

### **Optical Mesospheric Instruments During Deepwave**

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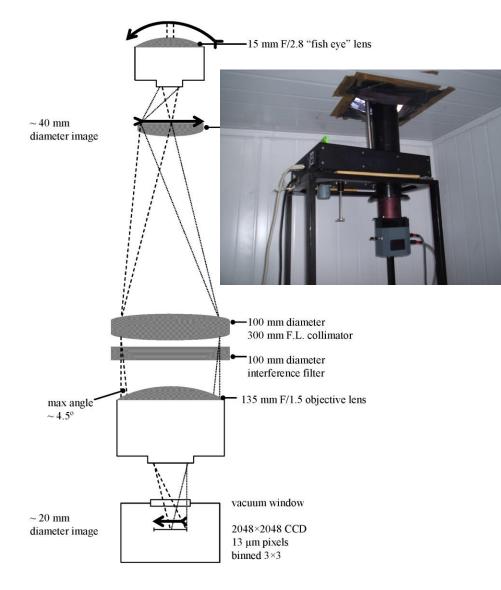


Multi-wavelength All-Sky Imager Steve Smith Bc Fabry-Perot Interferometer

Boston University multi-spectral all-sky imagers (ASI) at Mt John Obs., Lake Tekapo and Lauder, Otago Nightly mesospheric OH, Na,  $O_2$ , and OI (557.7 nm) emissions 87, 90, 94, & 97 km. Also OI (630.0 nm). Single wavelength time resolution: 30-90 s, depending on emission.

Multi-wavelength time resolution: 3-8 minutes, depending on chosen observation profile.

# **All-sky Instrumentation**



All-sky imagers (180° fov), imaging spectrographs (OH &  $O_2$  temperatures), FPI.

Collimating system – also new telecentric systems.

Filter-wheel housing six 4" interference filters.

- 1. OH 695 nm broadband red-NIR.
- 2. Na (589.0, 589.6 nm)
- 3. O<sub>2</sub>(0-1) band 865.0 nm
- 4. O(1S) 557.7 nm,
- 5. O(1D) 630.0 nm FWHM (1.2 1.8 nm)
- 6. Offband: 572.9 nm (MJO) 605.0 nm (LDR) (1.4 nm)

Nominal integration times: 30–120 secs, can be altered.

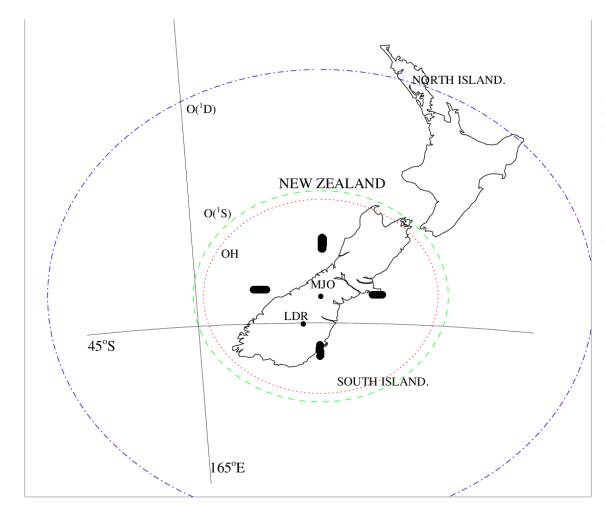
Imagers operate nightly during moonless periods with filters being used in a repeating sequence throughout the night.

Images of a given emission every 6-8 minutes.

Schematic optical layout of Boston University ASI.







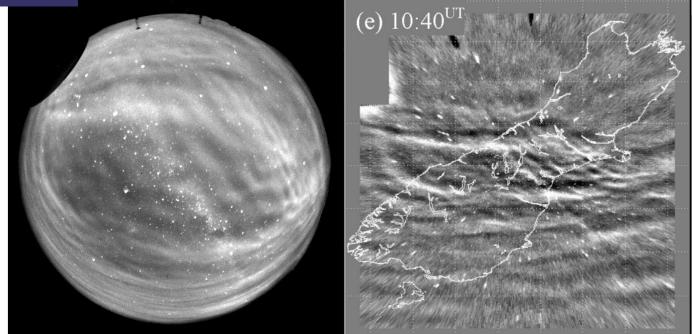
Locations of all-sky imagers at Mt John Obs. (MJO) and Lauder (LDR) (proposed).

Field of views for the OH,  $O(^{1}S) \& O(^{1}D)$  emissions down to  $10^{\circ}$  elevation shown.

