



# Even moderate geomagnetic pulsations can cause fluctuations of foF2 frequency of the auroral ionosphere

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**Abstract.** Using data of the ionosonde in Sodankylä, (SOD, 67°N, 27°E, Finland), variations of the critical frequency of o-mode radiowave reflected from ionospheric F2 layer (foF2) in 1 – 5 mHz frequency range and their possible association with long period (Pc5/Pi3) geomagnetic pulsations are studied. For that, a technique of automatic detection of the foF2 critical frequency from an ionogram is developed and applied to daytime Pc5/Pi3 geomagnetic pulsations and foF2 fluctuations during several months of years 2014-2015 near the maximum of 24-th Solar cycle. The variations of foF2 are compared with the Pc5/Pi3 geomagnetic pulsations at SOD station, and the influence of pulsations' spatial scale is analyzed with the data of a station pair located at the same magnetic meridian but separated in latitude. The variations of foF2 are in the majority of cases decoupled from the geomagnetic pulsations on the ground. Meanwhile, the analysis of geomagnetic and foF2 variations show intervals with noticeable coherence for both horizontal components. These coherent pulsations are predominantly registered in the afternoon sector of the magnetic local time (MLT). Statistically, their spectral content, polarization and spatial distribution differ from averaged parameters of post-noon Pc5 pulsations. The pulsations, coherent to foF2 fluctuations, demonstrate features typical for Alfvén field-line resonance. The analysis of space weather conditions favorable for the occurrence of coherent geomagnetic/foF2 pulsations show that these pulsations are registered mostly under moderately disturbed conditions. Comparison of space weather parameters for all the intervals analyzed and the intervals of high geomagnetic/foF2 coherence show that the latter correspond mostly to intermediate values of indexes of geomagnetic (Dst) and auroral (AE) activity, solar wind speed and dynamic pressure fluctuations.

## 1 Introduction

Modulation of ionospheric parameters by Pc5 pulsations was reported by Pilipenko et al. (2014a, b). Majority of publications are based on the radar observation, i.e. observations of variations of electron concentration at certain altitude in the ionosphere (e.g. Mager et al. (2015); James et al. (2016)). Observations of pulsations in the total electron content (TEC) are rather rare (Pilipenko et al., 2014a, b; Watson et al., 2015; Vorontsova et al., 2016). Watson et al. (2015) reported on TEC variations mea-



35 sured by GPS at Pc5-6 frequencies. The large-amplitude TEC variations were associated with mainly compressional mode of MHD wave in the magnetosphere. The pulsations were also seen in magnetic field on the ground with two spectral peaks at about 0.9 mHz and 3.3 mHz. The event was observed in the afternoon MLT sector after a steep increase of SW dynamic pressure up to almost 20 nPa. An effect of TEC modulation by ULF wave at low latitudes reported by Vorontsova et al. (2016) is important because the observations were made far away from the resonant L-shells and zones where kinetic modes can occur due to wave-particle interaction. This allows to identify observed pulsations as fast magnetosonic mode.

30 An intriguing effect of double Pc5 frequency in fluctuations of ionospheric parameters was shown by Kozyreva et al. (2019). However, the effect of ionosphere heating by an intense MHD wave, found by Pilipenko et al. (2014b) at the recovery phase of the magnetic storm is possible only for extremely high Pc5 amplitudes. On the contrary, a role of MHD waves with moderate amplitudes in variations of foF2 critical frequency has not been studied in details.

Our study is aimed on variations of foF2 critical frequency at Pc5/Pi3 frequencies and geomagnetic pulsations in the same frequency range, both for individual events and statistically.

## 35 2 Data of observations and their processing

### 2.1 Data

The Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory (SOD) ionosonde is located at geographic coordinates 67.3 N, 26.7 E. It makes an ionogram once a minute. A detailed description of the ionosond observations can be found in (Kozlovsky et al., 2013). SOD magnetometer is a part of IMAGE magnetometer network (Taskanen, 2009), and three components of the geomagnetic field are available with 10 s sampling rate. For the analysis of Pc5 spatial distribution, and we also use the data of the MAS station, which is a part of IMAGE. Station information is summarized in Table 1.

To analyzed space weather conditions, OMNI data including interplanetary magnetic field, solar wind speed and dynamic pressure, re-calculated to the sub-solar point of the magnetosphere (Bargatze et al., 2005), are used, and also Dst and AE indexes are used. The data are available at <http://cdaweb.gsfc.nasa.gov>

45 We use for the analysis the interval from April of 2014 till the end of 2015 (totally 21 months), and take daytime intervals when foF2 critical frequency was seen with quality and time resolution enough for spectral analysis. A summary of intervals analyzed is given in Table 2.

### 2.2 foF2 automatic detection from ionograms

50 Although visual detection of a critical frequency from an ionogram with clearly expressed layers is not difficult, an automatic detection method is necessary for an analysis of high frequency variations of critical frequencies. The difficulties of this procedure are caused by different intensity of the reflected signal, different contrast between reflection maximum and the background, occurrence of sporadic layers, man-made interference, etc. Because of these reasons, routine techniques of automatic foF2 detection can become unstable, even when visual detection is possible.



Below, we present a method based on the approximation of the reflection boundary in a wide range of altitudes to suppress  
55 the influence of local gaps and peaks in reflection.

The highest frequency reflection boundary in such a presentation is characterized by almost linear growth of frequency at low altitudes, then growth becomes slower, and finally it saturates at the critical frequency. We approximate this dependence by a Lorentzian type function

$$f(h) = f_1 + \Delta f \frac{k(\frac{h}{h_1} - 1)^\alpha}{k(\frac{h}{h_1} - 1)^\alpha + 1} \quad (1)$$

60 Starting altitude is taken at  $h_1 = 235$  km. Coefficients  $f_1$ ,  $\Delta f = f_2 - f_1$ ,  $k$ , and  $\alpha$  are found as a result of fitting procedure, described below. The boundary is determined as a line where the following two conditions are fulfilled:

- Signal intensity  $I$  at the boundary should be high
- Amplitude ratio  $R$  of the signal intensity at the boundary line to the power above it should also be high

As four fitting factors are used, a 9-point iteration procedure is organized and a parameter  $K_t$ , determined as  $K_t^2 = cI^2 +$   
65  $(1 - c)R^2$  is maximized over the "cross" in space of parameters  $K_t(x_0, x_0 - \Delta x_i, x_0 + \Delta x_i)$ , where  $x$  is a point in the space of parameters, and  $i$  is a parameter number. The initial approximation is taken from the database created manually for several typical types of  $f(h)$  dependence. foF2 is then determined as a value of (1) in the altitude region with weak dependence  $f(h)$ . The other requirement is a continuity of time dependence  $f(t)$ . The threshold value for the time derivative of foF2 is estimated from the variance of an interval of length  $t_1$ . For  $t > t_1$ , the set of parameters calculated at the previous step is taken as the  
70 initial approximation. If an iteration procedure gives a value of foF2 with the difference from the previous values exceeding the threshold value, the other initial approximation from the database is taken, and the procedure is repeated. If all the initial approximations give a value, outstanding far from the previous ones, this point is excluded, and the iteration procedure is started from the next time instant. Examples of approximation curves are given in Figure 1 for 3 ionograms, registered on 24 October (day 297) 2014. The continuity condition allows to suppress the influence of additional reflection maxima and bifurcations.  
75 The list of the days and time intervals selected with the automatic detection procedure and tested visually for each tenth point, ASCII files and pictures of foF2 time variations for the selected intervals are available in supplementary files. The selected intervals form the database for the analysis.

