions With Self-Consistent Drivers GAIM-FP → Regional Run



- Snapshots of TEC measurements (left)
- GAIM-FP reconstruction (middle)
- GAIM-FP neutral wind at 300 km (right)
- 17:00 UT, day 82, 2004

GAIM Data-Driven D-Region Extension

- > Electron density extension down to 40 km altitude
- Uses GOES X-rays and Particles Observations
- Calculates HF Absorption

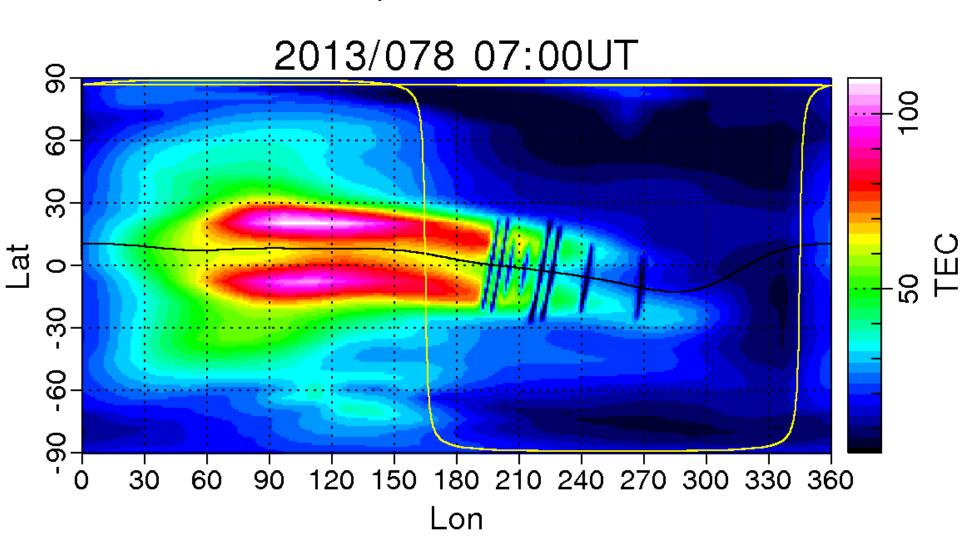






Incorporation of Low-Latitude Bubbles into GAIM

SSUSI bubble observations are incorporated into high-resolution GAIM specifications.



GAIM-FP Output

- Continuous Reconstruction of Global N_e Distribution
 - o lonosphere-Plasmasphere
 - o D, E, F Regions, Topside and Plasmasphere
 - o **40-30,000 km**
- Quantitative Estimates of the Accuracy of Reconstruction
- Model Drivers
 - o Electric Fields
 - o Global Neutral Winds
 - o Global Neutral Composition





GAIM-High Latitude

Ensemble Kalman Filter for High-Latitude Ionosphere Dynamics and ElectroDynamics

High-Resolution Specification of Convection, Precipitation, Currents & Ionosphere





Physics-Based Model Behind GAIM-High Latitude Model

Time-Dependent Ionosphere Model

- 0 3-D Density Distributions (NO⁺,O₂⁺,N₂⁺,O⁺,H⁺,He⁺)
- 0 3-D T_e and T_i Distributions
- o Ion Drifts Parallel & Perpendicular to B
- 0 Hall & Pedersen Conductances

M-I Electrodynamics Model

- o MHD Transport Equations & Ohm's Law
- O Alfven Wave Propagation
- O Active Ionosphere
- 0 10 km & 5 sec Resolutions
- O Potential, E-field, Currents, Joule Heating

Magnetic Induction Model

- O Calculates B Perturbations in Space & on Ground
- 0 Includes Earth's Induction Effect





Data Assimilated by GAIM-High Latitude Model

At High Latitudes it is critical to assimilate observations connected with the drivers

- Ground Magnetic Data from 100 Sites
- Cross-Track Velocities from 4 DMSP Satellites
- Line-of-Sight Velocities from 9 SuperDARN Radars
- In-situ ΔB from the 66 IRIDIUM Satellites
- ACE IMF, solar wind velocity, Kp



