

**Study on  
Whistler-mode Triggered Emissions  
in the Magnetosphere**

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## Abstract

Full-particle simulations have been conducted for the study on the generation processes of whistler-mode triggered emissions in the magnetosphere. Rising-tone and falling-tone triggered emissions are reproduced in the simulations. The parallel propagation of whistler-mode waves to a geomagnetic field is assumed, and the one-dimensional parabolic model is used in the simulations. Triggering whistler-mode waves with a constant frequency are injected from the magnetic equator by oscillating external currents at the magnetic equator with right-handed circular polarization. Minor revisions of algorithms have been applied to Kyoto University electromagnetic particle code (KEMPO). We have proposed an initialization algorithm for the phase space distribution of a superparticle to suppress the instabilities, which are caused by the difference in magnetic field intensity with respect to space. We generate particle distribution in velocity space at the magnetic equator and distribute superparticles in space, satisfying the conservation of kinetic energy and adiabatic invariants of charged particles in the mirror motion.

The triggering process of whistler-mode rising-tone emissions is studied. By injecting a wave with a fixed frequency at the equator, rising-tone emissions are generated from triggering waves. Rising-tone elements with multiple subpackets with monotonically increasing frequencies are generated from the triggering wave. Generation regions of the subpackets move upstream or downstream depending on the group velocities and resonance velocities for different frequencies. Because of the motion of a source region to the upstream, a long rising-tone subpacket is generated self-sustainingly through the formation of an electron hole in velocity phase space stretched over the generation region. The long rising-tone subpacket is modulated with increasing magnitude, splitting into smaller subpackets through propagation. Two different processes generate the amplitude modulations in the subpacket; resonant trapping oscillation of electrons at the equatorial region and enhancement of amplitude variations through propagation in the downstream region.

We have performed a series of simulation runs for whistler-mode wave-particle interaction in a parabolic magnetic field with 12 different triggering wave frequencies and three different plasma frequencies specifying cold plasma densities. Under a given plasma condition, a specific frequency range of the triggering wave can generate rising-tone emissions. The generation region of rising-tone emission shifts upstream. The velocity of the wave generation region is dependent on the duration of the subpacket, which is controlled by the formation of the resonant current in the generation region. When the source velocity, which is a sum of the resonance and group velocities, is approximately the same as the velocity of the wave generation region, a long-sustaining rising-tone emission is generated. When the spatial and temporal gap between subpackets exists due to the damping phase of short subpacket generation, resonant electrons in the gap of the subpackets are carried at the resonance velocity to the upstream region, and the velocity of the wave generation region becomes large in magnitude. When the formation of resonant currents is delayed, the velocity of the generation region becomes smaller than the

source velocity in magnitude. Below one-quarter of the cyclotron frequency, the coalescence of subpackets takes place, suppressing the formation of the resonant current in the generation region. Since a gradual upstream shift of the generation region is necessary for the wave to grow locally, the source velocity should be a small negative value.

We perform a one-dimensional electromagnetic full particle simulation for triggered falling-tone emissions in the Earth's magnetosphere. The equatorial region of the magnetosphere is modeled with a parabolic magnetic field approximation. The short whistler mode waves with a large amplitude are excited and propagate poleward from an artificial current oscillating with a constant frequency and amplitude. Following the excited waves, clear emissions are triggered with a falling frequency. Without the inhomogeneity of the background magnetic field, no triggered emission appears. The falling tone has several subpackets of amplitude and decreases the frequency in a stepwise manner. The positive resonant current formed by resonant electrons in the direction of the wave magnetic field clearly shows that an electron hill is formed in the phase space and causes the frequency decrease. The entrapping of the resonant electrons at the front of the packets and the decrease of the amplitude at the end of packets are essential for the generation of falling-tone emissions. Each wavefront of the emission has a strongly negative resonant current  $-J_E$ , which results in wave growth. In the formation process of the resonant currents, we investigate the inhomogeneous factor  $S$ , which controls the nonlinear motion of the resonant electrons interacting with waves. The factor  $S$  consists of two terms, a frequency sweep rate and a gradient of the background magnetic field. The resonant current  $J_E$  in the wave packet changes its sign from negative to positive as the packet moves away from the equator, terminating the wave growth.

The resonant currents in the direction of the electric field and magnetic field of whistler-mode waves are always observed in cases with rising-tone, and falling-tone triggered emissions. The formation of resonant current is associated with the enhancement and depressions of resonant electrons in phase space, which corresponds with an electron hill and hole. We have found that the inhomogeneity driver in the phase space is the frequency variations of triggered waves in time. The result suggests that rising-tone and falling-tone emissions are self-sustainingly grow, and the gradient of the ambient magnetic field supports the modulation of resonant current in space. Whistler-mode chorus waves are generated in the same generation process as the triggered emissions, the present study also applies to the generation mechanisms of chorus waves in the magnetosphere. As active experiments with the same model as the present study as is planned in the future by using satellites, the present study will provide direction for the experiment design and interpretation of the results.

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# Nomenclature

$\alpha_{\text{loss}}$	Loss cone angle
$\beta$	Loss cone parameter for subtracted Maxwellian distribution
$\gamma$	Lorentz factor
$\zeta$	Phase difference between $\mathbf{B}_w$ and $\mathbf{v}_\perp$
$\mu_0$	Magnetic permeability in a vacuum
$\xi$	Dimensionless parameter for plasma defined as $\xi^2 = \omega(\Omega_e - \omega)/\omega_p$ (Omura et al., 2008; Omura, 2021)
$\chi$	Dimensionless parameter for plasma defined as $\chi^2 = 1/(1 + \xi^2)$ (Omura et al., 2008; Omura, 2021)
$\omega$	Wave frequency
$\omega_0$	frequency of triggering waves
$\Omega_{\text{op}}$	Optimum amplitude multiplied by charge-to-mass ratio of electron
$\Omega_{\text{th}}$	Threshold amplitude multiplied by charge-to-mass ratio of electron
$\Omega_w$	Amplitude of magnetic field $B_w$ multiplied by charge-to-mass ratio of electron
$\Omega_e$	Electron cyclotron frequency
$a$	Coefficient for parabolic magnetic field model
$\mathbf{B}_{wb}$	Perpendicular magnetic field components for backward propagating waves
$\mathbf{B}_{wf}$	Perpendicular magnetic field components for forward propagating waves
$\mathbf{B}_w$	Perpendicular magnetic field components to ambient magnetic field
$B_{\text{eq}}$	Magnitude of ambient magnetic field with respect at equator

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$B_w$	Amplitude of perpendicular magnetic field components to ambient magnetic field
$c$	Speed of light in a vacuum
$e$	Euler's number
$e$	Elementary electron charge
$H(x)$	Heviside step function
$i$	Imaginary unit
$J_B$	Resonant current parallel to magnetic field
$J_E$	Resonant current parallel to electric field
$K$	Kinetic energy of electron
$k$	Wave number
$L_D$	Length of damping region
$m_0$	Rest mass of an electron
$N_D$	Number of grids for damping region
$S$	Inhomogeneous factor for nonlinear theory
$u_{\perp}$	Perpendicular component of momenta for electron
$u_{\parallel}$	Pallarel component of momenta for electron
$u_{\perp}$	Magnitude of perpendicular component of momenta for electron
$v_{\perp}$	Perpendicular velocity of electron
$v_{\parallel}$	Parallel velocity of electron
$v_{\perp}$	Magnitude of perpendicular electron velocity
$V_g$	Group velocity
$V_p$	Phase velocity
$V_R$	Resonance velocity
$V_S$	Source velocity
$V_w$	Velocity of wave packet generation

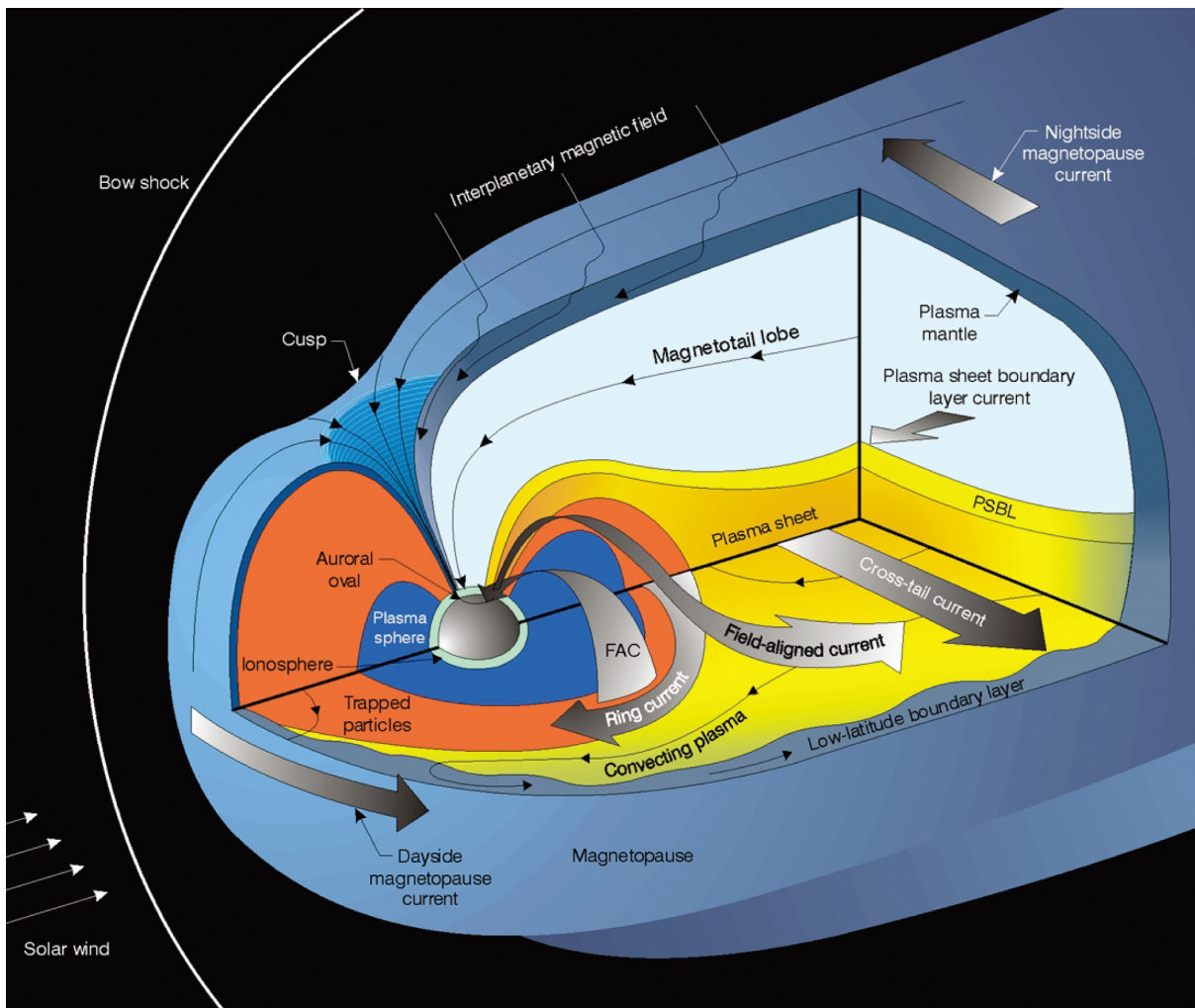
# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Magnetosphere of a planet

The magnetic field of the Earth is known from ancient and used as a compass. The magnetic field of the Earth is approximated to a dipole magnetic field. The magnetosphere of a planet is a common phenomenon. In situ observations by space exploration satellites have shown that the existence of intrinsic magnetic field for Mercury (Ness et al., 1974; Bridge et al., 1974; Anderson et al., 2010), Jupiter (Smith, Davis Jr., et al., 1974), Saturn (Smith et al., 1980; Acuña et al., 1980), Neptune (Connerney et al., 1991), and Uranus (Connerney et al., 1987). The spatial distributions of the magnetic field of those planets, including Earth, are modeled as the dipole magnetic field. The term magnetosphere is derived by Gold (1959) and defined as the region where the intrinsic magnetic fields of a planet is a key driver of physics in the vicinity of the planet (see a textbook by i.e. Maggiolo et al., 2021). The magnetic fields of the planets interact with the solar wind, forming various regions with different characteristics. Figure 1.1 shows the schematic illustration of the magnetosphere of Earth shown by National Research Council (2003). A bow shock is the boundary region to the heliosphere and magnetosphere, where solar wind decelerates, forming shock waves under collisionless plasma. The intermediate transition region from bowshock to magnetopause is magnetosheath, formed by solar wind pressure.

Geomagnetic storms and substorms are disturbances in the magnetosphere associated with solar activities. The southward interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) is typically caused by Coronal Mass Ejection (CME), which dynamically changes the environment of the magnetosphere, known as geomagnetic storms. Ring currents are formed with drifting electrons and ions during a geomagnetic storm. Substorm is associated with auroral activity and caused by the injection of charged particles by the magnetic reconnection at the magnetotail. Geomagnetic storms and substorms cause the variation of the environment over the heliosphere, the magnetosphere, and the ionosphere. Those global variations of the environment are known as space weather, which is conceptually analogous to meteorology. The satellite observation by Explorer 1 in 1958 has shown the region of high energetic ions and electrons in the inner region of Earth's magne-

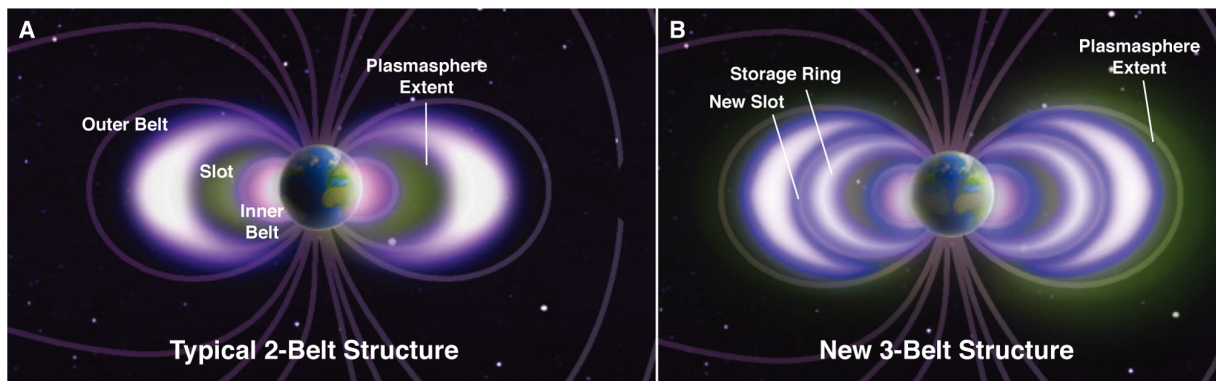


**Figure 1.1:** Artist's conceptual illustration of Earth's magnetosphere by National Research Council (2003).

tosphere (Van Allen et al., 1958). The formation of radiation belts is one of the significant interests in space weather.

## 1.2 Radiation belt of Earth

Van Allen radiation belts of Earth were first observed by the satellite (Van Allen et al., 1958). Other planets with intrinsic magnetic fields, such as Jupiter (Drake & Hvatum, 1959), Saturn (Van Allen et al., 1980; Vogt et al., 1982), Uranus (Cheng et al., 1987), and Neptune (Stone et al., 1989), also have radiation belts. Radiation belts are one of the typical characteristics of the magnetosphere of planets. The radiation belts of Earth typically form two high-energetic torus regions with relativistic charged particles; Typically, the inner and the outer radiation belts are formed as shown in Figure 1.2A. The inner radiation belts consist of several mega electron

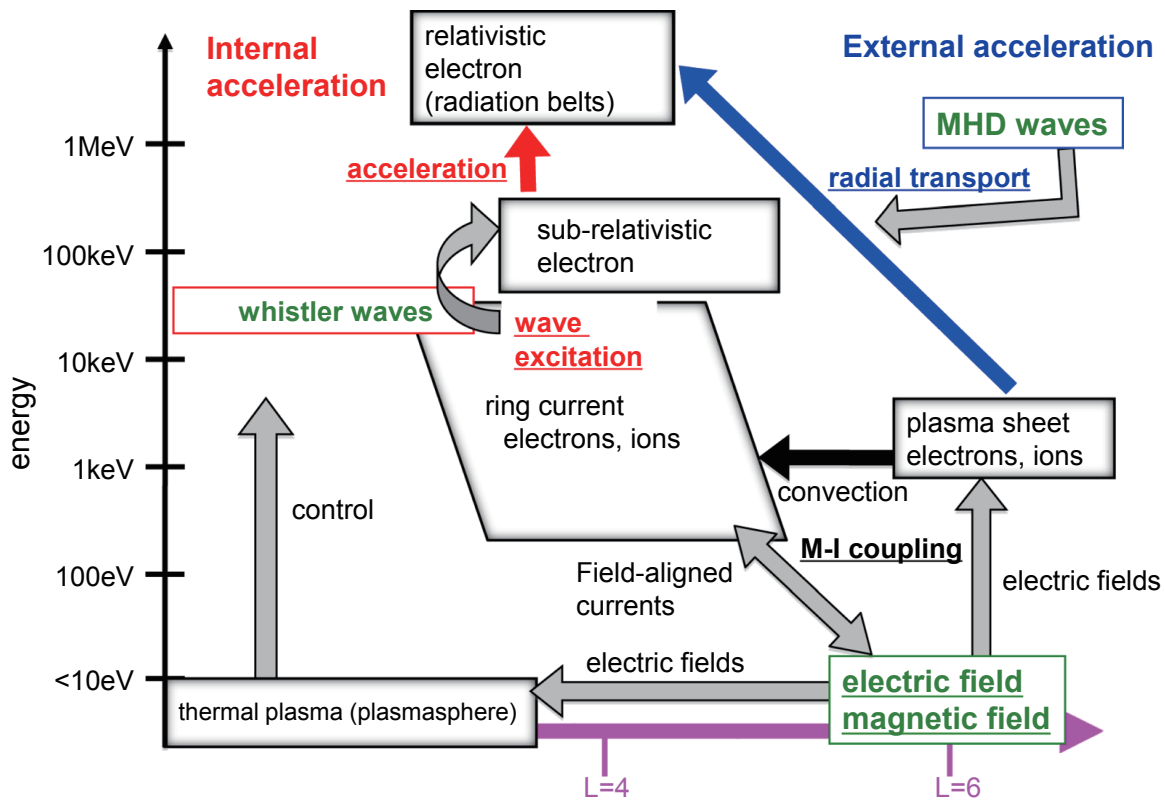


**Figure 1.2:** Schematic illustration of radiation belts of Earth. (A) Typical structure of radiation belts with two belts: A slot region exists between the inner and the outer belts. (B) Three-belt structure of radiation belts, forming storage ring from Baker et al. (2013). Reprinted with permission from AAAS.

volt protons with a radius below  $L = 3$ . The outer radiation belt is composed of relativistic electrons located from  $L = 4$  to 6. Between two radiation belts, a slot region exists, where the flux of relativistic charged particles is low. Recently, three belt structures of the radiation belts are observed in the transition phase of the formation of radiation belts (Baker et al., 2013) as shown in Figure 1.2. The distance of radiation belts from Earth is a similar radius to those for geosynchronous orbits (GSO) and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) orbits, and charged particles of the radiation belts lead to surface charging and degradation of satellites, and malfunction of electric circuits and semiconductors on satellites (Lanzerotti, 2001) (see a textbook by i.e. Coster et al., 2021).

The flux of the outer radiation belts dynamically changes by the solar activities, and the formation and the loss processes of the radiation belts have been discussed. Figure 1.3 shows the coupling processes of waves and electrons with different energies for the formation of relativistic electrons. Charged particles transported from the Sun interact with the magnetic fields of the Earth, and the particles are injected into the magnetosphere from the magnetotail by magnetic reconnections. Ultra Low Frequency (ULF) waves with a frequency range of several mHz are observed in the inner magnetosphere, and those waves are known as Pc4 to Pc5 pulsations (Saito, 1969). ULF waves accelerate electrons via radial transportation (Baker et al., 2016), which is known as external acceleration. Those ULF waves are generated by the Kelvin-Helmholtz instabilities in the magnetosheath and propagate as magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) waves (L. Chen & Hasegawa, 1974). The electrons in the inner magnetosphere can be accelerated via drift resonance with ULF waves (Kissinger et al., 2014; Teramoto et al., 2019), while the rapid formation of the radiation belts and their energy range can not be described only by the external acceleration.

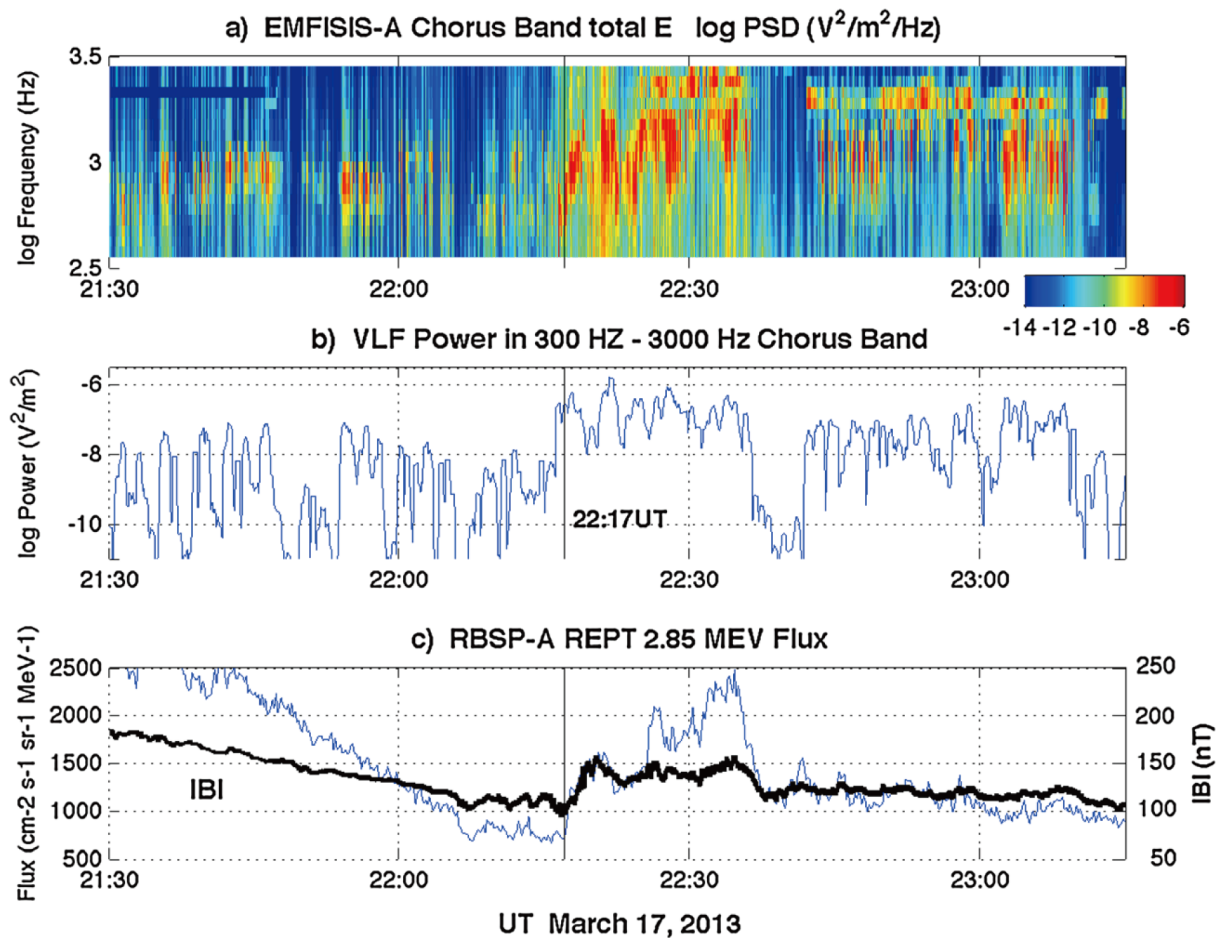
The rapid flux variations of relativistic electrons in the energy range of several hundred keV are associated with the increase of VLF emissions in the magnetosphere. The observations



**Figure 1.3:** Cross energy coupling process in the inner magnetosphere (Miyoshi et al., 2012, 2018).

suggest that the electrons in the inner magnetosphere are locally accelerated (e.g., Reeves et al., 2013; Thorne et al., 2013; Foster et al., 2014; Boyd et al., 2018, and others). Whistler-mode waves and the associated increase of electron flux have been observed in the same region as the radiation belts. Whistler-mode waves are right-handed circular polarized waves below the frequency of the electron cyclotron frequency, and propagate in the quasi-parallel direction to the geomagnetic field. The characteristics of whistler-mode waves are described in Section 1.4. Figure 1.4 shows the dynamic spectrum and the time evolution of wave amplitudes and of the flux for relativistic electrons with the energy of  $2.85\text{MeV}$ . Whistler-mode chorus waves are the key driver of the rapid dynamics of the radiation belt by wave-particle interaction (e.g., Thorne, 2010; Reeves et al., 2013, and others). The description of whistler-mode wave-particle interactions that account for the formation of radiation belts is described in Section 1.5.

The loss of the radiation belts is caused by two different mechanisms, adiabatic radial transportation and wave-particle interactions, which are similar to the enhancement of radiation belts (Reeves et al., 2003). The electrons in the radiation belt are decelerated by adiabatic radial transportation, and the energy of relativistic electrons decreases, resulting in the temporal loss of the radiation belts. The loss of radiation belts through radial transportation is temporal, because



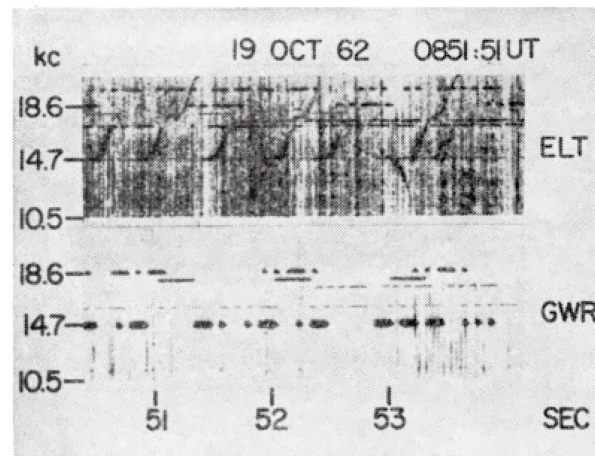
**Figure 1.4:** Observation result of whistler-mode chorus emission and associated flux enhancement of relativistic electrons by the Van Allen Probes (Foster et al., 2014) (a) Dynamic spectrum for electric fields observed with the EMFISIS instrument. (b) The power of VLF waves with the frequency range in 300 Hz – 3 kHz. (c) The flux of 2.85 MeV electrons observed with the PEPT

the flux of relativistic electrons recovers when the magnitude of the ambient magnetic field becomes greater. The major part of the loss of the radiation belt is caused by the precipitation of relativistic electrons to the atmosphere via pitch angle scattering associated with wave-particle interactions. Electromagnetic ion cyclotron (EMIC) waves with left-handed circular polarized waves are observed when the precipitation of relativistic electrons occurs (Lorentzen et al., 2000; Miyoshi et al., 2008; Kurita et al., 2018; Nakamura et al., 2019).

### 1.3 Very Low Frequency triggered emissions

Very Low Frequency (VLF) radio waves are defined with the frequency range with 3 – 30 kHz, and VLF waves are used for geophysical probing, submarine communications, and global nav-



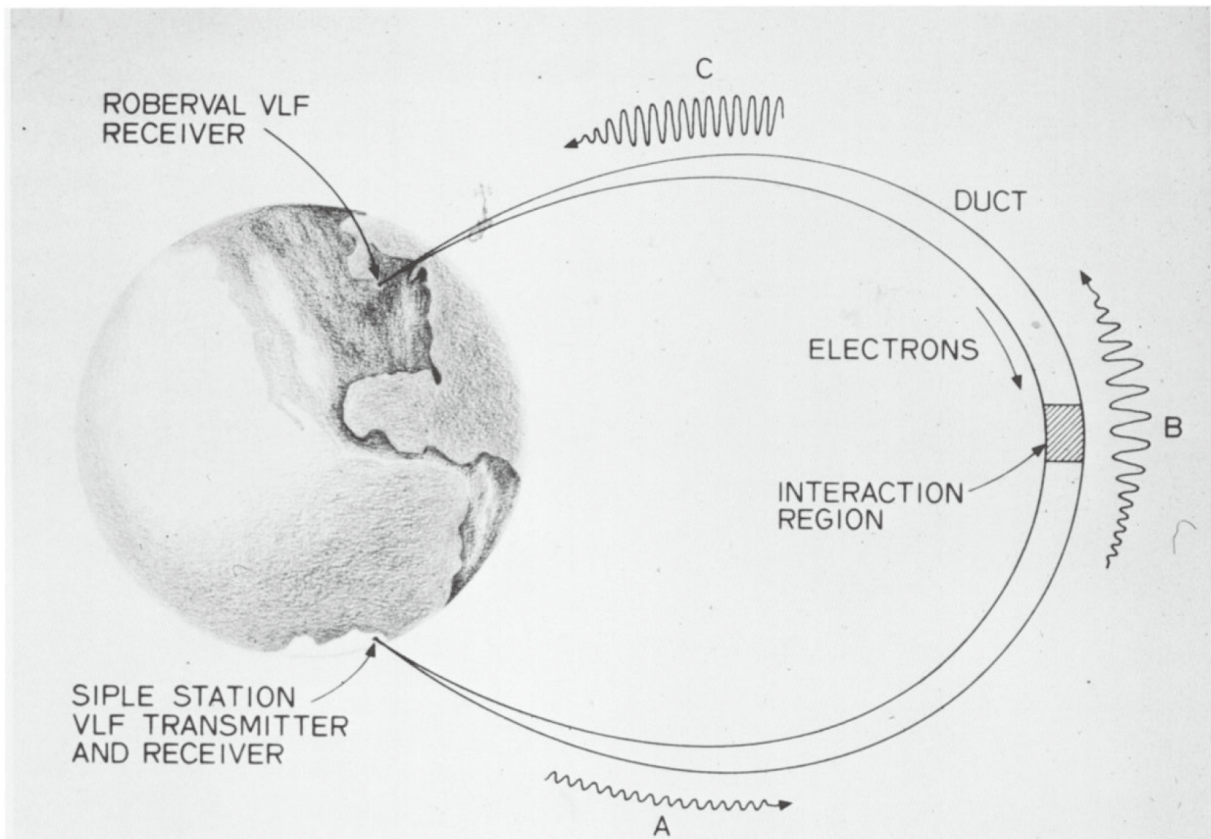


**Figure 1.5:** Dynamic spectrum of VLF rising-tone and falling-tone triggered emissions from Morse code, transmitted to a submarine, and received at the ground station on October 19, 1962 (Helliwell & Brice, 1964).

igation system (Casselmann et al., 1959; Kasper & Hutchinson, 1978). The first report of VLF triggered emissions date back to 1964, showing the events in 1959 and 1962 where the transmitted Morse code with constant frequency are modulated, and newly generated emissions are observed with different frequencies from the original transmitted waves (Helliwell & Brice, 1964) as shown in Figure 1.5. Transmitted VLF waves from the antenna in the ground propagate in the atmosphere, and waves are injected into the magnetosphere through the ionosphere. VLF waves propagate along with the dipole magnetic field line of the Earth as whistler-mode in a duct of plasmasphere (Carpenter & Miller, 1976). VLF triggered emissions are received at a ground station in the opposite hemisphere (Helliwell, 1967; Helliwell & Katsufakis, 1974).

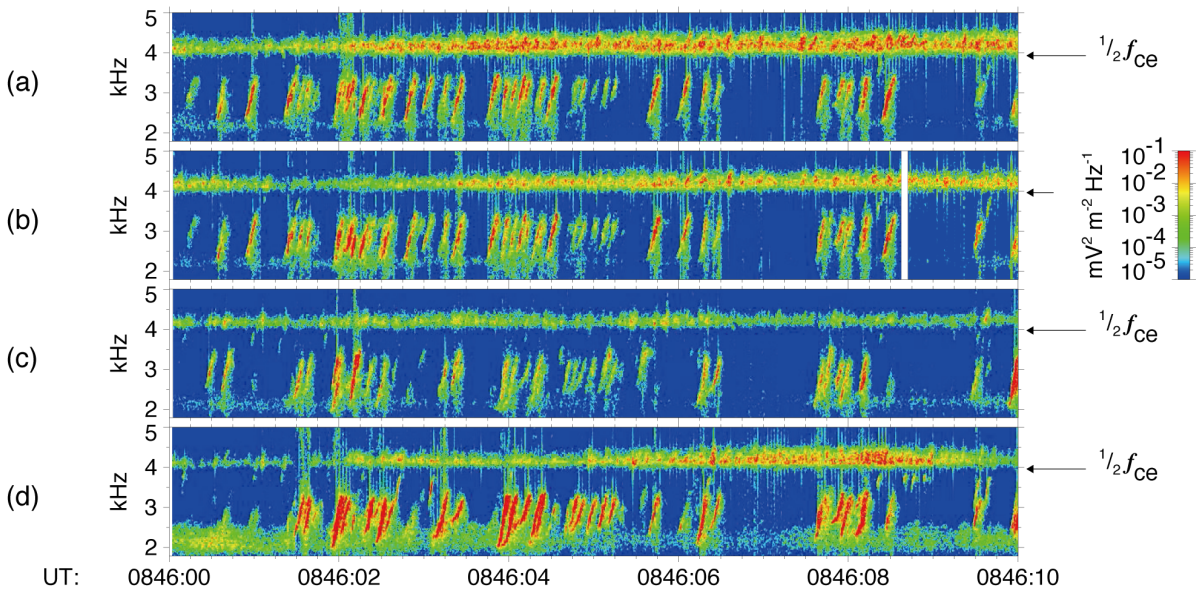
Frequency variation of VLF triggered emissions are typically classified into four types; rising-tone emissions, falling-tone emissions, hooks, and inverted hocks (Helliwell, 1967; Helliwell & Katsufakis, 1974). In the rising-tone emissions, the instantaneous frequency of the waves monotonically increases. The frequency of the falling-tone emissions decreases in time. Hooks and inverted hooks are a combination of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions, containing frequency increases and decreases. Observations of VLF triggered emission by an artificial signal injection of VLF waves have been used as an effective measure for probing the ionosphere and the magnetosphere of the Earth (Carpenter, 1988). Observations of VLF triggered emissions have shown the concept of whistler-mode propagation, showing the existence of the plasma surrounding the Earth, known as the plasmasphere. The ground observation of VLF triggered emissions suggest that the frequency variation of the VLF triggered emissions depends on the duration of the triggering waves (Helliwell & Katsufakis, 1974). Helliwell et al. (1980) have shown that the minimum threshold amplitude of triggering wave exists for obtaining triggering emissions. The generation mechanisms of triggered emissions have been discussed over one-half of a century (see reviews by Omura et al., 1991; Gołkowski et al., 2019). Helliwell





**Figure 1.6:** Schematic illustration of the Siple experiment (Helliwell, 1983). (A) VLF triggering waves are transmitted from the Siple station in the Antarctic and propagate along a duct in the magnetosphere. (B) VLF radio waves interact with resonant electrons in the vicinity of the magnetic equator, and triggered waves are generated (C) VLF waves propagate along with the magnetic field and are received at a ground station.

(1967) have proposed that the trajectory of the resonant electrons is not asymmetric in phase with the gradient of the ambient magnetic field. The asymmetric phase distribution of resonant electrons forms resonant currents, generating new emissions. The phase space modulation of resonant electrons generates triggered emissions, and the formation process of resonant electron distribution is caused by the parallel velocity differences between adiabatic and untrapped electrons (Roux & Pellat, 1978). Recently, Tao et al. (2021) proposed Trap-Release-Amplify (TaRA) model, untrapped electrons from the triggering wave generate resonant currents. These models suggest that untrapped resonant electrons are adiabatically transported upstream and generate triggered emissions. Katoh and Omura (2006) showed that resonant currents are generated by the formation of an electron hole in velocity phase space by using hybrid code. The formation of the resonant current is described in Section 1.5.

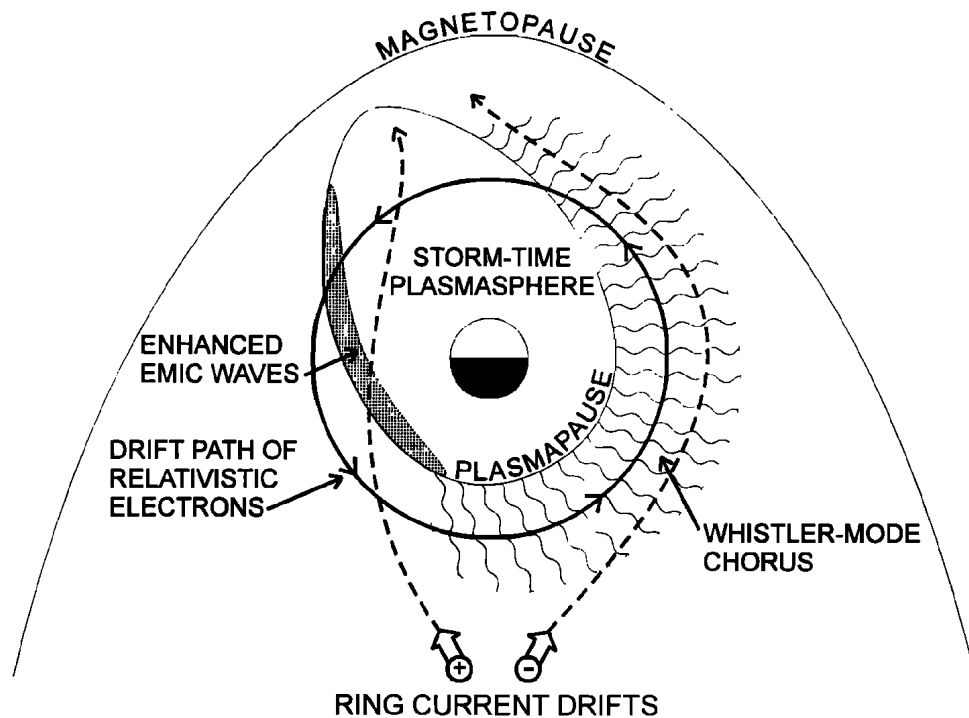


**Figure 1.7:** Dynamic spectra of upper-band and lower-band whistler-mode chorus emissions observed by the Wideband Data (WBD) instruments on the Cluster spacecraft (Santolík et al., 2004). (a) to (d) indicate the data from the Cluster spacecraft numbers 1 to 4, respectively.

## 1.4 Whistler-mode chorus emissions

Whistler-mode emissions are observed in the frequencies from several kilohertz to ten kilohertz with right-handed circular polarized waves. Whistler-mode wave is classified into three categories: Whistlers, chorus emissions, and hiss emissions. Whistlers are triggered from lightning (Storey, 1953; Carpenter, 1968; Helliwell, 1969). Lightning whistler is caused by pulsed radio wave emissions, which are triggered by lightning in the atmosphere. The frequency variation of lightning whistlers in time is observed as they propagate because of the difference in the group velocity to wave frequency. Chorus emissions are in the frequency range with  $0.1 - 0.8 \Omega_e$  of the electron cyclotron frequency and typically observed in two different frequency bands, lower-band chorus with  $0.1 - 0.5 \Omega_e$  and upper-band chorus with  $0.5 - 0.8 \Omega_e$ , where  $\Omega_e$  is the electron cyclotron frequency (e.g., Tsurutani & Smith, 1974; Santolík et al., 2004). Hiss emissions are in the frequency range  $0.05 - 0.1 \Omega_e$  (e.g., Smith, Frandsen, et al., 1974; Meredith et al., 2004; Nakamura et al., 2018). Fine structures of hiss emissions are observed (e.g., Summers et al., 2014; Nakamura et al., 2018). Those fine structures of hiss emissions can be generated by the same mechanism as chorus waves (Hikishima et al., 2020; Y. Liu & Omura, 2022).

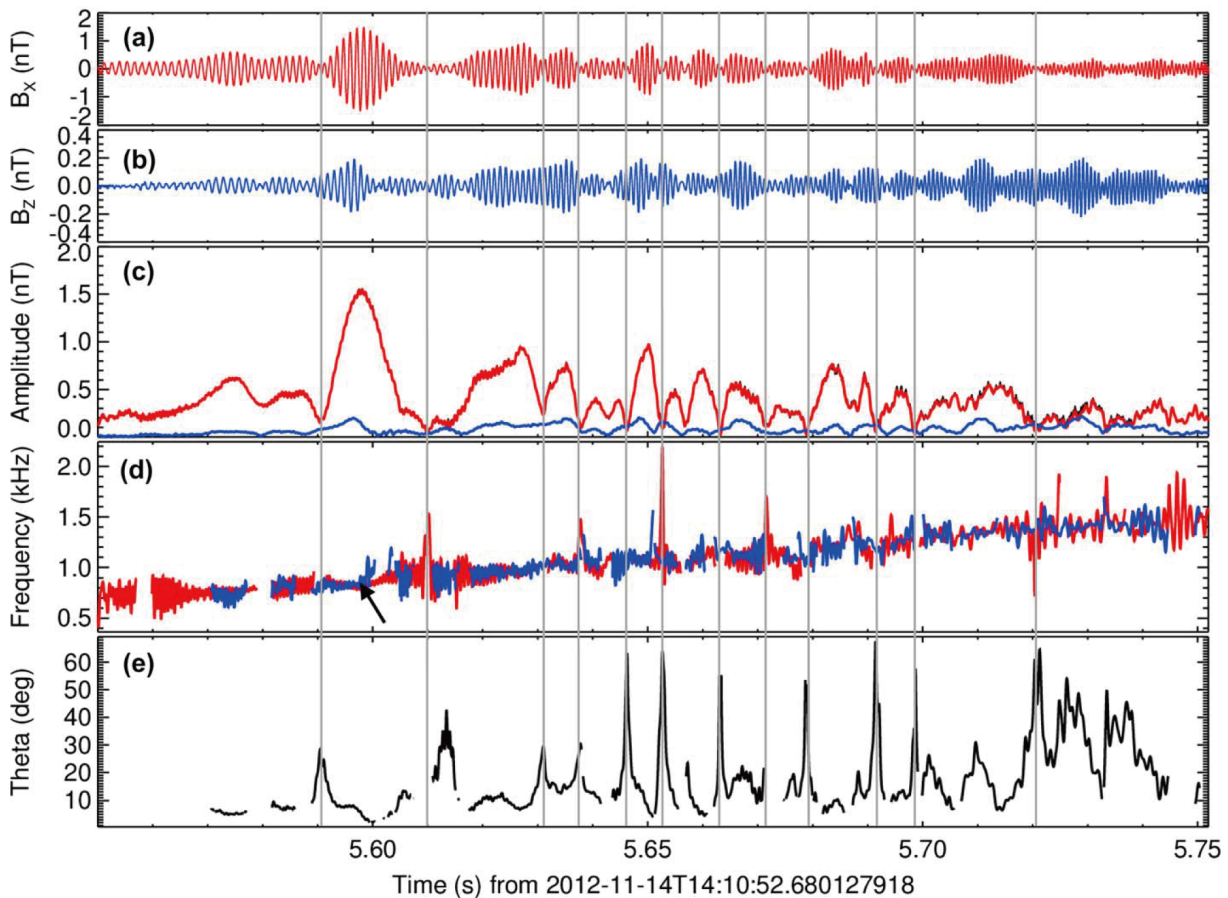
The generation of the whistler-mode chorus waves is associated with magnetic storms. During a magnetic storm, charged particles are provided from the plasma sheet, forming ring currents. Protons are transported to the inner magnetosphere in the clockwise direction, and electrons are transported in the anti-clockwise direction from the bird's eye view from the Earth's north pole as shown in Figure 1.8. Whistler-mode waves are typically generated in the region of



**Figure 1.8:** Spatial distribution of whistler-mode chorus waves and ElectroMagnetic Ion Cyclotron (EMIC) waves by the injection of electrons and ions forming ring current during magnetic storms (Summers et al., 1998)

dawn with the magnetic local time, and chorus emissions are also known as dawn chorus (W. Li et al., 2009). Global simulations have shown the formation of anisotropic electrons in the dawn region, which is responsible for the generation of whistler-mode waves (Ebihara et al., 2020).