An example of diurnal variations of critical frequency obtained with the technique described is given in Figure 2 for the 3 January (day 003) 2015. Note, that the ionograms are rotated by  $90^\circ$  in respect to usual  $f - H$  presentation.

80 A collection of all the reconstructed foF2 can be found in supplementary files.

### 2.3 Pre-processing, statistical and spectral analysis

Two horizontal components are analyzed for magnetic field recordings. We use the notation  $b$  for the magnetic field of pulsation to discriminate it from the main magnetic field  $B$ . We denote pulsations of foF2 as  $\Delta\text{foF2}$ .



Statistical analysis includes distribution over MLT, parameters of pulsations and the space weather during the interval ana-  
85 lyzed and preceding it. We studied Dst and AE geomagnetic indexes, vertical component of the interplanetary magnetic field  
IMF  $B_Z$ , solar wind velocity  $V$  and dynamic pressure  $P_{sw}$  and the maximal amplitude of  $P_{sw}$  fluctuations.

The method, described in the previous section, allows to get foF2 with the time resolution, enough for spectral estimates  
and comparison with the geomagnetic pulsations based on cross-spectral analysis. For that, power spectral density (PSD)  
is estimated with a Blackman-Tukey method (Kay, 1988) in a sliding 64 points window with 5 min shift between adjacent  
90 intervals. Cross-spectra are calculated for foF2 variations, on one hand, and components of the geomagnetic field pulsations,  
on the other hand. For the intervals with high spectral coherence  $\gamma^2$ , phase difference  $\Delta\varphi$  is estimated.

### 3 Results

#### 3.1 foF2 variations and geomagnetic pulsations at SOD

##### 3.1.1 Examples

95 We present two examples of foF2 and geomagnetic variations simultaneously recorded at SOD. Variations of geomagnetic  
field components and foF2 at SOD on 11 March (Day 70) 2015 (event 1) are presented in Figure 3. Peak-to-peak amplitudes  
of geomagnetic field and foF2 are about 10 nT and 0.08 MHz, respectively. PSD spectra for both geomagnetic and foF2  
variations, spectral coherence and phase difference are presented in Figure 4. The normalized PSD spectrum of geomagnetic  
pulsations has two broad maxima at  $f_1 = 2.3$  and  $f_2 = 3.2$  mHz. The spectrum of foF2 variations has a maximum at a frequency  
100  $f = 3.8$  mHz. Spectral coherence is high ( $\gamma^2 > 0.75$ ) at low frequency part of spectrum  $f < 2$  mHz, and a minor coherence  
peak with maximal  $\gamma^2 = 0.6$  is found near the  $f_2$  frequency.

Figure 5 illustrates the space weather conditions for event 1. The start point of the interval is taken as zero of time axis  $\tau$  at  
panels (a-e) of Figure 5. It is seen from the Figure, that geomagnetic conditions were quiet and no magnetic storms occurred  
during at least four days before the event,  $Dst > -20$  nT (Figure 5a). However, the auroral activity was essential and maximal  
105 AE reached 500 nT (Figure 5b). This activation followed the interval of negative  $B_Z$  with variations of almost 20 nT amplitude  
(Figure 5d). For this event, SW speed  $V$  was about 400 km/s (Figure 5c), SW dynamic pressure  $P_{sw} \approx 4$  nPa (Figure 5e).  $P_{sw}$   
fluctuations are shown in more details in Figure 5f. Their amplitude was about 0.7 nPa and their apparent period was about  
5 minutes. This corresponds to frequency  $f = 3.3$  mHz, i.e. it approximately agrees with the  $f_2$  frequency of pulsations at  
SOD.

110 The results for the pulsations recorded on 11 July (Day 192) 2015 (event 2) are presented in Figures 6 and 7, which have  
the same format, as Figures 3 and 4. Peak-to-peak amplitudes of the geomagnetic and foF2 pulsations are about 80 nT and  
0.08 MHz, respectively. A clear maximum at  $f_1 \approx 2.5$  mHz is seen in both geomagnetic and foF2 PSD spectra (Figure 7a).  
At the second frequency  $f_2 \approx 3.5$  mHz a maximum is seen only in foF2 variations, while in the geomagnetic pulsations this  
frequency is marked only as a plateau in the PSD spectrum. However, both spectral maxima are seen clearly in the coherence  
115 spectrum (Figure 7b), and the phase difference is different for these two frequencies (Figure 7c).



Space weather conditions for this event are summarized in Figure 8, which has the same format as Figure 5. No geomagnetic storms were registered during last 4 days before this event, as  $Dst$  exceeds  $= -30$  nT throughout the interval (Figure 8a). Meanwhile, auroral activity is high: two auroral activations are seen at  $\tau = -8$  and  $-4$  hours with maximal  $AE = 1300$  nT and (700 nT), respectively (Figure 8b). The first activation developed after 2 hour interval of negative  $B_z$ , while the second one corresponds to  $B_z$  turn from  $-10$  to almost  $+15$  nT (Figure 8d). For this event,  $V$  is about 600 km/s (Figure 8c), maximal  $P_{sw}$  was  $\approx 9$  nPa and then dropped to 5 nPa and slowly decrease to about 3 nPa (Figure 8e). Amplitude of  $P_{sw}$  fluctuations during the 45 minute interval shown in Figure 8f was about 0.5 nPa and their apparent period was about 4 – 5 minutes. The main frequency of  $P_{sw}$  pulsations is 3.7 mHz, i.e. it approximately corresponds to  $f_2$  frequency in foF2 variations, registered at SOD.

### 125 3.1.2 Statistics

A MLT distribution of occurrence of the foF2 variations is shown in Figure 9. One can see from the Figure, that Pc5/Pi3 variations of foF2 are predominantly registered in the post-noon MLT sector with maximal probability at MLT 12-15.

