

1 **Ionospheric density oscillations associated with recurrent prompt penetration electric**
2 **fields during the space weather event of 04 November 2021 over the East-Asian sector**

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10 **Abstract:**

11 We found the signatures of the multiple prompt penetration electric fields (PPEF) and the
12 disturbance dynamo (DD) electric field having impacts on the East Asian sector ionosphere
13 along the meridional chain thoroughly from the equator, low-mid to high latitudes during the
14 space weather event of 03-05 November 2021. The observation is made on GPS-TEC,
15 digisonde, and magnetometer stations. In the main phase of the storm, intense modulations of
16 VTEC (vertical total electron content) and foF2 (critical frequency) are observed as coherently
17 fluctuating with IEF (interplanetary electric field) and IMF Bz reorientations. It is diagnosed
18 that the oscillations in the DP2 (disturbance polar current 2) current system directly penetrate
19 meridionally from high to equatorial latitudes, leading to the significant changes in ionospheric
20 electrodynamics that governs the density fluctuations. The wavelet spectra of VTEC, foF2, h'F
21 (virtual height), H-components and IEF give a result of common and dominant periodicity
22 occurring at ~1hr. This result suggests that the wavelike oscillations of VTEC and foF2 and H
23 component are associated with PP electric fields.

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25 **Plain Language Summary:**

26 Geomagnetic storm time electrodynamic of the ionosphere is severely affected by
27 magnetospheric convection electric field induced by solar wind-induced magnetospheric
28 dynamo, and ionospheric disturbance dynamo (DD) generated by global thermospheric wind
29 circulation and joule heating at high latitude. The Magnetospheric convection electric field can

30 penetrate instantly into the equatorial ionosphere known as prompt penetration (PP) electric
31 field, while, the thermospheric wind and its associated disturbances can reach at the equator
32 with a time delay. During the main phase of the storm, observations showed intense
33 modulations in vertical total electron content (VTEC), critical frequency (foF2) from equator
34 to high latitudes associated with PP electric fields. In recovery phase, disturbances in VTEC,
35 foF2, and virtual height (h'F) are caused by either DD electric field or traveling ionospheric
36 disturbances (TIDs). Further analysis in this study suggests the evidence of causal relationship
37 among the interplanetary electric field, DP2 current system, and ionospheric density
38 oscillations. Wavelets analysis shows a common and dominant periodicity of ~1 hr in
39 interplanetary and ionospheric parameters.

40 **Keywords:** Ionospheric electrodynamics; high-mid-low latitude ionosphere; geomagnetic
41 storm, GPS-TEC, prompt penetration of electric field (PPEF), digisonde

42 **Key Results:**

- 43 (1) PPEF signature observed along the ionosphere meridian in East-Asia.
44 (2) Infiltration of DP2 current to the equator to cause the ionospheric density fluctuations.
45 (3) The oscillations of the observed parameters (TEC, foF2 and H-component) along the
46 meridional chain coincide with that of IEF at a ~1hr periodicity.

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48 **1. Introduction:**

49 It is well known that the interplanetary and geomagnetic conditions play a significant role in
50 the interaction between the magnetosphere and ionosphere during geomagnetic storms. The
51 high-speed solar wind interacts with the magnetosphere and discharges its energy into the high
52 latitude ionosphere through magnetospheric field-aligned currents (FACs) and other sources
53 (Araki et al., 1985; Kikuchi, 1986; Kikuchi et al., 1996, 2008). This energy blows towards the
54 equator in the form of neutral winds, electric fields, or other processes, that can modify the
55 electrodynamics of the ionosphere (Blanc and Richmond, 1980; Kikuchi, 1986; Sastri et al.,
56 1997; Kamide et al., 1997, 1998; Abdu et al., 1998). The modifications in the electrodynamics
57 of the magnetosphere-ionosphere system can impact space and ground-based technological
58 systems. The main phase of a geomagnetic storm, which is associated with ring current
59 intensification, leads to large changes in the electrodynamics of equatorial and low latitude
60 ionospheres, playing as a risk factor for power systems at middle and low latitudes (Gaunt and

61 Coetzee, 2007; Liu et al., 2009).

62 At the equatorial and low latitudes the ionospheric electric field and currents are mainly driven
63 by the prompt penetration electric field (PPEF) induced by the magnetospheric convection
64 electric field associated with the solar-wind magnetosphere dynamo (Araki et al., 1985;
65 Kikuchi, 1986; Spiro et al., 1988; Sastri et al., 1997). Neutral wind perturbations caused by
66 storm-induced high-latitude joule heating can change thermospheric general circulation and
67 plasma dynamics. Ions can move either along or perpendicular to the magnetic field by the ion-
68 neutral collision caused by the neutral wind disturbance. Parallel ion drift can generate the
69 traveling ionospheric disturbance (TID), and perpendicular ion drift is associated with zonal
70 electric field established by disturbance wind dynamo to be induced during the equatorward
71 propagation of disturbance winds. Therefore, the lower latitude ionospheres are significantly
72 affected either by the ionospheric disturbance dynamo electric field (DDEF) or TID (Fujiwara
73 et al., 1996; Blanc and Richmond, 1980; Spiro et al., 1988; Sastri et al., 1997; Abdu, 1997;
74 Abdu et al., 1998). For the PPEF the ionospheric convection electric field, which is projected
75 from the magnetosphere, promptly induce DP2 current (disturbance polar current 2) system in
76 the dusk and dawn sides at the equatorward edges in the convection zones, and then the effects
77 of DP2 currents promptly penetrate into the low and equatorial latitudes.

78 The effects of PP electric field instantaneously penetrate into the equator by the propagation of
79 eastward/westward polarity in the transverse magnetic mode (TM₀) through the Earth-
80 Ionosphere waveguide in the dayside/nightside [Kikuchi et al., 1996]. However, the DD
81 electric field reaches at the equator with a delay depending upon its propagation speed with
82 westward/eastward polarity on the dayside/nightside. The DD electric field disturbances are
83 long-lasting, and their impacts on the equatorial and low-latitude ionosphere can be seen up to
84 about a day or two after the onset of a geomagnetic storm (Blanc and Richmond, 1980; Sastri
85 et al., 1997; Abdu et al., 1998).

86 The storm time ionospheric electric field perturbations affect the distribution of ionospheric
87 plasma density by generating positive and negative ionospheric storms. It is known that the
88 enhancement in electron density/total electron content (TEC)/maximum frequency of F2 peak
89 (foF2) as compared to quiet time variation is considered as positive ionospheric storm, while
90 the reduction of electron density/TEC/foF2 is termed with the negative ionospheric storm. The
91 positive ionospheric storms can be generated by plasma redistribution due to disturbed electric
92 fields (Reddy et al., 1990; Kelley et al., 2004; Lin et al., 2005; Balan et al., 2010; Lu et al.,

93 2012; Ram Singh et al., 2015; Fagundes et al., 2016; Ram Singh and Sripathi, 2017), by
94 thermospheric winds (Prolss et al., 1991; Prolss, 1993), by composition changes and an
95 increase in the oxygen density (Rishbeth, 1991; Fuller-Rowell et al., 1996), or by traveling
96 ionospheric disturbances (TIDs) (Goncharenko et al., 2007; Liu et al., 2014). However, the
97 negative ionospheric storms are attributed to an increase of molecular nitrogen density relative
98 to atomic oxygen (Prolss et al., 1988; Rishbeth, 1998). Several authors investigated positive
99 and negative ionospheric storm effects on the topside and bottom side ionospheres using the
100 GPS-TEC and ground based ionosondes (Zhao et al., 2012; Fagundes et al., 2016; Lima et al.,
101 2004; Kelley et al., 2004; Ram Singh and Sripathi., 2017). Fagundes et al. (2016) reported
102 positive ionospheric storms in F-region density distribution, which were associated with the
103 strong eastward PPEF over the Brazilian sector during the main phase of the magnetic storm
104 on 17 March 2015. Kelley et al. (2004) suggested that the daytime eastward PPEF can generate
105 negative storms in Nmax (maximum electron density) and TEC at the equatorial latitudes,
106 while positive storms at the higher latitudes may occur through the enhanced plasma by
107 fountain effects (Balan et al., 2010). Several modeling studies also suggested that the PPEF
108 alone can produce positive ionospheric storms (Lu et al., 2012; Joshi et al., 2016).

109 The turning of the interplanetary magnetic field B_z plays an important role in characterizing
110 the dawn to dusk convection electric field ($E_y = -V_x \times B_z$) in the magnetosphere, which
111 penetrates into the polar ionosphere and finally generates the DP1 (disturbance polar current 1)
112 and DP2 current systems in the high-latitude ionosphere (Nishida, 1968a, 1968b; Araki et al.,
113 1985; Kikuchi et al., 1996). The DP1 and DP2 current systems are originated from auroral
114 electrojets and magnetic perturbations, which are generated by substorms and the convective
115 system in the magnetosphere, respectively. When the polarity of IMF B_z suddenly turns from
116 north to south, the magnetospheric convection electric field is intensified DP2 current system
117 fluctuates and extends its effects down to the equatorial latitudes until the plasmasphere is
118 electrically shielded (Nishida, 1968a, 1968b). During the northward turning of IMF B_z , the
119 intensity of the convection electric field is reduced and a strong electric field becomes effective
120 in the plasmasphere that has the opposite polarity (dusk to dawn) (Kelley et al., 1979; Araki et
121 al., 1985; Kikuchi et al., 1996; Kelley et al., 2007). The DP2 current system is directly
122 associated with the magnetospheric convection or the turning of IMF B_z . The impact can be
123 detected at all latitudes with different magnitudes (Clauer and Kamide, 1985). Using the
124 spacecraft and ground magnetometer observations, many studies have suggested that the DP2

125 current disturbances are global, characterized by the quasi-periodic magnetic fluctuations with
126 a timescale of 30 min to several hours (Nishida, 1968a, 1968b; Kikuchi et al., 2008,
127 Chakrabarty et al., 2008; Yizengaw et al., 2016, Huang., 2019a, 2020).

