

THE ION AND ELECTRON TEMPERATURES ACROSS THE QUASI-STATIONARY CONE OF THE UNSTABLE PLASMA WAVES

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Coordinated STARE-EISCAT data from the ERRRIS campaign are used to study the flow angle dependence of threshold ($\text{SNR} < 1$) ionospheric parameters controlling the STARE radar echo appearance. The electron (T_e) and ion (T_i) temperatures are analyzed as averaged within the Finnish STARE radar echo layer and over 30 degree flow angle bins. It is found that:

- 1) A quasi-stationary cone with about 45 degree half-width permanently exists within the radar echo layer for small (near-threshold radar echo) level of the DC ionospheric electric fields. Standard deviation of the T_i (T_e) sharply (2-5 times) increases near the negative (positive) flow angle edge of the cone;
- 2) the temperatures are minimal in the center of the cone while their local maximums are at the edges of the cone; the temperatures decrease beyond the cone limits;
- 3) both temperatures are essentially flow angle asymmetric. T_i (T_e) has its absolute maximum at -45 ($+45$) degree flow angle bin. As the result, a cooling of electrons relatively to ions stationary exists near the negative flow angle edge of the cone. The difference ($T_i - T_e$) is of about 50 K degrees;

The electron cooling is discussed in terms of the classical thermoelectricity effects (Peltier, Ranque) as applied to the Pedersen ion and electron currents transverse to the edges of the cone.