Chorus waves are generated in the vicinity of the magnetic equator (LeDocq et al., 1998). Many studies of chorus waves have been conducted for more than half a century. (see reviews by Sazhin & Hayakawa, 1992; Tsurutani et al., 2013). Tsurutani and Smith (1974) has reported that whistler-mode chorus waves are observed during a substorm by the ground observation. W. Li et al. (2011) have conducted a statistical survey on the characteristics of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions by using THEMIS measurement data, showing the occurrence, generation region, amplitude, and propagation angle of the emissions. Rising-tone emissions are more frequently observed than falling-tone emissions, and the amplitude of rising-tone emissions is typically greater than that of falling-tone emissions. Chorus waves generally propagate in the quasi-parallel direction to the ambient magnetic field, while very oblique whistler-mode chorus waves are also observed (e.g., A. Artemyev et al., 2016). Colpitts et al. (2020) have conducted by using multiple satellites, the Van Allen Probes, and Arase. Whistler-mode waves are also observed in the magnetosheath, which locally forms a mirror-shaped magnetic field by using Multi Sattelite Mission satellites (MMS) (Kitamura et al., 2020). The satellite observations have



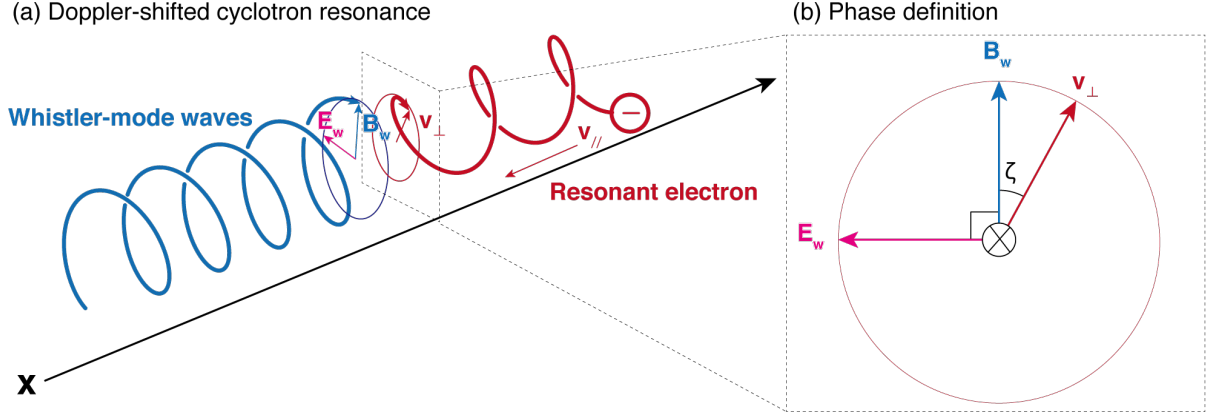
**Figure 1.9:** Characteristics of subpacket structures in a single rising-tone element (Santolík et al., 2014). (a) Waveform of  $B_x$  perpendicular to ambient magnetic field (b) Waveform of  $B_z$  parallel to the ambient magnetic field. (c) Time evolution of amplitudes of  $B_x$  is shown in red, and  $B_z$  is shown in blue. (d) Instantaneous frequencies of waveforms with the same color as (c). (e) Propagation wave vector of the waves.

shown that the amplitude in a single rising-tone element changes in time, forming a subpacket structure (Santolík et al., 2014; Foster et al., 2021). Figure 1.9 shows the characteristics of the subpacket structure. Tsurutani et al. (2020) has shown that the instantaneous frequency in the subpacket structure is constant. Foster et al. (2021) has shown that the instantaneous frequency smoothly increases in a subpacket for rising-tone emissions.

## 1.5 Whistler-mode wave-particle interaction

The generation mechanism of whistler-mode waves triggered emissions and chorus waves have been discussed for more than half a century. There exist many studies on the generation process of chorus waves, and we classify the generation mechanisms of chorus waves in those studies into two categories, linear wave growth, and resonant current. Linear wave growth is driven by the temperature anisotropy of energetic electrons. Nonlinear wave growth is caused by the





**Figure 1.10:** Schematic illustration of first-order doppler-shifted cyclotron resonance and definition of the phase difference between  $v_{\perp}$  and  $B_w$  as the frame of reference of the parallel velocity of the resonant electron.

formation of resonant current. Linear wave growth is also known as whistler instability, which is caused by the anisotropic velocity distribution of energetic electrons (Kennel & Petschek, 1966; Xiao et al., 1998). Although a positive linear wave growth rate is obtained in a certain frequency range depending on the velocity distribution function, the frequency of the generated wave packets is fixed during wave growth; Linear wave growth is not consistent with the frequency variations of rising-tone and falling-tone chorus emissions.

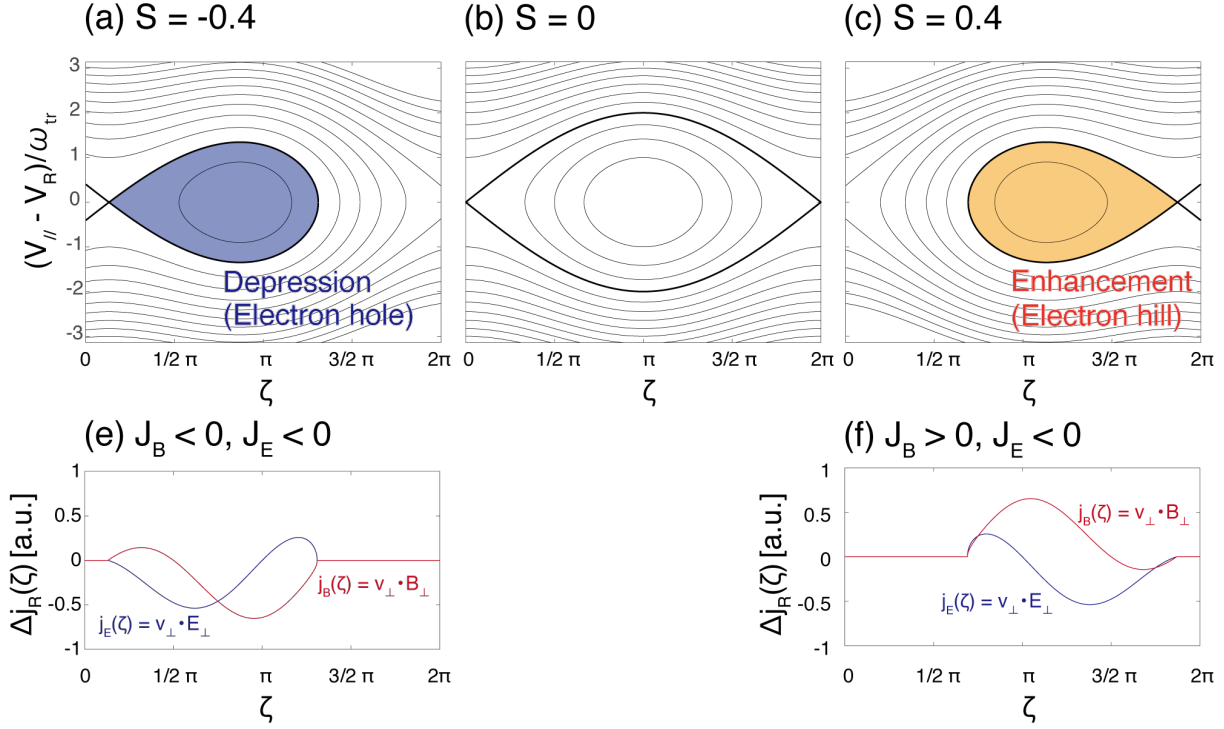
In the nonlinear process of the wave growth, resonant currents are formed by resonant electrons interacting with the coherent waves generated by the linear wave growth or triggering waves, leading to an effective wave growth and frequency variations (e.g., Dysthe, 1971; Nunn, 1974; Helliwell, 1967; Roux & Pellat, 1978; Vomvoridis et al., 1982; Trakhtengerts, 1999; Omura et al., 2008; Hikishima et al., 2009b; Omura, 2021, and others). Figure 1.10 shows the schematic illustration of doppler-shifter cyclotron resonance in the generation of whistler-mode waves. The wave equation and dispersion relation of whistler-mode waves are written by Omura et al. (2008) and Omura (2021) as

$$\frac{\partial B_w}{\partial t} + V_g \frac{\partial B_w}{\partial h} = -\frac{\mu_0 V_g}{2} J_E, \quad (1.1)$$

$$c^2 k^2 - \omega^2 - \frac{\omega \omega_p^2}{\Omega_e - \omega} = \mu_0 c^2 k \frac{J_B}{B_w}, \quad (1.2)$$

, where  $V_g$ ,  $c$ ,  $k$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\omega_p$ ,  $\Omega_e$  and  $\mu_0$  are group velocity of whistler-mode waves, speed of light in a vacuum, wave frequency, plasma frequency, cyclotron frequency, and magnetic permittivity, respectively. By using the cold dispersion relation of whistler-mode waves with the wave frequency of  $\omega_0$  and equation (1.2), we obtain the frequency variation  $\delta\omega$  from wave frequency  $\omega_0$  as

$$\delta\omega = -\frac{\mu_0 V_g}{2} \frac{J_B}{B_w}. \quad (1.3)$$



**Figure 1.11:** Trajectories of electrons under resonance with whistler-mode waves for different inhomogeneous factors  $S$  (Omura et al., 2008; Nunn & Omura, 2012; Omura, 2021) for (a)  $S = -0.4$ , (b)  $S = 0$ , and (c)  $S = 0.4$ , respectively. (e,f) Formation of resonant current for different phase angles  $\zeta$  by the formation of electron hole and hill.

The formation of the resonant currents is controlled by the inhomogeneous distribution of resonant electrons in the cyclotron motion with respect to the transverse wave magnetic field. The phase difference  $\zeta$  is defined as  $\zeta = \phi - \psi$ , where  $\phi$  is the wave phase of the transverse magnetic field of waves, and  $\psi$  is the phase of the perpendicular velocity of resonant electrons as shown in Figure 1.10b. In the cyclotron resonance condition  $\zeta$  is approximately zero. The trajectory of the resonant electrons in the phase space  $(\zeta, d\zeta/dt)$  is given by the pendulum equation from the equation of motions, written as

$$\frac{d^2\zeta}{dt^2} = \omega_{tr}(\sin \zeta + S) \quad (1.4)$$

where inhomogeneous factor  $S$  is given by

$$S = -\frac{1}{s_0\omega\Omega_w} \left( s_1 \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial t} + cs_2 \frac{\partial\Omega_e}{\partial h} \right), \quad (1.5)$$

and

$$s_0 = \frac{\chi v_{\perp}}{\xi c}, \quad (1.6)$$

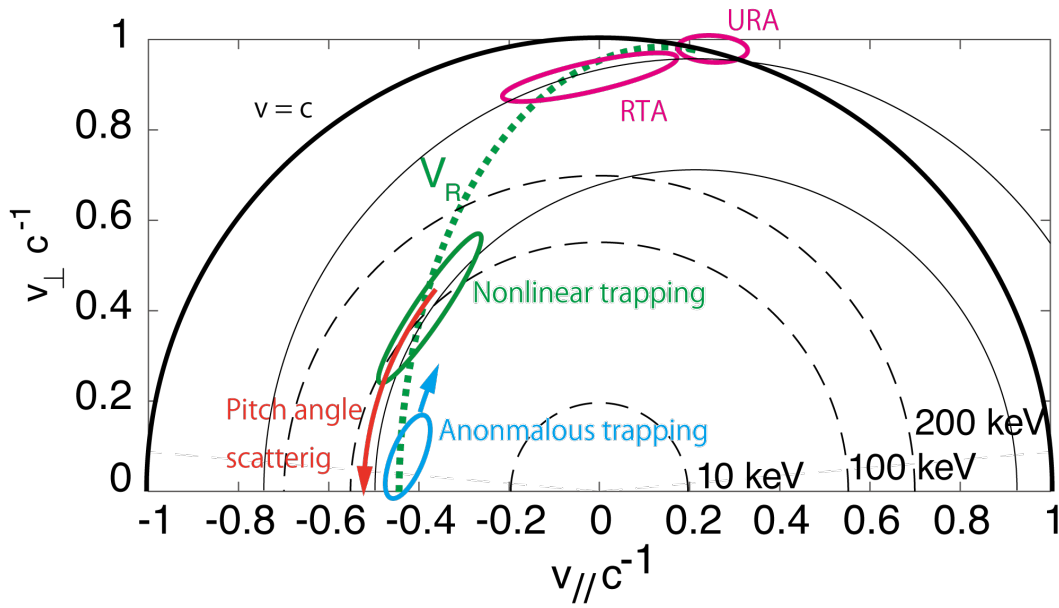
$$s_1 = \gamma \left( 1 - \frac{V_R}{V_g} \right)^2, \quad (1.7)$$

$$s_2 = \frac{1}{2\xi\chi} \left\{ \frac{\gamma\omega}{\Omega_e} \left( \frac{v_\perp}{c} \right)^2 - \left[ 2 + \Lambda \frac{\chi^2(\Omega_e - \gamma\omega)}{\Omega_e - \omega} \right] \frac{V_R V_p}{c^2} \right\}, \quad (1.8)$$

where  $\xi$  and  $\chi$  are the dimensionless parameters given by  $\xi^2 = \omega(\Omega_e - \omega)/\omega_p^2$  and  $\chi^2 = 1/(1 + \xi^2)$ , respectively. The detailed derivation of the equations (1.1) to (1.8), are described in Omura et al. (2008) and Omura (2021). The inhomogeneous factor  $S$  is mainly controlled by two terms, frequency variation of waves in time and the spatial gradient of the ambient magnetic field, as we find in equation (1.5).

The trajectories of the resonant electrons for different inhomogeneous factor  $S$  in phase space with respect to  $\zeta$  and  $d\zeta/dt$  are shown in Figure 1.11. The trajectories of resonant electrons are symmetric to  $\zeta = \pi/2$ , when the inhomogeneous factor  $S = 0$  as shown in Figure 1.11b. The bold solid black lines indicate separatrix between trapped and untrapped electrons, which appears in the range of inhomogeneous factor  $-1 < S < 1$ . When the enhancement or depression of trapped electrons takes place, resonant currents are generated, while frequency variation does not happen with  $S = 0$  due to the absence of  $J_B$ . When the inhomogeneous factor  $S$  becomes negative, the center of the trajectory shift to the lower phase difference  $\zeta$  as shown in Figure 1.11a. In the rising-tone emissions, electron density distribution in the separatrix of the trajectory decreases, forming an electron hole. Assuming the uniform density in the separatrix, we obtain negative resonant currents by integrating resonant currents  $\mathbf{j}_B$  and  $\mathbf{j}_E$  with respect to wave phase  $\zeta$  as shown in Figure 1.11e. With the negative resonant currents  $\mathbf{J}_B$ , the wave frequency increases in time as in equation 1.3, and wave amplitude grows with the negative resonant current  $\mathbf{J}_E$ . In the falling-tone emissions, electron hill is formed by the enhancement of electron population in the separatrix, where the inhomogeneous factor  $S$  is 0.4 as shown in Figure 1.11c. With the same assumptions as the case of rising-tone emissions applied, the resonant current  $\mathbf{J}_E$  is negative, while the resonant current  $\mathbf{J}_B$  is positive as shown in Figure 1.11f. With the positive resonant currents  $\mathbf{J}_B$ , the wave frequency decreases in time. Recently, Kitamura et al. (2022) have shown the formation of resonant currents and an electron hole in phase space during the generation of chorus waves by the direct satellite measurement with MMS.

The significance of the whistler-mode wave-particle interaction is not only the generation process of triggered emissions and chorus emissions but also the acceleration, diffusion, and pitch angle scattering process of an electron. With the small amplitude of whistler-mode waves, pitch angle diffusion occurs. Diffusion of resonant electrons via quasi-linear theory has also been proposed, where the amplitude of the chorus waves is low (e.g., Summers, 2005; Summers et al., 2007a, 2007b, and others). The amplitude threshold between the quasi-linear theory, including the linear theory and the nonlinear theory, is surveyed from the theoretical derivation (i.e. Omura et al., 2008) and numerical simulations (i.e. Kitahara & Katoh, 2019; Gan et al., 2020, 2022). The amplitude of chorus waves grows by the seed waves generated from temperature anisotropy (Hikishima et al., 2009b), and the observation of large amplitude chorus



**Figure 1.12:** Schematic illustration of the density population variations in the velocity distribution via cyclotron resonance for (magenta) electron acceleration (RTA, URA), (green) nonlinear trapping, (orange) pitch angle scattering, and (cyan) anomalous trapping. The cyclotron resonance velocity is shown in green dotted lines with the wave frequency of  $0.3 \Omega_e$  and the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ .

waves (Santolík et al., 2014), nonlinear wave-particle interactions are the key kinetic process in the inner magnetosphere. Figure 1.12 shows the whistler-mode wave-particle interactions with respect to the different pitch angles and the energy ranges. In the higher pitch angle, effective acceleration processes of electrons via trapping to wave potential occurs, which are known as Relativistic Turning Acceleration (RTA) (Omura et al., 2007) and Ultra Relativistic Acceleration (URA) (Summers & Omura, 2007). Whistler-mode chorus waves are potential waves for the pitch angle scattering of electrons (Horne & Thorne, 1998). Pitch angle scattering is associated with the observation of chorus waves (Kasahara et al., 2018). Satellite observations show that the diffuse and pulsating aurora are caused by the precipitation of the electron by chorus waves (Ozaki et al., 2018). The pitch angle scattering of electrons occurs in the generation process of chorus waves (Hikishima et al., 2009a). With the large amplitude chorus waves, the pitch angle of the resonant electrons in the low pitch angle increases via anomalous trapping occurs (Kitahara & Katoh, 2019). The trajectories of resonant electrons in the lower pitch angle are studies showing the (Gan et al., 2020; Yoon & Bellan, 2020; A. V. Artemyev et al., 2021; Albert et al., 2022). Oblique whistler-mode waves accelerate electrons via Landau resonance (e.g. A. V. Artemyev et al., 2014; Hsieh & Omura, 2018) due to the parallel (O. V. Agapitov et al., 2016) and perpendicular electric waves.

Subpacket structures of the chorus emissions are also important issues in the nonlinear wave-particle interaction. The trapping of resonant electrons and the formation of resonant currents



via nonlinear interactions are based on the assumption that the wave phase smoothly changes so that the seed waves are regarded as monochromatic coherent waves over a finite time period. Subpacket structures of the VLF triggered emissions can be observed as the side-band structures in dynamic spectra (i.e. Park, 1981; Costabile et al., 2017), and multiple frequencies in dynamic spectra for chorus waves (i.e. Foster et al., 2021). These characteristics of the subpacket structures of whistler-mode waves can affect the efficiency of the nonlinear wave-particle interactions. Test particle simulations of the electron trapping with chorus waves with subpacket structures have shown that the effective acceleration by nonlinear trapping occurs (Kubota & Omura, 2018; Hsieh et al., 2020).

## 1.6 Numerical simulations of VLF triggered emission and chorus emission

For the study of the kinetic process in the generation of whistler-mode triggered emissions and chorus emissions, numerical simulations have been conducted. Table 1.1 shows an overview of self-consistent simulations for whistler-mode triggered emissions and whistler-mode chorus emissions after (Gołkowski et al., 2019). In the early phase of the self-consistent simulation,

**Table 1.1:** Self-consistent numerical simulations of whistler-mode triggered emissions and chorus emissions, modified from Gołkowski et al. (2019). Acronyms in source columns, TW and TA, stand for the wave source of triggered emissions from triggering waves and from waves grown from the temperature anisotropy, respectively.

Reference	Solver type	Dimension	Model	Source	Broadband	Feature & Key results
Nunn (1974)	Hybrid Vlasov	1D3V	Parabolic	TW		Small frequency change
Vomvoridis and Denavit (1980)	Hybrid PIC	1D3V	Linear	TW		Frequency increase
Omura and Matsumoto (1982)	Hybrid PIC	1D3V	Parabolic	TW		Wave growth
Nunn (1990, 1993)	Hybrid Vlasov	1D3V	Parabolic	TW		Rising-tone emission
Nunn and Omura (2012)	Hybrid Vlasov	1D3V	Parabolic	TW		Falling-tone emission
Harid et al. (2014)	Hybrid Vlasov	1D3V	inhomogeneity	TW		Frequency variations
Katoh and Omura (2006)	Hybrid PIC	1D3V	Parabolic	TW	X	Rising-tone emission
Katoh and Omura (2007)	Hybrid PIC	1D3V	Parabolic	TA	X	Rising-tone emission
Hikishima et al. (2009b)	Full PIC	1D3V	Parabolic	TA	X	Rising-tone emission
Hikishima et al. (2010)	Full PIC	1D3V	Parabolic	TW	X	Rising-tone emission
Tao (2014)	Hybrid $\delta f$ -PIC	1D3V	Parabolic	TA	X	Rising-tone emission
Katoh and Omura (2016)	Hybrid PIC	1D3V	Parabolic	TA	X	Real parameter, Rising-tone emission
Ke et al. (2017)	Hybrid PIC	2D3V	Parabolic	TA	X	Rising-tone emission
Wu et al. (2020)	Hybrid PIC	1D3V	Homogeneous	TA	X	Rising-tone and falling-tone emissions
Wu et al. (2022)	Hybrid PIC	1D3V	Inverse parabolic	TA	X	Falling-tone emission

wave equation and dispersion relation are solved for the electromagnetic fields. Because the wave equation and dispersion relations are solved for a specific frequency, the frequency range of the narrowband simulations is restricted, preventing the generation of triggered emissions with greater frequency variations. Nunn (1974) have shown the formation of resonant current and decreasing frequency in time. Wave growth and small frequency variations associated with the formation of an electron hole are shown (Vomvoridis & Denavit, 1980; Omura & Matsumoto, 1982). Long-time-scale (LTS) algorithm is used in the simulations of whistler-mode

wave-particle interaction (Rathmann et al., 1978; Omura & Matsumoto, 1982). In the LTS scheme, equations of motion are solved only for energetic electrons, and the spatial distribution of resonant currents is calculated by integrating resonant current for each superparticle. The cold dispersion relation of whistler-mode waves is determined, and wave equations are solved with the resonant current. Finally, the spatial distribution of the electromagnetic field in the system is updated. The first successive reproductions of rising-tone emissions are done by Nunn (1990) with Vlasov Hybrid Simulation code by applying quasi-broadband approaches (i.e. Nunn & Smith, 1996; Nunn, 2021). Nunn and Omura (2012) have shown the generation of falling-tone triggered emissions in the upstream region of triggering waves. (Mourenas et al., 2022) have conducted Vlasov Hybrid Simulation and reproduced short chorus wave packets.

Since the computer performance for numerical simulation has drastically improved, particle-in-cell simulation by solving Maxwell's equations with a numerical scheme (e.g., FDTD) became possible for whistler-mode wave-particle interactions. Katoh and Omura (2006) have shown the formation of rising-tone triggered emission with hybrid particle-in-cell simulation, showing the formation of resonant currents. Katoh and Omura (2007) have successfully reproduced rising-tone chorus emission from large temperature anisotropy. Hikishima et al. (2009b) and Hikishima et al. (2010) have conducted full particle simulations for chorus emissions and triggered emissions, reproducing rising-tone emissions, respectively. Tao (2014) has shown the rising-tone emissions and the formation of an electron hole with  $\delta f$  PIC simulation, which enables the suppression of the thermal noise due to the randomness of superparticles. Katoh and Omura (2016) have shown the generation of rising-tone chorus emissions with the real parameters in the inner magnetosphere. Ke et al. (2017) have conducted two-dimensional simulations of rising-tone chorus emissions, showing the oblique propagation of chorus waves. Wu et al. (2020) have reported the generation of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions in a homogeneous background magnetic field. Recently, Wu et al. (2022) have conducted numerical simulations with the inverted parabolic magnetic fields and observed falling-tone emissions. H. Chen, Lu, et al. (2022) have reproduced hooked chorus waves with  $\delta f$  PIC simulations. Fujiwara et al. (2023) have shown the formation of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions and conducted numerical analyses of the generation of an electron hole, an electron hill, and resonant currents with the inhomogeneous ambient magnetic field.

## 1.7 Objectives and structure of the dissertation

The generation processes of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions have been discussed over several decades, while the generation-triggered emissions in the early phase have not been clearly understood. Chorus waves are generated in the vicinity of the magnetic equator (LeDocq et al., 1998). The main process of the chorus wave generation is controlled by nonlinear wave-particle interactions growing from the seed waves with coherent waves generated by tempera-

ture anisotropy (Hikishima et al., 2009b). For obtaining long rising-tone emissions, we use the monochromatic triggering waves as the seed waves. The triggered emissions as the study of chorus waves are advantageous because we can eliminate electromagnetic wave components in the simulation with the given frequency of triggering wave frequency by signal processing on raw waveform data. The feature is powerful for the analyses of the early phase of the generation of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions.

The transition phase from linear to nonlinear wave growth is not clear. During the generation of rising-tone emissions, the wave generation region of triggered emissions shifts in space. The wave generation region of triggered waves shifts to the downstream region of triggering wave source (Katoh & Omura, 2006), while the other sets of the simulation parameters lead to the upstream shifts of the generation region shifts with the full-particle code (Hikishima et al., 2010). The shifts of the wave generation region are not obvious in the studies of chorus emissions (Katoh & Omura, 2007; Hikishima et al., 2009b, 2010). For the investigation of the characteristics in the wave generation, we also use the monochromatic triggering waves as the seed waves.

The formation process of the subpacket structure remains unclear. (Shoji & Omura, 2013) have studied the generation models of subpacket structure of ElectroMagnetic Ion cyclotron (EMIC) waves by the repeating processes of phase space modulation and the formation of resonant current, shifting the generation region upstream. Hanzelka et al. (2020) have proposed a generation model of subpacket structure for chorus waves, which is also based on the repeating processes of phase space modulation and the formation of resonant current. By comparing the characteristics of subpackets with different duration, we investigate the characteristics of the subpacket structures.

The generation process of falling-tone triggered emissions is shown in terms of the formation of resonant currents. Falling-tone emissions have not been reproduced by the self-consistent simulation except for Nunn and Omura (2012) with the quasi-broadband method. In the present studies, continuous waves are injected into the simulation system, leading to the generation of rising-tone emissions. Ground observations that shorted triggering waves generate triggered emissions with falling frequencies Helliwell and Katsufakis (1974), we set the duration time of triggering waves as short. Resonant current and inhomogeneous factors are calculated, and the nonlinear characteristics of falling-tone emissions are shown.

Throughout the study, we reproduce rising-tone and falling-tone triggered emissions with self-consistent particle simulations. The structure of the dissertation is as follows.

- **Chapter 2: Numerical simulation of triggered emissions**

In this chapter, simulation methods and simulation models in the study are described. We use electromagnetic particle simulation in the study. The concept of the particle-in-cell method is described. Subsequently, a one-dimensional parabolic model of the geomagnetic field is shown. We have modified the Buneman-Boris method for the conservation

of  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$  in the cyclotron motion in the parabolic magnetic field. The generation algorithm of the particle distribution in a one-dimensional model is shown. Assuming the conservation of energy and adiabatic invariants during the mirror motion in the parabolic magnetic field, we distribute energetic electrons uniformly in the oscillation phase. The separation of forward and backward waves is shown. By using spatial helicity of whistler-mode waves, forward waves and backward waves are separated with the Discrete Fourier Transformation (DFT) with respect to space. Calculations of resonant current and phase space distribution are described.

- **Chapter 3: Nonlinear signatures of rising-tone emissions**

In this chapter, nonlinear characteristics of whistler-mode rising-tone emissions are discussed. Rising-tone elements with multiple subpackets with monotonically increasing frequencies are generated from the triggering wave. The long rising-tone subpacket is modulated with increasing magnitude, splitting into smaller subpackets through propagation. The amplitude modulations in the subpacket are generated by the oscillation of trapping electrons at the equatorial region or the enhancement of amplitude variations through propagation in the downstream region.

- **Chapter 4: Upstream shift of generation region of rising-tone emissions**

In this chapter, we discuss the upstream shift of wave generation region of rising-tone emissions, observed in Chapter 3. We have found that the velocity of the wave generation region depends on the duration of the subpacket, which is controlled by the formation of the resonant current. The formation process of the subpacket structure and associating velocity difference for the upstream shift of wave generation region is discussed. Below one-quarter of the cyclotron frequency, the coalescence of subpackets takes place, suppressing the formation of the resonant current in the generation region. Since a gradual upstream shift of the generation region is necessary for the wave to grow locally, the source velocity should be a small negative value.

- **Chapter 5: Generation process of falling-tone emissions**

In this chapter, we discuss the generation process of whistler-mode falling-tone emissions. The short whistler mode waves with a large amplitude are excited and propagate poleward from an artificial current oscillating with a constant frequency and amplitude. Following the excited waves, clear emissions are triggered with a falling frequency. The falling tone has several subpackets of amplitude and decreases the frequency in a stepwise manner. The positive resonant current formed by resonant electrons in the direction of the wave magnetic field clearly shows that an electron hill is formed in the phase space and causes the frequency decrease. Each wavefront of the emission has a strongly negative resonant current  $-J_E$ , which results in wave growth. In the formation process of the resonant

currents, we investigate the inhomogeneous factor  $S$ , which controls the nonlinear motion of the resonant electrons interacting with waves.

- **Chapter 6: Summary**

In this chapter, we present a summary of the study and describe future prospects beyond the study.



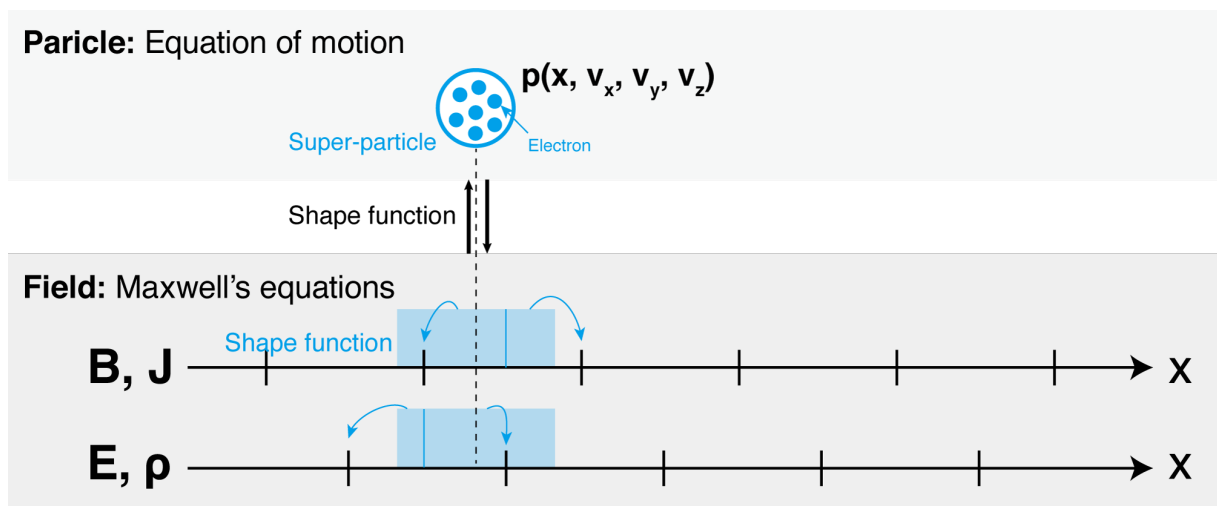
# Chapter 2

## Numerical simulation of triggered emissions

### 2.1 Particle-in-cell simulation

In the present study, particle-in-cell simulation is used for analyses of whistler-mode triggered emissions. This chapter describes simulation methods, initial conditions for particles, and the analysis tools for nonlinear wave-particle interactions.

We use Kyoto university electromagnetic plasma code (KEMPO) (Omura & Matsumoto, 1993; Omura, 2007) with modifications. The concept of the particle-in-cell simulation for plasma is shown in Figure 2.1.



**Figure 2.1:** Schematic illustration of one-dimensional Particle-in-cell (PIC) simulation. Equation of motion and Maxwell's equations are solved self-consistently by using the shape function.

Electromagnetic and electrostatic components of plasma are given in the Eulerian grid and

solved by using Finite Difference Time Domain (FDTD) method.

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0}. \quad (2.4)$$

Electric fields and magnetic fields in a simulation system are defined at a staggered grid with the FDTD method (Yee, 1966). By taking a first-order difference with respect to time and space, the discretized Maxwell's equations (2.1) and (2.2) for numerical simulation are obtained.

The motion of charged particles in fully-ionized collisionless plasma is given by the equation of motion as

$$m_0 \frac{d(\gamma \mathbf{v})}{dt} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}), \quad (2.5)$$

where  $m_0$  and  $q$  are the rest mass of a superparticle and the electron charge of the superparticle, respectively.  $\gamma$  is Lorentz factor given by  $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}$ .

A cluster of electrons in plasma is treated as a superparticle in PIC simulation. The motion of superparticles is given with Lagrangian variables and solved by the Buneman-Boris method (Boris & Shanny, 1970).

The simulation requires boundary conditions for both particles and electromagnetic fields. Energetic particles are reflected at the edge of the simulation box, conserving the adiabatic momentum and randomizing the gyration phase. For electromagnetic fields, we couple the periodic condition and the absorbing boundary condition developed by Umeda et al. (2001). The first and last arrays of the grid are treated with periodic conditions, and the damping region suppresses the amplitude and retards the phase of the outgoing waves.

## 2.2 One-dimensional model of geomagnetic field

We set the  $x$ -axis along the field line. Near the magnetic equator, the  $x$ -component of the dipole magnetic field  $B_0(x)$  is approximated by parabolic variation as

$$B_0(x) = B_{\text{eq}}(1 + ax^2), \quad (2.6)$$

where  $x$  is the distance along the field line from the equator, and  $B_{\text{eq}}$  and  $a$  are the equatorial magnitude of the background magnetic field and the coefficient of the parabolic variations of the background magnetic field, respectively.

The radial components of the magnetic field  $B_r$  must be taken into account for the condition  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ . The radial magnetic field  $B_r$  is given by

$$B_r = -\frac{\rho_c}{2} \frac{\partial B_0(x)}{\partial x}, \quad (2.7)$$



where  $\rho_c$  is the cyclotron radius of an electron.

Substituting  $B_0(x)$  in equation (2.6) with equation (2.7), we have the vectors of the radial magnetic field for an individual superparticle by

$$\mathbf{B}_r = \frac{m\gamma(\mathbf{v}_\perp \times \mathbf{e}_x)ax}{q(1+ax^2)}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_x$  and  $\mathbf{v}_\perp$  are the unit vector parallel to the ambient magnetic field and perpendicular velocity, respectively.

The radial component of the background magnetic field is dependent on the perpendicular velocity of an electron, while half time step difference exists between the temporal grid of the magnetic field and that of electron velocity. In order to obtain electron velocity at the same timing as the magnetic field, we modify the Buneman-Boris solver as follows. The radial magnetic field is given from the particle velocity as equation (2.7). The calculated radial background magnetic fields  $\mathbf{B}_r$  are added to the wave magnetic fields, and the velocity of the particle is calculated by the normal Buneman-Boris method. The algorithm in the study is described in Appendix A.

## 2.3 Generation method of initial particle distribution with one-dimensional model

The model consists of three species of particles, cold electrons, cold protons, and energetic electrons. Thermal electrons and protons have a bi-Maxwellian distribution, while energetic electrons have a subtracted-Maxwellian distribution. For a marginally stable condition in the region, we define the initial velocity distribution of energetic electrons as follows.

Using the relativistic momentum  $u_\parallel = \gamma v_\parallel$  and  $u_\perp = \gamma v_\perp$  (the parallel and perpendicular components to the background magnetic field), we define the velocity distribution function of energetic electrons at the equator  $f_{eq}$  as

$$f_{eq}(u_\parallel, u_\perp) = C_N \exp\left\{-\frac{u_\parallel^2}{2 < u_\parallel >^2}\right\} g_{eq}(u_\perp) H(\arctan(\frac{|u_\perp|}{|u_\parallel|}) - \alpha_{\text{loss}}), \quad (2.9)$$

$$g_{eq}(u_{\perp,eq}) = \frac{1}{1-\beta} \left\{ \exp(-\frac{u_{\perp,eq}^2}{2u_{\perp,T}^2}) - \exp(-\frac{u_{\perp,eq}^2}{2\beta u_{\perp,T}^2}) \right\}, \quad (2.10)$$

where  $C_N$  is a normalization coefficient for the distribution function,  $H(x)$  is a Heviside step function,  $\alpha_{\text{loss}}$  is a losscone angle,  $\beta$  is a subtraction ratio. The Heaviside function is used to eliminate electrons in the loss cone completely. Each superparticle is distributed from the magnetic equator to the mirror point with the conservation of magnetic momentum and kinetic energy, transported from the velocity distribution function at the equator. Charged particles travel with harmonic bounce oscillations along the parabolic magnetic field. The position  $x$  and

the momentum in the off-equatorial region ( $u_{\parallel}, u_{\perp}$ ) are given from the uniformly distributed phase  $\phi$  as

$$x = x_m \cos \phi \quad (0 \leq \phi < 2\pi), \quad (2.11)$$

$$u_{\perp} = u_{\text{eq},\perp} \sqrt{1 + ax^2}, \quad (2.12)$$

$$u_{\parallel} = u_{\text{eq},\parallel} \sqrt{1 - ax^2}, \quad (2.13)$$

where  $x_m$  is the distance from the magnetic equator to the magnetic mirror point. The initial particle distribution generation algorithm for energetic electrons is described in Appendix B.

## 2.4 Separation of forward and backward waves

In the present study, we define forward waves as the whistler-mode waves propagating to positive  $x$ , and backward waves as the whistler-mode waves propagating toward the negative direction, respectively. The wave separation of the direction of whistler-mode waves is important in the precise definition of wave phase for cyclotron resonance. We separate forward and backward waves by the spatial helicity of whistler-mode waves. The transverse components of whistler-mode waves  $B_y$  and  $B_z$  propagating in forward and backward direction with frequency  $\omega$  and wave number  $k$  is given by

$$B_y = B_f e^{-i(\omega t - kx + \frac{\pi}{2})} + B_b e^{i(\omega t + kx + \frac{\pi}{2})}, \quad (2.14)$$

$$B_z = B_f e^{-i(\omega t - kx)} + B_b e^{i(\omega t + kx)}, \quad (2.15)$$

where  $B_f$  and  $B_b$  are amplitudes for forward and backward waves with frequency  $\omega$  and wave number  $k$ , respectively. By applying Fourier transformation with respect to  $x$ , we obtain equations of amplitude  $\overline{B_{zk}}$  and  $\overline{B_{yk}}$  with respect to wave number given by

$$\overline{B_{zk}} = B_f e^{-i\omega t} + B_b e^{i\omega t}, \quad (2.16)$$

$$\overline{B_{yk}} = -iB_f e^{-i\omega t} + iB_b e^{i\omega t}. \quad (2.17)$$

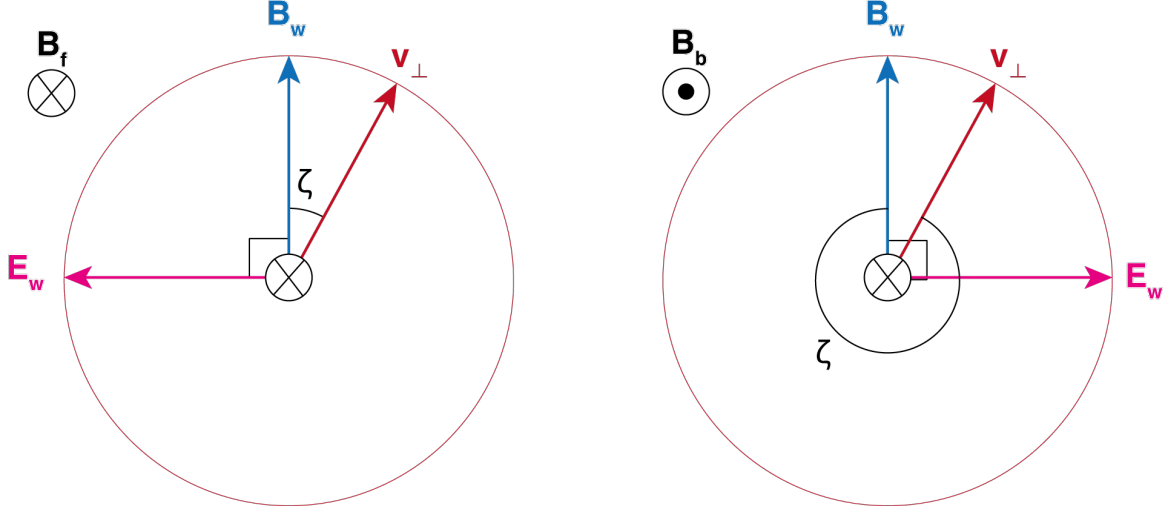
By setting  $t = 0$ , and solving the equations for  $B_f$  and  $B_b$ , we obtain equations for amplitudes of forward and backward waves by

$$B_f = \frac{1}{2}(\overline{B_{yk}} + \overline{B_{zk}}), \quad (2.18)$$

$$B_b = \frac{1}{2}(-\overline{B_{yk}} + \overline{B_{zk}}). \quad (2.19)$$

For the expansion to the whistler-mode waves with multiple frequencies, we substitute amplitude  $B_f$  and  $B_b$  with the wave amplitudes with respect to wave number  $k$ ,  $\overline{B_{fk}}$  and  $\overline{B_{bk}}$  in equations (2.18) and (2.19). By taking inverse Fourier transformation on  $\overline{B_{fk}}$  and  $\overline{B_{bk}}$  with respect to  $k$ , we obtain waveform of forward and backward waves for whistler-mode waves.

(a) Phase definition for forward waves (b) Phase definition for backward waves



**Figure 2.2:** Definition of the phase difference between wave magnetic field and perpendicular velocity component of resonant electron for (a) forward (b) backward propagating waves.

Because the method is time-independent, the spatial distribution of wave components at a given time step is required, while a temporal variation of the waveform is not required. This contributes to avoiding post-processing for the calculation of resonant currents and phase space distribution by conducting wave separation during the simulation.

## 2.5 Calculation of resonant current and phase space distribution

We calculate the resonant current for forward waves and backward waves, which are calculated in the previous section. Resonant currents for each super particle of energetic electrons, which interact with forward waves, are given by

$$\mathbf{J}_e = \Sigma e v_{\perp} \mathbf{E}_f / \Delta x, \quad (2.20)$$

$$\mathbf{J}_b = \Sigma e v_{\perp} \mathbf{B}_f / \Delta x. \quad (2.21)$$

By integrating resonant current for superparticles for energetic electrons and assigning to the grid with linear shape function, we obtain resonant currents  $J_E$  and  $J_B$  in the grid.

We calculate phase space distribution for forward and backward propagating waves calculated in Section 2.4 with energetic electrons. Figure 2.2 shows the definition of phase angle  $\zeta$  for forward and backward traveling waves.

Phase angle calculated from dot product and cross product of perpendicular velocity  $v_{\perp}$  and magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_{wf}$  or  $\mathbf{B}_{wb}$ . Parallel velocity and resonance velocity are used for the calculation of phase space density, which is dependent on pitch angle. The resonance velocity  $V_R(\omega, v_{\perp})$

is given by

$$V_R(\omega, v_\perp) = \frac{\omega^2 - \sqrt{\omega^4 + (\omega^2 + V_p^2)(1 - \omega^2 - v_\perp^2)}}{\omega^2 + V_p^2} V_p, \quad (2.22)$$

where  $V_p$  is the phase velocity. We count the number of energetic electrons with the same  $\Delta V_\parallel$  and with different  $v_\perp$  by projecting a parallel velocity  $v_\parallel$  to  $v_{\parallel 0}$  with  $v_\perp = 0$  along the resonance velocity curve as defined by the following equation:

$$v_{\parallel 0} = V_R(\omega, 0) + v_\parallel - V_R(\omega, v_\perp), \quad (2.23)$$

where we assume  $\omega$  as the fixed wave frequency of triggering waves.

# Chapter 3

## Nonlinear signatures of rising-tone emissions

### 3.1 Introduction

Whistler-mode chorus emissions with rising-tone and falling-tone frequencies have been studied for more than half a century. Chorus emissions are often observed outside the plasmopause in conjunction with magnetospheric substorms (Tsurutani & Smith, 1974). Chorus emissions are essentially nonlinear phenomena induced by finite amplitude waves as evidenced by the triggered emissions from the VLF transmitters, which exhibit the same frequency spectra with varying frequencies (see a review by Omura et al. (1991); Gołkowski et al. (2019)). Recently, Demonstration and science experiments (DSX) (Scherbarth et al., 2009) was conducted for the study of whistler-mode wave-particle interactions. They injected whistler-mode wave to trigger new emissions in the magnetosphere. Propagation characteristics of the DSX waves have been studied based on ray-tracing (Reid et al., 2022). Chorus is an emission triggered by a naturally growing wave at a fixed frequency as predicted by linear growth rates (Kennel & Petschek, 1966). From the electromagnetic thermal fluctuations, a wave with the maximum linear growth rate grows to the largest amplitude, and it suppresses growth of other waves with frequencies close to its frequency through scattering of resonant electrons. The wave becomes coherent and works as a triggering wave we assume in the present study. Under a finite amplitude coherent wave, resonant electrons undergo nonlinear motion, and form either an electron hole or a hill, inducing resonant currents. The resonant currents cause variation of the wave amplitude and frequency as described by the wave equations (Nunn, 1974; Vomvouridis et al., 1982; Omura et al., 1991, 2008). A wave with a frequency different from that of the triggering wave is generated as a wave packet independent from the triggering wave. The evolution of the newly generated wave packet has not been understood completely. It has been reported that series of short wave packets are generated sequentially, forming rising and/or falling tone emissions. Each wave packet is called a subpacket of chorus elements (Santolík et al., 2014; Foster et al., 2017).