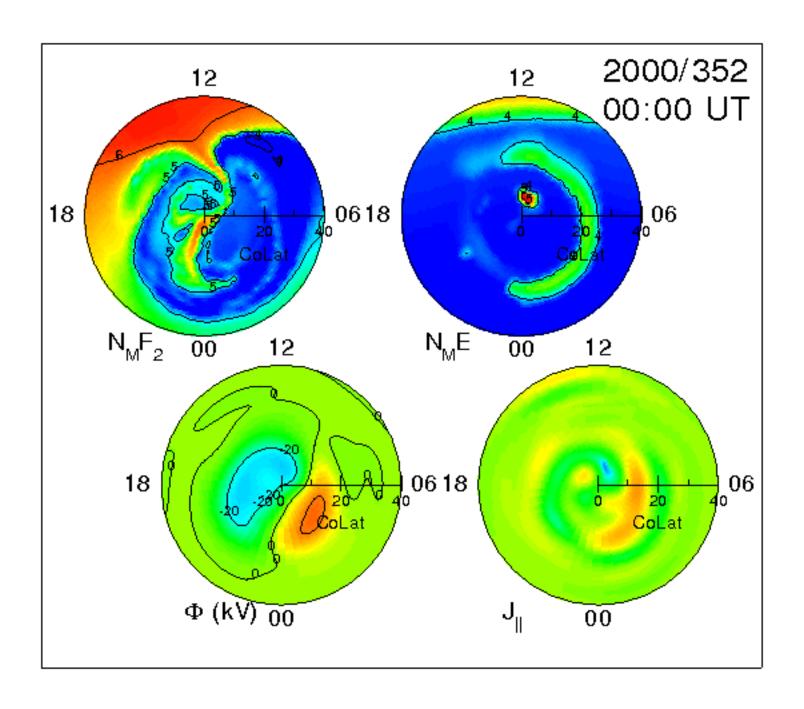


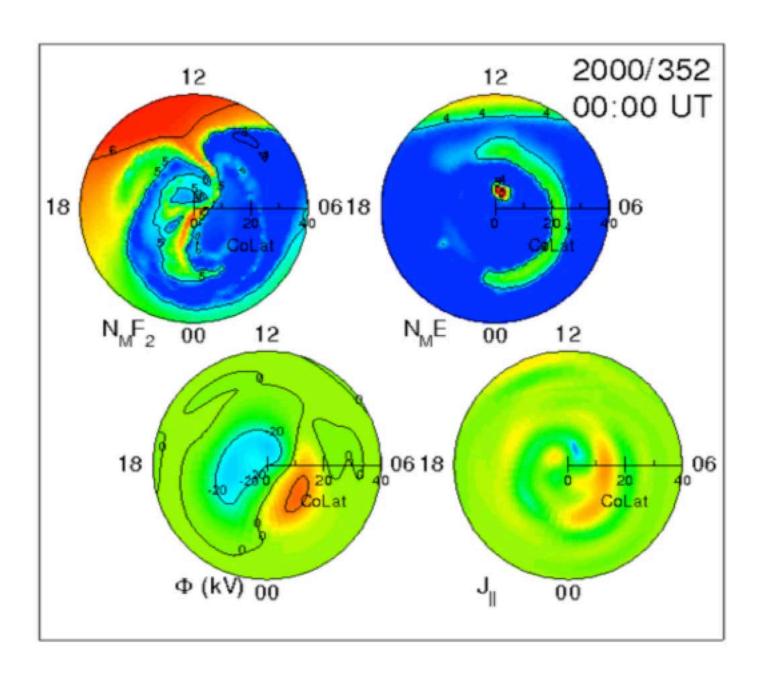
Output of GAIM-High Latitude Model (High Resolution)

- Electric Potential
- Convection Electric Field
- Energy Flux and Average Energy of Precipitation
- Field-Aligned and Horizontal Currents
- Hall and Pedersen Conductances
- Joule Heating Rates
- 3-D Electron and Ion Densities
- 3-D Electron and Ion Temperatures
- TEC
- Ground and Space Magnetic Disturbances









Operational Models

GAIM-Models are running at

- AFWA
- Northrup Grumman
- AFRL
- NRL
- USU SWC
- CCMC