128 Several studies have focused on the fluctuations of DP2 currents and their impact on magnetic
129 fluctuations in the equatorial ionosphere (Nishida, 1968a; Wei et al., 2008; Yizengaw et al.,
130 2016, Huang., 2019a, 2020). Nishida (1968a) reported that the DP2 currents in the high-latitude
131 and equatorial regions coherently fluctuate with IMF Bz, and the presence of DP2 current
132 fluctuations at the equator are the direct result of quasi-periodic oscillations of IEF
133 (interplanetary electric field) penetrating into the magnetosphere, and reaching down to the
134 equatorial ionosphere (Kikuchi et al., 2008). The fluctuations of DP2 current systems in the
135 high-latitude and the equatorial ionospheres are primarily driven by the fluctuations of IMF Bz
136 (Wei et al., 2008; Yizengaw et al., 2016; Huang., 2019a, 2020). Yizengaw et al. (2016)
137 presented coherent fluctuations of the IMF Bz, ionospheric DP2 currents, GPS TEC at the
138 equatorial latitudes, and equatorial electrojet (EEJ). They suggested that the DP2 current
139 fluctuations are generated by the reorientations of IMF Bz, which penetrate into the equatorial
140 ionosphere and produce the fluctuations in the GPS TEC and EEJ.

141 Although DP2 current systems and their impact on magnetic fluctuations in the equatorial
142 ionospheric region were studied in quite a few ways (Nishida, 1968a; Clauer and Kamide, 1985;
143 Kikuchi et al., 1996, 2008), there are still several important questions remained unsolved. The
144 main question is whether the impact of the DP2 current system can disturb the ionospheric
145 density distribution at all latitudes at the same time. This study investigates the response of the
146 ionospheric density distribution to the fluctuations of the DP2 current system at the high-mid
147 and low latitudes over the East Asian sector during an intense geomagnetic storm on 03-05
148 November 2021.

149 This article is organized in the following manner; the data sources of the analysis are presented
150 in section 2. In section 3, observations and results are presented. The space weather conditions
151 and ground based observations are presented in sections 3.1 and 3.2. In section 3.3, the wavelet
152 analysis is performed to find a common periodicity of VTEC, H-component, foF2, h'F, and
153 IEFy. Discussions and conclusions are presented in sections 4 and 5, respectively.

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156 **2. Data Sets:**

157 To investigate the ionospheric response to the space weather event of 03-05 November 2021,
158 we analyzed multi-instrument data sets over the East Asian sector. Solar wind parameters were
159 obtained from the CDAWeb (<http://cdaweb.gsfc.nasa.gov/>). The 1 min time resolution solar
160 wind data (in GSM coordinates) are measured by the ACE satellite, which is located near the
161 L1 point. The vertical TEC (VTEC) data were obtained from a meridional chain of GPS
162 receivers over the East Asian sector from (<ftp://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/gps/data>, C. Noll,
163 2010), and 5 min interval GPS TEC data were collected from MIT Haystack Observatory
164 Madrigal database (<http://madrigal.haystack.mit.edu/madrigal/>). The ionospheric parameters,
165 namely, $h'F$ (virtual height) and foF2 data were obtained from ionosondes operating at Guam
166 (GUA: 13.69°N, 144.86°E, Geom. 6.12°N), Sanya (SA: 18.53°N, 109.61°E, Geom. 8.87°N),
167 Wuhan (WU: 30.50°N, 114.40°E, Geom. 21.04°N), Jeju (JJ: 33.43°N, 126.30°E, Geom.
168 24.36°N), Icheon (ICN: 37.14°N, 127.54°E, Geom. 28.11°N), Beijing (BP: 40.30°N, 116.20°E,
169 Geom. 30.85°N), and Mohe (MH: 52.00°N, 122.52°E, Geom. 42.73°N). The ionograms at JJ,
170 ICN, and BP are recorded in 15 min intervals, while the time interval of the ionograms at GUA,
171 SA, WU, and MH is ~7 min. Ionosonde data were collected from Global Ionosphere Radio
172 Observatory (GIRO) web (<https://giro.uml.edu/didbase/>). The geomagnetic activity indices of
173 the symmetric component of ring current (SYM-H) and Kp index were obtained from the WDC
174 (<http://wdc.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/>). Magnetic field data were taken from the SuperMAG
175 magnetometer network (<http://supermag.jhuapl.edu>) and the Korean space weather center
176 (<https://spaceweather.rra.go.kr>). Details of the GPS TEC stations, ionosondes, and
177 magnetometers with name, station code, latitudes, and longitudes are listed in Table 1, and the
178 location of stations used in the present study are shown in Figure 1.

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180 **3. Observational Results**

181 **3.1 Space weather conditions during the storm of 03-05 November 2021**

182 In this study, we report the unique observation of the quasi-periodic oscillations of the electron
183 density at the high-mid and low latitude ionosphere over the East Asian sector caused by the
184 PP electric field. Figure 2 shows interplanetary and geomagnetic conditions during an intense
185 space weather event of 03-04 November 2021. Figure 2 shows, from the top, (a) variations of
186 solar wind dynamic pressure (P_{dyn} , red), proton density (N_p , black); (b) solar wind velocity

187 (Vsw); (c) the y and z-components of interplanetary magnetic field (IMF), B_y (blue) and B_z
188 (red); (d) the dawn-dusk component of interplanetary electric field (IEF), E_y , calculated from
189 $E_y = (-V_x \times B_z)$; (e) the symmetric component of the ring current (Sym-H) demonstrating
190 the evolution of magnetic storm; (f) the variation of equatorial electrojet (EEJ, blue) along with
191 quiet days mean variation (black), EEJ calculated by subtracting the H-component from
192 equatorial to off equatorial station ($EEJ = H_{GUA} - H_{KNY}$); and (g) K_p indices, which describes
193 the global geomagnetic disturbances. The vertically shaded region indicates the main phase of
194 the storm, in which significant changes occurred in interplanetary and geomagnetic conditions.
195 Sudden storm commencement (SSC) occurred at 20:30 UT on November 03, and Sym-H value
196 reached its maximum of +45 nT at 21:00 UT. In addition, the corresponding sudden increased
197 in P_{dyn} , N_p , and V_{sw} were observed with reaching from ~ 1 to 20 nPa, ~ 1 to 20 cm^{-3} , and
198 ~ 450 to 750 km s^{-1} , respectively. At the same time, IMF B_z turned southward direction and
199 reached up to -15 nT. Since the main phase of the magnetic storm had started at 21:30 UT on
200 November 3, Sym-H reached its minimum value of ~ -117 nT on November 4 at 12:00 UT.
201 The recovery phase started after 12:00 UT on November 4, lasting for a few days. In the shaded
202 region, IMF B_z shows bipolar fluctuations (from positive to negative and negative to positive)
203 between $\sim \pm 15$ nT, and oscillation periods are between ~ 0.5 to 2 hours. Each negative
204 (southward) and positive (northward) turning of the B_z correspond to an enhancement
205 (duskward) and reduction (dawnward) of IEF $_y$, respectively. During the main phase of the
206 magnetic storm, the K_p value reached ~ 7 .