Subpacket structures of chorus waves have great importance on electron acceleration and

pitch angle scattering. A simulation study has shown that efficient electron acceleration takes place by a finite packet via nonlinear electron trapping (Hiraga & Omura, 2020). Electron precipitations to the ionosphere due to chorus waves are observed by simultaneous observations between satellite and ground, which show the agreement with the pulsating aurora and each of chorus emissions with subpacket structure (Kasahara et al., 2018; Ozaki et al., 2018). A particle simulation of triggered emission (Hikishima et al., 2010) also showed each triggered chorus element has subpacket structure and the electron flux is strongly modulated by the subpackets.

The subpacket structure is also found in electromagnetic ion cyclotron (EMIC) rising-tone emissions (Nakamura et al., 2014). A model of the generation process of EMIC emissions is proposed by Shoji and Omura (2013). Based on the nonlinear wave growth process as an absolute instability and the convection of the wave packets as described by the wave equations, the fine characteristics of amplitude and frequency variations of a series of chorus subpackets are studied by Hanzelka et al. (2020). Each subpacket grows with increasing frequency because of the formation of nonlinear currents. However, it is not clear how the information of frequency of one subpacket is transferred to the next subpacket. By injecting a triggering wave with a fixed frequency, we study the formation process of subpacket structure by self-consistent particle simulations.

Tsurutani et al. (2020) have shown that the frequency of subpacket structure is monochromatic except for the edges of the subpackets. Zhang et al. (2020) have shown that the frequency sweep rates of wave packets are dependent on lengths of wave packets. Helliwell (1967) proposed that the frequency sweep rates are determined by the nonuniform ambient magnetic field. More recently, Tao et al. (2021) refined Helliwell's model as the Trap-Release-Amplify (TaRA) model, in which the frequency sweep rate at the initial phase of chorus emissions is determined by the gradient of the background magnetic field. Since our recent particle simulations (Nogi et al., 2020) show results different from the TaRA model, it is still necessary to study the generation process of chorus emissions quantitatively by simulations to clarify the difference between these models and identify the essential physics of chorus wave generation.

In this paper, we clarify the generation process of self-sustaining emissions from the triggering wave artificially injected with a fixed frequency. In section 3.2, we describe the model of the simulation and parameters. In section 3.3, we present various analyses of the simulation results to clarify the nonlinear processes reproducing rising-tone elements successfully. Section 3.4 gives a summary and discussion.

## 3.2 Simulation model

We use a one-dimensional particle-in-cell code with a parabolic background magnetic field (Nogi et al., 2020). We solve particle dynamics in the cylindrical geometry formed by the parabolic magnetic field, which is approximated from the magnetic field of the Earth's dipole

magnetic field near the equator. We assume that transverse electromagnetic waves propagate purely parallel to the static field, and we neglect the longitudinal electrostatic field, which is independent from the whistler-mode wave in parallel propagation. Prior to the present simulation runs, we also conducted simulations with the electrostatic field, solving Poisson's equation except for the initial thermal fluctuations. We find the generation of triggered emissions with enhanced electrostatic thermal fluctuations (Nogi et al., 2020). In the present simulation, we do not solve the electrostatic field  $E_x$  along the magnetic field in order to avoid diffusion by enhanced electrostatic fluctuations due to a limited number of superparticles in the grid spacing.

**Table 3.1:** Simulation parameters

parameters	Value
Time step	$0.0078125\Omega_e$
Grid spacing	$0.01 c\Omega_e^{-1}$
Number of grids	32,768
Length of simulation region	$327.68 c\Omega_e^{-1}$
Total number of cold electrons	1,073,741,824
Total number of energetic electrons	1,073,741,824
Plasma frequency of cold electrons $\omega_{pe}$	$4.0 \Omega_e$
Density ratio of energetic electrons to cold electrons $n_h/n_c$	0.01
Thermal momenta of cold electrons $v_{c\parallel}, v_{c\perp}$	$0.01 c, 0.01 c$
Thermal momenta of energetic electrons at equator $v_{h\parallel}, v_{h\perp}$	$0.25 c, 0.30 c$
Amplitude of triggering wave	$6.0 \times 10^{-4} B_{\text{eq}}, 0$
Number of grids for damping region	2,048
Length of damping region	$20.48c\Omega_e^{-1}$
Coefficient for parabolic magnetic field, $a$	$5.0 \times 10^{-6} c^2\Omega_e^{-2}$

We describe the simulation parameters for two simulation runs we conducted in the present study. Our simulation study basically follows the previous study by (Hikishima et al., 2010). We have changed parameters to observe the detailed process of rising-tone triggered emissions with higher resolutions and new diagnostics. The time step  $\Delta t$  and the grid spacing  $\Delta x$  are chosen to satisfy the Courant condition:  $\Delta x/\Delta t = 1.28 > c$ . We used a large number of superparticles for both cold and hot electrons. The averaged numbers of superparticles for the cold and hot electrons are 32,768 and 32,768 per grid, respectively, ensuring the low electromagnetic thermal fluctuation level. The physical density ratio of the hot and cold electrons  $n_h/n_c = 0.01$ . The ratio of the cold plasma frequency to the electron cyclotron frequency is  $\omega_{pe}/\Omega_e = 4$ , which is typical in the inner magnetosphere outside the plasmopause. The ions are assumed as an immobile neutralizing background. The hot electrons are initialized to form a subtracted-Maxwellian momentum distribution at the equator, and they are distributed nonuniformly in space based on the scheme described by Nogi et al. (2020).

The simulation system consists of 32,768 grid points with an equal spacing  $\Delta x$ , out of which

4,096 (2,048 left, 2,048 right) grids are used for the absorbing boundary (Umeda et al., 2001) for outgoing electromagnetic waves. Hot electrons going out from the boundaries are reflected back into the system with equal energies and pitch angles with randomized gyro-phases.

To inject a right-handed polarized wave, we oscillate external currents  $J_y$  and  $J_z$  at the magnetic equator. Chorus emissions are generated in the vicinity of the equator because the linear growth rate is maximized by the maximum flux of resonant electrons. The target of our research is to study the generation process of chorus emissions. Since chorus emissions are sequences of triggered emissions, it is appropriate to assume the triggering wave source at the equator for the study of chorus emissions. The external current  $J_y$  and  $J_z$  are defined as sinusoidal functions as,

$$J_y(t) = J_{\text{ext}}(t) \cos \omega t \quad (3.1)$$

$$J_z(t) = J_{\text{ext}}(t) \sin \omega t, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\omega$  is a frequency below the electron cyclotron frequency  $\Omega_e$  at the equator. The external currents form an electromagnetic field with right-handed polarization. To suppress the excitation of high frequency electromagnetic R-mode waves, we change the magnitude of the currents  $J_{\text{ext}}$  gradually at the beginning of the triggering pulse as

$$J_{\text{ext}}(t) = \frac{J_0}{2} \left[ \tanh \left( \frac{t - t_b}{T_J} \right) + 1 \right], \quad (3.3)$$

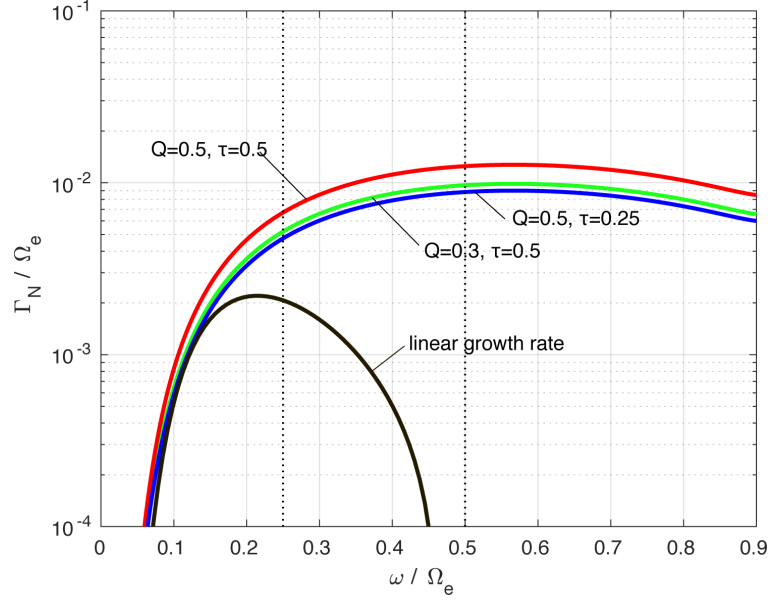
where  $J_0$ ,  $T_J$ , and  $t_b$  are the amplitude of the external current, the duration for the increase of the amplitude, and the timing of the beginning of triggering pulse, respectively. The amplitude  $J_0$  is specified so that the injected wave amplitude is  $6.0 \times 10^{-4} B_{\text{eq}}$ , where  $B_{\text{eq}}$  is the magnitude of the background magnetic field at the magnetic equator. We set  $T_J = 64.1 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , and  $t_b = 64 \Omega_e^{-1}$ . With these circularly polarized external currents, only whistler-mode waves are excited.

With the parameters given in Table 3.1, we calculate the linear growth rate to find the frequency of the most unstable whistler-mode wave. In Figure 3.1, we have plotted the linear growth rates computed by the linear dispersion solver KUPDAP (Sugiyama et al., 2015). The linear growth rate takes positive values in the range  $0.07 - 0.46 \Omega_e$  with the maximum value at  $0.22 \Omega_e$ . We inject a triggering wave with a fixed frequency  $0.3 \Omega_e$ . The amplitude of the triggering wave has to be greater than the threshold wave amplitude for nonlinear wave growth (Omura et al., 2009; Omura, 2021), and the wave growth saturates around the optimum wave amplitude (Omura & Nunn, 2011; Omura, 2021). The distribution of resonant particles in phase space  $g(u_{\parallel}, \zeta)$ , which generates resonant currents, is defined as

$$g(u_{\parallel}, \zeta) = g_0(u_{\parallel}) - Q g_t(u_{\parallel}, \zeta), \quad (3.4)$$

where  $g_0$  is the initial unperturbed distribution function,  $g_t$  is a trapped particle distribution inside the separatrix of the trapping wave potential, and  $Q$  is the depth of the electron hole,





**Figure 3.1:** Linear growth rate and nonlinear growth rates (Omura, 2021) calculated from the simulation parameters.

respectively. The parameter  $\tau$  is given by  $\tau = T_N / T_{tr}$ , where  $T_N$  is the nonlinear transition time necessary for the formation of resonant currents, and  $T_{tr}$  is the nonlinear trapping period. We plot the nonlinear growth rate for the optimum wave amplitudes for different values of  $Q$  and  $\tau$  with red, green, and blue lines in Figure 3.1. We set  $J_0$  that excites both forward and backward triggering waves with a wave amplitude  $B_w / B_{eq} = 6.0 \times 10^{-4}$ .

The linear growth rates of whistler-mode waves maximize at  $0.22 \Omega_e$ . The linear growth rate for the frequency greater than  $0.46 \Omega_e$  is negative under the present simulation parameter. The frequency range of the positive linear growth rate is relatively narrow. While the linear growth rate is controlled by the temperature anisotropy and independent from the wave amplitude, the nonlinear growth rate depends on the wave amplitude. In Figure 3.1, we also plot the nonlinear growth rates for the threshold amplitude and the optimum amplitude. At the frequency of  $0.35 \Omega_e$ , the nonlinear growth rate (Omura et al., 2009; Omura, 2021) is approximately one-order greater than the linear growth rate under the simulation parameter.

## 3.3 Results

### 3.3.1 Characteristics of rising-tone triggered emissions

We have performed two cases of simulation runs with and without the triggering wave. Figures 3.2a and 3.2b show the case with the triggering wave, and Figures 3.2c and 3.2d show the case without the triggering wave. We separated forward propagating waves and backward propagating waves by using the spatial helicities calculated from transverse wave components  $B_y$  and

$B_z$ . We compare the two cases with and without the triggering wave with a constant frequency of  $0.3\Omega_e$ .

In the case with the triggering waves, large amplitude waves are triggered during  $3000 - 6000\Omega_e^{-1}$  in the vicinity of the magnetic equator, forming subpackets shown in Figures 3.2a and 3.2b. The triggering wave induces the nonlinear wave growth process similar to rising-tone chorus emissions. The triggering points of the new waves shift to the upstream region from the original triggering waves.

In the case without the triggering wave, significant wave growth is not observed in Figures 3.2c and 3.2d. We find relatively small wave growth due to the linear growth rates. The wave amplitude near the equator is about  $2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ , which is smaller than the amplitude of the triggering wave  $6.0 \times 10^{-4}$ . The nonlinear wave growth does not take place without the triggering wave.

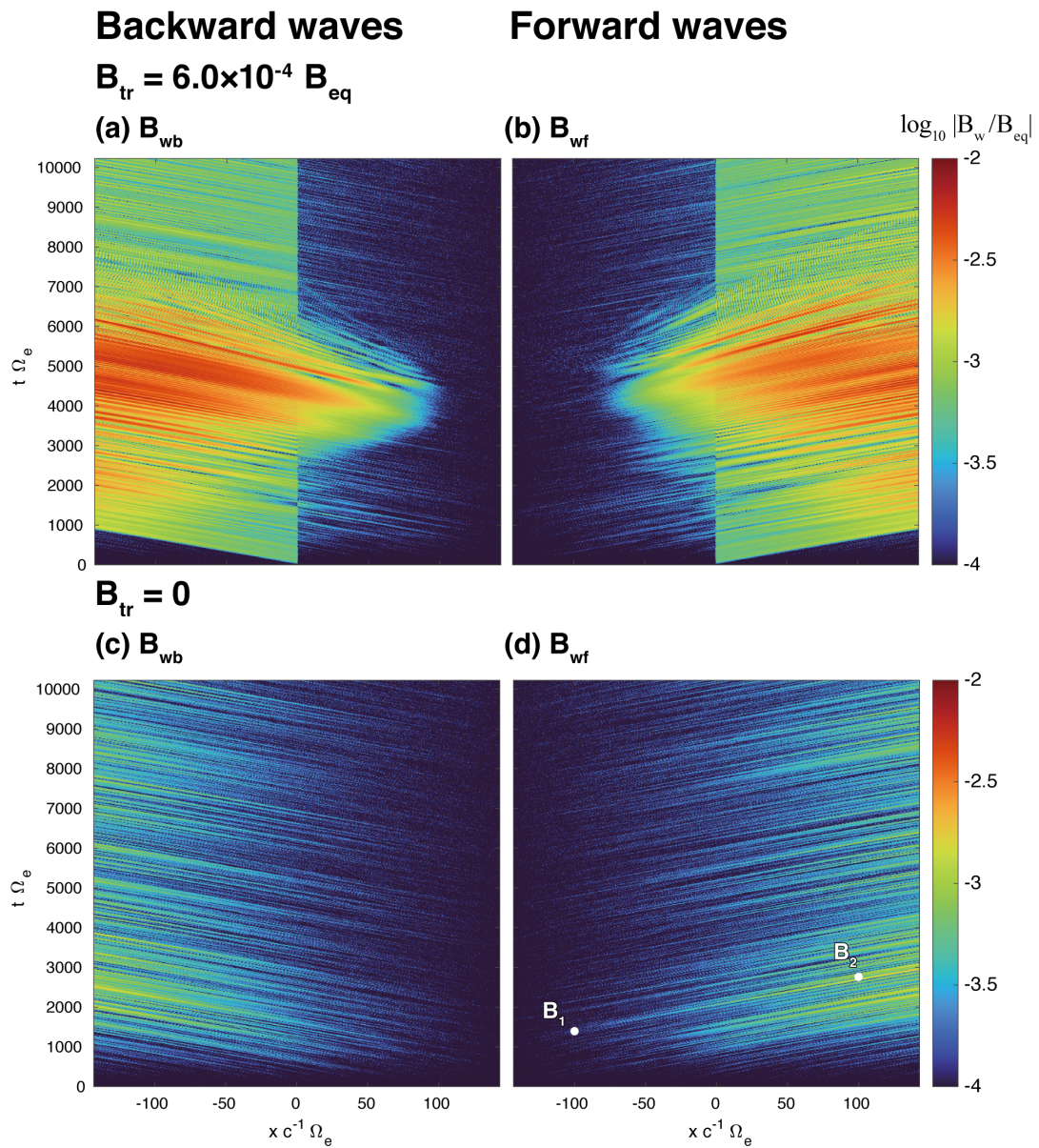
A wave growth rate is given by

$$\Gamma = \frac{V_g}{L_{12}} \log \frac{B_2}{B_1}, \quad (3.5)$$

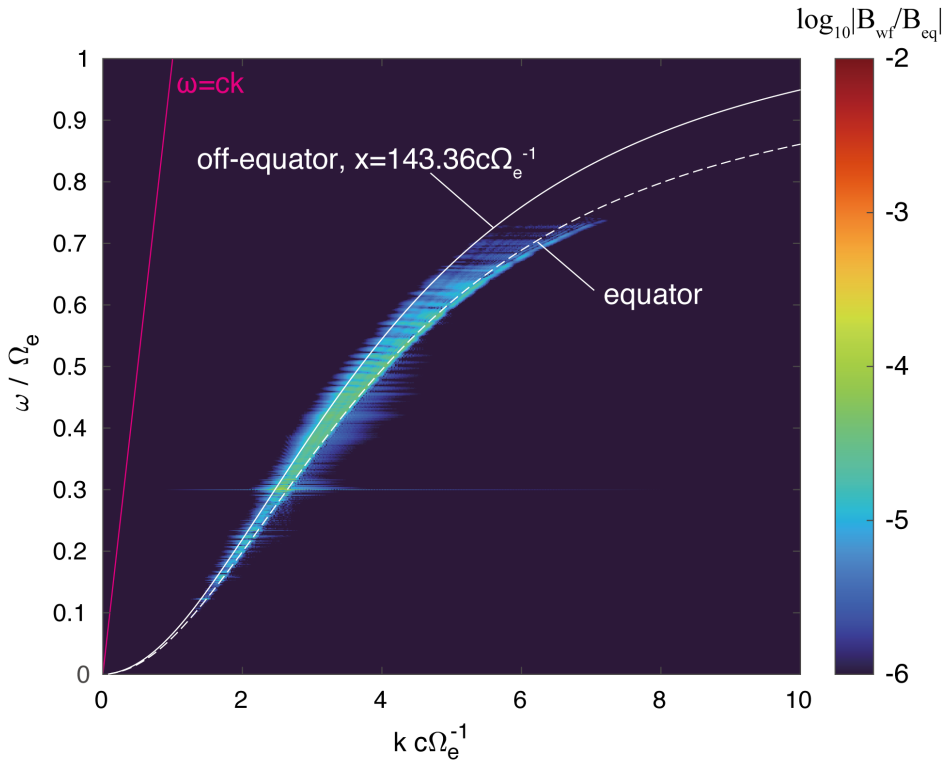
where  $V_g$ ,  $L_{12}$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $B_2$  are group velocity, the distance between points 1 and 2, and wave amplitudes at points 1 and 2 in Figure 3.2d, respectively. We calculate  $\Gamma$  for the wave packet in Figure 3.2d by setting  $V_g = 0.143$ ,  $L_{12} = 200$ ,  $\log(B_2/B_1) = 2.30$ , we find the linear growth rate is  $1.6 \times 10^{-3}$ , which is consistent to the maximum linear growth rate in Figure 3.1. Checking the case with the triggering wave, we find the triggered emissions are growing in amplitude within a short distance, indicating that the nonlinear growth rates are much greater than the linear growth rate as shown in Figure 3.1.

We analyze the wavenumbers and frequencies of the wave field  $B_z$  contained in the forward propagating waves shown in Figure 3.2b by discrete Fourier transform in space and time. We have plotted the spectra in Figure 3.3. The spectra are expanded in the direction of the wavenumbers because of the gradual variation of the electron cyclotron frequency in space. We have plotted the dispersion relation of whistler-mode waves obtained from KUPDAP with the cyclotron frequency at the equator ( $x = 0$ ) and the off-equator ( $x = 143.36 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ ) plotted by dashed and solid white lines, respectively. We find that whistler-mode waves with frequencies  $\omega = 0.15 - 0.75\Omega_e$  are excited. The spectra are much enhanced above  $\omega = 0.3\Omega_e$ , which is the frequency of the triggering wave. Waves below  $0.3\Omega_e$  are due to the linear growth rate, and those above  $0.3\Omega_e$  are due to the nonlinear growth rate. The bright horizontal lines from the wave numbers at the equator to those at the off-equator suggest that the excited waves at the equator propagate with fixed frequencies and the decreasing wave numbers due to the increasing cyclotron frequency in the simulation system.

To find the profile of the triggered waves in space and time, we eliminate the frequency components from  $0.29\Omega_e$  to  $0.31\Omega_e$  from the wave frequency spectra at each fixed position. By applying inverse discrete Fourier transform, we obtain the waveforms of triggered emissions,



**Figure 3.2:** Spatial and temporal profiles of magnetic field amplitudes for forward and backward waves (a, b) with the triggering wave and (c, d) without the triggering wave.



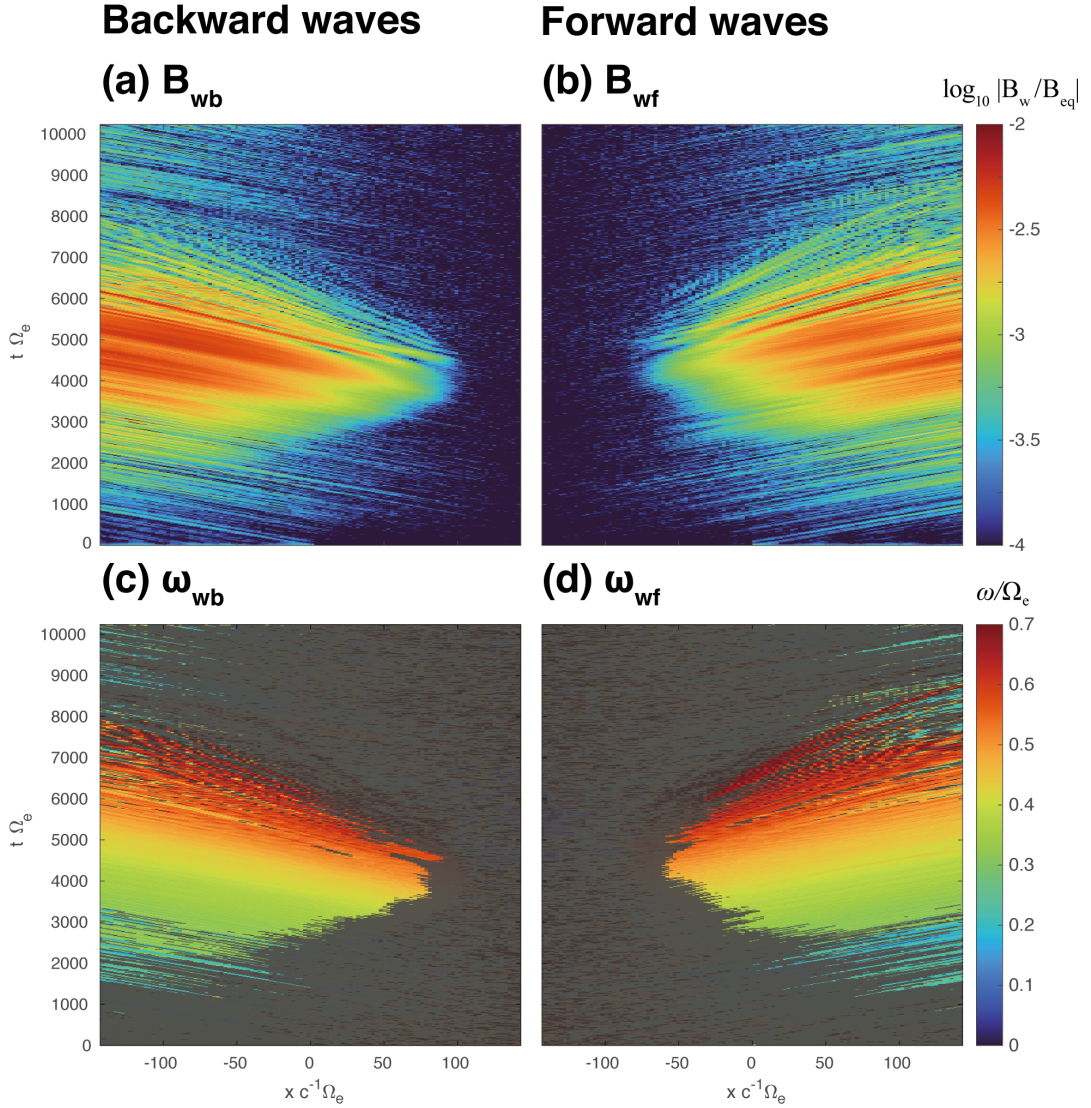
**Figure 3.3:** Dispersion relation of transverse magnetic field  $B_z$  in the simulation and linear dispersion relations at different positions, the equator and an off-equator  $x = 143c\Omega_e^{-1}$ .

and we have plotted them as a function of space and time in Figures 3.4a and 3.4b. We trace the time variation of the wave phase of the transverse fields  $B_y$  and  $B_z$  over  $-\pi$  to  $+\pi$  and obtain the wave period  $\Delta t$ , which give the instantaneous wave frequency  $1/\Delta t$ . In Figures 3.4c and 3.4d, we plot the instantaneous frequencies of waves with amplitudes greater than  $6.0 \times 10^{-4}$  of the equatorial ambient magnetic field.

In Figures 3.4a and 3.4b, we find stripes in the magnetic field amplitude profile, and the gradients of the stripes show the propagation of the subpackets. On the other hand, the contours of the instantaneous frequency in Figures 3.4c and 3.4d are continuous, showing a smooth gradual variation of frequencies. The color contour levels are approximately constant along the passage of wave propagation, which is consistent with the fact that the wave frequency does not change through propagation (Omura et al., 2009). As the frequency increases, the gradients of the stripes increase, showing smaller group velocities.

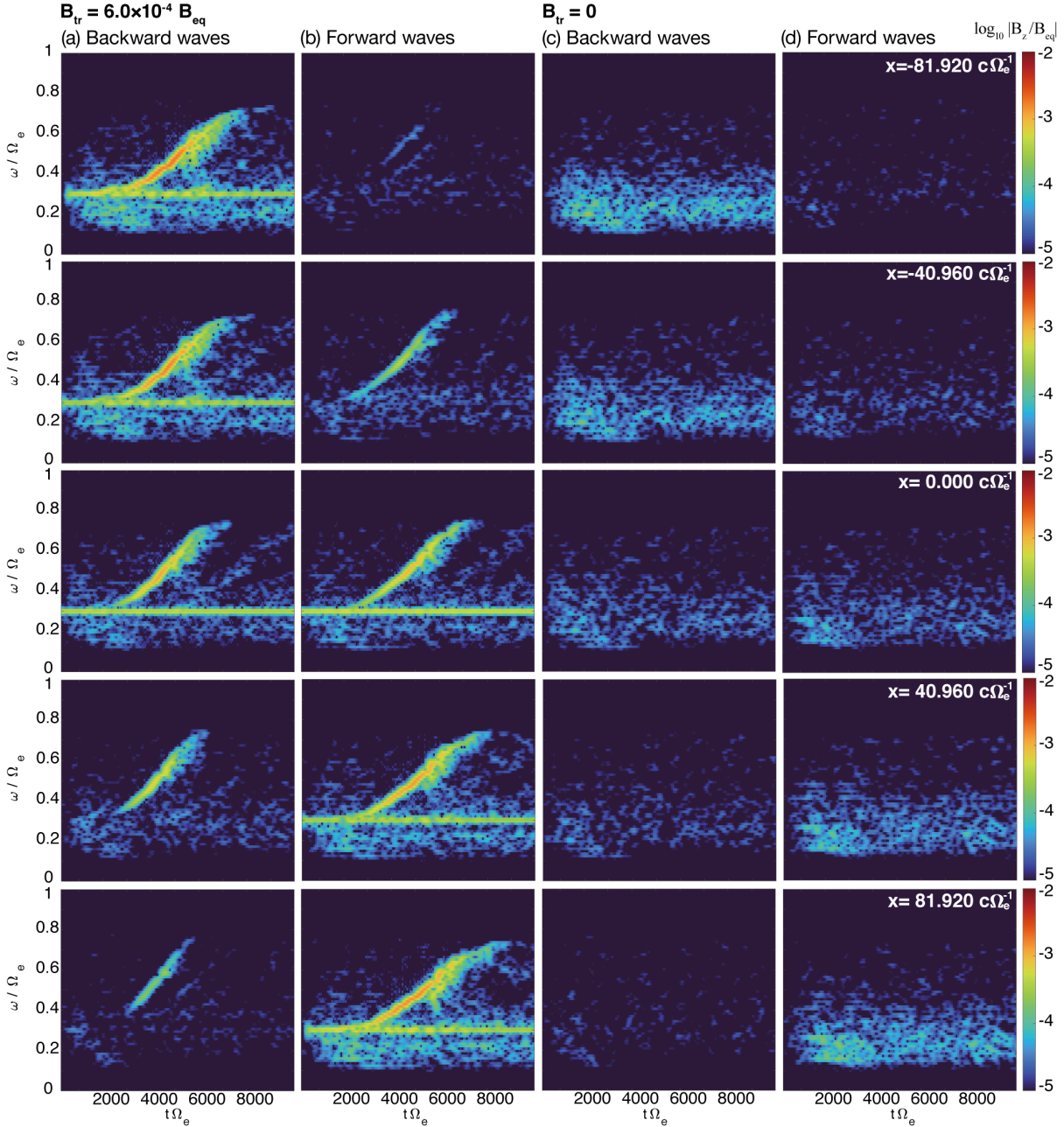
The generation region of triggered waves moves from the equator to the upstream region of the forward waves until the instantaneous wave frequency becomes approximately  $0.5\Omega_e$ . Subsequently, the generation point of triggered waves with the frequencies of the upper-band chorus moves downstream. The moving speed of the generation region is much smaller than the magnitude of the resonance velocity. This result does not agree with the hypothesis that counter-streaming particles traveling at resonant velocities generate triggered emissions.



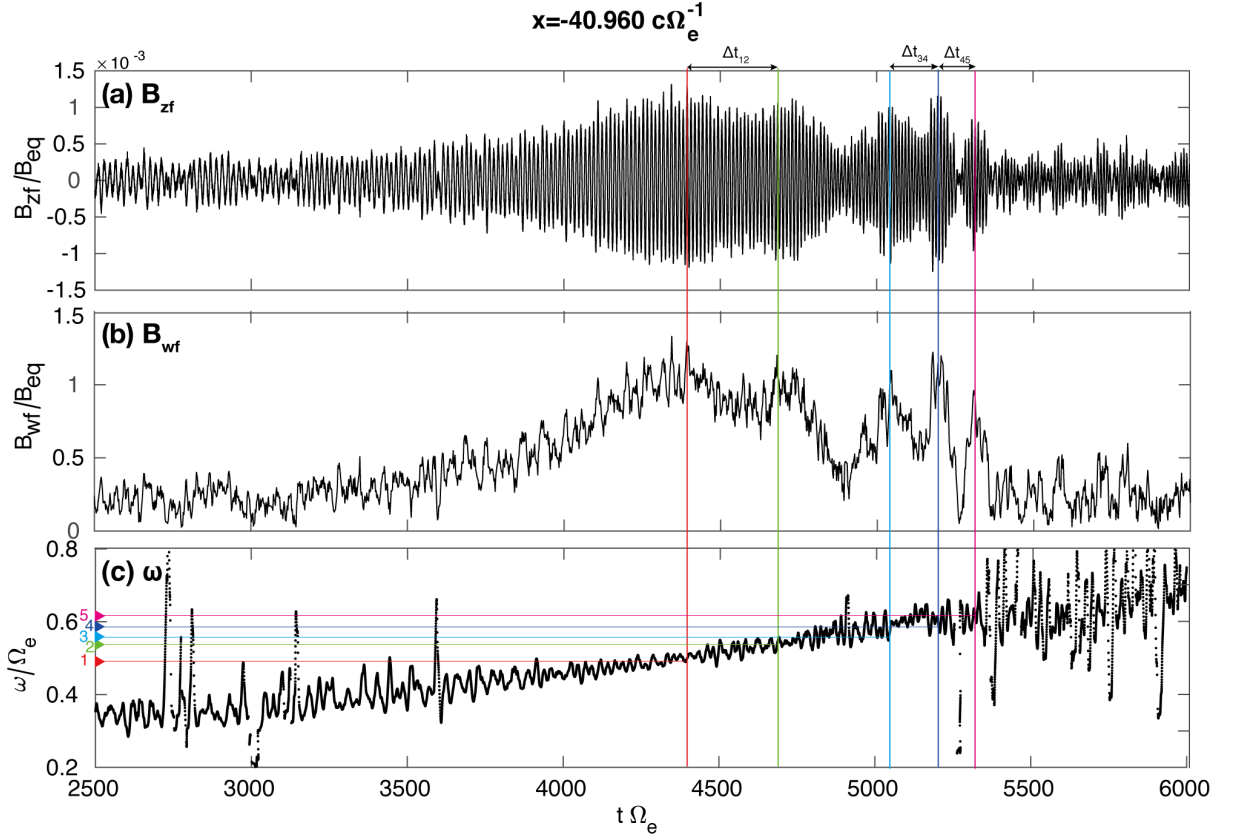


**Figure 3.4:** Spatial and temporal profiles of (a, b) wave amplitudes and (c, d) frequency of forward and backward propagating triggered emissions.

In Figure 3.5, we plot dynamic frequency spectra for forward and backward propagating waves with the two cases with and without triggering waves. Dynamic spectra are obtained by applying the short-time Fourier transform at five different positions ( $x = -81.92, -40.96, 2.56, 40.96, 81.92 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ ). We set a window size for the short-time Fourier transform as  $512 \Omega_e^{-1}$  with 65,536 points, and shifting the window by 8,192 data points corresponding to a time resolution of  $64 \Omega_e^{-1}$ . We find that clear rising-tone emissions from the frequency of  $0.3 \Omega_e$  to  $0.75 \Omega_e$  are triggered by the injected wave with a constant frequency of  $0.3 \Omega_e$  as shown in Figures 3.5a and 3.5b. We only find weak unstructured spectra grow with linear growth rates in the case without the triggering wave as shown in Figures 3.5c and 3.5d. It is noted that the seed of rising-tone emission is formed in the upstream region from the injection point of the forward



**Figure 3.5:** Dynamic spectra of magnetic fields of forward waves and backward waves (a, b) with the triggering wave and (c, d) without the triggering wave at different positions. (1)  $x = -81.92 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ , (2)  $x = -40.96 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ , (3)  $x = 2.56 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ , (4)  $x = 40.96 c \Omega_e^{-1}$  and (5)  $x = 81.92 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ .



**Figure 3.6:** Time evolution of wave magnetic field in the upstream region of the triggering wave ( $x = -40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ ): (a) forward waveform  $B_{zf}$  (b) amplitude of  $B_{wf} = \sqrt{B_{yf}^2 + B_{zf}^2}$  (c) instantaneous frequency. The colored lines indicate peaks of subpacket amplitudes with instantaneous frequencies,  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4$ , and  $\omega_5$ , respectively.

propagating triggering waves as shown in the top two panels of Figure 3.5b. The seed wave is triggered by the energetic electrons organized in gyro-phase through the interaction with the triggering wave. Once the seed wave is generated, the rising-tone emission is gradually formed as a self-sustaining nonlinear process. The same process takes place for the waves propagating backward as shown in Figure 3.5a.

Figure 3.6 shows time histories of waveform  $B_z$ , amplitude  $B_w$ , and instantaneous frequency of the magnetic field observed at the upstream point of forward waves  $x = -40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ . We calculate the instantaneous frequency using the same method in Figures 3.4c and 3.4d. We observe subpacket structures during the triggered emissions. In the first subpacket, we find wave growth and monotonic increase of the instantaneous frequency during the period of  $3800 \Omega_e^{-1}$  to  $4300 \Omega_e^{-1}$ . Throughout the emission, the nonlinear wave growth takes place as described by the chorus equations (Omura et al., 2009). Because of the thermal fluctuations contained in the waveform, the instantaneous frequency also fluctuates in time, while it shows a gradual increase of frequency. Once the wave growth of the first subpacket saturates, the wave amplitude under-

goes relatively short damping and growth processes a few times. These oscillations evolve to distinct subpackets through propagation, as we find in Figure 3.7 showing the waveform, amplitude, and instantaneous frequency at the downstream point  $x = 40.96 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ . To identify the subpacket evolution clearly, we eliminate the triggering waves from the waveforms as shown in Figures 3.7c and 3.7d, by applying discrete Fourier transform in time.

We choose 5 instantaneous frequencies corresponding to the 5 peaks in the wave amplitude in Figure 3.6b. Assuming that the frequencies of the wave packets do not change through propagation, we have indicated the 5 timings corresponding to the frequencies in Figure 3.7. The time intervals  $\Delta t_{12}$ ,  $\Delta t_{34}$  and  $\Delta t_{45}$  denote those between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ ,  $\omega_3$  and  $\omega_4$ , and  $\omega_4$  and  $\omega_5$ , respectively. Comparing the time intervals in Figure 3.6 and 3.7, we find that the time intervals of the packet become longer in the downstream of the waves. The increases of the durations,  $\Delta t_{34}$  and  $\Delta t_{45}$  are greater than that of the duration  $\Delta t_{12}$ . This is because the group velocities of whistler-mode waves decrease as the wave frequencies increase from  $0.25 \Omega_e$  to  $\Omega_e$ . Because of the decreases of the group velocity, the convective growth rate increase in the higher frequencies, resulting in greater amplitudes for the subpackets with higher frequencies.

Comparing the time variation of the wave amplitudes in Figures 3.6b and 3.7d, we find that the wave amplitudes grow 5 times through propagation. The periods of each subpacket also increase through propagation because the group velocity decreases as the frequency increases from  $0.3 \Omega_e$  to  $0.7 \Omega_e$ . Therefore, the subpacket structures are much enhanced in the downstream region.

As the wave frequency increases, the group velocity of the triggered wave decreases when the wave frequency is greater than  $0.25 \Omega_e$ . In the monotonic increase of frequency, the time scale of waves is expanded due to the dispersion relation of whistler-mode waves in the downstream region, as we find in Figures 3.6 and 3.7. We also find the gradual separation of the second and third subpackets in Figure 3.4. Wave amplitudes in the downstream region exceed the nonlinear threshold amplitude in a longer duration than those in the upstream region. The low amplitude part in the subpacket does not grow much, because the amplitude is smaller than the threshold amplitude. This process of nonlinear wave growth enhances the amplitude variations of the subpacket structures in the downstream region of the triggered waves.

### 3.3.2 Formation of resonant current

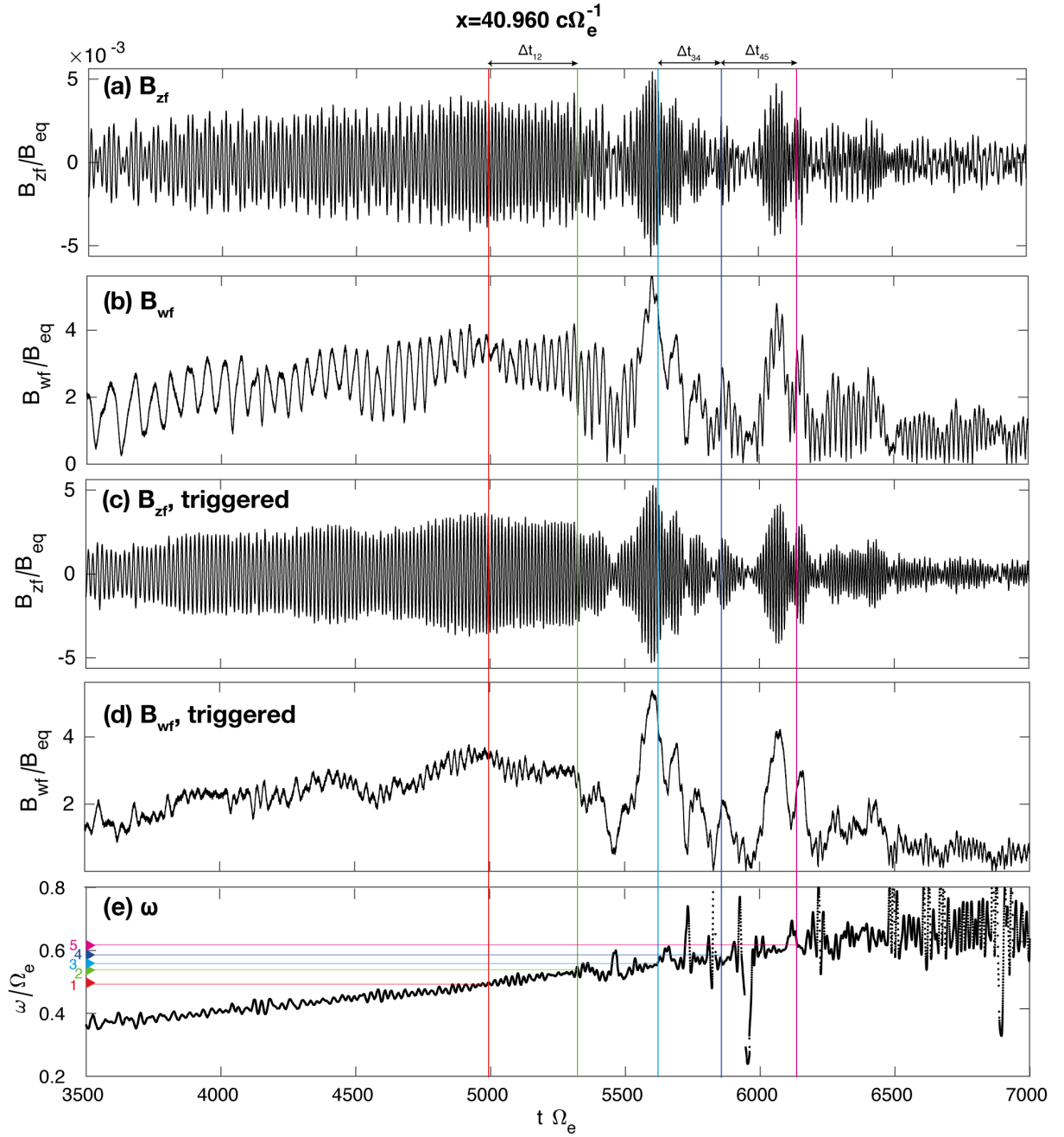
The evolution of the wave amplitude  $B_w$  is described by the following equation (Omura et al., 2008).

$$\frac{\partial B_w}{\partial t} + V_g \frac{\partial B_w}{\partial x} = -\frac{\mu_0 V_g}{2} J_E, \quad (3.6)$$

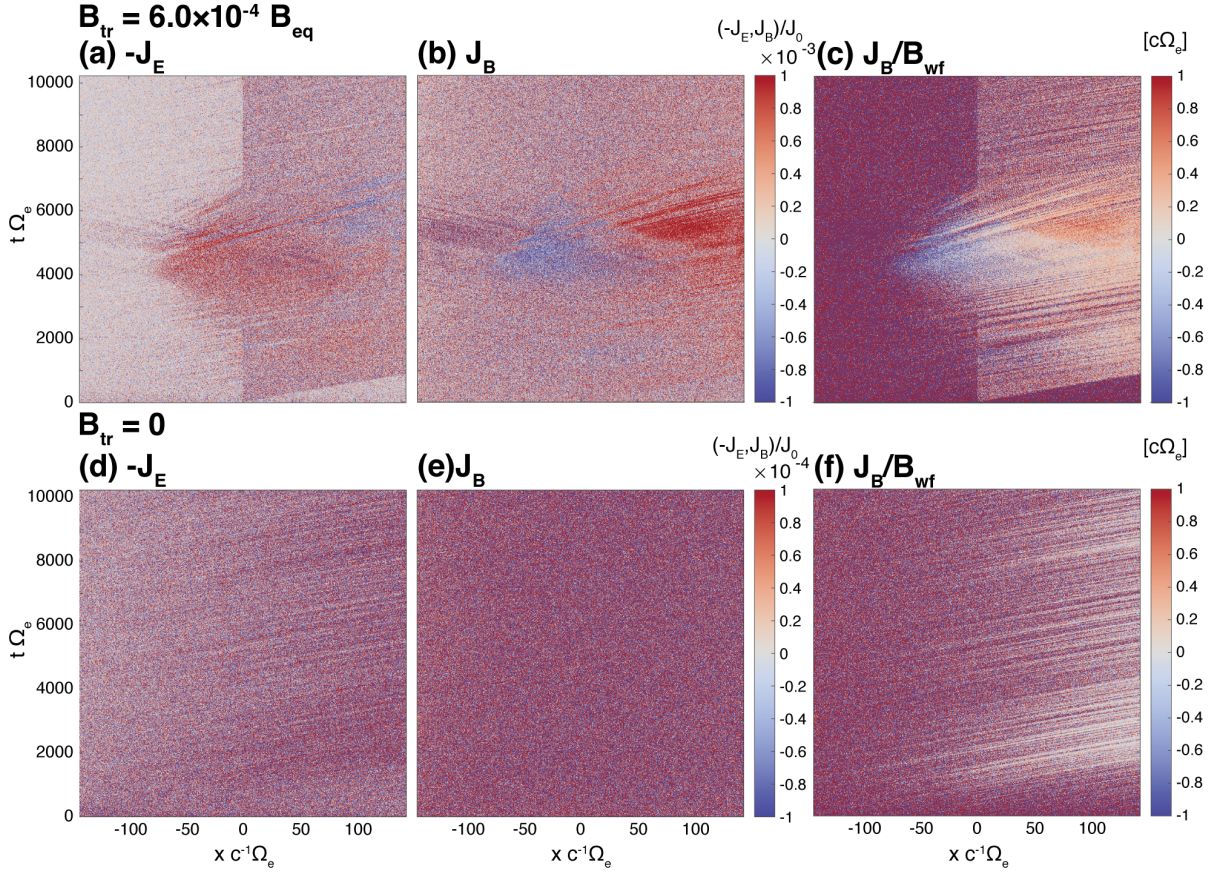
where  $J_E$  is the resonant current parallel to the wave electric field, and  $\mu_0$  is the magnetic permeability in a vacuum. The frequency variation  $\delta\omega$  is given by (Omura & Nunn, 2011)

$$\delta\omega = -\frac{\mu_0 V_g}{2} \frac{J_B}{B_w}. \quad (3.7)$$





**Figure 3.7:** Time evolution of wave magnetic field in the downstream region of the triggering wave ( $x = 40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ ): (a) waveform of  $B_{zf}$  (b) amplitude of  $B_{wf}$  (c) waveform of triggered waves (d) amplitude of triggered waves, and (e) instantaneous frequency. The colored lines indicate timings corresponding to the instantaneous frequencies  $\omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$ ,  $\omega_3$ ,  $\omega_4$ , and  $\omega_5$  as shown in Figure 3.6c. The instantaneous frequencies in Figure 3.7e are calculated from the waveforms of  $B_y$  and  $B_z$  after the elimination of triggering waves.



