

1 **First results from sonification and exploratory citizen science of**
2 **magnetospheric ULF waves: Long-lasting decreasing-frequency**
3 **poloidal field line resonances following geomagnetic storms**

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13 **Key Points:**

- 14 • Sonification can be used for exploratory citizen science, in this case of ultra-low
15 frequency waves at geostationary orbit
- 16 • Long-lasting narrowband poloidal field line resonances with decreasing frequency
17 have been identified
- 18 • Such events occur more often than previously thought, typically in the recovery
19 phase of geomagnetic storms

Abstract

Magnetospheric ultra-low frequency (ULF) waves contribute to space weather in the solar wind – magnetosphere – ionosphere system. The monitoring of these waves by space- and ground-based instruments, however, produces “big data” which is difficult to navigate, mine and analyse effectively. We present sonification, the process of converting an oscillatory time-series into audible sound, and citizen science, where members of the public contribute to scientific investigations, as a means to potentially help tackle these issues. Magnetometer data in the ULF range at geostationary orbit has been sonified and released to London high schools as part of exploratory projects. While this approach reduces the overall likelihood of useful results from any particular group of citizen scientists compared to typical citizen science projects, it promotes independent learning and problem solving by all participants and can result in a small number of unexpected research outcomes. We present one such example, a case study identified by a group of students of decreasing-frequency poloidal field line resonances over multiple days found to occur during the recovery phase of a CME-driven geomagnetic storm. Simultaneous plasma density measurements show that the decreasing frequencies were due to the refilling of the plasmasphere following the storm. The waves were likely generated by internal plasma processes. Further exploration of the audio revealed many similar events following other major storms, thus they are much more common than previously thought. We therefore highlight the potential of sonification and exploratory citizen science in addressing some of the challenges facing ULF wave research.

Plain Language Summary Earth’s magnetic shield, protecting us against harmful radiation from the Sun and more distant sources, is rife with a symphony of ultra-low frequency analogues to sound waves. These waves transfer energy from outside this shield to regions inside it and therefore play a key role in space weather - how space poses a risk to our everyday lives by affecting power grids, GPS, passenger airlines, mobile telephones etc. While these waves are too low pitch for us to hear them, we can make our satellite recordings of them audible by dramatically speeding up their playback. We show that these audio versions of the data can be used by school students to contribute to research, by having them explore the data through the act of listening and performing analysis using audio software. An example of this is presented where London school students identified waves whose pitch decreased over the course of several days. The waves were the

52 natural oscillations of magnetic field lines, like the vibrations of a plucked guitar string
 53 which forms a distinct note. The changing pitch is explained by the fact that the event oc-
 54 curred as Earth’s magnetic shield was recovering from a disturbance caused by a “solar
 55 storm”. Many similar events were discovered in the audio which also followed such dis-
 56 turbances, revealing that these types of waves are much more common than previously
 57 thought. Therefore we have demonstrated that making data audible and involving the pub-
 58 lic can further the research into space weather.

59 **Index Terms and Keywords**

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63 **1 Introduction**

64 Ultra-low frequency (ULF) magnetohydrodynamic waves, with periods between
 65 seconds and tens of minutes, transfer mass, energy and momentum throughout the solar
 66 wind – magnetosphere – ionosphere system. They can accelerate auroral and radiation belt
 67 electrons via wave-particle interactions and resonances [Elkington, 2013; Chaston, 2013],
 68 and routinely make significant contributions to local (and in extreme cases global) Joule-
 69 heating of the ionosphere/thermosphere [Hartinger *et al.*, 2015]. Many different modes
 70 of ULF waves may be excited within Earth’s magnetosphere driven by a variety of both
 71 internal and external processes whose properties contain information about the processes
 72 that generated them and the regions through which they have propagated, resulting in a
 73 “zoo” of different ULF wave phenomena [McPherron, 2005; Wright and Mann, 2006].
 74 One example mode is the field line resonance (FLR), standing Alfvén waves on field lines
 75 approximately fixed at conjugate ionospheres [Southwood, 1974]. It is known that FLRs’
 76 occurrence and properties (such as frequency) can be highly variable depending on the so-
 77 lar wind and magnetospheric driving conditions present [e.g. Takahashi *et al.*, 2010, 2014;
 78 Archer *et al.*, 2015, 2017]. However, historically ULF waves in general have merely been
 79 classified as either quasi-sinusoidal or irregular and split into frequency bands, where the
 80 limits of these bands are not precise and more than one process may produce waves in a
 81 particular (or across multiple) band(s) [McPherron, 2005]. Statistical studies often only
 82 consider how the integrated power over one or many of these bands varies with condi-
 83 tions [e.g. Mann *et al.*, 2004], hence narrowband or multi-harmonic oscillations are not

84 distinguished from broadband features in such studies. In cases where the former are con-
 85 sidered, the methods used are often manual or semi-manual [e.g. *Takahashi et al.*, 2015].
 86 Given the vast amount of ULF wave data being produced by both space- and ground-
 87 based instruments, new techniques could potentially help.

88 Sonification is the use of non-speech audio to convey information or perceptualize
 89 data [*Kramer*, 1994]. Using the human auditory system has several advantages in tempo-
 90 ral, spatial, amplitude, and frequency resolution over visualization techniques. For example
 91 the human hearing range of 20–20,000 Hz spans three orders of magnitude in frequency
 92 and at least 13 orders of magnitude in sound pressure level [*Robinson and Dadson*, 1956],
 93 whereas the human visual system’s perceptible frequencies range over only a quarter of
 94 an order of magnitude and no more than 4 orders of magnitude in luminance [*Kunkel and*
 95 *Reinhard*, 2010]. Human hearing is highly nonlinear and has been shown to identify the
 96 pitch and timing of sound signals much more precisely than allowed by the Gabor limit
 97 or uncertainty principle [*Oppenheim and Magnasco*, 2013], which is a consequence of lin-
 98 ear analysis methods such as the Fourier or wavelet transforms. While nonlinear analysis
 99 methods exist such as the Wigner-Ville distribution [*Wigner*, 1932; *Ville*, 1948] or Em-
 100 pirical Mode Decomposition [*Huang et al.*, 1998], these often introduce artefacts, mode
 101 mixing or can be unstable. Applications to magnetospheric ULF waves have shown that
 102 linear and nonlinear methods all have their own advantages and drawbacks depending on
 103 the precise nature of the waves present [*Chi and Russell*, 2008; *Piersanti et al.*, 2018]. Fur-
 104 thermore, the human auditory system’s ability to separate sounds corresponding to differ-
 105 ent sources far outperforms even some of the most sophisticated blind source separation
 106 algorithms developed to date [*Divenyi*, 2005]. Therefore, it is clear that there should also
 107 be a place for data sonification in addition to both standard and more recent methods of
 108 analysis.

109 There is a long history of converting space plasma physics data into audible sounds,
 110 for example the terminology of ionospheric extremely-low frequency (ELF) and very-low
 111 frequency (VLF) waves, which largely span the human hearing range, such as “whistlers”
 112 [*Barkhausen*, 1919] and “lion roars” [*Smith et al.*, 1967] were based on their psychoacous-
 113 tics when picked up by radio antenna. This tradition has continued with nomenclature
 114 such as “tweaks”, “chorus”, “hiss” and “static” being commonly used in magnetospheric
 115 and ionospheric ELF/VLF research and various ELF/VLF datasets from across the solar
 116 system are available in audio format (e.g. <http://space-audio.org/>).

117 Sonification techniques can also be used for waves normally outside of the human
118 auditory range. Depending on the time resolution of the data and the frequency ranges
119 of interest, sonification can dramatically cut down on the analysis processing time mak-
120 ing it ideal for effective navigation, mining and analysis of “big data” within exploratory
121 research [Hermann, 2002]. Alexander *et al.* [2011, 2014] and Wicks *et al.* [2016] showed
122 that researchers using sonified solar wind data were able to identify subtle features em-
123 bedded within the data that were not necessarily clear from standard visual analysis tech-
124 niques. However, sonification of magnetospheric ULF wave datasets is not widespread.
125 The only publicly available example we are aware of is the CARISMA ground magne-
126 tometer network’s induction coil magnetometer data (<http://www.carisma.ca/>). Each day
127 of 20 Hz resolution data is filtered and resampled as 44,100 Hz audio, allowing waves
128 of frequencies down to 9 mHz in theory (though in practise the lower limit will likely be
129 higher depending on the subject) to be heard. However, this entirely neglects the Pc5 band
130 of ULF waves (2–7 mHz) and some of the Pc4 band also (7–22 mHz), both of which play
131 important roles within the magnetosphere.

132 Another fairly recent technique to tackle large datasets is that of citizen science, in-
133 volving “organized research in which members of the public engage in the processes of
134 scientific investigations by asking questions, collecting data, and/or interpreting results”
135 (CitizenScience.org). It typically works by the concept of crowdsourcing and can col-
136 lect data and/or analysis which may be extremely difficult and/or inefficient to be car-
137 ried out either by a small number of researchers or by using computational algorithms.
138 This crowdsourcing model therefore requires well thought out, highly prescribed activi-
139 ties to be undertaken by all the citizen scientists. It should also be noted that as well as
140 the benefits to the research, citizen science should also positively impact upon the volun-
141 teers who participate through their educational and outreach/engagement elements. While
142 formalised citizen science projects are well established in areas such as astronomy and bi-
143 ology, they are rare in space plasma physics [Knipp, 2015]. Solar Stormwatch, integrated
144 into the Zooniverse.org platform, uses citizen scientists to track the propagation of Coro-
145 nal Mass Ejections (CMEs) through the heliosphere [Barnard *et al.*, 2014]. Sunspotter
146 (<http://www.sunspotter.org>) tasked citizen scientists to rank images of sunspots by their
147 complexity. Aurorasaurus maps the location of the auroral oval by taking advantage of
148 geotagged posts on Twitter which are verified by citizen scientists as having been auro-

149 ral observations [MacDonald *et al.*, 2015]. Clearly there is scope to do more in this area
150 within the field.