207 **3.2 GPS TEC and Ionosonde Observations**

208 To study the TEC variations due to the present geomagnetic storm on November 4, 2021, ten
209 GPS stations are selected over the East Asian sector between 110° - 150° E longitudes, and a
210 meridional chain of GPS receivers from high to equatorial latitudes. To compare any
211 differences between geomagnetically quiet and disturbed days, Figures 3a-j show VTEC
212 variations from the equator to high latitudes in the period of November 3-5, 2021. The VTEC
213 during disturbed period is presented in solid red color lines, the average VTEC value of five
214 international quiet days (IQDs) (IQD's are the days where the geomagnetic variations are a
215 minimum in each month) in black solid lines, and the standard deviation of five IQDs in gray
216 bands. During November 2021, the five IQDs are 11, 12, 13, 14, and 26. The vertically shaded
217 areas (blue) show multiple enhancements of VTEC compared to the mean on quiet days during
218 the main phase of the storm. It is very useful to highlight the occurrence of positive and negative

219 ionospheric storm effects by comparing VTEC between quiet and disturbed days. Here, the
220 disturbed VTEC clearly demonstrates three strong positive ionospheric storms with the three
221 peaks. In the disturbed period, the VTEC takes sudden enhancements and wavelike oscillations
222 from equatorial to high latitude regions (from -6.67 - 71.63° N GLat.), differentiated from the
223 usual diurnal variation in a quiet condition. The first positive storm peak occurred at 00:30 UT
224 (up to $\sim 43.79^\circ$ N GLat.), the second peak at $\sim 04:30$ UT (up to $\sim 62.03^\circ$ N GLat.), and the third
225 peak at $\sim 09:30$ UT (up to $\sim 71.63^\circ$ N GLat.) as indicated with blue dashed vertical lines, and
226 other multiple peaks are also observed in between with low strengths. The multiple peaks of
227 VTEC occur almost at the same time with different strengths from the equator to high latitudes
228 during the entire main phase of the storm from $\sim 21:00$ UT on 03rd to $\sim 12:00$ UT on 04th
229 November. The almost simultaneous enhancements of VTEC occurring from the low to mid
230 latitudes are attributed to the meridional effects of the PPEF, rather than to TID or any other
231 sources. The VTEC variations at high latitude stations at TIXI and YAKT do not synchronize
232 with those of lower latitude stations. At high latitudes, along with the PP electric field, other
233 magnetospheric and ionospheric disturbances (e.g., particle precipitation, auroral heating, etc.)
234 also may play a role in modifying the high latitude ionospheric electrodynamics. In the
235 meanwhile, the enhancements/reductions (positive/negative storm) in VTEC were also
236 observed in the recovery phase of the magnetic storm on 04-05th November. The simultaneous
237 occurrence of positive ionospheric storm at the mid-equatorial latitudes strongly implies the
238 PP electric field-induced perturbations, while the sequential occurrence from mid-latitude first
239 and then to low and equatorial latitudes suggests the association with DD electric field or other
240 sources (Lima et al., 2004; Fagundes et al., 2016).

241 It is noticed from Figure 3 that the positive ionospheric storm peaks are not similar strengths
242 at all latitudes. In Figure 4 the maps of (a) GPS TEC and (b) deviations of TEC (Δ TEC) are
243 shown with universal time and geographical latitudes (-70 ~ 70° N) for an East Asian Sector at
244 $\sim 130^\circ$ E $\pm 20^\circ$ longitudes on November 3-5, 2021. Here Δ TEC = (TEC- mean (TEC_{IQDs})) is
245 the absolute difference of TEC from the five IQDs mean during the month of November. From
246 Figure 4a, it is clearly noticed that the Equatorial Ionization Anomaly (EIA) is significantly
247 enhanced, and two crests of EIA extend toward the higher latitudes during the main phase on
248 November 4. In the recovery phase, EIA crests are significantly suppressed or absent for
249 November 5. In Figure 4, at $\sim 00:30$ UT on Nov. 4, significant enhancement was observed from
250 low to high latitudes (up to $\sim 50^\circ$ N GLat). Another significant increase occurred from low to

251 high latitudes (up to $\sim 65^\circ$ N GLat) between $\sim 03:00$ and $07:00$ UT, and between $\sim 07:00$ and
252 $12:00$ UT enhancements were observed in TEC up to mid latitudes. Figure 4b displays the
253 significant multiple enhancements in terms of Δ TEC, as indicated by p1, p2, and p3 that
254 occurred simultaneously from the equator to high latitudes ($\sim 70^\circ$ N GLat) in the northern
255 hemisphere on November 4. The Δ TEC increase was more pronounced in the northern
256 hemisphere than in the southern hemisphere. The simultaneous positive ionospheric storm
257 perturbations from the equator to higher latitude regions can be related to the strong penetration
258 of polar convective electric field. During the recovery phase on November 5, the Δ TEC shows
259 reductions (negative ionospheric storm, indicated by n1 and n2) at low latitudes in the northern
260 and southern hemispheres. The suppression of EIA crest or negative ionospheric storms in the
261 northern and southern hemispheres can be associated with DD electric field disturbances.

262 To investigate the meridional features of the F-region over the East Asian sector a latitudinal
263 chain of ionosondes is used. Figure 5 displays the variations of critical frequency of the F2
264 layer (foF2) from the equator to higher latitude stations at GUA, SA, WU, JJ, ICN, BP, and
265 MH between $18:00$ UT on November 3- $23:59$ UT on November 4. In Figures 5a-g, the
266 variations of foF2 during the storm days are plotted in red lines, and the mean value and
267 standard deviation of quiet days at respective stations are overlapped in grey lines including
268 error bars. In Figures 5a-g, it can be clearly seen the pronounced enhancements/reductions of
269 foF2 are observed at all stations in the main phase between $\sim 21:00$ UT on November 3 and
270 $12:00$ UT on November 4. The vertical green and blue shaded regions indicate the simultaneous
271 enhancements of foF2 from the equator to higher latitude stations. However, in the recovery
272 phase, foF2 shows density fluctuations with time delay from higher to lower latitudes as
273 indicated by the blue color dashed line. The first peak in density observed at high latitude
274 station at MH $\sim 12:30$ UT and after ~ 2.5 hrs reached at equatorial station at GUA $\sim 15:00$ UT.
275 In the main phase, repeated enhancements of foF2 is typical for the events of PP electric fields,
276 however, in the recovery phase density oscillations can be associated with DD electric field
277 [Lima et al., 2004; Liu et al., 2014; Fagundes et al., 2016]. The signature of DD electric field
278 can be observed in h'F. In Figures 6a-e grey lines with error bars indicate the temporal
279 variations of mean h'F at GUA, WU, ICN, BP, and MH for quiet days. The vertically shaded
280 region (grey) represents the main phase of the storm. During the main phase, h'Fs at all stations
281 show normal behavior without reflecting a significant storm effect. In the meanwhile, at the
282 equatorial station GUA height shows multiple oscillations with a large enhancement at $03:00$

283 UT and 09:00 UT. In the recovery phase from ~12:00-21:00 UT the multiple peaks of h'F with
284 significant changes are observed with time delay. From the figure, the ionospheric height
285 enhancements can be seen first at the high latitude station (MH) and after ~2.5 hrs delay such
286 enhancement can be seen over the equatorial station (GUA), as shown with blue color dashed
287 lines. Based on the peak occurrence of h'F and foF2, the propagation speed of disturbances
288 was calculated to give a result of time delay (~2.5 hrs) for the distance between two stations of
289 MH and GUA (~4300 km). The phase propagation speed of disturbance is ~477 m/sec, which
290 matches with the characteristics of TIDs [Afraimovich et al., 2002; Lima et al., 2004; Lee et
291 al., 2004]. Generally, the horizontal wavelength of TIDs varies from 100-1000 km with the
292 periods ranging from few minutes to hours and propagation speed ranged from 50-1000 m/sec.
293 During the magnetic storm time, TIDs may be generated due to a large amount of energy
294 deposition and joule heating, and they can propagate towards the low latitude from high latitude
295 with reduced amplitudes due to the ion drag dissipation. The subsequent enhancements of
296 ionospheric height can be associated with the strong eastward DD electric fields or TIDs as
297 suggested by Lima et al. (2004), and Ram Singh and Sripathi. (2017, 2021).

298 **3.3 Cross-correlation analysis between IEF and ionospheric parameters**

299 The cross-correlation analysis technique can provide a measure of the similarity between
300 different variables along with time delay. The range of cross-correlation coefficient varies from
301 -1 to +1. The highest value of correlation between the compared parameters reflects by ± 1 , but
302 moderate or poor correlation indicates by around zero. We used cross-correlation analysis
303 technique to understand the causal relationship between solar wind parameters (e.g., IEFy) and
304 ionospheric parameters (e.g., EEJ, H-component and VTEC). The horizontal component H of
305 magnetic field (cf., northward in the equator) along the meridional chain of magnetometers can
306 provide insights of the effects of the DP2 current system penetrating up to equatorial latitudes.
307 The ΔH components are coherently fluctuating meridionally from high-mid to equatorial
308 latitudes in good correlations with IMF Bz fluctuations so that H-components are enhanced
309 when IMF Bz turns maximum in southward direction as shown in Figure S1 (provided as
310 supplements).

311 Figure 7 shows residual variations (top panels) and cross-correlation (bottom panels) of (a)
312 IEFy and H-components (at MGD, BMT, KAK, and GUA), (b) IEFy and EEJ, and (c) EEJ and
313 VTEC (at BJFS, TCMC, and PIMO) during the main phase of storm from 22:00 UT on 03rd to
314 06:00 UT on 04th November. The residuals of all the parameters are extracted by using the 3rd

315 order Savitzky-Golay smoothing algorithm (Savitzky and Golay, 1964).

316 In Figure 7a, the cross-correlation between the IEFy and H-components in MGD (black curve),
317 BMT (green curve), and KAK (pink curve) shows good correlation with a correlation
318 coefficient at 0.53 and a 0 time delay. In the meanwhile, the IEFy and H-component at the
319 equatorial station (GUA) showed a maximum positive correlation coefficient of ~ 0.56 with a
320 -12 min lag, which means that IEFy led the H-component 12 min before the equatorial
321 magnetometer was triggered. In Figure 7b, IEFy and EEJ showed a maximum correlation
322 coefficient of ~ 0.68 with a -12 min lag. In Figure 7c, the EEJ and VTEC at PIMO (blue curve)
323 and TCMC (pink curve) reached positive correlations with maximum coefficients of ~ 0.34 and
324 0.63 (highest) and around zero lags, respectively; In the meanwhile, the EEJ and VTEC at BJFS
325 (green curve) over mid latitude showed positive correlation with a maximum coefficient of
326 ~ 0.40 with -7 min lag. As a result, the IEFy-H components and IEFy-EEJ gained good cross-
327 correlations with ~ 0.53 and 0.68 correlation coefficients. This means that the modulations of
328 H-components and EEJ can be associated as much as $\sim 53\%$ and 68% with IEFy fluctuations,
329 respectively. The EEJ-VTEC correlation reflects that the fluctuations of VTEC at equatorial
330 and low latitudes are moderately ($\sim 40\%$) affected by EEJ, while, at the mid latitude are well
331 modulated ($\sim 68\%$) by EEJ.