**Figure 3.8:** Spatial and temporal profiles of resonant currents (a)  $J_E$  and (b)  $J_B$ , and (c)  $J_B/B_{wf}$  with the triggering wave, and (d, e, f) without the triggering wave, respectively.

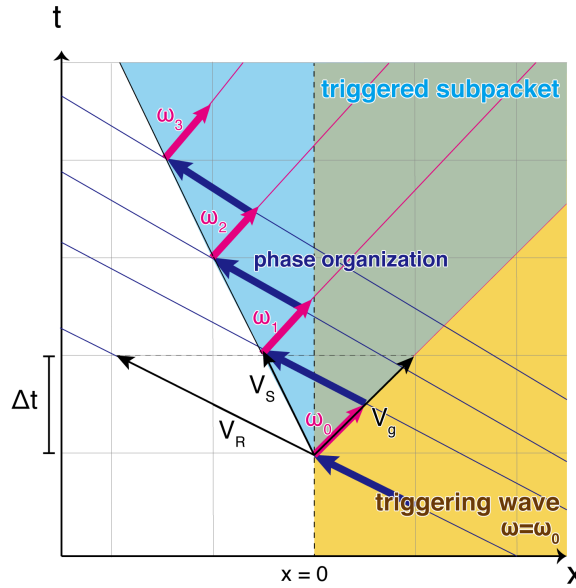
where  $J_B$  is the resonant current parallel to the wave magnetic field. The resonant currents  $J_E$  and  $J_B$  are calculated by taking dot products of electron velocity  $v_{\perp}$  with the electric and magnetic fields  $E_{wf}$  and  $B_{wf}$  of the forward propagating waves, respectively. Figures 3.8a and 3.8b show spatial and temporal profiles of  $J_E$  and  $J_B$  for the case with the triggering wave. Figure 3.8c shows  $J_B/B_w$ , which directly controls the frequency variation. We also plot the case without triggering wave in Figures 3.8d, 3.8e, and 3.8f. In the absence of the triggering wave, we only find a very small  $-J_E$  which causes wave growth due to the linear growth rate. For this case,  $J_B$  is a small finite value, and in Figure 3.8f, we observe growing wave packets with white color because of the larger wave amplitudes  $B_w$  in comparison with other ambient areas which appear as the mixed color of red and blue because of the small amplitude  $B_w$  of the thermal fluctuation. In the case with the triggering wave, the red stripes found in the time period  $t = 4000 - 6000\Omega_e^{-1}$  in Figure 3.8a correspond to the formation of subpackets which propagate with smaller  $V_g$  because of the increasing frequencies. The range of the color bar for Figures 3.8a and 3.8b is  $10^{-3}$ , while that for Figures 3.8d and 3.8e is  $10^{-4}$ . We find much larger resonant currents  $-J_E > 0$  and  $J_B < 0$ , which correspond to the region where an electron

hole is formed as discussed below, generating the subpacket with the increasing frequency as indicated by  $J_B/B_w < 0$  in blue color in Figure 3.8c.

In the red region in Figure 3.8b with  $J_B > 0$ , resonant electrons are entrapped by the growing wave packet, resulting in an electron hill in the velocity phase space as shown in Figure 3.12o. The electron hill causes small segments of falling-tone emissions, as we find in Figure 3.5b, due to  $J_B/B_w > 0$  in red shown in Figure 3.8c. However, it does not affect much of the rising-tone emission because of the large wave amplitude, which decreases with  $J_E > 0$  as shown by the blue color in Figure 3.8a.

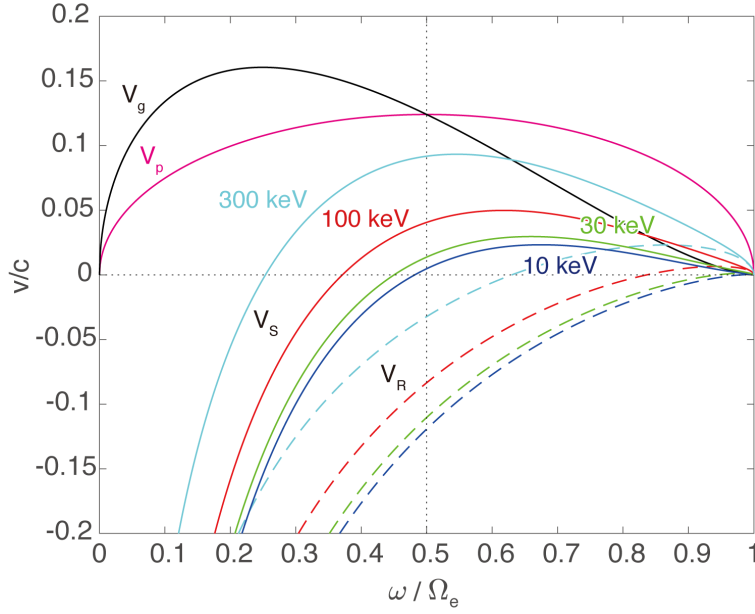
### 3.3.3 Upstream shift of wave generation region

Figure 3.9 shows a schematic illustration of the formation process of the first subpacket with a long duration. Magenta lines represent the propagation of triggered waves, and blue lines



**Figure 3.9:** Schematic illustration of the formation process of the first subpacket. Magenta arrows represent the propagation of triggered waves with  $V_g$ , and blue arrows represent resonant electron trajectories moving at  $V_R$ , respectively. Both resonant interaction and wave propagation occur simultaneously with a gradual increase of frequency from  $\omega_0$ . The source of the triggered wave moves with  $V_s = V_R + V_g$ .

represent electron trajectories moving at resonant velocities, respectively. Bold arrows represent effective interaction regions for resonant electrons. We assume that a wave frequency is constant during the propagation, and phase-organized resonant electrons move at the resonance velocity. In Figure 3.9, we assume the magnitude of the resonance velocity  $V_R$  is greater than that of the group velocity. We also assume the resonant currents as a wave source move with the velocity



**Figure 3.10:** Group velocity  $V_g$ , phase velocity  $V_p$ , resonance velocities  $V_R$ , and source velocities  $V_s$  as functions of frequency for 10 keV, 30 keV, 100 keV, and 300 keV electrons, respectively.

$V_s$  given by

$$V_s = V_g + V_R. \quad (3.8)$$

The resonant currents are formed by the wave packet with a notable wave amplitude moving with the group velocity and the resonant electrons moving with the resonance velocity. The phase-organized resonant electrons are formed by the triggered waves, which propagate with the group velocity. As we find in Figures 3.4b, 3.8a, and 3.8b, the upstream edges of both wave packets and resonant currents move together with  $V_s$ . Figure 3.10 shows the variation of group velocity, phase velocity, and resonance velocity for the electrons with 10 keV, 30 keV, 100 keV, and 300 keV, respectively. The source velocities are negative in the frequency range of lower-band chorus waves, which is typically generated from 10 – 30 keV resonant electrons. In the energy range 10 – 30 keV, the frequency range with the negative source velocity is broader than those for higher energy range as shown in Figure 3.10. The same energy range is also found to be responsible for chorus emissions observed by THEMIS (Kurita, Katoh, et al., 2012). As the frequency increases, the sign of  $V_s$  changes from negative to positive around  $\omega = 0.45\Omega_e$ . In Figure 3.4d, we find the sign of the source velocity changes with the frequency around  $0.45\Omega_e$ , which corresponds to the calculated source velocity.

In the nonlinear theory, an absolute instability ( $\partial\Omega_w/\partial t > 0$ ) is essential for the initial process of the chorus emission. Assuming that the coherent waves at different frequencies grows from nearly the same levels of thermal fluctuations and the same nonlinear growth rates, we need longer convection paths for higher frequencies so that the emission is observed locally

as an absolute instability with growing wave amplitude and increasing frequency. The upward motion of the source region is necessary for the absolute instability. At the equator, the absolute instability should take place for the formation of a wave packet with an increasing frequency. An efficient energy transfer from kinetic energy to electromagnetic energy is expected because the flux of resonant electrons maximizes at the equator. When the source velocity is negative, the interacting region between triggered waves and resonant electrons is expanded upstream region of the triggering waves. With the thermal fluctuation level nearly constant in space and the convective growth rate constant in space and frequency, the negative source velocity results in wave growth at the equator as an absolute instability. For the formation of a long subpacket wave with rising-tone frequency, the negative source velocity is required.

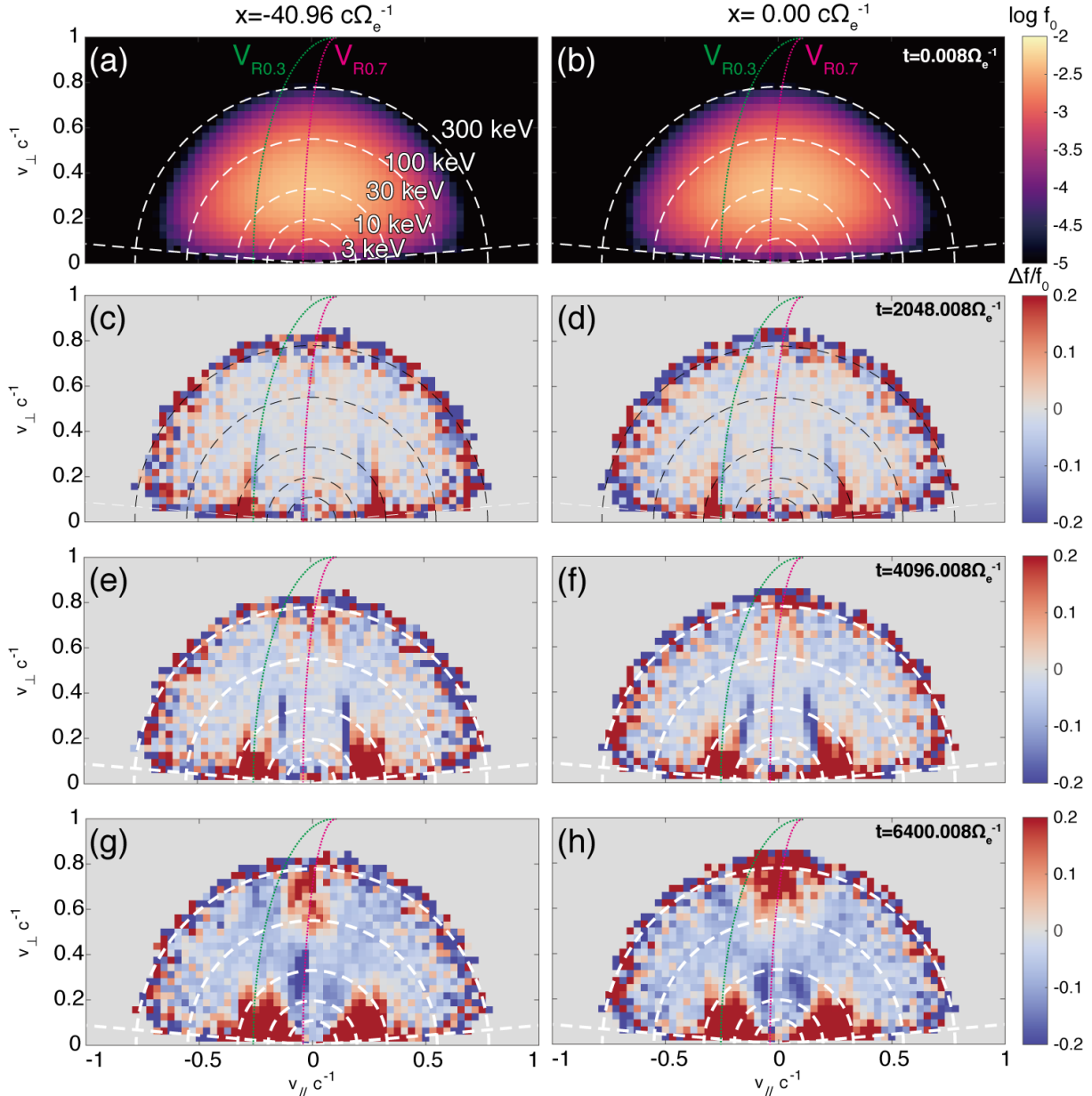
### 3.3.4 Time evolution of velocity distribution function

We obtain velocity distributions by integrating energetic electrons over the ranges  $x = -40 \pm 0.32 c\Omega_e^{-1}$  and  $x = 0 \pm 0.32 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ , as shown in Figures 3.11a and 3.11b, respectively. In Figures 3.11c-3.11h, we plot the relative difference of distribution function from the initial distributions. The variation in the negative parallel velocity range is caused by the forward propagating waves, while the variation in the positive parallel velocity range is caused by the backward propagating waves. Figure 3.11d shows the formation of the initial electron holes by the forward and backward triggering waves in the negative and positive parallel velocity ranges, respectively, at  $t = 2048 \Omega_e^{-1}$ . Since approximately the same processes take place for both forward and backward waves, we focus on the forward waves by plotting the resonance velocity curves for  $\omega = 0.3 \Omega_e$  and  $0.7 \Omega_e$  in green and magenta, respectively. The location of the electron hole in the velocity phase space moves to the region of the lower absolute value of parallel velocity because of the rising-tone frequency. It is also noted that the electron hole in the negative velocity range is formed at  $x = -40.96 c\Omega_e^{-1}$  in the upstream region in the absence of the forward triggering wave. The electron hole is maintained as a self-sustaining process. At  $t = 6400 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , the frequency of the subpacket approaches  $0.7 \Omega_e$  and we find electron holes near  $v_{\parallel} \sim 0$  for both forward and backward waves as shown in Figures 3.11g and 3.11h. Through the movement of the electron holes, significant number of resonant electrons are scattered to the lower pitch angles, while some of resonant electrons are trapped by the triggered waves via relativistic turning acceleration (RTA) (Omura et al., 2007) at higher pitch angles. Comparing Figure 3.11g with 3.11h, we find that the electron entrapping in the high pitch angle takes place in Figure 3.11g, which suggests the formation of the electron hill.

### 3.3.5 Formation of electron hole

Figure 3.12 shows the time evolution of the variations of velocity phase space density  $\Delta g/g_0(\zeta, v_{\parallel})$  of energetic electrons for different positions: (a-e) upstream of triggering waves  $x = -40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ ,





**Figure 3.11:** Time evolution of the velocity distribution  $f(v_{\parallel}, v_{\perp})$  of energetic electrons at  $x = -40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$  and  $x = 0 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ ; (a, b) the initial velocity distribution  $f_0$ , (c, d)  $\Delta f = f - f_0$  at  $t = 2048 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , (e, f) at  $t = 4096 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , (g, h) at  $t = 6400 \Omega_e^{-1}$ . The green and magenta curves are resonance velocities with frequencies  $0.3 \Omega_e$  and  $0.7 \Omega_e$ , respectively.

(f-j) magnetic equator  $x = 0 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ , and (k-o) downstream of triggering waves  $x = 40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ , respectively. The distribution function in velocity phase space at each position  $x$  is calculated from the energetic electrons in a finite range from  $x - 0.32 c\Omega_e^{-1}$  to  $x + 0.32 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ . The structure of the velocity phase space density strongly depends on the difference between the parallel velocity and the resonance velocity  $\Delta v_{\parallel} = v_{\parallel} - V_R(\omega, v_{\perp})$ . The resonance velocity  $V_R(\omega, v_{\perp})$  is given by

$$V_R(\omega, v_{\perp}) = \frac{\omega^2 - \sqrt{\omega^4 + (\omega^2 + V_p^2)(1 - \omega^2 - v_{\perp}^2)}}{\omega^2 + V_p^2} V_p, \quad (3.9)$$

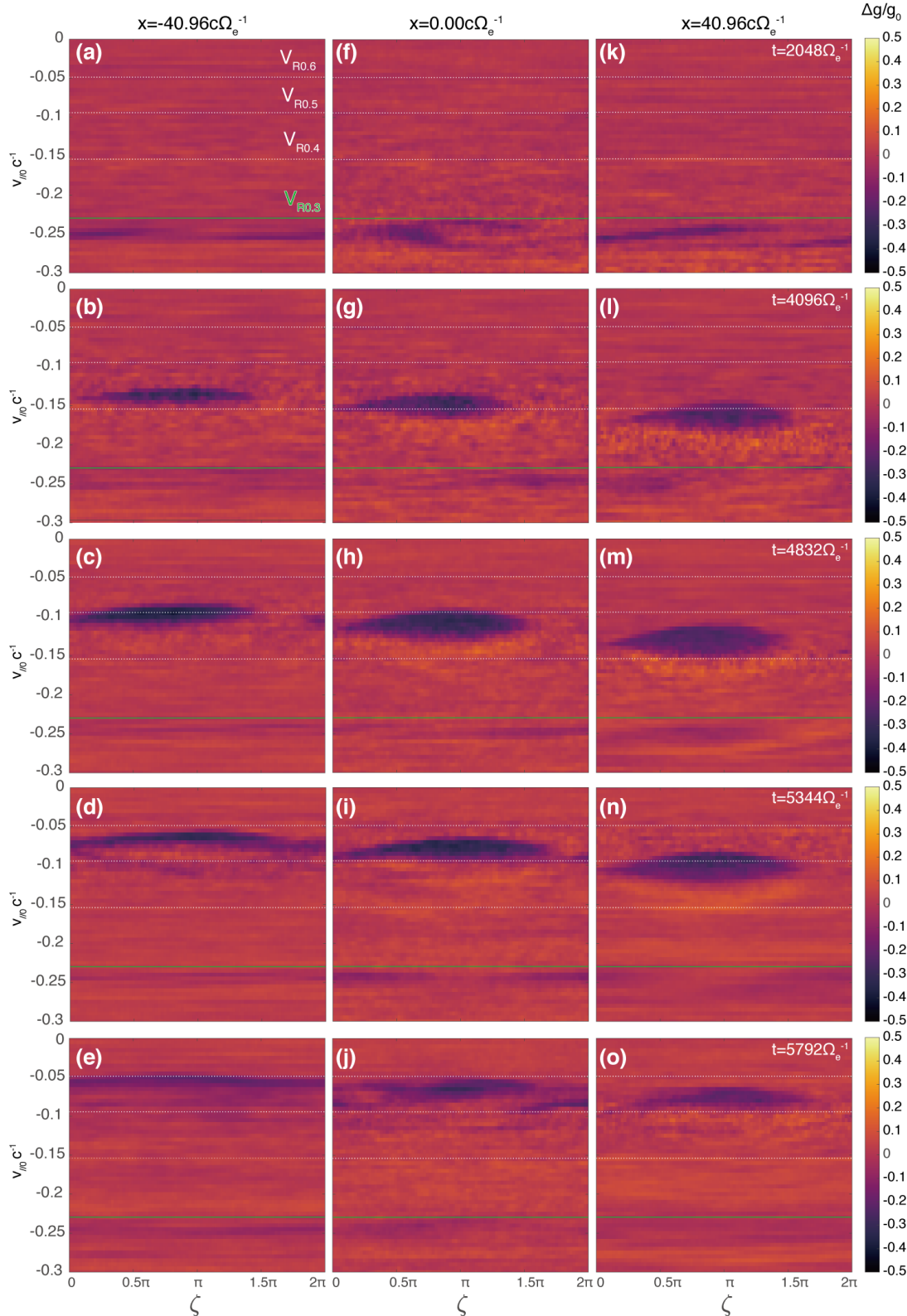
where  $V_p$  is the phase velocity. We count the number of energetic electrons with the same  $\Delta V_{\parallel}$  and with different  $v_{\perp}$  by projecting a parallel velocity  $v_{\parallel}$  to  $v_{\parallel 0}$  with  $v_{\perp} = 0$  along the resonance velocity curve as defined by the following equation:

$$v_{\parallel 0} = V_R(\omega, 0) + v_{\parallel} - V_R(\omega, v_{\perp}), \quad (3.10)$$

where we assume  $\omega = 0.3\Omega_e$ . The resonance velocity with the frequency of  $0.3\Omega_e$  is calculated by the cold dispersion relation with an energy of each energetic electron. The relative phase angle  $\zeta$  of  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp}$  to the wave magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_w$  is calculated for the forward propagating waves. We also take an ensemble average of the phase space density  $g(\zeta, v_{\parallel 0})$  over the cyclotron period  $\Delta t = 2\pi\Omega_e^{-1}$ , and plot the results in Figure 3.12. Each of the plots in Figure 3.11 shows the difference  $\Delta g$  from the initial unperturbed distribution function  $g_0(\zeta, v_{\parallel 0})$  at different times and positions.

In the initial phase shown in Figures 3.12a, 3.12f, and 3.12k, electron holes are gradually formed in the vicinity of the resonance velocity for the triggering waves with  $\omega = 0.3\Omega_e$ . We observe the formation of electron holes for triggered waves in Figures 3.12b, 3.12g, and 3.12l. Subsequently, in the downstream region shown in Figure 3.12m, the electron hole is separated into two, which correspond to the different frequencies of the triggering and the triggered waves. As the frequency of the triggered wave increases, the resonance velocity decreases in magnitude. The position of electron hole in the lower magnitude of the velocity in Figures 3.12b, 3.12g, and 3.12l are in agreement with the instantaneous frequency of the triggered wave. In the nonlinear wave growth theory (Omura, 2021), the depth of the electron hole is represented by a parameter  $Q = \delta g/g_0$ . From Figure 3.12h, we find the depth of the electron hole during the formation of the triggered emission is  $Q = 0.3 - 0.4$ .

The phase space structure shown in Figure 3.12d corresponds to the time and position of the subpacket formation due to modulation of the wave amplitude. The structure with electron depletion does not look like an electron hole anymore, as shown in Figure 3.12j, and the resonant current  $J_E$  changes its sign and oscillates in time, resulting in modulation of the wave packet. The modulated wave packet propagates to the downstream region, and the portion of the wave packet with a larger wave amplitude forms an electron hole, and it undergoes convective wave growth.



**Figure 3.12:** Time evolution of the velocity phase space density  $\Delta g/g_0$  of energetic electrons for different positions; (a-e) upstream of the triggering wave  $x = -40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ , (f-j) magnetic equator  $x = 0 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ , and (k-o) downstream of the triggering wave  $x = 40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ , respectively. The green lines show the cyclotron resonance velocity for the frequency of the triggering wave  $\omega = 0.3\Omega_e$ , and white dotted lines show the cyclotron resonance velocity for frequencies,  $0.4\Omega_e$ ,  $0.5\Omega_e$ , and  $0.6\Omega_e$ , respectively.



The trajectories of resonant electrons are described by the pendulum equation with a secular term  $S$  (e.g., Omura et al., 2008), which is given by

$$S = -\frac{1}{s_0\omega\Omega_w} \left( s_1 \frac{\partial\omega}{\partial t} + cs_2 \frac{\partial\Omega_e}{\partial x} \right), \quad (3.11)$$

where

$$s_0 = \frac{\chi v_\perp}{\xi c}, \quad (3.12)$$

$$s_1 = \gamma \left( 1 - \frac{V_R}{V_g} \right)^2, \quad (3.13)$$

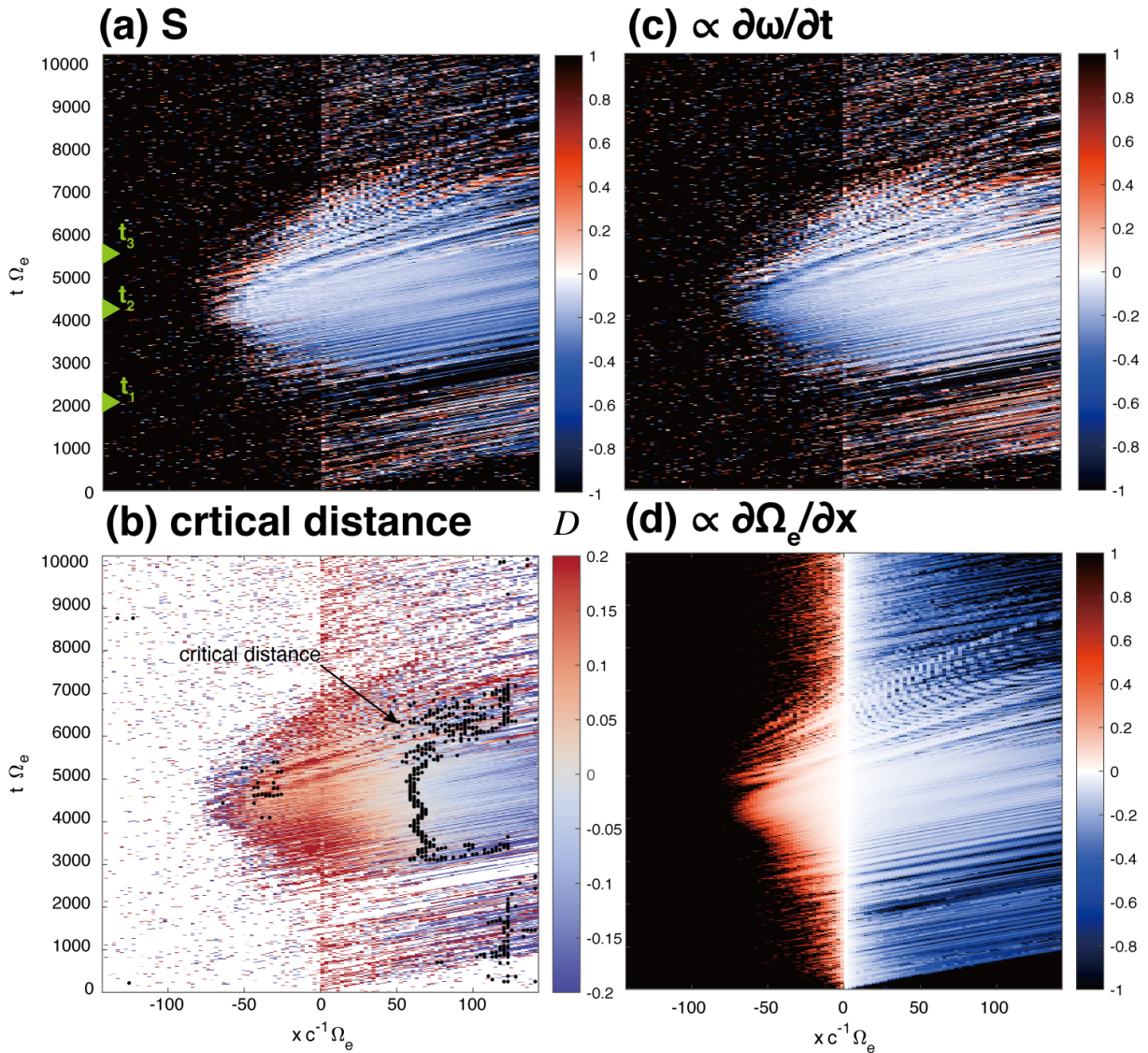
and

$$s_2 = \frac{1}{2\xi\chi} \left\{ \frac{\gamma\omega}{\Omega_e} \left( \frac{v_\perp}{c} \right)^2 - \left[ 2 + \frac{\chi^2(\Omega_e - \gamma\omega)}{\Omega_e - \omega} \right] \frac{V_R V_p}{c^2} \right\}. \quad (3.14)$$

The wave amplitude  $B_w$  is normalized as  $\Omega_w = qB_w/m$ ,  $\xi$  and  $\chi$  are parameters given by the cold plasma dispersion relation  $\xi^2 = \omega(\Omega_e - \omega)/\omega_{pe}^2$  and  $\chi^2 = 1 - \omega^2/(c^2k^2)$ , respectively. The inhomogeneity factor  $S$  determines the structure of the nonlinear trapping potential of the wave, which determines the phase of the resonant current. As we find in Figures 3.12g and 3.12h, a group of resonant electrons interacting with the triggering waveform, and the formation of the electron hole generates the negative resonant current  $J_B$ , which induces a frequency increase along with the small wave amplitude of a newly generated wave. The frequency increase makes  $S$  take a finite negative value, which changes the electron hole from the symmetric form to an asymmetric shape optimum for the maximum  $J_E$ . Under the negative  $J_E$ , the wave amplitude grows with the increasing frequency to reach the optimum wave amplitude. This process occurs as an absolute instability occurring at a fixed position. Once the wave amplitude becomes close to the optimum wave amplitude, the wave growth process saturates, while the frequency keeps increasing as shown in Figures 3.6 and 3.7. The frequency sweep rate agrees relatively well with the chorus equations (106) and (107) in Omura (2021).

In the initial phase of the triggering process, the amplitude of the triggering waves is greater than that of the triggered waves. The separability condition of electron holes for two different frequencies between triggering waves and triggered waves is not satisfied except for the electron hole in the upstream region of the triggering wave, where the triggering wave is absent. This prevents resonant electrons from emitting their energy in the downstream region, and newly generated waves are excited in the upstream region of the triggering wave source. Subsequently, the wave growth of the triggered waves takes place in the vicinity of the equator. In those processes, phase-organized particles are continuously provided to the upstream, and continuous wave growth and frequency increase take place.

In Figure 3.13a we plot the inhomogeneity factor  $S$ , which plays a critical role in the nonlinear wave growth. It consists of two terms corresponding to the frequency sweep rate and the gradient of the magnetic field, respectively. We compare the magnitude of these terms by



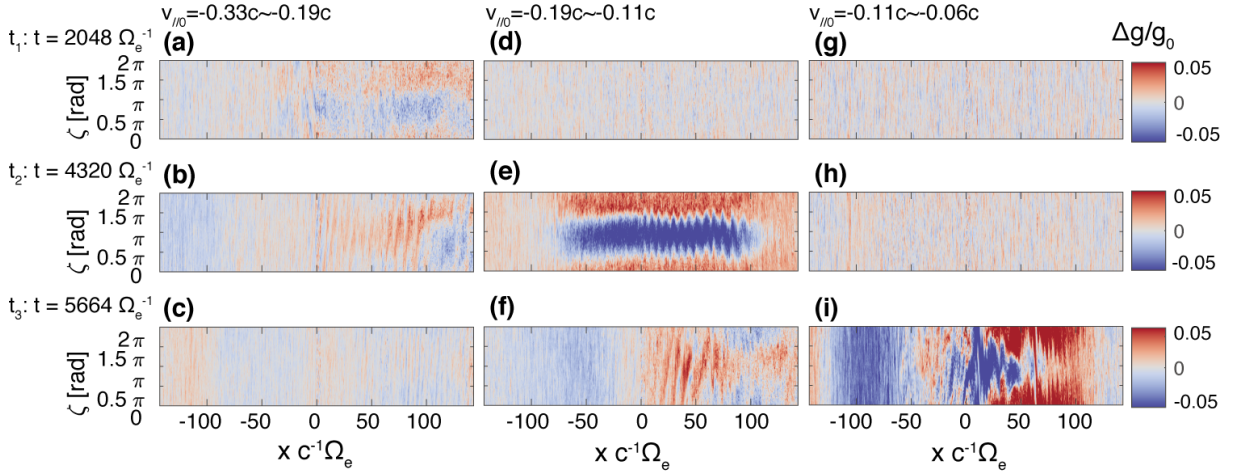
**Figure 3.13:** Spatial and temporal profiles of inhomogeneity factor  $S$  (Omura et al., 2008) for triggered waves. (a)  $S$  parameter (b)  $D = 0$  given by equation (14) and the critical distance indicated by black dots. (c) inhomogeneity due to the frequency sweep rate (d) inhomogeneity due to the magnetic field gradient.

defining

$$D = \frac{1}{s_0 \omega \Omega_w} \left( \left| s_1 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial t} \right| - \left| c s_2 \frac{\partial \Omega_e}{\partial x} \right| \right), \quad (3.15)$$

which is plotted in Figure 3.13b. We also plot the magnitudes of the first term and the second term in Figures 3.13c and 3.13d, respectively. We define the critical distance  $h_c$  (Omura et al., 2009) at which  $D = 0$ . Between the equator and the critical distance, the frequency sweep rate controls the wave growth, while at higher latitudes beyond the critical distance, the inhomogeneity factor  $S$  is determined by the gradient of the magnetic field. Figure 3.13a shows the  $|S| = 0.2 \sim 0.3$  at the critical distance. Through the convective growth of the wave subpackets, the magnitude of the inhomogeneity  $|S|$  is kept less than 0.4 with a smooth transition from the inhomogeneity due to the sweep rate to the inhomogeneity due to the gradient of the magnetic field. In the initial phase of triggering process,  $|s_1 \partial \omega / \partial t|$  is greater than  $|c s_2 \partial \Omega_e / \partial x|$  as shown in Figure 3.13b. The points where  $D = 0$  are indicated by black dots in Figure 3.13b. The condition of Trap-Release-Amplify (TaRA) model is only satisfied at the small number points in the final phase of triggered emissions. Gołkowski and Gibby (2017) suggested the initiation of the triggering process start with  $S = -0.9$ , but we cannot find such tendency in Figure 3.13. The TaRA model assumes a group of particles that are trapped and organized in gyro-phase, and then released from the wave packet. The released particle works as an antenna to radiate a new wave packet with frequency variation matching the inhomogeneity of the background magnetic field. The similar models were proposed by Helliwell (1967) and Roux and Pellat (1978). In these models, the velocity of the wave source is close to the resonance velocity because the phase-organized particles are regarded as released from the wave packet. What we find in the present simulation, however, is clearly different. The most dominant rising-tone subpacket is generated through the formation of an electron hole consisting of untrapped resonant particles. We find the resonant currents  $J_B$  and  $J_E$  are formed by both wave packet and resonant particles. The motion of the wave source is the motion of the resonant currents, which move with the source velocity  $V_s$ . The wave packets evolve in frequency and amplitude because of the resonant currents  $J_B$  and  $J_E$ .

Figure 3.14 show gyro-phase distribution of resonant electrons in space with different parallel velocities. The phase  $\zeta$  is defined as an angle between perpendicular velocity  $\mathbf{v}_\perp$  and the forward magnetic wave components  $\mathbf{B}_{\text{wf}}$ . We separate resonant electrons for different resonance energies. The parallel velocity is determined by the same projection given by equation (3.9). The velocity ranges  $-0.33c \sim -0.19c$ ,  $-0.19c \sim -0.11c$ , and  $-0.11c \sim -0.06c$  correspond to the wave frequency ranges  $0.2 \sim 0.35\Omega_e$ ,  $0.35 \sim 0.5\Omega_e$ , and  $0.5 \sim 0.6\Omega_e$ , respectively. By limiting the resonance velocity ranges, we observe a clear formation of electron holes and their spatial configurations. Since the frequency gradually increases in time, the dominant resonance velocity moves to the lower velocity ranges. In each velocity range, we find the transition from electron holes to electron hill as clearly shown in Figures 3.14a-3.14b and Figures 3.14e-3.14f.

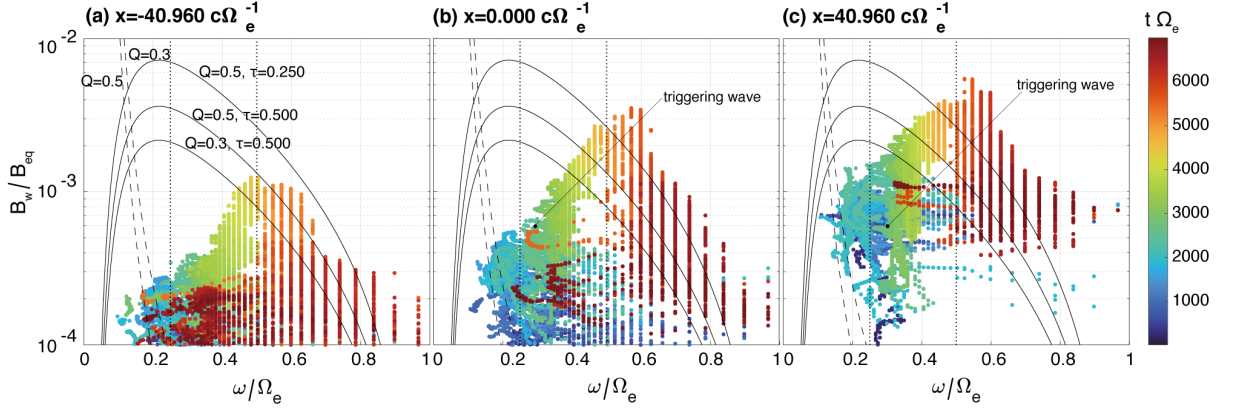


**Figure 3.14:** Gyrophase distribution of resonant electrons in space with different parallel resonance velocities in (a-c)  $v_{\parallel} = -0.33 - 0.19 c$ , (d-f)  $v_{\parallel} = -0.19 - 0.11 c$ , and (g-i)  $v_{\parallel} = -0.11 - 0.06 c$ , respectively.

The wave growth induced by the electron hill makes the wave potential larger, which entraps the resonant electrons outside the wave potential. The electron hill generates a small falling tone with a decreasing wave amplitude as we observe in Figure 5b. When we find a series of subpackets, we find a distinct spatial variation of the phase space density as shown in Figure 3.14i.

### 3.3.6 Optimum and threshold amplitude

In Figure 3.15, we show the instantaneous wave amplitudes and frequencies at three different positions  $x = -40.96, 0, 40.96 c \Omega_e^{-1}$  by plotting colored dots indicating times in the simulation. We also plot the threshold amplitudes (Omura et al., 2009; Omura, 2021) and the optimum amplitudes (Omura & Nunn, 2011; Omura, 2021) for different values of  $Q$  and  $\tau$  by dashed and solid black lines. In the wave generation region around  $x = -40.96 c \Omega_e^{-1}$  shown in Figure 6a, where no triggering wave exists, we have waves from two different sources. Waves below  $0.3 \Omega_e$  are growing from the thermal fluctuations due to the linear growth rate, and those above  $0.3 \Omega_e$  are generated from the energetic electrons organized in gyro-phase through interaction with the triggering waves in the downstream region  $x > 0$ . It is noted that the linear growth rate maximizes at  $0.22 \Omega_e$ . The wave amplitudes with frequencies above  $0.3 \Omega_e$  increase in time with gradually increasing frequencies, and they saturate around the optimum wave amplitude. The variation of the wave amplitudes and frequencies as observed at the fixed point can be called an absolute instability described by the chorus equations (Omura et al., 2009). The wave amplitudes of the subpackets above  $0.5 \Omega_e$  gradually decrease as the frequencies increases in agreement with the variation of the optimum wave amplitude. Each of the subpackets undergoes the convective wave growth through propagation to the downstream region as shown in



**Figure 3.15:** Time evolution of instantaneous frequencies and amplitudes of the triggered wave propagating forward at positions (a)  $x = -40$ , (b)  $0$ , and (c)  $40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ . Black solid lines are the optimum amplitudes, and dashed lines are threshold amplitude (Omura, 2021) for  $(Q, \tau) = (0.3, 0.5)$ ,  $(0.5, 0.5)$ , and  $(0.5, 0.25)$ , respectively.

Figures 3.15b and 3.15c. The wave amplitudes become much greater than the optimum wave amplitudes in the downstream region.

### 3.4 Summary and discussion

We summarize the major nonlinear processes confirmed by the present simulation.

1. Rising-tone elements with multiple subpackets with monotonically increasing frequencies are generated from a triggering wave at the equator.
2. Generation regions of the subpackets move upstream or downstream depending on the group velocities and resonance velocities for different frequencies.
3. Because of the movement of the source region to the upstream, a long rising-tone subpacket is generated self-sustainingly through the formation of an electron hole in velocity phase space stretched over the generation region.
4. The long rising-tone subpacket is modulated with increasing magnitude, splitting into smaller subpackets through propagation.
5. The amplitude modulations in a subpacket are generated by two different processes; resonant trapping oscillation of electrons at the equatorial region and enhancement of the amplitude modulations through propagation in the downstream region.

It is not obvious that the frequency of the second subpacket starts from the frequency of the first subpacket. The information should be transferred from the first subpacket to the second subpacket via the counter-streaming resonant electrons. The resonant electrons are strongly modulated in their gyro-phase, forming a spiral structure in space, which corresponds to the

distinct formation of the electron hole shown in Figure 3.14e. The pitch of the spiral has the information on the wave number. The resonant electrons with the phase modulation form a current, generating a triggering wave with the same wave number. Since the wave number and the frequency satisfy the local dispersion relation, the frequency of the first subpacket is transferred to the second subpacket.

The typical chorus spectra in observation are divided into lower and upper band chorus, whereas we do not find significant damping at  $0.5 \Omega_e$  in Figures 3.5a and 3.5b. This is because our model only allows parallel propagation, and Landau resonance does not take place. In the quasi-parallel propagation of whistler-mode waves, group velocity and phase velocity of those waves are nearly the same at  $0.5 \Omega_e$  as plotted in Figure 3.10. This makes a stationary potential structure that can trap Landau resonant electrons and accelerate them, resulting in efficient wave damping (Hsieh & Omura, 2018).

In Figure 3.5, we also find a tendency that complex frequency spectra, including short falling-tones develop around  $0.5 \Omega_e$ , when the rising-tone wave packet is at the equator or in the downstream region. This tendency is in agreement with our previous simulation result (Nogi et al., 2020) showing the generation of falling-tone emissions. The short wave packet can trigger falling-tone emissions because of an efficient entrapping of resonant electrons caused by the rapid variation of the wave amplitude, resulting in an electron hill. In the frequency range above  $0.5 \Omega_e$  the source velocity becomes positive, and the generation condition for the absolute instability becomes difficult to be satisfied. Cluster observation (Pickett et al., 2004) presented a spectrogram of VLF triggered emissions, showing that falling-tones are generated from the top part of rising-tone emissions as secondary emissions. The observation and our simulation show very similar wave characteristics, but the detailed investigation is left as a future study. It would also be interesting to investigate the characteristics of triggered emissions with different positions of the triggering wave source.

# Chapter 4

## Upstream shift of generation region of rising-tone emissions

### 4.1 Introduction

Very Low frequency (VLF) triggered emissions are due to the generation of new waves with different frequencies from the VLF radio waves transmitted from the ground station (Helliwell, 1967; Helliwell & Katsufurakis, 1974), which is the manifestation of the nonlinear processes (see reviews by Omura et al., 1991; Gołkowski et al., 2019). The generation of the VLF triggered emissions is controlled by wave-particle interactions in the equatorial magnetosphere when the incident VLF waves propagate along with the geomagnetic field. The wave-particle interaction is also the key driver for generating whistler-mode chorus emissions. Recently, the Demonstration and Science eXperiments (DSX) have been conducted for a study of VLF radio wave transmission from space to space (Reid et al., 2022; McCollough et al., 2022), showing the feasibility and the capability of active experiments in the magnetosphere (McCollough et al., 2022).