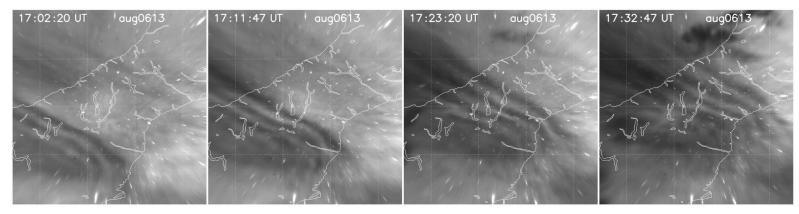
Sampling areas of OH emission by FPS.





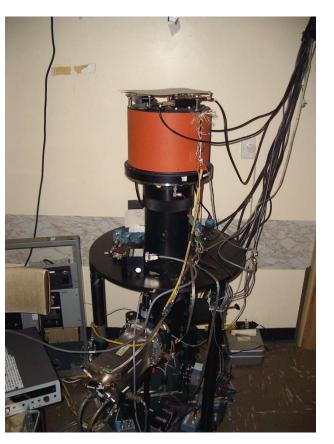


Example of raw and unwarped images in OI 557.7 nm emission at 97 km altitude. Mt John Observatory 4 March 2009.



Frontal gravity wave disturbance in OI 557.7 nm emission at Mt John Observatory on 6 August 2013.

## U. of Washington Fabry-Perot Spectrometers



PI: Prof. Gonzalo Hernandez University of Washington

Two U. of Washington FPS at Mt John Observatory MJO: OH 840.0 nm 87 km O(<sup>1</sup>S) 557.7 nm 97 km

**MKO:** O<sub>2</sub>(0-1) 865.0 nm 94 km O(<sup>1</sup>D) 630.0 nm 250 km

Samples N, E, S, W at 20° elevation and zenith in cyclic sequence during course of night.

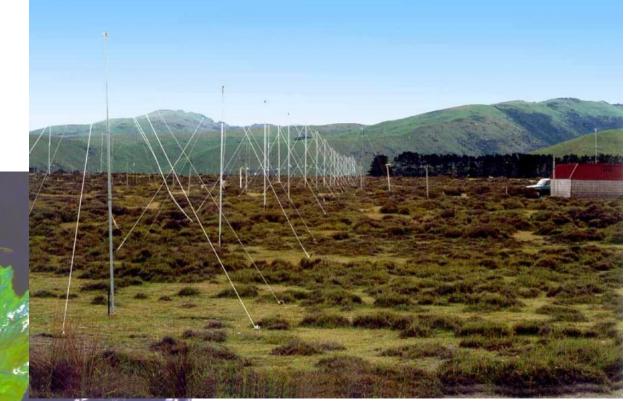
Yields horizontal neutral winds, temperatures and emission radiance measurements to  $\pm 1\%$  every 3-4 minutes in each direction.

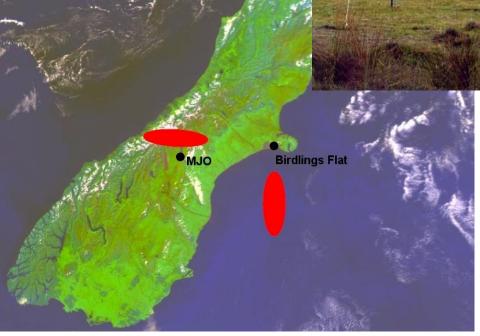


PI: Prof. Jack Baggaley University of Canterbury TX 42.5 MHz (~7m)









~2000 returns per day at 80-120 km Diurnal variation ~1 every 5s dawn at ~1 every 5 minutes at dusk.

<1 km height res.



**Optical All-Sky Data Products** 



**During each night:** The ASI will each yield ~80 images in each emission (~6pm – 7am NZST) Start time: ~6UT (Boston 2am) End Time: ~19UT (Boston 3pm)

#### Semi-real-time mode:

- Provide unwarped images showing presence (or not) of GW's in MLT images)
- 2-D context, propagation direction, origin, speed, horizontal scale-sizes.

#### In conjunction with co-located meteor radar and FPS data:

- Propagation direction, mode, phase and group speeds, horizontal and vertical scale-sizes during each night
- Vertical flux of horizontal momentum estimates associated with GW's in OH, O<sub>2</sub>, and O(<sup>1</sup>S) emissions at 87, 94, 97 km.
- Emission radiance measurements.
- Tomographic sections of wave field.