Figure 10a shows frequency distributions of geomagnetic and foF2 pulsations at SOD.  $f_1$  is a frequency of the first spectral maximum in the range from 1.5 to 5.5 mHz. The frequency distribution of foF2 fluctuations is enriched with frequencies ( $f_1 > 3.7$  mHz) in comparison with the distribution of the geomagnetic pulsations. The distribution of Pc5/Pi3 intervals over foF2 –  $b$  spectral coherence at SOD are shown in Figure 10b for two horizontal components. For both components, spectral coherence  $\gamma^2 < 0.375$  dominates. The fraction of  $\gamma^2 \geq 0.375$  intervals is 1/6 and 1/8 for  $b_X$  and  $b_Y$  components, respectively, the fraction of  $\gamma^2 \geq 0.5$  is less than 3% for both components.

This means, that in majority cases, Pc5/Pi3 geomagnetic pulsations and variations of foF2 critical frequency at the same point are decoupled. This effect can be seen from both different spectral content and low spectral coherence of magnetic and foF2 fluctuations.

However, the coherent foF2 and geomagnetic pulsations do exist, and a question arises about the pulsation properties and external parameters, favorable for their occurrence. To answer this question, the geomagnetic pulsations at SOD for which  $b_X - foF2$  coherence is high ( $\gamma^2 > 0.5$ ) are compared with all the intervals, selected for spectral analysis of foF2 fluctuations at SOD (Table 2).

To avoid the influence of difference in seasonal and diurnal variations between the selected pulsations and average pulsation properties, the statistics for all the pulsations is calculated with the weight functions, which are found from the seasonal and diurnal variations of coherent pulsations. Figure 11 illustrates the difference between coherent and pulsations and averaged properties of all pulsations for three parameters:  $PSD_{bx}$  (Figure 11a), PSD ratio  $R_{XY} = PSD_{bx}/PSD_{by}$  (Figure 11b), and the  $b_X$  PSD ratio along a magnetic meridian  $R_\Phi = PSD_{bx}(\Phi)/PSD_{bx}(\Phi + \Delta\Phi)$  (Figure 11c). The latter is calculated for SOD-MAS station pair (MAS station is located nearly at the same magnetic meridian, but  $2^\circ$  northward).  $PSD_{bx}$  for coherent pulsations is enriched with frequencies  $f > 2$  mHz in comparison with the background pulsations. In this frequency band,  $R_{XY}$  also increases and  $R_\Phi$  demonstrates a non-monotonous dependence on frequency with minimum at  $f = 2.7$  mHz and growth at  $f \geq 3$  mHz. These features are only weakly seen in averaged  $R_\Phi(f)$  dependence for all pulsation intervals.



150 To understand, what space weather conditions are favorable for generation of coherent  $b_X - foF2$  pulsations, we compare  
the geomagnetic indexes and SW/IMF conditions for intervals when coherent  $b_X - foF2$  were registered with all the intervals  
analyzed. The influence of seasonal and diurnal variation was eliminated in the same manner, as for pulsation parameters. We  
use for the analysis the 4-day minimum Dst and 6-hour maximal AE, as Pc5 amplitudes are maximal at recovery phase of  
geomagnetic storms (Posch et al., 2003), and auroral substorms are followed by Pi3 pulsations (Kleimenova et al., 2002) and  
155 Pc5 waves with high azimuthal and intermediate wavenumbers (Zolotukhina et al., 2008; Mager et al., 2019). The results for  
Dst and AE indexes are summarized in Figure 12. Coherent pulsations tend to occur under moderate geomagnetic and auroral  
activity. The most favorable Dst interval is from  $-100$  to  $-50$  nT (Figure 12a), and for AE index it is from 250 to 500 nT  
(Figure 12b). Actually, the selection procedure, used in the present study to detect intervals with clearly seen foF2 fluctuations,  
is limited by quiet and moderately disturbed geomagnetic conditions. This leads to low probabilities to detect foF2 fluctuations  
160 at Pc5/Pi3 frequencies under highly disturbed conditions. This naturally follows from the condition of existence of clear F2  
trace at an ionogram, which is, necessary for the foF2 pulsation detection procedure. During geomagnetic storms detection of  
the foF2 variations is often impossible because of enhanced ionization in the lower ionospheric layers (E and/or D).

Occurrence and parameters of high-latitude Pc5s are controlled by interplanetary parameters, especially IMF  $B_Z$  component,  
variations of solar wind dynamic pressure  $P$ , and solar wind velocity  $V$  (Baker et al., 2003). Distributions of these three  
165 parameters are presented in Figure 13. We have taken 3-hour mean values of  $B_Z$  and  $V$  and 3-hour maximal value of  $\Delta P_{sw}$ .  
Figure 13a shows that coherent events tend to occur during positive  $B_Z$  intervals. This result agrees with moderate geomagnetic  
and auroral activity, favorable for coherent foF2- $b$  pulsations. Figures 13 (b) and (c) show that selected coherent events tended  
to occur during somewhat higher SW speed and higher amplitudes of SW pressure fluctuations, than it is found for all the  
intervals.

#### 170 4 Discussion and conclusion

The presented study of day-time fluctuations of foF2 in  $1 - 5$  mHz frequency range has been undertaken for quiet and mod-  
erately disturbed geomagnetic conditions when foF2 frequency can be unambiguously revealed from ionograms. For that, a  
technique of automatic detection of foF2 from ionogram was developed and verified by visual inspection.

Our analysis of correspondence between Pc5/Pi3 and foF2 variations at SOD showed that relatively rare cases of coher-  
175 ent variations occur preferably in the afternoon MLT sector under moderately disturbed geomagnetic conditions. As a rule,  
post-noon Pc5 are characterized by higher azimuthal wave-numbers than morningside Pc5s (see Min et al. (2017) and refer-  
ences therein). They are often associated with kinetic modes originated from wave-particle interactions (see e.g. Mager et al.  
(2013) and references therein). For these waves, the amplitudes on the ground are strongly attenuated by the ionosphere  
(Kokubun et al., 1989), while their amplitudes in the magnetosphere both in the magnetic field and in particle flux can be high  
180 (Baddeley et al., 2004).



Amplitude of SW dynamic pressure fluctuations show an association with occurrence of coherent  $foF2 - B$  pulsations, as well as the observed periods are close in the individual cases (Figures 5, 8). This effect is in favor of global character of the observed coherent pulsations (Kepko et al., 2002; Yagova et al., 2007; Viall et al., 2009).