Whistler-mode chorus emissions are generated near the equator, growing initially with linear growth rates due to the temperature anisotropy of energetic electrons. A coherent wave grows at a fixed frequency up to a certain level of the wave amplitude (Omura & Nunn, 2011), and new wave packets with varying frequencies are formed through nonlinear wave-particle interaction (Hikishima et al., 2009b). Therefore, we can regard chorus emissions with frequency variation as emissions triggered by wave packets naturally growing from thermal fluctuations due to an instability driven by temperature anisotropy of energetic electrons.

The generation mechanism of triggered emissions has been studied for more than half a century. Helliwell (1967) proposed that resonant electrons moving with adiabatic motion generates triggered emissions. Roux and Pellat (1978) have shown that phase space modulation of resonant electrons generates triggered emissions, which are formed by the parallel velocity differences between adiabatic and untrapped electrons. Recently, Tao et al. (2021) proposed Trap-Release-Amplify (TaRA) model, detrapped electrons from the triggering wave generate



resonant currents. These models suggest that detrapped resonant electrons are adiabatically transported upstream and generate triggered emissions. Katoh and Omura (2006) showed that resonant currents are generated by the formation of an electron hole in velocity phase space by using hybrid code. Self-consistent particle-in-cell simulations of triggered rising-tone emissions also showed that the formation of an electron hole generates resonant currents inducing nonlinear wave growth and frequency increase (Hikishima et al., 2010; Hikishima & Omura, 2012). Nogi and Omura (2022) have introduced the source velocity, which describes an upstream shift of the source region for triggered emissions. Harid et al. (2022) also showed the backward propagation of the source region for whistler-mode chorus emissions by an envelope particle-in-cell code, however, the parametric dependence of the upstream shift remains unclear.

Triggered emissions and chorus waves have subpacket structures (Santolík et al., 2014). Shoji and Omura (2013) have studied the generation models of the subpacket structures of ElectroMagnetic Ion cyclotron (EMIC) waves, which have similar characteristics to whistler-mode chorus waves. Hanzelka et al. (2020) have proposed a generation model of subpacket structure for chorus waves. The wave amplitude increases rapidly by the nonlinear wave growth, and phase-organized electrons in the vicinity of the optimum amplitude generate a subsequent subpacket, showing the observation result by Van Allen Probes. Nunn et al. (2021) have shown that triggered emissions with short subpackets are generated from the triggering waves with two different frequencies by using Vlasov Hybrid Simulations. Zhang et al. (2021) have reproduced short rising-tone and falling-tone emissions with high frequency sweep rates by using four different self-consistent codes. Nogi and Omura (2022) have shown the generation of the rising-tone emissions with a long subpacket. The generation process of the subpacket and the duration time of the subpacket remain unclear.

Falling-tone triggered emissions are also generated at the termination of the triggering waves with half the electron cyclotron frequency (Nogi et al., 2020). Generation mechanisms of falling-tone emissions have been studied. Nunn and Omura (2012) have reproduced falling-tone emissions by the Vlasov Hybrid Simulation code, showing the formation of the electron hill. Falling-tone emissions are observed in the termination of the rising-tone triggered emissions when the frequency exceeds half the electron cyclotron frequency (Nogi & Omura, 2022). The frequency of the triggering waves is an important factor controlling the generation of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions. We conduct simulation runs with different frequencies of the triggering waves. We also change the background plasma frequency, which controls the frequency ranges of wave growth.

Nogi and Omura (2022) presented detailed analyses of a single PIC simulation run reproducing a long subpacket with increasing frequency (Foster et al., 2021), which is triggered by a finite amplitude wave with a constant frequency of  $0.3 \Omega_e$  under the background plasma density defined by the plasma frequency of  $4.0 \Omega_e$ . They found the generation region moves with the source velocity defined by the sum of the resonance velocity and the group velocity. However,



the condition for the long subpacket formation was not clear. In the present study, we analyzed the dependency of the triggering process on the frequency of the triggering wave by changing it from  $0.05 \Omega_e$  to  $0.6 \Omega_e$  with an interval of  $0.05 \Omega_e$ . We also studied the triggering process with different plasma frequencies  $2.0 \Omega_e$  and  $6.0 \Omega_e$ . The series of simulation runs with different parameters shows different processes of generation processes of subpackets forming rising-tone emissions. Simulation methods and parameters are described in section 4.2. The simulation results and characteristics of the reproduced triggered emissions are described in the first part of section 4.3. Discussions of the generation process of the triggered emissions are given in subsections of section 4.3. We give a summary and discussion in section 4.4.

## 4.2 Simulation parameters

We conduct particle-in-cell simulations by using Kyoto university electromagnetic plasma code (KEMPO) (Omura & Matsumoto, 1993; Omura, 2007). In this paper, our aim is to solve Maxwell's equations and relativistic equations of motion for energetic electrons undergoing cyclotron motion along the magnetic field line near the equator, which requires a code that can resolve nonlinear cyclotron resonant interaction with a time scale thousands of electron cyclotron periods. KEMPO is a code that allows us to achieve this aim since it has a good property of energy and momentum conservation by solving the equations explicitly based on central difference schemes in space. We apply a one-dimensional parabolic model of ambient magnetic field for the generation of whistler-mode triggered emissions. We used the same model of background magnetic field as Katoh and Omura (2006). The ambient magnetic field with respect to  $x$  is given by  $B_{\text{eq}}(1 + ax^2)$ , while the radial components of the ambient magnetic field are added to the equation of motion satisfying  $\text{div} B = 0$ . Rising-tone triggered emissions can be generated when the amplitude of the triggering wave is greater than the threshold amplitude (Omura et al., 2009). The wave can grow with an increasing frequency to an amplitude close to the optimum wave amplitude as an absolute instability (Omura, 2021). The optimum amplitude and threshold amplitude are given by

$$\Omega_{\text{op}} = 0.8\pi^{-5/2} \frac{|Q|V_p V_g U_{\perp 0}}{\tau \omega U_{t\parallel}} \omega_{ph}^2 \left(1 - \frac{V_R}{V_g}\right)^2 \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma^2 V_R^2}{2U_{t\parallel}^2}\right), \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\Omega_{\text{th}} = \frac{100\pi^3 \gamma^4 \xi}{\omega \omega_{ph}^4 U_{\perp 0}^5 \chi^5} \left(\frac{as_2 U_{t\parallel}}{Q}\right)^2 \exp\left(\frac{\gamma^2 V_R^2}{U_{t\parallel}^2}\right), \quad (4.2)$$

where  $Q$ ,  $V_p$ ,  $V_g$ ,  $V_R$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $U_{\perp 0}$ ,  $U_{t\parallel}$ ,  $\omega_{ph}$ , and  $\gamma$  are depth of electron hole, phase velocity, group velocity, resonance velocity, trapping period, frequency, perpendicular momentum of energetic electrons, parallel momentum of trapped electrons, plasma frequency of energetic electrons, and Lorentz factor, respectively. Parameters  $\xi$  and  $\chi$  are defined from the cold dispersion relation of whistler-mode waves as  $\xi^2 = \omega(\Omega_e - \omega)/\omega_p^2$  and  $\chi^2 = 1/(1 + \xi^2)$ , where  $\omega_p$

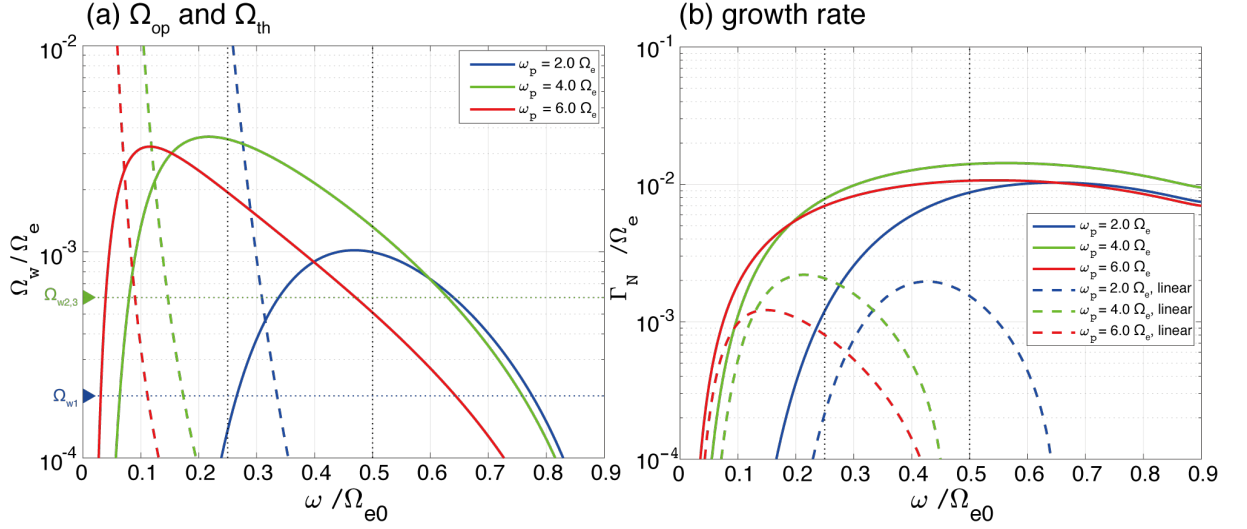
**Table 4.1:** Simulation parameters normalized by speed of light  $c$  and equatorial electron cyclotron frequency  $\Omega_e$ 

Parameters	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
Plasma frequency of cold electrons $\omega_p/\Omega_e$	4.0	6.0	2.0
Grid spacing $\Delta x/(c\Omega_e^{-1})$	0.01	0.01	0.025
Length of simulation region $L/(c\Omega_e^{-1})$	327.68	327.68	819.2
Density ratio of energetic electrons to cold electrons $n_h/n_c$	0.01	$3.6 \times 10^{-3}$	0.01
Thermal momenta of cold electrons ( $u_{c\parallel}/c, u_{c\perp}/c$ )	(0.01, 0.01)	(0.01, 0.01)	(0.025, 0.025)
Thermal momenta of energetic electrons at equator ( $u_{h\parallel}/c, u_{h\perp}/c$ )	(0.25, 0.30)	(0.25, 0.30)	(0.20, 0.30)
Amplitude of triggering wave $B_{w0}/B_{eq}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Length of damping region $L_D/(c\Omega_e^{-1})$	20.48	20.48	51.2
Coefficient for parabolic magnetic field, $a/(c^{-2}\Omega_e^2)$	$5.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.0 \times 10^{-7}$

and  $\omega_e$  are plasma frequency of cold electron, and electron cyclotron frequency, respectively. The electron cyclotron frequency at the magnetic equator is given by  $\Omega_e = -eB_{eq}/m_0$ , where  $m_0$  is the rest mass of an electron and  $-e$  is an electron charge. The phase velocity and the resonance velocity are given by  $V_p = c\chi\xi$  and  $V_R = [1 - \Omega_e/(\gamma\omega)]V_p$ , respectively, where  $c$  is speed of light in vacuum. The parameter  $\tau$  is given by  $T_N/T_{tr}$ , where  $T_N$  and  $T_{tr}$  are the nonlinear transition time to the trapping time necessary for the formation of nonlinear resonant current and the trapping time  $T_{tr} = 2\pi\sqrt{m_0\gamma/(kV_{\perp 0}eB_w)}/\chi$ , respectively. The equations (1) and (2) are calculated for electrons with Maxwellian distribution in the parallel direction. The perpendicular momentum  $U_{\perp}$  in equations (1) and (2) is an averaged momentum of energetic electrons. The averaged perpendicular momentum for subtracted bi-Maxwellian distribution (Fujiwara et al., 2022) is given by  $U_{\perp 0} = U_{t\perp}\sqrt{\pi/2}(1 - \beta^{1.5})/(1 - \beta)$ , where  $\beta$  and  $U_{t\perp}$  are parameters for subtracted Maxwellian distribution assumed in the present simulation.

We have chosen different sets of parameters for three different plasma frequencies. Each set of parameters is determined so that the optimum amplitude is greater than the threshold amplitude over a frequency range of typical rising-tone chorus frequencies (O. Agapitov et al., 2019). Both threshold amplitude and optimum amplitude are derived under the assumption of an electron hole formed by the resonant electrons in the velocity phase space. We assume depth  $Q$  of an electron hole as  $Q = 0.5$ . The threshold amplitude is obtained by assuming a constant gradient of the wave amplitude for efficient convective wave growth in a parabolic magnetic field given by  $B(x) = B_{eq}(1 + ax^2)$ , where  $a$  is specified in Table 4.1.

Figure 4.1a shows optimum and threshold amplitudes at the equator. The frequency band of triggered emissions shifts to the lower frequency ranges as the plasma frequency increases. Both linear growth rate and optimum wave amplitude maximize at lower frequencies with higher plasma frequencies. The nonlinear growth rates for the optimum wave amplitudes are much greater than the linear growth rates, as shown in Figure 4.1b. The amplitudes of triggering waves are indicated by horizontal dotted lines in blue, green, and red for  $\omega_p = 2.0\Omega_e$ ,  $\omega_p = 4.0\Omega_e$  and  $6.0\Omega_e$ , respectively. When the amplitude of the triggering wave is greater



**Figure 4.1:** (a) Optimum amplitudes (solid lines), threshold amplitudes (dashed lines) and triggering wave amplitude (triangle marker and dotted lines) for different plasma frequencies  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e, 4.0 \Omega_e,$  and  $6.0 \Omega_e$  with  $Q = 0.5$  and  $\tau = 0.5$  (b) Linear growth rates (dashed lines) and nonlinear growth rates (solid lines) for the optimum amplitudes.

than the threshold wave amplitude, the wave grows to an amplitude around the optimum wave amplitudes. Based on nonlinear theory, nonlinear growth is expected if both of the following conditions are satisfied; The amplitude of the triggering wave as a seed wave is greater than the threshold amplitude  $\Omega_{th}$ , and it is smaller than the optimum amplitude  $\Omega_{op}$ . We inject triggering waves into the simulation system at the magnetic equator by oscillating two orthogonal external currents with right-handed polarization to the magnetic field. The amplitude of the external current  $J_{ext}$  for generating a finite amplitude of magnetic field  $B_w$  is obtained by Fujiwara et al. (2022) as  $J_{ext} = 2B_w / \mu_0$ , where  $\mu_0$  is magnetic permeability in a vacuum.

Three different plasma frequencies,  $2.0 \Omega_e$ ,  $4.0 \Omega_e$ , and  $6.0 \Omega_e$  are used in the simulation. Simulation parameters specific for the three cases are shown in Table 4.1 with normalization by the speed of light  $c$  and electron cyclotron frequency  $\Omega_e$ . Common simulation parameters are shown in Table 4.2, which are the same parameters as in the simulations by Nogi and Omura (2022). The simulation parameters in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 are determined so that linear and non-

**Table 4.2:** Common simulation parameters

Parameters	Value
Time step $\Delta t / \Omega_e$	0.0078125
Number of grids	32,768
Total number of cold electrons	1,073,741,824
Total number of energetic electrons	1,073,741,824
Parameters of subtracted Maxwellian distribution $\rho, \beta$	1, 0.3
Number of grids for damping region	2,048

linear growth rates are positive over a frequency range. We choose plasma frequency, momenta and density of energetic electron, and amplitude of triggering wave from two conditions. We use a reduced model for the present simulation because of the limitation of computer resources, while the plasma frequency and the density ratio of energetic electrons to cold electrons are set as typical values in the inner magnetosphere with  $L = 4$  to 6. The plasma frequency of the cold electrons in the present study is assumed as  $2.0\Omega_e$ ,  $4.0\Omega_e$ , and  $6.0\Omega_e$ . The density ratio of energetic electrons to cold electrons in the present study is in the range from 0.1 to 1 percent, consistent with observations (Kubota et al., 2018; Juhász et al., 2019). The coefficient  $a$  for the parabolic magnetic field model is determined so that the critical distance for nonlinear wave growth (Omura et al., 2008) should be in the simulation region. The critical distance is given by

$$h_c = \frac{s_0 \omega \Omega_{w0}}{5c a s_2 \Omega_{e0}}, \quad (4.3)$$

where  $s_0$  and  $s_2$  are given by

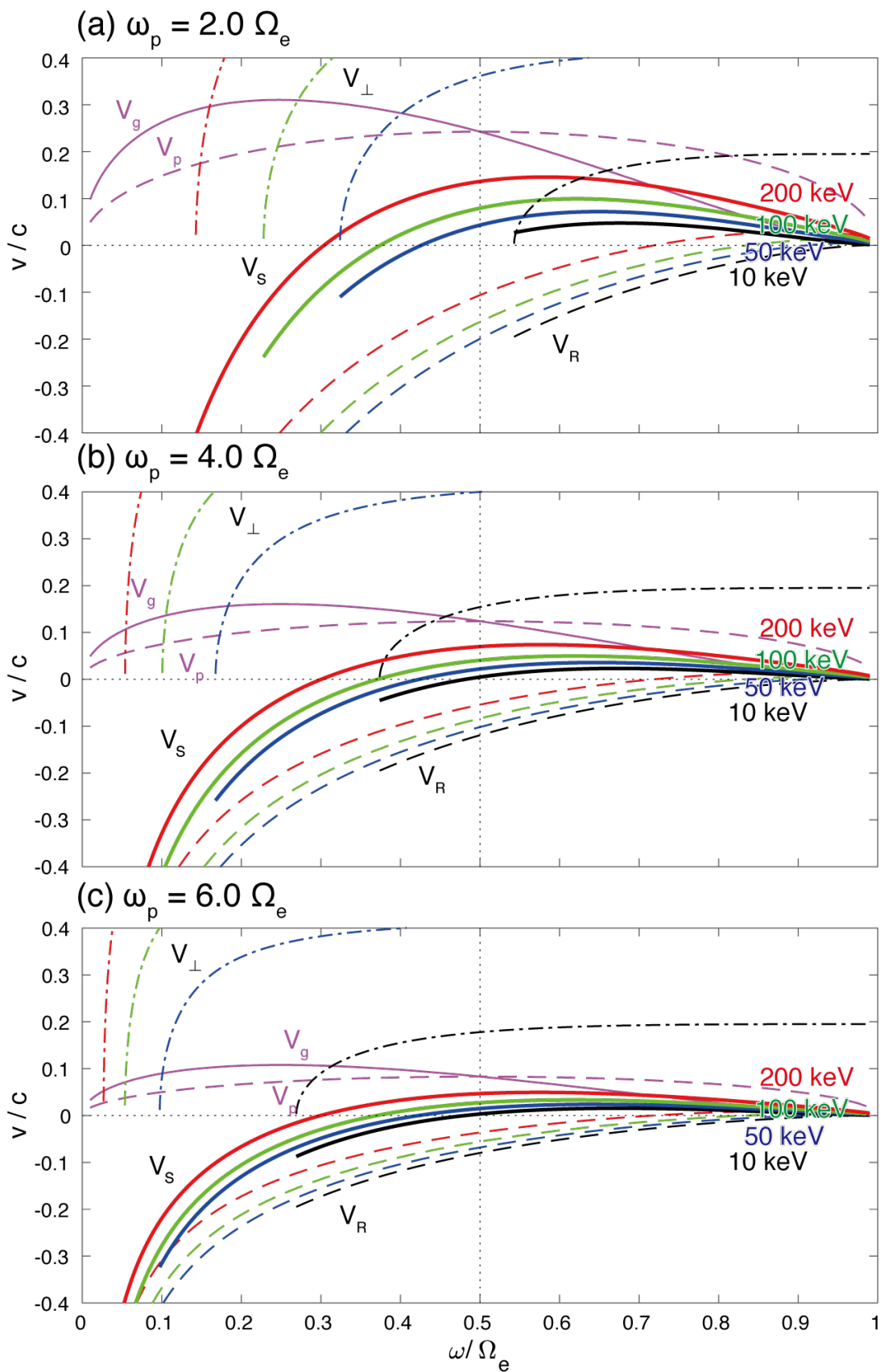
$$s_0 = \frac{\chi v_{\perp}}{\xi c} \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$s_2 = \frac{1}{2\xi\chi} \left\{ \frac{\gamma\omega}{\Omega_e} \left( \frac{v_{\perp}}{c} \right)^2 - \left[ 2 + \Lambda \frac{\chi^2(\Omega_e - \gamma\omega)}{\Omega_e - \omega} \right] \frac{V_R V_p}{c^2} \right\}. \quad (4.5)$$

By calculating the critical distance from real parameters  $f_{ce} = 7000\text{kHz}$ ,  $\Omega_w = 2 \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $L = 6$  and the plasma frequency for Case 1 ( $\omega_p = 4.0\Omega_e$ ), we obtain the critical distance in latitude as approximately 15 degrees. Nogi and Omura (2022) have shown that the critical distance for rising-tone emission is  $75c\Omega_e^{-1}$ , and the size of the simulation region is twice as large as the critical distance. Comparing magnetic latitude for the real values with the simulation result (Nogi & Omura, 2022), we obtain the corresponding magnetic latitude in the simulation region in the range from  $-30$  degrees to  $30$  degrees. Numerical parameters  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta t$  satisfy the Courant condition (Omura & Matsumoto, 1993) and have a sufficient temporal resolution for solving the equation of motion with the Buneman-Boris method. Under the parameter  $\Delta x$ , the number of grid points in space is sufficient for describing sinusoidal waveform with discrete points. We use absorbing boundaries at both edges of the simulation region with a masking method (Umeda et al., 2001). The size of the absorption region  $L_D$  and damping coefficients are the same as those in Nogi and Omura (2022). We set momentum distribution functions for cold electrons and energetic electrons as the bi-Maxwellian distribution and the subtracted bi-Maxwellian distribution, respectively. The ratio of triggering amplitude to the ambient magnetic field is of the order of  $10^{-4}$ .

The amplitude of the triggering wave is between the optimum amplitude and the threshold amplitude. The linear growth rate is positive for the frequency range, where the nonlinear growth is positive. As we find in Figure 4.2, the group and resonance velocities are greater in Case 3. We expand the interaction region taken over a longer distance along the magnetic



**Figure 4.2:** Group velocity  $V_g$ , phase velocity  $v_p$ , resonance velocities  $V_R$ , perpendicular velocities  $v_{\perp}$ , and source velocity  $V_S$  as functions of frequency for 10, 50, 100, and 200 keV electrons with plasma frequencies (a)  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ , (b)  $4.0 \Omega_e$ , and (c)  $6.0 \Omega_e$ , respectively.

field line for effective wave-particle interaction within the same time scale. Therefore, we have chosen the greater value for the grid spacing to make the system length longer and specified the smaller magnetic field gradient. Nogi and Omura (2022) showed that the source velocity  $V_S$  defined by  $V_R + V_g$  represents the motion of the triggering points for a new wave packet in Case 1. In Figure 4.2, we plot  $V_S$  in solid lines for  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ ,  $4.0 \Omega_e$ , and  $6.0 \Omega_e$ . In the present study, source velocity is defined as the shifts of the wave generation region in a single subpacket, which is given by  $V_S = V_g + V_R$  (Nogi & Omura, 2022), and the source region is the area where the single whistler-mode triggered emission is generated. We expand the concept to the multiple subpackets, and we define the wave generation velocity  $V_W$  as the shifts of the multiple subpacket generation region. The wave generation region is used for the area where the whistler-mode triggered emissions are generated.

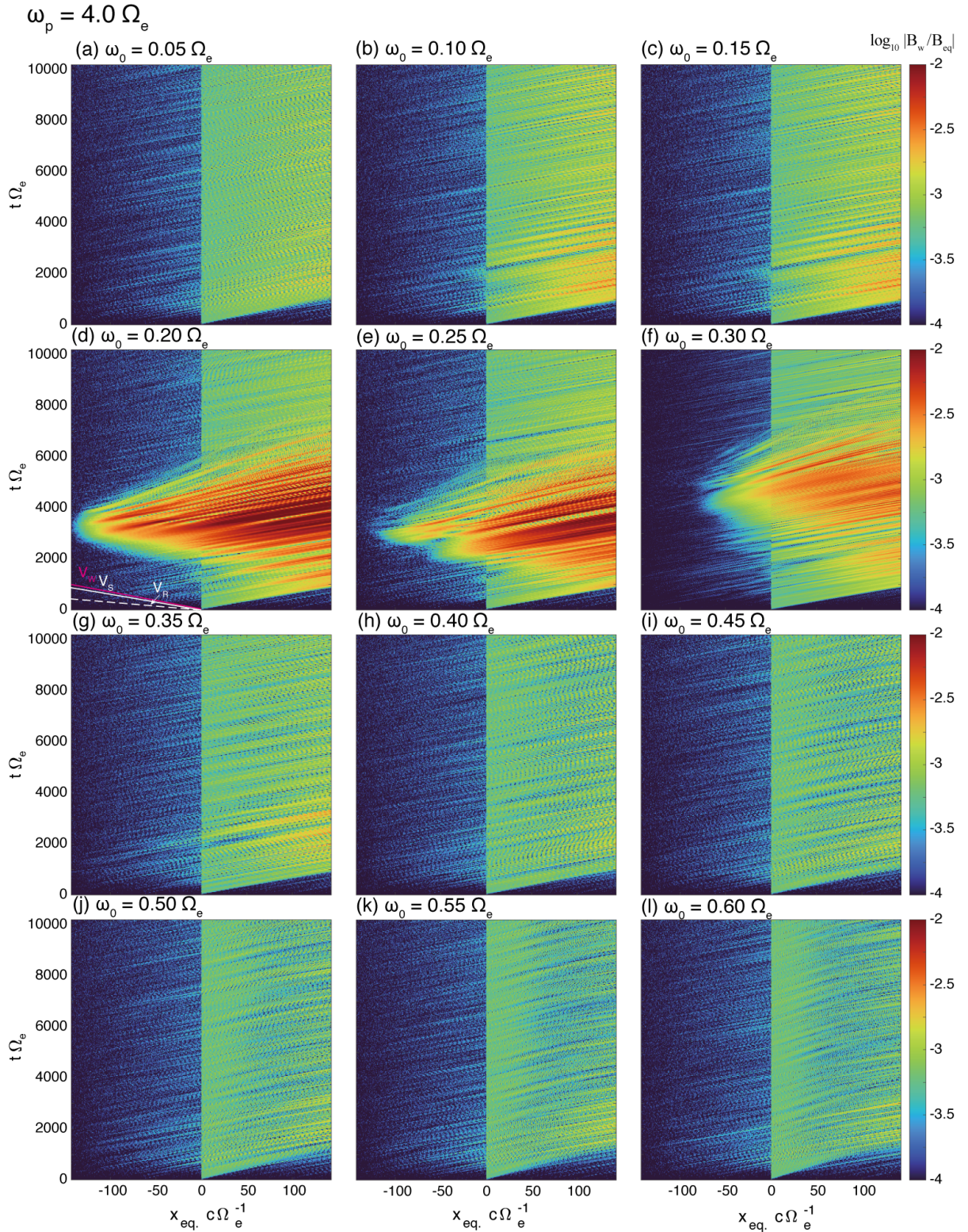
### 4.3 Results

Figure 4.3 shows spatial and temporal profiles of magnetic field for forward waves with different triggering wave frequencies from (a)  $\omega_0 = 0.05 \Omega_e$  to (l)  $0.60 \Omega_e$  for the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$ . The propagation directions of whistler-mode waves are separated by applying discrete Fourier transformation to  $B_y$  and  $B_z$  with respect to  $x$ . Triggered emissions are observed in the cases of the triggering wave frequency with  $0.20 \Omega_e$ ,  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , and  $0.30 \Omega_e$  in Figures 4.3d, 4.3e, and 4.3f, respectively. Long subpacket structures are observed during the triggered emissions and the generation region of triggered emissions shifts upstream. Figures 4.4a-4.4l show spatial and temporal profiles of instantaneous frequencies for forward propagating triggered emissions for the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$ . We separate triggered emissions from triggering waves by applying discrete Fourier transformation with respect to time. Instantaneous frequency is calculated by the inverse of the period of the wave phase of magnetic fields from  $-\pi$  to  $\pi$ .

In Figure 4.4, we plot instantaneous frequencies for triggered emissions with amplitudes greater than  $6.0 \times 10^{-4}$  of the equatorial background magnetic field. We find that triggered emissions in Figures 4.4d, 4.4e, and 4.4f are rising-tone emissions. The instantaneous frequency of those cases smoothly increases from the frequency of triggering waves.

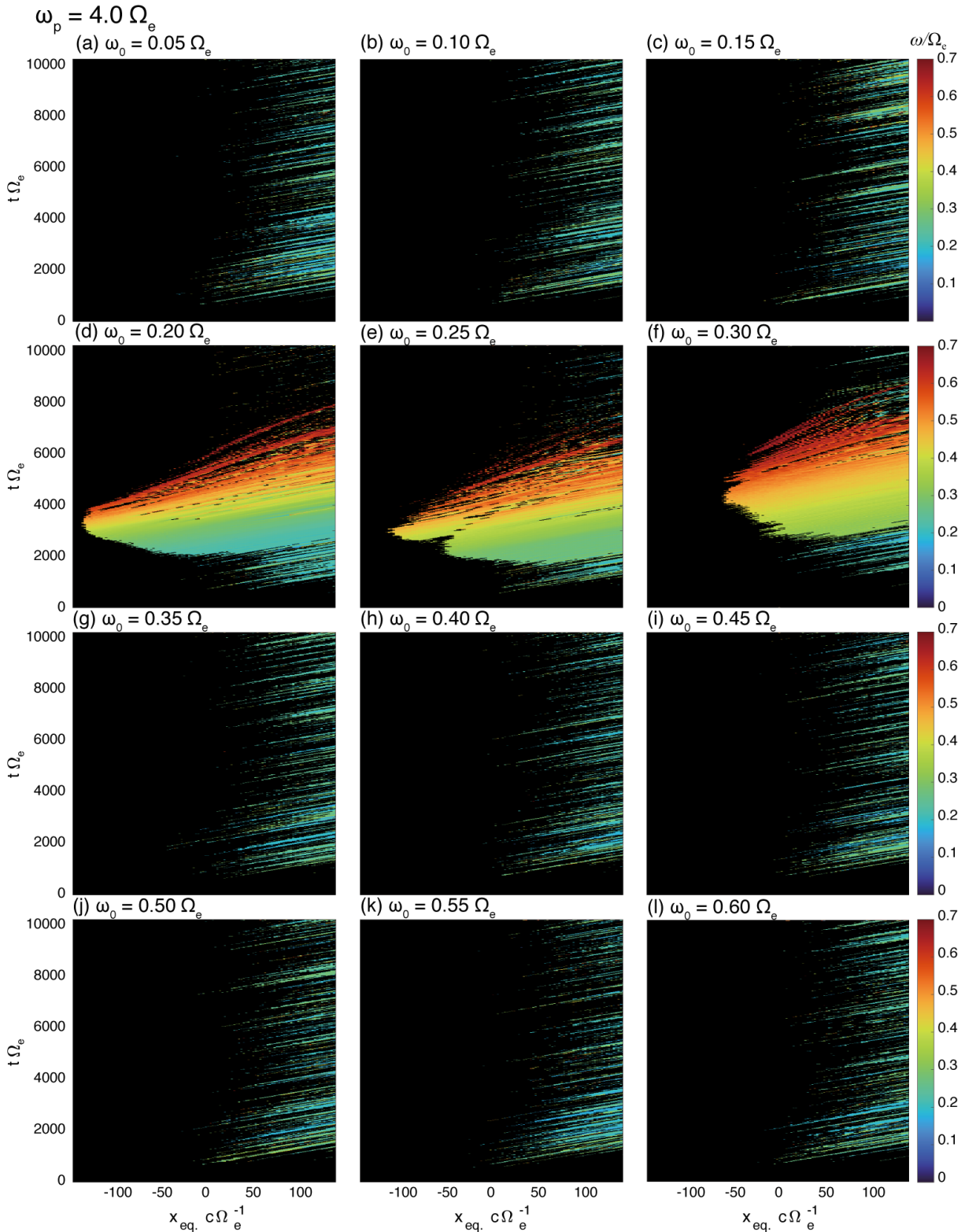
Figure 4.5 shows spatial and temporal profiles of magnetic field for forward waves with different triggering wave frequencies from (a)  $\omega_0 = 0.05 \Omega_e$  to (l)  $0.60 \Omega_e$  for the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ . Triggered emissions are observed in the cases of the triggering wave frequency with  $0.15 \Omega_e$  and  $0.20 \Omega_e$  in Figures 4.5c and 4.5d. A shorter subpacket is generated repeatedly, and the generation region of the subpackets moves upstream. Figures 4.6a-4.6l show spatial and temporal profiles of instantaneous frequency for forward propagating triggered emissions for the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ . We find that triggered emissions in Figures 4.5c and 4.5d are rising-tone emissions. The instantaneous frequencies of these cases smoothly





**Figure 4.3:** Spatial and temporal profiles of magnetic fields for forward waves for Case 1 with plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$  and triggering wave frequencies  $\omega_0$  from (a)  $0.05 \Omega_e$  to (i)  $0.60 \Omega_e$ , respectively. (d) (solid magenta line) The velocity of wave generation  $V_W$ , (dashed white line) the resonance velocity for 100 keV electrons at the magnetic equator, (solid white line) the source velocity  $V_S$  for 100 keV electrons at the magnetic equator.





**Figure 4.4:** Spatial and temporal profiles of instantaneous frequency of triggered emissions for Case 1 with the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$  and different triggering wave frequencies  $\omega_0$  (a)  $0.05 \Omega_e$  to (i)  $0.60 \Omega_e$ , respectively.



increase from the frequencies of the triggering waves.

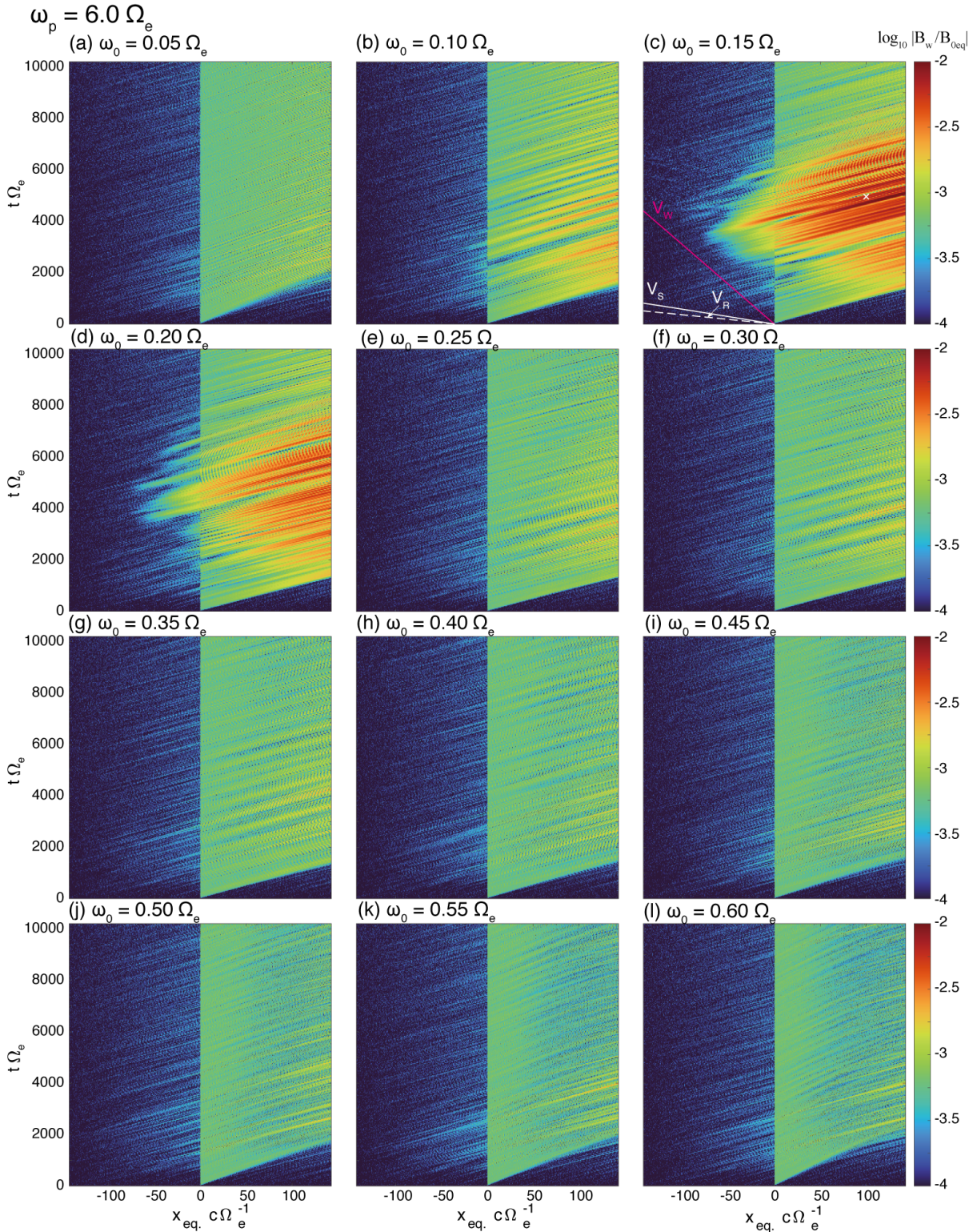
Figure 4.7 shows spatial and temporal profiles of magnetic fields of forward waves with different triggering wave frequencies from (a)  $\omega_0 = 0.05 \Omega_e$  to (l)  $0.60 \Omega_e$  for the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ . In the cases of the triggering wave frequency from  $0.35 \Omega_e$  to  $0.50 \Omega_e$ , we observe triggered emissions as shown in Figures 4.7g-4.7j. Comparing Figure 4.7 with Figure 4.3, we find that shorter subpackets are intermittently generated, but the generation region of the subpackets smoothly moves upstream. Figures 4.8a-4.8l show spatial and temporal profiles of instantaneous frequencies for forward propagating triggered emissions for the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ . We find that triggered emissions in Figures 4.8g-4.8j are rising-tone emissions. The instantaneous frequencies of these cases smoothly increase from the frequencies of triggering waves.

Rising-tone emissions are observed in all three cases described above. The generation regions of rising-tone emissions shift upstream from the triggering waves. We have shown that the source velocity varies depending on the triggering wave frequency and the energy of resonant electrons. The source velocity dynamically changes in the formation process of the rising-tone emissions with increasing frequencies. Comparing wave generation velocities for upstream shifts of the triggered emissions in Figures 4.4, 4.6, and 4.8 with the source velocity ( $V_S$ ) in Figure 4.2, we confirm the variation of the source velocity by changing the frequency of the triggering waves. The duration of the subpacket structure depends on the plasma frequency and the frequency of triggering waves. We discuss the formation process of rising-tone emissions based on the source velocity and subpacket structures in the following sections.

### 4.3.1 Triggering wave frequencies

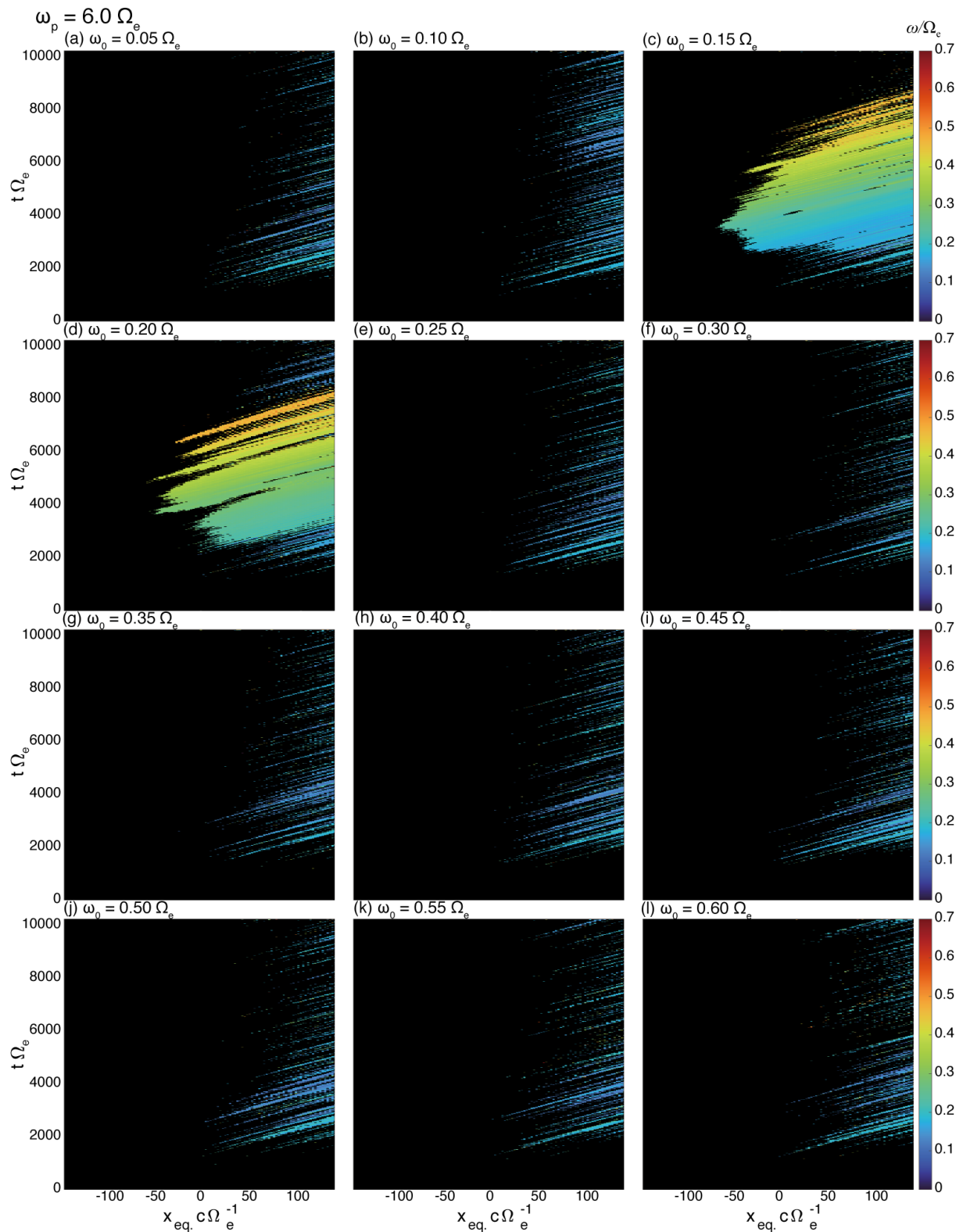
Parametric surveys on plasma frequency and triggering wave frequency have shown that rising-tone triggered emissions are observed over a certain frequency range of triggering waves. This section discusses how the triggering wave frequency controls the generation of triggered emissions. Nonlinear wave growth takes place when the amplitude of the triggering wave is greater than the threshold amplitude  $\Omega_{op}$ , and less than the optimum amplitude  $\Omega_{th}$ . Figure 4.1a indicates that the minimum frequency satisfying the condition is  $0.35 \Omega_e$ ,  $0.15 \Omega_e$ , and  $0.12 \Omega_e$  for the plasma frequencies  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ ,  $4.0 \Omega_e$ , and  $6.0 \Omega_e$ , respectively. We find triggered emissions with triggering waves at frequencies from  $0.35 \Omega_e$ ,  $0.20 \Omega_e$ , and  $0.15 \Omega_e$  for plasma frequencies  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ ,  $4.0 \Omega_e$ , and  $6.0 \Omega_e$  as shown in Figures 4.7, 4.3, and 4.5, respectively. The results are consistent in terms of the prerequisite of the nonlinear theory given by optimum and threshold amplitudes, supporting that nonlinear wave growth is a dominant process in the generation of rising-tone triggered emissions.