332 **3.4 Periodogram Analysis of Solar Wind/Ionospheric Parameters**

333 To understand the causal relationship among the modulations of H-component of the magnetic
334 field, ionospheric density (GPS-TEC and foF2) and height (h'F), and the oscillation of IEFy,
335 we performed morlet wavelet analysis (Torrence and Compo, 1998). The fast and short
336 fluctuating components are extracted by the Savitzk-Golay algorithm (Savitzky & Golay,
337 1964). Figure 8a shows the wavelet spectrum of ΔH -components at MGD (high latitude),
338 MMB (mid latitude), KNY (low latitude) and KAK (equator). The wavelet spectrum of VTEC
339 is shown in Figure 8b, from the top, for YAKT (high latitude), BJFS (mid latitude), TCMS
340 (low latitude), and PIMO (equator). Figure 8c shows the wavelet spectrum of foF2 at Icheon
341 (mid latitude), foF2 at Guam (low latitude), h'F at Guam, and IEFy. The white color dotted
342 lines in the left panels show cones of influence; and in the right panel blue and red color lines
343 depict the global wavelet spectrum (GWS) and 95% significant level, respectively. From the
344 GWS, it is clear that a periodicity of ~ 1.05 hrs with FWHM (full width at half maximum)
345 ~ 0.68 - 1.43 hrs is strongly dominant in H-components, VTEC, foF2 and h'F; and a dominant
346 periodicity of ~ 0.9 hrs with of FWHM 0.5 - 1.3 hrs is obtained from IEFy. From the wavelet

347 analysis, it is striking that the wavelet analysis finds a common and dominant periodic
348 oscillation of ~1 hr period in the IEFy and ionospheric parameters. This analysis suggests that
349 the perturbations of ionospheric density and magnetic field are the result of being modulated
350 by quasi-periodically oscillating penetrating electric field or reorientation of the IMF Bz.

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352 **4. Discussion:**

353 It is well known that the orientations of IMF Bz most strongly control the energy transfer into
354 the magnetosphere-ionosphere system. During the southward turning of IMF Bz, enhanced
355 magnetospheric convection electric field penetrates into the equatorial and low latitude
356 ionospheres via the high-latitude DP2 current system (Nishida, 1968; Araki et al., 1985;
357 Kikuchi et al., 1996; Huang 2019a, 2020), and significantly changes the electrodynamics and
358 compositions in the lower latitude ionospheric regions (Reddy et al., 1990; Kelley et al., 2004,
359 Lima et al., 2004; Lin et al., 2005; Balan et al., 2010; Ram Singh et al., 2015; Fagundes et al.,
360 2016).

361 **4.1 Ionospheric density modulation by PPEF and TID**

362 Fagundes et al., (2016) have reported that the positive ionospheric peaks occurred
363 simultaneously at mid and low latitude regions over the Brazilian sector on 17 March 2015.
364 They suggested that the simultaneous enhancements of electron density peaks or wavelike
365 oscillations in electron density are strongly associated with PPEFs, but not by the traveling
366 ionospheric disturbances (TIDs) or other sources. Our observations (Figures 3-5) show
367 simultaneous modulations in the electron density (TEC/foF2) during the main phase of the
368 storm on November 04. The repeated enhancements at all stations over the East Asian sector
369 are believed to be due to the PPEFs. The plausible scenario for this interpretation goes as
370 following: the electric field penetrates meridionally at all latitudes and uplifts the ionospheric
371 F region to higher altitudes, where the recombination rates are much lower, resulting in
372 enhancements of electron density.

373 Lima et al. (2004) distinguished the role of electric field from TIDs on the positive ionospheric
374 storms along the meridional direction. They suggested that, in the case of TIDs, the
375 perturbations are first observed at mid latitudes or beyond the EIA crest and then at low
376 latitudes and finally at the equatorial region. However, as for the PP electric field, the positive
377 ionospheric storm perturbations must simultaneously occur at all latitudes, since the PP electric

378 field is on the global scale.

379 During the recovery phase of the magnetic storm, on 04-05th November, enhancements and
380 reductions in foF2 are due to DD electric fields or TIDs (Figure 5). The first peak in ionospheric
381 density observed at high latitude station and after ~2.5 hours occurred at the equator with
382 propagation speed ~477 km/sec, as pointed out with blue color dashed line (in Figure 5). Since
383 we see some correlation between one station and others with a time delay, we believe that they
384 could be due to the TIDs or DDEFs. On 5 November, suppression of EIA crest or negative
385 ionospheric storm at low latitudes may be linked to the DDEF (Figure 4).

386 **4.2 h'F modulation by PPEF and TIDs (or DDEF)**

387 Ram Singh and Sripathi (2017) showed the simultaneous reductions/enhancements in h'F over
388 the Indian region using a chain of ionosondes. They suggested that the ionospheric F region
389 disturbances during the main phase of the storm are produced by the PPEF. It has been
390 suggested that the super fountain effect during the geomagnetic storm is closely linked with
391 PPEF and it leads to a stronger EIA (Lu et al., 2012; Abdu et al., 2007; Mannucci et al., 2005,
392 Ram Singh et al., 2017). Our observations clearly show that EIA over the East Asian sector is
393 significantly affected by the PPEF, and extending the enhanced electron density to higher
394 latitudes. Meanwhile, several authors have also suggested that the storm time enhancement and
395 suppression in the foF2 at midlatitudes are due to the change of thermospheric compositions
396 (Prolss, 1977; Rishbeth, 1975), and wavelike disturbances in foF2 associated with high velocity
397 TIDs or with substorm activity (Turunen and Mukunda Rao., 1980; Lima et al., 2004).

398 Sastri et al. (2000) presented the sharp reductions/enhancements of F layer height (h'F) at the
399 same time at several stations over the Indian region, and suggested that reductions/enactments
400 of F layer height are associated with the westward/eastward penetration electric fields. During
401 the recovery phase of the magnetic storm, Figure 6 shows TID signature so that the first peaks
402 of the h'F first observed at the high latitude stations and after ~2.5 hours reached at the equator,
403 as pointed out with blue color dashed lines. Since we see a systematic enhancement along the
404 h'F stations with a time delay (slope = 477 m/s), we believe that they could be associated with
405 TIDs.

406 **4.3 Evidence of oscillations of PPEF and DP2 current system**

407 It is well established that the PPEF is linked to the region 1 (R1) and region 2 (R2) field-aligned
408 currents and their horizontal closure currents, and they play an important role in generating the

409 global scale ionospheric currents. When the FACs are in their dynamical activities, they can
410 generate significant fluctuations in DP2 current systems that can easily penetrate to the
411 equatorial region and modulate the electrodynamics of the ionosphere. Several studies have
412 focused on the formations of quasi-periodic ionospheric current systems (Nishida 1968a, 1968b;
413 Huang, 2019a, 2020), and solar wind magnetosphere-ionosphere coupling processes (Kikuchi
414 et al., 1996; Kamide et al., 1997, 1998) and their impacts on the equatorial density distribution
415 (Yizengaw et al., 2016; Rodriguez et al., 2016). The quasi-periodic disturbances in ionospheric
416 current systems are associated with various solar wind and magnetospheric processes (Nishida
417 1968a, 1968b; Kikuchi et al., 2000; Motoba et al., 2003; Huang, 2019a). Nishida (1968a, 1968b)
418 reported the quasi-periodic oscillations in geomagnetic field measured by the ground-based
419 magnetometers near the magnetic equator, caused by the penetration of electric fields
420 associated with turning of IMF Bz with periods ~30-60 min. They suggested that during the
421 turning of IMF Bz (north-south), the convection electric field and DP2 currents enhances and
422 causes the magnetic fluctuations at the equator through the penetration electric field. Gonzales
423 et al., (1979) and Earle and Kelley (1987) reported the significant dominance of 1-hour
424 periodicity in the IMF Bz as well in the electric fields at the auroral and equatorial latitudes. In
425 our observations, magnetic field perturbations at high mid and low latitudes are well correlated
426 with reorientations of IMF Bz (Figure S1) and show common and dominant periods ~30 to 90
427 min (Figure 8).