On the other hand, for the intervals, when ground Pc5s are coherent with foF2 variations, the magnetic pulsations show typical features of the Alfvén field-line resonance in spectral content, polarization, and amplitude distribution along the meridian (Baransky et al., 1995) in coherent  $foF2 - B_X$  pulsations in comparison with typical afternoon Pc5s at SOD.

A similar result follows from the comprehensive statistical analysis of correspondence between geomagnetic and Cosmic Noise Adsorption (CNA) pulsations (Spanswick et al., 2005), who found that geomagnetic pulsations with FLR features demonstrate a better correspondence with CNA pulsations than non-FLR Pc5s.

However, physical reasons for our and (Spanswick et al., 2005) results may be different, because of different particle energies and Pc5 types. A detailed case study of magnetic field and electron flux pulsations at four Cluster satellites located at different L-shells in the magnetosphere and geomagnetic and CNA pulsations on the ground (Motoba et al., 2013) showed rather complicated space distribution and time variation of geomagnetic and electron pulsations and their inter-relation. The picture changed dramatically within 30-40 minutes, and the pulsation in space was, probably, a mix of compressional and Alfvén modes. The authors found that the amplitude of compressional mode was critical for effective modulation of electron flux, but the contribution of shear Alfvén resonance was also non-negligible.

For the first time, a statistical study of foF2 variations in Pc5/Pi3 range and their relation to geomagnetic pulsation in the conjugated position at SOD station and its spatial distribution along a magnetic meridian. It is shown that not only storm-time Pc5s can modulate the ionosphere foF2, but also non-storm pulsations with moderate amplitudes. It is important, because in such conditions, F2 layer is not blanketed by lower layers.

*Sample availability.* All the intervals used in the analysis are visually checked (for each 10-th point) and presented in the table file. The foF2 values, obtained with Eq.(1) for all the intervals analyzed, are available both as jpeg figures and ASCII files. A file name has a structure SOD-YYYY-DDD-foF2, where YYYY is a year and DDD is a day number. Each ASCII file contains two columns:

1. time (seconds) from 00:00 UT
2. foF2 (MHz).

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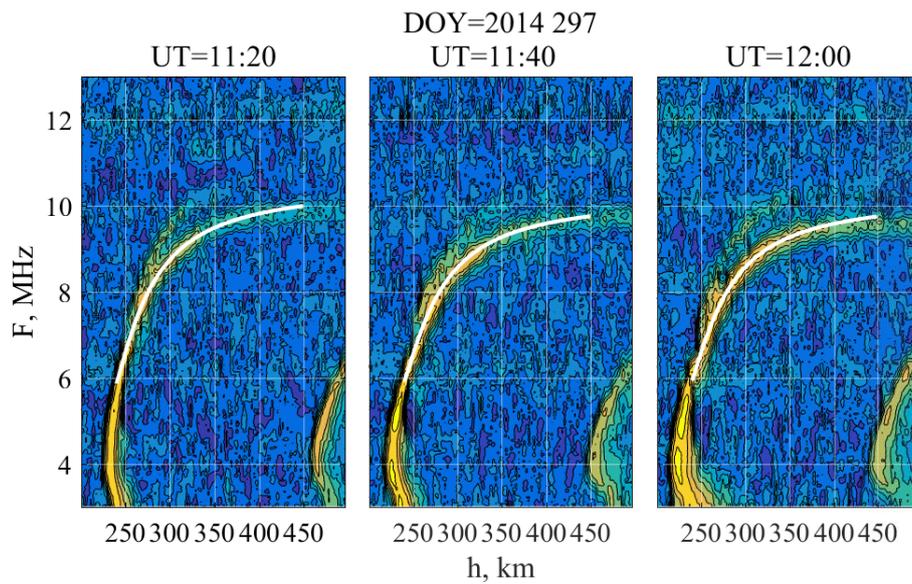