The maximum frequency of the triggering wave for generating triggered emissions are  $\omega = 0.5 \Omega_e$ ,  $0.3 \Omega_e$ , and  $0.2 \Omega_e$  for the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ ,  $4.0 \Omega_e$ , and  $6.0 \Omega_e$  in Figures 4.7d, 4.3f, and, 4.5j. In frequency ranges higher than these threshold frequencies for

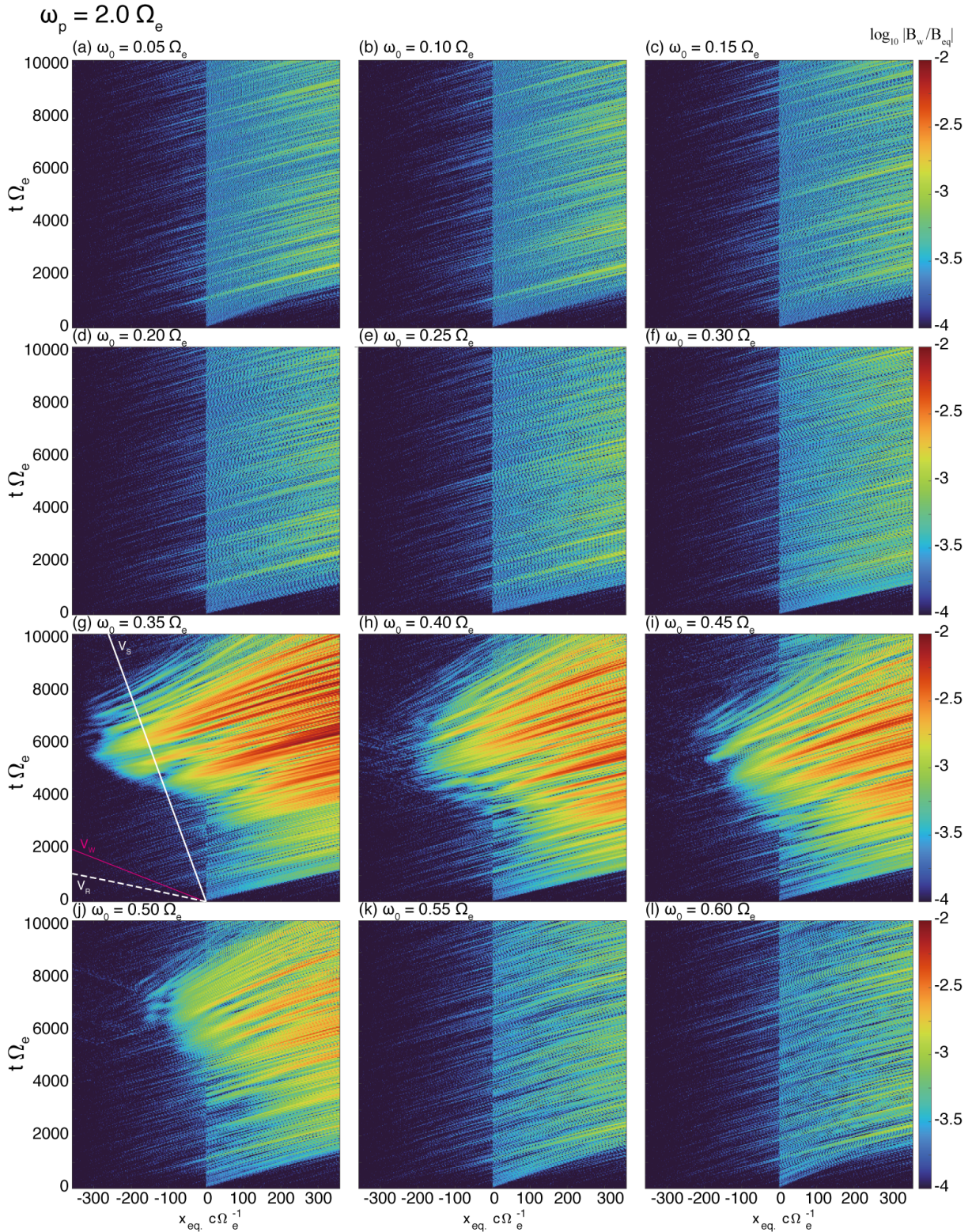


**Figure 4.5:** Spatial and temporal profiles of magnetic fields for forward waves for Case 2 with plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$  and triggering wave frequencies  $\omega_0$  from (a)  $0.05 \Omega_e$  to (i)  $0.60 \Omega_e$ , respectively. (c) (solid magenta line) The velocity of wave generation  $V_W$ , (dashed white line) the resonance velocity for 100 keV electrons at the magnetic equator, (solid white line) the source velocity  $V_S$  for 100 keV electrons at the magnetic equator.



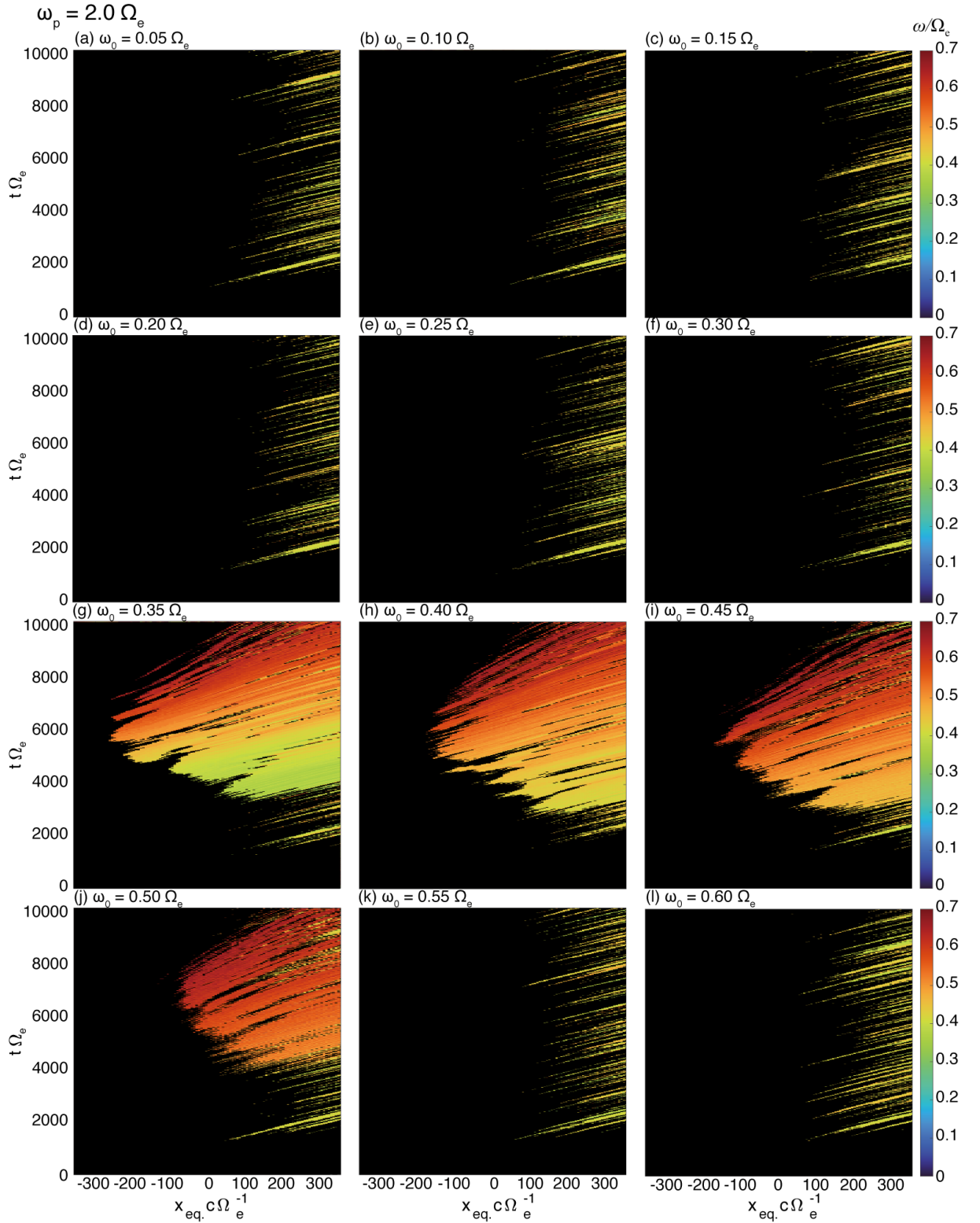


**Figure 4.6:** Spatial and temporal profiles of instantaneous frequency of triggered emissions for Case 2 with the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$  and different triggering wave frequencies  $\omega_0$  from (a)  $0.05 \Omega_e$  to (i)  $0.60 \Omega_e$ , respectively



**Figure 4.7:** Spatial and temporal profiles of magnetic fields for forward waves for Case 3 with plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$  and triggering wave frequencies  $\omega_0$  from (a)  $0.05 \Omega_e$  to (i)  $0.60 \Omega_e$ , respectively. (g) (solid magenta line) The velocity of wave generation  $V_W$ , (dashed white line) the resonance velocity for 100 keV electrons at the magnetic equator, (solid white line) the source velocity  $V_S$  for 100 keV electrons at the magnetic equator.





**Figure 4.8:** Spatial and temporal profiles of instantaneous frequency of triggered emissions for Case 3 with the plasma frequency  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$  and different triggering wave frequencies  $\omega_0$  from (a)  $0.05 \Omega_e$  to (i)  $0.60 \Omega_e$ , respectively.

triggered emissions, the conditions for optimum and threshold amplitude are satisfied. There is another condition that controls the generation of triggered emissions. Nonlinear wave growth involves two phases, which are absolute instability and convective wave growth. Absolute instability is defined as wave growth in time at a fixed position ( $\frac{\partial \Omega_w}{\partial t} > 0$ ), which is dominant in the early phase of triggered emissions. Convective wave growth is the amplitude increase of a seed wave generated from the absolute instability in a frame of reference moving with the group velocity. Since we find no emission in the higher frequency range, the absolute instability is suppressed because the generation region for triggered emissions does not distribute over the upstream region of triggering waves. The motion of generation region is given by the source velocity  $V_S$  plotted in Figure 4.2. The source velocity is less than  $-0.1c$  in magnitude or positive values for  $10 \sim 100\text{keV}$  electrons. With a small magnitude or a positive value of the source velocity, the generation region of triggered emissions does not expand over the interaction region. Assuming the constant growth rate in the vicinity of the equator, we can derive that the upstream shift of the generation region is required for obtaining the absolute instability growing from the same level of thermal fluctuations of the wave fields over the frequency range of emissions. We discuss the upstream shift of the generation region and the generation process in section 4.3.2. For obtaining continuous subpacket emissions with long duration, both nonlinear wave growth conditions  $\Omega_{\text{op}} > \Omega_{\text{th}}$  and the upstream expansion of the generation region is required. The distribution and the expansion of the generation region are strongly related to the generation process of triggered emissions.

### 4.3.2 Upstream shift of generation region

In the present study, we define "upstream" as the opposite direction to the propagating triggering waves from the magnetic equator, and "upstream region" as the opposite area to the triggering waves through the magnetic equator in low latitude, respectively. With the plasma frequency  $4.0\Omega_e$ , we observe the generation of strong long wave packets forming rising-tone emissions in Figures 4.3d, 4.3e, and 4.3f, where the generation region of the subpackets moves to the upstream region of the triggering wave. In Figure 4.3d, the velocity of the upstream shift of the wave generation region ( $V_w$ ) for forward propagating waves at the equator is equal to approximately  $-0.12c$ , indicated by a solid magenta line. The velocity is smaller than the resonance velocity  $V_R = -0.35c$  in magnitude with  $\omega = 0.2\Omega_e$  at the equator shown in white dashed line for  $100\text{keV}$  resonant electrons. Because the formation of the resonant current causes the generation of rising-tone emissions, it indicates that the spatial structure of the resonant current moves at a different speed from the resonance velocity. Nogi and Omura (2022) have introduced the concept of the source velocity, which describes the velocity of the spatial structure of resonant current, given by  $V_S = V_R + V_g$ . We find the velocity of the upstream shift of the wave generation region is in good agreement with the source velocity for  $100\text{keV}$  electrons.

The source velocity  $V_S$  is plotted as a function of frequency for different kinetic energies

10, 50, 100, 200 keV for  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$  in Figure 4.2b. As the frequency of the triggering wave increases from  $0.2 \Omega_e$ , the magnitude of the source velocity decreases, while the resonance energy decreases and compensates for the decreasing source velocity. Thus, the generation region shifts upstream with nearly a constant velocity. The condition of the absolute instability gives a necessary condition of  $V_S < 0$  for triggering new emissions.

Throughout the generation of rising-tone emissions, the triggered subpacket continuously modulates the phase space distribution of counter-streaming resonant electrons, and the phase-modulated electrons form a subsequent subpacket. The process takes place repeatedly during the generation of triggered emissions. We have confirmed that the upstream motion of the generation region for the plasma frequency  $4.0 \Omega_e$  agrees with the source velocity. When the source velocity becomes positive in the generation process of a series of subpackets at progressively higher frequencies, the generation process comes to an end with the formation of small subpackets, as we find in Figures 4.3d, 4.3e, and 4.3f.

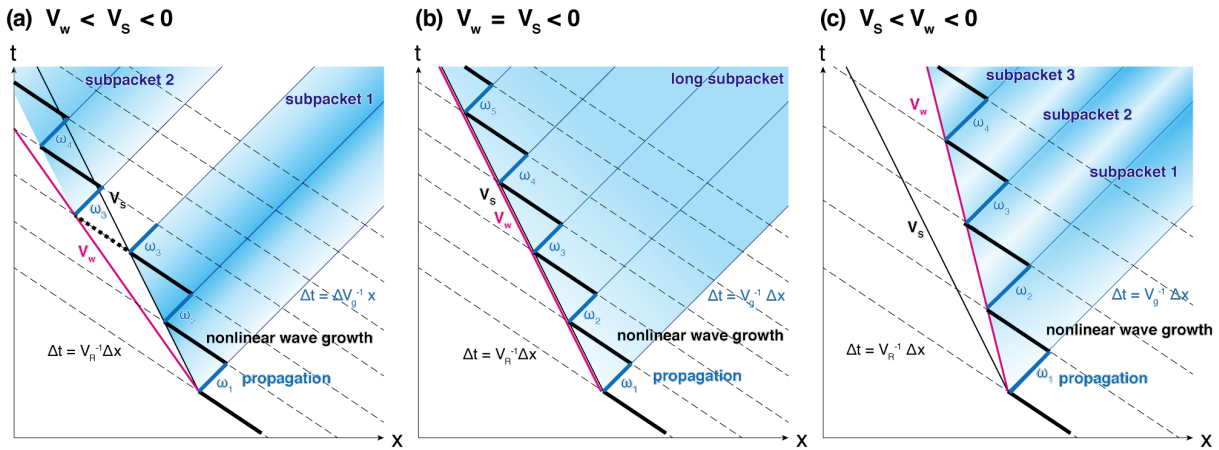
In the cases of  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$  and  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ , we find that the generation region of subpacket moves with different velocities from the source velocity. Figure 4.5c indicates that the velocity of the generation region shown in the solid magenta line is smaller in magnitude than the source velocity shown in the solid white line. Figure 4.7g shows an opposite tendency that the velocity of the generation region shown in the solid red line is greater than the source velocity shown in the solid white line. We also find that the duration and intensity of the subpacket in those cases are different from the case of  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$ . Comparing Figure 4.3d with Figure 4.5c and 4.7g, we find that the durations of the subpackets are different. In the next section, we discuss the discrepancy in the velocity of the wave generation region by comparing the formation processes of subpackets in the three cases.

### 4.3.3 Subpacket formation and motion of generation regions

The concept of the source velocity is based on the formation of the resonant current caused by the phase-organized electrons. The formation of subpacket structures of rising-tone emission gives rise to the deviation of the wave generation point from the source velocity. We extend the concept of the source velocity  $V_S$  to include the motion of the generation point of subpackets and define the velocity of the wave generation point as  $V_W$  given by

$$V_W = pV_R + qV_g, \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} p = 1 & \text{and} & q = 1, & \text{or} \\ 0 < p < 1 & \text{and} & q = 1, & \text{or} \\ p = 1 & \text{and} & 0 < q < 1. \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

When the continuous formation of a wave packet takes place as shown in Case 1 ( $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$ ), the velocity of wave generation  $V_W$  is identical to the source velocity, which corresponds to  $p = q = 1$  in equation (4.6). When the formation of a wave packet is interrupted because of the damping phase of the wave packet after the saturation, as shown in Case 3 ( $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ ),



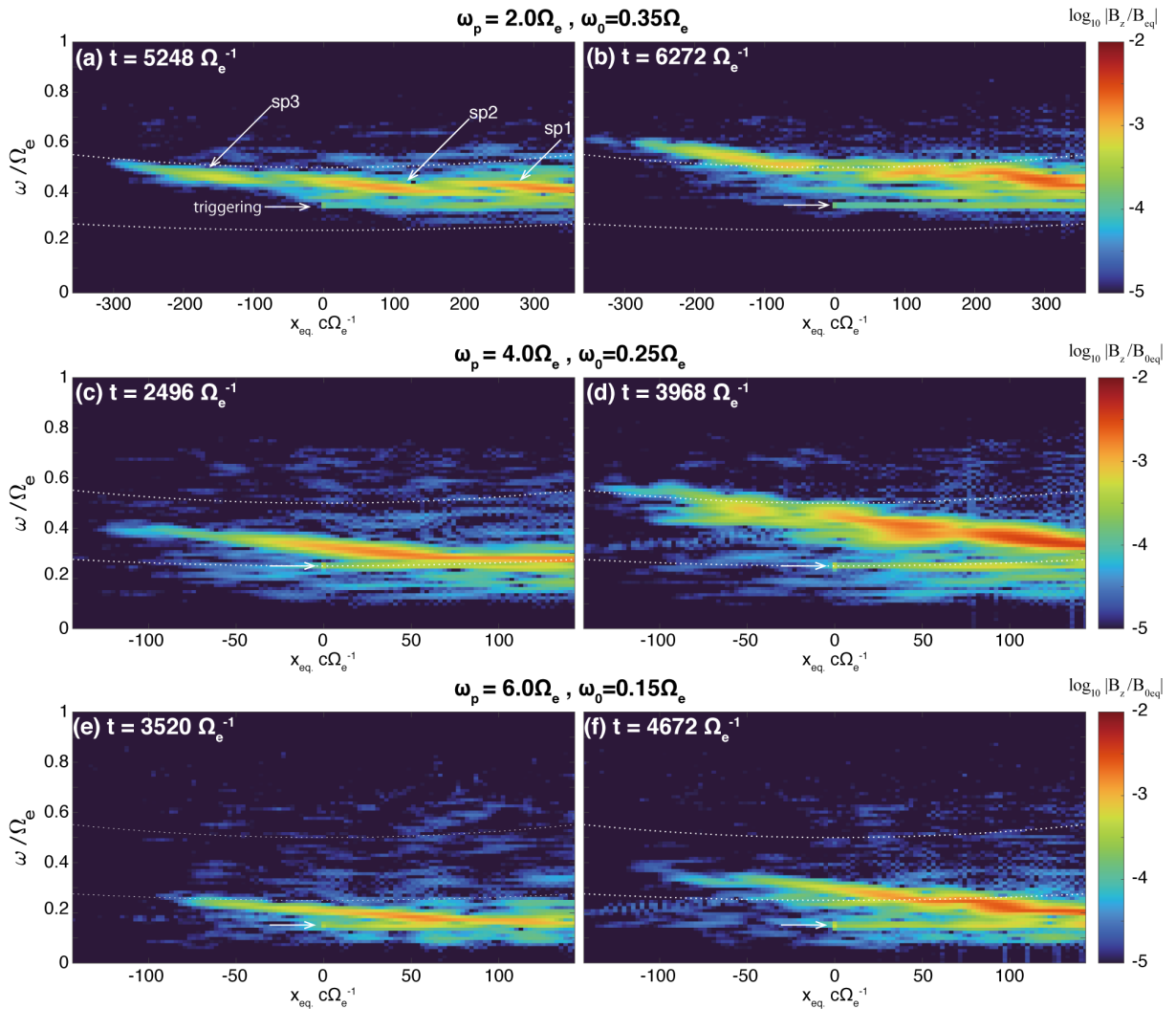
**Figure 4.9:** Schematic illustrations of the generation processes of subpacket structure with different velocities of wave generation; (a) The velocity of wave generation  $V_W$  is less than the source velocity  $V_S = V_R + V_g$ . (b)  $V_W$  is equal to  $V_S$ . (c)  $V_W$  is greater than  $V_S$ .

there arises a gap between the first wave packet and the subsequent wave packet. The results, in the absence of wave propagation over the gap, can be represented by the reduced factor  $q$  ( $0 < q < 1$ ) of  $V_g$  and  $p = 1$ . As shown in Case 2 ( $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ ), the formation of the resonant current is delayed, and the period of the nonlinear wave growth is shortened. The reduction of the nonlinear wave growth period can be represented by the reduced factor  $p$  ( $0 < p < 1$ ) of  $V_R$  and  $q = 1$ . The schematic illustrations of the generation process of subpacket structure are shown in Figure 4.9.

Figure 4.10 shows spatial distributions of frequency spectra. In Figure 4.10a, three subpackets are formed with discrete frequency gaps, and the instantaneous frequency of each subpacket continuously increases as shown by arrows for  $sp_1$ ,  $sp_2$ , and  $sp_3$ . Between  $sp_2$  and  $sp_3$ , the subpackets are overlapped at  $x = 200 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ . The frequency of the beginning of the latter subpacket shown as  $sp_3$  is less than or equal to the frequency at the termination of the former subpacket as  $sp_2$ . The frequency discontinuity between subpackets remains in the later phase of triggered emissions, as shown in Figure 4.10b. Because the group velocity with the frequency greater than  $0.25 \Omega_e$  monotonically decreases as the frequency increases, the separation distance between  $sp_2$  and  $sp_3$  increases through propagation.

Figure 4.9a shows a schematic illustration of the generation process of short subpackets in Case 3. The dashed blue lines indicate trajectories of resonance electrons moving at the resonance velocity, and the solid blue lines indicate the propagation of triggered waves with the group velocity. The solid thin black line indicates the source velocity  $V_S$ , and the magenta line indicates the velocity of the wave packet  $V_W$ . The first subpacket is triggered from the injected triggering waves, and the generation of waves continuously takes place along  $V_S$  in a subpacket, forming a greater resonant current from  $\omega_1$  to  $\omega_2$ . The wave amplitude of the triggered subpacket approaches the optimum amplitude by virtue of greater resonant current,





**Figure 4.10:** Snapshots of the spatial distribution of wave frequencies for plasma frequencies, (a,b)  $\omega_p = 2.0\Omega_e$ , (c,d)  $4.0\Omega_e$  and (e, f)  $6.0\Omega_e$ , respectively; (dotted lines) One-quarter and one-half of the local electron cyclotron frequencies. (white arrows) the injection point and frequency of the triggering wave.

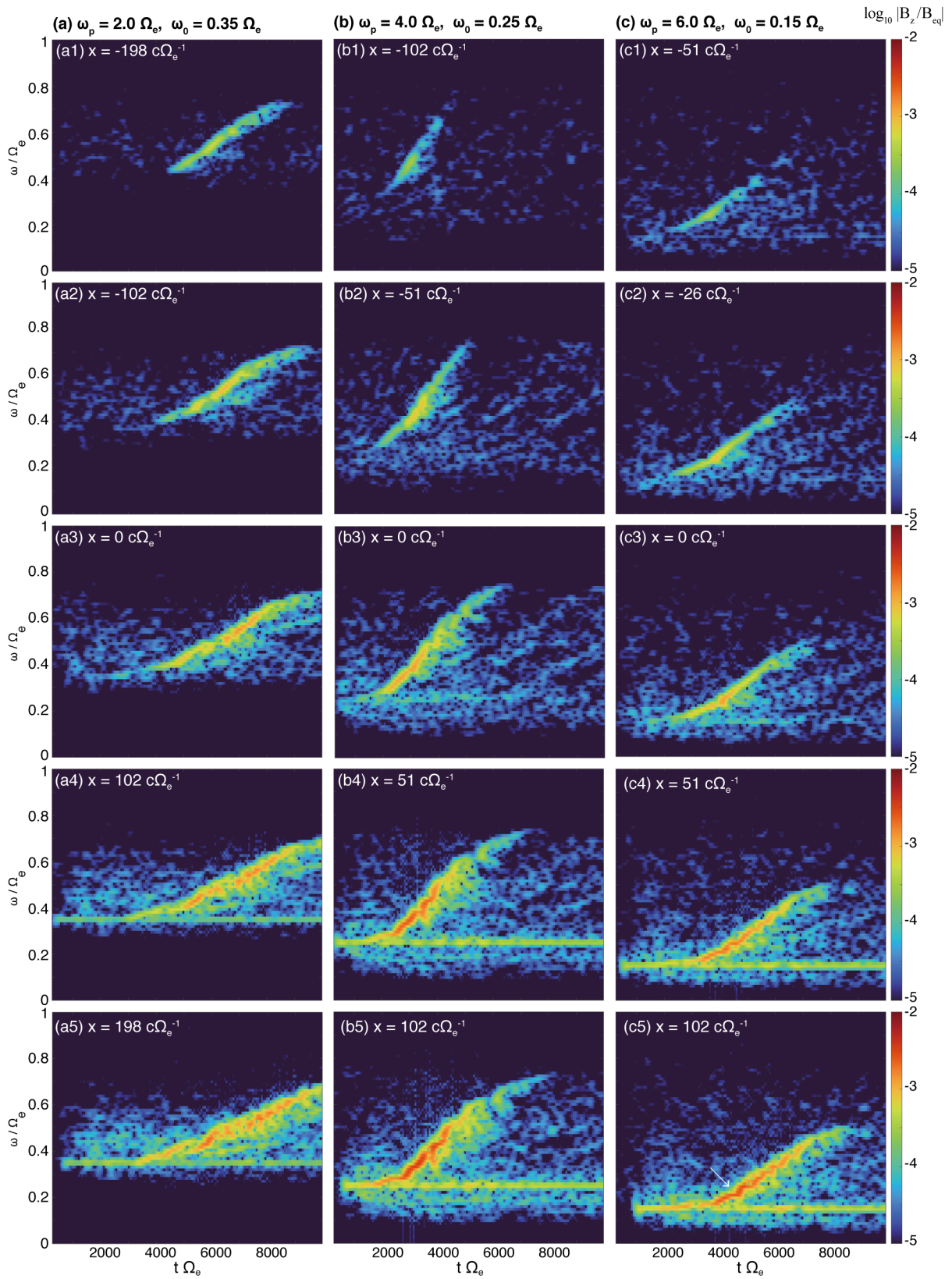
and the nonlinear wave growth is suppressed in the latter phase of the subpacket from  $\omega_2$  to  $\omega_3$ . The phase organization of resonant electrons is enhanced in the vicinity of the propagation path of the wave packet with  $\omega_2$ . In contrast, the release of the phase structure is suppressed due to the weak amplitude in the termination of the first subpacket, as shown in the bold black line toward  $\omega_3$ . The phase-organized electrons keep their spatial structure with phase space modulation, and some of the phase-organized electrons are carried with the resonance velocity as shown in the dashed black line, and the second subpacket is generated. As a result, the velocity of the generation point over the multiple subpackets ( $V_W$ ) becomes less than  $V_S$ . This generation model of the short subpacket is similar to that by Hanzelka et al. (2020), while our new model indicates that the motion of each subpacket is given by the source velocity.

When a triggered wave packet is long enough in space and time, the generation region moves with the source velocity as we find in Case 1 ( $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$ ) shown in Figures 4.3 and 4.4. With the plasma frequency  $4.0 \Omega_e$  and triggering wave frequency  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , we observe the formation of multiple subpackets, while the spectrum analyses indicate that a single long-sustaining subpacket is generated in the vicinity of the generation region as shown in Figures 4.11c, 4.11b3, and 4.11b4. Figure 4.9b shows a schematic illustration of the generation process of a triggered emission for a long subpacket. In the long-sustaining subpacket, phase-organized particles by the triggered wave generate a subsequent wave with a slightly higher frequency, and the subsequent wave modulates fresh resonant electrons. These microscopic processes continuously take place in the vicinity of the generation region, which moves upstream from the triggering wave. For a long subpacket generation, the velocity of the wave packet ( $V_W$ ) and the source velocity are approximately the same negative value so that absolute instability is maintained in the generation region. When the magnitude of the source velocity is small, the growth rate of the absolute instability at a fixed position becomes small.

When the triggering wave is injected with a frequency  $0.15 \Omega_e$  in Case 2 ( $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ ), two long subpackets separated at  $0.25 \Omega_e$  are generated in the vicinity of the generation region in Figure 4.11c3.

The wave growth and frequency sweep rate below  $0.25 \Omega_e$  is weaker than those above  $0.25 \Omega_e$ . The subpacket splits into multiple short subpackets through convective wave growth. Nonlinear wave growth in the upstream region of the equator is weaker than in other cases with  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$  and  $4.0 \Omega_e$ . Figure 4.9c shows the schematic illustration of the generation process with  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ . The ratio of the duration of the nonlinear wave growth to the propagation time of triggered waves becomes small, and the source velocity becomes small, while its value is still negative.

The wave packets below the frequency  $0.25 \Omega_e$  are grouped together because of the variation of group velocity  $\partial V_g / \partial \omega > 0$ . As we find in Figure 4.2, the group velocity increases with the increasing frequency and maximizes at  $\omega = 0.25 \Omega_e$ . When a rising-tone emission is started below  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , a lower frequency packet is generated first, followed by a higher frequency



**Figure 4.11:** Dynamic spectra of distinct rising-tone emissions for plasma frequencies (a)  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ , (b)  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$ , and (c)  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$  at different positions from (1) to (5), which corresponds to positions from the upstream region to the downstream region for forward propagating waves.

packet with a higher group velocity. The wave packet with higher frequency has a tendency to catch up with the lower frequency wave packet. Because of this dispersion effect, the subpackets with frequencies below  $0.25 \Omega_e$  have a tendency to coalesce with each other, as we find in Figure 4.5c. In the corresponding spatial and temporal profile of the magnetic field, we observe that several subpackets cross at a certain point, as shown by the arrow in Figure 4.11c5. The coalescence of wave packets below  $0.25 \Omega_e$  is in agreement with the observation results reported by Foster et al. (2017).

When the electron holes are formed with two different frequency waves, while the trajectories of trapped and untrapped particles with two waves are mutually independent, we can regard each wave as coherent in terms of nonlinear wave-particle interaction (Omura, 2021). When a long triggered wave is generated as in Case 1 ( $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$ ), the criterion of coherence is satisfied in both the upstream region and the downstream region of the triggering waves. In Case 2 ( $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ ), on the other hand, the new wave packets overtake the waves with lower frequencies in the upstream region of triggering waves, and the coherence of the waves in the generation region deteriorates. The formation of resonant currents becomes less effective, and the generation of wave packets is interrupted, resulting in the generation of a short subpacket in Case 2.

#### 4.3.4 Dynamic frequency spectra

Figure 4.11 shows dynamic spectra observed at different positions for forward propagating waves from upstream to downstream for different plasma frequencies, (a)  $2.0 \Omega_e$ , (b)  $4.0 \Omega_e$  and (c)  $6.0 \Omega_e$ . We plot the dynamic spectra for the runs with the frequencies of triggering wave (a)  $0.35 \Omega_e$ , (b)  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , and (c)  $0.15 \Omega_e$ , in which triggered emissions are observed. From the top to the bottom of each column, we plot dynamic spectra observed at different positions from the upstream region to the downstream region for forward propagating waves. We perform short-time discrete Fourier transformation for forward propagating waves with a window size  $\Delta t = 512 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , which has 65,536 data points and shifting the window by  $64 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , corresponding to 8,192 data points. In all cases shown in Figure 4.11, we find that triggered emissions show rising-tone frequencies. The frequency of the triggered waves increases monotonically in the generation region in Figures 4.11b1 and 4.11c1, while the frequency increase is suppressed between the subpackets in Figure 4.11a1.

In the case with  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$  and  $\omega_0 = 0.35 \Omega_e$ , relatively short subpackets are generated throughout the emission as shown in Figures 4.11a1 to 4.11a5. The generation region moves from the downstream region to the upstream region of the magnetic equator, and the frequency gap between subpackets enlarges as the triggered waves propagate, resulting in the discontinuity of the frequency variations between subpackets as shown in Figures 4.11a3 and 4.11a4. The generation of short subpackets and the frequency gap between subpackets are consistent with the generation model of the subpackets illustrated in Figure 4.9a.

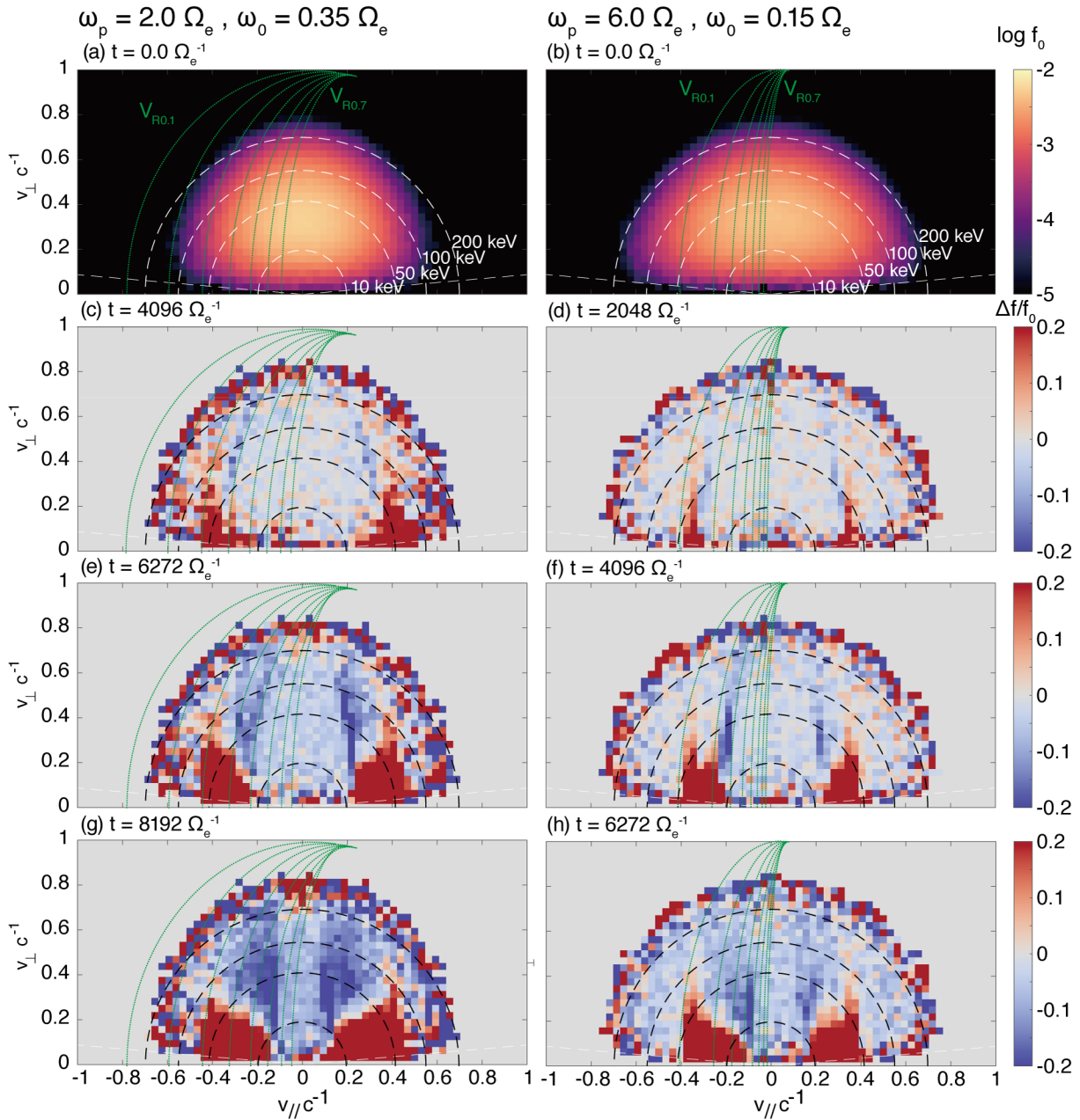
Continuous long subpackets are observed in the generation region of the upstream region of triggered emissions with  $\omega_p = 4.0 \Omega_e$  and  $\omega_0 = 0.35 \Omega_e$  as shown in Figures 4.11b1 and 4.11b2. The instantaneous frequencies of triggered emissions are greater than  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , and continuous formation of the resonant current takes place as illustrated in Figure 4.9b.

In the case with  $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$  and  $\omega_0 = 0.15 \Omega_e$ , the weak long subpacket is generated in the upstream region as shown in Figures 4.11c1. The generation region of the subpackets with the frequency below  $0.25 \Omega_e$  exists in the vicinity of the equator in Figures 4.11c2 and 4.11c3. Figure 4.11c2 and 4.11c3 clearly show the frequency sweep rate below  $0.25 \Omega_e$  is smaller than those above  $0.25 \Omega_e$ . We observe that the wave amplitude is enhanced at  $0.25 \Omega_e$  as indicated by a white arrow in Figure 4.11c5. Because the magnitude of group velocity maximizes at  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , the wave packets converge in the downstream region of triggered emissions as discussed above.

Falling-tone emissions are generated from rising-tone triggered emissions in the higher frequency range in 4.11a4, 4.11a5, 4.11b4, 4.11b5, and 4.11c5. Falling-tone emissions are triggered by the termination of short rising-tone emissions in the downstream region of the subpackets. Ground observation of VLF triggered emissions have shown that shorter wave duration of injected waves leads to the generation of falling-tone emissions (Helliwell & Katsufakis, 1974). Nogi et al. (2020) have reproduced falling-tone emissions by using similar parameters to the present paper, and the difference from the present paper is the duration period of triggering waves. Short period triggering waves around half the cyclotron frequency lead to falling-tone emissions, and long period triggering waves lead to rising-tone emissions. The generation of falling-tone emissions from a short rising-tone subpacket supports that the enhancement of trapping of resonant electrons forming electron hills is caused by short triggering waves. In the case with  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ , falling-tone emissions are generated from rising-tone emissions with the frequency range from  $0.5 \Omega_e$  to  $0.7 \Omega_e$ , which is upper-band chorus emissions. S. Liu et al. (2021) have shown by using Van Allen Probes that the initial frequency of distinct falling-tone subpackets gradually increases, and the sequence of the initial part of subpackets is aligned as upper-band rising-tone emissions. The present result shown in Figure 4.11a5 is similar to the observation result by S. Liu et al. (2021), except for the frequency gap between lower-band and upper-band chorus emissions. Because the parallel propagation in the one-dimensional model is assumed in the present simulation, the frequency gap due to nonlinear damping through Landau resonance cannot be formed.

### 4.3.5 Evolution of velocity distribution function

Figure 4.12 shows the velocity distribution of energetic electrons in the vicinity of the magnetic equator. The initial velocity distribution function  $f_0$  is shown in Figures 4.12a and 4.12b for Case 3 ( $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$ ) and Case 2 ( $\omega_p = 6.0 \Omega_e$ ), respectively. Figures 4.12c to 4.12h show the differences from the initial velocity distribution function for (c, d) beginning of the triggered emissions, (e, f) middle phase of the triggered emissions, and (g, h) termination of the trig-



**Figure 4.12:** Time evolution of velocity distributions of energetic electrons at the equator for plasma frequencies,  $\omega_p = 2.0 \Omega_e$  and  $6.0 \Omega_e$  with triggering wave frequencies  $\omega_0 = 0.35 \Omega_e$  and  $0.15 \Omega_e$ , respectively; (a, b) The initial distribution  $f_0$ , (c, d)  $f/f_0$  variation from the initial distribution at the beginning, (e, f) the middle, and (g, h) the end of triggered emissions. Green lines show resonance velocities for frequencies from  $0.1 \Omega_e$  to  $0.7 \Omega_e$ .

gered emissions, respectively. The variation of the velocity distribution for  $\omega_p = 4.0\Omega_e$  with triggering wave  $0.3\Omega_e$  is presented in Figure 3.11 in Chapter 3.

The density modulation in velocity phase space takes place in the vicinity of the resonance velocity, shown with green lines in Figures 4.12a-4.12h. In the case with the plasma frequency  $2.0\Omega_e$ , we find that the resonance velocity varies from the frequency for  $0.40\Omega_e$ ,  $0.45\Omega_e$ , and  $0.65\Omega_e$  in Figures 4.12c, 4.12e, and 4.12g, respectively. The frequencies for the resonance velocities at which the depletion of phase space density is formed are in agreement with the instantaneous frequency at the equator, as shown in Figure 4.11a3. With  $\omega_p = 6.0\Omega_e$ , we have confirmed that the frequencies for resonance velocities of the density depletion are consistent with the instantaneous frequency in Figure 4.11c3.

The energy range for the case with  $\omega_p = 2.0\Omega_e$  is presumed from 50 keV to 100 keV in the initial phase, 10 to 50 keV in the end of triggered emissions. The effective energy range of nonlinear growth of chorus emissions is 10 – 100 keV. In this energy range, we find a relatively strong depletion of electrons in Figure 4.12. Resonant electrons forming a hole in velocity phase space are scattered to lower pitch angles, and some of them get into the loss cone. In the energy range of 10 – 40 keV, we can find strong precipitation due to the generation of chorus emissions. The acceleration of electrons takes place in the higher energy range as we find an enhanced electron flux around 90 degrees of pitch angle in Figure 4.12g.

Comparing Figure 4.12c with Figure 4.12d, we find the difference in the depth of the electron hole. In the case with  $\omega_p = 2.0\Omega_e$ , intense modulation of the density takes place due to a deeper electron hole (= greater  $Q$  value), leading to greater resonant current than that with  $\omega_p = 6.0\Omega_e$ . The initial difference in the intensity of the resonant current controls the absolute and convective growth rates and frequency sweep rates. In the case with  $\omega_p = 6.0\Omega_e$ , the modulation of the phase space density due to the formation of the electron hole is suppressed at the initial phase of the triggered emissions, as shown in Figure 4.12d. The forgoing subpacket at  $0.20\Omega_e$  is overtaken by the subsequent subpacket at  $0.25\Omega_e$ , and coherent nonlinear wave-particle interaction is suppressed.

## 4.4 Summary and discussion

We have performed simulations of whistler-mode wave-particle interaction in a parabolic magnetic field with 12 different frequencies of triggering waves and three different plasma frequencies specifying cold plasma densities. Under a given plasma condition, specific frequency ranges of the triggering wave generate rising-tone emissions. We summarise the characteristics of triggered emissions as follows.

1. The generation regions of rising-tone emissions move upstream from the triggering waves.
2. The source velocity represents the motion of resonant current, while the velocity of the

wave generation includes formation processes of subpackets and their intervals. The velocity of wave packet generation is dependent on the duration of the subpacket controlled by the formation time of the resonant current in the generation region.

3. When the source velocity is approximately the same as the velocity of wave packet generation, the resonant current is formed continuously, leading to a long-sustaining rising-tone emission.
4. When the spatial and temporal gap between subpackets exists due to the damping phase of the generation of a short subpacket, resonant electrons in the gap of the subpacket are carried at the resonance velocity to the upstream region, forming subsequent subpacket. As a result, the velocity of wave generation increases in magnitude.
5. When the formation of resonant currents is delayed, the velocity of wave generation becomes smaller than the source velocity in magnitude. Coalescence of subpackets takes place below the frequency  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , delaying the formation of the resonant current in the generation region.
6. As a condition for an absolute instability of the wave, the source velocity should be a small negative value. Namely, a gradual upstream shift of the source region is necessary for the wave to grow locally.
7. In the frequency range for the upper-band chorus of rising-tone emissions, short falling-tone packets are generated along with rising-tone packets.

In the present study, we have observed the generation of rising-tone emissions from the triggering waves below one-half of cyclotron frequency. The maximum frequency of rising-tone triggered emissions is greater than one-half of electron cyclotron frequency, while we have not observed a frequency gap at  $0.5 \Omega_e$ , which is typically observed in chorus waves. Ratcliffe and Watt (2017) have proposed the model that the modulated electron distribution function is formed, and two distinct peaks of linear growth rate in frequency appear, resulting in the generation of lower-band and upper-band chorus emissions. The modulation in the velocity distribution function in frequency can be caused by Landau resonance (J. Li et al., 2019; Sauer et al., 2020; H. Chen et al., 2021; H. Chen, Gao, et al., 2022; J. Li et al., 2022). We have assumed parallel propagation of whistler-mode waves by taking the one-dimensional simulation system along the magnetic field line. Since there arises no electric field in the parallel direction, we have neglected the electrostatic field. In the real magnetosphere, the wave normal angles of the triggered emissions should deviate from the parallel direction, and there occurs effective Landau resonance at half the cyclotron frequency where the group velocity and phase velocity become equal. The rising-tone emissions crossing half the cyclotron frequency are expected to undergo damping near the local cyclotron frequency, resulting in lower-band and upper-band emissions (Omura et al., 2009; Hsieh & Omura, 2018). Self-consistent simulations in a



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two-dimensional system are necessary for confirmation of the gap formation in the rising-tone emissions propagating obliquely to the magnetic field. Such a two-dimensional simulation was performed by Ke et al. (2017). They did not find the formation of the gap, possibly because of the smallness of the simulation system. Two-dimensional simulations with sufficiently large spatial extent are left as a future study.