151 This paper presents a project which uses sonification to enable exploratory citizen
152 science research into magnetospheric ULF waves called Magnetospheric Undulations Soni-
153 fied Incorporating Citizen Scientists (MUSICS, <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/spa/musics>). Mag-
154 netometer data at geostationary orbit was made audible in the ULF range and given to
155 high school students as part of independent projects. We present the sonification process,
156 framework of the exploratory citizen science, and first-results emerging from the MUSICS
157 project.

158 **2 MUSICS project**

159 **2.1 Sonification**

160 Whilst many different forms of sonification are possible, we use the simplest method
161 which is sometimes known as audification. This is the direct translation of time-series
162 data to audio samples, hence is only applicable to an already oscillating signal and thus
163 clearly relevant to the study of magnetospheric ULF waves. The sonified data can then
164 be analysed by the human auditory system, rather than the forms of visual analysis usu-
165 ally performed. *Alexander et al.* [2014] provide a detailed list of considerations when at-
166 tempting this process, here we detail the methods chosen for use in ULF wave sonification
167 applied to Geostationary Environment Operational Satellite (GOES) data.

168 The sonification was applied to each year of GOES magnetometer data at 512 ms
169 resolution. Currently this data is available for 2007–2008 (GOES-10, -11 and -12) as well
170 as 2010–2017 (GOES-13 and -15). Before sonification, the ULF waves must first be ex-
171 tracted from the data and transformed into an appropriate coordinate system - a fairly stan-
172 dard procedure. The original data in PEN coordinates were used, where P is perpendicular
173 to the satellite’s orbital plane, E lies parallel to the satellite–Earth center line and points
174 earthward, and N is perpendicular to both pointing eastwards. A mean-field aligned co-
175 ordinate system was defined by taking a 34 min running average of the data, whose di-
176 rection at each time shall henceforth be called the compressional component (com) since
177 magnetic field oscillations in this direction are representative of compressional modes.
178 The two remaining directions defining the coordinate system are the poloidal component
179 (pol), corresponding to the direction perpendicular to the mean field pointing radially out-

180 wards from the Earth; and the toroidal component (tor), perpendicular to both and directed
 181 azimuthally towards east. The data was transformed into this coordinate system and the
 182 running average subtracted from the compressional component, thereby extracting ULF
 183 waves of frequencies $\gtrsim 0.5$ mHz. Any data gaps were interpolated for the coordinate
 184 transformation and subsequently filled with zeros to ensure a full year of regularly sam-
 185 pled data for the sonification.

186 The choice of a lowest frequency scale of 0.5 mHz was made for numerous rea-
 187 sons. The first concerns known and/or theorised ULF wave modes. The magnetospheric
 188 density survey of *Archer et al.* [2015] showed that the lowest expected fundamental fre-
 189 quencies of FLRs at geostationary orbit in the dawn, noon, and dusk sectors across half
 190 a solar cycle were all around 0.7 mHz. Furthermore, the proposed eigenmode of the day-
 191 side magnetopause is also expected to typically have similarly low frequencies, with these
 192 being less than 0.5 mHz only 10% of the time [*Archer and Plaschke, 2015*]. The second
 193 reason for the choice of scale pertains to spacecraft motion. Over 34 min the GOES space-
 194 craft’s azimuthal position changes by about 8° , however, over much longer time scales the
 195 spacecraft motion can no longer be neglected and one risks mixing spatial and temporal
 196 effects [*Urban et al., 2016*]. Furthermore, when considering such long timescales the mean
 197 field no longer becomes representative of the background geomagnetic field, rendering the
 198 field-aligned coordinate system inadequate at distinguishing between the physical processes
 199 behind the ULF waves.

200 For effective conversion to audio, it is necessary to tailor the sampling rate of the
 201 output such that frequencies of interest will map to the human auditory range of approxi-
 202 mately 20–20,000 Hz. The relationship between the real frequency of a signal in the data
 203 f_{real} to that in the audio f_{audio} is given by

$$f_{audio} = f_{real} \times F_s \Delta t_{real} \quad (1)$$

204 where Δt_{real} is the cadence of the original data and F_s the sampling frequency of the out-
 205 putted audio. A widespread standard sampling frequency in audio is $F_s = 44,100$ Hz since
 206 this corresponds to a Nyquist frequency just above the upper threshold for humans.
 207 However, this simple mapping would render the lowest frequencies present in the data in-
 208 audible. The data was therefore boxcar-averaged by 4 datapoints, downsampling its reso-

209 lution to $\Delta t_{real} = 2.048$ s before the conversion. The sonification, therefore, has made the
 210 vast majority of all physically meaningful frequencies in the GOES data audible.

211 Two different types of audio were produced: a straightforward conversion of the
 212 magnetic field data; and a spectrally whitened dataset produced by first time-differencing
 213 the data [e.g. *Takahashi et al.*, 2010] and then sonifying. Since audio waveforms are unit-
 214 less and must lie within the range -1 to 1, some form of amplitude scaling must also be
 215 performed. In order to preserve the natural variability of the data, we simply scale the
 216 data by dividing through by factors of 10 nT and 0.49 nT s^{-1} respectively - less than typ-
 217 ical ULF wave amplitudes [e.g. *Takahashi et al.*, 2012]. Any values greater than these
 218 thresholds were clipped to the maximum waveform values of 1 or -1. Clipping occurred
 219 less than 3% of the time.

220 While each component was output separately as a mono audio file, a summary stereo
 221 file was also produced corresponding to the poloidal component in the left channel, the
 222 toroidal component in the right channel and the compressional channel multiplied by a
 223 factor of 0.5 added to both channels. This enables one to listen to all three components at
 224 once and perform a cursory polarisation analysis (particularly when using headphones) by
 225 judging whether any identified events are loudest in either the left or right ears or approxi-
 226 mately of equal loudness in both ears.

227 Through this sonification process each year of data is converted into approximately
 228 6 min of audio. The time within the audio is given by

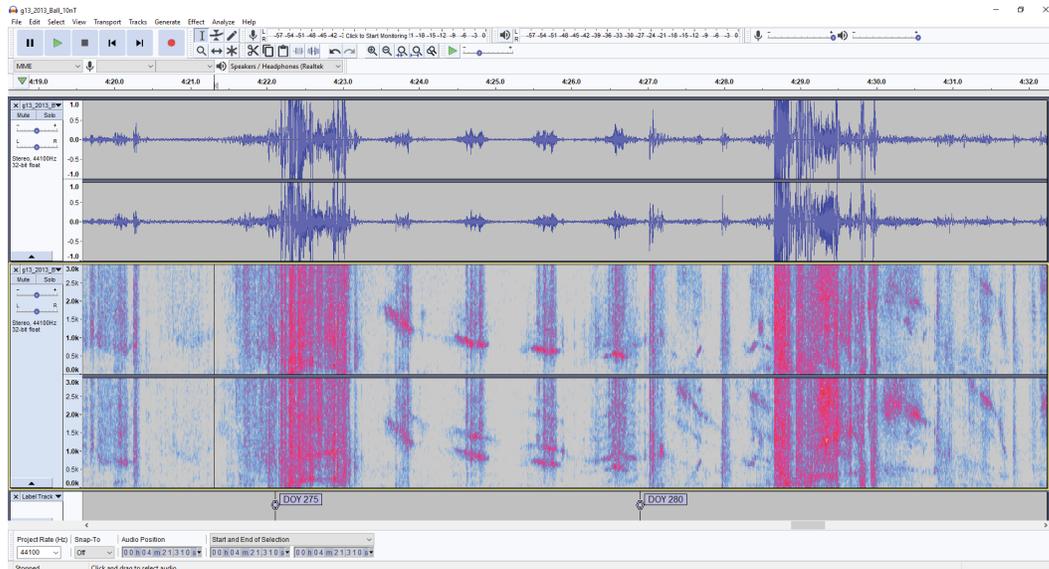
$$t_{audio} = \frac{t_{real}}{F_s \Delta t_{real}} \quad (2)$$

229 assuming that the actual time t_{real} starts at zero at the beginning of each year. Ogg Vorbis
 230 compression was used to write the audio files since this does not suffer the issues of MP3
 231 encoders, which introduce silence at the beginning of audio files thereby rendering the
 232 time conversions in equation 2 incorrect. Given the longitudes of the GOES spacecrafts'
 233 geostationary orbits, local time can also be easily calculated. Therefore, the sonification
 234 dramatically reduces the timeframe of the data, allowing for fast surveying of ULF wave
 235 "big data" with the ability to ascertain the real times and locations of events.