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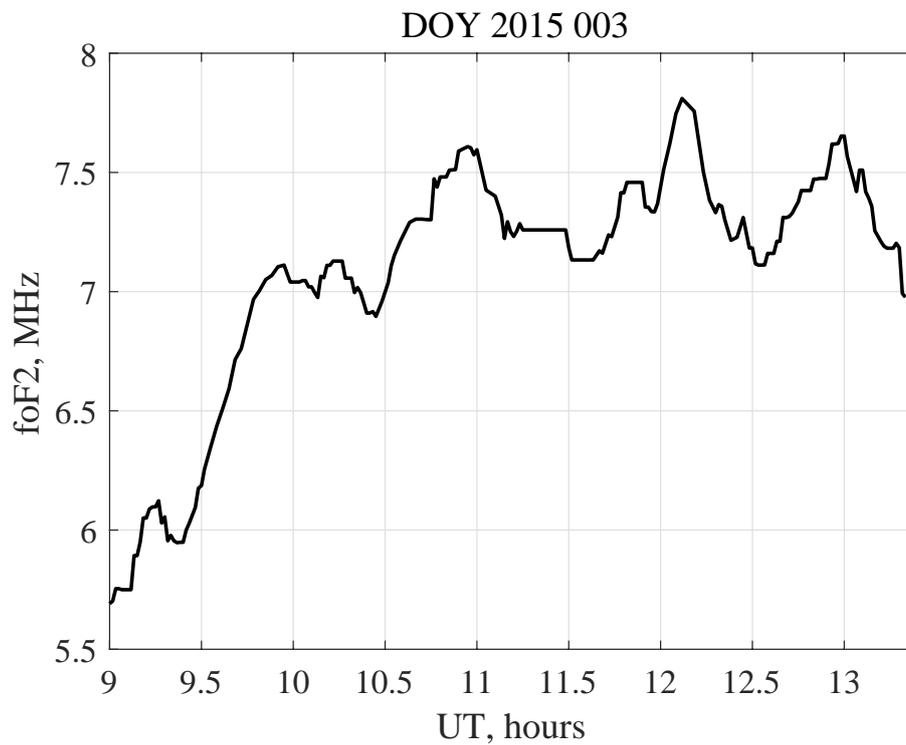
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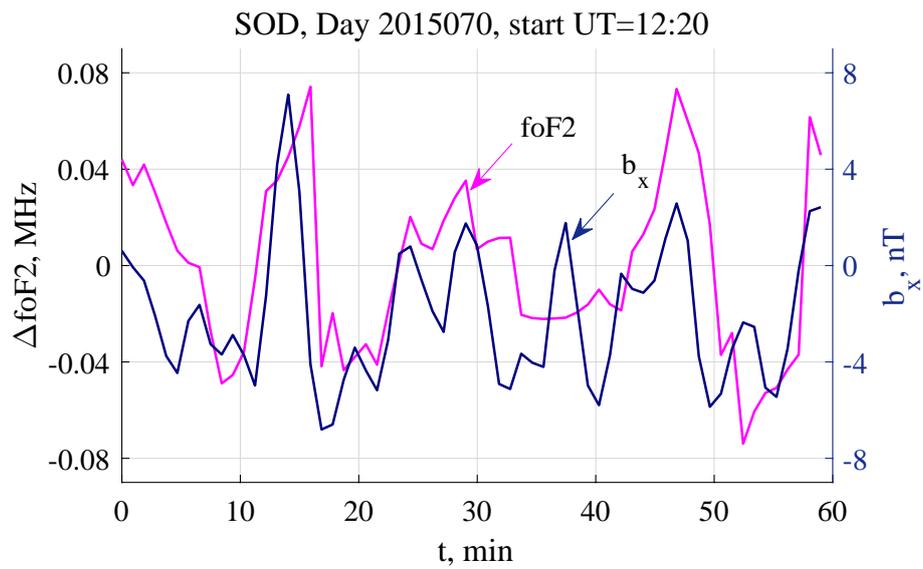
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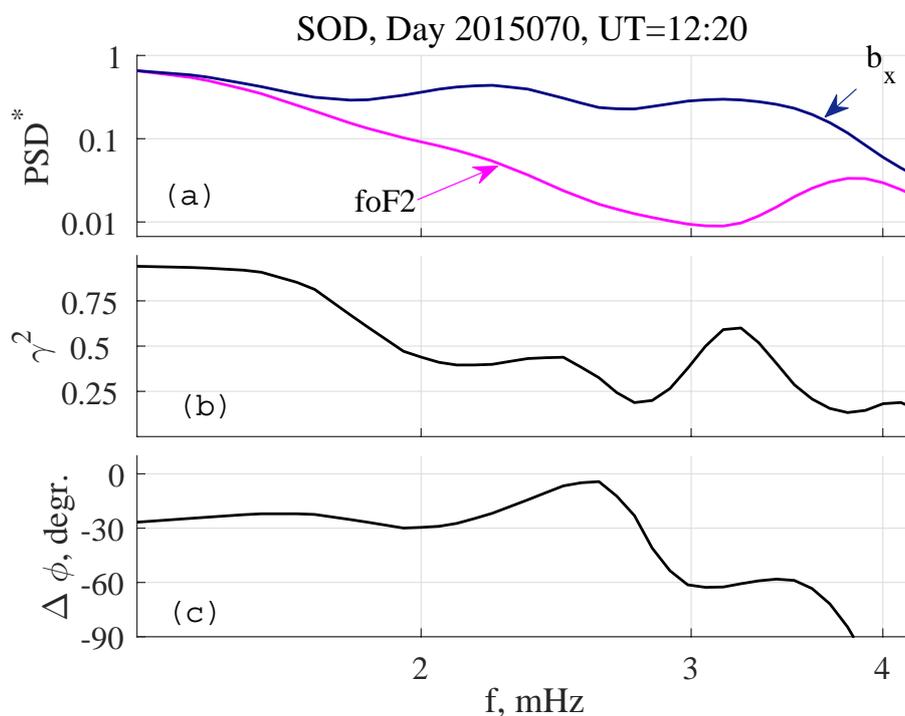
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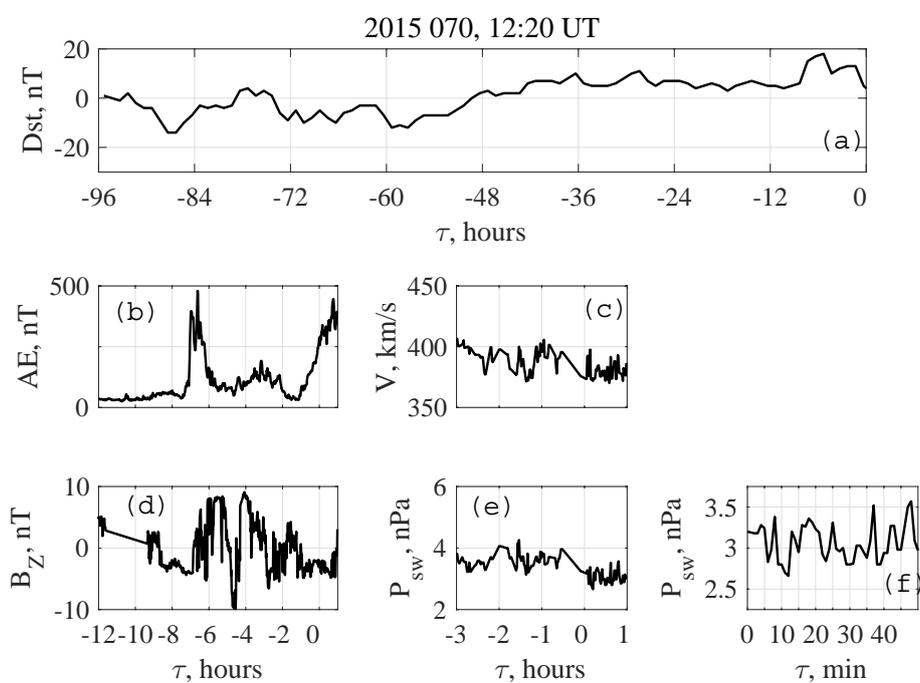
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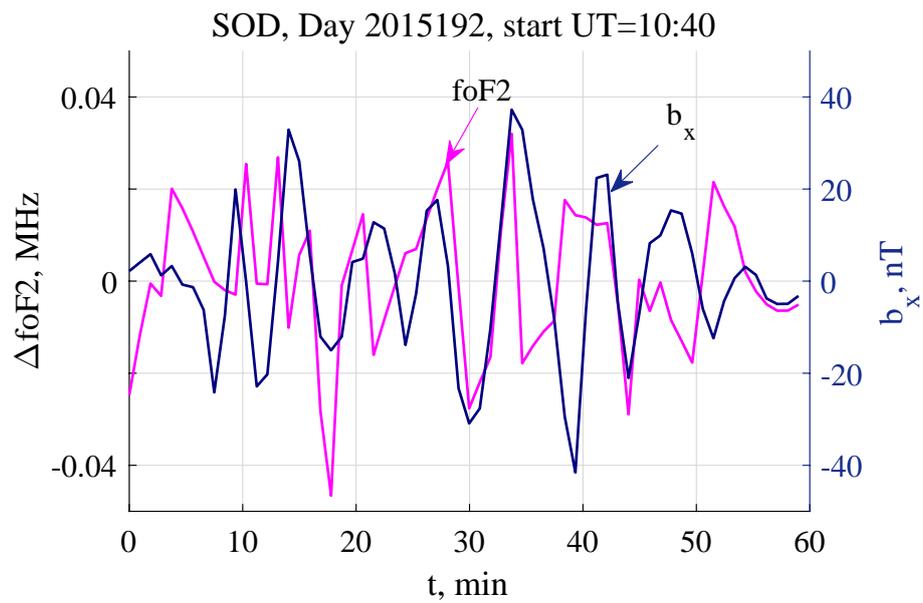
**Figure 3.** Variation of foF2 and geomagnetic pulsations at SOD during event 1