428 In a recent study, Huang (2019a) analyzed the observations of equatorial ionospheric plasma
429 drift measured by the Jicamarca incoherent scatter radar and global ground magnetic field
430 perturbations during IMF Bz fluctuations. Huang (2019a) also reported that the vertical plasma
431 drifts/zonal electric fields in the dayside equatorial ionosphere are well correlated with
432 reorientations of IMF Bz. Using the combination of ground-based magnetometers and EISCAT
433 radar data, Kikuchi et al., (2000) showed a significant increase/decrease of the DP2 current
434 system at high latitude and EEJ at the equator, according to sudden polarity changes of IMF
435 Bz from north-south/south-north. They suggested that when IMF Bz turns north-south/south-
436 north both the DP2 current system and EEJ get enhanced/decayed, and eastward/westward
437 electric field enhanced/reduced at the equator. The correlations coefficient of IEFy with EEJ
438 and H-components is 0.68 and 0.53, respectively, suggesting that the IEFy is playing an
439 important role in electric field penetration down to the equatorial region. Our observations
440 show excellent time coincidence between the IMF Bz minimum and H-components peaks

441 (Figure S1), the H-components enhanced when IMF Bz turns maximum in southward direction
442 which are consistent results as presented in the previous studies (Kikuchi et al., 2000;
443 Yizengaw et al., 2016; Huang, 2019a, 2020).

444 In general, the vertical motion of the ionosphere is driven by the eastward/westward electric
445 field at the equator, which generates due to the turning of IMF Bz. As shown in Figure 7, the
446 correlation of a latitudinal array of H-components with IMF Bz can be an evidence of the
447 modulated DP2 currents to be effective on all the latitudes in the longitudinal sector. Given this
448 correlation, the coherent fluctuations of the VTEC/foF2 (in Figures 3 and 5) can be the
449 signatures in the lower latitude ionosphere affected by the modulated DP2 current system.
450 Figure 6 shows that the virtual height of the ionosphere is not showing pronounced effect of
451 storm at all latitudes, but oscillating up and down compared to mean variation at equatorial and
452 low latitudes, implying that the DP2 current fluctuations control the ionospheric F-layer height.
453 This can be demonstrate that the magnetospheric origin quasi-periodic electric field can
454 penetrate to the ionosphere and drive DP2 current fluctuations that extend to the lower latitude
455 ionosphere and create significant effects on the ionospheric density distribution by making the
456 F layer move up and down. The correlation between the magnetospheric origin electric fields
457 measured by the ground-based magnetometers and those by radars during magnetic storm
458 periods have been performed (Kelley et al., 2007; Wei et al., 2008; Yizengaw et al., 2016). In
459 addition, several researchers have reported a wide range of periodicities of ~0.5 to 2 hours
460 associated with the DP2 current system (Nishida 1968a, 1968b; Gonzales et al., 1979; Earle
461 and Kelley, 1987; Sastri et al., 2002; Motoba et al., 2003; Chakrabarty et al. 2008; Huang,
462 2019a, Ram Singh and Sripathi., 2021). Nonetheless, we report that the solar wind-
463 magnetosphere-ionosphere interactions-driven DP 2 current systems can modulate ionospheric
464 density not only at the equatorial latitude, as did by Yizengaw et al. (2016), but also, for the
465 first time, at high-mid and low latitudes. Based on the wavelet analysis we also report a
466 dominant periodicity of ~1 hr VTEC, foF2 and H-component, which are driven by the PP
467 electric field associated with the DP2 current system due to IMF Bz. This suggests a causal
468 relationship exists among IEF, DP2 current system, and ionospheric density oscillations at all
469 latitudes.

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471 **5. Conclusions**

472 This study observed the meridional ionospheric density responses to prompt penetration
473 electric field (PPEF) over the East Asian sector, during an intense geomagnetic storm that
474 occurred on November 3-5, 2021 in the current solar cycle 25. The important findings of the
475 investigation can be summarized as follows:

476 (1) The VTEC and foF2 observations demonstrated that repeated positive ionospheric storms
477 can be associated with reorientations of IMF Bz or DP2 current systems.

478 (2) From the time-latitude map of TEC observation, the equatorial ionization anomaly (EIA)
479 is significantly disturbed during the main phase, and the signature of repeated positive
480 ionospheric storms are observed. It is remarkable that three peaks of VTEC/foF2 with large
481 amplitudes are extended from the equator to high latitudes simultaneously without wave
482 propagation signatures. The first peak occurred at 6.67° S- 43.79° N, the second peak with a
483 large amplitude in the extended latitude range of 6.67° S- 62.03° N, and the third peak in 14.67°
484 S- $71.63.79^{\circ}$ N.

485 (3) In the recovery phase, enhancements/reductions in foF2 and h'F are associated with the
486 disturbance dynamo (DD) electric field or traveling ionospheric disturbances (TIDs).

487 (4) The periodogram analysis and wavelet spectra show dominant and common periods of ~1
488 hour among VTEC, H-component, foF2, h'F, and IEFy.

489 We conclude that the modulations of VTEC, foF2 and H-component during the main phase of
490 geomagnetic storm can be driven by the PP electric field associated with DP2 current system
491 and IMF Bz, and in the recovery phase, the response of VTEC from equatorial to mid latitudes
492 can be driven by DD electric field or TIDs. The common and dominant periodicity of 1hr in
493 all the ionospheric parameters and IEF suggests that a causal relationship exists among IEF,
494 DP2 current system, and ionospheric density modulations at all latitudes.

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701 **Figures:**

702 **Figure 1.** The location of various stations and instruments used in present study, (a) locations
703 of GPS receivers, and Ionosondes, and (b) magnetometers.

704 **Figure 2.** Variation of interplanetary and geomagnetic conditions during the 03-05 November
705 2021. (a) Particle density (N_p (cm^{-3})), black) and solar wind pressure (P_{dyn} (nPa)), red), (b)
706 solar wind velocity (m/sec), (c) IMF B_y (blue) and B_z (red) in nT, (d) IEFy (mV/m), (e) Dst
707 (nT), (f) EEJ (nT), and (g) Kp index. The black color shaded region indicates the main phase
708 of the storm.

709 **Figure 3.** The VTEC diurnal variations (red solid lines) over the East Asian sector during the
710 03-05 November. The grey shaded region and solid black lines show IQDs mean and the
711 averaged standard deviation. The vertical dotted blue color lines indicate the VTEC
712 enhancements. The p1, p2 and p3 represent positive ionospheric storms. The n1 and n2
713 indicate negative ionospheric storms.

714 **Figure 4.** Shows (a) latitudinal and temporal variations of TEC (contour map); (b) $\Delta\text{TEC} =$
715 $(\text{TEC} - \text{TEC}_{\text{IQDs Mean}})$; $\text{TEC}_{\text{IQDs Mean}}$ is five IQDs variations during the November month,
716 over the Asian sector between 110-150° E longitude.

717 **Figures 5.** Temporal variation of foF2 at (a) MH, (b) BP, (c) ICN, (d) JJ, (e) WU, (f) SA, and
718 (g) GUA. The grey color lines with error bars indicate the quiet days mean and standard
719 deviation. The vertical shaded green and blue color indicate the simultaneous enhancements
720 in foF2.

721 **Figures 6.** Variations of h'F at (a) MH, (b) BP, (c) ICN, (d) WU, and (e) GUA. The grey color
722 lines with error bars indicate the quiet days mean and standard deviation. The dashed blue
723 color lines indicate the enhancements in h'F.

724 **Figure 7.** Infiltration of PPEF effects examined with cross-correlation analysis: Residual
725 variations (top panels) and cross-correlation (bottom panels) of (a) IEFy and H-components
726 (at MGD, BMT, KAK, and GUA), (b) IEFy and EEJ, and (c) EEJ and VTEC (at BJFS,
727 TCMC, and PIMO) during 03-04 November 2021.

728 **Figure 8.** Wavelet spectrum analysis of (a) H-components of magnetic field at MGD, MMB
729 KNY and KAK stations (top to bottom); (b) VTEC at YAKT, BJFS, TCMS and PIMO (top
730 to bottom); and (c) foF2 at Icheon (mid latitude) and Guam (low latitude), h'F at Guam,
731 and IEFy (bottom panel). The dotted white color lines in each plot indicate cone of influence
732 (COI). The rightside panels of each plot show global wavelet spectrum (GWS) with 95%
733 confidence level (in red color).