2.2 Citizen Science

While sonified data has been used as a tool for researchers, we are not aware of its widespread use in exploratory citizen science projects. However, given the ease of data navigation, mining and analysis afforded we believed it would lend itself well to such efforts by lowering the barrier to entry of getting involved. Furthermore, since everyone's perception of sound is different and pattern recognition (particularly of weak or noisy signals) within audio improves with practice [Whitton *et al.*, 2014], utilising a wide pool of citizen scientists listening to the same dataset should identify numerous different types of events, whereas use of sonified data by a single researcher might only highlight just one or a few. Therefore a project was developed for London schools as part of a wider initiative enabling high school students to experience research science and independently develop their own investigations. The main aim of this initiative is on raising students' aspirations towards Physics (or STEM), with potential benefits towards the research being of secondary concern. This is somewhat different to most citizen science, where addressing the scientific objectives are of primary importance. To highlight this difference in aim as well as the educational environment in which they are set, such initiatives are sometimes called 'Research in Schools' rather than citizen science despite the similarities between the two approaches. Details on the first couple of years of the entire 'Research in Schools' programme, preliminary results on the impact it has had on students and teachers, and the lessons learned about setting up such a programme can be found in Archer [2017]. To summarise, students report having increased their confidence in various topics and scientific methods related to their project area to a high level of statistical significance (currently the MUSICS project has an overall 6.1 z-score in a Wilcoxon signed-rank test [Wilcoxon, 1945]), as well as developing a wide array of different skills many of which they would likely not have had access to previously in their school environment. Teachers fed back having learnt new physics content and developed skills which could be implemented or referred to in future lessons, as well as gaining confidence in supporting their students and discussing research content with them.

The MUSICS project runs for 6 months each year from around the start of the UK autumn term and ending before the Easter/spring break, after which the students involved (ranging from 14–18 years old) typically have exams. At the start of the project the students are introduced to the area of magnetospheric ULF wave research and are given a written introductory guide, the sonified data, free Audacity audio software (<http://www.audacityteam.org/>)



283 **Figure 1.** Citizen scientists' view in Audacity of the event presented in Section 3. The top tracks show the
 284 waveform view of the GOES-13 summary stereo audio file whereas the bottom tracks show the spectrogram
 285 view of the GOES-13 time-differenced summary stereo audio file. Labels have been added in the software to
 286 denote day-of-year (DOY) ranges.

269 and a standard spreadsheet for logging events. The audio software allows the students to
 270 perform several standard analysis methods simply within the graphical user interface in-
 271 cluding plotting power spectra, spectrograms, correlation-based pitch analysis, root mean
 272 square amplitude computations etc. with an example view shown in Figure 1. Indeed
 273 much of the analysis presented in section 3 are possible within the software requiring no
 274 programming expertise by the students. The spreadsheet provided implements conversions
 275 of time, local time, frequency and amplitude applied to the sonified data. Students are
 276 encouraged to first explore the data and the tools provided before in small groups focus-
 277 ing on investigating a single or class of similar events that they have identified aurally.
 278 Throughout the project they are supported both by their teacher and a number of visits
 279 from researchers, providing suggestions of how they can progress with their project as
 280 well as the wider context of what they've done in terms of previous research. At the end
 281 of the project they, along with students working on other projects within the wider pro-
 282 gramme, present their work either as a talk or poster at a special student conference.

287 Such an exploratory model of citizen science has its benefits and drawbacks. Most
 288 citizen science is highly prescriptive to the participants, since they are presented with one

289 or a series of carefully constructed questions or tasks to follow. In this respect the citi-
290 zen scientists are largely being used to crowdsource data/analysis which may be difficult
291 to implement by individuals or algorithmically. Therefore, the focus is on producing a
292 usable dataset rather than on the independent learning and problem solving of the partic-
293 ipants. Such a model has its benefits as the aggregated citizen science data may easily be
294 implemented in tackling the intended research. Because of this, however, these projects
295 primarily address one or a limited number of science questions. While there is sometimes
296 scope for unexpected results, typically through citizen scientists discussing and collaborat-
297 ing with researchers on discussion boards, such activities are undertaken by a very small
298 minority of citizen scientists. In contrast, the 'Research in Schools' style of projects, such
299 as MUSICS, provide much less prescription than standard citizen science because the focus
300 is on independent learning and problem solving by the participants, an important aspect
301 of a researcher's experience which typical citizen science tends to emphasize less, in order
302 to positively impact upon the students involved. All citizen scientists in this model are en-
303 couraged to tailor or adapt their methods depending on what they have discovered, through
304 collaboration with researchers. This is the primary methodology used for all involved,
305 rather than something undertaken by only a fraction of participants. Of course, the over-
306 all likelihood of useful results from any particular group of citizen scientists towards the
307 research is reduced in this case compared to typical citizen science. Nonetheless, in the
308 next section we show that this model of citizen science can indeed result in unexpected re-
309 search outcomes. We therefore stress that both models of citizen science have their merits.

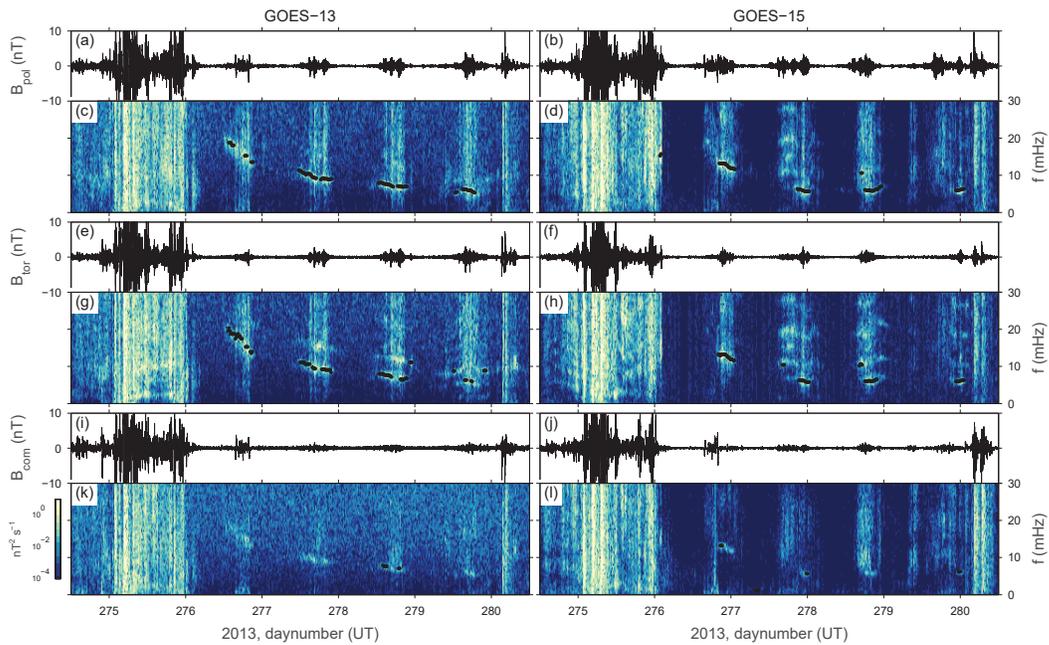
310 **3 First Results**

311 To demonstrate the potential of using sonified ULF wave data in citizen science
312 projects for original research, the first results from the MUSICS project are presented.
313 Students at Eltham Hill School in South East London aurally identified a case study event
314 from the sonified GOES magnetometer data. Based on the students' initial work, here we
315 present the results of more detailed research performed by professional scientists into that
316 event. Thus the scientific results presented in this paper were made possible only thanks
317 to the citizen scientists' identification of the event and their preliminary analysis of it.
318 Note that the analysis here uses the GOES magnetometer data in the mean-field aligned
319 coordinate system but before its conversion into audio, so no issues arise due to e.g. clip-
320 ping of waveforms.

3.1 ULF Wave Observations

The case study event occurred between 2-6 October 2013 (day of year 275–279). Figure 2 shows both the time series of each component of the magnetic field and their corresponding spectrograms (using 1024-sample Hanning windows of the time-differenced data with 50% overlap). Compare this with the Audacity view of the same event in Figure 1 as well as the equivalent audio, which can be found in the supporting information. The event consisted of large-amplitude broadband waves lasting a day followed by intervals of narrowband near-sinusoidal waves over the following four days. The corresponding local times of these intervals, initially identified by the citizen scientists through their use of the provided spreadsheet, stayed relatively constant throughout at ~07–17h, thus their duration each day in the data is a spatial and not temporal effect with both spacecraft encountering the waves each day/orbit. Oscillations were predominantly in the poloidal component (a feature noted by the citizen scientists) which had 50% of the total power overall, followed by the toroidal (28%) and compressional (22%) components. These percentages varied by $\pm 15\%$ when investigating subintervals.

It is apparent from the spectrograms that the frequencies of the narrowband waves decreased throughout the event, spanning the Pc3–5 frequency bands. It should be noted that this feature was what initially alerted the citizen scientists to the event, as it was far more striking through listening to the audio than cursorily glancing at spectrograms alone. Therefore, the event was discovered thanks to the combined sonification and exploratory citizen science elements of MUSICS. The citizen scientists performed an initial characterisation of the frequency decrease with time by using Audacity’s spectral tools (e.g. see spectrogram in Figure 1), converting frequencies from the audio to their physical values in the provided spreadsheet. Here we perform a more thorough frequency-time analysis. Because of the large variance associated with the spectrogram’s spectral estimators we opt to quantify the frequencies using an autocorrelation method based on *Tolonen* [2000], widely used in audio analysis and described in Appendix A.1. The corresponding frequencies are indicated in Figure 2 as the black dots, which overall show good agreement with the lowest harmonics of the narrowband waves in the spectrograms. There are a few windows at the beginning or end of some days’ observed waves where a higher harmonic seems to have been selected due to little power at lower frequencies. These instances have been manually removed in further analysis.