# Chapter 5

## Generation process of falling-tone emissions

### 5.1 Introduction

VLF chorus emission is one of the most significant wave phenomena in the Earth's magnetosphere. Chorus is commonly observed in the inner magnetosphere as intense whistler-mode waves, in the frequency range of 0.1-0.8  $f_{ce}$  ( $f_{ce}$  is the equatorial electron gyrofrequency), with right-hand polarization, and propagating along the ambient magnetic field line (e.g., Oliven & Gurnett, 1968; Tsurutani & Smith, 1974; Koons & Roeder, 1990; Gurnett et al., 2001; Meredith et al., 2001, and others). They are composed of coherent wave packets with rising or falling frequency. The artificially excited rising and falling tones have also been observed from weak and monochromatic whistler wave signals, known as "triggered VLF emissions" (Helliwell & Brice, 1964; Helliwell & Katsufakis, 1974; Helliwell et al., 1980, 1986; Helliwell, 1983). Comparisons between chorus emissions and triggered emissions have revealed that the triggered emissions have the same generation mechanism as chorus (Helliwell, 1988; Trakhtengerts et al., 1996; Nunn, 1986, 1990).

In general, the source of whistler-mode waves is associated with anisotropic energetic electrons in the equatorial region (Kennel & Petschek, 1966; Tsurutani & Smith, 1974; Tsurutani et al., 1979; LeDocq et al., 1998; Parrot et al., 2003; Santolík et al., 2004, 2005, 2008). It has been explained by both linear and quasi-linear theory (e.g., Hashimoto & Kimura, 1981; Cornilleau-Wehrin et al., 1985; Solomon et al., 1988, and others). On the other hand, in the generation of the discrete structure of chorus, nonlinear processes play an important role. In the nonlinear growth theory, the resonant current formed by electron trapping results in the rapid growth of amplitude and the time variation of rising and falling frequencies (Nunn et al., 1997, 2009; Omura et al., 2008, 2009).

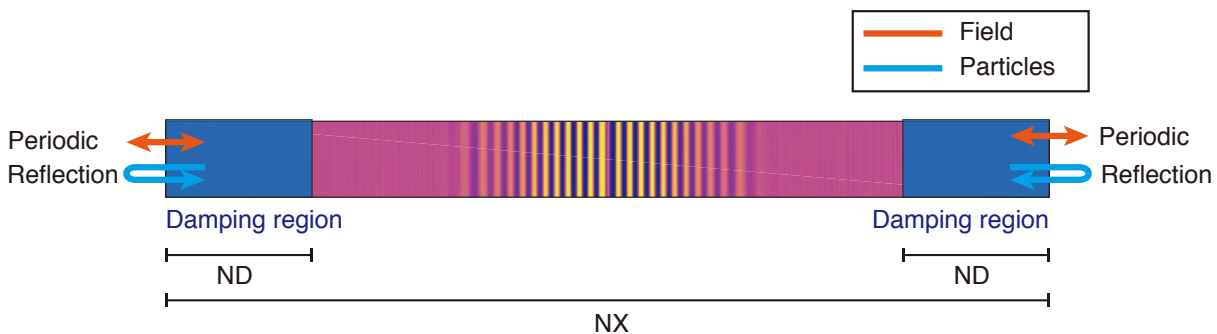
For a better understanding of these complicated nonlinear processes, many numerical simulations have been conducted, reproducing nonlinear trapping of resonant electrons. A one-dimensional Vlasov hybrid code has been developed for simulating chorus emissions (Nunn,

1974). Nunn and Omura (2012) has shown that a falling-tone emission can be excited from the upstream region by a triggering pulse with a constant frequency. Katoh and Omura (2007) and Tao (2014) have successfully reproduced rising tones by self-consistent electron hybrid codes, assuming energetic electrons with a temperature anisotropy. Hikishima et al. (2010) has developed a full-particle simulation for chorus and triggered emissions. As for the background magnetic field model, Ke et al. (2017) have expanded the electron hybrid codes from 1-D to 2-D model and also reproduced discrete rising-tone emissions. Recently, Lu et al. (2019) has reported a 2-D simulation of rising-tone emissions in the dipole magnetic field.

In this paper, we conduct a one-dimensional self-consistent full PIC calculation for simulating a triggered falling-tone emission. Section 2 describes the simulation model, initial conditions, and the method of triggering whistler-mode waves. In section 3, we show the results of exciting a triggered falling-tone emission. We discuss the generation process of the emission based on the dynamics of resonant currents in section 4. Finally, section 5 gives the conclusions.

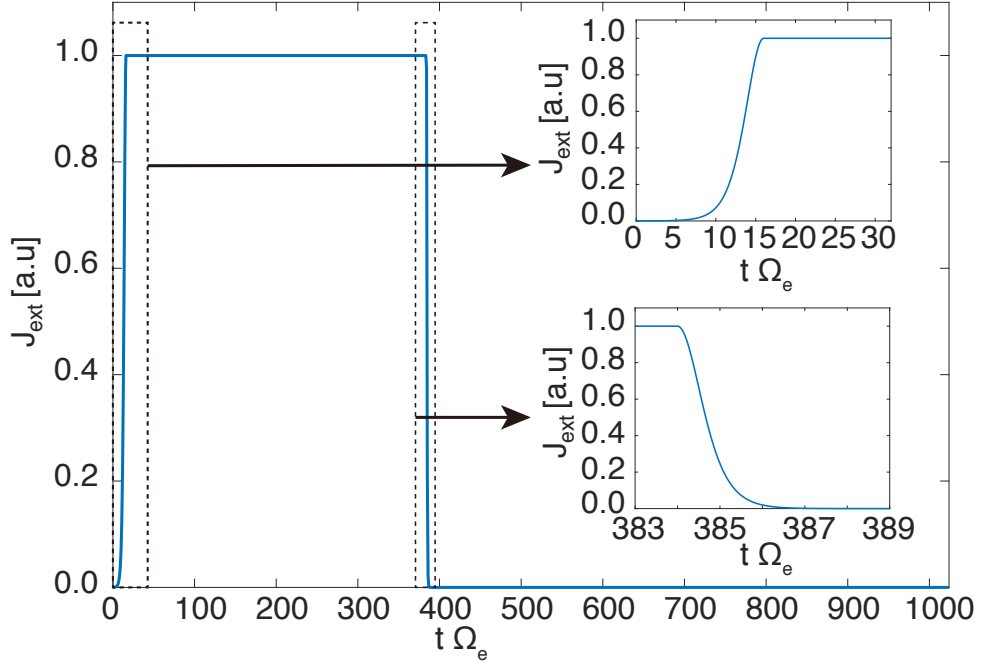
## 5.2 Simulation model

To simulate triggered chorus emissions, we use a one-dimensional full particle-in-cell code, which is developed by Kyoto university ElectroMagnetic Plasma cOde (KEMPO) by Omura and Matsumoto (1993); Omura (2007). We adopt a cylindrical coordinate with the  $x$  axis along the nonuniform magnetic field. The background magnetic field is assumed axisymmetric and parabolic as a function of  $x$ . One-dimensional Maxwell's equations and three-dimensional equations of motion are solved for transverse electromagnetic fields and electrons, respectively. We assume an ideal situation of triggered emissions, which are excited from an artificial signal at the magnetic equator. The simulation system is illustrated in Figure 5.1.



**Figure 5.1:** The schematic illustration of the one-dimensional simulation model. Total Simulation region (NX) includes damping region (ND).

We set the  $x$ -axis along the field line. Near the magnetic equator, the  $x$ -component of the



**Figure 5.2:** The time profile of the magnitude of the injected currents.

dipole magnetic field  $B_x$  is approximated by parabolic variation as

$$B_x(x) = B_{\text{eq}}(1 + ax^2), \quad (5.1)$$

where  $x$  is the distance along the field line from the equator, and  $B_{\text{eq}}$  and  $a$  are the equatorial value of  $B_x$  and the coefficient of the parabolic variations of the background magnetic field, respectively.

At the equator, we put an external sinusoidal current  $J_z$  oscillating with a constant frequency for a finite time duration. Basically  $J_z$  generates  $E_z$  variations around the equator. The excited field propagates as whistler-mode wave packets with circular polarization in  $y$  and  $z$  as they move away from the equator. The external current  $J_z$  has nothing to do with resonant currents, which will be described in section 4. To reduce the Gibbs oscillation noise from the onset and the termination of the current, we apply the window function to the external current as  $\cosh(t - \Delta t)$ , where  $(\Delta t) = 15 \Omega_e^{-1}$  and  $384 \Omega_e^{-1}$  at the beginning and the end of the triggering, respectively. Figure 5.2 shows the time evolution of the magnitude of the external current.

In this paper, we report three different cases, as shown in Table 5.2. In the present paper, we compare Cases 1 and 2 to survey the generation mechanisms for different frequencies. Case 3 represents a uniform magnetic field model to compare with the effect of the parabolic background magnetic field model. In the present paper, we set the frequency as  $0.51 \Omega_e$  so that the group velocity and the phase velocity of whistler-mode waves take the same value at a certain distance from the equator. Table 5.1 shows numerical and plasma parameters in the simulations, normalized by the speed of light  $c$  in a vacuum and the electron cyclotron frequency  $\Omega_e$  at the

magnetic equator.

**Table 5.1:** Common simulation parameters in all cases

Parameter	Value
Time step	$0.007812 \Omega_e^{-1}$
Grid spacing	$0.025 c \Omega_e^{-1}$
Number of grids NX	8192
Length of simulation region	$204.8 c \Omega_e^{-1}$
Total number of cold electrons, $N_c$	2,147,483,648
Total number of energetic electrons, $N_h$	2,147,483,648
Total number of protons, $N_i$	268,435,456
Mass ratio of proton to electrons, $m_i/m_e$	1600
The average plasma frequency of cold electrons, $\omega_{pe}$	$2.0 \Omega_e$
Density ratio of energetic electrons to cold electrons, $n_h/n_c$	0.02
Thermal momenta of energetic electrons at the equator, $U_{th,\parallel}, U_{th,\perp}$	$0.225 c, 0.250 c$
Temperature anisotropy, $A = T_{\perp}/T_{\parallel} - 1$	0.235
Loss cone angle, $\alpha_{\text{loss}}$ (degrees)	5
Loss cone parameter, $\beta$ in equation (2.10)	0.09
Amplitude of triggering wave at the magnetic equator (constant), $B_w$	$0.02 B_{eq}$ .
Number of grids for damping region (ND)	256
Length for damping region	$6.4 c \Omega_e^{-1}$

**Table 5.2:** Simulation parameters for each case

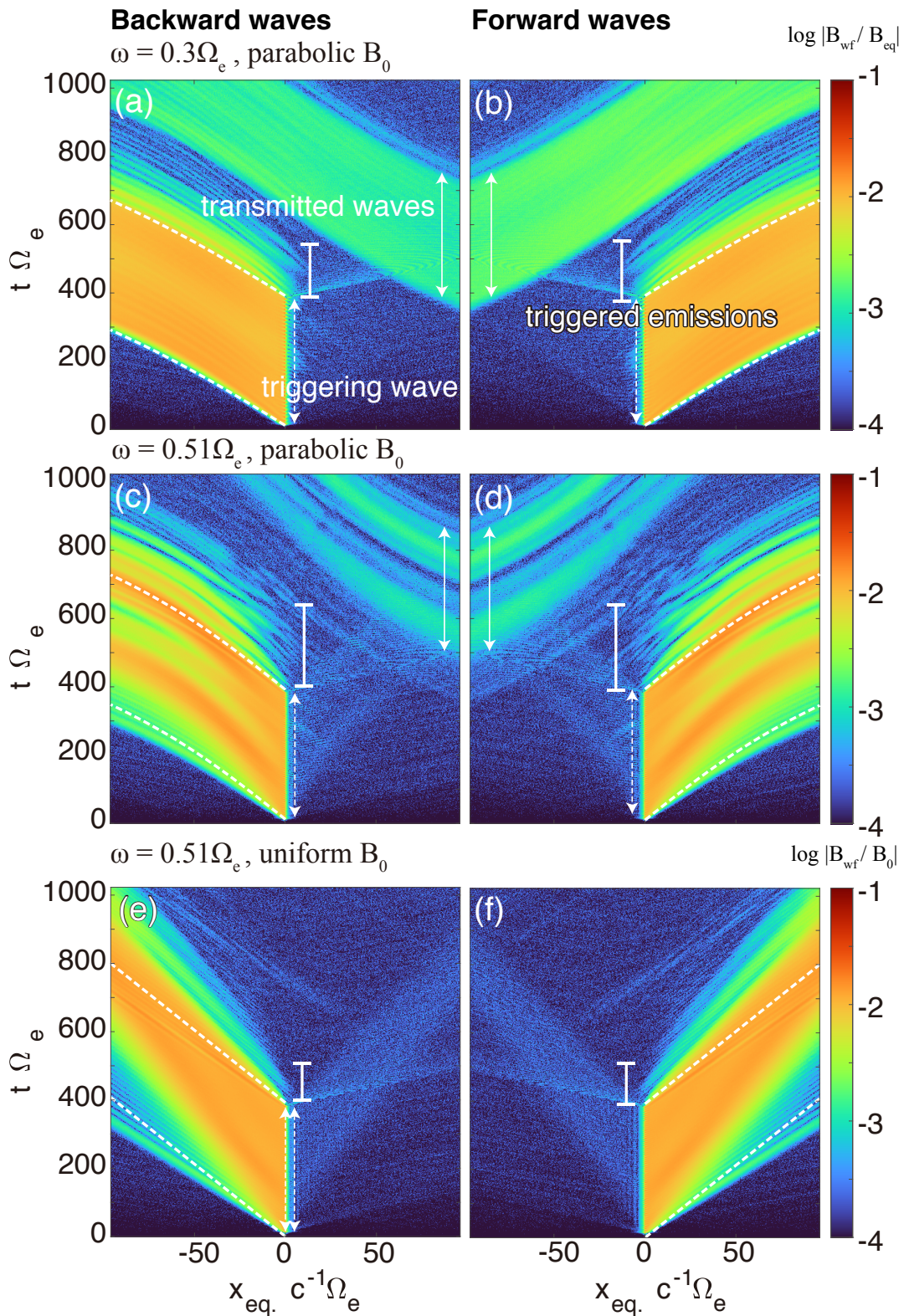
Parameter	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
coefficient of parabolic magnetic field, $a c^2 \Omega_e^{-2}$	$4.48 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.48 \times 10^{-5}$	Uniform
Frequencies of triggering wave (constant), $\omega$	$0.3 \Omega_e$	$0.51 \Omega_e$	$0.51 \Omega_e$

## 5.3 Results

### 5.3.1 Wave propagation

We first show wave power profiles in space and time. Figures 5.3a-5.3f and Figures 5.3c-5.3f show magnetic field powers with the frequencies of  $\omega = 0.3 \Omega_e$  and  $0.51 \Omega_e$ . For comparison, 5.3e-5.3f presents the case with uniform background magnetic field.

In all cases, triggering waves are excited from  $t = 40 \Omega_e^{-1}$  to  $384 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , and propagate forward (northward) and backward (southward) in the  $x$  direction. We separate forward and backward components of parallel propagating whistler-mode waves by means of the spatial helicity along the background magnetic field. The backward waves and forward waves show symmetric results, and we focus on the forward waves in this paper.



**Figure 5.3:** Spatial and time profiles of magnetic field magnitude for forward and backward waves with the frequencies of (a-b)  $\omega = 0.3\Omega_e$  and (c-f)  $0.51\Omega_e$ . White dashed lines show the head and tail of the triggering wave, calculated as the waves with the triggering frequency propagate with the group velocity given by the local cold plasma dispersion relation.



After the stop of triggering, several sub-packets are triggered. The triggered emissions appear during  $400\text{--}600 \Omega_e^{-1}$ ,  $700 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , and  $500 \Omega_e^{-1}$  in Figures 5.3b, 5.3d and 5.3f, respectively. We observe significant wave damping takes place at the wavefront for  $\omega = 0.51 \Omega_e$  for Figures 5.3d and 5.3f.

During  $t = 400 - 700 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , weak waves are transmitted from the opposite boundary due to insufficient wave damping in the absorbing region. Those transmitted waves do not affect the physical process of our target of triggered emissions because it is second-order smaller and spatially separated from the main emissions.

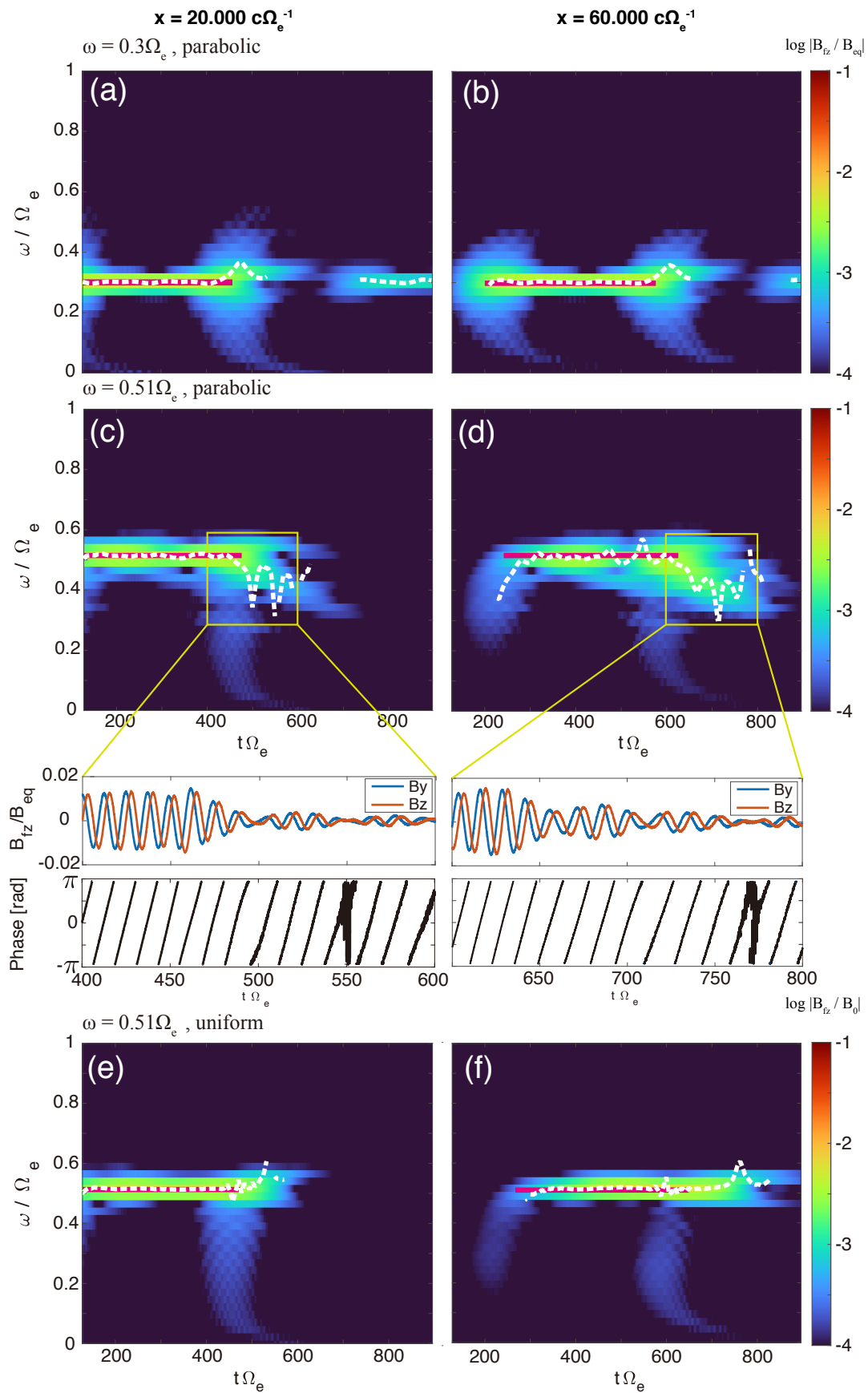
### 5.3.2 Frequency analysis on triggering and triggered waves

Figure 5.4 shows dynamic spectrum of transverse magnetic field  $B_z$  at different locations along a magnetic field line  $x = 20 c \Omega_e^{-1}$  and  $60 c \Omega_e^{-1}$ . The short-time fast Fourier transformation is applied over the magnetic field  $B_z$  with the Hamming window of one-quarter of total simulation time-shifting in  $1/2048$  of simulation time. The triggering waves are indicated by solid green lines. Instantaneous frequencies of emissions are overplotted by dashed white lines. We define the emissions by the amplitude greater than 0.3% of  $B_{\text{eq}}$  and the coherence between  $B_y$  and  $B_z$  greater than 0.995. In all cases, we can see a broadband signal at the end of the triggering waves. The signal comes from the artificial termination of the injected current.

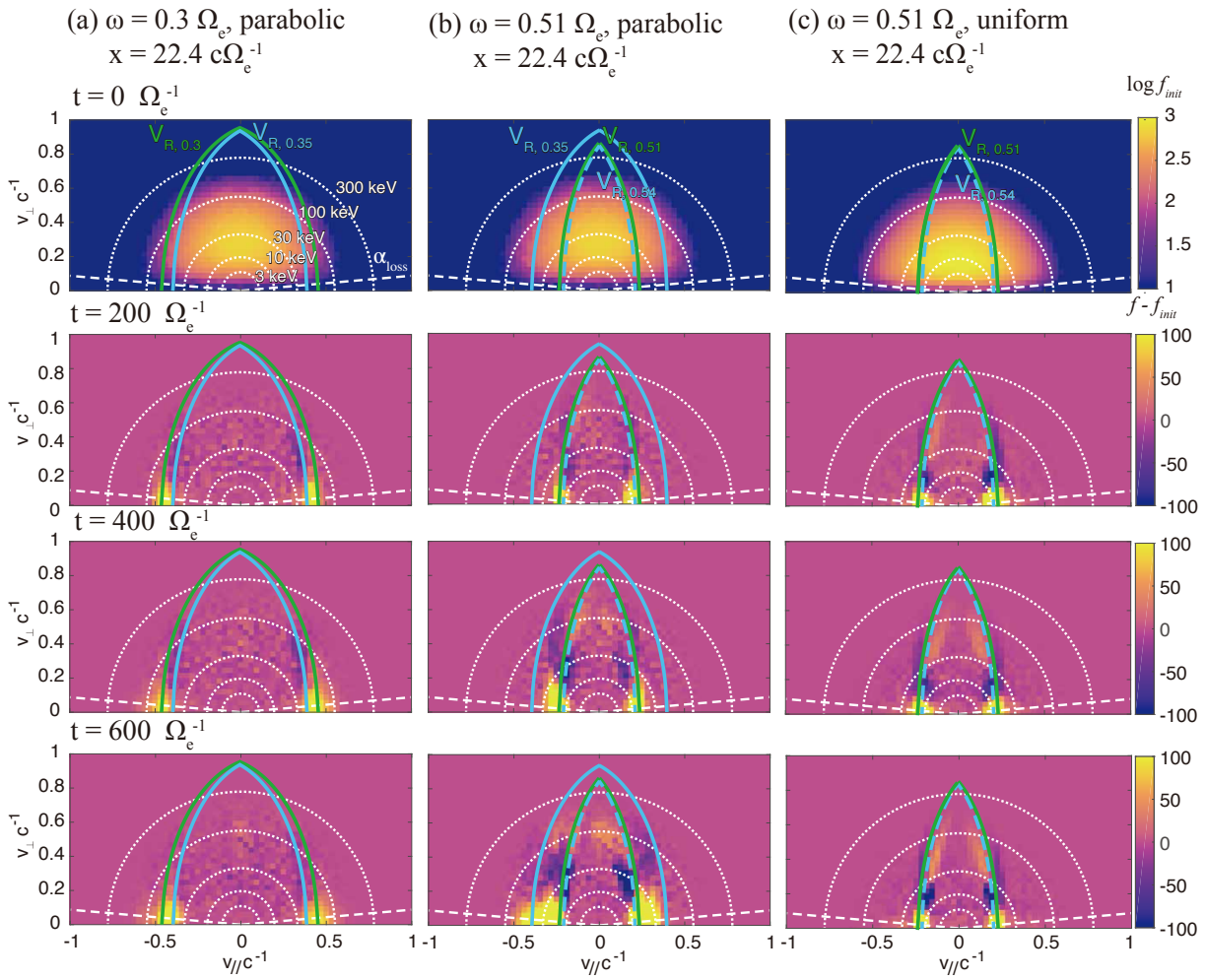
After the triggering wave with a constant frequency, triggered emissions can be seen with a small amplitude and a slightly rising frequency in Figures 5.4a-5.4b. In Figure 5.4c, the triggered emission appears during the period from  $t = 500 \Omega_e^{-1}$  to  $600 \Omega_e^{-1}$ . The frequency significantly decreases from  $0.51 \Omega_e$  to  $0.3 \Omega_e$ . Figure 5.4c shows that the duration, amplitude, and frequency drop increase with the propagation. The triggered emission consists of rapid frequency modulation with a time scale of  $50 \Omega_e^{-1}$ . Figures 5.4e and 5.4f show that there occurs no significant emission in the uniform magnetic field model. There is no significant difference between Figures 5.4a and 5.4b, and Figures 5.4e and 5.4f, whereas Figures 5.4c and 5.4d show a significant evolution of the falling tone emission in space and time. Figure 5.4 clearly presents that there is neither intense wave growth nor frequency variation in the two cases with  $\omega = 0.3 \Omega_e$  and uniform magnetic field.

We also verify the frequency modulations by examining the time evolution of the electron velocity distribution. The waves should modulate the electron distribution with the resonance velocity determined by the local frequency. Figure 5.5 shows local velocity distributions of energetic electrons in the  $(v_{\parallel} - v_{\perp})$  plane at respective times with the different frequencies of the triggering waves. The blue and green lines in Figure 5.5 show the cyclotron resonance conditions for the initial and final frequencies of emissions ( $0.3 \Omega_e$  and  $0.35 \Omega_e$  in Figure 5.5a,  $0.35 \Omega_e$  and  $0.51 \Omega_e$  in Figure 5.5b, and  $0.51 \Omega_e$  and  $0.54 \Omega_e$  in Figure 5.5c). On the resonance curve, the majority of energetic electrons are scattered to lower pitch angles. Figure 5.5b shows the largest variation of the resonance curve and the most effective scattering along the curves.





**Figure 5.4:** Dynamic spectra of magnetic field magnitude for forward waves with different wave frequencies and different background field models.



**Figure 5.5:** Time evolution of velocity distributions for runs with triggering wave of frequencies (a)  $\omega = 0.3 \Omega_e$  and (b, c)  $\omega = 0.51 \Omega_e$  at  $x = 22.4 c\Omega_e^{-1}$ . The white dashed lines indicate the equatorial loss cone angle (5 degrees).

The solid green lines show the resonance velocity of triggering waves with  $0.3 \Omega_e$  and  $0.51 \Omega_e$ , respectively, showing the part of the distribution function scattered by the falling tone. The absolute value of resonance velocity of  $0.51 \Omega_e$  is smaller than that of  $0.3 \Omega_e$ . The blue solid and dashed lines show the resonance velocity with  $0.35 \Omega_e$  and  $0.54 \Omega_e$ , respectively.

At  $t = 200 \Omega_e^{-1}$ , the particle flux increases near the loss cone and decreases at the higher pitch angle on the resonance velocity curve. After that, Figure 5.5a shows no significant time evolution of the particle distribution. On the other hand, Figure 5.5b shows gradual modulation of the velocity distribution in a wider area of the velocity phase space. The parallel velocity range of the modulated part of the velocity distribution is shifted to larger absolute values, which corresponds to the decrease of the frequency of the emission. In addition, we can see the enhancement of higher pitch angle particles. There is a greater number of electrons scattered or energized in Figure 5.5b than in Figures 5.5a and 5.5c, corresponding to the variation range

with the resonance curve.

We can see enhanced populations at higher pitch angles in Figures 5.5b, which indicates a part of electrons is transported to higher pitch angles by nonlinear resonant trapping. Without a gradient of the ambient magnetic field and a frequency variation, the trapped electrons form a symmetric hill in phase space. A symmetric hill cannot cause wave growth. Comparing Figures 5.5a and 5.5b, we find that more trapped electrons are energized to higher pitch angles in the falling tone case. Because of the broadening of the resonance velocity due to the frequency variation, the wave can interact with more particles. The trapped electrons are strongly related to the electron hill, which induces the frequency variation and the wave growth with its asymmetry in the velocity phase space.

## 5.4 Discussion

In the uniform magnetic field case, we found no triggered emission from the equatorial signal. On the other hand, in the parabolic model, a significant falling-tone emission is triggered at the termination of a short pulse with  $0.51 \Omega_e$  generated at the equator. The falling tone emission appears in the downstream region of the triggering signal, which is contrary to the Vlasov simulation performed by Nunn and Omura (2012). The emission consists of a series of sub-packet structures. The intense wave damping takes place at the wavefront of each packet.

To understand the generation mechanism of the emission, we analyze currents formed by energetic resonant electrons and estimate the wave growth and frequency variation via wave-particle interactions. The wave equation and dispersion relation with resonant currents can be written as equations (29) and (30) in Omura et al. (2008)

$$\frac{\partial B_w}{\partial t} + V_g \frac{\partial B_w}{\partial x} = -\frac{\mu_0 V_g}{2} J_E, \quad (5.2)$$

$$c^2 k^2 - \omega^2 - \frac{\omega \omega_{pe}^2}{\Omega_e - \omega} = \mu_0 c^2 k \frac{J_B}{B_w}, \quad (5.3)$$

where  $\mu_0$  is the magnetic permittivity in a vacuum,  $J_B$  is the current parallel to the wave magnetic field, and  $J_E$  is the current parallel to the electric field, respectively. Resonant currents are formed by phase-organized electrons. Components of the resonant current parallel to the electric field and the wave magnetic field are defined by  $J_E$  and  $J_B$ , respectively. Omura et al. (2008) have proven that an amplitude variation is caused by  $J_E$ , and that a frequency variation is caused by  $J_B$ . The frequency variations for whistler-mode waves caused by the resonant current can be rewritten from equation (5.3) as Omura and Nunn (2011),

$$\Delta\omega = -\frac{\mu_0 V_g}{2} \frac{J_B}{B_w}. \quad (5.4)$$

We calculate the spatial and temporal profiles of  $J_B$ ,  $J_B/B_w$ , and  $J_E$  by interacting energetic electrons with the forward propagating whistler-mode waves. In the simulation, we derive the

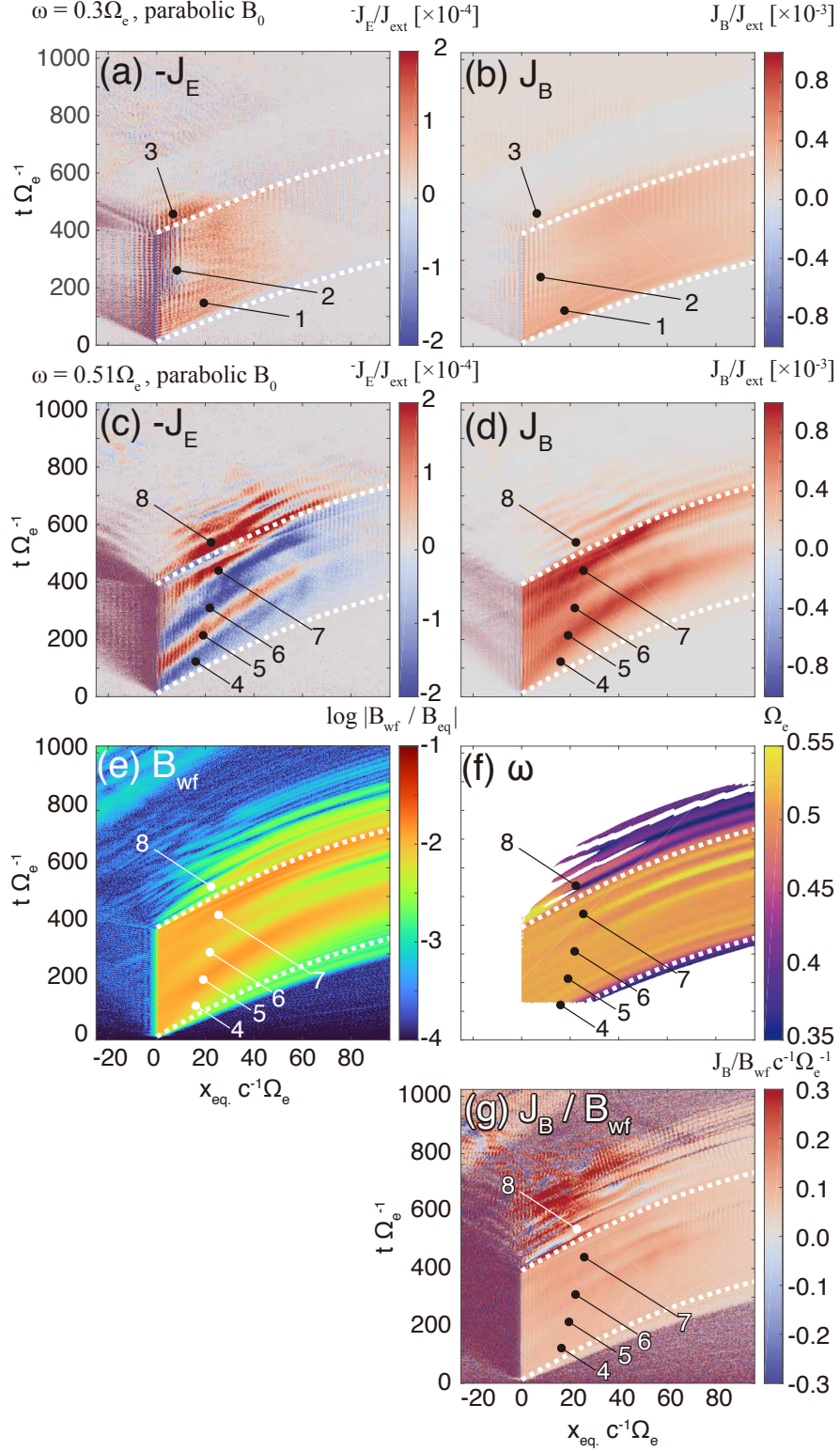
resonant currents by integrating inner products between velocities of all energetic particles and forward-wave fields (i.e.,  $J_E = \Sigma \mathbf{v}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{E}_{w,f} / E_{w,f}$  and  $J_B = \Sigma \mathbf{v}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{B}_{w,f} / B_{w,f}$ ). We define  $\mathbf{B}_{w,f}$  and  $\mathbf{E}_{w,f}$  as the magnetic and electric field vectors of forward propagating waves, and we denote their amplitudes by  $B_{w,f}$  and  $E_{w,f}$ , respectively.

We denote the characteristic areas as 1-8 in Figure 5.6. Negative  $J_E$  and positive  $J_B$  are formed in the triggering waves in region 1 in Figures 5.6a and 5.6b. Although there is a weak spatial structure around region 2, the triggering wave of  $\omega = 0.3 \Omega_e$  result in a nearly homogeneous resonant current, which causes no significant variation of the wave amplitude and the frequency.

On the other hand, Figures 5.6c and 5.6d show larger resonant currents  $J_E$  and  $J_B$  in the case of  $\omega = 0.51 \Omega_e$ . We can see a sharp fluctuation of  $J_E$  changing its sign as denoted by 4-7. The stripe form of the resonant current corresponds to the group of phase-bunched electrons. The emissions have an intense positive  $J_B$ , which indicates that trapped resonant electrons form an electron enhancement referred to here as the "electron hill" in the phase space. Most electrons are trapped at the wavefront of the emission and oscillate in the wave potential, which causes an oscillating sign of  $J_E$ . The intense resonant currents are caused by the greater number of resonant electrons due to the anomalous entrapping of lower pitch angle particles, which is enhanced with larger amplitude waves with higher frequency (Kitahara & Katoh, 2019).

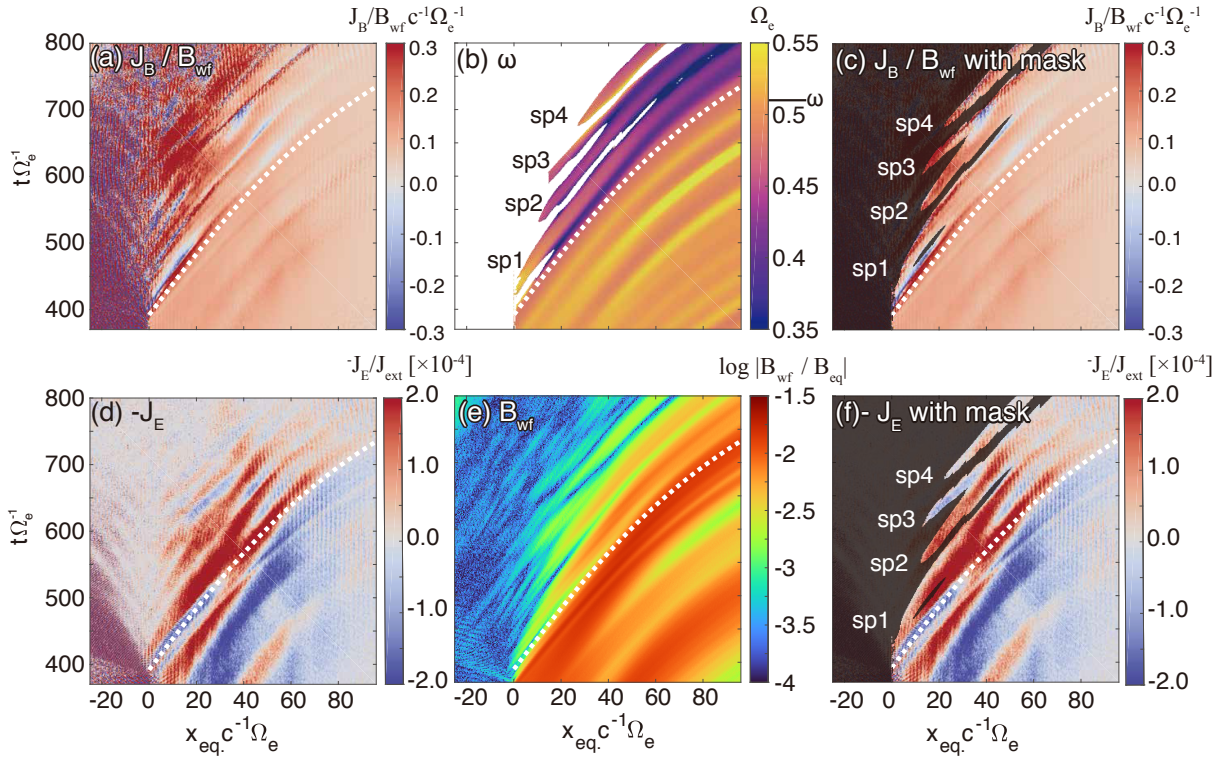
A remarkable feature of the falling tone emission is intense resonant currents induced by triggering waves. These resonant currents excite the sub-packet structure with falling frequencies. Figure 5.7 shows enlarged views of the triggered emission. In Figures 5.7b, 5.7c, and 5.7f, as well as in Figure 5.6f, we only plot the region that satisfies the criteria described below. The enhanced resonant current  $J_B$  at the termination of the triggering pulse has a significant effect in changing the frequency because of the large  $J_B / B_{w,f}$  as we find in Figures 5.7a and 5.7b. The frequency is much decreased at the termination of the triggering pulse. We calculated the coherence of the two perpendicular forward wave components  $B_{yf}$  and  $B_{zf}$ . We only plot  $\omega$ ,  $J_B / B_{w,f}$ , and  $-J_E$  of the wave packets with coherence  $> 0.995$  and wave amplitude  $> -60$  dB of  $B_{eq}$  in Figure 5.7b, 5.7c, and 5.7f, respectively. We can recognize the formation of sub-packets as denoted by sp1, sp2, sp3, and sp4 in Figures 5.7b, 5.7c and 5.7d.

The sub-packets consist of falling-tone frequency because of the large  $J_B / B_{w,f}$ , which causes the frequency decrease given by equation (5.4). Omura et al. (2008) have shown that the dynamics of resonant electrons are determined by the inhomogeneity factor  $S$ . The factor is controlled by two terms containing the frequency sweep rate  $\partial\omega/\partial t$  and the background magnetic field gradient  $\partial B_x/\partial x$ . Because of the negative frequency sweep rate  $\partial\omega/\partial t < 0$ , the inhomogeneity factor  $S$  becomes positive, which makes the trapped particles oscillate around the phase that gives the negative  $J_E$  as shown in Figure 5.7c. The negative  $J_E$  causes the growth of the subpackets, as we find in Figure 5.7e. The sign of  $J_E$  changes depending on the sign of  $S$ . As the subpacket "sp1" propagates away from the equator, the gradient of the magnetic field



**Figure 5.6:** Spatial and temporal distribution of resonant current  $-J_E$ ,  $J_B$ , and related field variables; (a, b)  $-J_E$  and  $J_B$  for the frequency of  $0.3\Omega_e$ . (c, d)  $-J_E$  and  $J_B$  for the frequency of  $\omega = 0.51\Omega_e$ . (e, f, g) Magnetic field amplitude for forward waves  $B_{wf}$ , instantaneous frequency  $\omega$  and  $J_B/B_{wf}$  for  $\omega = 0.51\Omega_e$ , respectively. The white dashed lines show group velocity at the frequency of the corresponding triggering frequencies using the cold plasma dispersion relation.

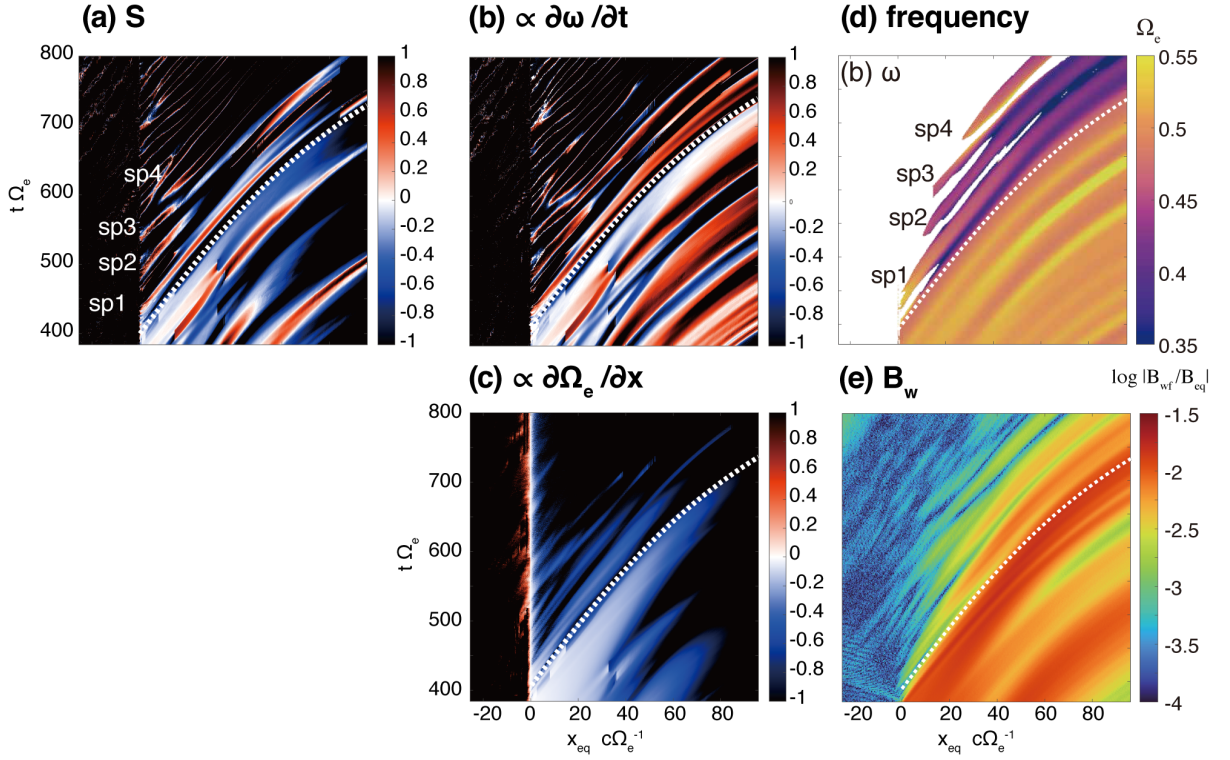




**Figure 5.7:** Falling-tone triggered wave packet from the run 2 with the frequency of  $\omega = 0.51\Omega_e$  for (a) resonant current over the magnetic field of forward wave  $J_B/B_{wf}$ , (b) wave frequency  $\omega$ , (c)  $J_B/B_{wf}$  for both conditions that the amplitude is more than  $-60$  dB and that the magnitude-squared coherence at the local instantaneous frequency is more than 0.995, (d) resonant current  $-J_E$ , and (e) magnetic wave power  $\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 B_{wf}^2$ . (f)  $-J_E$  by the same method as in (c).

increases and cancels out the contribution of the negative frequency sweep rate, and  $S$  becomes negative, which makes  $J_E$  positive as shown at  $x = 40 c\Omega_e^{-1}$  and  $t = 600 \Omega_e^{-1}$  in Figure 5.7c. In the sub-packet structure, we find a rapid variation of amplitude and instantaneous frequencies. Our results are consistent with observations reported by Shoji et al. (2018), who found rapid frequency modulation in EMIC rising-tone emissions.