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735 **Table 1.** Details of the GPS TEC stations, Ionosondes, SuperDARN and Magnetometers with

736 name, station code, latitudes and longitudes

Location	Station CODE	Geographic (Latitude)	Geographic (Longitude)	Geomagnetic (Latitude)	Geomagnetic (Longitude)
GPS Receivers					
Tixi	TIXI	71.63° N	128.86° E	61.94° N	165.77° W
Yakutsk	YAKT	62.03° N	129.68° E	53.06° N	162.64° W
Changchun	CHAN	43.79° N	125.44° E	34.64° N	164.12° W
Fangshan	BJFS	39.60° N	115.89° E	30.14° N	172.39° W
Suwon-shi	SUWN	37.27° N	127.05° E	28.23° N	162.15° W
Daejeon	DAEJ	36.39° N	127.37° E	27.36° N	161.86° W
Hsinchu	TCMC	24.79° N	120.98° E	15.53° N	167.13° W
Hong kong	HKWS	22.43° N	114.33° E	13.00° N	173.35° W
Quezon City	PIMO	14.63° N	121.07° E	05.43° N	166.64° W
Lae	LAE	-06.67° N	146.99° E	13.78° S	139.25° W
Ionosondes					
Mohe	MH	52.00° N	122.52° E	42.73° N	167.26° W
Beijing	BP	40.30° N	116.20° E	30.85° N	172.10° W
I-cheon	IC	37.14° N	127.54° E	28.11° N	161.76° W
Jeju	JJ	33.43° N	126.30° E	24.36° N	162.64° W
Wuhan	WU	30.50° N	114.40° E	21.04° N	173.46° W
Sanya	SA	18.53° N	109.61° E	08.87° N	177.99° W
Guam	GUA	13.69° N	144.87° E	06.12° N	143.44° W
Magnetometers					
Magadan	MGD	60.05° N	150.72° E	53.32° N	139.34° W
Paratunka	PET	52.97° N	158.20° E	46.36° N	137.17° W
Memambetsu	MMB	43.91° N	144.19° E	36.01° N	147.59° W
Beijing MingTombs	BMT	40.30° N	116.20° E	30.85° N	172.10° W
Gangneung	GANG	37.75° N	128.87° E	28.39° N	161.01° W
Ichoen	ICN	37.14° N	127.54° E	27.74° N	161.78° W
Kakioka	KAK	36.23° N	140.18° E	28.04° N	150.20° W
Jeju	JEJU	33.43° N	126.30° E	24.15° N	162.81° W
Kanoya	KNY	21.42° N	130.80° E	12.66° N	157.64° W
Guam	GUA	13.69° N	144.87° E	06.12° N	143.44° W