396 **Figure 2.** GOES-13 (left) and -15 (right) magnetometer observations of a long-lasting ULF wave event displaying
 397 time-series of the radial/poloidal (a-b), azimuthal/toroidal (e-f), and field-aligned/compressional (i-j)
 398 components along with their respective whitened spectrograms (c-d, g-h, k-l). Black dots indicate identified
 399 frequencies using an autocorrelation-based method.

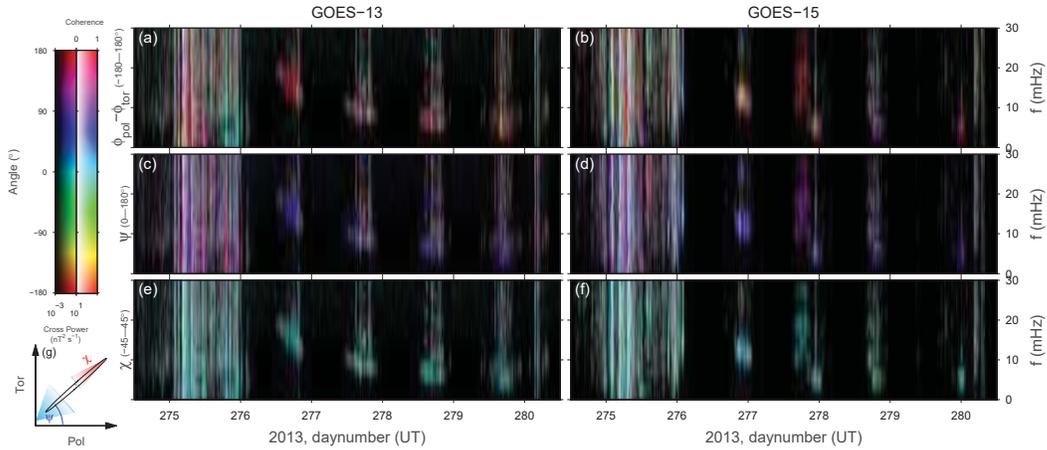
357 To ascertain the polarisation properties of the waves, the spectral matrix of each
 358 1024-sample window of differenced data was calculated for all magnetic field component
 359 pairs using Welch’s overlapped averaged periodogram method with 8 segments (see Ap-
 360 pendix A.2). The cross phase between the poloidal and toroidal components ($\phi_{pol} - \phi_{tor}$)
 361 are shown in Figure 3a-b as the hue, revealing they were largely close to antiphase with
 362 one another though with considerable variability. To better quantify this the average phase
 363 difference, weighted by both cross-power and coherence, and its spread were calculated.
 364 These were $\phi_{pol} - \phi_{tor} = -173 \pm 52^\circ$, $\phi_{pol} - \phi_{com} = -16 \pm 55^\circ$, and $\phi_{tor} - \phi_{com} = -179 \pm 45^\circ$.
 365 The parameters of the polarisation ellipse in the transverse plane were also calculated
 366 [Arthur *et al.*, 1976], namely the orientation ψ and ellipticity χ angles whose definitions
 367 are depicted in Figure 3g. The ellipse’s orientation (Figure 3c-d) shows no systematic
 368 change with local time across the four wave intervals with a weighted average value and
 369 spread of $\psi = 42 \pm 30^\circ$. Similarly there is little change in the ellipticity angle (Figure 3e-
 370 f) and its value is very low, i.e. close to plane polarisation, at $\chi = 3 \pm 12^\circ$. The average
 371 polarisation ellipse of the event is depicted in Figure 3g.

372 Similar cross phase analysis was performed between the two GOES spacecraft (not
 373 shown) in order to estimate the waves’ azimuthal wavenumbers m . However, the coher-
 374 ence was found to be poor (< 0.3) throughout and thus a reliable cross phase could not be
 375 determined. Given the azimuthal separation of the two spacecraft of 60° , corresponding to
 376 a maximum determinable m of 6, such low coherence may indicate higher wavenumbers.

382 It should be noted that a search for ground magnetometer signatures of this event
 383 throughout the IMAGE network yielded no waves matching the frequencies observed by
 384 GOES. This may also point towards high m waves since these get screened by the iono-
 385 sphere making them difficult to detect on the ground [Hughes and Southwood, 1976].

386 3.2 Analysis

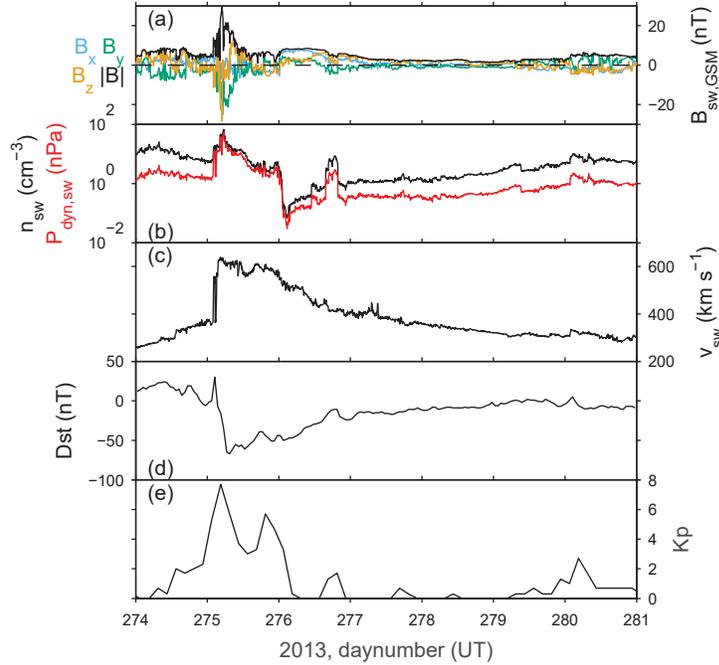
387 The citizen scientists looked into solar wind observations throughout the event, taken
 388 from the OMNI database, revealing a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) as shown in Figure 4.
 389 The start of the initial broadband wave activity corresponded with the arrival of the CME
 390 shock, indicated by the sharp increase in the solar wind density and speed (panels b and c
 391 respectively) as well as interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) strength (panel a), with these
 392 waves lasting for the duration of the CME’s subsequent sheath region. The large increase



377 **Figure 3.** Polarisation parameters displayed using the HSV colour model depicting angles (hue), coherence
 378 (saturation), and cross-power (value). Panels correspond to (a-b) the phase difference between poloidal and
 379 toroidal components, (c-d) the orientation angle of the polarisation ellipse, (e-f) and the ellipticity angle.
 380 The latter two angles are depicted in panel (g) along with the average polarisation ellipse (black) and angular
 381 spreads (coloured areas).

393 in the solar wind dynamic pressure associated with the CME would have moved the mag-
 394 netopause standoff distance to within geostationary orbit based on the *Shue et al.* [1998]
 395 model. However, from the positions of the two GOES spacecraft with time, they should
 396 not have encountered the magnetopause. Indeed there was no indication from the original
 397 magnetometer data of any magnetopause crossings.

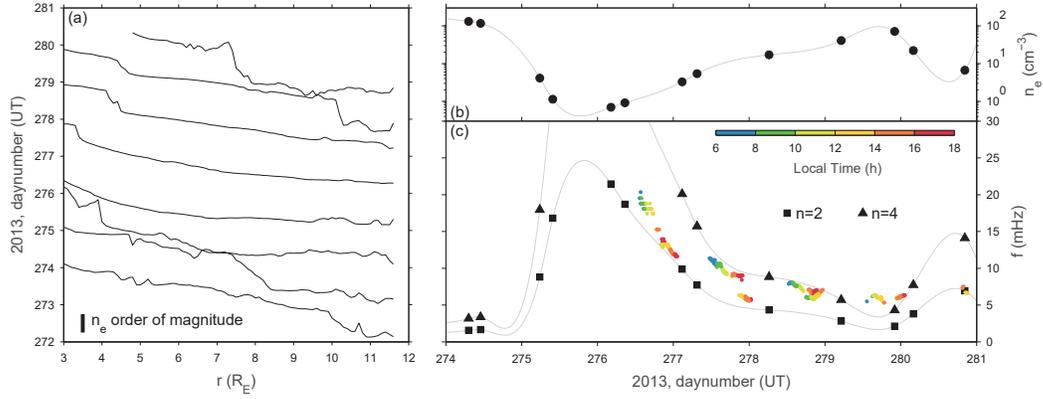
398 Following the CME sheath was a magnetic cloud, a region of low density and el-
 399 evated IMF strength (compared to background values) along with slow rotations in IMF
 400 orientation. The narrowband waves, which were first very briefly observed by GOES-15 at
 401 the start of day 276, seemed to commence around the time of the arrival of the magnetic
 402 cloud, though the waves lasted beyond the cloud's duration. We note that while the start
 403 of these waves could clearly be heard in the audio and was identified by the autocorrela-
 404 tion algorithm (see Figure 2d), this was not clear at all from looking at the time series or
 405 spectrogram. To check for the possibility that the waves were directly driven by the so-
 406 lar wind we looked at 3 s resolution plasma and magnetic field data from the ARTEMIS
 407 spacecraft in lunar orbit [*Auster et al.*, 2008; *McFadden et al.*, 2008a; *Angelopoulos*, 2010]
 408 but found no similar oscillations present.



409 **Figure 4.** Solar wind and geomagnetic conditions showing (a) the IMF strength (black) and GSM-
 410 components (x, y, z as blue, green, orange), (b) solar wind density (black) and dynamic pressure (red), (c)
 411 solar wind speed, and the *Dst* (d) and *Kp* (e) geomagnetic activity indices.

