

Comparison of GLM with VHF Broadband Interferometry in 2018

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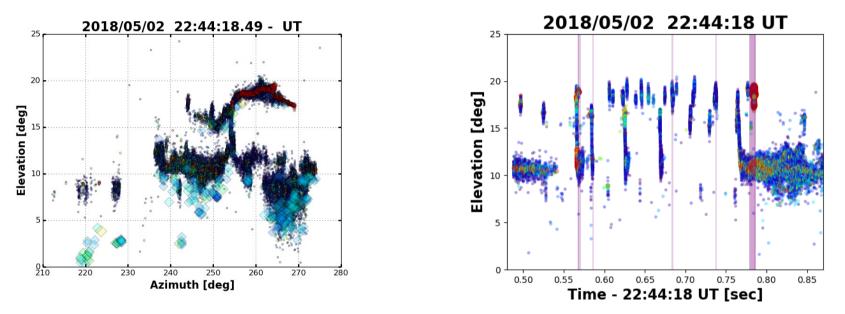
2018 - Oklahoma Campaign

• April 27 – June 30

- Deployed in a storage shed at the El Reno Regional Airport (see picture at right)
- Located at the NW edge of the central OK LMA
- Baselines: 80 meters
- Data: ~36 TB (>25k flashes)



Inverted Intracloud Example



- K-changes start in the upper level with some propagating into the lower level (opposite of normal IC)
- Some K-changes detected by GLM are only in the upper level

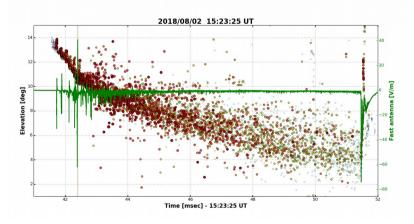
2018 - Utah Campaign

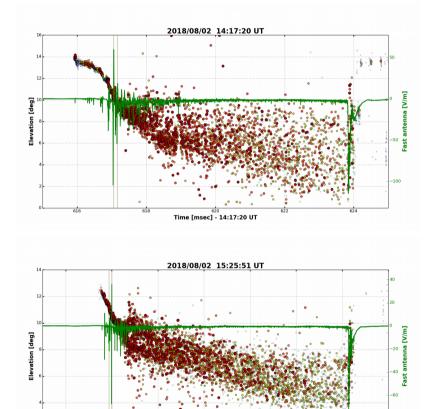
- July 26 present
- Deployed near Delta, just east of gamma-ray telescope array
- Main goal: obtain detailed data of terrestrial gammaray flashes (TGFs)
- Baselines: 106-121 m



August 2, 2018 - TGFs

 TGFs detected from energetic low altitude (~3 km AGL) initial breakdown pulses (IBPs) in 3 -CG flashes