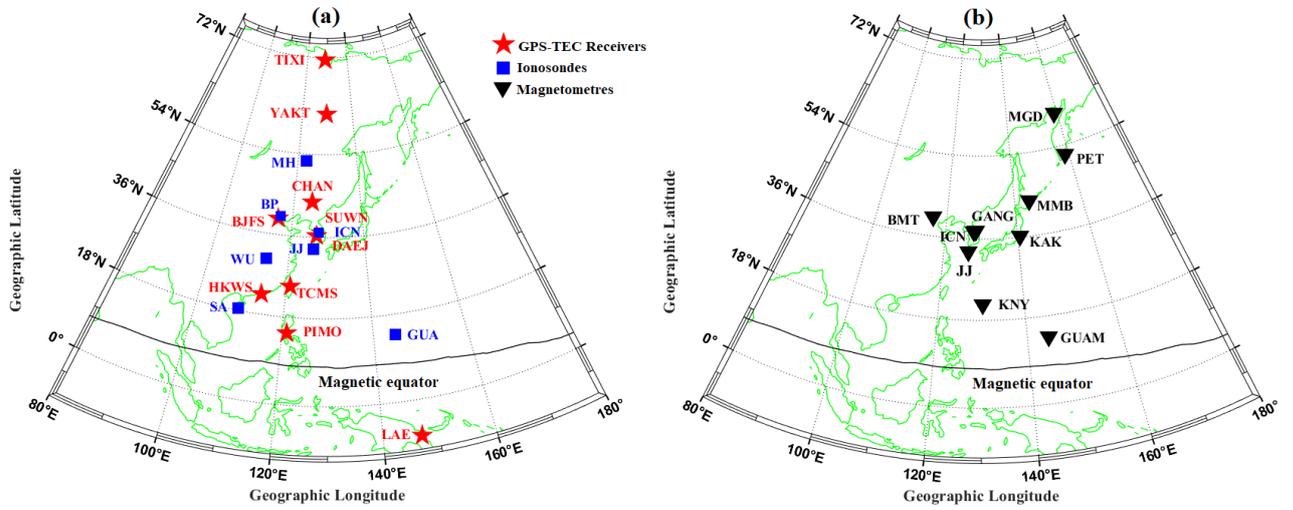
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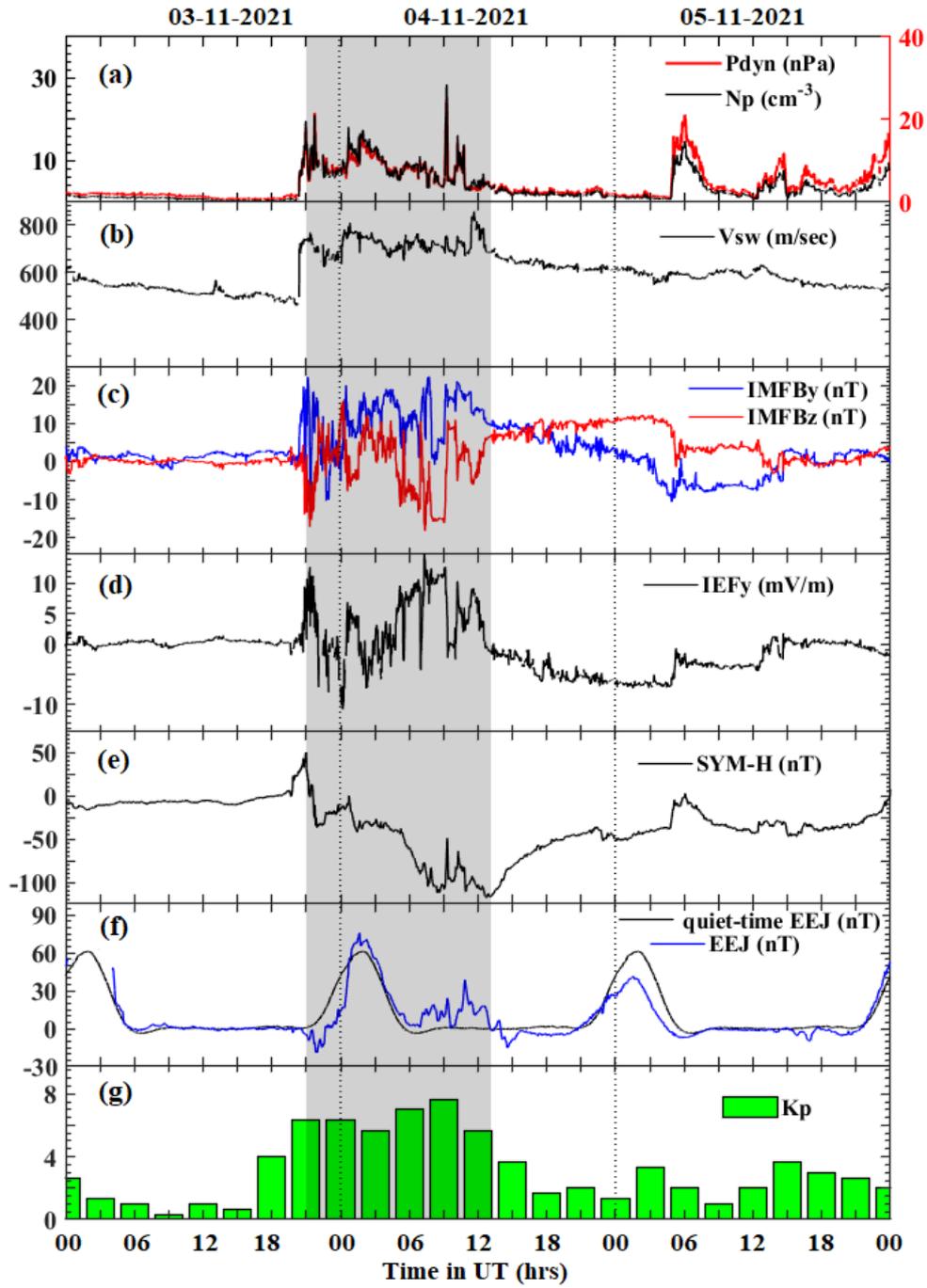
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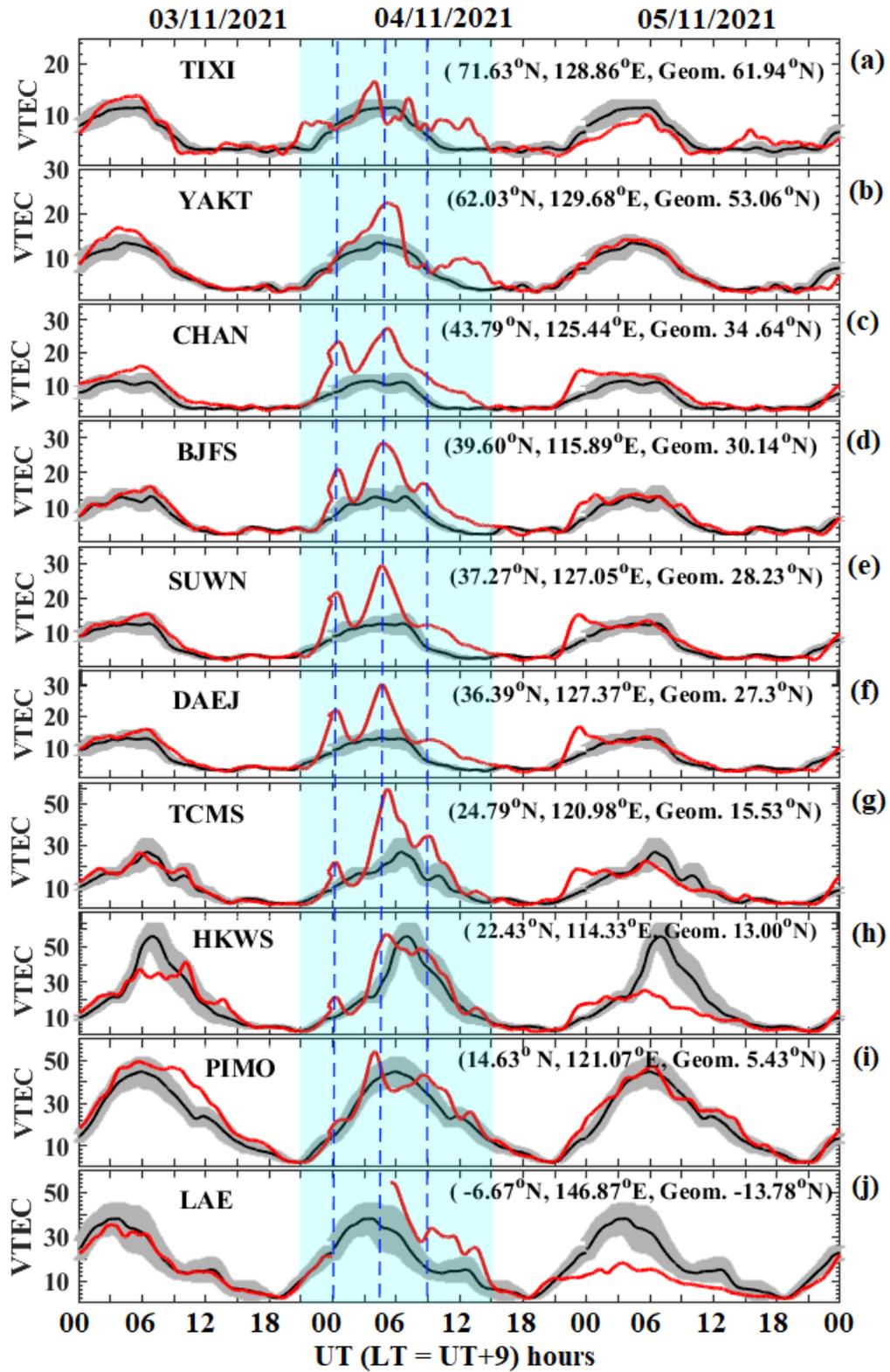
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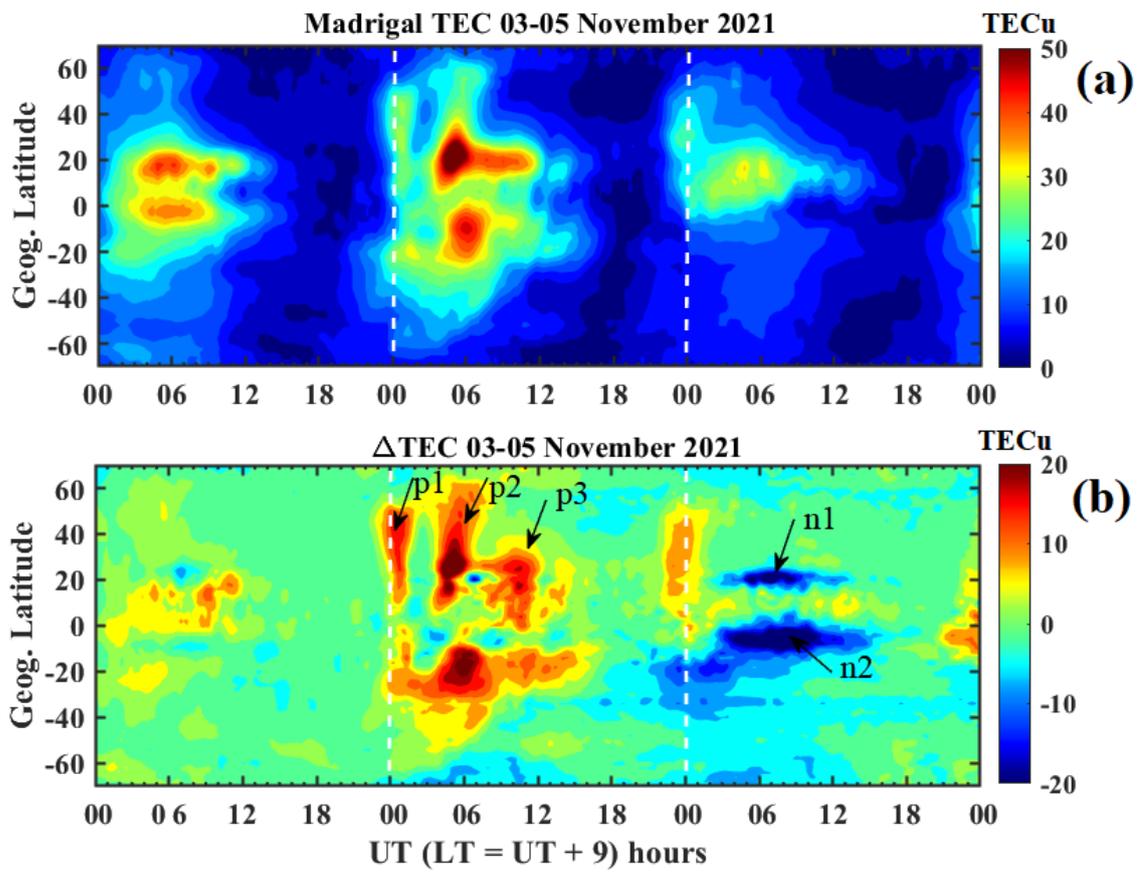
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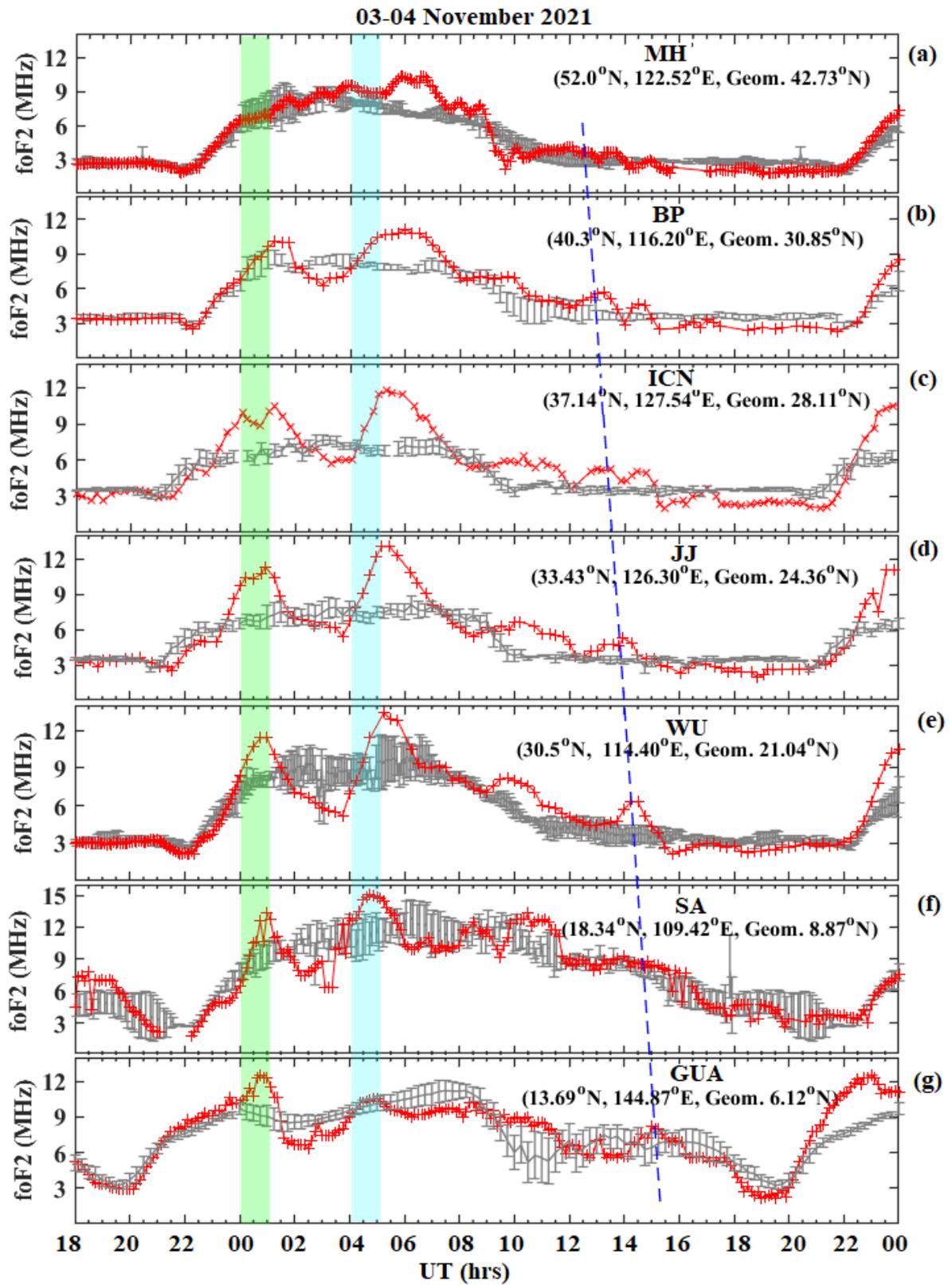