412 The CME's arrival at the magnetosphere triggered a geomagnetic storm, as indi-
 413 cated by the *Dst* and *Kp* activity indices (Figure 4d-e), which was the largest of 2013 as
 414 measured by *Kp* and the 10th largest by *Dst*. The occurrence of the narrowband waves
 415 coincided with the recovery phase of the storm.

416 During the event the THEMIS [Angelopoulos, 2008] spacecraft had apogees in the
 417 dusk sector, with their outbound trajectories crossing geostationary orbit at around 19h lo-
 418 cal time. This unfortunately meant that they did not observe the narrowband ULF waves
 419 and their radial extent. Using spacecraft potential inferred density measurements [Bonnell
 420 *et al.*, 2008; McFadden *et al.*, 2008b] from outbound crossings of THD and THE, we ex-
 421 tended the electron density radial profile survey of Archer *et al.* [2015]. The evolution of
 422 these profiles are depicted in Figure 5a. This reveals an extended plasmasphere before the
 423 event, with the CME and resulting storm causing the erosion of magnetospheric plasma
 424 and recession of the plasmopause. Refilling of magnetospheric plasma occurred through-
 425 out the time of the narrowband waves. This is shown more clearly for the electron density



433 **Figure 5.** (a) THEMIS magnetospheric radial plasma density profiles at 19h LT stacked by time. (b)
 434 Plasma density at geostationary orbit. (c) Estimated frequencies of even mode poloidal field line resonances
 435 based on the density observations. The observed frequencies are overlaid and coloured by local time.
 426 measurements at geostationary orbit displayed in Figure 5b. The apparent refilling rate
 427 approximately followed a two-step process with exponential growth rates of

$$\frac{d \log_{10}(n_e)}{dt} = \begin{array}{ll} 0.77 \pm 0.05 \text{ day}^{-1} & \text{Early} \\ 0.46 \pm 0.07 \text{ day}^{-1} & \text{Late} \end{array} \quad (3)$$

428 corresponding to $\sim 1 - 10 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ day}^{-1}$ initially, followed by $\sim 13 - 33 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ day}^{-1}$. These are
 429 consistent with previously reported observations [Lawrence *et al.*, 1999]. It is natural to
 430 think that the narrowband waves were field line resonances (FLRs) whose decreasing fre-
 431 quency was a result of the increasing magnetospheric density and thus decreasing Alfvén
 432 speed.

436 The average frequency of poloidal field line resonances at geostationary orbit across
 437 the dayside were estimated by solving the Singer *et al.* [1981] equation applied to a T96
 438 magnetic field model [Tsyganenko, 1995, 1996], using the median conditions over the
 439 event combined with the THEMIS density observations. An average ion mass of 7.5 amu
 440 [Sandhu *et al.*, 2016] was used along with the usual power law form for the density along
 441 the field lines using exponent $\alpha = 1$ [Denton *et al.*, 2015]. Changing the fixed param-
 442 eters within their respective interquartile ranges affected results by less than 10%. The
 443 estimated second and fourth harmonics are shown in Figure 5c, since even modes should
 444 be most prominent in magnetic field data close to the magnetic equator. While local time
 445 differences at geostationary orbit from T96 alone are negligible, these calculations assume

446 that the density measured near dusk are representative of all dayside local times, which is
447 not true in general. However, Figure 5c also shows the identified frequencies of the waves
448 from both spacecraft coloured by local time, revealing several instances of similar frequen-
449 cies observed simultaneously at different local times and a near continuity of frequencies
450 with time. This suggests a global expansion of the plasmasphere throughout the event.
451 There is good agreement between the estimated frequencies and those observed by GOES,
452 thus the refilling can explain the decreasing frequency of the observed waves across the
453 event. Interestingly as the event progresses there appears to be a change in the FLR har-
454 monic as the frequency drops, seemingly going from predominantly the second to later the
455 fourth harmonic.

456 It is known that field line resonant frequencies at geostationary orbit exhibit depen-
457 dence on solar wind and geomagnetic conditions [e.g. *Takahashi et al.*, 2010]. Hourly av-
458 erages of the observed frequency and conditions across this event were taken, with the
459 correlation coefficients and their standard errors displayed in Table 1 (rank order corre-
460 lation coefficients were similar). This was also done for the second harmonic FLR fre-
461 quency f_2 where instances of what appears to be the fourth harmonic were corrected by
462 the ratio of the second and fourth harmonics from our FLR frequency estimates. In most
463 cases f_2 shows ever so slightly higher levels of correlation. The correlation between es-
464 timated FLR frequencies with hourly averaged conditions from the *Archer et al.* [2015,
465 2017] survey across half a solar cycle are also shown in the dawn, noon and dusk sectors
466 for comparison, where the standard errors are less than ± 0.03 . As pointed out by the cit-
467 izen scientists, for this event the frequency was highly correlated to the solar wind speed
468 and IMF strength. The latter was predominantly due to the GSM z component, despite the
469 IMF being northward throughout the intervals of narrowband waves, with a fair level of
470 correlation also due to the x component. These results may have been down to chance for
471 this specific event, given there is little to no correlation between geostationary FLR fre-
472 quencies and the IMF in general. While around noon and dusk it is known that there is
473 some degree of correlation between the solar wind speed and geostationary FLR frequen-
474 cies, the observed correlation for this event is much higher. Similar levels of correlation
475 are typically expected for the *Dst* index though the correlation for this event, while fair,
476 weren't as strong. This highlights the potential importance of the storm phase, and thus
477 the time-history of the magnetosphere, in density and FLR frequency models.

		B_{sw}	$B_{x,sw}$	$B_{y,sw}$	$B_{z,sw}$	n_{sw}	v_{sw}	Dst	AE
f		0.92 ± 0.03	0.72 ± 0.08	-0.27 ± 0.16	0.80 ± 0.06	0.28 ± 0.16	0.92 ± 0.03	-0.71 ± 0.09	0.00 ± 0.17
f_2		0.96 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.09	-0.34 ± 0.15	0.84 ± 0.05	0.30 ± 0.16	0.94 ± 0.02	-0.70 ± 0.09	-0.23 ± 0.16
Archer <i>et al.</i> [2015, 2017]	Dawn	0.04	0.02	-0.07	-0.06	-0.1	0.24	-0.17	0.14
	Noon	0.02	-0.05	-0.04	0.01	-0.21	0.54	-0.41	0.17
	Dusk	0.17	-0.01	0.01	-0.06	-0.20	0.52	-0.54	0.17

Table 1. Correlation coefficients of hourly-averaged frequencies with solar wind and geomagnetic conditions.

3.3 Discussion

First we discuss the possible driving mechanisms of the observed narrowband waves in this event. We have already excluded the possibility that these waves were directly driven by the solar wind since similar oscillations were not present upstream in particle or magnetic field measurements. However, significant changes in the solar wind dynamic pressure were present throughout and perhaps these could have resonantly excited the observed field line resonances. It is expected that waves generated by this mechanism are toroidally polarised and have low m [Tamao, 1965; Southwood, 1974; Allan *et al.*, 1896; Mann *et al.*, 1998], unlike the observed event. Similarly, Alfvén waves excited via the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability would be expected to also have low m and to exhibit a reversal in polarisation about noon due to the change in the flow direction within the magnetosheath around the subsolar point [Dungey and Southwood, 1970; Samson *et al.*, 1971; Agapitov *et al.*, 2009], however, no such reversal was seen. Indeed high m waves, as we suppose is the case for this event, are a signature of internally and not externally driven waves [Southwood *et al.*, 1969; Le *et al.*, 2017]. Furthermore, the even harmonic field line resonances observed imply an energy source which acts asymmetrically about the equator, whereas externally driven waves tend to be more often symmetric about this plane.

Therefore, we conclude that the processes generating the narrowband waves likely were internal to the magnetosphere. Based on typical periodicities, energy may be transferred to waves via drift and/or bounce resonances with radiation belt electrons, ring current ions or the background ion population. It has been suggested that observed poloidal waves may be excited by bounce resonance with energetic (predominantly H⁺) ions and that these are likely second harmonic FLRs [Southwood *et al.*, 1969; Hughes *et al.*, 1978; Glassmeier *et al.*, 1999]. Ferradas *et al.* [2018] showed using Van Allen Probes observations that this particular geomagnetic storm injected ions at energies above ~ 10 keV. This

505 therefore demonstrates that there was free energy available for conversion to wave power.
506 We calculate the pitch-angle averaged minimum bounce frequencies of these ions based
507 on their lower energies to be approximately 2 mHz (O+), 4 mHz (He+) and 8 mHz (H+)
508 respectively. These values can potentially explain the change in harmonic throughout the
509 event. While the eigenfrequencies of the field lines were decreasing throughout the event
510 due to the plasmasphere refilling, the bounce frequencies are unaffected by this. Therefore,
511 as the frequency of the second harmonic dropped to around the lowest possible bounce
512 frequency, the ion bounce resonance became more effective at driving fourth harmonic
513 waves. This hypothesis, coupled with the lack of change in polarisation from poloidal
514 to toroidal mode Alfvén waves suggests that continuous driving occurred throughout the
515 event.