Figure 5.8 shows spatial and temporal profiles of inhomogeneity factor (Omura et al., 2008) for triggered falling-tone emissions. Inhomogeneity factor  $S$  (Omura et al., 2008; Omura, 2021) is given by equation (1.5). Assuming that the electron density of energetic electrons is sufficiently small for treating the dispersion relation as the cold dispersion relation, we calculate the inhomogeneity factor from the instantaneous wave frequency, amplitude, and plasma frequency of cold electrons. In Figure 5.8a, inhomogeneity factor  $S$  in the vicinity of the magnetic equator are positive values in the range with  $0 < S < 1$ , where the trapping potential for the pendulum equation exists. The electron hill is formed in the generation region of falling-tone emissions, and the results are consistent with the formation of resonant current in Figure 5.7. Figures



**Figure 5.8:** Spatial and temporal profiles of inhomogeneity factor  $S$  (Omura et al., 2008) for triggered waves. (a)  $S$  parameter, (b) inhomogeneity due to the frequency sweep rate, (c) inhomogeneity due to the magnetic field gradient, (d) instantaneous frequency, and (e) spatial distribution of  $B_w$  shown in Figure 5.7.

5.8b and 5.8c show the terms in equation (1.5) proportional to the frequency sweep rate and the gradient of background magnetic field, respectively. In the early phase of the falling-tone emissions, where  $x = 0 - 20c\Omega_e$ , the term proportional to sweep rate has a positive value, while the term proportional to the gradient of the ambient magnetic field has a negative value. Falling-tone emissions are generated self-sustainingly by the frequency variation, and the formation process of falling-tone emissions is similar to that for rising-tone emissions in terms of the formation of resonant currents as discussed in Chapter 4.

## 5.5 Conclusion

We have developed a one-dimensional full PIC simulation model for studying the triggered whistler-mode emissions. We set the model so as to simulate triggered emissions from a large-amplitude wave excited artificially at the equator. With short and large-amplitude triggering waves, falling-tone emissions consisting of several sub-packets are generated in the vicinity of the magnetic equator. Each short sub-packet sequentially generates the next falling-tone sub-packet. We confirm that the falling tone is caused by a group of resonant electrons, forming a



positive  $J_B/B_W$ , which is enhanced at the termination of the triggering waves. In the generation process of the falling tone, large variations of the amplitude  $B_W$  is essentially important for the strong entrapping of resonant electrons. The resonant currents are controlled by the inhomogeneous factor  $S$ . As for the propagation process of a falling-tone sub-packet, the competing relation between the negative frequency sweep rate and the positive gradient of the background magnetic field controls the sign of  $S$  and thus the convective growth of each sub-packet.

In the present paper, we compare two cases of triggering frequency  $0.3 \Omega_e$  (Case 1) and  $0.51 \Omega_e$  (Case 2) to study the generation mechanisms of triggered emissions with different ranges of frequency. Based on theoretical analysis and simulation results, we conclude that the formation of the electron hill is essential for the generation of falling tone emissions. However, the different results with the two frequency ranges may not necessarily represent a general aspect of the lower and upper band chorus. It is important to find general features of the excitation mechanism of the upper and lower band chorus by conducting the simulation with different settings, such as the frequencies and durations of the triggering pulse. In addition, the oblique propagation of whistler-mode waves, as we find in observations, is an important physics model involving Landau resonance, which results in the amplification or damping of the waves (Hsieh & Omura, 2018). To study these effects of oblique propagations, we need to extend the current model to a two-dimensional model.

# Chapter 6

## Summary

### 6.1 Summary of the study

We have conducted one-dimensional full particle simulations of whistler-mode triggered emissions in the inner magnetosphere. For enabling numerical simulations with 10 billion superparticles, we have applied the particle decomposition method to the simulation code. The generation algorithm of the initial phase space distribution of particles is proposed in the simulation. We derive equations in mirror motion. By injecting whistler-mode waves with constant frequency at the magnetic equator, rising-tone and falling-tone emissions are generated. Nonlinear signatures of rising-tone and falling-tone triggered emissions are surveyed based on the comparison with nonlinear theory for whistler-mode wave-particle interaction. The results show that resonant current is the key driver in the generation of whistler-mode triggered emissions.

In chapter 3, we reproduced long-sustaining triggered rising-tone emissions with a one-dimensional particle simulation. With an injection of continuous triggering waves from the magnetic equator, we observe rising-tone triggered emissions. Nonlinear characteristics of rising-tone emissions are observed. Throughout the formation of an electron hole in velocity phase space stretched over the generation region, long subpacket rising-tone emissions are formed by absolute instability and convective wave growth. In the generation region of the rising-tone emissions, resonant currents are formed by inhomogeneity driven by temporal frequency variations. The long rising-tone subpacket is modulated with increasing magnitude, splitting into smaller subpackets through propagation. The amplitude modulations in a subpacket are generated by two different processes: resonant trapping oscillation of electrons at the equatorial region and enhancement of the amplitude modulations through propagation in the downstream region.

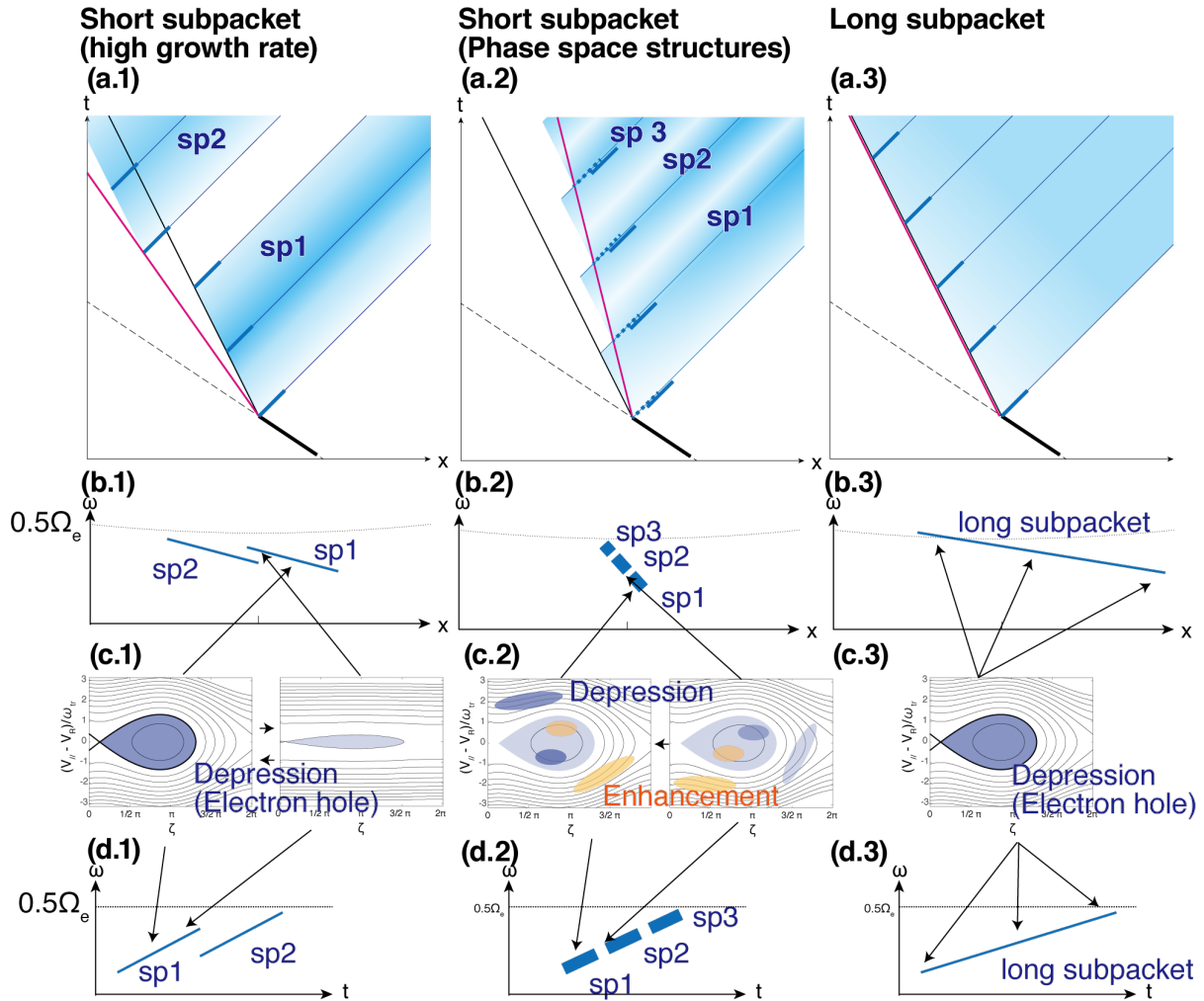
The upstream shift of the generation region of rising-tone emissions and the formation processes of a subpacket structure are shown in Chapter 4. The generation regions of rising-tone emissions move upstream from the triggering waves. The source velocity represents the motion of resonant current, while the velocity of the wave generation includes the formation processes

of subpackets and their intervals. The velocity of wave packet generation is dependent on the duration of the subpacket controlled by the formation time of the resonant current in the generation region. When the source velocity is approximately the same as the velocity of wave packet generation, the resonant current is formed continuously, leading to a long-sustaining rising-tone emission. When the spatial and temporal gap between subpackets exists due to the damping phase of the generation of a short subpacket, resonant electrons in the gap of the subpacket are carried at the resonance velocity to the upstream region, forming subsequent subpacket. As a result, the velocity of wave generation increases in magnitude. When the formation of resonant currents is delayed, the velocity of wave generation becomes smaller than the source velocity in magnitude. Coalescence of subpackets takes place below the frequency  $0.25 \Omega_e$ , delaying the formation of the resonant current in the generation region.

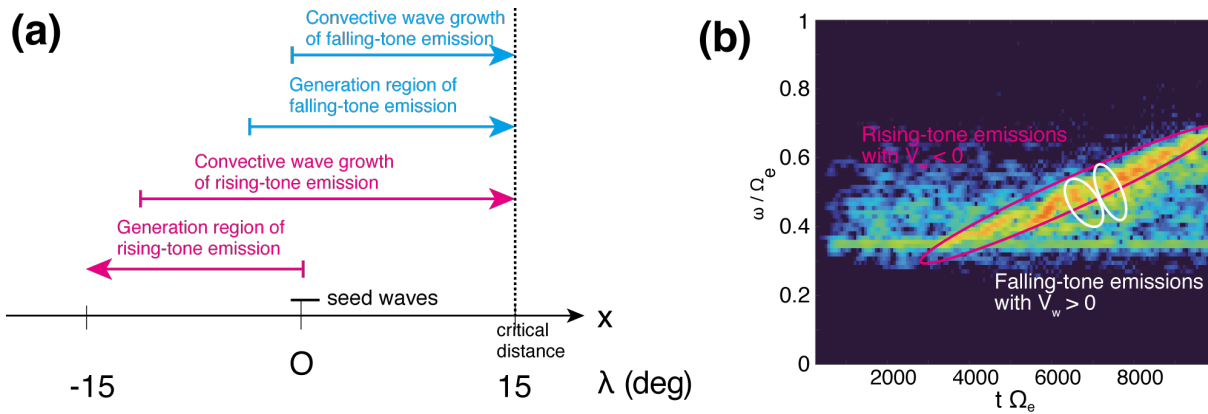
Falling-tone emissions are reproduced with a particle simulation, and the generation process of falling-tone triggered emissions are shown in Chapter 5. With short and large-amplitude triggering waves, falling-tone emissions consisting of several sub-packets are generated in the vicinity of the magnetic equator. Each short sub-packet sequentially generates the next falling-tone sub-packet. We confirm that the falling tone is caused by a group of resonant electrons, forming a positive  $J_B/B_W$ , which is enhanced at the termination of the triggering waves. In the generation process of the falling tone, large variations of the amplitude  $B_W$  is essentially important for the strong entrapping of resonant electrons. The resonant currents are controlled by the inhomogeneous factor  $S$ . As for the propagation process of a falling-tone sub-packet, the competing relation between the negative frequency sweep rate and the positive gradient of the background magnetic field controls the sign of  $S$  and, thus the convective growth of each sub-packet.

Figure 6.1 shows a schematic illustration of the formation processes of rising-tone emissions with subpacket structures. Three different formation processes of the subpacket structures for rising-tone emissions have been proposed in the study. The subpacket structures with short duration of the element are classified into two different generation mechanisms as shown in 6.1a1 and 6.1a2. When the nonlinear growth rate is high, the wave amplitude rapidly grows from the threshold amplitude to the optimum amplitude. The deeper electron hole is formed in the middle phase of the generation of a single subpacket, as shown in Figures 6.1b1 and 6.1c1, causing the high growth rate of the triggered waves. After the wave growth reaches the optimum amplitude, the formation of an electron hole is suppressed, while the phase-modulated particles generate subsequent subpacket from the lower frequency. The process repeatedly occurs, and short subpackets are formed.

Another generation process of the short subpacket structure is caused by the modulations of phase space density in the vicinity of the separatrix of the trajectories in Figure 6.1a2. In the initial phase of the formation of an electron hole, the density distribution in the separatrix perturbs (Fujiwara et al., 2022) as shown in Figure 6.1c2. As the increase of the wave frequency,



**Figure 6.1:** Schematic illustration of the formation processes of rising-tone emissions with subpacket structures. (a) Spatial and temporal distribution of the subpacket structures for (1) short subpackets with high growth rate, (2) perturbation of the phase space structures, and (3) a long subpacket. (b) Spatial distribution of wave frequencies for cases 1 to 3. (c) Snapshots of the phase space distribution for the formation of the electron-hole for cases 1 to 3. (d) Dynamic spectrum of rising-tone emissions for cases 1 to 3. The black arrows in (b) and (d) correspond to the formation region of the phase space structures in (c), respectively.



**Figure 6.2:** Schematic illustration of the generation of rising-tone emissions and falling-tone emissions. (a) Potential generation region of the rising-tone and falling-tone emissions, and the region for nonlinear wave growth. (b) Rising-tone emissions are triggered from the long-duration waves with constant frequency, while falling-tone emissions are triggered from rising-tone emissions with short subpacket.

the phase modulation remains moving as the untrapped particle. The major frequency of the wave frequency controlled by the global structure of the electron, while the slow rotation of the phase modulation structure generates fluctuating resonant currents. The rotation frequency of the phase space modulation is in the order of the trapping frequency. The subpacket structures with the generation process are observed as amplitude modulation with the combinations of two waves with a small frequency difference. The generation process of short subpacket structures is consistent with the study by Mourenas et al. (2022), who have reported the generation of rising-tone triggered emissions with short subpacket by injecting the waves with multiple frequencies. The short rising-tone emissions are generated with a broader spectrum in frequency range as shown in Figures 6.1b2 and 6.1d2.

The rising-tone emissions with long subpacket are generated by the continuous generation of an electron hole as shown in Figure 6.1c3. The instantaneous frequency increases monotonically in time, and the structures of electron holes stretch over the wave generation region (Nogi & Omura, 2022). Rising-tone elements with multiple subpackets with monotonically increasing frequencies are generated. A subpacket element with a long time duration is generated with the upstream shift of the source region depending on the group velocities and resonance velocities for different frequencies. Throughout the formation of an electron hole in velocity phase space stretched over the generation region, long subpacket rising-tone emissions are formed by the absolute instability and convective wave growth.

The generation region of the rising-tone and falling-tone emissions are described in Figure 6.2.

Rising-tone and falling-tone triggered emissions are reproduced in the simulations. We have analyzed resonant current in the generation region of triggered emissions and found that

resonant current controls the amplitude and frequency chirp of the triggered emissions. We have confirmed that the formation of an electron hole and hill in the generation region of rising-tone and falling-tone triggered emissions, respectively. In the generation region of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions, the absolute value of the inhomogeneous factor  $S$  kept approximately 0.4 in the generation region of triggered emissions. The dominant factor in the inhomogeneous factor is the temporal frequency variation of triggered emissions, supporting the formation of an electron hole and a hill through emissions. We observe upstream and downstream shifts of the generation region of triggered emissions for rising-tone and falling-tone emissions, respectively. The upstream or downstream shifts of the generation region are consistent with the velocity of the shifts of the spatial structure of the phase-organized structures, determined by the sum of the resonance velocity and wave group velocity.

## 6.2 Future prospects

The shifts in the generation region of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions have been discussed in the study. The generation region of the rising-tone emissions shifts to the upstream region of the magnetic equator, while the generation region of the falling-tone emissions shifts to the downstream region of the wave source as shown in Figure 6.2a. Throughout the present study, the frequency of the generated falling-tone is limited in the vicinity of half the electron cyclotron frequency, triggered by short injected waves and rising-tone emissions. The absence of the reproduction of strong falling-tone emissions in the study can be consistent with the lower number of observations of the lower-band falling-tone emissions than that for rising-tone emissions (W. Li et al., 2011). Although the occurrence of the lower-band falling-tone emissions is low, the generation mechanism of the falling-tone emissions in the frequency range of the lower-band chorus needs to be investigated, which is responsible for the falling-tone emission below half the cyclotron frequency. The self-consistent simulations have reported the simultaneous generation of rising-tone and falling-tone emissions with a uniform ambient magnetic field (Wu et al., 2020; Fujiwara et al., 2023). The triggering waves of the falling-tone emissions can be provided from a short rising-tone subpacket with high amplitude in the vicinity of the equator. The results agree with the observations in terms of the source region of falling-tone emissions in the vicinity of the equator (Kurita, Misawa, et al., 2012). W. Li et al. (2011) have shown that the wave normal angle of falling-tone emissions is highly oblique greater than 60 degrees, while the wave normal angle of rising-tone emissions is typically less than 30 degrees. Two-dimensional simulations of VLF triggered emissions for falling-tone emissions will be required for the survey of the generation mechanism of falling-tone emissions in the lower frequency as  $0.3\Omega_e$ .

We have reproduced rising-tone emissions without a frequency gap in half the cyclotron frequency. In the THEMIS observation, rising-tone emissions without a frequency gap have

been observed (Kurita, Katoh, et al., 2012), while one of the typical characteristics of the chorus emissions is the frequency gap between lower-band and upper-band chorus waves. The formation process of the gap is also the missing link of the study. In the present study, we have observed the generation of rising-tone emissions from the triggering waves below half the cyclotron frequency. Ratcliffe and Watt (2017) have reported that a velocity distribution function with two distinct peaks in linear growth rate is generated, and the modulation in the velocity distribution function is caused by Landau resonance (e.g. J. Li et al., 2019; Sauer et al., 2020; H. Chen et al., 2021; H. Chen, Gao, et al., 2022; J. Li et al., 2022). Whistler-mode waves propagate obliquely as the wave propagates. With the oblique whistler-mode waves, Landau resonance and phase bunching take place (Hsieh & Omura, 2018; Hsieh et al., 2020), which can be responsible for the generation of the gap via wave damping (Habagishi et al., 2014).

A simulation technology update will also be required. The original algorithm of Particle-in-cell simulation is not suitable for parallel computing because random access to main memory happens in the Boris pusher and the current calculation, leading to performance degradation of the particle code with a large number of processes. Nakashima et al. (2009) have proposed the OhHelp algorithm for the load balancing of the calculations with the domain decomposition of the simulation region. The algorithm is effective with the dynamic variations of plasma density, such as the studies on a surface charging of a satellite (e.g. Miyake & Nakashima, 2013), while it also performs effective improvement with the hybrid simulations for the generation of chorus emissions, where the plasma density does not change significantly over a region (Katoh et al., 2018). Recently, the binning of the superparticles referring the same grids in Boris pusher have proposed, contributing to enabling the vector operation of the processors (Nakashima, 2015; Nakashima et al., 2017). In the current study, we have already implemented sorting of the superparticles for the improvement of the cache hit rate, and the binning method for a superparticle can be easily applicable to the particle code in the present study.  $\delta f$ -PIC is another approach for reducing stochastic noise even with a low number of superparticles. These combinations might be an enabler of large-scale two-dimensional simulation.

An in-situ experiment of whistler-mode triggered emissions is expected. DSX satellite has been launched for the active experiment, aiming at an in-situ observation of VLF triggered emissions, injected from DSX. In the active experiments, where the triggering waves are injected from the satellite in the vicinity of the equator, the same model as the study will be applied to the experiment. This study will provide active experiments with fundamental insight into the experiment design.



# Appendix A

## The Buneman-Boris method for the parabolic magnetic field model

In the calculation of the perpendicular components of ambient magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}_r$  satisfying  $\text{div}\mathbf{B} = 0$ , perpendicular velocity  $v_\perp$  of an electron is required. There exist half time step difference between the temporal grid of the magnetic field and that of electron velocity. Figure A.1 shows the calculation procedure in the Buneman-Boris method with the parabolic magnetic field. The radial components of the ambient magnetic field are dependent on the perpendicular velocity of a particle, while velocities are defined in the full grid, while the magnetic fields are defined in the half grid with respect to time. In order to obtain electron velocity at the same timing as the magnetic field, we modify the Buneman-Boris solver. We describe the modified scheme of the Buneman-Boris method for the better conservation of the adiabatic invariant. The equation of motion in equation (2.5) with the relativistic form is discretized with the first-order method as

$$\frac{\mathbf{u}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}} - \mathbf{u}^{t-\frac{\Delta t}{2}}}{\Delta t} = \frac{q}{m} \left( \mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{u}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}} + \mathbf{u}^{t-\frac{\Delta t}{2}}}{2} \times \mathbf{B}_w \right), \quad (\text{A.1})$$

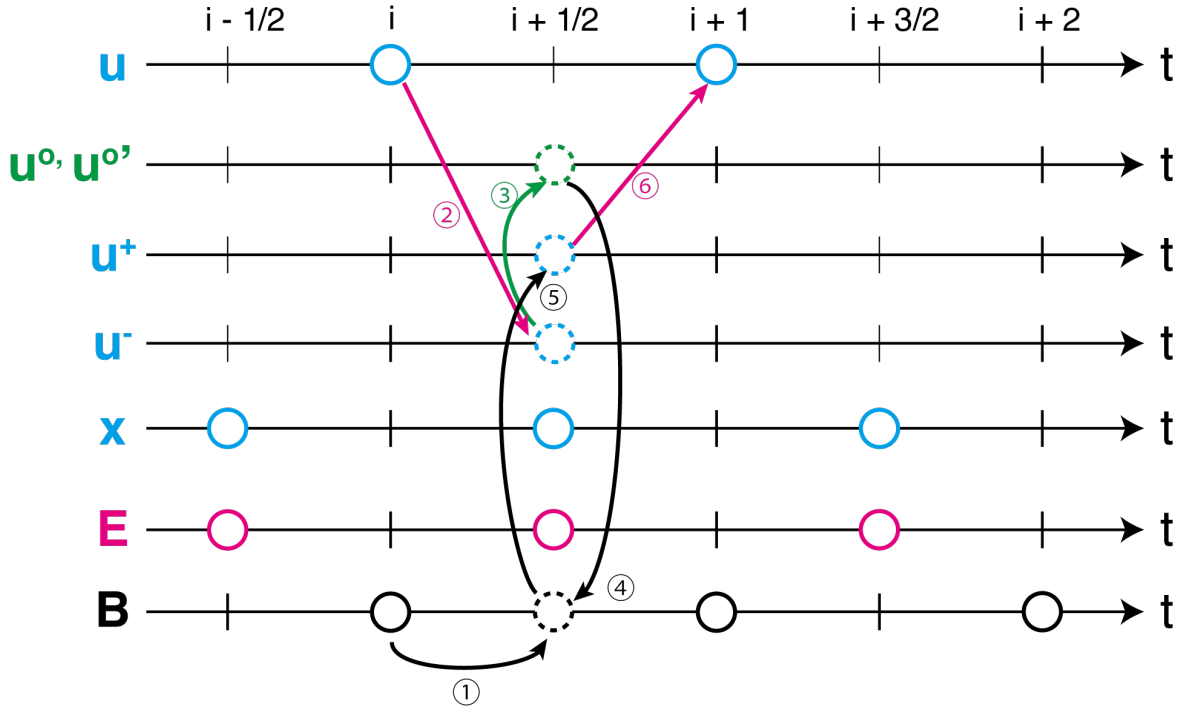
where  $\Delta t$ ,  $q$ ,  $m$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$ , and  $\mathbf{B}_w$  are time step, the charge of a super particle, rest mass of the super particle, the electric field at the position of the super particle, and wave magnetic field at the position of the super particle, respectively. The electric field and magnetic field are averaged in space for the prevention of the self-force of the super particle (Omura, 2007). The velocities  $\mathbf{u}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}}$  and  $\mathbf{u}^{t-\frac{\Delta t}{2}}$  are defined as

$$\mathbf{u}^{t-\frac{\Delta t}{2}} = \frac{c}{c^2 - \sqrt{c^2 - |\mathbf{v}^{t-\frac{\Delta t}{2}}|^2}} \mathbf{v}^{t-\frac{\Delta t}{2}}, \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}} = \frac{c}{c^2 - \sqrt{c^2 - |\mathbf{v}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}}|^2}} \mathbf{v}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

We define the velocities  $\mathbf{u}^-$  and  $\mathbf{u}^+$  as

$$\mathbf{u}^- := \mathbf{u}^{t-\frac{\Delta t}{2}} + \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{E} \frac{\Delta t}{2}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$



**Figure A.1:** Procedure of Buneman-Boris method with the radial magnetic field correction with parabolic magnetic fields.

$$\mathbf{u}^+ := \mathbf{u}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}} - \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{E} \frac{\Delta t}{2}. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

The magnitudes of the velocities  $\mathbf{u}^-$  and  $\mathbf{u}^+$  do not change vary during rotations, satisfying energy conservation during the rotation by the Lorentz force. With the acceleration or deceleration with the electric field by the half step, we obtain the velocity  $\mathbf{u}^-$  from the definition of equation (A.4). For the velocity conservation with the relativistic equation of motion, magnetic fields are corrected (Omura, 2007). We add the axial component of the ambient magnetic field  $B_x$  to wave magnetic fields and obtain corrected magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}^o$  as

$$\mathbf{B}^o = \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + |\mathbf{u}^-|^2}} (\mathbf{B}_w + \mathbf{B}_x). \quad (\text{A.6})$$

By using corrected magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}^o$ , we obtain the velocity components for the calculation of the radial components of ambient magnetic fields at the intermediate point of the rotation  $\mathbf{u}^{o'}$  by

$$\mathbf{u}^{o'} = \mathbf{u}^- + \frac{1}{1 + \left(\mathbf{B}^o \frac{q}{m} \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)^2} \mathbf{u}^- \times \frac{q}{m} \mathbf{B}^o \frac{\Delta t}{2}. \quad (\text{A.7})$$

The coefficient of the second term is determined from the cosine of  $\theta_0$  as shown in Figure A.2. The radial components of parabolic magnetic field is derived with  $\mathbf{u}^{o'}$  as

$$\mathbf{B}_r = \frac{m(\mathbf{u}^{o'} \times \mathbf{e}_x)ax}{q(1 + ax^2)}, \quad (\text{A.8})$$



We obtain the velocity of super particle after  $\Delta t$  as

$$\mathbf{v}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}} = \frac{c}{c^2 - \sqrt{c^2 + \left| \mathbf{u}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}} \right|^2}} \mathbf{u}^{t+\frac{\Delta t}{2}} . \quad (\text{A.13})$$

## Appendix B

# Particle distribution of energetic electrons with the parabolic magnetic field

Initial phase space distribution of electrons have great influence on the generation of waves. For the analyses of the triggered emissions, instabilities except for the intended temperature anisotropy should be suppressed. In the previous studies with the same parabolic magnetic field models (e.g., Hikishima et al., 2009b, 2010, and others), conservation of the energy and adiabatic invariants are taken into account for the generation of initial phase space distribution, while empirical tuning on the pitch angle and thermal momenta of the velocity distribution function has been used. We have improved the method by adding the number modulations of the superparticles with the same momenta  $u_{\parallel}, u_{\perp}$ . In this chapter, we describe the generation algorithm of the initial phase space distribution function of energetic electrons with random numbers. The transverse wave electromagnetic fields generated from electrons are negligible in the equilibrium state of the superparticles. The equation of motion for the longitudinal component with ambient parabolic magnetic field in equation (2.7) is written as

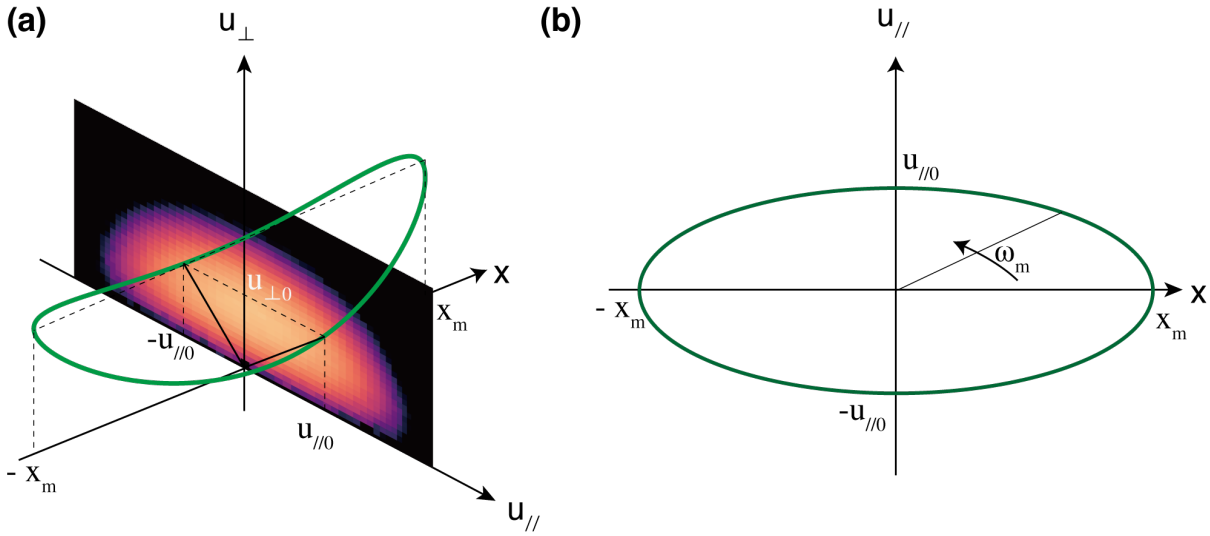
$$m_0 \frac{du_{\parallel}}{dt} = -u_{\theta} B_r \quad (\text{B.1})$$

$$= -\frac{m u_{\perp}^2 a x}{q(1 + a x^2)}, \quad (\text{B.2})$$

where  $u_{\parallel}, u_{\perp}$  are parallel and perpendicular velocity with respect to  $x$ , normalized by Lorentz factor  $\gamma$  as  $\mathbf{u} = \gamma \mathbf{v}$ , respectively. When the conservation of the magnetic momenta is satisfied, we can substitute perpendicular velocity  $u_{\perp}$  as the parabolic function of  $x$ , and the equation (B.2) can be rewritten as

$$m_0 \frac{du_{\parallel}}{dt} = -\frac{m}{q} u_{\perp 0}^2 a x. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

The adiabatic bounce motion along the parabolic magnetic field is harmonic oscillation. Figure B.1 shows a trajectory of an electron with the conservation of energy and magnetic motion. In the generation of the phase space distribution, the equatorial velocity distribution function of energetic electrons  $f_{eq}$  is given by equation (2.10). With the stable phase space distribution



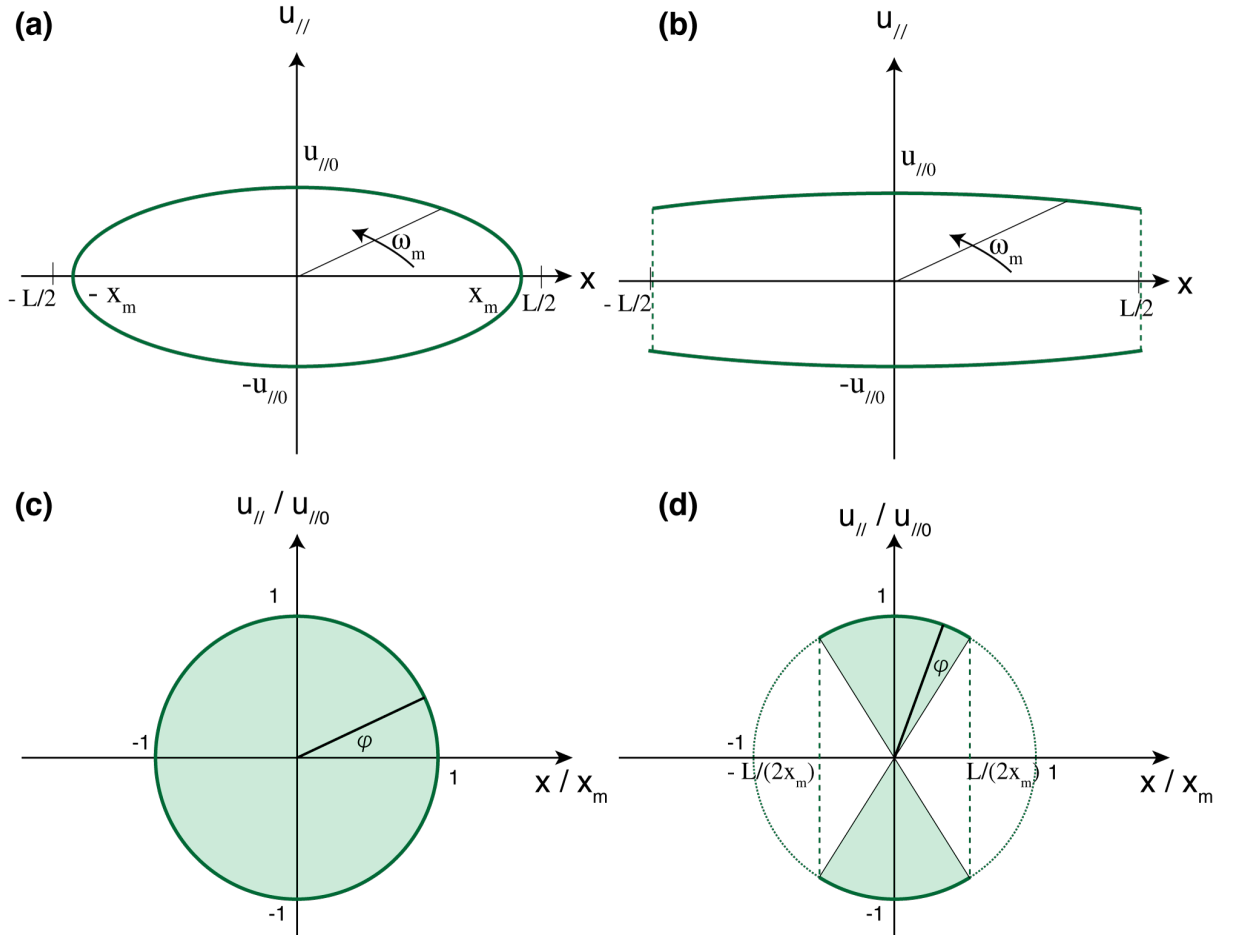
**Figure B.1:** Schematic illustration of electron trajectories in phase space. (a) Equatorial momenta distribution determines momentum components  $u_{\parallel}$  and  $u_{\perp}$ , and the trajectory of the electron is determined from the energy conservation and constant magnetic momenta. (b) The trajectory of the electron in phase space  $(x, u_{\parallel})$

of electrons, the equatorial velocity distribution is equilibrium over a long time, leading to the uniform particle density over the trajectory as shown in Figure B.1a. The trajectory of the electron in equation (B.3) is an ellipse in phase space as shown in Figure B.1b, where the semi-major radius is dependent on pitch angle. Figure B.2 shows the trajectories of bounce motion for the different distances of the mirror point in the simulation region and out of the simulation region. When the mirror point of the bounce motion exists in the simulation region, the electron moves along the arc of the ellipse as shown in Figure B.2a. When the mirror point of the bounce motion exists out of the simulation region, the electrons are reflected at the boundary with the same magnitude of momenta  $u_{\parallel}$  and  $u_{\perp}$ , while different direction of  $u_{\parallel}$  as shown in Figure B.2b. With the normalization of the ellipses by position of mirror point  $x_m$  and equatorial parallel momenta  $u_{\parallel 0}$ , the trajectory of adiabatic motion is the circle as shown in Figure B.2b and B.2d, while there exist the difference in the definition range of oscillation phase  $\phi$ . The definition range of the phase  $\phi$  is calculated from the equatorial momenta, and the coefficient of the parabolic magnetic field as

$$x_m = \frac{|u_{\parallel 0}|}{u_{\perp 0} \sqrt{a}}, \quad (\text{B.4})$$

$$x_{\max} = \begin{cases} x_m, & (x_m \leq L/2) \\ L/2, & (x_m > L/2), \end{cases} \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$u_{\parallel \min} = \sqrt{u_{\parallel 0}^2 - u_{\perp 0}^2 a x_{\max}^2}, \quad (\text{B.6})$$



**Figure B.2:** Schematic illustration of the phase range of mirror motion in the simulation system. (a) The mirror point is within the simulation region. (b) The mirror point is beyond the simulation region. (c) The normalized trajectory for case (a). (d) The normalized trajectory for case (b). The solid green lines show the trajectory of a particle, and the dashed green lines indicate the reflecting boundary condition of the particle.

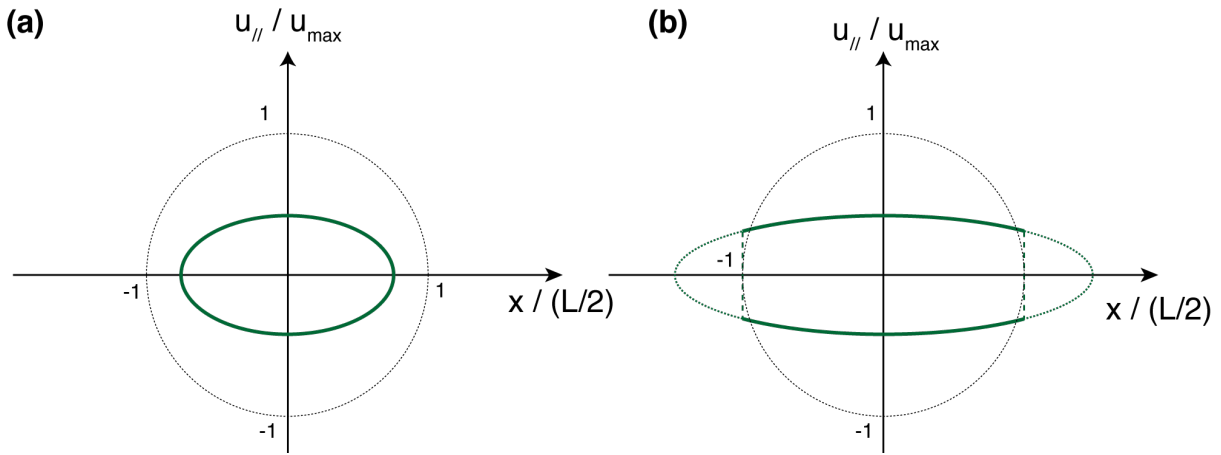
$$\phi_{\min} = \arctan\left(\frac{u_{//\min} x_{\max}}{u_{//0} / x_{\max}}\right), \quad (\text{B.7})$$

where  $L$  is the length of the simulation region.

By distributing the position of energetic electrons by  $x = x_m \cos \phi$  uniform random numbers in a range with  $\phi_{\min} \leq \phi < \pi - \phi_{\min}$  and  $\phi_{\min} + \pi \leq \phi < 2\pi - \phi_{\min}$ , we obtain equilibrium distribution at the magnetic equator.

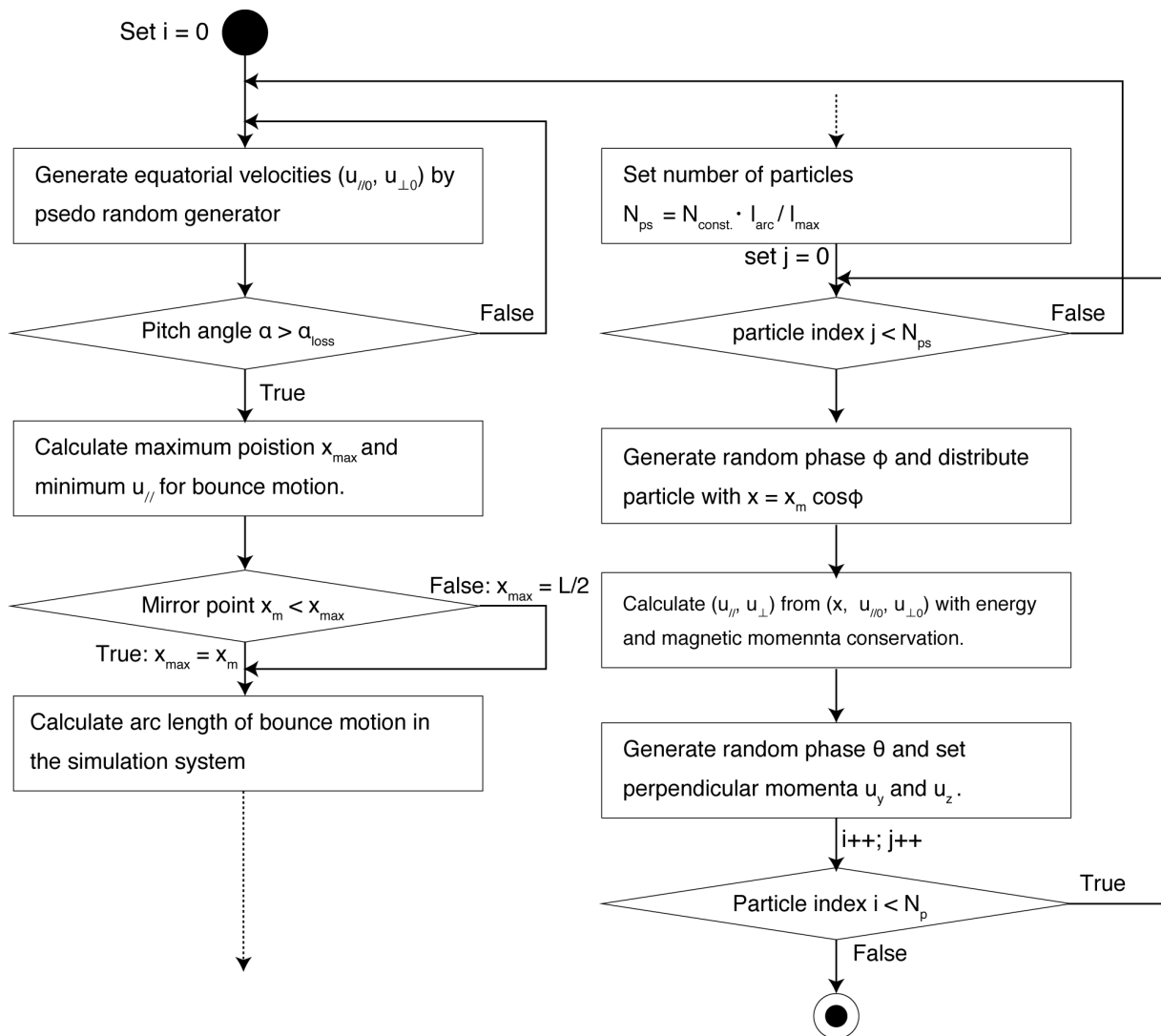
In the study, the charge of each superparticle for the energetic electron is fixed. When we distribute some number of superparticles with the same momenta with different positions, the number of the particle should be controlled. The number of particles with the same momenta should be proportional to the line integral of the trajectory. For normalizing the constant number of particles  $N_{ps}$ , we define the standard ellipse by setting the semi-major and the semi-minor radius as  $L/2$  and  $u_{\max} = 5u_{//h}$ , respectively. By normalizing the arc length of the





**Figure B.3:** Schematic illustration of the number modulation of particles with the same momenta  $u_{\parallel}$  and  $u_{\perp}$ . (a) The mirror point is within the simulation region. (b) The mirror point is beyond the simulation region. The solid green lines show the trajectory of a particle, and dotted green lines indicate the trajectory out of the simulation region. Black dotted lines indicate the reference trajectory used for the normalization of the number of particles.

trajectory with the arc length of the standard ellipse  $l_{\max}$ , we modulate a number of particles as  $N_{ps} = N_{\text{const.}} l_{\text{arc}} / l_{\max}$ . Figure B.3 shows the normalized ellipse for the calculation of the number modulation of the particles with the same equatorial momenta. The arc of the ellipse is given by the elliptic integrals. The processing flow described above is compiled in Figure B.4 as a flowchart.



**Figure B.4:** Flowchart of the generation algorithm of the initial phase space distribution for energetic electrons.



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