

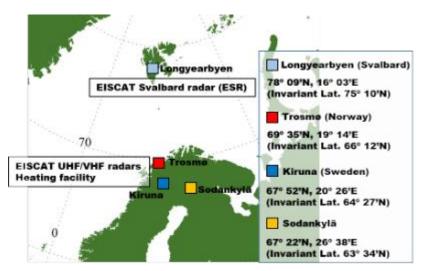
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Description of the infrastructure



EISCAT Scientific Association (EISCAT) conducts upper atmosphere radar measurements, providing data for the research community.

The **incoherent scatter radar system** (ISR) is distributed on four sites in northern Scandinavia/Svalbard, with the addition of a **heating facility** and a **dynasonde** in Tromsø. A next-generation radar system **EISCAT_3D** is under development and construction.



Credit: eiscat.nipr.ac.jp



The Longyearbyen/Svalbard ESR antennas.

Operation Sites:

- Tromsø
 - VHF transmitter/receiver 224 MHz
 - UHF transmitter/receiver 929 MHz
 - Dynasonde
 - **HF** High power transmitter/receiver 4-8 Mhz
- Longyearbyen
 - ESR double transmitter/receiver 500 MHz
- Kiruna & Sodankylä
 - VHF receivers



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Products/models

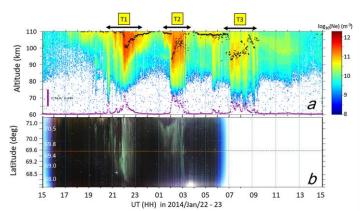


Physical parameters:

ISR: Profiles of electron density, electron and ion temperature, ion drift velocity, ion composition, etc.

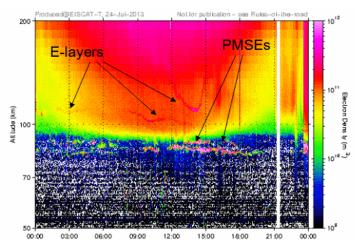
Dynasonde: Critical frequencies, electron density profiles, drift vector fields, angle of arrival, etc.

Aurora:

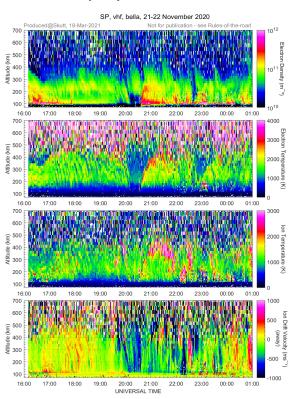


Oyama et al. 2017, Energetic electron precipitation and auroral morphology at the substorm recovery phase, J. Geophys. Res. Space Physics, 122, doi:10.1002/2016JA023484.

Polar mesospheric summer echoes (PMSE) and induced E-Layers:



Polar cap dynamics:



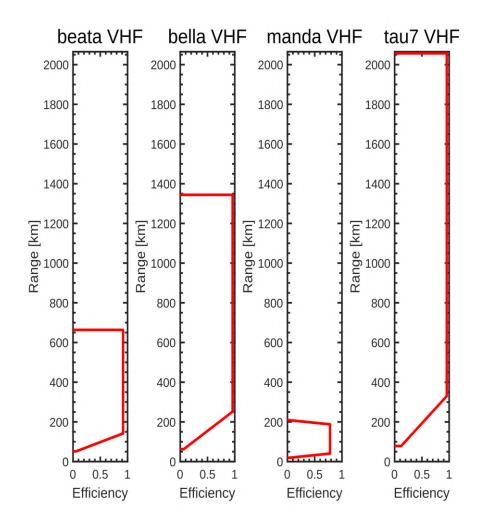


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EISCAT node is open to experiment proposals in the following fields:

- Polar cap dynamics
- Ionospheric phenomena such as aurora, polar mesospheric clouds and summer echoes (PMC and PMSE), sporadic E-layers and naturally enhanced ionacoustic lines (NEIAL).
- ISR/HF experiments
- Magnetosphere-ionosphere-atmosphere coupling.
- Auroral electrodynamics statistical models
- Space environment-atmosphere coupling at the statistical southern edges of the polar vortex and the auroral oval
- Meteoroids, dust particles and near-Earth objects detection experiments
- Ionospheric 3D imaging





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Commitments for granted TNA projects



Node commitments:

- Physical access
 - Offer travel to the site location and one week of accommodation
- Remote access
 - Weekly scheduled interactions for one month
- 8 hours of radar operation runtime
- Hands-on support and training at site for running experiments, analysing database searching, etc.
- Remote support during the whole project

User commitments:

- Present scientific results and findings in a written report at the end of project, maximum 6 months
- Submit an evaluation of the project experience