516 This event shares some characteristics of a type of ULF wave known as giant pul-
517 sations: highly monochromatic poloidal oscillations in the Pc4 (7–22 mHz) band that are
518 localised in latitude, have large azimuthal wavenumbers, and can continue for two or more
519 days [e.g. *Rostoker et al.*, 1979; *Green*, 1985]. They are thought to be caused by protons
520 with energies of 5–30 keV drifting from the nightside. However, giant pulsations are fun-
521 damental mode FLRs observed on the ground concentrated in the dawn sector (though
522 they have recently been shown to also occur at dusk [*Motoba et al.*, 2015]) which occur
523 during quiet or late storm recovery periods and most often at solar minimum. These prop-
524 erties are all unlike this event therefore it cannot be deemed to be a giant pulsation.

525 Other long-duration Pc5 waves have been published though these share little sim-
526 ilarities with this event since they tend to be predominantly compressional waves in the
527 nighttime sector during the start of storm times [*Takahashi et al.*, 1985, 1987a,b]. To
528 our knowledge only two truly similar events to this have been previously reported. *Sar-*
529 *ris et al.* [2009a] presented an apparently rare narrowband Pc5 event in GOES magne-
530 tometer data from 1997 lasting five days during the recovery phase of a storm. The waves
531 were chiefly poloidally oriented (though packets of phase mixing from poloidal to toroidal
532 mode were observed within the event [*Sarris et al.*, 2009b]) with frequencies decreasing
533 with time from 9 mHz to 5 mHz over the course of the event. Density measurements from
534 the LANL spacecraft, also in geostationary orbit, revealed local evidence of a plasmas-
535 sphere refilling process associated with the observed slow frequency decrease. The waves'
536 azimuthal extent shrank throughout the course of the event, initially spanning some 12 h
537 across the dayside and by the end of the event being concentrated over 7 h of local time

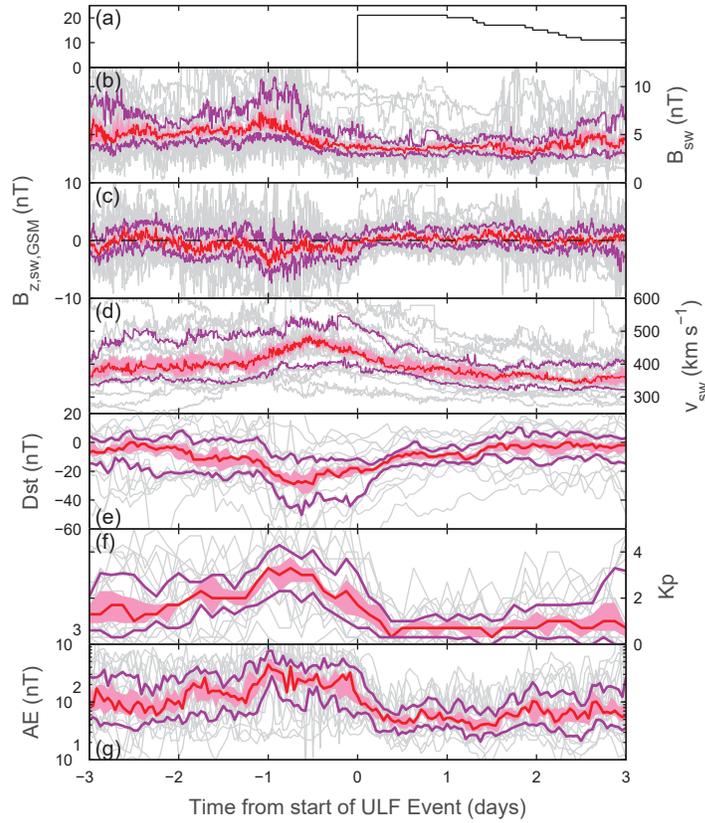
538 in the noon and post-noon sectors. This feature is unlike our observations, where the az-
 539 imuthal extent remained widespread and almost constant throughout. Also unlike the event
 540 presented here, *Sarris et al.* [2009a] found signatures of the waves in ground magnetome-
 541 ter data revealing large m values between 20 and 55 and an eastward propagation in all
 542 local time sectors. They also concluded that these waves were likely driven by internal
 543 particle anisotropies and not via external mechanisms. *Korotova et al.* [2016] reported a
 544 Pc4 event observed by Van Allen Probes, THEMIS and GOES over 1.5 days during the
 545 late recovery phase of a moderate storm in 2014. These were observed throughout most
 546 of the morning sector except for by GOES which only observed the waves in the late af-
 547 ternoon sector, unlike the event presented here. They showed that these were even har-
 548 monic (likely the second harmonic based on previously reported frequencies) poloidal field
 549 line resonances and that they spanned a number of L-shells, dissimilar to the *Sarris et al.*
 550 [2009a,b] event. The frequencies of these waves decreased over the course of successive
 551 orbits from 17 mHz to 12 mHz based on the GOES observations and down to ~ 8 mHz at
 552 geostationary L-shells based on the other spacecraft measurements, with some evidence
 553 of plasmasphere refilling occurring. Again they attributed the source of the pulsations as
 554 due to proton bounce resonance. Similar events to the case study are therefore little dis-
 555 cussed in the literature, and indeed thought to be rare. The MUSICS project was thus not
 556 designed with this class of event in mind, nonetheless the combination of sonification and
 557 exploratory citizen science uncovered one such example.

558 To better put this event into context and to test whether such events are indeed rare,
 559 we navigated the sonified GOES-13 poloidal component data searching for similar events
 560 thereby taking advantage of the reduced timeframe of the sonified data. More precisely
 561 this search looked for decreasing frequency narrowband waves spanning at least one day,
 562 revealing 21 events in 2013 alone. We note that many of these events were much more
 563 subtle, even in the sonified data, than the case study being often weaker and/or superposed
 564 with other waves. Only through the case study having been identified by the citizen scien-
 565 tists and through auditory training (listening to the event numerous times) was it possible
 566 to then pore through the audio to easily identify further events [cf. *Whitton et al.*, 2014].
 567 The start of each event was identified as the beginning of the first interval (where each in-
 568 terval as per the case study is a fraction of a day in duration due to the limited local times
 569 of the waves) of the decreasing-frequency narrowband poloidal waves, with the duration
 570 of the event being the time until the end of the very last interval of narrowband waves

571 which continued the decreasing-frequency trend. No overlap in events occurred. Figure 6a
572 shows the number of events in occurrence as a function of time from their start. The me-
573 dian duration was 3.0 days and the longest event lasted 5.4 days, with the total duration
574 of all events being 60.5 days i.e. 17% of the entire year. Therefore, such events cannot be
575 considered rare.

576 A superposed epoch analysis of the solar wind and geomagnetic conditions for these
577 21 events was performed to ascertain the typical driving conditions, which are shown in
578 Figure 6b-g where the start of the ULF wave event was set as the zero epoch and the
579 median and interquartile ranges (and their respective standard errors) were calculated at
580 each epoch time. Of course, since the ULF wave events have a limited extent within lo-
581 cal time an ambiguity between temporal and spatial effects exists within this analysis. The
582 result will be a smearing out of the superposed epoch analysis over timescales of at most
583 one day. The clearest and most significant results are in the indices of geomagnetic ac-
584 tivity revealing, like with the case study event, increased activity for a period of about a
585 day immediately before the start of the wave events, indicative of storm conditions be-
586 forehand. All quartiles of the *Dst* index show slow returns to pre-storm levels over the
587 course of several days starting around the time of the events. Furthermore there was a
588 one-to-one correspondence between many of these events and geomagnetic storms listed at
589 SpaceWeatherLive.com. Thus such ULF wave events typically occur (at least initially) dur-
590 ing the recovery phase of geomagnetic storms. It is not clear, however, whether all storms
591 (meeting some criteria) result in these ULF wave events. Storms are obviously more com-
592 mon during solar maximum, which was the case for 2013, whereas the observations of
593 *Sarris et al.* [2009a,b] occurred during solar minimum, when storms occur less frequently
594 and thus such ULF wave events are likely less common.

595 While the superposed epoch signatures in activity were clear, they proved less pro-
596 nounced in the solar wind. All quartiles show some enhancement in solar wind speed be-
597 fore the start of the event with the speed returning to background levels over the course
598 of a couple of days. The enhanced speeds, however, are typically nowhere near as pro-
599 nounced as the case study. The IMF tends to exhibit a small enhancement in magnitude
600 and a tendency towards a slight southward component about a day before the start of
601 events. No significant variations of the solar wind density with epoch time were found
602 (not shown). The superposed epoch analysis, while showing clear evidence of storms be-
603 forehand, do not reveal clear overall signs of CMEs and/or magnetic clouds which likely



611 **Figure 6.** Superposed epoch analysis of the solar wind and geomagnetic conditions during the 21 identified
 612 ULF wave events. Displayed are the IMF strength (b), IMF GSM-z component (c), solar wind speed (d), and
 613 the Dst (e), Kp (f) and AE (g) geomagnetic activity indices. All time-series are shown in grey with the medi-
 614 ans (red) and corresponding standard error (red shaded) as well as interquartile ranges (purple) also displayed.
 615 Panel (a) indicates the number of ULF wave events occurring at each epoch time.

604 would remain even when considering the smearing out effects of the analysis. Given the
 605 clear signatures in activity (which would also be subject to the same smearing effect) but
 606 not in the solar wind, this suggests that the waves are predominantly driven via internal
 607 processes and it is likely that many geoeffective drivers, including for instance Corotating
 608 Interaction Regions [e.g. *Tsurutani et al.*, 2011], may also act as the causes of some
 609 of these ULF wave events. We leave a more detailed individual analysis of each event to
 610 future work.