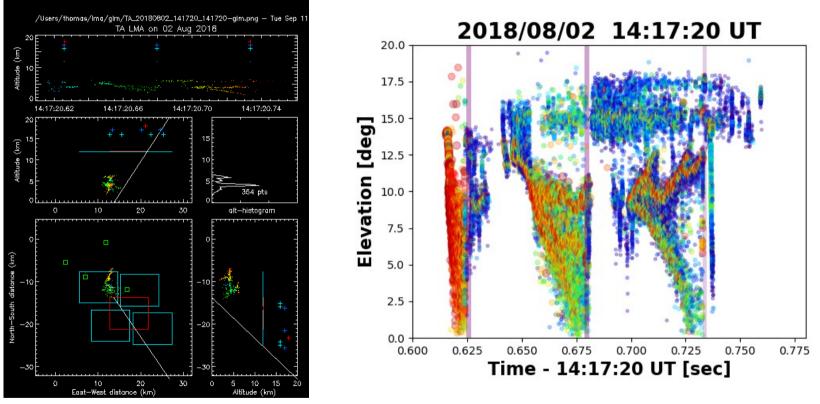




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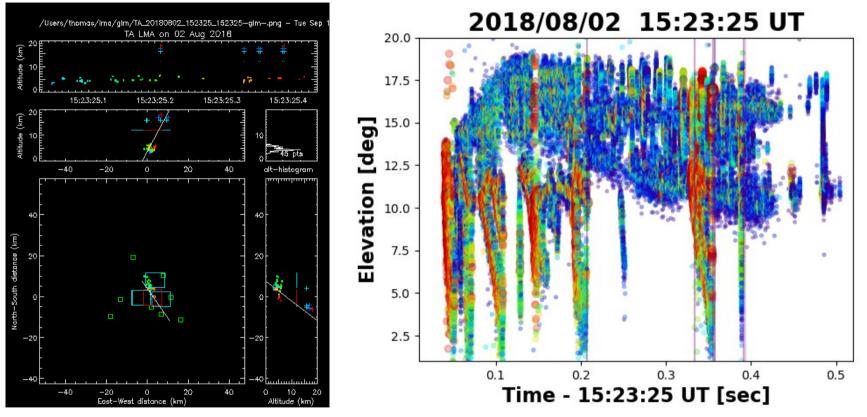
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• IBPs not detected by GLM or an event was pitched (initial)

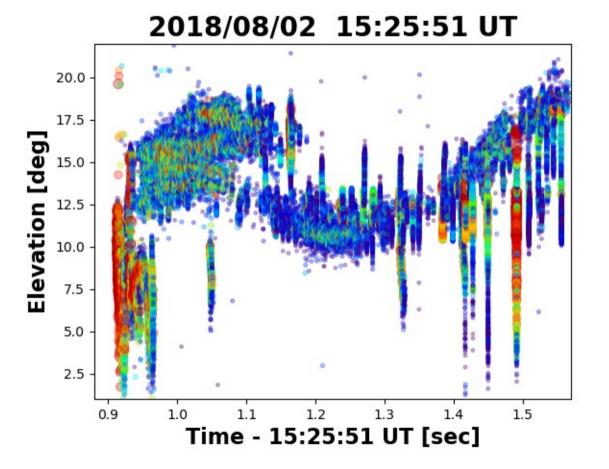
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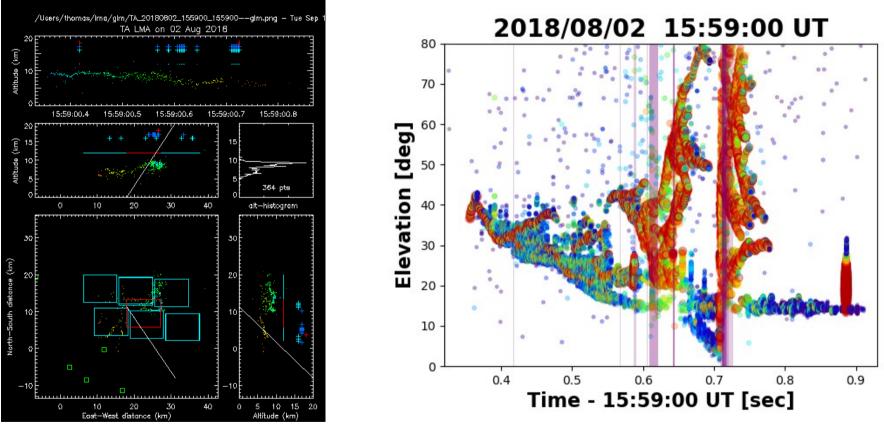
• Initial stroke "missed" as well as several others

August 2, 2018 – GLM data for TGFs?

 Entire flash is missing from GLM data



August 2, 2018 – GLM data for a +CG flash



Burst of events before +CG as well as after stroke

Summary

- Oklahoma campaign:
 - Inverted ICs observed with K-changes detected in upper levels
 - Very active lightning in supercells and lines of severe thunderstorms was observed. Analysis is ongoing
- Utah campaign:
 - TGFs detected at ground from low altitude IBPs. One of three TGF parent flashes was missed by GLM
 - A significant number of GLM events are associated with negative leader horizontal branching