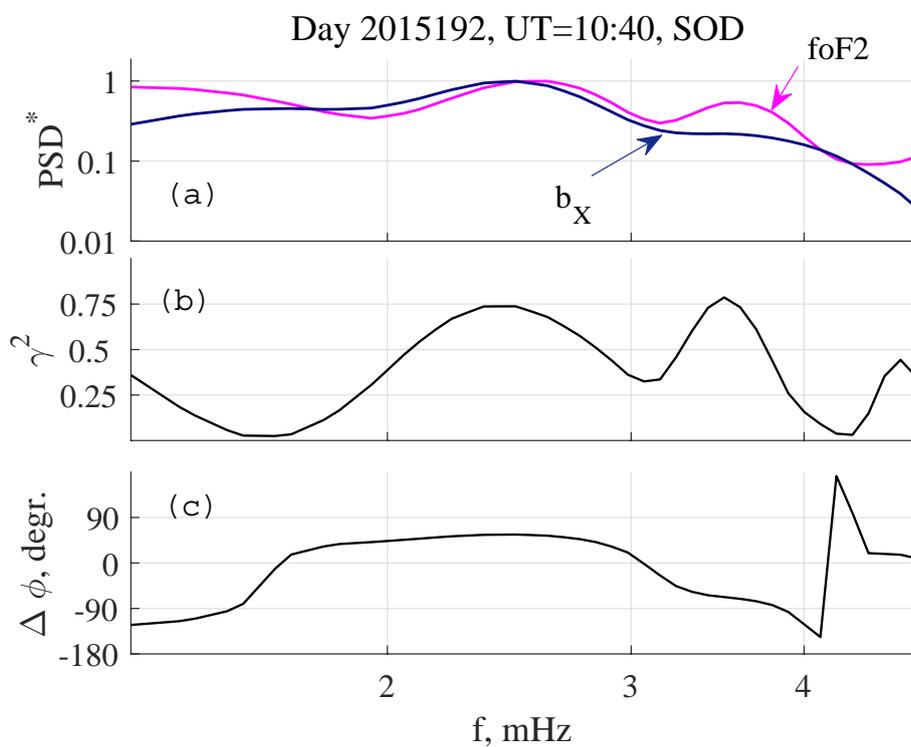
**Figure 4.** Spectral parameters for the event 1: (a) normalized PSD spectra of foF2 and  $b_x$  pulsations, (b) spectral coherence between foF2 and  $b_x$ ; (c) phase difference



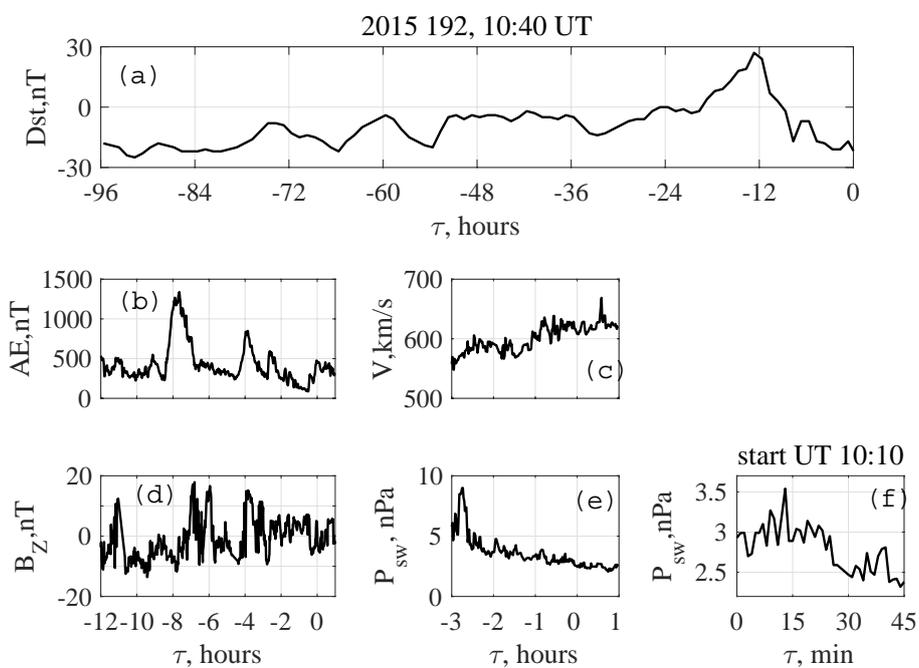
**Figure 5.** Space weather conditions for the event 1. (a) Dst index during last four days; (b) AE index during the interval and 12 hours before; (c) SW speed during the interval and 3 hours before; (d) IMF  $B_z$  during the interval and 12 hours before; (e) SW dynamic pressure during the interval and 3 hours before; (f) details of SW dynamic pressure fluctuations during the interval.