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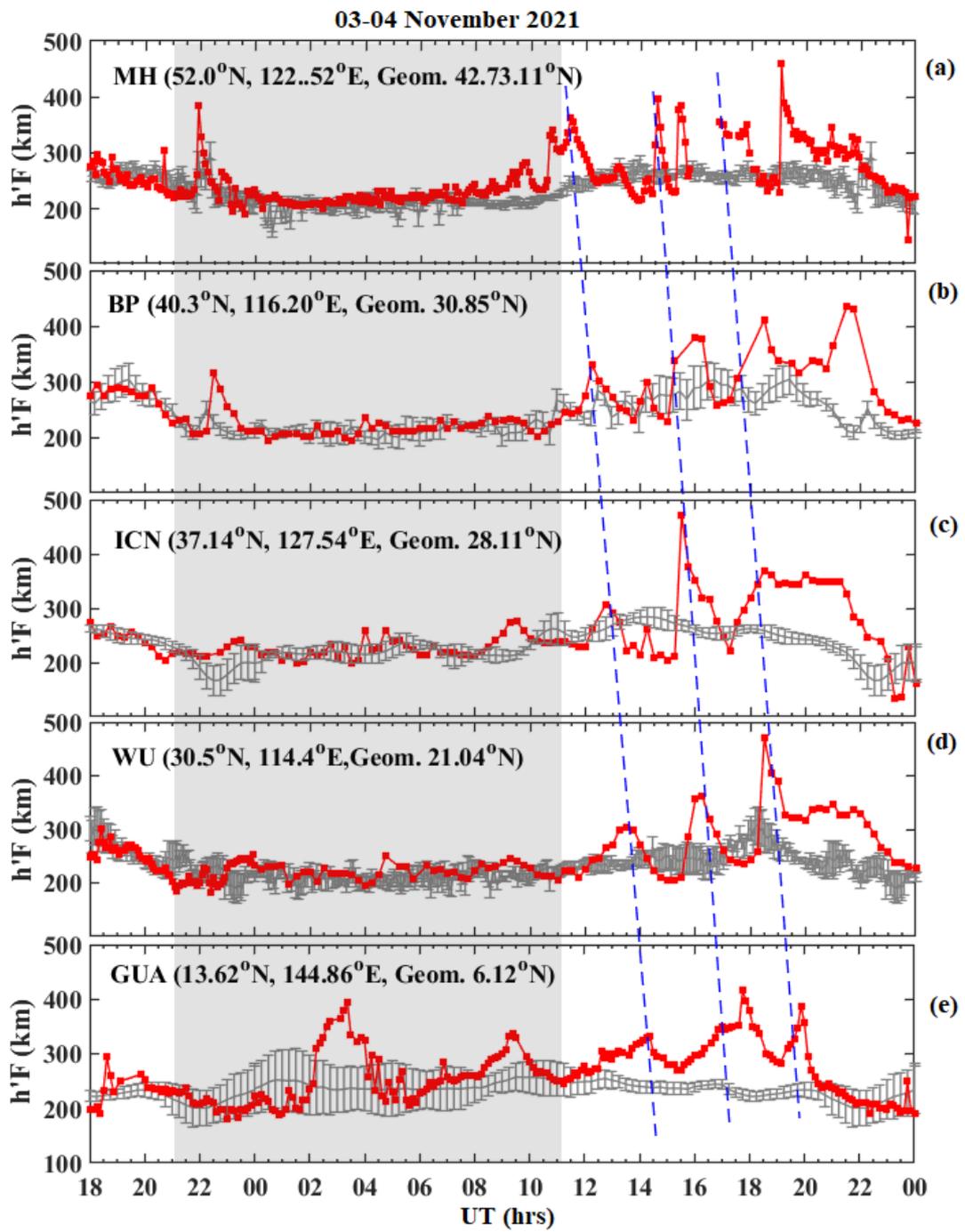
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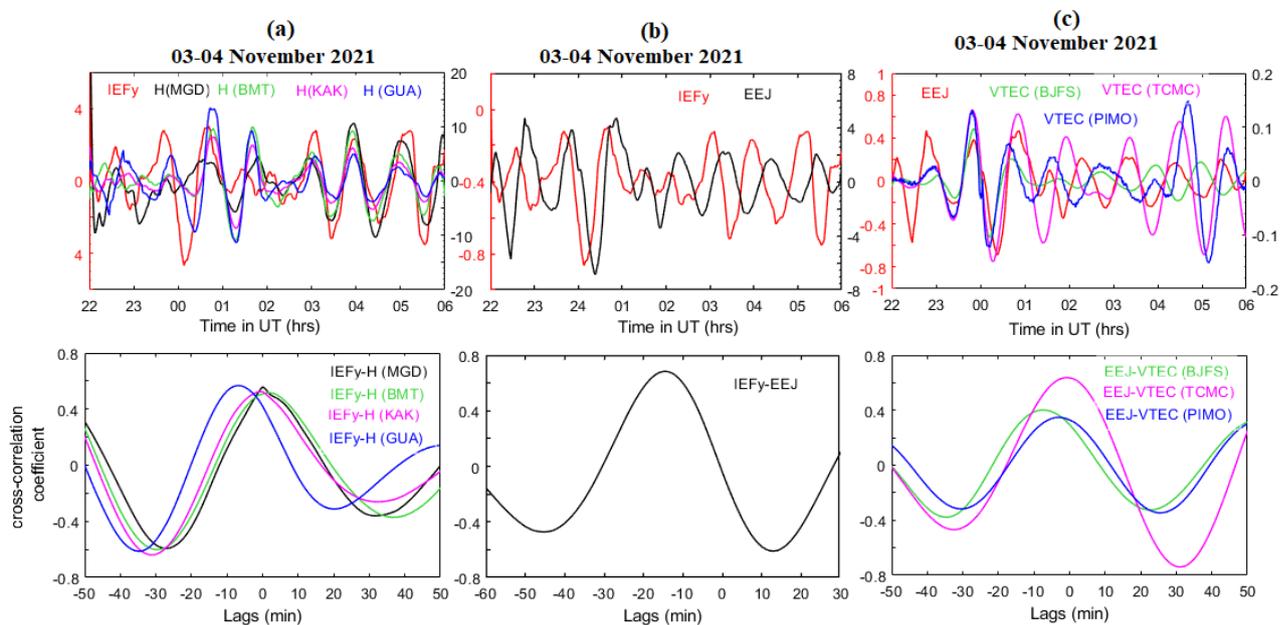
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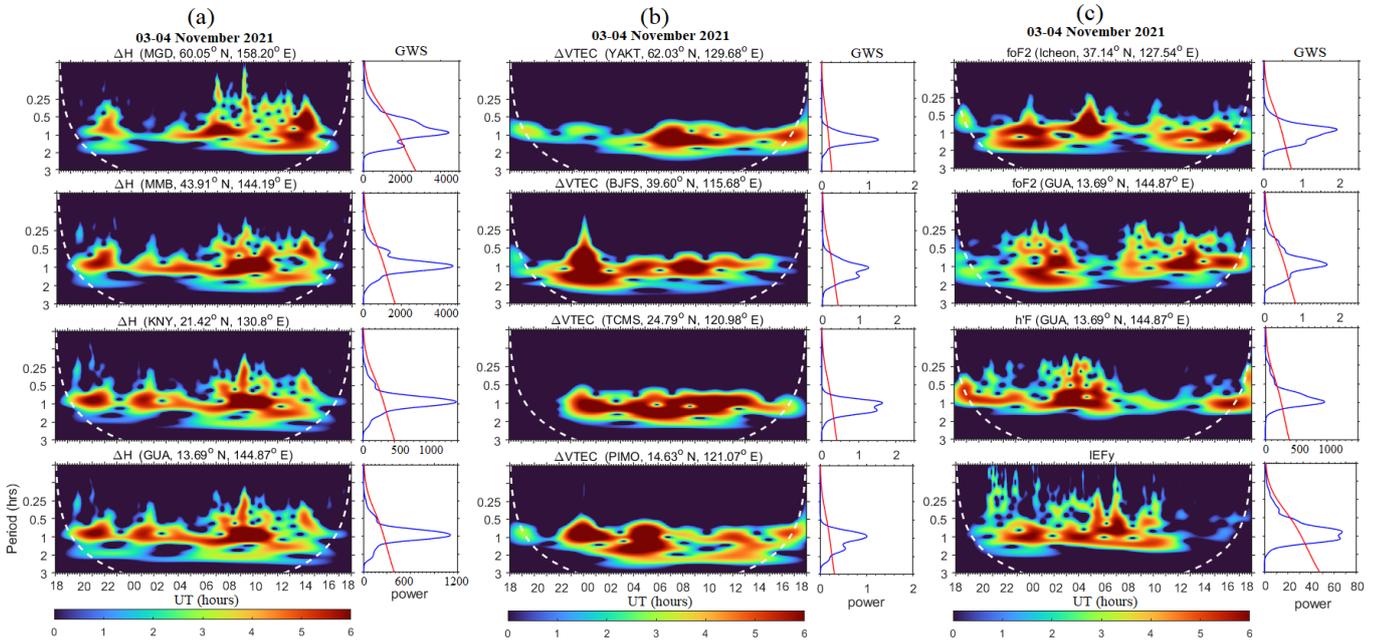
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