4 Conclusions

To potentially address some of the issues facing magnetospheric ULF wave research due to the “big data” being produced, we introduce sonification and citizen science. ULF waves were extracted from magnetometer data at geostationary orbit and converted into audible sound. This dramatically reduces the timeframe for analysis and takes advantage of many of the benefits of the human auditory system compared to visual analysis [Robinson and Dadson, 1956; Hermann, 2002; Divenyi, 2005; Oppenheim and Magnasco, 2013; Whitton *et al.*, 2014]. We have shown that this sonified data can be used in exploratory citizen science, an approach somewhat different from typical citizen science projects.

The potential for the future use of sonification with citizen science has been demonstrated through the first results discovered by a group of London high school students. A case study event consisting of narrowband waves of decreasing frequency spanning several days were found thanks to the citizen scientists’ aural exploration of the data. These corresponded to second and fourth harmonic poloidal field line resonances across the dayside magnetosphere. It was found that the event occurred during the recovery phase of a CME-driven geomagnetic storm. Simultaneous plasma density measurements revealed the initial erosion of magnetospheric plasma upon arrival of the CME and the subsequent refilling process. The identified frequencies of the observed waves agreed well with estimates of the field lines’ eigenfrequencies made by combining these density measurements throughout this refilling process with a magnetic field model, thereby explaining the frequencies throughout the event. These frequencies highly correlated with the solar wind speed and IMF strength to a degree much greater than usually expected, perhaps highlighting the importance of the storm phase and the time-history of the magnetosphere in the empirical modelling of magnetospheric densities and FLR frequencies. We were able to rule out external driving mechanisms such as direct or resonant driving of the waves from the solar wind and excitation via the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, concluding that the waves were likely driven by an internal process such as the ion bounce resonance [Southwood *et al.*, 1969; Hughes *et al.*, 1978; Glassmeier *et al.*, 1999].

Events such as those presented in this manuscript are little discussed in the literature and had previously been reported as rare [Sarris *et al.*, 2009a,b]. However, by surveying the audio (and thus taking advantage of the human auditory system’s pattern recognition and blind source separation abilities as well as the reduced timeframe of the sonified data)

648 we found this not to be the case. During 2013 alone 21 events were discovered and super-
649 posed epoch analysis revealed that these tend to occur following storms, though no clear
650 solar wind signature emerged. It may be possible that several different solar wind tran-
651 sients are capable of triggering such events. Further work is required to understand the
652 range of driving conditions and properties of all of these events.

653 In conclusion, by combining sonification with citizen science it is possible to arrive
654 at unexpected research results - the science results presented in this paper were possible
655 only because of citizen scientists' unprescribed aural exploration of ULF wave data. In-
656 deed, the MUSICS project was not set up with the particular class of ULF wave event
657 presented in mind from the outset. Therefore this approach has the potential to address
658 some of the current challenges facing current magnetospheric ULF wave research. Soni-
659 fied data could also be used within the more standard citizen science approach in the fu-
660 ture, once a well-defined set of ULF wave event classifications and prescribed tasks for
661 citizen scientists have been established. Given the potential benefits, the audible GOES
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932 **A: Spectral Methods**

933 Here we detail some of the spectral methods used which are well used in the fields
934 of audio analysis but not widely applied in space physics.

935 A.1 Pitch Detection

936 The autocorrelation of any periodic function is also a periodic function, exhibiting
 937 positive peak autocorrelation values of unity at lags given by integer multiples of the un-
 938 derlying period. Due to the finite length of real time-series as well as the typical applica-
 939 tion of windowing functions, however, the height of these peaks in reality will decrease
 940 as the lag increases, reaching zero when this equals the length of the window used. Here
 941 we present details of the autocorrelation pitch detection method used, which was based on
 942 that of *Tolonen* [2000] implemented within Audacity.

943 Autocorrelation functions were computed for 1024-point Hanning windows of the
 944 (non-differenced) magnetic field data and we limit ourselves to positive lags only. Half-
 945 wave rectification was performed, whereby any negative autocorrelation values were set
 946 to zero thereby leaving only a series of positive peaks in the case of a periodic signal. To
 947 remove repeated peaks originating from the same underlying periodicity, integer factor
 948 time-scaled copies of these autocorrelations were subtracted from the original. This was
 949 followed by again clipping to positive values only each time. This subtraction procedure
 950 was repeated for all prime numbers up to 11. The resulting function, named the Enhanced
 951 Summary Autocorrelation Function (ESACF) by *Tolonen* [2000], should leave positive
 952 peaks only at the fundamental periodicities of the signal.

953 Given the values of the ESACF peaks are not as simple to interpret as a standard
 954 autocorrelation, we specify two criteria for selecting significant peaks for each window
 955 of the data. Firstly, we calculated the envelope function of the autocorrelation due to the
 956 Hanning window used. Our threshold for peaks in ESACF was chosen to be at least half
 957 that expected for perfect correlation. Secondly, we used a bootstrapping technique [*Efron*
 958 *and Tibshirani*, 1993], generating 25,000 realisations of 1024-sample uncorrelated gaus-
 959 sian white noise. The same windowing function was again applied and the autocorrela-
 960 tions calculated for each realisation. At each lag, quantiles of the autocorrelations were
 961 computed to give a confidence interval for uncorrelated gaussian white noise. The $1 - \alpha$
 962 quantile at each lag corresponds to the local confidence level at the desired significance α .
 963 However, we are performing multiple comparisons corresponding to the search for peaks
 964 present at any value of lag. Therefore, the global confidence level must be used to main-
 965 tain the desired significance. We use the Bonferroni correction, which sets the confidence
 966 level to $1 - \frac{\alpha}{N}$ where N is the number of comparisons i.e. the length of the window in

967 this case [Bonferroni, 1936; Dunn, 1958, 1961]. We then required that the prominence (or
 968 intrinsic height) of peaks in ESACF be greater than the global 95% confidence level for
 969 uncorrelated gaussian white noise.

970 **A.2 Welch's Method**

971 Welch's overlapped averaged periodogram method [Welch, 1967; Stoica and Moses,
 972 2005] is a way of estimating the power spectral matrix of a signal, reducing noise at the
 973 expense of frequency resolution. Each 1024-sample set of data was split up into 8 differ-
 974 ent data segments with 50% overlap. Hanning windows are then applied to each segment
 975 and the Fast Fourier Transform $\mathcal{F}(x_i[t])$ computed for the windowed segments, where
 976 $x_i[t]$ represent the segments of the original time-series $x[t]$. In the case of autopower
 977 spectra, the periodograms for each segment are averaged together, which we denote by an-
 978 gular brackets with a subscript index $\langle \mathcal{F}(x_i[t]) \mathcal{F}(x_i[t])^* \rangle_i$, reducing the variance of the
 979 individual power measurements. For cross spectra between $x[t]$ and $y[t]$, the calculation
 980 is $\langle \mathcal{F}(x_i[t]) \mathcal{F}(y_i[t])^* \rangle_i$. Finally, the magnitude squared coherence using this method is
 981 given by

$$C_{xy} = \frac{\langle \mathcal{F}(x_i[t]) \mathcal{F}(y_i[t])^* \rangle_i}{\langle \mathcal{F}(x_j[t]) \mathcal{F}(x_j[t])^* \rangle_j \langle \mathcal{F}(y_k[t]) \mathcal{F}(y_k[t])^* \rangle_k} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Figure 1.

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MME Speakers / Headphones (Realtek)

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The image shows a digital audio workstation (DAW) interface. The top section contains a transport control bar with various icons for play, stop, and navigation, along with a volume slider. Below this is a track control bar with a dropdown menu set to 'MME' and a speaker icon. The main workspace is divided into two horizontal tracks. The upper track is a waveform view showing a blue audio signal with amplitude on the y-axis (ranging from -1.0 to 1.0) and time on the x-axis (ranging from 4:19.0 to 4:32.0). The lower track is a spectrogram view with frequency on the y-axis (ranging from 0.0K to 3.0K) and time on the x-axis. The spectrogram shows a complex pattern of red and blue energy over time. At the bottom of the interface, there is a 'Label Track' with two labels: 'DOY 275' and 'DOY 280'. Below the label track is a control panel with 'Project Rate (Hz)' set to 44100, 'Snap-To' set to 'Off', 'Audio Position' set to '00 h 04 m 21.310 s', and 'Start and End of Selection' set to '00 h 04 m 21.310 s'. The status bar at the very bottom indicates 'Stopped' and 'Click and drag to select audio'.

Figure 2.