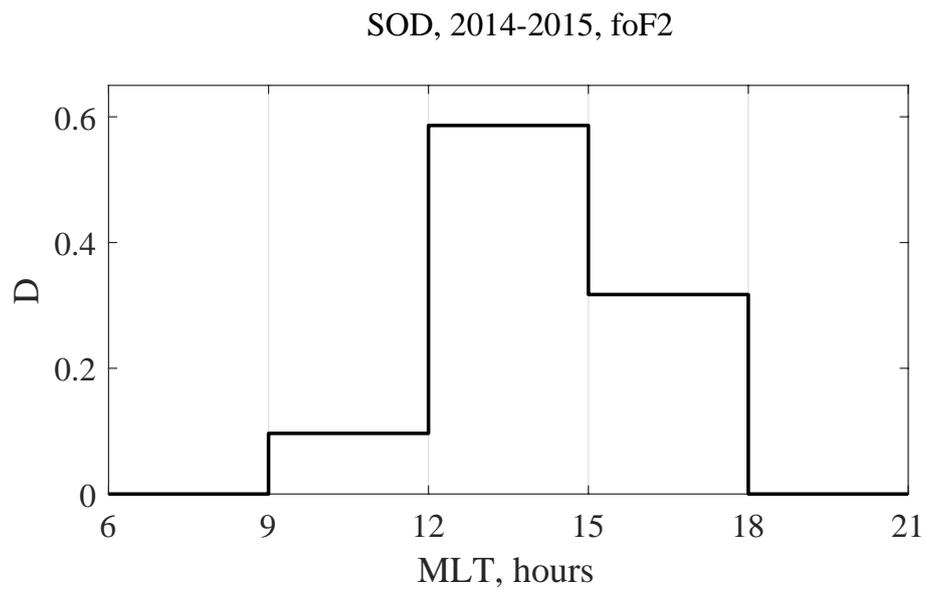
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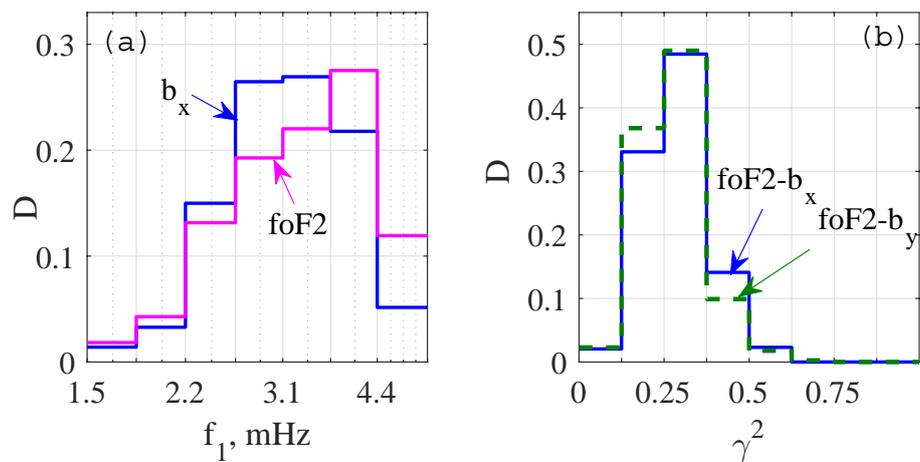
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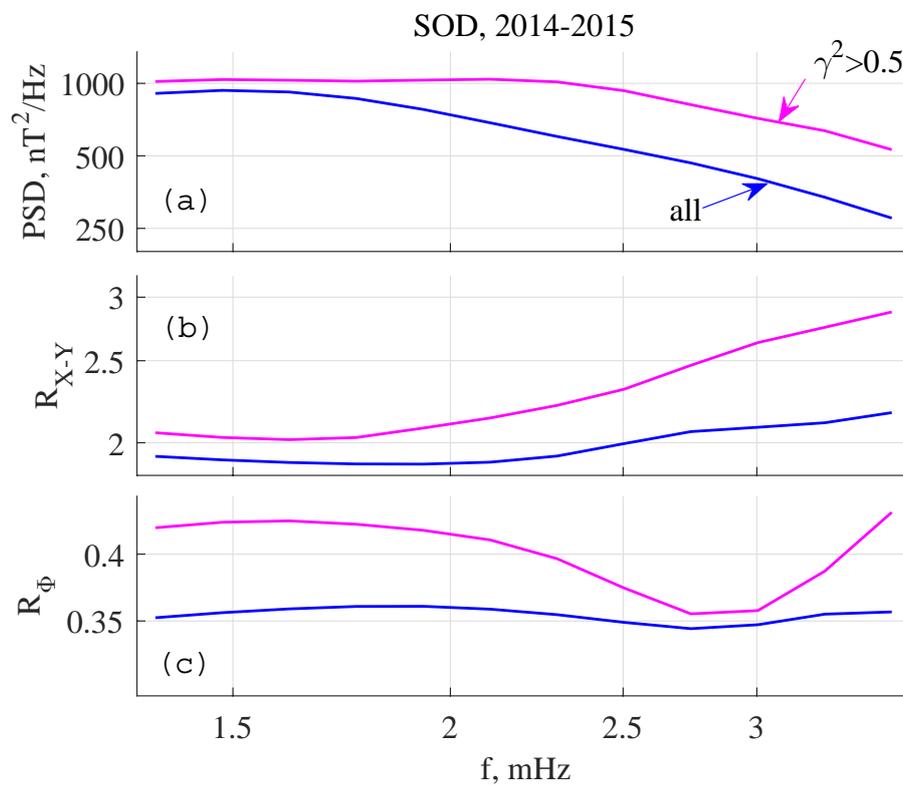
**Figure 9.** Averaged MLT distribution of occurrence of foF2 fluctuations in 1 – 5 mHz frequency band.



