

Abstract Submitted
for the TSF07 Meeting of
The American Physical Society

Compact representations of high-latitude ionospheric outflows¹

JAMES HORWITZ, WEN ZENG, Department of Physics, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX 76019 — Realistic compact representations of the ionospheric outflow bulk parameters and their relationships to putative drivers are needed for global magnetospheric modeling. Recent satellite data analyses have obtained formula fits for the measurement-based relationships of the outflows levels to parameterizations for electron precipitation and Poynting fluxes, which are expected to be among the principal drivers for the ionospheric outflows. Here, an extensive set of systematic simulation runs with our Dynamic Fluid Kinetic (DyFK) simulation code for ionospheric plasma field-aligned transport is employed to obtain O^+ and H^+ densities and flow velocities at altitudes corresponding to typical inner boundary levels for prominent current global magnetospheric models. These O^+ and H^+ densities and parallel flow velocities are represented versus parameterizations for precipitation electrons, the BBELF waves which transversely heat ionospheric ions, and solar zenith angle.

¹This work was completed under financial support by NASA grant NNG05GF67G and NSF grant ATM-0505918 to the University of Texas at Arlington.

James Horwitz
Department of Physics, The University of Texas at Arlington,
Arlington, TX 76019

Date submitted: 20 Sep 2007

Electronic form version 1.4