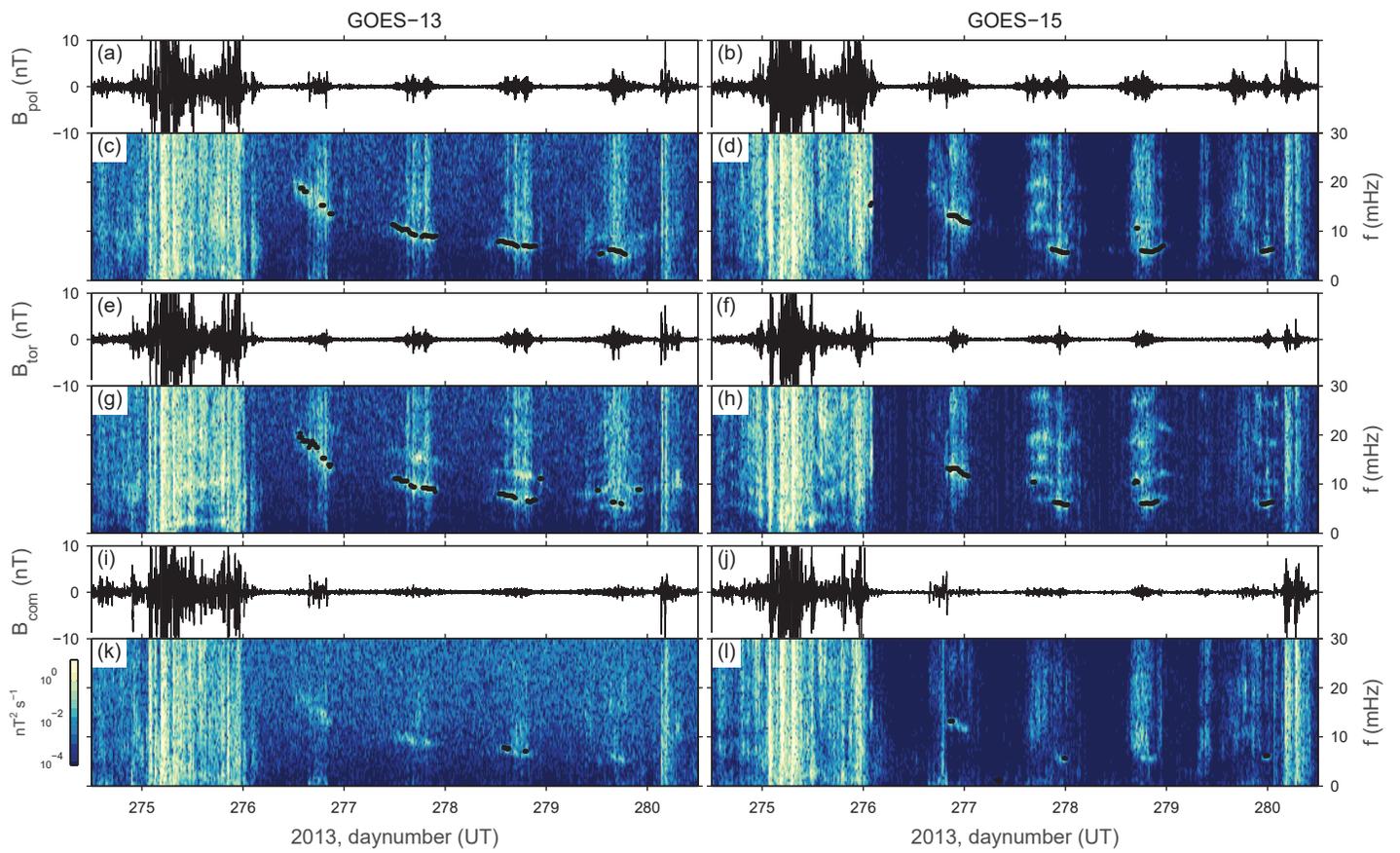


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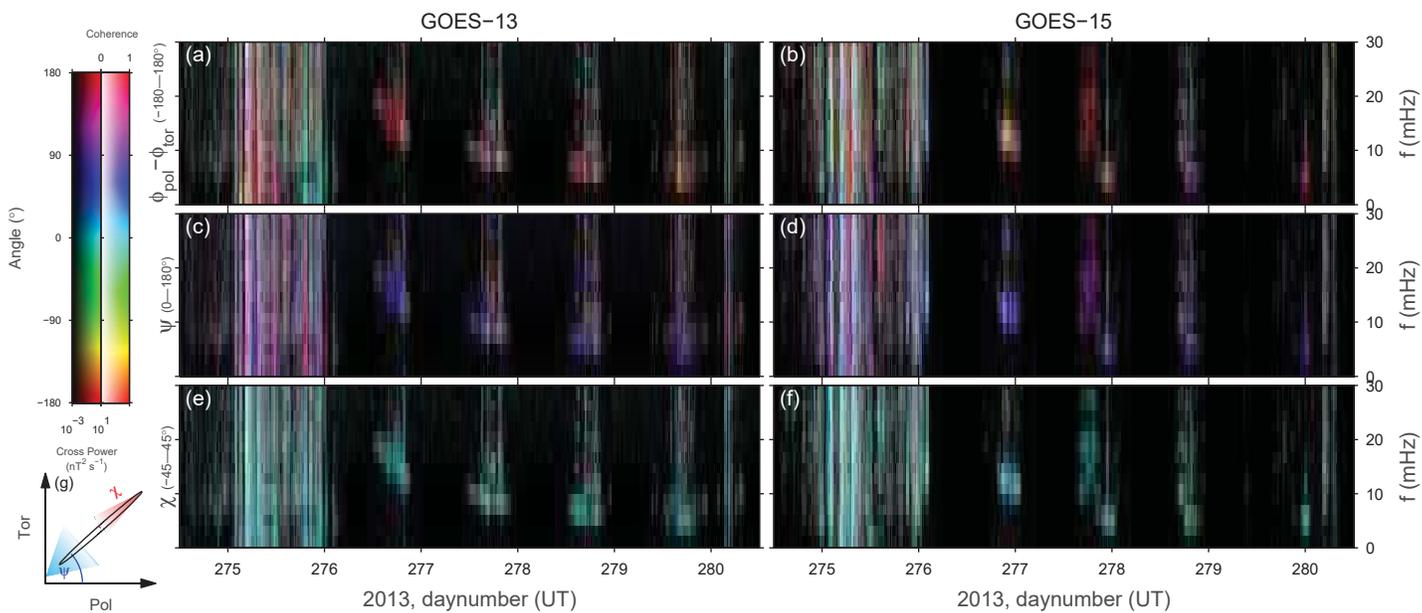


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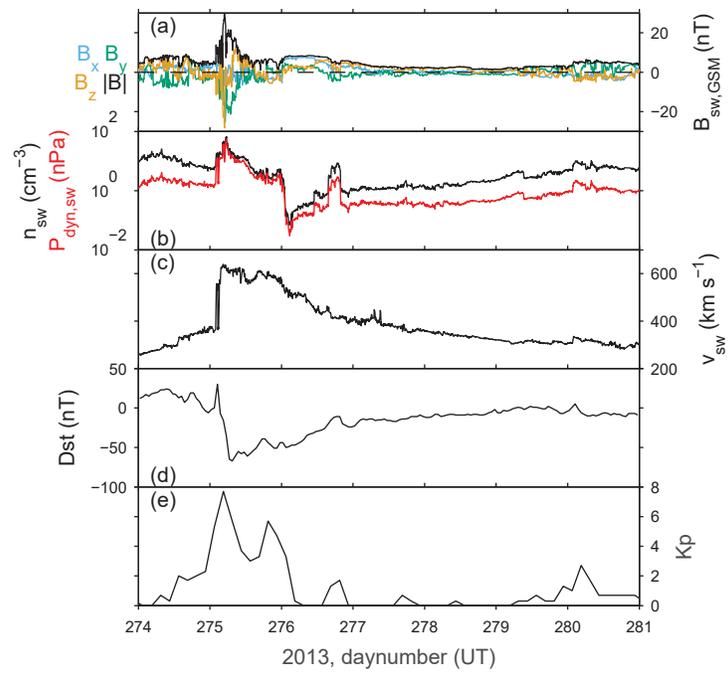


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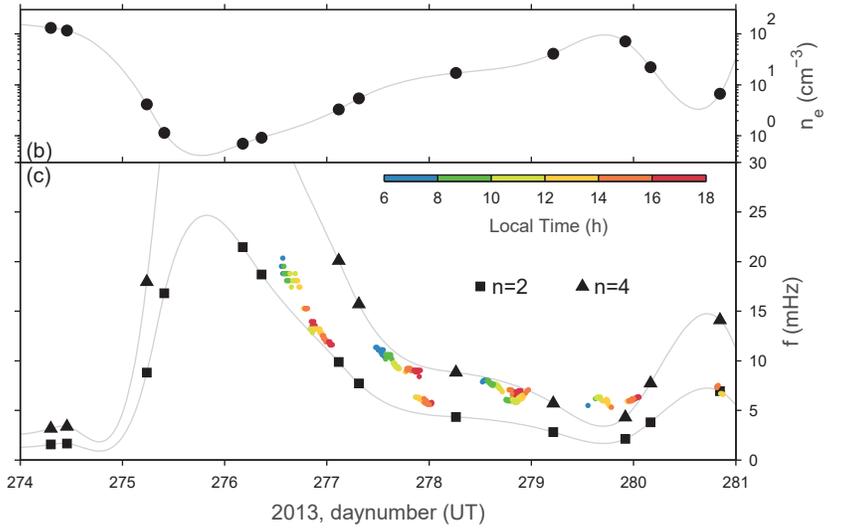
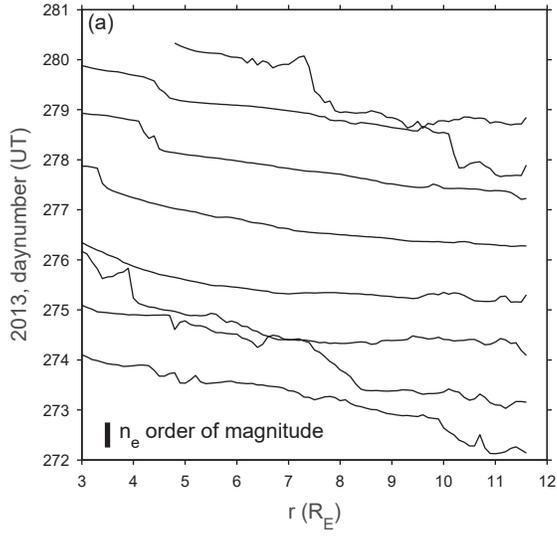


Figure 6.