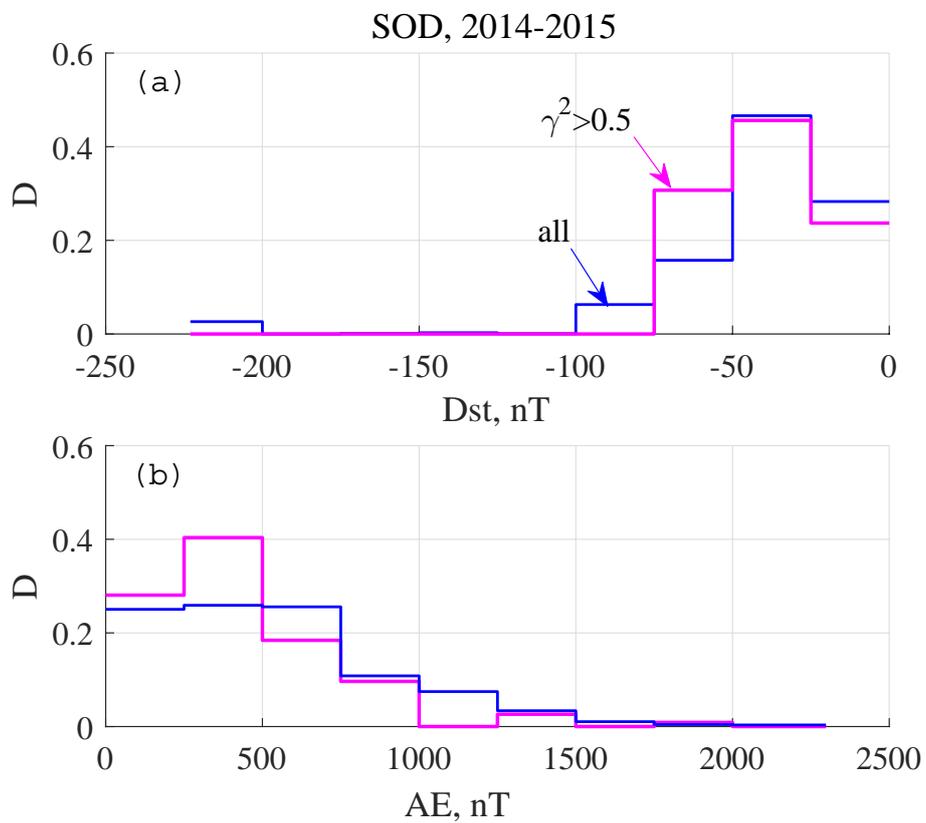
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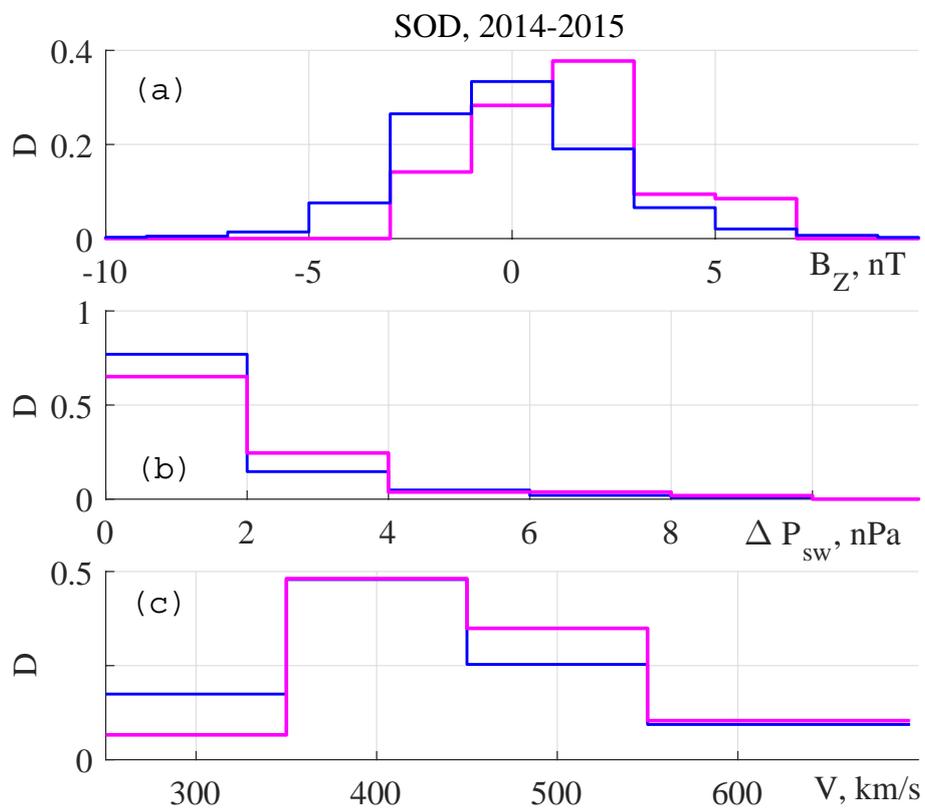
**Figure 10.** Averaged distributions of parameters of foF2 fluctuations and Pc5/Pi3 pulsations at SOD: (a) frequency of the first spectral maximum of  $b_x$  (blue) and foF2 (magenta); (b) spectral coherence of foF2- $b_x$  (blue) and foF2- $b_y$  (green).



**Figure 11.** Comparison of averaged parameters of coherent with foF2 (magenta) and all intervals analyzed (blue) Pc5/Pi3 pulsations at SOD: (a) PSD; (b)  $R_{X-Y} = PSD_{bx}/PSD_{by}$  spectral ratio; (c)  $R_{\Phi} = PSD_{bx}(SOD)/PSD_{bx}(MAS)$  spectral ratio.



**Figure 12.** Comparison of geomagnetic indexes for coherent foF2-b (magenta) and all intervals analyzed (blue) Pc5/Pi3 pulsations at SOD: (a) distribution over Dst index; (b) distribution over AE index.



**Figure 13.** Comparison of SW/IMF parameters for coherent with foF2 (magenta) and all intervals analyzed (blue) Pc5/Pi3 pulsations at SOD: (a) 3-hour mean IMF  $B_Z$ ; (b) 3 hour maximal dynamic pressure variation  $\Delta P$ ; (c) 3-hour mean SW speed  $V$ .



**Table 1.** Coordinates and other parameters of IMAGE stations

Station	Geographic		CGM		L	MLT midnight
	LAT	LON	$\Phi$	$\Lambda$		
SOD	67.37	26.63	64.2	106.5	5.37	21:12
MAS	69.46	23.70	66.5	105.5	6.37	21:18

Corrected geomagnetic (CGM) latitude  $\Phi$  and longitude  $\Lambda$ , apex of the magnetic field line  $L$ , and UT of magnetic local midnight are calculated online with <http://omniweb.gsfc.nasa.gov/vitmo/cgm.html>



**Table 2.** Intervals with foF2 obtained from Eq. (1) checked visually. Years 2014-2015.

Year	Month	Day	DOY	Start UT	Final UT	Comment
2014	2	24	55	9:00	14:59	
2014	4	11	101	8:00	15:59	
2014	5	24	144	7:00	15:00	Upper
2014	6	8	159	7:00	15:59	
2014	6	21	172	9:00	15:59	Upper
2014	8	18	230	8:00	15:59	
2014	9	13	256	8:00	15:59	
2014	9	14	257	8:00	15:59	
2014	9	15	258	8:00	15:59	
2014	9	16	259	8:00	15:59	
2014	9	25	268	8:00	15:59	
2014	10	15	288	8:00	15:10	
2014	10	19	292	8:00	14:30	
2014	10	24	297	8:00	12:40	
2014	10	31	304	8:00	14:59	
2014	11	6	310	8:00	14:59	
2014	11	7	311	8:00	14:59	
2014	11	8	312	8:00	13:30	
2014	11	10	314	9:00	12:30	
2014	11	11	315	9:00	14:40	
2014	11	12	316	9:00	14:59	
2014	12	7	341	9:00	12:20	
2014	12	10	344	9:00	14:59	
2014	12	13	347	9:00	14:00	
2014	12	27	361	9:00	14:20	
2014	12	29	363	9:00	12:30	
2015	1	3	3	9:00	13:20	
2015	1	22	22	9:00	12:10	
2015	1	30	30	9:00	12:20	
2015	2	15	46	9:30	13:10	
2015	3	8	67	9:00	13:40	
2015	3	10	69	9:00	15:59	
2015	3	11	70	10:50	15:00	
2015	4	4	94	9:00	14:20	
2015	5	14	134	9:00	14:20	Broad max
2015	5	15	135	9:10	15:59	Upper
2015	5	19	139	8:40	14:50	
2015	5	20	140	8:00	11:20	
2015	5	20	140	12:10	15:59	
2015	6	12	163	7:20	15:59	